Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing

NEWSLETTER NO. 16 23 OCTOBER 2019 TERM 4 WEEK 2

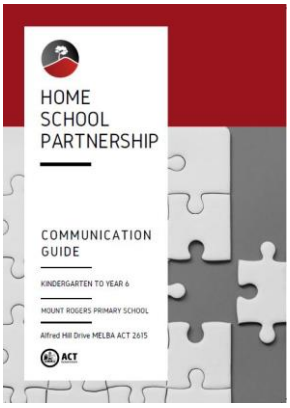
FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Welcome to Term 4. I would like to start by expressing my gratitude to Liz Marman and the entire Executive team for their hard work and dedication in keeping the school running so smoothly at the end of last term. I had a wonderful, relaxing family holiday over weeks 9 & 10 of last term, there is something to be said about deliberately stopping and taking the time to connect with family, particularly when you have teenagers.

Wow, what a fabulous day we have had today celebrating Grandfriend's Day, alongside the Art Show and Book Fair. Classrooms and corridors were definitely buzzing as Grandfriends enjoyed learning alongside children; investigating, book tasting, completing maths challenges, all before following the Art Show map and trail around the school. The Scholastic Book Fair was incredibly busy throughout the morning, nothing like a little early Christmas shopping for some. As well as being a great place to purchase books, the Scholastic Book Fair is a fantastic annual fundraiser for our Library - 20% of all sales plus bonuses comes straight back to the school for Mrs *Library* Lees to spend on books for our collection.

This semester, for the first time, all end of year reports will be sent home electronically to families via email. This is in line with the ACT Education Directorate's new reporting procedures, including a new report template that we are now required to use. Your child's report will look a little different, however the information contained in the report will still reflect academic and social progress for the year. It is VITAL that the front office has your current email address. For most families this will be already correct and is the email address used to send the newsletter each week. If your email address has changed and you have NOT let the Front office know please do so ASAP. If you are part of a 'dual household' and require a copy of a report for each, and this is known to the school, this will occur. A 'test email' will be sent to you later this term so that we can check how this procedure will work, in particular, that all email addresses work. More information regarding this will be sent to you shortly.



I am very excited to say that a long-term project of mine is coming to fruition. The *Home School Partnership – Communication Guide* is the first in a suite of documents entitled the *Mount Rogers Primary School - Home School Partnership*. This has been written and developed over the last 18 months, with the support of the School Board and outlines for parents and carers the many and varied ways the school and families can communicate. I think that you will find the guide extremely helpful and reassuring, particularly the FAQs section. Coming home soon with the *Communication Guide* will be your very own Mount Rogers *Contact Us* fridge magnet! The next document in the *Home School Partnership* suite will be around social media guidelines, particularly related to the school Facebook page.

Over the coming days and weeks there will be many notes coming home regarding Term 4 activities and information about 2020. Please be vigilant in checking bags, SkoolBag and emails so that you don't miss any information. Our Term 4 calendar will be sent home soon too.

Here's to a wonderful, fun and productive Term 4.

Warm wishes

Felicity Levett
Principal

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School Banking: Wednesday

IMPORTANT

Mount Rogers Primary is an ANAPHYLACTIC FRIENDLY SCHOOL
Please do not bring into our school:

NUTS and nut products (please be aware that *Nutella* spread and many muesli/health bars contain nuts)
FISH including prawns and tuna
SESAME including hummus, some snack bars, vege chips, tahini, as a bread topping etc
EGG as egg sandwiches or boiled

REMINDERS

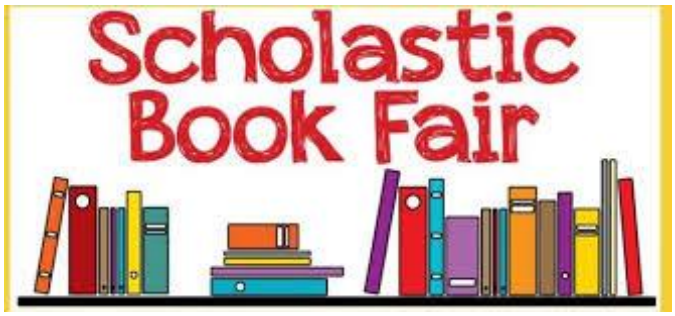
21 Oct – 1 Nov	Kindergarten PIPS
21 - 25 Oct	National Children's Week
21 - 25 Oct	Art Show Week
22 - 25 Oct	Scholastic Book Fair
28 Oct – 14 Nov	2020 Kindergarten "Getting to Know You" Interviews Bookings essential: Please Ph 6142 2750
28 Oct	Kindergarten Excursion – Giggles Crazy Circus 1:30pm
30 Oct	MCSS Dance Showcase Workshop – participating students
31 Oct	MCSS Dance Spectacular – Tech Rehearsal
1 Nov	Junior Assembly 2pm Hosts: Astronauts & UFOs
4 Nov	P&C Meeting 7:30pm *All welcome*
6 Nov	Community Farewell for Jo-Anne Mues (Preschool) 3:30-5:30pm – *All welcome*

2019 TERM DATES

Term 4	14 October – 19 December

This Week

CHILDREN'S WEEK EVENTS



TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER – FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER

Everyone is invited to browse the wonderful collection of books and accessories that will be available to purchase.

While you are there,
why not do a little Christmas shopping!

Why: The Scholastic Book Fair is a huge fundraiser for our school. All money raised goes straight back into our school to purchase new resources for students.

Where: The Scholastic Book Fair is set up in the old band room (outside & opposite the Wellbeing Room)

Opening times:
Please note the longer opening times on tonight, Wednesday, 24 October.

