



# Mount Rogers Primary School

## Learning Caring Sharing



NEWSLETTER NO. 7

17 MAY 2023

TERM 2 WEEK 4

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

A very happy week 4 to you all.

I must start with a huge thank you to Gemma and the P&C Team who made our annual Mother's Day stall hum with excitement last Friday – a real life shopping experience for all our students. I just loved watching students choose a gift so carefully, whether a mug, something for the bath, chocolates or a notebook. Thank you to everyone who donated a gift or two to help make this event so successful -watch the space for the total amount raised!

Teachers from across the school are busy working on our school-based Semester 1 Progress Reports which will be sent home via email on Friday, 23 June. These will include ACT Education Directorate A-E Report for students in Years 1-6, not Kindergarten. Semester 1 reports reflect student progress towards the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard for each curriculum area.

To ensure the delivery of reports, please notify the office if you have changed your email address.

**If you do not wish to receive an A – E Report** for your child and have not already notified the school, please contact the office to complete a form. Your child's results will be included in the data for their year level and a paper copy put on file.

**Parent Teacher Interviews** will be held in the last week of Term 2. More information about booking a time via PTO will be sent home later in the term.

Over the last two weeks playground data from teachers has shown that there is a lot of swearing happening during our break times. Students are not speaking safely or kindly to one another. Swearing has no place at Mount Rogers and it certainly does not fit with our RISE expectations. Can I ask for parent support around this please, if you can remind your children that as soon as they pop their school uniform on and walk into school, swearing habits need to stay behind. This fits very closely with the senior school current PBL focus - *See or hear something, say something!*

We are working to teach and support students to respond respectfully, remind their peers of RISE expectations and seek adult support when managing conflict.

Lastly, *Felicity's Big Walk* is coming! Keep your eye out for information regarding a P&C challenge I have accepted – to walk 12kms from the National Arboretum to school to raise some funds for playground improvements! You can sponsor me walk-a-thon style to complete this walk which will take place on the last day of the term. I am hoping there will be a hot cup of tea and maybe even a sausage sizzle to enjoy at the end of the walk to help me warm up!

Warm wishes,  
Felicity Levett - Principal

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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

22 May	Primary School Photo Day
22 May	Preschool Photo Day – Flynn & Melba (Marlins & Dolphins)
23 May	Yr 6 Combined Band Practice at Florey Primary
23 May	Preschool event – <i>Nutrition Magician</i> at Melba Preschool (incl Flynn & Melba Marlins & Dolphins)
25 May	Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival @ Stromlo
25 May	Preschool event – <i>Nutrition Magician</i> at Melba Preschool (incl Spence & Melba Flying Fish)
26 May	Preschool Photo Day – Spence & Melba (Flying Fish)
29 May	Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday

### TERM DATES

Term 2	24 April – 30 June
Term 3	17 July – 22 September
Term 4	9 October – 15 December



ACT public school enrolments for the 2024 school year are now open for preschool to year 12 students.

If you apply online before **2 June**, you will receive an offer from **24 July 2023**.

Going local leads to great things and there is a place for every child from kindergarten to year 12 in their local school.

Prospective families are encouraged to discover what their local school has to offer. Find the school your child is guaranteed a place at [here](#).

Families are encouraged to apply for the preschool for their local primary school, however it is not always possible to offer a place at your local or preferred preschool due to capacity constraints at some sites.

The best source of information about enrolling for 2024 is the Education Directorate [website](#). You can visit school websites to find out more about your child's new school.

If you have questions or require further information, call the Enrolments Telephone Service on 6205 5429.

## Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars - 2023

**Help your family be more confident and safe online**


All parents and carers of an ACT public school student are invited to attend an online safety (eSafety) information session designed to develop their knowledge and skills in supporting their child with digital technologies. This webinar will look at understanding the current eSafety issues children and young people are experiencing, how to support your child to be safe online, resources for preventing and responding to online issues, and where to go for further support.

