



# Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 13

10 NOVEMBER 2021

TERM 4 WEEK 6

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Week 6 - Term 4 it is! My heart was full last week as I was finally able to welcome our year 3, 4 & 5 students back to school. As they say, 'absence makes the heart grow fonder' and this was definitely the feeling I had. I am now doing my best to get around the school, a different cohort and/or playground each day in a very COVID safe way, so that I can say hi and check in with students across the school.

A few great things occurred in the school last week. Our year 5 & 6 bands were able to rehearse in the hall once again. Even though a few students need to get back into the routine of remembering their instruments, both bands sound fabulous.

Our year 5 students who are interested in running for School Captain 2022 gave their initial speeches to a panel comprised of our current School Captains, Mr Archibald and our new Executive Teacher for Year 5/6 Mrs Mongan. Nominees were asked to speak about their leadership qualities, how they demonstrate our RISE expectations and how they are effective communicators and proactive problem solvers. The panel used the 2022 School Captain Nomination Rubric to help evaluate the merits of each speech. Eight students have made it through and will present their speeches to years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and me later this week. All year 5 students will also have the opportunity to nominate for 2022 House Captains a little later this term.

Last week, Liz Marman and I participated in some training around what would happen if a COVID case made its way into our school. After completing the training, I am 100% confident that ACT Health and the Education Directorate have everything in hand. I have provided a number of documents to the Directorate, including maps of the school and our playground areas, as well as which staff are working with which cohorts and a list of essential visitors who come to the school (eg therapists, sanitary bins ladies).

As messaged, please remember ACT Health advice states that:

*Children and staff members who present with COVID-like symptoms must not attend an ACT school and should stay home and get tested. Students and staff should stay at home until they receive a negative result and are no longer symptomatic. If there are medical reasons that exist that mimic COVID symptoms (eg hayfever) a letter from your GP is required.*

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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, vege chips, tahini, as bread topping

**EGG** as egg sandwiches or boiled

## REMINDERS

15 Nov	Cancelled - Christian Education in School Program
24 Nov	2022 Preschool Information Session – Virtual presentation
1 Dec	2022 Kindergarten Information Session – Virtual presentation
10 Dec	Reports home
17 Dec	Last day Term 4

*Don't forget ...*

**WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS**

## TERM DATES

Term 4	5 October – 17 December
<b>2022</b>	
Term 1	31 Jan/1 Feb – 8 April
Term 2	26 April – 1 July
Term 3	18 July – 23 September
Term 4	10 October – 16 December

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM continued

Can I please gently remind parents and carers to please complete the 2021 School Satisfaction survey. Click on the link to complete the survey.

[https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3pY9mos4i1T1tR4](https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3pY9mos4i1T1tR4)

The purpose of the survey is to gain insight from families about their experience of school at Mount Rogers. Staff and students in years 4, 5 & 6 complete the survey as well. It is very important to me that I get your feedback, survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school. Please remember that there has been so much more to 2021 than just COVID and lockdown. The survey closes on Friday, 12 November.

Planning for 2022 is moving along very well, albeit quickly! I have been working closely with my executive team and all teachers, to begin looking at classes, classrooms and teachers for next year. We are also planning to run our *Moving Up Morning* in Week 11.

Our 2022 class postcards are being designed for students to take home later in the year. They help students to remember who their teacher is for next year, and for you to have their email address over the summer holidays. In 2022 all classes will be named after things that live in oceans and waterways, both real and fictional.

My Business Manager, Lyn O'Keeffe, and I are also working closely on the 2022 school budget. Our new School Improvement Plan, which will be officially launched early in Term 1, is helping drive our planning here. Aside from all the usual running of a school costs, we are looking into ways to budget for IT resources for both staff and students, as well as an upgrade to some existing infrastructure, including the ramp at the front doors of the school.

Thank you for your continued support, especially around gate drop off and pick up, safe parking habits and not using the front of school carpark.

Warm wishes

Felicity Levett (Principal)

## UPCOMING

### Virtual INFORMATION SESSIONS For 2022 Preschool & Kindergarten

Preschool – Wednesday, 24 November 2021

Kindergarten – Wednesday, 1 December 2021

**The link for these events will be emailed to participating families on the day.**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY Thursday, 11 November

Our classes will be commemorating Remembrance Day on Thursday via live stream throughout the school.

