FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

This time of year is so exciting. As well as longer daylight hours and warmer weather, we have so much community involvement in our school. Along with all our regular parent participation we have the Father’s Day Stall, disco, Father’s Day Breakfast and the Fun Family Festival all in the space of two weeks!

FATHER’S DAY STALL AND BREAKFAST
What a wonderful success the Father’s Day Stall was yet again this year, raising just over $1200. I would like to thank Lea Major for all her work in organising the event ensuring it ran so efficiently. Thanks also to all those who sent in gifts and helped on the day.

We are looking forward to seeing families here early on Friday morning this week for our annual Father’s Day Breakfast.

PRIMARY CONCERT BAND TOUR
Congratulations to Will, Grace and Lilly who spent the day on Tuesday touring with the ACT Primary Concert Band. They performed at Gowrie, Red Hill and Aranda Primary Schools during the day.

PRESCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING
Last Wednesday evening we held an information session for parents who have enrolled their children in preschool for 2015. We were delighted to have over 80 parents attend to hear about our preschool program and things they can do to support their children’s literacy development. A copy of the brochure handed out is available from the front office for those who were unable to attend.

STAFFING NEWS
Many of you will be aware that our wonderful Kinder team leader Clare Talevich is ‘expecting’ and that her baby is due early next term. On Friday next week we will be holding an afternoon tea from 2:30 – 3:30pm to say farewell to Clare and to thank her for all the work she has done to ensure the success of our Kinder program this year. We will also welcome Paul Kelly who is replacing Clare as class teacher for the rest of the year.

NAPLAN REPORTS
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) reports will be sent home to families of students in years 3 and 5 on Friday. Parents are encouraged to contact your child’s teacher if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report.

HAVE YOUR SAY
Have you completed your School Satisfaction Survey yet? If not we hope you will take the time to complete this short survey as it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. Today is the final day for completing the survey.

FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL
It’s only three days till our Family Fun Festival! On behalf of the community I would like to thank Adam Jagla for his vision and dedication towards making the festival what it is. I am looking forward to seeing lots of you here celebrating with our community on Saturday.

MOUNT ROGERS PRIMARY FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL
Saturday, 6 September 10am-2pm
No matter the weather the Festival will be on! Bring your friends, all your family, neighbours and anyone else you know!
HELP STILL NEEDED – SEE INSERT
To be presented at our Assembly on 11 September at 2pm
Hosts – Kindergarten

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Recipients of Artist of the Month awards at our last assembly

**STARS OF THE MONTH**

The Junior Star of the Month is a hard-working and sensible member of the 1/2 Emeralds class. Malachi S works hard at all tasks in class, and his academic results reflect the effort he puts into his learning. An amazing mathematician, Malachi can always be relied upon to provide strategies for solving problems in mathematics. As a responsible and mature member of the Emeralds, Malachi often offers to help other students when they need assistance with their learning. In addition, Malachi regularly offers assistance to his teacher and other staff members if required. Malachi has been an excellent role model for other students all year and this Star of the Month award is well deserved. Well done Malachi and thank you for your fantastic attitude this year.

The Senior Star of the Month is a Tiah C, a student in Yr 5/6 Zircon who always displays our school values. Tiah displays EXCELLENCE in the classroom and the playground. She has strong independent work habits and approaches all learning tasks with enthusiasm.

Tiah always displays FAIRNESS around the school. She includes everyone in games and is always encouraging and supportive of others. Tiah has a kind and friendly nature and make everyone feel welcome and included.

Tiah is RESPECTful of others and patiently helps and encourages younger students in their buddy class with reading and other activities. She happily gives up her time to help around the classroom and around the school during break times, including in the school canteen and as a playground leader. Tiah is particularly helpful with the organisation and delivery of the Jolly Rogers Soup Lunch.

Tiah is HONEST, and always takes responsibility for the decisions she makes. She behaves with integrity and encourages others to do their best. Tiah is a loyal friend and a valued member of the school community.

**INTRODUCING STAFF MEMBERS**

Hi. My name is Murray Hodge-Neill and I am in my third year here at Mount Rogers. I previously taught at Turner School and before teaching I worked both in the Public Service and in the community sector. I regard teaching as an opportunity to have a positive influence on children’s lives in the hope that fewer of them will experience some of the things that I have seen in my previous work in the community.

I was born and bred in Canberra, having grown up in Curtin and Kambah, and going to school at North Curtin Primary, Deakin High, and Stirling College.

In my spare time I love to spend time with my family, sing and play my guitar, enjoy the company of friends, make positive contributions to my community, and get involved in Australian Rules football. Every weekend in winter I umpire junior football around Canberra.

Because I believe in the importance of students becoming lifelong learners, in my classroom you will see learning tailored for the individual child and their current needs. Because I believe that learning doesn’t only happen in isolation, in my classroom you will see students sharing their ideas and understanding with each other. Because I believe that students learn when they give their best effort, in my classroom you will see effort and progress celebrated as much as achievement.

I enjoy being a part of the caring and supportive community here at Mount Rogers.
This term the 1/2 Emeralds have been looking at the history of transport. In week five, the 1/2 classes went on an excursion to the National Museum.

At the museum we saw old bicycles, planes and the first Holden car produced in Australia.

