



FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

My favourite thing to do at school is to be in classrooms hearing about learning from students. Over the last week I have been in classrooms hearing for the first time the 2023 Class Acknowledgment of Country that students have written with their teacher/s. The purpose of an Acknowledgement of Country is an opportunity for students to show respect for the traditional owners of the land and the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to country. It's a powerful statement. Classes will say their Acknowledgement at different times in the school week, often on a Monday morning or at the start of every morning, and when gathered together for a special event.

Here is the Year 1/2 Schnitzel von Krumm's Acknowledgement of Country – it has actions to go with it as well!



There are a few important events happening in the coming week to support home/school partnerships and build relationships with you – our parents/carers. On Monday information regarding our year level information sessions was sent home. These take place next Tuesday 14 February in the Hall. The purpose of these sessions is to give you a bit of a spotlight into what learning, routines and expectations are like, as well as introduce you to the educators that work with the cohort. I look forward to seeing you at these sessions.

Our annual *Getting to Know You Interviews* will be held during week 4, information about these went out yesterday, including how to log into the online booking system to book your interview. The purpose of these interviews is for you to share information about your child with their teacher in order to support them throughout the year and also so you and the teacher can meet!

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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

14 Feb	Year Cohort Information Sessions
20-24 Feb	Kindergarten to Year 6 <i>Getting to Know You</i> Interviews
14 Mar	Swimming Carnival
17 Mar	Bullying. No Way Day
28 Mar	Belconnen Region Swimming Carnival
29 Mar	Cross Country Carnival
26-28 Apr	Year 5/6 Camp – Jindabyne Sports & Recreation Centre

TERM DATES

Term 1	30 Jan/31 Jan – 6 April
Term 2	24 April – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 October – 15 December

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM continued

Our school swimming carnival for students 8 years and over will be held at the wonderful Dickson Pool on Tuesday, 14 March. Pat is busy completing all the paperwork, including the risk assessment, for the carnival. Information regarding cost and the swimming competency assessment that must be conducted for all students on arrival at the pool will come home shortly. The note will ask you to confirm if your child can swim or not, which informs our risk assessment and supervision ratio at the pool.

A friendly reminder that students are not to be dropped off at school before 8:40am. The before school duty for staff and therefore students cannot be supervised. Also, please remember the play equipment is out of bounds before and after school.

Looking forward to seeing you in and around the school in the coming weeks.

Warm wishes
Felicity Levett – Principal

Tuesday 14 February YEAR COHORT INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS



Our Year Cohort Information Sessions are designed to inform parents/carers about the teaching and learning happening in your child's class, as well as daily routines and other operational information.

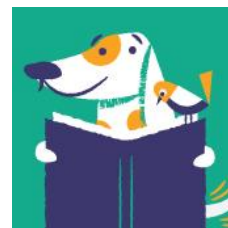
YEAR LEVEL	START TIME (approx 20 minutes duration)
Kindergarten	4:00pm to 4:30pm
Year 1/2	4:30pm to 5:00pm
Year 3/4	5:00pm to 5:30pm
Year 5/6	5:30pm to 6:00pm

All sessions will take place in our School Hall and will run for approx. 20 minutes.

These Year Level Information Sessions cannot be repeated at a future date. However, information from these sessions will be uploaded to SeeSaw.

MEL'S LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back –
new year, new classes and
new beginnings.



All students will begin their weekly visits to the library this week. There are many exciting books (both fiction and non-fiction) for the students to read and borrow. Students need to have a library bag to borrow from our library and can borrow during their class library sessions. A library bag can take the form of a soft material tote bag, a re-useable shopping bag or something similar.

Scholastic Book Club newsletters went out last week. Orders are to be placed online by Tuesday, 14 February.

I look forward to seeing students borrowing from the fabulous selection of books from the library.

Mel Colquhoun
Teacher Librarian

RISE UP Mount Rogers!

Scholastic Book Club is evolving and moving with the times with a new **Bigger and Better Book Club** in a more sustainable format, whilst continuing to offer families regular access to quality, affordable books.

We look forward to your continued support.

Don't forget, every order gives 15% back to our school.

Edition 1 will come home today!



ORDERS CLOSE:

Tuesday, 14 February.

No cash, online orders only

SAFER INTERNET DAY

What is Safer Internet Day?

Safer Internet Day is a global event that brings together communities, families, schools, and organisations from more than 200 countries to help create safer online spaces.

