



FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dear Mount Rogers families,

So many woo-hoos and hoorays to open the newsletter with this week.

Firstly – the *Healthy Hut* canteen re-opened yesterday with the first cohort special lunch to end the year. I am delighted to welcome Canteen Manager - Marcia to the Mount Rogers team. Marcia's enthusiasm and kindness is evident, and she is already working hard to learn names of everyone she meets. As you would be aware the plan for the rest of the year is for each cohort to have a special lunch day over this week and next as Marcia and the P&C team work together to ensure the *Healthy Hut* hums in 2023.



Secondly – we have a new front of school - finished - and the doors work! I am delighted with the outcome and thank Lyn our Business Manager, and Daryl for their support with this project. Please use the front entrance from now on and remember to sign in at the front office whenever you are in the school.



Thirdly – our Week 8 events have seen parents back in the school and in classrooms. Yesterday our year 5/6 parents were invited to a 'book tasting' in the classrooms. I have not been able to stop smiling as I see parents again in person, some of you I haven't seen in nearly two years. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and support of these events. I look forward to seeing many more of you tomorrow and on Friday.



We are just about ready for Moving-Up morning on Monday 12 December. Our 2023 class postcards are almost ready with information for you to pop on the fridge over the school holidays. The ACT Directorate is yet to finalise the 2023 staffing round for teachers and at the time of writing this newsletter, Mount Rogers is waiting for the outcome of this round to finalise 2 positions in our teaching team for 2023.

As I have always maintained and projected to the community, I take the forming of classes incredibly seriously and work closely with staff to ensure the best possible placement for all students. With over 500 students to place, it is a big and complex jigsaw puzzle, and as a result I will not be able to make changes to classes.

Semester 2 reports will be ready to go home on Friday, 9 December. Please remember that these are emailed home, so it is important that your email address is current with the front office.

Lastly, coming home today is a note about our annual Giving Tree. This is something our community has so generously supported in the past, to support St Paul's Ginninderra in Spence to help families in need at Christmas. Items can be donated from next Monday, 5 December and can be placed under the Giving Tree at the front office.

Here's to a wonderful last 2 ½ weeks of the 2022 school year. Stay safe and well.

Warm wishes,
Felicity Levett - Principal

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Canteen: Closed until further notice

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

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| 1 Dec | Yr 3/4 Educational Research Project (ERP) for parents/carers |
| 1 Dec | 2023 Kinder Mingle for families and students 3:15pm-3:45pm |
| 1 Dec | Healthy Hut Canteen – Special Lunch for Manta Rays & Kinder |
| 2 Dec | 2023 Kindergarten Information Pack – forms to be returned to preschool or school office |
| 2 Dec | Yr 1/2 Gallery Walk for parent/carers |
| 2 Dec | Kindergarten Assembly 1:45pm (incl Kindergarten parents/carers) |
| 5 Dec | P&C Meeting – all welcome |
| 6 Dec | Healthy Hut Canteen – Special Lunch for Yr 3/4 students |
| 8 Dec | Healthy Hut Canteen – Special Lunch for Yr 1/2 students |
| 9 Dec | Reports home |
| 13 Dec | Yr 6 Graduation Assembly |
| 14 Dec | Yr 6 Dinner, Fun Day & Yr 5/6 Disco |

TERM DATES

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| Term 4 | 10 October – 16 December |
| 2023 Term 1 | 30 January – Kindergarten 31 January – Years 1-6 Last day - 6 April |

A REMINDER TO STAY COVID SMART AT SCHOOL

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If your child has COVID-19, you must keep them at home and let the school know. Telling us when your child has COVID-19 will also help us track if there is an increase in COVID-19 transmission at school and manage any high-risk exposures for our more vulnerable school community members.

Being COVID Smart is easy:

- Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters.
- Stay away from schools if you are unwell.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Wear a mask in public indoor places if you can (12 years and over).
- Keep a distance from others when indoors, if possible.

And don't forget – if you have COVID-19 symptoms, make sure you get tested. You can access a free rapid antigen test from your school's front office.

Keep up to date at [COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](https://act.gov.au)



For more information and to enrol go to:
<https://bit.ly/3Wnk7JQ>

HEALTHY HUT - Canteen

Upcoming Special Lunch days

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| Kindergarten & Manta Rays | Thursday 1 December |
| Year 3/4 | Tuesday 6 December |
| Year 1/2 | Thursday 8 December |

- Order via flexischools or cash with order form to office
- Orders are due 2 days prior to special lunch day

IT IS LIBRARY STOCKTAKE TIME

As we come to the end of the year, the library is working hard to ensure all our resources are found and in good condition.



