



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 11

23 JUNE 2021

TERM 2 WEEK 10

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Well, that was Term 2. Highlights of the term are many – Year 5/6 Camp, our ANZAC Day Assembly, NAPLAN, the P&C Mother’s Day stall, combined band rehearsals, National Simultaneous Storytime, Reconciliation Week Assembly, Year 6 High School transition, Kindy health checks, reports and parent teacher interviews. It’s no wonder we are all feeling a little weary!

Thank you to the entire community for your understanding and flexibility around the Athletics Carnival. The weather is the hardest predictor to gauge and, knowing that your support of Emma Burriss and the team is there as we make decisions to go ahead or not, is greatly appreciated. The carnival will now be held, weather permitting, on Wednesday, 21 July (Week 2).

I am excited to say that after a little bit of toing and froing the outdoor space attached to the Strawberries classroom is going to be expanded. The fence will be moved to incorporate the beautiful trees, thus making the space more than 2 times bigger. We also hope that the inclusion of a sandpit, path and some new equipment will make the space far more engaging and useable for the students. Huge thanks to our new Business Manager for working hard to make this happen.

Next term sees a few staffing changes at Mount Rogers. Executive Teacher Brendan Carswell has decided to return to the classroom. He will take on a teaching role across Year 5/6 next term. I would like to thank Brendan for his support and work in his Executive role. An acting Executive Teacher role has been advertised to backfill this position within the school for Term 3, the person who has won this role will be announced in the first newsletter next term. Aleesha Boye is leaving us today as she awaits the arrival of Baby Boye - we wish Aleesha all the best and can’t wait to hear who has arrived! Paul Kelly will return to the Year 5/6 Limes after taking time off after the arrival of Baby Henry. Huge thanks to Mike McGuiness for stepping into the role. Mike is not going far - he will continue to support the Year 3/4 and 5/6 teams next term.

Lastly congratulations to our own Angela Donaldson (Executive Teacher) who last week played touch football for the NSW State of Origin Women’s 40s team. The team won! Go the Blues!

I wish the entire community a restful holiday break, take some time to do something with those you love - read a book together, go to the park together, ride a bike together, complete a puzzle together, play a game together, cook together or my favourite, have a pyjama day together!

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 bread topping

EGG as egg sandwiches or boiled

REMINDERS

25 June	Free Dress & Beanie Day <i>Gold coin donation</i>
25 June	Last day – Term 1
12 July	First day – Term 2
19 July	P&C Meeting 7:30pm
21 July	Track & Field Carnival
23 July to 8 Aug	Step into the Limelight Art Exhibition at M16 Artspace, Griffith
26 July	Year 6 Combined Band at Mount Rogers Primary

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

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY

For all Canteen enquiries - Ph 6142 2760

www.flexischools.com.au

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DAY

For Years 1 to 6

Rescheduled to Wednesday, 21 July

Watch this space for a Canteen special lunch offer for our rescheduled Athletics Carnival.

**Think ahead to avoid busy Fridays.
Order in advance!**

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTO) SEMESTER 1 2021



Parent/Carer Teacher interviews are being held 21-25 June (Week 10) for Kindergarten to Year 6 students.

Interviews are 10 minute duration.

If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange a suitable time.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUP ORDERS

There are an unusually large number of books on back order for recent orders. This indicates that they currently don't have any stock in their warehouse.

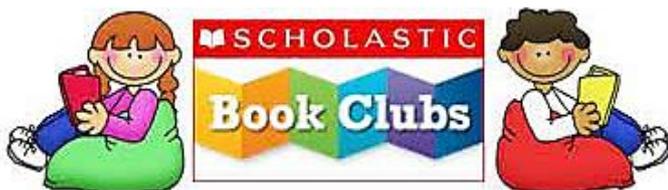
If you have not yet received your order, please wait a little longer - Scholastic Bookclub will send them as soon as possible.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Thank you.

