



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 12

27 OCTOBER 2021

TERM 4 WEEK 4

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,



It has been beyond fabulous welcoming students back into the school this week. The students have been wonderful and resilient as they have learnt new processes and procedures over the last 3 days. I cannot thank the community enough for their support this week as we have navigated together what drop off and pick up a specific gate looks like, with or without a sibling, and that the front of school car park is closed. I am so grateful.

Our students have also become accustomed to playing in a specific playground space and have easily remembered the importance of using hand sanitizer often. I cannot thank the entire staff of Mount Rogers enough for their flexibility and support since the announcement regarding the return to school. Together we have enacted our COVID Safety Assurance Plan with professionalism and good humour. Great job team!

Those students that have returned have spent some time this week revisiting our RISE Expectations (Respectful, Inclusive, Safe and Engaged) for settings they are accessing as well as looking at some COVID Safe specific RISE expectations. When our Year 3, 4, & 5 students return next week (and I can't wait) all the same supports and reminders will be in place to ensure a smooth return for them as well.

A huge shout-out to you all, parents and carers, for your amazing work navigating learning online over the last 11 weeks. Many of you have expressed to me your gratitude for the engaging, meaningful, and fun learning opportunities provided to your children during this time. Some of you have also let me know that you are glad you are not a teacher and that the teaching gig is really hard work! Well done, thank you and now you can have a nap!

I continue to participate in twice weekly COVID update teleconferences with the Education Directorate. Any information that comes through this forum is then enacted and shared as required. As always keep a close eye on *Seesaw* and your email for information about such things.

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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

1 Nov	Health Hut Canteen Re-opens
15 Nov	<i>Cancelled</i> - Christian Education In School Program
10 Dec	Reports sent home
17 Dec	Last day Term 4

Don't forget ...

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

TERM DATES

Term 4	5 October – 17 December
2022	
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

Unfortunately, I already know that school photos scheduled during lockdown, and then postponed to next week, will not be going ahead. This decision was really made on my behalf following the advice from ACT Health that school photographers are not an essential service. Disappointing for all, I know. I do however have a plan, thanks to a budding photographer on staff, to still have a Year 6 graduation photo taken, as well as Kindergarten class group photos, it is their first year at school after all. We will then work to have these photos printed for the relevant families. Further information about the date these photos will be taken will be messaged clearly in week 6.

This Friday, 29 October is World Teacher's Day. At Mount Rogers it is known as World Educators Day - a day where we celebrate and thank all our educators for the incredible contributions they make at our school. I will be taking the time to thank all my educators this Friday in a very COVID safe way and I believe the wonderful P&C will be doing something special for us all next week. Thank you.

I look forward to welcoming our year 3, 4, and 5 students back on Monday. To those families, please take the time to re-visit the map showing which gate to use and remember to get back into school routine now – appropriate bed-time and wake up time, a healthy breakfast, uniform ready and a bag packed with a hat, lunchbox and water bottle!

Warm wishes,
Felicity



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 18 October – 12 November

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The *2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from **Monday, 18 October to 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.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

A letter about the **student survey** outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and

An email about the **parent survey**, including a unique link to access the survey. **Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.**

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, send your contact details to: EDUSurveysandEvaluation@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please request a paper copy from the school office.

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>



Congratulations

To the following students who entered art works into the Limelight exhibition in Term 3.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS	YEAR 5 STUDENTS
Jack S	Toby U
Annika D	Jayde J
Candi P	
Sade H	YEAR 3 STUDENTS
Harry F	Charm P
Byron A	Emma G
Daniel H	Tyler RS
Bridie W	
Sam S	YEAR 2 STUDENTS
Lotte W	Dempsee C
Annabel G	Zoe LS
Gabriel M	Rebekah G
	YEAR 1 STUDENTS
	Chloe B

An extra congratulations

The following student's artwork has been selected to be displayed in another exhibition (details to be confirmed).

