FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

WELCOME BABY TALEVICH
Last week we received exciting news about the birth of Alexa Kate. Congratulations to Clare and Michael. Both mum and baby are doing well.

STAFFING UPDATE
We welcome Ms Liz Marman who will be joining the Mount Rogers team on Monday 10 November, as School Leader C, replacing Clare Talevich for the next 12 months. Liz will be working with teachers across the school as Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator.

On Monday 10 November we welcome back Marika Vrieling after her overseas trip. It is with mixed feelings that I announce Marika has been successful in applying for a leadership position at Ngunnawal Primary. I am delighted that Marika is excited about her new position, however she will certainly be sadly missed from Mount Rogers. Marika will be back with us for a short time to provide a transition period before taking up her new position at Ngunnawal.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR 2015
We have already begun the process of planning classes for 2015. Our plan is to announce classes, student placements and teachers for next year on Friday, 12 December. Last week a letter was sent home to all families requesting parents to provide in writing any information they think may be useful for us in making class placements. Please list your own children and their classes on the return form. If you did not receive the letter please contact your class teacher.

TERM 4 KINDERGARTEN PIPS ASSESSMENT
Our kindergarten students will have completed the second phase of the Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) assessment tasks in Literacy and Numeracy by the end of this week. Baseline assessment was completed early in Term 1. The current assessment will provide important information about our students’ progress throughout the year. The reports will be forwarded home to parents later this term. If you have any questions about this assessment please talk to your child’s teacher.

PRESCHOOL TO KINDER TRANSITION PROGRAM
This term is a busy one for our preschool, kindergarten and year 2/3 staff with a range of activities developed to assist preschool children’s transition to kindergarten. Our Years 2 and 3 students have been enjoying visiting the preschools and getting to know their preschool buddies over the past few weeks. On Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:30am next week and the following week we will run school tours and information sessions for parents.

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IMPORTANT
Mount Rogers Primary is an ANAPHYLACTIC FRIENDLY SCHOOL
Please do not bring boiled EGGS or egg sandwiches or NUT products into the school, and be aware that Nutella spread and many muesli/health bars contain nuts.

REMINDERS

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STARS OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER

Lucie B is a truly deserving recipient of the Junior Star of the Month award. She consistently displays the school values of Honesty, Respect, Excellence and Fairness.

She is a respectful and considerate member of the Yr 1/2 unit. She is always ready to offer assistance to her teacher and her peers. This student is courteous to her friends, peers and teachers, offering encouragement and assistance to those who need it.

Lucie completes all class tasks with enthusiasm and contributes her ideas to classroom discussions. She has worked incredibly hard this year at becoming smarter especially in her reading and writing. She is a valued member of the Topaz class and we congratulate her on being the Junior Star of the Month.

Well done Lucie!

Elizabeth V is our Senior Star of the Month – she is the very essence of our four school values.

Elizabeth displays EXCELLENCE in the classroom and on our playground. She is exceptionally diligent with her work habits and approaches each new task with a sense of purpose and determination.

Elizabeth always displays FAIRNESS at school. She is a role model to all students, thinking of others first before herself. Elizabeth is a trusted friend who can always be counted on to share her objective point of view and help others see things differently.

Elizabeth is RESPECTful and kind to everyone. She is a team player that helps bring cohesion to any group she is a part of. Elizabeth would never talk out of turn or over the top of another during class discussions in order to share her ideas. She is also the first person in the class to pitch in and help without being asked. Elizabeth looks around the room and if she sees a job that needs doing she will quietly get on with it. Elizabeth doesn’t expect to be rewarded for this, in fact she prefers to be quietly acknowledged for her efforts.

Elizabeth is HONEST and trustworthy. She behaves with integrity in every situation. She has an amazing talent for visual arts. There isn’t anything that she can’t draw, paint or sculpt and turn into a creative masterpiece. She is also a great writer.

Elizabeth is the poster child for being a ‘quiet achiever’. Every day that she comes to school she gets the best out of herself and those around her.

We in 5/6 Tiger’s Eye feel lucky to have her.

MERIT AWARDS

To be presented at our Assembly on 6 November at 2pm
Hosts – Yr 1/2 Obsidian/Topaz/Amethyst

CLASS | RECIPIENTS
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K Pearl | Zakree L, Amber S-M
K Amber | Seth M, Brodie R
K Opal | Isabelle C, Zavier W-A
1/2 Emerald | Kaidyn W-A, Ariel T
1/2 Ruby | Jessica N, William D
1/2 Amethyst | Amiana D, Joshua S
1/2 Topaz | Ivan C, Emily M
3/4 Sapphire | Natalie S, Ella H, Ryan B
3/4 Diamond | Leah B, Riley B
3/4 Jade | Ingrid H, Wasim A, Ewan B
5/6 Aquamarine | Mackenzie M, Madeleine T
5/6 Tiger’s Eye | Grace D, Nina H

INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS

Hi. My name is Del Smith and this is my second year at Mount Rogers as the Reading Recovery teacher. I am part of the Yr 1/2 team and work with year 1 students who need extra support to reach their full potential in learning to read and write.

