



Mount Rogers Primary School

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TERM 2 WEEKS 10

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Well, it feels like it has been a while since I have written to you in a newsletter. I want to start with a huge thank you for your support this term, it certainly hasn't been easy at times but together we have got there. While sending year levels into 'remote learning' for a week is not my preferred option, it has allowed me to meet my obligations for staff as their Principal. Your kind words and thoughtful emails of support during these times has helped enormously – thank you.

Yesterday was a wonderful day - our Athletics Carnival, something we have not been able to run for the past two years. Huge thanks to Pat Ormerod for his commitment to organising and running the day. Thank you to all staff who ran activity groups and supported students to participate and enjoy themselves. Thank you to the group of parent volunteers who helped time-keep, marshal and rake the long jump pits – we couldn't have done it without you. It was so much fun. As one kind parent wrote in a thank you email;

I witnessed many occasions children supporting each other, cheering on the first through to last. It was just 100% encouragement. I saw kids holding hands with others to help them, I saw teachers cheering. Athletics is not everyone's cup of tea. But seeing kids just try and participate the best they can was beautiful.

For many children this was their first carnival off the school site and the excitement of getting on the bus to head to Charnwood Playing Fields was real. I am delighted to say that all year levels will get the opportunity to go on a bus and head off on an excursion before the end of the year; part of our planning day last week involved team discussions about where to go and when. As always, we will give families plenty of notice about upcoming excursions, so watch this space.

It has been lovely for me to see lots of parents visiting for Parent-Teacher Interviews over the last week and half. While I know that you too have been keen to be back in the school and see teachers and classrooms, know that seeing you has brought me lots of joy too!

As many of you will have seen the Education Directorate announced last week that schools will be provided with 2 staff planning (pupil free) days in Term 3. The dates for these days are:

- **Friday 5 August 2022, and**
- **Friday 9 September 2022**

Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. Further information regarding these days is in the letter attached to this newsletter.

I wish everyone a wonderful 2-week holiday break. The first day of Term 3 is Monday, 18 July.

Warm wishes
Felicity Levett
Principal

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Canteen: Closed until further notice

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

Healthy Hut Canteen
CLOSED until further notice

1 July	Last day Term 2
18 July	First day Term 3
1 Aug	100 Day Celebration - Kindergarten
22-26 Aug	Book Week – <i>Dreaming with Eyes Open</i>

TERM DATES

Term 2	26 April – 1 July
Term 3	18 July – 23 September
Term 4	10 October – 16 December

MOUNT ROGERS SPORTS REPORT

On Wednesday, 15 June Mount Rogers Primary School sent 5 students to represent the Belconnen region at the ACT Cross Country Championships.

They were Eva W, Sam M, Reese M, Curtis H and Ilyan Y. The school would like to thank these students for their outstanding participation – you made us proud!

Both Reese and Ilyan qualified to represent the ACT at the National Cross Country meet in Adelaide later in the year. Good luck to you both!

Pat Ormerod
School Sports Coordinator



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE 10-YEAR ACT DISABILITY STRATEGY?

The ACT Government wants to hear from people with disability, families, carers and interested community members on how to create a more inclusive future for all Canberrans. The consultation for the ACT Disability Strategy has been co-designed with the ACT Disability Reference Group and all conversations will be led by people with disability. The consultation is open until the end of July 2022. Find out more at [ACT Disability Strategy | YourSay ACT](#).

Join us on Wednesday 15 June from 12:00pm to 2:00pm for an online conversation on lifelong learning. The Lifelong Learning conversation will look at learning pathways for people with disability across all educational settings: primary and high school, Canberra Institute of Technology, university and adult learning opportunities. Register at [Focused Conversation: Lifelong Learning | ACT Disability Strategy | YourSay ACT](#)



MANDARIN AT MOUNT ROGERS

The **Dragon Boat Festival** (**duān wǔ jié 端午节**) is a traditional Chinese holiday which occurs on the fifth day of the fifth month of the Chinese Lunar Calendar, which corresponds to late May or early June in the western calendar.

During this festival Chinese people eat special sticky rice dumplings called **zòng zi** and race dragon boats **lóng zhōu**. This festival is in memory of the famous and patriotic Chinese poet called **Qū Yuán**. Children like to wear colourful small bags full of dry scented herbs and fragrance called **xiāng bāo** at dragon boat festival time, as it repels insects and brings good luck to the people who wear the scented bags on their clothing.

Chinese people celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival every year and dragon boat races have become a competitive sport in modern-day China. For more information on the Dragon Boat Festival please click on the links below.



zòng zi



lóng zhōu



Qū Yuán



xiāng bāo

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cd114lrYZX0&ab_channel=ChinaTravelChinaTravel
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYtZ6KX-lkM&ab_channel=GBTIMES
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSbOEglwPC8>

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST (RAT) DISTRIBUTION TO MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILIES



If you require RATs please don't forget to complete the order form here:

[Order Form for Required RAT Kits](#)

A BIG THANK YOU TO SPENCE GREENGROCER



For providing much needed supplies to our Mount Rogers School community - your generosity is greatly appreciated. It's a great place to get your morning coffee and those last-minute items.

