



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 18

19 OCTOBER 2022

TERM 4 WEEK 2

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Welcome to term 4, I can hardly believe it. Students across the school have got right back into learning and are enjoying tuning into their inquiries.

Kindy are inquiring into how to care for special places, in particular how to care for our school. I wonder if they are going to interview Daryl?

Year 1/2 are using The Arts curriculum to inquire into how people express themselves and their ideas in different ways. They will explore different types of art techniques and forms to showcase their learning.

Year 3/4's key inquiry concept is *Let's celebrate!* - inquiry into celebrations throughout the world and the reasons why people celebrate. Their ERP showcase later in the term should be lots of fun as students display and discuss their learning.

Year 5/6 have 2 science-based inquiries underway. Year 5 are wondering about the solar system and how science helps us to solve problems. Year 6 are wondering about natural disasters; how natural events can cause rapid change and also how science helps us to solve problems. Some deep thinking happening here for sure.

I am right in the thick of all things 2023, while at the same time supporting all staff to continue to focus on term 4 and achieve excellent learning outcomes for all students. Teachers will begin the Semester 2 reporting processes in a couple of weeks, with reports ready to go home on Friday, 9 December. We have begun creating 2023 classes and the planning that goes hand-in-hand with this around teachers and classroom spaces. One of the biggest pieces of this jigsaw relates to staffing. The classroom teacher transfer round is in full swing – I hope to know the outcomes for Mount Rogers in the middle of the term.

Our annual *Moving-Up Morning* will take place on the last Monday of the year – Monday, 12 December. This is where all students move up and meet next year's teacher and class in next year's classroom. It's lots of fun and takes the mystery and anxiety for 2023 away for students – and mums and dads too.

One change for 2023 that I want to let you know about is a change in the way all members of the community address staff. After some professional learning and research around gender I have decided that from the start of 2023 all staff working in the school will be called by their first name. The current inconsistencies around this for students, for example preschool staff are always called by their first names, as are front office staff, has also informed my decision to move forward on a first name basis. Therefore, a big hi and thank you for your support from me – Felicity! This change will be reflected in communication from the school in 2023 and as part of *Moving-Up Morning* in week 10.

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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

Make every day a NUDE FOOD DAY

21 Oct	P&C School Disco (K-Yr 6)
24-31 Oct	Scholastic Book Fair
25 Oct	Yr 5/6 Raiders OzTag Gala Day (participating students)
26 Oct	USHSK – High School Transition Visit (participating students)
28 Oct	Whole School Staff Planning Day
14 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation

Healthy Hut Canteen
 CLOSED until further notice

TERM DATES

Term 4	10 October – 16 December
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM continued

All ACT public schools are required to have Safe and Support Schools Contact Officers (SSACO) who can support and respond to students who may be experiencing or involved in bullying, discrimination and/or racial or sexual harassment. Two staff, Pat Ormerod and Courtney Wowk, recently completed the Education Directorate's SSACO training and are now the school's contact officers. Thank you, Pat and Courtney.

Huge thanks to the amazing team of Year 5/6 staff for organising and taking the students to B.FIRM last Thursday. This excursion was in lieu of a Year 5/6 camp which was not able to run in term 1. I was able to attend for a part of the day – it was so much fun supporting and watching students give the amazing obstacle courses a go, climb a cargo net 15 foot high, and get super muddy in the mud run was sensational. I too may have overcome a fear of heights to climb the cargo net thanks to the encouragement of the students!

There are a number of happenings next week for you to keep in mind;

➤ On **Wednesday, 26 October** we will celebrate World Teacher's Day. This year's theme is *Hat's Off To Teachers!* At Mount Rogers we celebrate the work of all educators, office staff and LSA educators too. I'm sure you will agree that the extraordinary COVID filled years we have had has highlighted the amazing lengths teachers go to connect with students and ensure the best learning outcomes for them. Thank you to our P&C for helping me celebrate the wonderful staff of Mount Rogers.

➤ Next week is Children's Week and to celebrate we will be having a whole school picnic at B2 on **Thursday, 27 October**. This is a student and staff only event and should be a lovely way to have children of all ages across the school connect.

➤ The Scholastic Book Fair is back! As part of our Children's Week celebration children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair **over weeks 3 and 4** and create a 'wish list' to bring home. Shopping for books and other items will then be done by you at home online. Information about this was sent home yesterday.