Deb Lees

Teacher Librarian



MT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Track & Field Carnival

Poor weather meant that our Track and Field Carnival could not go ahead as planned due to very soggy conditions at the Charnwood Playing Fields.



**Rescheduled to Term 3 - Week 2
Wednesday, 21 July 2021**

ENROLMENTS FOR 2022 SCHOOL YEAR ARE NOW OPEN



Offers of placement:

- Enrolment applications received by 5pm 4 June 2021 will receive an offer from 26 July.
- Enrolments applications received after 4 June will receive an offer later in the year.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS FRIDAY – 25 JUNE



FREE DRESS and BEANIE DAY

Alongside our movie afternoon for our celebration of our PBL focus of BAA!



When: Friday the 25 of June Last day of School!

Bring a gold coin donation

Wear a beanie!



It's a no uniform kind of day!



We are raising money for the Cancer Foundation!

So bring a gold coin donation.

eSAFETY PARENT WEBINARS TERM 3

Webinars for parents and carers

Join one of our free webinars for parents and carers.

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safe online.

All sessions are delivered by eSafety's expert education and training team.



eSafety's parent guide to popular apps

Learn how to help young people safely use popular apps including TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube.

This webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8-13.

It will cover:

- an explanation of the popular apps used by young people
- case studies, research, and targeted advice
- ways you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

REGISTER NOW →

Dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Monday 16 August 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Tuesday 31 August 7.30 to 8.30 pm

To register for the eSafety Parent Webinars go to:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1521578272517430029>

FAMILY BINGO

 FREE SPACE!	 SHOW A FUNNY VIDEO TO SEE WHO GETS THE LOWEST LAUGHS	 PLAY AN ONLINE GAME AS A FAMILY TO LEARN ABOUT THE GAMES AND APPS THEY LIKE TO PLAY	 FREE SPACE!
 MAKE A VIDEO CALL TO A LOVED ONE. AFTER THE CALL, TALK ABOUT PEOPLE THEY COULD TURN TO IF THEY NEED HELP	 COMPLETE THE 'STAY SAFE ONLINE ACTIVITY BOOK'. YOU CAN FIND IT AT THINKKNOW.ORG.AU	 TAKE A BREAK FROM TECHNOLOGY! READ A BOOK OR TRY SOME ARTS AND CRAFTS	 TAKE A FUN FAMILY SELFIE AND TALK ABOUT WHAT TYPES OF PHOTOS ARE APPROPRIATE
 COMPLETE A THINKKNOW FAMILY ACTIVITY AT THINKKNOW.ORG.AU	 FIND A PLACE TO STORE YOUR FAMILY'S MOBILE PHONES AND DEVICES WHEN YOU ARE NOT USING THEM	 TALK ABOUT WHAT TO SAY AND DO IF SOMEONE MAKES THEM UNCOMFORTABLE ONLINE	 WATCH A LIVE STREAM OF A ZOO OR AQUARIUM AND TALK ABOUT LIVESTREAMING BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES
 FREE SPACE!	 LEARN SOMETHING NEW! TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF A MUSEUM OR GALLERY	 MAKE YOUR OWN TRIVIA! SEARCH FOR 5 INTERESTING FACTS AND GUESS IF THEY'RE TRUE OR FALSE	 FREE SPACE!

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE TO COUNTER CHILD EXPLOITATION
ACCC.GOV.AU
THINKKNOW.ORG.AU

THINK UP KNOW

Important reminder

PARK SAFELY & LEGALLY NEAR OUR SCHOOL

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on verges, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.

More information is available on the Transport Canberra website.



Kippax Kids

Holiday Happenings

for Primary aged children

presented at

Kippax Uniting Community Centre

Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)

10 am - 2 pm

Thursday 1st & 8th July 2021

Different craft, games, stories and activities each day

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more in a family (covers craft, morning tea and drinks).

BYO lunch and hat. Do not attend if unwell.

