



FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,



It has been the most wonderful day for our Kindy students here at Mount Rogers - they have celebrated 100 days at school. This celebration was slightly later in the year than normal due to COVID, but it certainly did not dampen the celebrations. Children and teachers came to school with 100 items attached to their clothing, we had 100 pom poms, 100 stickers, 100 flowers and even 100 centimetres. Throughout the morning students explored the number 100 in lots

of different ways; they used giant 10 frames and dice to race to 100, they timed how long it would take to write 100 words, made towers using 100 unifix cubes and they decorated headbands with 100 objects. To finish the celebration, they enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch cooked by our wonderful Daryl. Congratulations Kindy!

Please support the school by completing the annual School Satisfaction Survey. You should have received an email with a link to the survey from EDU Surveys & Evaluation and an access code for each of your children. We would really appreciate you taking the time to complete the surveys as your feedback is extremely important to our school improvement journey. If you haven't received an email, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/y6y8owmj>. The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete and you can access it from any mobile device until Monday, 31 August 2020. Your participation is voluntary, but we do hope you will help.

For further information please contact our School Satisfaction Coordinators:

- Sarah Schipilow - sarah.schipilow@ed.act.edu.au or
- Angela Donaldson - angela.donaldson@ed.act.edu.au

A reminder about bike and scooter safety in and around school. If you ride your bike or scooter to school, including adults who ride with their children to school, you must always remember to walk your bike or scooter on school grounds. As soon as you enter the school grounds through a gate, please hop off your bike or scooter and push it to the bike enclosure, located near the Kindy classrooms. In the afternoon please do the opposite and only get on your bike once you have exited through a gate. At all times, please make sure you have your helmet on your head. Last week there was a near miss with a student on a bike and a grandparent with a pram just after 3pm, which caused the pram to tip. Thank you for your support with this.

A reminder also that no dogs are allowed on school grounds. This includes dogs on leads and tying a dog to the school fence.

Don't forget that Friday is Pyjama Day! To celebrate that we are doing a fabulous job following our PBL RISE expectations – Respectful, Inclusive, Safe and Engaged, we thought it was just the right weather and time of the term to all stay in our PJs for the day.

Felicity Levett
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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 a bread topping

EGG as egg sandwiches or boiled

REMINDERS

28 Aug	PBL Pyjama Day
31 Aug	Last day - Online School Satisfaction & Climate Survey
31 Aug	Christian Education in Schools CEIS – for participating students only
7 Sept	P&C Meeting 7:30pm All welcome
14 Sept	ROUND 2 2021 Preschool Offers of Placement emailed to applicants www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school/education

TERM DATES

Term 3	20 July – 25 September
Term 4	12 October – 18 December

BREAK TIMES

Break 1	10:30am to 11:10am
Break 2	Eating time:
	12:40pm-12:50pm
	Playground:
	12:50pm-1:30pm

KINDERGARTEN

100 Days Celebration



2020 SCHOOL SATISFACTION & CLIMATE SURVEY

Closes this Friday - 31 August 2020

Parents/Carers: Want to help improve our school?

Over 105 parents and carers have already completed the *2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* but for the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, **we need as many of you as possible to complete the survey before 31 August.**

If you cannot locate the unique survey link sent to you on Monday 10 August (your child's name and school will be in the first line of the email) or did not receive one, please use this link to take the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/y6y8owmj>. You will need to have your child's Student ID handy. To complete the survey for a second child, simply click on the link again.

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For more information, visit:

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



Thank you in anticipation of your time.

Thanks to all our families who have completed the survey - your feedback is appreciated.

Sarah Schipilow and Angela Donaldson

Reminder

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS/CARERS

Canberra Health Services is offering a **targeted kindergarten health check** concentrating on **vision and hearing.**

These health checks are performed in clinics at the City Health Centre (Mondays and Fridays) and there will be appointments most days in the school holidays.

An appointment can be made by phoning the Central Intake Line on 5124 9977.

PYJAMA DAY

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

Celebrating our PBL Program **R I S E**

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



Students may wear:

pyjamas, dressing gowns & onesies

Please note:

No slippers please. To ensure student safety, normal school shoes must be worn.

All classes have revisited our non-classroom setting RISE expectations. These settings include playground, walkways, toilets, hall, front office, canteen, bike rack, corridors, equipment, sandpit, library and cyberspace.