As well as looking at old forms of transport, the children investigated old toys, washing implements, garden tools and machines used for communication.

They were intrigued by some of the items their grandparents, and parents, would have used at home every day.
‘THE BUSH BOOK’ MOUNT ROGERS MUSICAL - 17 & 18 September
Please continue to send in your musical seating allocation slips. You have until Wednesday 12 September to return your note. This process is extremely important to see how many students will be attending the evening performances. We would love to see as many students attending the evening performances as possible to enhance our chorus singing.

BOOK WEEK
Thank you to all of the students who dressed up as their favourite book character on Friday, 22 August. We raised $214 in the process and this money will now be donated to the RSPCA and The Orangutan Project.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MELBA MEN’S SHED
On Friday the Year 5 and 6 bands helped the Melba Men’s Shed celebrate their 6th birthday. The students were outstanding and it was fantastic to hear the students play a number of combined pieces. After the performance many of the men in the audience approached us to say how much they had enjoyed the music. Many men from the Melba Men’s Shed participate in our Meccano program and so this was a fantastic opportunity to give back to people in our community that support our school.

BMX WORKSHOPS
Connor C in action

SCHOOL BANKING
Hello boys and girls,
Due to popular demand the penguin key ring is now out of stock and is not available to order. The following rewards are still available to order:
• handball • scented pencils • shark key ring • whale shark • pencil case • Dollarmite moneybox • swimming bag
Term 4 we will release the projector cup and the sea streamers.
Don’t forget to bring your banking in each week, 10 deposits equals a fantastic reward.

Happy Banking!

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Week winners this year were:
• Younger Readers
  City of Orphans: A Very Unusual Pursuit by C Jinks
• Early Childhood
  The Swap by Jan Ormerod
• Picture Book
  Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan
• Eve Pownall Award for Information Books
  Jeremy by Christopher Faille

The students in our school enjoy using the library to borrow, read and to learn!

COMMUNITY NEWS
Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT:
is a confidential, anonymous telephone counselling and information service.
Phone Parentline if you would you like:
➢ to talk with someone about those parenting issues
➢ help with some ideas on raising children
➢ support in the important job you are doing
➢ to know what is available for parents, teenagers and children
➢ to build better relationships in your family
➢ help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour

Parentline ACT - Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm Phone: 6287 3833
No matter the weather the Festival will be on!

Bring your friends, all your family, neighbours and anyone else you know!

It is going to be a great day!

Carnival rides and Lasertag! Come prepared to have lots of fun; listen to cool music beats; eat plenty (German and Aussie BBQ, Indian and South American food, hot soup, corn on the cob, hot dogs, popcorn, milk shakes, treats and delights, cakes, scones and more); get a haircut in a UK caravan! Good espresso coffee; find something to buy or make from the many stalls (crafts, treasures, make a little pressie and card for Father’s Day, books, plants, local wines, tombola, and more); and go into one of the many raffles. And of course crazy hair, nails, face painting, tattoos, balloons and more!

Plus at 12pm there will be a bike parade (kids, bring along your decorated bikes), raw onion eating and Weetbix eating competitions - join in to win prizes!

Carnival rides and Lasertag are confirmed – Lasertag will be in the hall if the weather is tricky. There will be sporting groups, fencing (the sport) demonstrations and crowd favourites, the Canberra Unicycle club to run fun activities with the kids. Don’t forget to put out the ‘flames’ with Hall Volunteer Fire Brigade.

FETE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING STALLS

Contact: Adam.Jagla@me.com Ph. 0400 381 969

Craft stall/Home-made jams/Chutneys/Old-style lollies – time to get your crafty and foody fingers moving. Donations of home-made crafts, jams and chutneys, old-style lollies will be gratefully accepted.

Nana’s Treasures – please rummage your cupboards for the following selected second-hand or pre-loved goods (only clean and in good condition); scarves, gloves, belts, handbags; brooches, rings, necklaces and bracelets, costume jewellery, trinket boxes; scatter cushions; lace doilies, lace and cotton and embroidered tablecloths, serviettes; tea towels; fine china, cup, saucer and plates, flower vases, cake plates and servers; succulent/herb plants in decorative pots.

Book/Music/DVD Stall – please donate good condition second hand books and CDs/records/DVDs for children and adults.

Toy Stall – donations of clean and working children’s toys (not broken) that can be sold at the fete

Car Boot Sale – why not sell some of your own treasures from your car boot. $25 per car (donation goes straight to the fete.)

Plant Stall - have you got green fingers? Please pot small plants for our stall.

CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mt-Rogers-Primary-Fun-Family-Festival/113630398832067

Twitter Page – @MtRogersFete

Instagram Page – http://instagram.com/mtrogersfunfamilyfestival
ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

Bring your Decorated Bike for the Bike Parade!

Enter the Raw Onion Eating or Dry Weetbix Eating contests

Win prizes! Entry is Free!

12 noon at the Mount Rogers Primary Fun Family Festival, Saturday, 6 September 2014 we will have a parade of decorated bikes. This is part of the festival’s theme in supporting healthy lifestyles.

There will also be onion eating and Weet-Bix eating competitions. Lucky door prizes for the bike parade and prizes for the onion and Weet-Bix eating competitions

Why not join in the fun and have a great day.