Overdue notices will be sent home with students this week. If you could take some time to have an extra look for these, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to locate any of the books, we would appreciate a suitable replacement book for each overdue or missing book, or subsequently, a donation of \$10 per book to go towards the purchase of new books.

At Mount Rogers, we are passionate about providing opportunities for students to read quality literature. As you can appreciate, quality books are expensive, and the library has limited funds.

Thank you for your support and understanding of this matter. Have a lovely holiday and I look forward to hearing about the students' holiday reading adventures when they return in 2023.

Mel Colquhoun
Teacher Librarian

Year 6 Graduation UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - 9:30-11am

Mount Rogers Primary School Hall

Students to arrive by 9am in full school uniform.

Max of 2 adults per year 6 student (to support our COVID Safety Assurance Plan)

◆ WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER

Year 6 Fun Day – 9:15am to 2:30pm

Inflatable World, Kambah

Year 6 Dinner 6pm & Year 5/6 Disco 7:15pm

Mount Rogers Primary School Hall

◆ PAYMENT due by Tuesday 6 December

\$37 Fun Day activities + \$28 Dinner & Disco
\$65 total (both activities)



HELP WITH THE COST OF SCHOOLING AND EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS

All ACT public schools can help families meet the costs of schooling or everyday essentials – such as personal hygiene products including sanitary hygiene items, school uniform items, book packs and stationery, school excursions, camps, transport and enrichment activities.

Part of public education's important objective is making access to education more equitable for all students, regardless of personal circumstances. If you are experiencing a situation that affects your ability to meet the costs of schooling or everyday essentials for your child, we encourage you to talk to us. Families who are looking for help with the costs of schooling can:

- talk to the school principal or other staff member about their situation
- have a relative, caseworker, friend or advocate make contact on your behalf
- contact the Education Directorate ETDStudentWellbeing@act.gov.au.



Is your preschool child starting Kindergarten at Mount Rogers Primary in 2023?

Please remember...

To complete and return the forms included in your Information Pack.

Drop them into the Mount Rogers Primary School office or to your preschool teacher by Friday, 2 December 2022.

This will facilitate your child's smooth transition to kindergarten.

The GIVING TREE at Mount Rogers

As the year approaches it's time for us to share a simple yet important message with students.



Christmas is a time for giving

Mount Rogers Primary School has a Giving Tree in the front foyer to collect donations for The Helping Hand Food Pantry, run out of St Paul's Ginninderra, Spence.

St Paul's has previously provided the school with volunteers each Wednesday morning to run the breakfast program, however COVID19 has temporarily postponed this service. It is hoped that it will begin in the near future.

We are asking students to donate non-perishable food items to be placed under the Giving Tree. Think of things that you would like in your pantry at Christmas.

Examples of non-perishable food pantry items:

Tinned fruit, jelly, biscuits, pasta, sauces, shortbread, savoury biscuits, fruit cake, pretzels, tea, coffee

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER IS A UNIFORM FREE DAY!

Please bring a donation of a non-perishable item



The goods will then be delivered to St Paul's ready for Christmas hampers to be made and distributed to families in need in our local community.

ITEMS CAN BE DONATED FROM MONDAY 5 DECEMBER - THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER

STRANGER AWARENESS SAFETY

This is a reminder to ensure your children and young people understand the importance of stranger awareness safety and information has been included on how to report an incident.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community. You may wish to visit the Australian Federal Police website section on [Child Safety](#) for tips. In addition, the [Safety4Kids](#) is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The [Constable Kenny website](#) also has a number of tips for parents for younger children.

If you become aware of an incident or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or student, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness an incident or if you have any information that could assist police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously. We would also ask that you notify the school so we can also support the wider school community to be aware of incidents.

Reminders

EXCURSION & PERMISSION NOTES

| YEAR | TOPIC | DUE | PAYMENT |
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| Selected Students | Yr 5 Band (2yr program) | | \$230/year |
| 6 | Yr 6 Graduation Events \$37 Fun Day activities \$28 Dinner & Disco \$65 total (both activities) | 6 Dec | See note sent home |

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

2022 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 2022.

Payment can be made by:

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

Thank you for your support

2022 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS Preschool & Primary School

Your voluntary contribution goes directly toward purchasing educational resources for students.

Primary \$100 per year – 1 child
 \$150 per year – 2 or more children in family (primary site)

Preschool \$200 per year – 1 child
 \$300 per year – 2 children in family (preschool site)

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Educational resources for students

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Thank you SPENCE GREENGROCER

Thank you for providing much needed supplies to our Mount Rogers School community - your generosity is greatly appreciated. It's a great place to get your morning coffee and those last-minute items.