We use common language and short positive language such as 'hands and feet to self' and 'right place, right time' to teach and remind students of expected behaviours while at school.

We can't wait to see all the snuggly PJs on Friday!

From the PBL Team

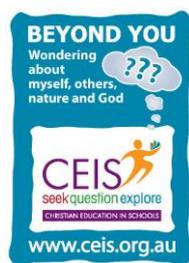


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Term 3 – Monday, 31 August

Only students with permission will attend. Please see the office if you would like to add your child's name to the current attendance list.

For more information go to
www.ceis.org.au/yes



HEAD LICE - **Please be vigilant!**



To help prevent the spread of head lice in our school would you **please check your child's hair REGULARLY** – maybe once a week.

If head lice are found please treat them and notify the office so action can be taken to help prevent it spreading. Once treatment has been carried out, children are able to return to school.

Upcoming Event



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday 21 October 2020

It is that time of year again, when "The Children's Book Council of Australia" announce the winners of the CBCA awards. To help celebrate, Mount Rogers will be having a Dress Up Day and a costume parade. Come to school dressed as your favourite book character, or create your own character based on the 2020 theme: "CURIOUS CREATURES WILD MINDS"

When: Wednesday 21 October 2020

Time: 9:00am including a parade in the hall

What to do: Wear a creative costume based on a book character (if possible, bring along the book your character is from to carry during the parade).

Please note:

Safe props are encouraged, but will remain inside during break times. Please also remember to wear playground appropriate footwear.

Unfortunately...

Due to COVID restrictions parents/carers/family members will be unable to attend this event



Tuesday 15 September 2020

7-8 pm

webinar

Transition to school

Tips and resources for parents supporting children who are starting school or preschool

Parents and carers are invited to hear about the research supporting transitions, and ways to help prepare children and families for starting school or preschool.

A resource kit will be available

To register (or request resources):

Facebook - ACT Council of P&C Associations

or phone: 02 6241 5759

Presented by the P&C Council and the ACT Education Directorate.



ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations

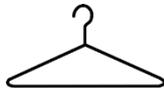
MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP

All proceeds go to our school

**Has your child outgrown some of their
school uniform items?**

Please consider donating them to the
Recycled Uniform Shop.

From time to time we need a change
of clothes for students.



We urgently need boys/girls long trousers in all sizes!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY Wednesday, 9 September 2020



**Individual student order forms
were sent home recently.
All orders are now online.**

**Do you require a photo envelope for a SECOND
PARENT?**

- Collect an envelope from the school office.
- Contact MSP (ph 6255 9208 or canberra.office@msp.com.au) to obtain your shootkey.
- Use this shootkey to order online.
- Online orders will close 3 days after photo day.
- All orders after this date will incur a \$10 late fee.

Do you require a FAMILY/SIBLING photograph?

- Please collect an envelope from the front office asap.
- Payment for family/sibling photos is by cash, credit or cheque only. Return your envelope with payment on photo day.
- **Only children who present a family/sibling order form to the photographer on photo day will have their family/sibling photo taken.**

Please note

This year, following online ordering, your
child's **INDIVIDUAL** photo order form is
NOT required to be returned to school.



**Mount Rogers
Primary School**



**Bandits
Baseball Club**

**REGISTRATIONS
OPENING SOON**

**T-Ball and Baseball
Ages 4 and up
Junior, Women's and
Senior (Open) Teams**

Come and Try Day – 13 September
11am-2pm at Aranda playing fields
See website for details – all welcome!

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contact@actbandits.com.au
www.facebook.com/ACTBanditsBaseball



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Reminder

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

DOG PROHIBITED AREAS

Dogs, except for assistance dogs
with permits, are not to be taken
on to the grounds of a child-care
centre, preschool or primary
school.

On the spot fines can be issued for
the above offences.

For more information please go to
ACT Government website:

<https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/city-living/recreation/recreation-with-my-dog>



**No dogs except
assistance dogs**

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE PAYMENT
K - 6	2020 Classroom Resources	\$90/student
Pre - 6	2020 Voluntary Contribution (Preschool \$200; Primary \$100)	See below
Yr 6 Band	2020 IMP Band Fees <u>Bank details:</u> BSB: 032777 Acct 001682 Ref: BAND Child's Name	\$230 or balance owing

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

2020 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 2020.