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER
8:30am – 11:30am	8:30am – 9am	8:30am – 10am
3pm – 5:30pm	2.30pm – 4pm	

Thank you for supporting our school.

Debbie Lees
Teacher-Librarian

ART SHOW

MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER – FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER

All welcome

We are celebrating Children's Week with our display of beautiful individual artworks as well as collaborative class designs throughout the school.

Please enter and sign in for Art Show at the front office.

Gold coin donation towards our Art budget (you will receive a map of where our artworks are located in the school).

Opening times:

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER
3 – 7pm	3 – 4pm	3 – 4pm

ONLINE ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS 2020 PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL

FLYNN | MELBA | SPENCE PRESCHOOLS
PRIMARY (K-6) SITE – Alfred Hill Drive Melba

ALL Enrolment Applications must be made ONLINE.
For enrolment information go to:
http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

Do you require more information?
Please go to:
http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school or Ph 6205 5429 (ACT Education Directorate Help Service)

PBL @ Mount Rogers

RESPECTFUL INCLUSIVE SAFE ENGAGED

Welcome back! Term 4 is looking to be a busy term for PBL at Mount Rogers beginning with a focus on **RESPECTFUL** behaviours during week 1. Teachers will be looking for students who demonstrate respectful behaviours in a variety of settings to give RISE tickets. What a lovely way for everyone to begin the term.

On **Friday, 25 October (Week 2)**, a special Senior Assembly will be held to acknowledge our senior students who have achieved a bronze medallion through meeting our RISE expectations. If your child is to receive this special award, you will be contacted by your child's classroom teacher inviting you to attend the assembly. Junior students receiving a bronze medallion will receive theirs at the Week 3 Junior Assembly.

The PBL team, staff and students were very excited to see the new and larger RISE posters being hung up around the school last term. These posters are used to remind students of expected behaviours in a variety of settings and to allow teachers opportunities to re-teach expected behaviours as needed.

Over the next couple of weeks, you may hear your child refer to the RISE lessons near the toilets as teacher's take classes out to remind them of expected behaviours when attending to the bathrooms. This is our Week 2 focus and is as a result of both PBL data and reports from staff, Daryl and the cleaners of blocked toilets due to items other than paper being flushed, blocked sinks and the safety concerns around students choosing to 'play' in the toilets during break times. The PBL team would be grateful if you could further support this focus by taking the time to speak to your child about the safety and hygiene concerns around playing in toilets as well as the unsanitary effects of blocked plumbing.

Monday motivators will continue this term. Students who are acknowledged through the receipt of a RISE ticket in the area of focus for that week will have their name entered for the opportunity to receive a 'motivator' on Monday for their efforts. Many students have already enjoyed the items 'Monday Motivators' provide such as pencils and handballs. This term the PBL team are excited to be offering frisbees as well!

Week 1 Focus:

RESPECT

Week 2 Focus:

TOILETS

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN

THE HEALTHY HUT

CLOSED ON MONDAYS

Ph 6142 2760

www.flexischools.com.au

Welcome back to Term 4.

A reminder…

Not only does the Healthy Hut sell reusable lunch sacks, we have now added reusable cutlery.

The cutlery is a food grade metal fork and spoon contained in a washable fabric pouch. It can live in your child's school bag and they'll always have cutlery when they need it.

Cutlery packs are available via Flexischools or over the counter for just $6 a pack.

Thank you for your support.
Kate & Steph

MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP

All proceeds go to our school

Open TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

9:15-9:45am (after Morning Lines)

Has your child out grown some of their school uniform items?

Please consider donating them to the Recycled Uniform Shop. From time to time we need a change of clothes for students. We urgently need some smaller sized clothing (particularly boys shorts - sizes 4-10).

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	2020 Classroom Resources	Fri 6 Dec	$90/student
Pre - 6	2019 Voluntary Contribution (Preschool $200; Primary $100)		See below
Selected Students	Magellan Program		$60/student
K - 5	Learn to Swim Program (excl Yr 2 – please refer to note home)	Fri 15 Nov	$72/student

Please note - limited places available
Allocation of places will be on a first served basis
(ie permission note AND payment)

Notes and/or payments received after the due date will NOT be accepted.

2020 CLASSROOM RESOURCES
Supporting your child's learning

$90 per child - please ensure that your child has all the stationery items necessary for their learning in 2020.

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & Resources19)*
- EFTPOS – at front office

Thank you for your support

2019 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
Supporting your child's learning

Your voluntary contribution goes directly toward purchasing educational resources by students.

Primary:	
1 child	$100
2 or more children in family	$150 total cost
Preschool:	
1 child	$200
2 or more children in family	$150 per child

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & VolCons19)*
- EFTPOS – at front office

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DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR *wonderful* ART SHOW

COMMUNITY NEWS

ACT Education Directorate
STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE & AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury disease or illness was sustained.

As there is not automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child in injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for student who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mount Rogers Primary School
Parents and Citizens Association presents:
All welcome

- **Monday** Madness with **Aimee,** who offers her body weight workouts that are guaranteed to get your heart racing and your body sweating!
- Zumba **Thursday** with **Ilse** dancing you into a fit and healthy body, and you won't even realise it.

Please note:

- Workout **Wednesday** (cardio and boxing) is CANCELLED until further notice.

1 class per week- $8	2 classes per week- $14

Thank you for continuing to support Mount Rogers Primary School! Like and follow us on facebook **Mount Rogers Primary School P & C** to stay up to date with classes.

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