

## FROM FELICITY:

Dear Mount Rogers families,

WOW! I have literally just come back inside to my office after a most powerful and moving school Reconciliation Action Plan Launch. We choose to launch our RAP as part of NAIDOC week and were fortunate enough to be able to include a traditional smoking ceremony and dance performance thanks to the wonderful team at Wiradjuri Echoes. All students are now participating in workshops with Wiradjuri echoes throughout the rest of the day. Please ask your child/ren about their workshop over dinner tonight.



At Mount Rogers, we recognise that Reconciliation is an ongoing journey. Today we are reminded that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, there is still a lot to do to. At Mount Rogers we are committed to strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. Our Reconciliation Action Plan is very important to us because it shows all the hard work we are doing here to build the confidence and skill of our staff, to build the deep learning for all students, and how we are building pride and confidence among all our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The Action Plan is a working document, so it keeps us accountable and makes sure our work here towards reconciliation continues. I want to thank everyone who took the time to contribute to developing this plan. To all my staff, who have participated in workshops and discussions, to our P&C and Board who took time to provide input, and to our Cultural Integrity Team who have brought it all together.

It has been a very busy last few weeks of the term with lots of fantastic opportunities for students to learn outside their normal classroom. Huge thanks to Pat Ormerod, Angela Donaldson and the team for organising a sensational senior and junior athletics carnival last week. The weather was so kind to us, and all students had a great day participating down on Charnwood playing fields. I must also thank the 'army' of parent and Melba Copland High School student volunteers who came to help. Thank you - We couldn't have run the carnival without you.

It is only 2 sleeps until my BIG Walk! Please remember that I am walking to raise money for the P&C so that they can then spend the money on playground improvements for your children. I am walking 12.7kms because I am dedicated to and passionate about every child in my school and will do whatever I can to support them. Please sponsor me if you haven't already - every \$ helps. I hope to see many of you on Grainger Circuit or in the junior playground as I walk back into school at the end of my BIG Walk and celebrate with me 12.7kms - tick!

This is the last newsletter of this kind, as next term we move to SWAY digital newsletters. These newsletters will have a stronger focus on learning happening in year levels and lots more photos of what students are doing in the school. The draft one we have been 'playing' in over the last month looks amazing and engaging! A link with the first SWAY newsletter for term 3 will be sent home in week 2. Keep an eye out for it!

I wish you all a happy, safe, and warm term 2 holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Felicity Levett - Principal



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## 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, veggie chips, tahini, as bread topping

**EGG** as egg sandwiches or boiled

## REMINDERS

26 - 30 June	PTO Interviews
28 June	Reconciliation Action Plan Launch day
30 June	Felicity's BIG Walk – Arboretum to Mt Rogers School
30 June	Last day Term 2

## TERM DATES

Term 2	24 April – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 October – 15 December

## Bank Deposit

BSB: 325185  
 Account: 03931010  
 Name: Mount Rogers Primary School  
 Parents and Citizens Association Inc  
 Ref: BIG Walk + your surname

*Thank you for  
your sponsorship!*



## Net Ball Gala SunWings and NightWings

**RISE UP!** Everyone represented Mount Rogers beautifully in the Belconnen Year 5/6 Netball Gala Day!



Our two teams, the 'SunWings' and 'NightWings' and had a fantastic time over at Charnwood. All the students really enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Deb and Jorja for coaching the teams, and Kieara for umpiring.

## Reminder:

### Discontinuing Seesaw for Primary School



As advised in our Week 6 newsletter, as part of our continual journey around school improvement we have been reflecting on communication methods

and learning platforms. One of the outcomes of this is that at the end of this week we will say goodbye to the Seesaw platform for Kindy to Year 6.

### Seesaw will still continue for Preschool.

At this time, we are also revamping our school newsletter to have a greater, deeper focus on student learning across the school.

Keep an eye out in Week 2 next term for our first newsletter on the new digital platform of Sway.



## LIBRARY WITH MEL

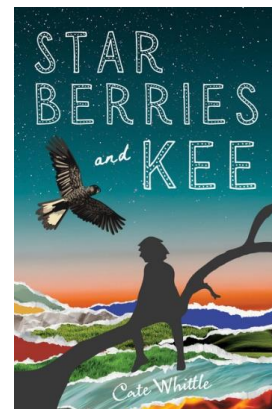
Books and storytelling are how we connect, understand, and find joy in the world around us. Reading for pleasure reduces stress, improves memory, and increases feelings of wellbeing, so why not take a break, and unwind with a good book!

### Capital Creators in the Classroom –

#### Cate Whittle.

Our Year 5 students were fortunate to be visited by local author, Cate Whittle on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, as part of the Capital Creators in the Classroom program.

Cate shared her new novel, *Star Berries and Kee*, discussing her inspiration for the book, the writing process, and her insights into the world of writing.



Cate encouraged the students to share their writing with friends and family, listen to feedback and continually edit their work to improve their writing. It was lovely to see the students engaging with the presentation and asking thoughtful questions.

Many thanks to Storytorch Press for funding the initiative.



### Coming up in Term 3: Book Week

Book Week 2023 will run from 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August. We have a wonderful week of author/illustrator visits lined up for the students and our Book Week parades will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The CBCA Book Week theme for 2023 is "Read, Grow, Inspire".



