



# Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 17

21 SEPTEMBER 2022

TERM 3 WEEK 10

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

A very happy end to Term 3 to you all. A staff member said to me late last week that due to the pandemic this is the longest anyone has been at school for 2 years and for our youngest students, the longest they have ever been at school. It is no wonder that we are all feeling a little weary and ready for a couple of weeks where we are not getting up to get to school/work on time.

Spring is definitely in the air. Our Floriade Community Garden under the flag poles on Alfred Hill Drive, has just started bursting with colour. It is definitely worth a walk, ride or scooter past in the holidays. Thanks as always to Ms Stephens and Daryl for coordinating this for our students. And of course, to all the students who helped plant out the beds.

Planning for 2023 is well underway. I have meet with over 15 teachers from other schools right across the ACT who would love to come and work at Mount Rogers Primary School. As I work on the jigsaw of positions, classes, teachers, and classrooms I ask you to as always trust that I have the students at the centre of every decision I make. Early next term we will ask all students for some input into who they believe are good 'learning friends' for them as we build our 2023 classes.

Over the last two weeks we have had a number of wonderful events in our school. A huge thank you to all for your support of the Manta Rays with *Dress like a Pirate Day*. The students raised \$386 for childhood cancer research – great job. Last Friday our Year 6 students had their first taste of High School as they visited Melba Copland Secondary School. In small groups students got to have a go at drama, music, robotics, science, Spanish and woodwork - they had a great time. More formal transition visits occur next term. Our Year 5 band performed for their parents with the brass band from Florey Primary last week. They sounded amazing. I was super proud of them. Today was the traditional end of term Teacher vs Year 6 game – dodgeball. I am delighted to report that the teachers won!

The ACT Education Directorate has announced that there will be 2 school staff planning days in Term 4. Helpfully, both days are the 28th of the month – Friday, 28 October (week 3), and Monday, 28 November (week 8). Please note that the second of these days is a Monday.

Please keep an eye out early next term for information regarding some P&C Term 4 events – a Bunnings BBQ and a DISCO perhaps. I'm excited! Have a wonderful Spring break. I look forward to a fun Term 4 full of learning and laughter.

Warm wishes  
Felicity Levett - Principal

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**Canteen:** Closed until further notice

## 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

**Make every Tuesday a NUDE FOOD DAY**

22 Sep	National Day of Mourning - Schools <b>CLOSED</b>
23 Sep	Last day – Term 3
10 Oct	First day – Term 3
12 Oct	Yr 5/6 Incursion - Talking Money
13 Oct	Yr 5/6 Day Camp – B.Firm Outdoor Activity Centre
21 Oct	P&C School Disco
28 Oct	Whole School Staff Planning Day
28 Oct	MCSS Magellan STEM Program (participating students)

Healthy Hut Canteen  
CLOSED until further notice

## TERM DATES

Term 3	18 July – 23 September
Term 4	10 October – 16 December

## YEAR 5 BAND

The Florey Primary and Mount Rogers Primary School Bands came together at our school for a combined rehearsal in our school hall on 14 September. It is a great way for our band members to develop their skills with a larger group and other instruments.



### ACT Primary Concert IMP Band & ACT Primary Concert Choir APPLICATIONS FOR 2023 NOW OPEN

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking eligible students who may be interested in auditioning for one or more of these groups:

- **ACT Primary Concert Band** – Woodwind, brass and percussions players in Year 6 IMP Band Classes in ACT public schools in 2023.  
Audition applications close 14 November 2022
- **ACT Primary Concert Choir** – Vocalists in Years 4-6 in ACT public schools in 2023.  
Audition applications close 14 November 2022
- **How to apply for an audition**  
[http://www.imp.act.edu.au/our\\_ensembles/auditions](http://www.imp.act.edu.au/our_ensembles/auditions)  
<https://forms.gle?prGWpd8oh5jRy9YV6>

Naida Blackley – IMP Principal

*More information please contact:*  
Angela Kouparitsas – Mt Rogers Band Coordinator

## Reminder

### SCHOOLS CLOSED 22 SEPTEMBER FOR NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

A National Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II on 22 September 2022 will be a public holiday and schools will be closed.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to **Grace** on becoming a finalist at the ACT Australia – based Apprentice of the Year Awards on Thursday, 15 September.

Grace has been a part of Mount Rogers Primary School since 2021 where she has been working with the School Sports Coordinator to assist in Sports Administration, equipment acquisition, and planning for and performing break time sports sessions for students.