2022 NDIS EXPO
Thursday 4 August 2022 from 5 – 7pm

NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) Expo is at The Woden School on Thursday 4 August from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The Woden School, together with Black Mountain School, invite you to attend an evening with NDIS providers and organisations to showcase after school care, support workers, holiday programs and post school options for students.

The event will be a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to meet with a range of NDIS providers and find out what they have to offer.

For more information, contact:
The Woden School on 6142 0200 or
email Tina Wilson at tina.wilson@ed.act.edu.au



**FUN WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW
THESE WINTER HOLIDAYS!**

Communities at Work Winter School Holiday Programs are open for bookings. The Daily Highlights (program calendars) with a list of activities for each program location will be available in early June on their website, but bookings can already be made!

The programs will be running weekdays from 4 July to 15 July 2022 (inclusive) from 7.30am to 6pm, with qualified and dedicated educators providing a nurturing and entertaining environment. Children will enjoy a variety of excursions, incursions and fun activities that will encourage lots of fun with friends, old and new, and guarantee a new adventure every day!

Communities at Work continue to ensure the safety of your child is paramount with increased hygiene and cleaning protocols, guided by the latest advice from the ACT Government and ACT Health.

Visit www.commsatwork.org/shp for more information about the upcoming school holiday programs, locations in Canberra, activities in store, and to make a booking.

**Mount Rogers Primary School
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On Wednesday, 29 June over 270 students aged 8 years and up participated in the school's first Athletics Carnival in almost two years!

The frosty morning made way for a clear and energetic day full of enthusiastic participants. Students took a bus to the Charnwood Sport Field where they competed in 100m, 800m and depending on their age either 70m or 200m running races. Students also had the opportunity in taking part in the long jump. The discuss and shot-put events will be run early next term at school during school time.

The top 5 placed students with the overall fastest times or distances from each year level in each event will be invited to represent the school at the Belconnen District Athletics Carnival in Term 3. Ribbons will be awarded to these students who came in the top four of their year levelled event at the first assembly in Term 3.

A school athletics carnival is a very big day for everyone involved, and I am sure all participants would have been tired from such a long day. I would like to thank the teachers who came to help and support the running of the day. The success of these days relies heavily on the eagerness and enthusiasm which staff bring to these events. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all those parents who volunteered during the day. Your vital contribution makes these events possible.

The next whole school carnival is the swimming carnival which is scheduled for Term 1, 2023.

Patrick Ormerod – Sports Coordinator



Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Classroom Resources		\$90/student
Selected Students	Yr 5 Band (2yr program)		\$230/year

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

2022 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 2022.

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Online payment facility via website
- EFTPOS – at school office

Thank you for your support

2022 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS Preschool & Primary School

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

Primary \$100 per year – 1 child
\$150 per year – 2 or more children in family (primary site)

Preschool \$200 per year – 1 child
\$300 per year – 2 children in family (preschool site)

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Online payment facility via website
- EFTPOS – at school office

Educational resources for students

ENROLMENT FOR THE 2023 SCHOOL YEAR



ACT public school enrolments for the 2023 school year are open.

Enrolment applications received by **3 June** to enrol students from Preschool to Year 12 will receive an offer from **25 July 2022**. Application received after 3 June will receive an offer later in the year.

Every ACT public school is a great school and there is a place for every child from Kindergarten to Year 12 in their local school.

Families are encouraged to apply for the preschool for their local primary school, however it is not possible to guarantee a place at your local or preferred preschool due to capacity constraints at some sites.

Prospective families are encouraged to discover what their local school has to offer. Find out which local school your child is guaranteed a place at by visiting https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/priority_placement_areas

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.

If you have any questions or require further information, call the Enrolments Telephone Service on 6205 5429.

DON'T WAIT – THE BEST TIME TO GET THE FLU VACCINE IS NOW



Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is already in our community.

We're now seeing higher case numbers than the previous two years – which is why it's important to get the flu vaccine to protect you and your family.

Flu strains change each year and so does the vaccine. That's why you need to be vaccinated every year.

The ACTPS influenza vaccination program is well underway in some directorates so keep a look out for staff messages.

The flu vaccine helps protect the people most vulnerable to severe disease. This includes young children, older people and anyone with underlying medical conditions.

Flu vaccines are also available at:

- GPs
- some pharmacies (for five years and older)
- Early Childhood Immunisation Centres (six months to under five years).

A free vaccine* is available for people who are at higher risk of developing complications, including:

- children aged six months to under five years
 - all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged six months and older
 - anyone pregnant
 - people 65 years of age and older
 - people aged six months and older who have some medical conditions
- *an administration fee may be charged by the provider

People aged five years and older with disability, mental health conditions, their carers and concession card holders (including [ACT Services Access Card](#)) can also receive a **free flu vaccination** at the [Access and Sensory vaccination clinic in Weston Creek](#).

It's safe to get flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time. We've learnt a lot over the last few years about stopping the spread of illness, so let's keep on doing the things that help:

- Stay home if you're not well
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water
- Wear a mask when you're out and about.

To find out more about flu vaccinations visit the [ACT Health website](#).

For more information on the Access and Sensory vaccination clinic, visit the [COVID-19 website](#).

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