



# Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 1

3 FEBRUARY 2021

TERM 1 WEEK 1

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Hooray, the 2021 school year has begun!

It has been so wonderful welcoming students and families back to school over the last two days. I trust everyone has had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer holiday break.

All staff returned last week for two professional learning days; the first on our continuing PBL journey (RISE Expectations), the second was all about the importance of play. You may notice some new pallet structures the staff built during this day in our playgrounds in the coming weeks. It turns out it is not just our Daryl who is handy on the power tools!

Teachers also spent time last week planning in their teams for the first 2 weeks of school and setting up their classrooms. This year all classes are named after fruits and vegetables in recognition of UNESCO's International Year of Fruits and Vegetables.

In staff news I would like to welcome the following people to the amazing Mount Rogers team:

Toni Pfiesser	Executive teacher (SLC)	Kindergarten
Brendan Carswell	Executive teacher (SLC)	Year 5/6
Karen Novak	Year 1/2	Kurrajong
Andrea Rowley	Year 5/6	Star Fruit
Leah Brideson	Cultural Integrity Coordinator (Semester 1)	

Our kindergarten and preschool students had a wonderful first day of school on Monday (Melba and Flynn Preschools) and Wednesday (Spence Preschool). The Kindy students looked fabulous in their school uniforms and were very grown up carrying their own bags down to their classrooms. They spent their first day getting to know each other and creating fabulous artworks based on the fruit class names. Our preschool students particularly enjoyed getting to know the outdoor spaces at preschool.

A special thank you to our 2021 School Captains Annika, Annabel, Kelsie, Otayga and Owen for their support welcoming our Kindy students and their families to school on Monday morning - they did a fantastic job!

Our year 1 to 6 students arrived on Tuesday morning raring to go. I was beyond excited to finally welcome the whole school back to school. Thank you for your support and patience as I welcomed everyone and then got all 26 classes in to start the day. Morning lines will continue every morning for the first 2 weeks of school and then revert to happening on Mondays only from Monday, 15 February.

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## DIRECTORY

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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

8 Feb	School Board Nominations open (revised date)
13 Feb	Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations
22 Feb	School Board Nominations close at 11am
Week 3	Information Sessions – more information coming soon
Week 4	<i>Getting to Know You</i> Interviews – more information coming soon
8 Feb	P&C Meeting 7:30-9:30pm <i>All welcome</i>
1 Mar	P&C Annual General Meeting 7-9:30pm – <i>All welcome</i>

## 2020 TERM DATES

Term 1	1/2 February – 1 April
Term 2	19 April – 25 June
Term 3	19 July – 17 September
Term 4	5 October – 17 December

## TERM 1 CALENDAR

*Coming soon*

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM continued

As I am sure you have noticed the second transportable is here and well positioned in the school. It is just about ready to go, however as I requested a fresh coat of paint both inside and out, given it is 3 years old, there has been a slight delay - worth it in the long run I am sure you will agree. The plan is that the Year 3/4 Avocados and Arugulas will move into their new spaces sometime in Week 3. Thank you for your support with this.

Yesterday we had a wonderful day at Dickson Aquatic Centre for our annual swimming carnival. While a carnival on the second day of school didn't sound ideal at first, it was an awesome way to bring the senior school together quickly and have lots of fun. The House Captains were brilliant getting their Houses cheering and involved. Thanks once again to Mrs Emma Burris for her coordination of the carnival both at the end of last year and over the last two weeks. You are a gem Emma!

In regard to *Home School Partnerships* and clear communication with parents, there are three things I would like to highlight to start the school year.

- Firstly, **all classroom teachers will be using the Seesaw App** again this year. Please keep an eye out for information from the class teacher regarding getting on board with this fabulous way to gain an insight into the learning that is happening in classrooms.
- Secondly, all year levels will be running an **Information Session in Week 3, either on the Tuesday night for Kindergarten & Years 1/2, or the Thursday night for Years 3/4 & 5/6.** The purpose of these sessions is for you to gain insight into things such as the weekly routines for the classes, who the other teachers are that teach a specialist subject to that year cohort and any other special information.
- Thirdly, our annual **Getting to Know You Interviews will be held in Week 4**, the week commencing Monday, 22 February. This is the week after Information Sessions. These interviews are designed so that you get to pass on information about your child to the class teacher. It is a fabulous way to build relationships with you as we start the year.

**Information about the Information Sessions and Getting to Know Interviews will be sent home next week.**

Can I remind you that the car park on Grainger Circuit is for STAFF ONLY. Please do not park in it or on the grass in and surrounding it. Late last year, damage to underground pipes caused by parking on the grass due to the weight of vehicles, was an expensive repair bill for the school. It is vital that the safety of all students

remains at the forefront of everyone minds, as you park anywhere around the school. So please park safely and legally.

