



FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

It has been a wonderfully busy last two weeks here at Mount Rogers, with many events taking place.

I must first start by saying a huge thank you Mikaela, Steph, Corinne, Kate and their teams for the amazing Mother's Day events organised this year. The annual Mother's Day stall opened last Friday – a real life shopping experience for all our students. I just loved watching students choose a gift so carefully, whether a mug, something for the bath, chocolates or a notebook. Thank you to everyone who donated a gift or two to help make this event so successful - \$3130 successful! This year the canteen again organised the very popular edible gifts which included Corinne's melting moments, Steph's DIY sweet and salty popcorn pack, and Kate's chocolate mousse with EXTRA chocolate. I know lots of mum's enjoyed these lovingly homemade treats on Mother's Day!



This week our year 3 and 5 students are participating in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). All students across Australia in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 complete these common assessments. NAPLAN is an important tool for educators to see how Australian children are meeting essential literacy and numeracy standards. Please remember that NAPLAN is a 'point in time' snapshot of student achievement and in no way replaces ongoing classroom assessments. Thank you to Laura Andreazza, Charlene Lalor and Brendan Carswell for all their efforts in coordinating NAPLAN at Mount Rogers and ensuring that all Chromebooks, headphones and mice worked and were logged on correctly.

Our preschool children had a fantastic incursion with *Craig the Nutrition Magician* where they enjoyed hearing and learning about nutrition, dental hygiene, and sustainability. Our preschool children from Spence and Flynn spent time at Melba Preschool where they got to see the performance and meet some new friends.



Teachers from across the school are busy working on our school-based Semester 1 Progress Reports which will be sent home via email on Friday, 18 June. These will include ACT Education Directorate A-E Reports. Semester 1 A-E Reports reflect student progress towards meeting the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard for each curriculum area as decided by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). The Achievement Standard reflects a C grade, which is what we would expect a student in that year level to have achieved by the end of the year. To ensure the delivery of reports, please notify the office if you have changed your email address.

If you do not wish to receive an A – E Report for your child and have not already notified the school, please contact the office to complete a form. Your child's results will be included in the data for their year level and a paper copy put on file.

If you require a second copy of your child's report due to family circumstances would you please contact the office to also complete a form.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the last week of Term 2. More information about booking a time will be sent home later in the term.

As the weather gets cooler can I please remind you to make sure that all jumpers, jackets, beanies, scarfs, gloves etc are clearly named. So that your child knows what to do if they take something off during the day, may I suggest that you help them by practising this at home – putting their belongings inside their bag and then zipping it up.

Warm wishes,
Liz Marman
Deputy 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 bread topping

EGG as egg sandwiches or boiled

REMINDERS

11-14 May	NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
18 May	Soccer Clinic at MCSS Yr 3/4 Onions, Capsicums, Tomatoes
19 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
21 May	MCSS Magellan STEM Program
24 May	Christian Education in School Program (participating students only)

Don't forget ...

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

2021 TERM DATES

Term 2	19 April – 25 June
Term 3	12 July – 17 September
Term 4	5 October – 17 December



RISE

Positive Behaviours Learning (PBL) Program Respectful, Inclusive, Safe and Engaged

Rise Expectation catch phrases

Has your child ever come home and said a strange catch phrase? It could be one of our school's RISE Expectation catch phrases!

The staff have developed 5 simple catch phrases that align with our *All Settings* RISE Expectations to give students reminders in a quick and timely manner. Staff use these both in the classroom and on the playground, and all students have been involved in discussions about what each catch phrase means and looks like in different situations.

How do we come up with our fortnightly focus?

The PBL team looks at the data collected for both positive and negative incidents and presents this to the whole staff. After analysing the data, the staff decide on a whole school fortnightly focus to encourage reteaching opportunities and developing strategies to support all of our students to follow our RISE Expectations. Our whole school focus for the next fortnight is *Hands & feet to self*. Ask your child if they can explain each of the catch phrases and how they align with our *All Settings* RISE Expectations.



MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY

For all Canteen enquiries - Ph 6142 2760
www.flexischools.com.au

Think ahead to avoid busy Fridays!

The heaviest load time is 7.30am till 9am, so order outside of these times if possible; *our cut off for orders is 9.15am*. Another solution is to place Friday orders earlier in the week. You can order in advance for any day and orders already placed are not affected if the system crashes on Friday morning. I thank you for your patience.



#Enforcement

PLEASE CONSIDER WHERE YOU PARK!

Residential street parking near our school

If you park on a street in front of a local house, would you please be mindful of ACT Government garbage collection days. Some residents have regularly missed their weekly garbage collection service due to the inaccessibility of the garbage/recycling truck on their pickup day.

If you see the bins out - please park legally elsewhere to ensure that this ACT Government service is not affected.

END OF MAY IS HATS OFF DAY IN CANBERRA!

We're not there yet!

Cancer Council ACT can provide the following SunSmart support to parents and carers during Term 2.

