Hughes Primary School acknowledges the Ngunnawal People, the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

**Principal’s Message**

What a wonderful start to 2014! Thank you to all our parents for arriving to school this week on time, with your children looking sensational in their new uniforms with fabulous backpacks and displaying a very vibrant positive energy.

We warmly welcome our new families, from many countries around the world, and from nearly every state across Australia, WA, SA, Tasmania, NSW…we are so happy for all of these new friends to join our school.

We are in for a very exciting year – we are turning 50! We are fabulous, fit and 50 this year! We will soon be planning for exciting ways to celebrate this milestone and urge everyone to join in the fun! To launch this important year, we are introducing our very first Hughes Community Choir - led by Mr Tim! Our aim is to welcome anyone and everyone from Hughes to join in song and delight in learning new things together with a man we have all grown to love and greatly admire. Beginning Thursday 13th February from 6.00 - 7.00pm, please come along, parents, younger siblings who can sing, school aged students, neighbours, relatives, mums, dads…we would love to see you.

I am sure by now, many of you have seen our amazing new classrooms. We are thrilled with the end result! The funky new furniture looks fabulous, and HUGE thanks must go to Mr Johns and Gaye for their tireless work in organising, ordering, arranging and ensuring everything was as good as possible for the teachers and students.

Every class across the school this week, have been working on their THINK project, with a display happening in each classroom. We are united in believing it is important to be thinkers, and to be thoughtful in all that we do at Hughes Primary. Keep an eye out for the displays coming soon.

Please consider joining our P&C – Parents and Citizens Association. Our President, Andrew Reichstein, will join me in urging as many new parents as possible to come along to our meetings and join in the fun as we plan our 50th Birthday celebrations. I am incredibly grateful to this amazing team of parents who work so hard to make such a difference to our learning programs, by raising money, offering help to align with our operational goals. Our first meeting will be on Monday 24th February. We will meet in the Library, I hope to see many new faces joining the dedicated team.

Our first full newsletter will come home on Friday 22nd February. If you would like to receive it electronically, please complete the return slip on the last page of this newsletter. We are aiming for all families to receive this electronically, we are committed to saving trees and to being digitally savvy and we hope you will support our preferred option. Also, download our school app, as Ms Hayes regularly updates this and sends reminders. We also have a Facebook page and this is a great way we share feelings, thoughts, photos, celebrations and achievements. We welcome positive feedback via comments and likes.

At any time of the year, we urge families to give us feedback. We welcome positive feedback and feedback sharing concerns you may have. We are completely committed to ensuring your child has a positive experience at this school. Talk with us, let us know what is great, let us know what we can improve. Communication is two ways and we value your opinions.

Today, we heard some wonderful speeches from our Yr 6 students who are aspiring school leaders. The counting is in at the time of writing this brief newsletter. We will present the successful candidates with their badges and positions at our next whole school assembly.

Until next time …………. think creatively!

Kate Smith
PLEASE NOTE:

School hours are from 9am - 3pm.

Please ensure your children arrive and are collected as close to these times as possible.

Playgrounds are not supervised before and after school.

Thank you

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2014

Thursday 13th Band Testing IMP
Thursday 12th Year 5/6 Camp meeting
Friday 14th Assembly
Tuesday 25th Parent Information Night
Monday 24th Board and P & C Meeting
Friday 28th Assembly

2013 Year Books

We currently have a few year books still available for sale. Please see the front office if you would like one.

The Happy Hughes Primary School Staff 2014

Preschool          Susan Jones and Kellie Trevillian
Kindergarten       Julie Ferguson and Adam Porter
Kindergarten/Year 1 Alix Spinocchia
Year 1             Emma Smallmon and Janet Clark
Year 2             Mat McRae and Jonathan White. Steph Roberts will return later in the year to job share with Mr White.
Year 3             Samantha Thornton and Kathy Perinovic
Year 3/4           Philippa Thomas
Year 4             Mark Strutt
Year 5/6           Rachel Hogan, Michael McDonald and Paul Corrigan
Blue Gum LSUA      Natasha Parker and Beth Clarke
IEC Junior         Ruth Drew, Kirra Morales, Trina Cleary and Robyn Hammond
IEC Senior         Julia Shaw and Bronwyn Singh
EALD               Diana Chu
Teacher Librarian  Holly Godfree
PE/Health          Joanna Smith
Environment Science Karen Kennedy
Japanese           Annie Dong
Learning Support Assistants  Yukari Fitzpatrick, Donna Thompson-Kennedy, Brooke Suitor, April Reid
Business Manager   Gaye Broad
Front Office       Karen Stone-Tolcher
IEC Administration Pansy Sung
Executive Teachers Maryanne Hayes, and Helen Cox
Deputy Principal   Kerri Clark
Principal          Kate Smith
Please Note: Due to ACT Government requirements our bank details have changed.
The Hughes Primary School bank account is now:

