



Mount Rogers Primary School

Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 20

16 NOVEMBER 2022

TERM 4 WEEK 6

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Well, isn't the term flying by and I seem to have forgotten what season we are in – is it summer, spring, winter or the rainy season!

Two congratulations to start with;

- 1) How wonderful are our school captains. They ran a beautiful and respectful Remembrance Day assembly online last Friday. It is always powerful to hear *The Ode* being read and even though we were not altogether in the hall, the sense of silence across the school during the 1-minute silence was real. Thank you to all students for participating so respectfully.
- 2) Congratulations to our ever flexible and enthusiastic Mel C (Teacher Librarian), for an amazing hybrid style Scholastic Book Fair. We raised - drum roll please - over \$6000! WOW! The Book Fair was set up in the school corridor, just outside my office, and so I had lots of fun supporting children as they decided what to put on their wish lists. I cannot thank the parent community enough for supporting this. Next year, once again, the plan is to have the Book Fair open for people to shop in person!

The creation of 2023 classes is just about complete. As I am sure you are aware, the process is complex and requires considerable discussion and reflection to make informed decisions about the best placement to meet the needs of all students. Our firm belief is that teachers are in the best position to decide a child's placement because they know all the students in their classes and across the year levels and have a view of the 'big picture'. We thank families for their input into suggestions and know that you will support the decisions made by the school regarding future classes. In the original letter to families, it was explained that not all requests from parents/carers can be met, as teachers consider the needs of all students when allocating classes. This year we received over 150 requests and unfortunately it has been impossible to accommodate them all. I have spoken to the School Board about changes to these processes heading into 2024, and I am taking the opportunity now to advise you that in the future, we will no longer be seeking parent/carer requests for future classes. As always, educators will use information from throughout the year and over time to inform their decisions around the best placements for all students.

Our 2023 classes will be named after much loved authors and their book characters:

| YEAR LEVEL | CLASS THEME |
|---------------------|--|
| Kindergarten | Author: Eric Carle – book characters |
| Year 1/2 | Author: Linley Dodd - <i>Hairy Maclary from Donald's Dairy</i> |
| Year 3/4 | Author: Julia Donaldson - books |
| Year 5/6 | Author: Tui T Sutherland - dragon types from the <i>Wings of Fire</i> series |
| Small Group Program | Author: Dr Suess – book character |

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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

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| 16 Nov | 2023 Preschool Information Session – Online |
| From 23 Nov | 2023 Kindergarten Online Information Session (<i>link available from 23 Nov</i>) |
| 28 Nov | Whole School Staff Planning Day |
| 29 Nov | Yr 5/6 Book Tasting Session for parents/carers |
| 1 Dec | Yr 3/4 Educational Research Project (ERP) for parents/carers |
| 2 Dec | Yr 1/2 Gallery Walk for parent/carers |
| 2 Dec | Kindergarten Assembly (<i>incl Kindergarten parents/carers</i>) |
| 5 Dec | P&C Meeting – <i>all welcome</i> |
| 9 Dec | Reports home |
| 13 Dec | Yr 6 Graduation Assembly |
| 14 Dec | Yr 6 Dinner, Fun Day & Yr 5/6 Disco |

TERM DATES

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| Term 4 | 10 October – 16 December |
| 2023 Term 1 | 30 January – Kindergarten 31 January – Years 1-6 Last day - 6 April |

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Our year 1/2 classes have been learning the craft of writing to persuade. I have received many persuasive texts over the last week trying to convince me for all sorts of things; swings at school, an ice-cream day to end the term, a school pet and even a 'kids in charge' day! The writing is full of high modality words – you must, I strongly believe, and it is clear.

Am I persuaded – well watch this space!

I am excited to let you know that next year is the school's 50th Birthday! Hooray! Planning is beginning to mark this wonderful milestone and the P&C will likely need your help. We hope to have a Colour Run for the students and a trivia night for parents at some point in the year. We will of course have a special celebration and open the time capsule located at the front of the school which was buried in 1990, and have a birthday cake! It's going to be a fantastic year of celebrations and I can't wait.



Don't forget to pop in your calendars our Week 8 Parent/Carer events, it will be wonderful to see you in person.

- *2022 Preschool – Stay & Play*
9am to 9:30am between Tuesday 29 November and Friday 2 December at your child's preschool
- *Kindergarten – Assembly 2.0*
2pm on Friday 2 December in the Hall
- *Year 1/2 Gallery Walk*
Friday 2 December from 2pm in your child's classroom
- *Year 3/4 Educational Research Project (ERP) presentations*
Year 3 – Thursday 1 December 1:30 to 2:15pm in year 3/4 classrooms
Year 4 – Thursday 1 December 2:15 to 3:00pm in year 3/4 classrooms
- *Year 5/6 Book Tasting*
Tuesday 29 November 9:00am – year 5/6 classrooms.

