



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 4

24 FEBRUARY 2021

TERM 1 WEEK 4

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families

It was lovely to see many of you last week at our *Year Level Information Session*. About a quarter of all families across the school attended and were able to hear about a typical week, who the other teachers are that teach their child/ren, and ask any questions. These sessions do form an important part of our communication process with families, as do our *Getting to Know You Interviews* which are happening across the school this week. Communication is important to me and as always is two way.

One question that was asked was regarding our take home reading program. This program allows students to take a book home from school to read with an adult to help encourage a love of books and reading, and to perhaps practise reading strategies too! Parents at this particular session heard me talk about the importance of not calling such books 'readers'. This can create negative connotations for students and families. Please remember the child is always the reader and the book is always a book!

Our Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a *Home Reading Workshop* on Monday, 1 March after Morning Lines in the Library. This workshop will unpack both how to support your child's reading progress at home as well as the logistics of our take home reading program.

Always remember, no matter what year level your child is in, READ, READ and READ SOME MORE with your child/ren; it is the best way to promote a love of reading. I still read regularly with my nearly 18 and 16 year old children - the books have changed a little since Primary School but the reading fun hasn't!

The process of creating our Year 5 Band is well underway. On Monday afternoon I announced to the cohort the 24 students who have been offered a place in the band. The Education Directorate's Instrumental Music Program (IMP) teachers help us in every step of this process. There are times when someone in the original group of 24 does not accept the offer of a place in band, and then we are able to offer a place to the next student on the list. The information session for parents/carers of students in the Year 5 Band will be held on Tuesday, 2 March at 8:30am in the Year 5/6 Mangoes classroom (Mr Bartlett).

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When preparing school lunches

DON'T FORGET...

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

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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

22-27 Feb	<i>Getting to Know You Interviews</i>
1 Mar	Home Reading Workshop for Kinder Parents/Carers 9:15am - Library
1 Mar	P&C Meeting incl AGM 7pm – <i>All welcome</i>
2 Mar	Year 5 Band Information Session for Parents/Carers of selected students 8:30am
5 Mar	Clean-Up Schools Day
12 Mar	Piggy Tail Hair Day – Fundraiser for RSPCA
17 Mar	Belconnen Swim Carnival at Stromlo Leisure Centre
19 Mar	Closing the Gap Day

2020 TERM DATES

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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM continued

Our first student lead fundraiser for the year, Piggy Tail Day, will be held on Friday, 12 March. Eleanor in Year 1, along with our School Captains and myself, would like to raise money for the RAPCA. All students and staff are encouraged to wear piggy tails or a pony tail in their hair, (if not a ribbon or two will do as well) and bring a gold coin donation for animals, including pigs, in need!

I am sad to let the Mount Rogers Community know that our Business Manager, Jenny McNaught, no longer works at Mount Rogers Primary School. The HR section in the Directorate is supporting me to find a replacement as soon as possible. We thank Jenny for her contribution and dedication to the community over the last 17 years and wish her well in the future.

Finally, a message for Year 5/6 parents/carer: Camp notes and deposit (or payment in full) are due this Friday, 26 February. Jindabyne Sport and Recreation need numbers so they can finalise staff, buses, food and beds – you know the important things! Please get notes back ASAP and don't forget to click on the link in the permission note to register with NSW Sport and Rec as well.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Warm wishes,
Felicity Levett - Principal



School Banking Day WEDNESDAY

Please note:

Following recent ACT Government changes, the last day for school banking at Mount Rogers Primary School will be Wednesday, 23 June 2021 (Week 10 Term 2).

A parent guide is available online on the Commbank School Banking website:

commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking

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

ALL PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE AT THE CANTEEN

New bucket hats with logo:

\$12 cash at Canteen or order online via
www.flexischools.com.au.



Can you help?:

Do you have 1/2hr or so to help sort and hang the clothing donations we have received?

You may help at any time/s suitable to you between 8:30am and 3:30pm. Please contact the office on Ph 6142 2750 or email info@mtrogers.act.edu.au

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Ph 6142 2760

www.flexischools.com.au

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), 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 you 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

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 birthday treats for your child to share with their classmates.

This includes cupcakes, lolly bags, ice blocks.

The Canteen is available to provide birthday treats. For more information Ph 6142 2760.





POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS LEARNING (PBL) PROGRAM

RESPECTFUL, INCLUSIVE, SAFE & ENGAGED

MONDAY MOTIVATORS

Has your child come home and said they received a Monday Motivator? What does that mean?

Monday motivators are an initiative to recognise consistent positive behaviours that have been displayed through the week either in class or on the playground.




Teachers recognise and acknowledge positive behaviours with our RISE tickets throughout the week, on top of this, they also select one student from their class to receive a Monday motivator at our Monday Morning Lines. Recipients select from our Monday motivator box which includes pencils, erasers, handballs and frisbees, all displaying our RISE logo. It is wonderful to be able to recognise and celebrate those students who consistently demonstrate the focus RISE expectations.



Last week the teachers were looking for students who were being **inclusive** both on the playground and in class. This week the teachers are focussing on students being **safe**. Students and teachers have been revisiting our non classroom expectations and have been developing their classroom expectations so that all students understand our positive behaviours and what these look like.

Congratulations to all classes who have been to the various non classroom settings around our school to revisit RISE expectations! The whole school will now enjoy 'Break 3' on Friday to celebrate this achievement!

UPCOMING EVENT

Parent/Carers Free Assistive Technology Webinar

Literacy Accessibility Tool
Boost reading and writing confidence
Read&Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Join us for 1hr Webinar on Introduction to Read & Write for Google Chrome

Tuesday, 23rd March 2021, 3.30-4.30pm

For more information see attached notice

P&C ASSOCIATION

All Welcome

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

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTO) SEMESTER 1 2021

Getting to Know You Interviews



Parent/Carer Teacher interviews are happening this week (22 – 26 February).

Interviews are 10 minute duration.

Bookings are online using the PTO website via our school's homepage www.mtrogers.act.edu.au. Please use your PIN code to book online.

Interviews will be held in your child's classroom.

Please enter via the school via the front entrance, then make your way to your child's classroom.

COVID Easing of Restrictions Roadmap for Schools.

Parents/carers can attend scheduled meetings with teachers. Please ensure that you maintain:

- physical distancing
- hygiene measure (hand sanitizing)
- sign the COVID register located in each classroom

We look forward to sharing this opportunity with you.

Attention Kindergarten Parents!

Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a **FREE** health check

 VISION CHECK
  HEARING CHECK
  HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)

Have you returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire?

Please return forms to the office as soon as possible.

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Classroom Resources		\$90/student
Pre - 6	Voluntary Contribution (Preschool \$200; Primary \$100)		See below
5 & 6	Camp – Jindabyne • Non refundable deposit \$50 by Friday 26 March • 2nd Instalment \$140 by Monday 8 March • 3rd Instalment \$140 - Monday 22 March		\$330
5 Selected students	Year 5 Band • \$115 by Friday 5 March • \$115 by Thursday 1 April		\$230/year

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

Is your child feeling unwell with COVID-19 symptoms?

Keep them home.
Get them tested.



For more information

www.covid19.act.gov.au/testing

Canberra families
RIDE WITH YOUR TRIBE
at the Big Canberra Bike Ride

Sunday 21 March

6km course is entirely on closed roads

Register at - www.bigcanberrabikeride.org

Pedal PowerACT

Education costs made easy with \$500 from Saver Plus

www.saverplus.org.au
Find us on Facebook

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)