This will be followed by some sharing of works done to understand this day.

**The live stream will be recorded and shared with the community following the event.**

Mel Mongan  
Executive Teacher



## MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

OPEN

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

For all Canteen enquiries - Ph 6142 2760

[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

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

Celebrating student birthdays at  
Primary School & Preschool

Unfortunately, shared food is NOT permitted at school due to the current COVID restrictions.

Please do not bring in treats for your child to share with their classmates.

This includes cupcakes, lolly bags, ice blocks.



## 2021 SCHOOL SATISFACTION & CLIMATE SURVEY

Closes 12 November 2021

The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online until **Friday, 12 November**. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

Survey link:

[https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3pY9mos4i1T1tR4](https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3pY9mos4i1T1tR4)

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish and Telugu. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the school office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.



For more information, visit:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON BETTER PLACES TO PLAY!

Calling Canberra kids and parents! You can now have your say on the future of play spaces in the ACT. The draft ACT Play Space Strategy sets the direction for the future of our play spaces to make sure they are happy, healthy, inclusive and sustainable.

Canberra has among the highest number of play spaces per capita of all Australian cities, with over 500 owned and managed by the ACT Government, and we want to make sure they keep getting better as our city changes and grows.

The ACT Government is also currently seeking feedback on a proposed new play space and recreation park for the inner north, to provide a wider range of outdoor recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities. To learn more and provide feedback, visit [YourSay](#).



Both consultations close 14 December 2021.



### FUN WITH FRIENDS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Communities at Work Summer School Holiday Programs are open for bookings. The programs will be running weekdays over the summer school holidays from 7.30am to 6pm every day and focus on fun.

Visit their website to get all the scoop on dates, activities and more.

Expect lots of fun incursions, activities, and excursions these holidays, including trips to the movies, fun at the Canberra Olympic pool, water play, active sports, circus games... and more!

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](http://www.commsatwork.org/shp) for details of program locations, dates, activity list, enrolment information and more.

### ATTENTION PRESHCOOL PARENTS!

Do you enjoy reading with your child?

- ❖ We are looking for volunteers to participate in our study examining the role of reading experiences on preschooler's learning
- ❖ Located at our specially designed children's SPLAT lab at the University of Canberra & sessions typically last 60 minutes
- ❖ Parents and children will be recorded engaging in book reading
- ❖ Children will play some fun, game-based activities while parents complete a questionnaire
- ❖ Participants receive a \$10 gift card and choice of toy
- ❖ Sessions resuming soon (after lockdown) sign up now!
- ❖ Register your interest by going to our website [splatlab.com.au](http://splatlab.com.au) or emailing [serc@canberra.edu.au](mailto:serc@canberra.edu.au)

   
Spatial Play, Learning, & Teaching Lab

# Reminders

## EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
2022 K - 6	Classroom Resources		\$90/student
2021 Pre - 6	Voluntary Contribution Preschool \$200 Primary \$100 / \$150		See below

**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 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*

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

# RISE



The ACT Women's Return to Work (RTW) Grants Program supports women who have been out of the workforce for an extended period onto pathways to employment. Successful applicants can access a \$1,000 grant which can be used for a range of activities and resources including:

- education and training fees;
- educational expenses like textbooks computers/software and transport to courses/study; or
- work-related expenses like clothing, uniforms and equipment, and childcare.

[Click here to find out more about the Return to Work Grant](#) and apply online!

### Free Workshops for Women Returning to Work

*Are you a mature aged woman seeking employment?*  
The Women 50+ - Reclaiming your Mojo workshop is for older women, with a focus on supporting women to recognise, and have confidence in, re-marketing their skills and recognising their transferable skills. The workshops will run once a week, over four weeks and will also include a post workshop catch up and one-on-one mentoring sessions as a follow up to the workshops. Starting February 2022.

*Have you thought about starting your own business but don't know where to start?*  
The Exploring Pathways and Relationships to Self-Employment workshops, will cover the knowledge and steps required to register and maintain a small business, as well as develop relationship and networking skills. These workshops will run once a week for three weeks. Starting early 2022.

To register for the workshops or if you have a question about the Return to Work Program, contact:

**Phone:** 6205 2885  
(Women's Return to Work Grants Coordinator)

**Email:** [RTW@act.gov.au](mailto:RTW@act.gov.au)