Finally, there is exciting news in the Healthy Hut Canteen – watch out for some correspondence from the P&C next week!

Felicity Levett
Principal



LIBRARY NEWS



A huge thankyou to the Mount Rogers community for your ongoing support of both our recent Book Fair and Book Club this year.

This is the last Book Club catalogue for the year and there are some great

bargains to be found for Christmas gifting and holiday reading.

To ensure the orders arrive well before the end of term we are going to make the due back date sooner than usual.

**All orders are due in by:
Monday 21 November - next week!**

Mel Colquhoun
Teacher Librarian



Submit enrolment applications by the end of term.

Are you ready for the 2023 school year? Is your child transitioning to another school next year? It's not too late to enrol your child in their local school.

Make sure you submit your application before the current school term ends on 16 December 2022. Enrolment applications received after that date may not receive notification until late January 2023.

For more information and to enrol go to <https://bit.ly/3Wnk7JQ>

P&C ASSOCIATION

Bunnings BBQ

This Saturday - 19 November

The P&C are looking for volunteers to help them run a Bunnings BBQ on this Saturday, 19 November.

All funds that are raised are used to support the school community - which includes students and teachers.

This year they have donated money to help fund a shade sail for the junior school and contributed books to the library that reflect some of the core values of the school. Most recently they have been working with the Year 6 Captains to tick off some items on the student's playground equipment wish list (which was created following extensive surveying by the Captains). They also help coordinate fun events for our students to enjoy - like the School discos and the Father's Day Stall.

So, if you're a whiz on the BBQ, or don't mind having a chat with customers, the P&C would love for you to lend a hand!

You can sign up to help online:

<https://bit.ly/BunningsBBQ2022>



MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

BUNNINGS BBQ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER
SHIFTS AVAILABLE BETWEEN 8AM - 5PM

SIGN UP:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/BUNNINGSBBQ2022](https://bit.ly/BunningsBBQ2022)

Year 6 Graduation

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - 9:30-11am

Mount Rogers Primary School Hall

Students to arrive by 9am in full school uniform.

Max of 2 adults per year 6 student (to support our COVID Safety Assurance Plan)

◆ WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER

Year 6 Fun Day – 9:15am to 2:30pm

Inflatable World, Kambah

Year 6 Dinner & Year 5/6 Disco

Mount Rogers Primary School Hall

◆ PAYMENT due by Tuesday 6 December

\$37 Fun Day activities + \$28 Dinner & Disco

\$65 total (both activities)

IT IS LIBRARY STOCKTAKE TIME

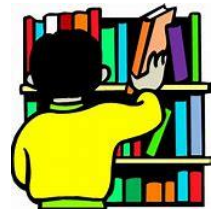
The end of the year is fast approaching, and the library staff need to complete an END OF YEAR STOCKTAKE.

To facilitate this, we ask that all library books be returned **by Friday, 25 November 2022** (end of Week 7).

With thanks

Mel Colquhoun

Teacher Librarian



Remembrance Day Reflections

11 November 2022



Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

| YEAR | TOPIC | DUE | PAYMENT |
|-------------------|---|-------|--------------------|
| Selected Students | Yr 5 Band (2yr program) | | \$230/year |
| 6 | Yr 6 Graduation Events \$37 Fun Day activities \$28 Dinner & Disco \$65 total (both activities) | 6 Dec | See note sent home |

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

A REMINDER TO STAY COVID SMART AT SCHOOL

As we experience new waves of the virus in our community, we need to remember to stay COVID Smart not only in the community but also at school. For the latest advice, watch the ACT COVID-19 update (November 2022) from Chief Health Officer, Kerryn Coleman.

If your child has COVID-19, you must keep them at home and let the school know. Telling us when your child has COVID-19 will also help us track if there is an increase in COVID-19 transmission at school and manage any high-risk exposures for our more vulnerable school community members.

Being COVID Smart is easy:

- Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters.
- Stay away from schools if you are unwell.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Wear a mask in public indoor places if you can (12 years and over).
- Keep a distance from others when indoors, if possible.

And don't forget – if you have COVID-19 symptoms, make sure you get tested. You can access a free rapid antigen test from your school's front office.

Keep up to date at [COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](https://act.gov.au)

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.

