

FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

Welcome to term 2. The term started with a bang for our year 5/6 students as they headed to Camp Jindabyne on Wednesday last week. I had the pleasure of joining them and sharing the camp experience for the 3 days. If truth be told camp is one of my most favourite things. We had so much fun! The activities included archery, slider bikes, frisbee golf, and initiative challenges. Bullseyes were landed, slides were drifted, frisbee goals achieved and crate tower stacks created. Night times included fun and games, a hilarious version of Simon Says called 'Trev Says' and team trivia – of which the teachers won I am proud to say.

The NSW Sport and Recreation staff were awesome and super impressed by the have-a-go attitude and behaviour of our students, and I was super proud too. I cannot thank enough Melissa Mongan for her organisation of camp and all the staff who attended. As I have messaged before there is no obligation or 'rule' from the Education Directorate to run a camp – it is a school-based decision and relies upon the enthusiasm of staff to make one happen. Thank you Camp Jindabyne team!

Our Kindy students had their very first excursion on Monday with a trip to the National Zoo and Aquarium. Aside from being the 'best day ever', the students learnt so much about what living things need to thrive and survive. Direct quote from one Kindy student; "Oxygen is the most important thing." And from another "If you don't have water, you don't have anything." Congratulations on a fabulous day out, Kindy.

Our students in years 3-6 have begun their Rostrum public speaking journey for 2023. All students are asked to write a 2 ½ to 3 ½ minute speech on one of the following topics;

- Climbing
- Dig deeper
- Get involved
- Going backwards
- How relaxing
- Libraries
- A new adventure
- Satellites

Students are marked against a Rostrum presentation Rubric, which includes components such as content, eye contact, poise, voice and sticking to the time limit. I look forward to hearing lots of speeches in the coming weeks.

I am excited to let the community know that all staff are participating in an AUSLAN signing workshop this afternoon. We have been investigating ways to support and encourage speech and language development for children in early childhood. Key word signing can be used for all children, not just those who use key word signing for their primary mode of communication. I am excited to see what journey this workshop may take us on at Mount Rogers!

Huge thanks to Pat Ormerod for organising and running our Cross Country Carnival on the last day of term. We had stunning weather for the event and enthusiastic participation from students. I loved seeing everyone in their house colours and cheering loudly as age groups ran past.

Enrolments for ACT public schools in 2024 are now open. For the Mount Rogers community this mostly relates to preschool and year 7 (High School) enrolments. Enrol online via the following link; <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Lastly, please remember to label everything! The colder weather means jumpers, hoodies, jackets and beanies are making an appearance at school. Inevitably these items are taken off at some point during the school day and when they don't make it into a school bag they are hard to return when they are unnamed.

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

9 May	ACT Swimming Carnival
12 May	P&C Mother's Day Stall
19 May	National Walk Safely to School Day – Felicity's BIG Walk
22 May	Primary School Photo Day
23 May	Preschool event - <i>Nutrition Magician</i> at Melba Preschool (incl Flynn & Melba Marlins/Dolphins classes)
23 May	Preschool Photo Day – Flynn & Melba (Marlins & Dolphins)
25 May	Preschool event – <i>Nutrition Magician</i> at Melba Preschool (incl Spence and Melba Flying Fish classes)
25 May	Belconnen Cross Country Carnival at Stromlo
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.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP) PROGRAM

In 2022, Mount Rogers embarked on developing our own Reconciliation Action Plan.

A Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program provides a framework for organisations to be inclusive in their work and contribute to national reconciliation. We now have a draft RAP we would like to share with our community.

We invite you to read the RAP and provide any comments about how we might strengthen it, and perhaps how you see the community being involved.

If you would like to see a copy of the RAP, please email amarylise.bessey@ed.act.edu.au



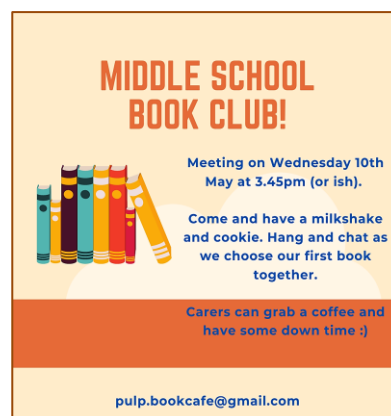
MEL'S LIBRARY NEWS



Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club is out now!



Orders close on Tuesday, 9 May. So be quick!
No cash. **Online orders only.**

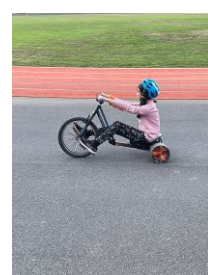


Pulp Café in Gold Creek run a Middle School Book Club once a month on Wednesdays for kids 10+. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 10 May.

Contact Rebecca at pulp.bookcafe@gmail.com with any questions.

Mel Colquhoun – Teacher Librarian

YEAR 5/6 CAMP - 26-28 April Jindabyne Sport and Recreation



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		

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.

Do you have questions about transition to preschool?




A Village for Every Child

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The Improved TRANSITIONS TO SCHOOL PROJECT

aims to improve transitions for children and families so that they feel confident, happy, connected, and have the tools they need to thrive. This also means that schools can be as prepared as possible for new children when they start. We are doing this by providing key information and connecting Schools, and Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Centres.



Take a look at **A Village for Every Child** [website](#) for helpful information on enrolling including links to Preschool Pathways, transitions, Koori preschool, supports for parents, disability information, financial and resource assistance and learning supports.

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 can be collected from the school front office 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>

CANBERRA TREE WEEK



Tree Week

is back from
Saturday 29 April to
Sunday 7 May 2023!

Celebrate the over 809,000 trees in public and urban open spaces across our city as we work towards 30% tree canopy coverage by 2045. Some of this year's exciting events include:

- outdoor and indoor exhibitions
- forest walks
- tree story time takeovers and craft at ACT public libraries
- film screenings.

Get outdoors and learn about the many benefits of trees while walking through some of our city's coolest regions on the inaugural 'Trees of the City Trail'. Follow the trail from Glebe Park through the city to Haig Park. The trail is free and accessible at any time.

See the full calendar of events at:

www.cityservices.act.gov.au