Grace is a valued member of the school, and her award reflects the hard work and dedication she brings to her position.

Congratulations Grace on your outstanding achievement.

Patrick Ormerod  
Sports Coordinator

**ALL SETTINGS**

**RESPECTFUL**  
Hands and feet to self  
Use respectful language  
Put rubbish in the bins

**INCLUSIVE**  
Include others  
Take turns

**SAFE**  
Right place, right time

**ENGAGED**  
Follow adult instructions

Mount Rogers Primary School

## Mount Rogers Primary School P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS



## NEW online safety for every family

The [‘Online safety for every family’ resources](#) will give parents and carers the confidence to talk with their children about online safety. The resources also have important links and information to help if something bad does happen online. The videos and advice sheets cover:

- Helping your family stay safe online
- Getting started with social media
- Safer online gaming
- Getting help when your child is being bullied online



Enjoy Floriade at  
Commonwealth  
Park during the  
holiday break

After a two-year hiatus, Australia’s Biggest Celebration of Spring returns to Canberra from this Saturday 17 September to Sunday 16 October.

See Commonwealth Park come to life with beauty, colour and vibrancy as over one million blooms create a stunning display during the month-long festival. Gates are open 9am – 5:30pm. Entry is free, some events are tickets. More information is available on [floriadeaustralia.com](http://floriadeaustralia.com)

Captivating gardening enthusiasts, horticulturalists, and flower fanatics, along with those who just appreciate the splendour of spring, Floriade celebrates flowers, music, art, food, wine and much more.

The theme this year is the *Sounds of Spring*, and visitors will be treated to a soundtrack of atmospheric instrumentals, classical and contemporary tunes set across three stages.



Come along  
and see one  
of our  
Mount Rogers  
Year 5  
students  
starring in this  
production.

Thank you  
**SPENCE GREENGROCER**

Thank you for providing much needed supplies to our Mount Rogers School community - your generosity is greatly appreciated. It’s a great place to get your morning coffee and those last-minute items.



# Reminders

## EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Classroom Resources		\$90/student
Selected Students	Yr 5 Band (2yr program)		\$230/year
5/6	Day Camp at B.Firm Outdoor Activity Ctr	22 Sep	\$100

*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 2022.

### Payment can be made by:

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

*Thank you for your support*

## 2022 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS Preschool & Primary School

Your voluntary contribution goes directly toward purchasing educational resources for students.

**Primary**      \$100 per year – 1 child  
                     \$150 per year – 2 or more children in family (primary site)

**Preschool**    \$200 per year – 1 child  
                     \$300 per year – 2 children in family (preschool site)

### Payment can be made by:

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

*Educational resources for students*

## Healthier Choices Canberra & Melba IGA

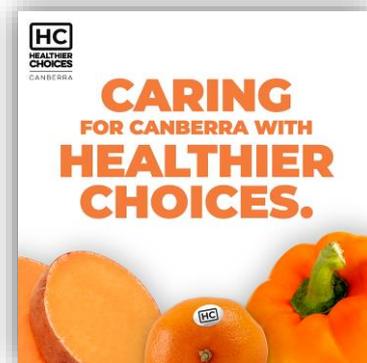
Healthier Choices Canberra is teaming up with Melba IGA to make healthier cooking easy and fun for families in our area!

From 12 September – 20 November, customers looking for easy and healthy recipes can simply scan the QR code at the entrance to Melba IGA, see what ingredients to grab while shopping, and simply follow the instructions in the app to cook up something for the whole family. A new recipe will be available every fortnight!

While you're in there, grab a colouring-in sheet for your kids and bring it in store for your chance to win a prize pack!

For more information on Healthier Choices Canberra head to

[www.health.act.gov.au/hcc](http://www.health.act.gov.au/hcc) or scan the QR code to check out our new app!



**SPRING HOLIDAY CRICKET CAMP**  
**3 - 5 OCTOBER 2022**

9:00am - 3:00pm (after-hours care available) | Reid Oval (Cnr Eureka St & Limestone Ave) | Suitable for ages 6-16 (groups within the program to be age appropriate)

**What's included?**

- A structured & enjoyable program with a wide variety of cricket drills, activities and games
- A fun, team-based learning environment
- Coaching that covers all aspects of the game including batting, fast and slow bowling, fielding, running between wickets, and wicketkeeping
- Technical, tactical & game sense tuition
- Qualified & experienced coaches

For more info, please contact Holly Halford-Smith on 0400125342 or [activeallsports@outlook.com](mailto:activeallsports@outlook.com)

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