As always, happy reading!  
**Mel Colquhoun / Teacher Librarian**



# Felicity's BIG WALK

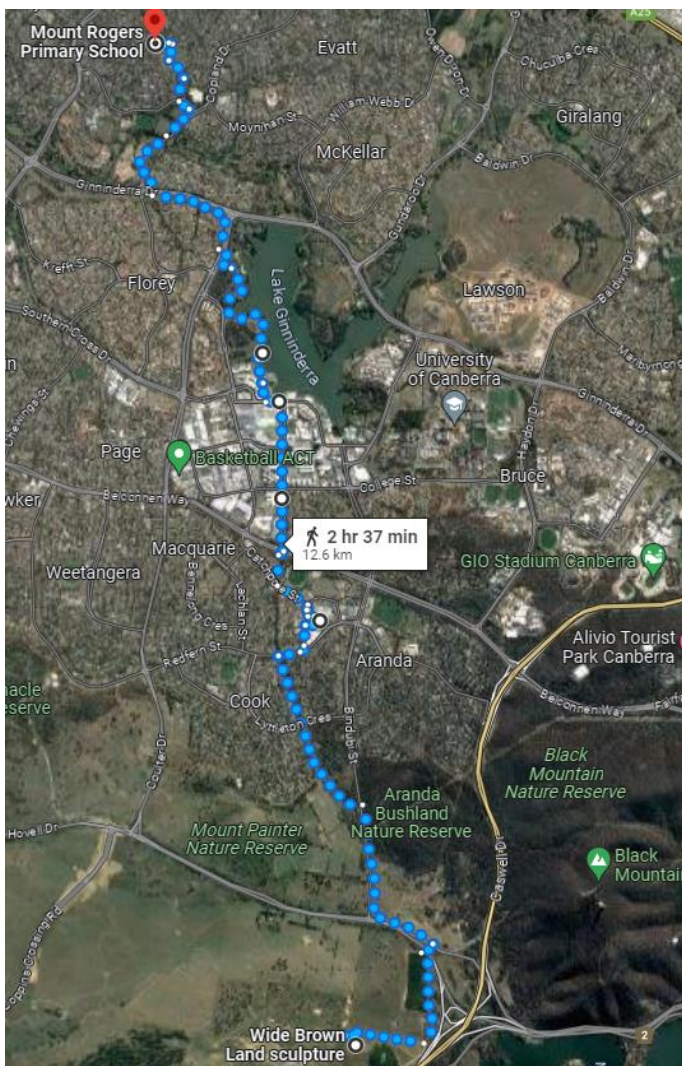
*You Are Invited!*

Only 2 sleeps to go until  
Felicity's BIG Walk!

The P&C is delighted to invite the Mount Rogers community to join students as they welcome Felicity back into school at the end of her BIG Walk.

Please join the students in lining Grainger Circuit from 12:30pm on Friday 30th June.

We'd would love to see you there!




CELEBRATE  
**FELICITY'S BIG WALK**

SAUSAGES \$2.50 (GF OPTION \$3.00)  
A SELECTION OF DRINKS AND FROZEN ITEMS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 30**

ORDER ON FLEXISCHOOLS  
BEFORE THURSDAY  
29 JUNE 9:30 AM  
(NO CASH SALES)

## News from the P & C: OVER THE DECADES TRIVIA NIGHT



To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Mount Rogers Primary School the P&C are hosting an **Over the Decades**

**Trivia Night** for the community.

There will be amazing prizes on the night for the winning table, best team name and many more! A raffle will be held during the night. Proceeds from the event will go directly back to the school.

We can't wait to see you and to test your trivia knowledge from the last 5 decades.

**Trivia Night**

**SATURDAY  
AUG 19**

VENUE: TBC  
TICKETS: \$10 EACH  
TICKET SALES: TBC

**TRIVIA STARTS AT : 7PM**

INTERESTED IN BEING A SPONSOR? CONTACT US:  
[secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com)

### Sponsorship

Do you own a business or side hustle and would like to donate your goods or services to the trivia night event?

As the event is about bringing our community together, we would love to gather prizes first and foremost from our community! If you have something to donate, please get in touch with the P&C via - [secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com). All sponsors from the event will be promoted prior, during and post trivia night event and also in the school newsletter, which is distributed to over 400 students.

## 2023 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 2023.

**Payment can be made by:**

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

*Thank you for your support*



Mount Rogers  
Primary School  
Preschool

**Stay and Play!!**  
**Every Thursday morning**



**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRESCHOOL IN 2024 OR 2025?**  
DO YOU LIVE IN MELBA, FLYNN OR SPENCE?\*

PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDREN  
ARE INVITED TO DROP IN ANY TIME BETWEEN  
9.00 AND 10.20AM TO

**STAY AND PLAY.**

OUTDOORS PLAY WITH ART, CRAFT, SANDPIT, DRESS UPS,  
CONSTRUCTION, SONGS AND STORIES.

We meet at Flynn Preschool  
Hedland Circuit, Flynn  
every Thursday morning  
from 9.00 – 10.20am

\*Please note - this does not guarantee enrolment  
at a Mount Rogers Primary preschool site.

PRESCHOOL TEAM LEADER and PRESCHOOL TEACHER  
Belinda Lum: [belinda.lum@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:belinda.lum@ed.act.edu.au)

## Canteen Volunteers!



**COULD YOU BE  
A CANTEEN  
VOLUNTEER?**

**The Healthy Hut, our canteen, is  
managed by the Mount Rogers  
Primary School P&C!**

In addition to currently operating 3 days a week to offer Break 1 and 2 meal options to our students, the Healthy Hut also coordinates one-off special lunches, activities and

events each term (e.g. P&C Disco dinners and special event sausage sizzles).

Volunteers are an integral part of our Healthy Hut and we are currently compiling a database of volunteers that might be available to help out with special canteen events. This will be a means of hearing about volunteering opportunities with no pressure attached.

Volunteering for the Healthy Hut is a great way to connect with the Mount Rogers community and have some fun along the way. If you are interested in joining our database, we would love to hear from you! Please email [healthyhut.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com](mailto:healthyhut.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com).