- **Download the SunSmart App** - know what time each day your child should be SunSmart at home
- **FREE SunSmart Activities** - for home learning and fun
- **NEW - SunSmart PL for Parents & Carers** - plus individual schools will be recognised for their parent/carer SunSmart contribution via their **SunSmart Certificate** - Cool!
- **LOOK - Sid Seagull Virtual Hunt** - Coming very soon.

Have a great and safe Term 2.

David Wild - SunSmart Services
Cancer Council ACT



FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION AT OUR SCHOOL

On the 10 February 2021, the ACT Government committed to transition away from school banking programs in all ACT public schools by 30 June 2021.

Why was this decision made?

A range of aspects were considered including:

- a broader financial capability strategy for students.
- future opportunities for volunteers to continue to support and advocate financial capability in their school community.
- declining student participation in school banking programs.
- evidenced findings from reports such as ASIC's *Review of School Banking Programs*.

Mount Rogers Primary School acknowledges the efforts of our wonderful school P&C in facilitating school banking over many years, and extend a vote of thanks to the many volunteers including our current volunteer Alix, who have worked tirelessly to deliver the program.

Our school has the opportunity to use the resources developed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. These resources teach financial capability through the *MoneySmart Program*.

The last day for school banking at Mount Rogers Primary School is Wednesday, 23 June (Week 10).

INFORMATION SESSIONS Students with Disability

Do you have a child with disability? Are you looking at enrolment options for 2022?

Information sessions for students with disability are currently underway. Parents/carers are invited to attend to learn about enrolment options and support for transition. Information will be provided on the range of programs and supports provided across all ACT public schools.

The ACT Education Directorate recognises the importance of well-planned and supported transitions for all children and young people with developmental delay and disability. The partnership between parents/carers and schools is key to the positive outcomes for all students.

The remaining sessions are:

- 11 May - Kindergarten
- 12 May - College
- 13 May – High School
- 18 May - College

To register and learn more visit

www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/school-information-sessions

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Christian Education in Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. Each school year, the ACT Churches Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive, and engaging 1 hour session.

Only students with permission will attend. Please see the office if you would like to add or remove your child's name on the current attendance list. The next session will be on Monday, 24 May.

For more information go to www.ceis.org.au/yes

ONLINE PAYMENT FACILITY Now available

I would like to draw your attention to the availability of the online payment facility on our website <http://www.mtrogers.act.edu.au/payment> (access is via the Payments tab.)

This will save you time in making payments for excursions, voluntary contributions, and other activities within the school in the comfort of your own home and once the payment has been processed, you are issued with a receipt immediately.

Follow the easy prompts - the details that you require are the first 5 characters of the student's surname and the first character of their given name. This is called the Student key. A fee code should appear on the permission note.

This option will now appear on all permission notes as the recommended method for payment. We understand that this option is not available to everyone in our community and please be advised that cash and EFTPOS will still be accepted at the school office.

If you have any questions regarding making payment this way, please ring 6142 2750.

Lyn Maley – Business Manager

COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES AT MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Volunteer helper required!

The P&C Association is looking for a volunteer to help coordinate the Monday and Thursday exercise classes.

Interested?

Please contact the P&C secretary for more information.

secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com



Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Classroom Resources		\$90/student
Pre - 6	Voluntary Contribution Preschool \$200 Primary \$100 / \$150		See below
6 Selected students	Year 6 Band	26 Mar	\$230/year
Selected students	Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival	19 May	\$16

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

2021 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 2021.

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & Resources21*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

Thank you for your support

2021 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS Supporting your child's learning

Your voluntary contribution goes directly toward purchasing educational resources for 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 <u>per child</u>

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 (enter *child's name & VolCons21*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

Thank you for your support



ENROLMENTS FOR 2022 SCHOOL YEAR ARE NOW OPEN

Enrol by 5pm on 4 June to receive an offer of enrolment from 26 July 2021.

Kindergarten to Year 6:

Every ACT public school is a great school, and if Mount Rogers Primary School is your local priority enrolment area (PEA) school your child is guaranteed a Kindergarten to Year 6 place here.

Preschool:

Every 4 year old is guaranteed 15 hours of preschool. Enrol for preschool in 2022 if your child turns 4 on or before 30 April. Preschool applications are allocated centrally, and will be prioritised according to the prioritisation criteria which can be found at the link below.

Enrolment link:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Your best source of information for enrolling is the ACT Education Directorate website www.education.act.gov.au or the Enrolments Telephone Service (02) 6205 5429.

You can also contact us about enrolments directly by emailing info@mtrogers.act.edu.au



THE SMITH FAMILY SAVER PLUS PROGRAM

The Smith Family (ACT) offers a range of programs to support families and individuals to stay engaged with education. Saver Plus is a program with a specific focus on supporting families and individuals with low incomes to meet their education expenses.

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program that aims to assist people on lower incomes to strengthen their financial skills and to develop a savings habit. The program provides financial skills education and motivates participants to save by matching their savings dollar for dollar, up to \$500. This money can be used to pay for education costs such as computers, books, uniforms, extracurricular activities, and school excursions.

For more information visit Saver Plus
Contact Saver Plus on 1300 610 355 or saverplus@bsl.org.au