Bookings essential - 6254 1733

An activity of Kippax Uniting Church



This is a Covid Aware event

UnitingCare Kippax
Caring locally, building community

CULTURAL INTEGRITY MESSAGES

Yuma students, families and community.

Visible Culture at Mt Rogers

The staff Cultural Integrity Team will be focusing on updating and enhancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visible culture in our school with Cultural Integrity Coordinator, Leah Brideson. We are fortunate to have Leah working with us until the end of this year. Leah is also a Contemporary Aboriginal Artist and will be supporting the Cultural Integrity Team to work with students and community in this journey.

The first project is to remove the 'snake' painted on the pathway at the entrance of the school. This artwork has faded significantly and unfortunately is culturally inappropriate. If you have any questions or concerns about the removal of this artwork, please contact Leah (details below). In time, another culturally appropriate artwork will feature at the front of the school.

Leah will be working with a student group to create a mural on the preschool wall behind the bush garden. Leah will mentor students and support them through the process to create an aerial view map of features in the bush garden. We will also be purchasing new signage for the bush garden that includes QR codes linking to information about the native plants, which will enhance student learning and respect for the garden.

After the holidays, you will notice a change to the corridor outside the hall. This hallway will become an important space to showcase and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

NAIDOC Week

This year, NAIDOC Week falls in the second week of the school holidays, 4-11 July. NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee. The theme for NAIDOC this year is 'Heal Country, Heal Our Nation' which calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage. Click the blue links for more information about the [theme](#) and the [history of NAIDOC](#).

As a whole school, we will be celebrating NAIDOC throughout all of Term 3 with activities, workshops and On Country walks.

We will keep you up to date with our learning and celebrations through the newsletter, Seesaw and Facebook.

Here are some events you can attend with your children and family during NAIDOC week (click blue links for more information):

[Canberra Community NAIDOC Week Event](#)

Woden Town Square

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 - 10:45 to 14:00

Enjoy musicians, art workshops, stalls, yummy food and guest speakers.

[NAIDOC in the North](#)

Exhibition Park

Saturday, July 10, 2021 - 10:30 to 14:30

A big celebration hosted by the Belconnen Arts Centre including artists talks, music, food and kids activities.

[National Arboretum](#)

Several craft workshops are on at the Arboretum during NAIDOC week. See their website for details.

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If you have any questions, concerns or wonderings about our Cultural Integrity journey, please contact Leah Brideson – leah.brideson@ed.act.edu.au Yaluu

Leah and the Cultural Integrity Team



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Kamilaroi Yinarr – Kamilaroi Woman

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
5 Selected students	Year 5 Band	Now	\$230/year
1 - 6	Athletics Carnival Rescheduled - 21 July	Friday 25 June	\$8/student
1/2	Excursion - National Zoo & Aquarium	Wed 28 July	\$25/student

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
- Online payment facility via website
- EFTPOS – at school 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 per child

Payment can be made by:

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

Thank you for your support

Help us name a dedicated online youth mental health portal and **win for your school!**



- We're developing a dedicated online portal for children and young people to help navigate Canberra's mental health system and supports. It's also available to help parents, carers and service providers link up with existing services and supports.

Just send us your suggestion for a name and a few words about why you chose it.

You can enter solo, as a team or school.

The competition opens Tuesday 15 June and closes COB Wednesday 30 June.

Send your entries to OfficeForMHW@act.gov.au

The winning entry will be selected by the ACT Youth Advisory Committee.



health.act.gov.au

The winning entry will receive a **\$100 gift voucher** and a prize for your school.



FUN WITH FRIENDS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Communities@Work July School Holiday Programs are open for bookings. The **Daily Highlights** (program calendars) with a list of activities for each program location will be available next week on their website. The programs will be running weekdays over the July school holidays from 7.30am to 6pm every day and focus on fun.

Expect lots of fun incursions, activities, and excursions these holidays, including trips to the movies, an artificial intelligence workshop, active sports and play and more!

Communities@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 details of program locations, dates, activity list, enrolment information and more.