Jayde Johnson
Candi Price
Toby Usback
Sade Hemley



Veronica Briggs
Mt Rogers Limelight Coordinator

Reminder HATS ON!



It is HATS ON for Canberra schools.

All students are expected to wear a SunSmart hat during any outside activity.

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

RE-OPENING

MONDAY, 1 NOVEMBER (WEEK 5)

For all Canteen enquiries - Ph 6142 2760

www.flexischools.com.au

More information coming soon.

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

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ENROLMENTS FOR 2022 SCHOOL YEAR



Enrolment link:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Your best source of information for enrolling is the ACT Education Directorate website

www.education.act.gov.au or the Enrolments Telephone Service (02) 6205 5429.

You can also contact us about enrolments directly by emailing info@mtrogers.act.edu.au



Updated bus timetables, including dedicated school buses starting Monday 25 October 2021.

Transport Canberra's dedicated school bus services will recommence on Monday 25 October 2021. This includes 'S' trips that divert into schools.

Please plan ahead as timings have changed for both dedicated school services and the regular timetable. We are strongly encouraging families to check their school pack and plan ahead.

Special Needs Transport continues to run for those families that need this service. A range of COVID-safe measures are in place to help keep students safe on public transport. Please familiarise yourself with these measures and talk to your children about them before the return to school. The revised interim timetables are online.

COVID Safe travel for school students

Transport Canberra's highest priority is the safety of our customers and our workforce and increased cleaning at stops and stations and on board is being carried out every day.

When travelling with us we ask that you practise good hand hygiene, don't travel if you feel unwell and spread out where possible.

To help keep everyone safe we ask students to always:

- Wear a face mask if 12 years or over
- Use Check In CBR on board if you are 16 years and over
- Don't forget your MyWay card! Cash is not being accepted on buses – this doesn't mean you travel for free. Using a registered MyWay card remains important and helps with contact tracing.

- Use the rear doors on the bus unless you require low floor access
- Don't sit in the front seat on the bus or light rail – these seats remain closed to provide distance for our drivers

Consider walking or riding to school – or using a part way point

Parents and carers may consider alternative ways to get their children to school. If they live close by, they can take advantage of the warmer spring weather and walk, ride or scoot to school!

Part way points are also a great way to get some exercise into children's days for families that live a little further away and this also helps to ease congestion around schools. Parents or carers can simply drop their child at a point, or park and walk the rest of the way with them.

Park safely and legally

All 40km/h school zones are in place between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Speed limits in school zones are there to ensure the safety of children by allowing motorists extra time to stop in an unexpected situation.

Parking across pedestrian crossings, corners, verges and double parking can block kids seeing the road.

Questions? For enquiries, customers are encouraged to visit Transport Canberra or call 13 17 10.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

CEIS has made the decision to cancel all CEIS sessions for Term 4 (Monday, 15 November). This is in respect of the current COVID-19 situation, the challenging term for school staff and students, and the recommendations provided in both documents: ACT Public Schools Term 4 Plan and Health Guidelines for Schools (ECEC, OHSC). It is also in respect of CEIS volunteers and the structure of CEIS sessions, that would not meet the recommended guidelines

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

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Classroom Resources		\$90/student
Pre - 6	Voluntary Contribution Preschool \$200 Primary \$100 / \$150		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
- 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 <u>per child</u>

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

LEAGUESTARS.COM



PLAY LEAGUE STARS

The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. Each week, your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. Each week they'll unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

**REGISTER FOR LEAGUE STARS
LEAGUESTARS.COM**

WHEN: 2/11/2021 - 7/12/2021
TIME: Tuesday 4.00pm - 5.00pm
LENGTH: 6 sessions
AGE: 5-12
COST: \$79

WHERE:
NSWRL HQ
2 Eade Street
Bruce
ACT 2617

YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS:

Shane Read
sread@nrl.com.au
0428 844 177



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