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & Resources19*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

Thank you for your support

2020 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 <u>per child</u>

Payment can be made by:

- Cash / cheque
- Direct Deposit BSB: 032-777 Account 001682
(enter *child's name & VolCons20*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

Thank you for your support

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD EARLY?

Unless it is an emergency, please telephone office staff at least 30 mins prior to the pick-up time so your child can be collected from their classroom to meet you at the office at the required time.

An email or note to your child's teacher is also a great way to notify the school of an early pick-up.

This 30 mins provides office staff with adequate time to collect your child, especially when they are not in their classroom. It may also allow time for your child to finish class activities. During break times it also takes a little longer to locate children on the playground.

Parents are not permitted to collect children from the classroom – please wait at the office. This will also ensure that your child's attendance is accurately recorded.

SUPPORT FOR CANBERRANS TO CONNECT DURING COVID-19

In a year that has tested all aspects of Canberra's wellbeing, we have been reminded of our responsibilities to each other and the power of community. The Community Services Directorate has developed the Wellbeing Calls Service and Connect in Canberra website to keep the community informed and connected through COVID-19.

The Wellbeing Calls Service is provided by the Australian Red Cross and is available to all ACT residents who would like to register for a free phone call to feel more connected and less isolated. You can call the service on 02 6234 7630 between 8am and 4pm weekdays or register for a call by completing the CSD SmartForm found on the Community Services [website](#). On [the Connect in Canberra](#) website, you can access a range of support services including emergency food relief and visit sections on Supporting Our Neighbours (including a Know Your Neighbour card), Online Safety, Health and Wellbeing, Activities Hub, Kids Corner, What's On and a Community Activities Pack.

STRANGER SAFETY MESSAGE

This is a reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the AFP website section on [Child Safety](#) for tips. In addition, the [Safety4Kids](#) is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The [Constable Kenny website](#) also has a number of tips for parents.

The school and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue.

Contact: schooloperations@act.gov.au

Ph: [620 53313](tel:62053313)

A message from

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



In the ACT there are 88 public schools, over 49,000 public school students and around 3,800 educators. But of course, I understand that for each of us as parents, the most important school is the school our children go to. That's why I want to make sure that every public school is a great school.

The ACT Government is upgrading and expanding public schools to make sure that learning environments are accessible and sustainable.

The government is committed to ensuring that every public school has the infrastructure to support high-quality education and that's why the government has been investing more than \$115 million to upgrade public schools right across the Territory.

Here at Mount Rogers Primary School the government has provided:

- an upgrade of the phone system to a modern digital network, including new phones, servers and an uninterruptable power supply for emergencies;
- upgrades to IT infrastructure and data connection to improve internet connectivity across the school;
- greater thermal comfort across a variety of areas in the school, such as solar-reflective window tinting in classrooms and new cooling systems in the sickbay and library;
- upgrades to school administration area
- a carpark upgrade including new solar lights; and
- renovations to a space for small group learning including entry ramp, stairs and minor roof rectifications.

Irrigation work at Spence Preschool and the supply and installation of a new storage shed have also been completed as part of the ACT Government's \$35 million fast track stimulus program to support local businesses and keep Canberrans employed.

Every child and family has a place in ACT public schools regardless of their background or life circumstances. That's why this investment into public school infrastructure goes beyond just the basic things that allow learning and teaching to take place. The ACT Government invests in public schools to make sure that every student has what they need to be included, and to learn and develop their interests, passions and life skills.

The ACT Government has upgraded heating and cooling systems, reducing polluting emissions and making temperatures comfortable and conducive to learning in over 40 older public schools across Canberra.

The government also provided 4,000 Chromebooks to schools at the beginning of this school year and a further 3,000 Chromebooks and 500 iPads were purchased for use during the COVID-19 pandemic to assist with remote learning.

Schools have seen upgraded classrooms, toilets, libraries, canteens and bike shelters, as well as gardens, landscaping and playground areas in schools to make sure that these spaces are positive and accommodating.

As Canberra grows, the government is making sure that schools grow with it. Every child has the right to access education and the ACT Government is making sure that this right is equally ensured for every young person.

Yvette Berry MLA