Growing up in a large family I came to realise how important teachers, schools and a good education are to later success and fulfillment. Public education is close to my heart and my own children have all benefited from attending public schools. As a classroom teacher I encouraged and supported my students to take risks, cooperate with others and to strive for their best efforts, just as my teachers and my parents had encouraged me. I understand the importance of early foundations in student achievement. Confident, motivated students are able to focus on and grasp new information and their learning is accelerated which builds further on these foundations.

The link between home and school is integral to student welfare and success. Parents, as their child’s first teacher, play a vital role in student outcome.

The intensive Reading Recovery Program, designed by the late Dame Marie Clay, teaches students the strategies they need to access the meaning from reading and writing. Students come every day for a one on one lesson with me and most students reach the average of their class within 12 to 20 weeks of tuition. My job is very satisfying and I am thrilled to see my students blossom and grow in confidence as they experience success in reading and writing.

In my spare time I love to spend time with my family and friends, read, cook, travel and garden and try to play Bridge!
We are coming to the end of a wonderful preschool year! This term our preschool children have been enjoying getting to know some of the Year 3 students from Mount Rogers Primary School in preparation for our big move into Kindergarten next year. We met our Year 3 buddies in Week 1, when they came to visit us at our preschool. We had lots of fun doing some activities together outside in the playground. After getting to know one another, we all sat down for a picnic lunch together, before saying goodbye.

The preschool children were very excited to show their new friends around their preschool and they are particularly looking forward to the next time our buddies visit again in Week 3.

When we aren’t busy meeting new friends, we are keeping very busy writing letters to our friends and families. Writing letters at preschool has recently become so popular amongst the children that we have had to make a letterbox and employ a postman! The children are learning to write the names of their friends and family members as well as asking Donna and Mandy how to write all sorts of interesting words.

At preschool our focus is on learning through PLAY.

Here are our children at PLAY!
**RECENT AWARD WINNERS**

Kinder Pearls, with 190 donations, won the morning tea offered by the Canteen. The Yr 3/4 Diamonds were a close second with 170 donations, and Kinder Amber came in third with 110 donations for the canteen.

Donna and the canteen community would like to thank all those families who donated food for the food drive. This successful event is integral for the continuing smooth running of the canteen.

Thank you for your continuing support.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

If you haven’t already done so, please consider making a voluntary contribution now to further the educational outcomes for our students. Forms are available from the front office, preschool or ECIU.

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| ECIU            | Per child          | $80       |

Payment may be made in cash or cheque (payable to Mount Rogers Primary School) via the front office. Electronic payment may be made by direct deposit to the account (BSB: 032-777
Account: 001682.) EFTPOS is also available at the front office (between 8:30-3:15pm).

**CANTEEN FOOD DRIVE**

To the year 3 and 4 students, in particular Daisy, Rika and Caitlin, for creating a German movie for the Goethe School Film Competition.

The theme this year was ‘Celebrating German’. Our year 3 and 4 students made a movie celebrating Herman Hesse and his words “Das Glück mein Freund ist überall” which means ‘Good fortune, my friend is everywhere.’ The movie was filmed around our school with students showing and talking about where they can find joy in the school grounds. It’s a beautiful movie and was shown in Sydney on Thursday 23 October. The movie won first prize in the NSW/ACT section and will now be entered into the National competition. The prizes will be presented when they are received, and the movie will be screened at the same time.

Mrs Grunwald

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Scholastic Book Fair
Thank you to the children and families who helped support the Scholastic Book Fair this year. The money that was raised enabled us to buy more resources for the school.

Library Stocktake
A library stock take will occur at the end of this term so we ask that books be returned to the library by Monday, 11 December so that we can organise the stock take.

Overdue notices will be sent out soon.

Many thanks
Anna Comerford, Teacher-Librarian

**P&C NEWS**

Fresh Tastes
Mount Rogers has begun the process of developing the Fresh Tastes program, which explores all the ways we sell, promote and talk about healthy food and drink at school. The first step is to gather your ideas and opinions about the canteen, and about what aspects of healthy food and drink are important at school. Could you please take 5 minutes to fill in a survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJSYKYD to share your opinions? Paper copies of the survey are also available at the front office. The responses are confidential and will be used to shape our approach from here.

Christmas Shopping Night
Mount Rogers P&C is hosting a fun Christmas Shopping Night on Friday 14 November, beginning at 3pm until 8pm. Come along and enjoy raffles, prizes and great Christmas shopping. We’d love you to join in the school community for this fun night. If you are a local business please consider hosting your own stall - contact Amarylise Bessey on abessey@bigpond.net.au to book your table.

**IS YOUR PRESCHOOLER ATTENDING KINDER AT MOUNT ROGERS IN 2015?**

Have you booked your interview?
This is your opportunity to let us know about your child and ask questions regarding the start of the year and the kindergarten program. Interviews are available between 10 to 21 November at allocated times. Please contact the school on 6205 8066 to book an appointment.