This worldwide initiative is celebrating 20 years in 2023, making it a great time to reflect as well as look forward.

Technology has evolved dramatically in the past two decades and the benefits have been huge. These developments have also exposed us to many risks with real-world impacts, making online safety awareness even more important.

That's why we are calling on Australians to **Connect. Reflect. Protect.**

Connect safely and with purpose – by keeping apps and devices secure and using social media in positive ways.

Reflect before we act – by taking a moment to consider how what we do and say online may affect others.

Protect ourselves and others by taking action – by telling family, friends or colleagues about eSafety and how we can help.

By doing these simple things, we can work towards making every day a Safer Internet Day.



STUDENT ABSENCES

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE TEXT MESSAGES

How to reply to a text message from our school?

If your child is absent from school and you receive an **Unexplained Absence text message**, would you please reply with the following information:

- (insert CHILD'S FIRST and LAST NAME) from
- (insert child's YEAR and CLASS) is away (TODAY or OTHER DATES and TIMES if partial absence) due to (insert REASON)

Some examples for absence reasons are:

Sick

Appointment with doctor/pediatrician/dentist

Family holiday

This will ensure that your child's absence is recorded with accurate information.

The same information is helpful if you advise the school by telephone of an absence before the start of the school day.

Getting To Know You

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTO) Kindergarten To Year 6



Getting to Know You Interviews will be held for **Kindergarten to Year 6** from **Monday, 20 February to Friday, 24 February.**

Interviews will be of a 10-minute duration.

Bookings?

Information has been sent home via email regarding the process including details about how to book your appointment with your child's teacher.

We look forward to sharing with you this opportunity to reflect on your child's learning so far this year.

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

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Classroom Resources		\$90
2023	Voluntary Contribution		Note home soon
Selected students	Year 5 Band - \$230 for 2023	10 Mar	\$115 1 st Instalment
5/6	Camp – Jindabyne Sport & Recreation Ctr	29 Mar	\$420

Notes and/or payments received after the due date will not be accepted.

2023 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 2023.

Payment can be made by:

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

Thank you for your support

2023 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The 2023 Voluntary Contribution note will be sent home to families soon.

Please wait until you receive this form to make any financial contributions.

Staying COVID Smart in 2023

Being COVID Smart remains a priority for all ACT public schools in 2023.

Students, staff and visitors are reminded to:

- Stay home if unwell and get tested for COVID-19
- Stay up to date with your vaccinations
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Physically distance from others when in public places

Individual schools may implement additional measures to manage COVID-19 if deemed necessary in a particular setting. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers.

If your child has COVID-19, you must let the school know. We recommend keeping your child home for at least five days.

RATs are again available from the school for students in term 1 from the front office.

You can read more about how we are being COVID Smart in ACT public schools at

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/covid-school-arrangements>

SAFE PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

The start of the school year is a particularly busy time in our school carparks and surrounding streets. It's important that we park safely and legally to support the safety of students.

Parking on a footpath, nature strip or roadside verge can:

- Cause safety risks for pedestrians as they are less visible to oncoming cars
- Increase the risk for vulnerable members of our community like children, people who are visually impaired, and those using a wheelchair or pram
- Restrict the line of sight for other road users
- Restrict access for emergency services vehicles.

Parking on nature strips can also damage trees, footpaths, gutters and underground pipes and cables. Please also remember not to park across driveways or block neighbouring residents' properties.

As students return to school remember to also slow down and stick to the 40km/h limit around our schools between 8am and 4pm.

Parking inspectors regularly patrol school zones to support safe parking and keep students safe.

If you cannot find a car park in our school car parks, we suggest parking a little further away and walking or riding the rest of the way – it's a quick and easy way to get in some exercise too.

Let's all work together to keep our kids and community safe!

More information about travelling safely to school is available on the [Transport ACT website](#).

MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN



THE HEALTHY HUT

NOW OPEN

BREAK 1 & BREAK 2 ORDERS

Online orders only

Order via www.flexischools.com.au

Every week commencing
Tuesday 7 February

Tuesdays, Wednesdays
and Thursdays

Please note:

NO CASH SALES on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

COUNTER SALES ONLY DAYS

Fridays of ODD WEEKS ONLY – see below

Cash sales only during Break 2

Week 3 – 17 February

Week 5 – 3 March

Week 7 – 17 March

Week 9 – 31 March

All canteen enquiries:

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