➤ Finally next **Friday, 28 October** is the first of the whole school staff planning days for the term. This is a pupil free day. Please register using the link <https://forms.gle/ZVvcwVeb5N5AWoaB9> if your child/ren must attend school. Teachers will be using

this day to moderate assessment pieces and discuss next steps in learning for students as they look to completing semester 2 reports.

Finally, I can't wait to see the students dance away to the P&C discos on Friday night. Thank you so much to Katherine Stanton and the P&C for organising this for our community. I will definitely have my dancing shoes on.

Here's to a fantastic term,
Warm wishes
Felicity Levett - Principal



SCHOOL STAFF PLANNING DAYS

Friday, 28 October 2022

Monday 28 November 2022

Please don't forget that Friday, 28 October is a whole school Staff Planning Day in Term 4.

Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on these days. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities.

Please click on the link to register your child/ren to attend on one or both days -

<https://forms.gle/ZVvcwVeb5N5AWoaB9>

☺ *The P&C Disco is back!* ☺

Friday, 21 October 2022

On Friday, 21 October the P&C will be running a disco in the Mount Rogers Primary School Hall.

We're looking forward to dusting off our dancing shoes for some great music and lots of fun!

Cost: \$3 per child (including one glow item)

• **Junior Disco (Kindy – Year 2)** 6pm – 7pm

• **Senior Disco (Year 3 – Year 6)** 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Tickets – Available at the door.

Snacks and drinks – will be available for purchase in the canteen, as well as limited glow items (cash only).

Please note – due to restrictions on the number of adults that can be in the hall, parents will not be able to stay at the disco.

Supervision will be provided by P&C volunteers and staff.

Volunteers – if you would like to volunteer on the night, please contact the P&C.

This event will operate as per the requirements of the
Mount Rogers Primary School COVID Plan



Year 5/6 Day Camp B.FIRM Outdoor Activity Centre



What an amazing day!

In Week 1 the Year 5/6 students participated in the B.FIRM program out at Symonston. It was a long bus ride to the other side of Canberra, but it was well worth the trip. The students came back completely exhausted after challenging themselves in the team building activities. Lee Campbell was excellent with the Mount Rogers students and really got the best out of everyone throughout the day.

A little bit about B.FIRM

B.FIRM approaches health and wellbeing through the lens of holistic health. B.FIRMS' philosophy is embedded in teaching and building on individual and community health and wellbeing knowledge by creating impactful programs, and using encouragement and positive influence as tools for change.

Thank you

Thank you Mr Carswell for organising the trip and to all the teachers and LSAs for making it happen in such a positive and enjoyable way.



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)

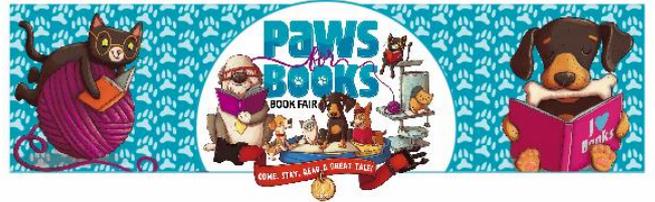
Preschool \$200 per year – 1 child
 \$300 per year – 2 children in family (preschool site)

Payment can be made by:

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

Educational resources for students

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR at Mount Rogers - 24 to 31 October



Scholastic Book Fairs help us show students the wonder of reading. After all, when kids choose their own books, they will be more excited to read, and they will naturally read more.

Students will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class and create a Wish List. These will be sent home and there will be instructions to purchase online if you choose to do so. We will also take photos of the Book Fair displays with prices and share them via Seesaw and Facebook for you to share in the experience and discuss choices with your child.

It is a great way to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. There will be new releases, bestsellers, award winning titles and perennial favourites.

This is a great way for you to learn about and discuss your child's interests. Every book sold benefits our school, adding resources to our library and classrooms.

Mel Colquhoun
Teacher Librarian

ACT PRIMARY CONCERT BAND *at Floriade*

Jayde is a member of the Year 5 Mount Rogers Band, and she is also a member of the ACT Primary Concert Band. On 18 September the ACT Primary Concert Band played at Floriade. It was a great experience and lots of fun.

The ACT Primary Concert is a wonderful way to expand your knowledge and enjoyment of playing an instrument.