Families are invited to attend one or more of the following sessions held online from 6.00-7.00pm:

**Term 2 Webinars**


**Primary: 9 May or 8 June, 6-7PM**


**Secondary: 11 May or 6 June, 6-7PM**



[bit.ly/3TyRaZx](https://bit.ly/3TyRaZx)

Scan the QR Code or type in the address for more information and to register for one or more parent and carer eSafety webinars.




Please note  
**MOUNT ROGERS P&C CANTEEN**  
**THE HEALTHY HUT**  
**CLOSED THIS WEEK 4 (15-19 MAY)**

## Christian Education in Schools

Each school year the ACT Churches' Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging sessions!

**EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA**


Exploring what this world-wide festival really means.

**BEYOND YOU**

Wondering about myself, others, nature and God.

**BIBLE BONANZA**

Discovering the world's biggest selling book!



**CEIS**  
seek question explore  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

Responding to the traditional Christmas story.

www.ceis.org.au

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 sessions.

**Only students with permission will attend.** Please see the front office if you would like to add your child's name to the current attendance list.

2023 SCHEDULED SESSIONS	
Term 2	5 June
Term 3	28 August
Term 4	20 November

For more information go to [www.ceis.org.au/yes](http://www.ceis.org.au/yes)

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE FRED HOLLOWES HUMANITY AWARD 2023 (YEAR 6)

Due 21 July 2023

The Fred Hollows Humanity Award recognises Year 6 students who make a positive difference in their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives.

Teachers, principals, parents, and members of the community are all encouraged to nominate. Nominations can be submitted online through the [Fred Hollows Humanity Award 2023 - Nomination Form](#).

Contact:

Danielle Buckley on 0400 325 065, or  
[dbuckley@hollows.org](mailto:dbuckley@hollows.org)



# Reminders

## EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

YEAR	TOPIC	DUE	PAYMENT
K - 6	Classroom Resources		\$90
2023	Voluntary Contribution		
1/2	Excursion - National Museum of Australia	1 June	\$12
3/4	Excursion - National Gallery of Australia	26 May	\$10
Selected Students	Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival	18 May	\$10

**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.**



For 20 plus years, Menslink have provided free counselling to young guys throughout the Canberra and surrounding region.

If your young guy is having a hard time and could really use someone to talk to, get in touch with Menslink. Now conveniently located in Holder AND Kippax, our wait times are currently low so we're ready to help when he needs it. We provide a welcoming and supportive environment for young guys to share their concerns and worries with a male counsellor who will hear them out, work alongside them and provide tips and strategies to get them through those tough times.

Our Counselling sessions are completely confidential and are available to any male aged 10-25. There are no fees or charges or limits to the number of sessions. You don't need a mental health plan and we are available during school terms and school holidays. **The only prerequisite is that he is willing to give it a try.**

If you think your young guy will benefit chatting to one of our counsellors, have a chat with them and head to [www.menslink.org.au](http://www.menslink.org.au), hit the 'Get Help' button, fill in the form and we'll get back to you, generally the same or next business day.

If you need more info on how to have that chat with them, just email [admin@menslink.org.au](mailto:admin@menslink.org.au) or call 6287 2226 and we will send you some information.



**Stay and Play!!**  
**Every Thursday morning**



**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRESCHOOL IN 2024 OR 2025?**  
**DO YOU LIVE IN MELBA, FLYNN OR SPENCE?\***

PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDREN  
ARE INVITED TO DROP IN ANY TIME BETWEEN  
9.00 AND 10.20AM TO

**STAY AND PLAY.**

OUTDOORS PLAY WITH ART, CRAFT, SANDPIT, DRESS UPS,  
CONSTRUCTION, SONGS AND STORIES.

We meet at Flynn Preschool  
Hedland Circuit, Flynn  
every Thursday morning  
from 9.00 – 10.20am

\*Please note - this does not guarantee enrolment  
at a Mount Rogers Primary preschool site.

PRESCHOOL TEAM LEADER and PRESCHOOL TEACHER  
Belinda Lum: [belinda.lum@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:belinda.lum@ed.act.edu.au)

## 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.

**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>



To learn more:

<https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/home/#home/pledge>