Westpac Banking Corporation
BSB Number 032777  Account Number 001412

Uniform Shop Opening Times 2014

Opening Times

From Week 2, Term 1, 2014 the Uniform Shop will then be open each Wednesday from 8:30am to 9:00am

Please be mindful of the opening times, all the helpers are volunteers and their time is just as important to
them as yours is to you.

If you are not able to make it to the shop you can pick up an order form from the front office (or the
Uniform Shop counter) and return with your order and payment to the front office and items will be
delivered to your child’s class or alternatively you can order online using a credit card via

Payment Options

The Uniform Shop can accept cash or cheques only. The EFTPOS at the school cannot be used for
Uniform Shop purchases. If you wish to pay by credit card you can order online through Flexischools.
The closest ATM is located at the Hughes Shops.

While the helpers are happy to hold the items you have selected unfortunately you cannot take them with you
until they have been paid for in full.

Second Hand Uniforms

If you have any uniform items in good condition that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the
uniform shop – 2nd hand items are much sought after.

Hughes P&C
Annual General Meeting
Monday 24th Feb, 2014 at 7:30pm
To be held in the school library.
ALL WELCOME.

SCHOOL BOARD

Nominations are open for a P&C position on the school board. Nominations close on the 17th February and a nomination form is available from the front office.
WELCOME TO SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB 2014

Please return completed order form/s and payment to the front office by Monday 17th February.

Please ensure your child’s name and class is written in the space provided.

Orders are received up to three weeks after the due date and will be returned to the students classroom.

SALE OF FURNITURE

As you have all probably seen by now we have bought furniture for all of the classrooms. So … we have lots of old furniture to sell.

On Saturday 22nd February we are going to have a yard sale.

It will commence at 8.00 am and finish at 1.00 pm at the school.

If you would like a desk for your child or yourself ....

Maybe a book shelf or other shelving, please come along.

Everything will be very reasonably priced.

The money we raise from this sale will be put towards new furniture for our wonderful pre-school so they too can enjoy a facelift.

Susan from the Commonwealth Bank and her special guest, Pat the dog, will be holding a School Banking Account sign-up morning at Hughes Primary on Tuesday 18th February from 8.30am onwards in front of the school hall.

All parents will need to bring is a form of ID (drivers licence or passport) and the children’s birth certificate/passport (if the school does not already have it). Do you know that Hughes Primary last year earned $915.40 in commission through the School Banking program, WELL DONE!!

This is the most convenient way of opening an account for your children and they can start school banking as soon as they get their bankbooks which will be sent to your home.

We bank every Thursday at Hughes Primary and children only need 10 tokens (10 deposits) before they can redeem awesome reward items.

Come and join in the fun and learn to save with the School Banking Program and help your school in fundraising!

Hughes News
The Hughes Primary School Choir

is starting up again next week on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 8.30 am in the School Hall. If you have always wanted to sing come and join in.

The Hughes Primary String Ensemble

is also starting next week on Tuesday 11th February 2014 at 8.30 am. Positions are available for students who would like to learn Violin, Viola or Cello.

Please contact Nick Pearson at Canberra Music Tuition on 6288 6441 or admin@musiclc.com.au for more information and costs involved with being a part of these music programs.

P & C CAR BOOT SALE

On the 22nd February as an added P&C fundraiser to the surplus school furniture sale, we are holding a car boot sale — $10 registration per car — so a chance to get rid of those bits and pieces you have been wanting to sell.

To make the most of this opportunity the P&C will also be holding a cake stall, sausage sizzle and used book sale.

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Elizabeth van der Plaat 0409 442 136
Emma Booth 0408 596 398
Cathy MacMaster 0412 404 925

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To save paper we are only making the newsletter available electronically or on the school website. Please provide your email details and return this slip to the front office.

Student Name (please print): ..............................................................................................................

Parent Name (please print): ..............................................................................................................

Email Address (please print): ..............................................................................................................