In regard to COVID processes, we begin the year in a very similar way to the end of last year. **All visitors to the school MUST sign in on the school's COVID register at the office.**

This week as many of you are around dropping off and picking up to start the school year, I ask you to **please NOT enter the building unless absolutely necessary.** If you do, you will be asked if you have signed in at the office. Can I please remind and ask that if your child displays any symptoms (running nose, cough, temperature, sore throat or shortness of breath) to please keep them at home. The ACT Education Directorate is working to roll out the *Check In Canberra* App for use in schools, just as you use when visiting a café, restaurant or gym. I will let you know if this becomes available.

While many might say that they are glad that 2020 is over, I believe that 2020 was full of fabulous learnings, such as; we are a stronger together, schools are resilient places, and a smile goes a long way!

I look forward to learning and smiling with you throughout 2021.

Warm wishes,  
Felicity Levett  
Principal

## CULTURAL INTEGRITY COORDINATOR @ MT ROGERS

My name is Leah Brideson.

I am a Kamilaroi woman from the Gunnedah region. I was born and raised in Canberra, Ngunnawal Country, and am a mother of two children.

I am a Cultural Integrity Coordinator (CIC) and am based at Mount Rogers Primary School for Semester 1 in 2021.



***Please read my attached letter to find out more about my role at Mount Rogers Primary School.***

I love my job and am looking forward to the journey of supporting the school to build and embed Cultural Integrity over the next semester.



Yaluu,  
Leah Brideson  
Cultural Integrity Coordinator

*I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the ACT and their continuing connection to land and community. I pay my respect to them and their culture, and to the past, present and future Elders.*



## Mt Rogers Primary School SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

### *We want YOU for the Mount Rogers Primary School Board!*

If you are keen to contribute to the governance of Mount Rogers Primary School, you should nominate for a position on the Mount Rogers Primary School Board. No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions are vacant:

- Parent member – 2 positions  
(period of appointment 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023)
- P&C Association member – 1 position  
(period of appointment 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023)
- Staff member – 1 position  
(period of appointment 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023)

You can collect a nomination form from the Mount Rogers Primary School office during normal business hours (8:30am to 3:30pm - Monday to Friday), or request one be emailed.

**Nominations open at 11am on 8 February 2021 and must be submitted to the office at Mount Rogers Primary School by 11am, 22 February 2021.**

**Voting period opens – 1 March 2021**

**Voting period closes – 8 March 2021**

**Appointments commence – 1 April 2021**

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand deliver to –  
Mount Rogers Primary School  
Front Office, Alfred Hill Drive, Melba
- Email to –  
[info@mtrogers.act.ed.au](mailto:info@mtrogers.act.ed.au)
- Mail to –  
ARO, C/- Mount Rogers Primary School  
Alfred Hill Drive, Melba ACT 2615

For more information contact:

Assistant Returning Officer

Jenny McNaught – Ph 6142 2750



### POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS LEARNING (PBL) PROGRAM

- R espectful
- I nclusive
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- E ngaged



**2021**  
School banking day is  
**WEDNESDAY**

# 2021 CLASSES



## KINDERGARTEN – *Fruit Bowl*

WATERMELONS	Bronte Lalor
APPLES	Katrina Lees
GRAPES	Jodi Stoneman
PINEAPPLES	Kiah Ducie

## SMALL GROUP PROGRAM

STRAWBERRIES	Emma Miles & Kate Gilles
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## YEAR 1/2 – *Bush Tucker*

WARRIGALS	Eve Canonigo
ROSELLAS	Judy Byrnes & Tracey Exton
RIBERRIES	Janelle Strain
RUBY SALTBUSSH	Kalie Vandeburgt
MURNONG	Amarylise Bessey
SNOWBERRIES	Chloe Sheather
KAKADU PLUMS	Jodie Penyu & Paul Southwell
KURRAJONG	Karen Novak
WATERLILIES	Gay Parkinson & Tracey Exton

## YEAR 3/4 - *Salad*

ONIONS	Patrick Ormerod
AVOCADOES	Kimberley Griffiths & Emma Burriss
TOMATOES	Hayley Trees
KOHLRABI	Jenni Wittchen
CAPSICUMS	Sarah Harding
ARUGULA	Laura Andrezza

## YEAR 5/6 – *Tropical Fruits*

COCONUTS	Veronica Briggs
DRAGON FRUIT	Kris Archibald
LIMES	Paul Kelly
MANGOES	Daniel Bartlett
STAR FRUIT	Andrea Rowley

## MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



**THE HEALTHY HUT**  
**OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
Ph 6142 2760  
[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Welcome back to all our returning students and HELLO! to all our new students.

The *Healthy Hut* is open 5 days a week and provides healthy, homemade lunches and snacks for both breaks times every day. We are proudly operated by the MTRPS P&C so all profits are returned to the school and the students. The *Healthy Hut* is currently operating cashlessly **so all orders must be placed on Flexischools ([www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au))**, the order cut off time is 9.15am but remember you can always order the night before or even create a regular lunch order for the same day every week.

We are not selling anything over the counter at the moment. The cashless arrangements are in place for Term 1 and will be reviewed by the P&C on a term by term basis.

We are an allergy friendly canteen and use no NUTS, SESAME or SEAFOOD and serve no whole eggs (eggs are used in baking). We also offer a large range of gluten free options.

Please don't hesitate to give us a call if you have any other allergy or menu queries and we welcome volunteers. If are on Facebook please like the Mount Rogers P&C page for regular canteen updates and photos of our menu items.

Regards  
Kate, Steph & Corinne

### MOUNT ROGERS RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP (OPERATED BY THE P&C ASSOCIATION)

*All proceeds go to our school*

**Open MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:30-10:30am**

*Please note:*

**ALL payments are to be made at the canteen**

New bucket hats with our logo are available for sale at the Canteen (\$12 cash) or can be ordered online via [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).



Please consider donating uniform items to the Recycled Uniform Shop. Donations can be left at the office.

## STUDENT ABSENCES UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE TEXT MESSAGES

How to reply to a text message from our school?

If your child is absent from school and you receive an **Unexplained Absence text message**, would you please reply with the following information:

*(Insert CHILD'S FIRST and LAST NAME) from  
(insert child's YEAR and CLASS) is away (TODAY or OTHER  
DATES and TIMES if partial absence) due to (insert REASON)*

Some examples for absence reasons are:

Sick with the flu  
Vomiting - tummy bug  
Appointment with doctor/pediatrician/dentist  
Family holiday

This will ensure that your child's absence is recorded with accurate information.

The same information is helpful if you advise the school by telephone of an absence before the start of the school day.

### Important Reminders

#### PERMISSION NOTES FOR EXCURSIONS & EVENTS

Please return **ALL** permission notes, money or other notes to the school in an envelope or similar VIA YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER. Please do not take notes directly to the office.

**PAYMENTS FOR THE CANTEEN AND P&C** (eg special lunches) **MUST be in a SEPARATE envelope** – please do not combine payments with any other school event. These payments should be given to your child's teacher also.

#### DIRECT DEPOSIT

If you are using Direct Debit for payments to the School's bank account, it is **most important** that you include the following in the reference field.

- © Student LAST NAME and FIRST INITIAL
- © EXCURSION TITLE or OTHER REASON for deposit

After making an online deposit, please return the signed permission note or form the next day.

#### ENTERING THE SCHOOL

If you are entering the school building ANY WHERE at ANY TIME of the day you are **required to sign in/out at the office** as either a registered or unregistered volunteer or visitor.

#### LATE TO SCHOOL

If your child arrives in their classroom after 9am parents/carers are required to come into the school with your child to sign them in at the office. Your child will be given a *Late Pass* to hand to their teacher.

#### COLLECTING YOUR CHILD EARLY

If you need to take your child out of school before 3pm or for an appointment during the day, please contact the office at least 30 minutes 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. This will ensure staff coverage of the office is maintained, especially at busy times of the day. An email or note to your child's teacher the day before is also a great way to notify the school of an early pickup.

# P&C ASSOCIATION

All Welcome

## MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday 8 February 2021

Starting 7.30pm

Come and find out what is happening at the school including Felicity Levett (Principal) informative update. Get involved with a fundraising activity. Supper is provided in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Please come along and stay for as long or as short as your wish.

### P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 1 March 2021

Starting 7.00pm

Prior to the AGM, self-nominations are sought for positions on the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) as well as a range of other representative roles. Voting for these positions will be conducted at the AGM.

For information on any of the roles, or to obtain a nomination form, please don't hesitate to email [secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.mountrogerspandc@gmail.com)

## Important

### ALLERGY AWARENESS - ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening type of allergic reaction commonly caused by food allergies or insect bites/stings.

We have students with NUT, SESAME, FISH and EGG allergies in this school.

At Mount Rogers Primary School we do not provide, nor wish children to bring to school any:

**NO NUTS** all nuts and nut-based products (eg peanut butter, health bars, dried fruit mixes, snack packs, some biscuit varieties, some chocolates, pesto etc)

**NO EGGS** as boiled eggs or egg sandwiches

**NO FISH** including tuna, prawns etc

**NO SESAME** (eg hummus, health bars, vege chips, tahini, bread topping etc)



# Swimming Carnival

Wednesday, 3 February



TEACHERS  
winners!

VS  
STUDENTS

# Reminders

## EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

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

**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
- Direct Deposit (BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 – enter *child's name & Resources21*)
- EFTPOS – at front 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
- Direct Deposit BSB: 032-777 Account 001682 (enter *child's name & VolCons21*)
- EFTPOS – at front office

*Thank you for your support*

## ACT Education Directorate STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE & AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury disease or illness was sustained.

As there is not automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for student who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



ACT | TCC Transport Canberra

#Enforcement

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Christian Education in Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. Each school year the ACT Churches Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging 1 hour sessions.

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

For more information go to [www.ceis.org.au/yes](http://www.ceis.org.au/yes)