Welcome back to Term 2, as the colours change in our world with the autumnal trees, we begin another term of learning and thinking.

It is wonderful to see our students arriving back after a relaxing and fun break. I also enjoyed the holidays, with waiting for hours to see the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, riding a Segway around Lake Burley Griffin and spending time with family. Also, I am proud to say our staff spent two fabulous days undertaking a COGE – Certificate of Gifted Education – so that we can differentiate for all children’s learning needs and are better tuned with ways to identify gifted learners. After the two full days of working together, we launched this week, into each teaching team having two full days to prepare and plan – putting into action those very things we learnt during COGE. I must thank Helen Cox for being the driver of this professional development – her connections with Ms Bronwyn MacLeod from the University of NSW, made this possible. We are the only school in the ACT to have a full staff undertake this very important certificate.

Last week, nine of us attended a reading institute at the Hellenic Club in Woden, for a day of sensational professional development focussing on English – vocabulary and comprehension.

I am proud of the dedication of our teachers and the willingness to take part in heavy but inspiring professional development.

This term, we will be begin rehearsals for The Wizard of Oz. We are looking forward to launching into our first musical, and hope it will provide different opportunities and experiences for those students who enjoy the performing arts. Students are also working at ADHS with extension Maths and Science. Our debating teams continue their work this term. ICAS competitions will soon be underway... Rostrum and NAPLAN will be upon us soon... Cross Country Carnival next week – busy bees!

As the cooler weather approaches, please ensure if your child is not well enough to be at school, they are kept home – to snuggle down and get better, so as to stop the spread of coughs, colds, sore throats and the like. We really appreciate this, as these illnesses can affect too many children through exposure.

Next fortnight, we return to the full newsletter that will showcase each class and their doings from the beginning of the term.

Until next week – think creatively.

Kate Smith
Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We are certainly having some beautiful autumn days and it is wonderful to see the children enjoying the warmth of the sun at recess and lunch. As we move into the cooler months, it is a timely reminder that children ensure that they are appropriately dressed to cater for the cool of the morning and the warmth of the day. It is also important that students are wearing school uniform. If students do need to wear additional layers, it is always lovely to see them in appropriate colours that match the school uniform, demonstrating school pride. Please note that hats are still required for the month of May. Our school’s Sun Smart policy states that students do not require hats in the months of June, July and August.

A couple of reminders:

- The morning bell goes at 8:55am.
- Classes start at 9am.
- School finishes at 3pm.

Please ensure your child is at school ready to start the school day, so that no learning opportunities are missed. It is also important that all students are collected at 3pm, as staff have professional responsibilities and meetings to attend to across the school week.

Your assistance in these areas will assist the smooth transition into Term 2 and all of the wonderful learning opportunities that teachers have planned for your child/ren.

*Kerri Clark, Deputy Principal*

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**The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

ICAS are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students.

When children participate in ICAS, some of the school benefits include:

- Identify potentially gifted students for further enrichment
- Identify students that may require immediate attention
- Identify areas of weakness in a student or group of students
- Inform school planning and resource allocation
- Experience in large scale examinations.

**Important ICAS Dates**

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Registration forms are available at the School’s front office.

*Helen Cox, Executive Teacher*
2015 Enrolment Procedures

Online enrolment procedures have been implemented this term for prospective 2015 enrolments. To enrol please go to this website [http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school](http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school)

This will provide you with information related to Priority Enrolment Areas (PEA), a parent guide for procedures and requirements and access to the online form. Below is the timeline of important dates for the enrolment process this year.

**Timeline: School Enrolment/transfer for Prospective Students in 2015**

This timeline should be read in conjunction with the Parent/carer guide to enrolment/transfer for ACT public schools

28 April 2014 Enrolment starts for 2015 school year. Forms available at Application to Enrol in an ACT public school

*School Enrolment Management Plan* completed

30 May 2014 **Applications for Enrolment/Transfer in 2015 closing date**

2-6 June Schools process applications.

9-13 June Schools unable to make offers email applications to the designated school enrolment email box of the next choice school.

Schools who receive applications that do not include a 2nd or 3rd choice and are unable to accept send email to the enrolment email box of the Priority Enrolment Area school. NSW applications are to be forwarded to the Office for Schools for offers in another ACT school.

16 June 2014 **Offers of enrolment dispatched by schools**. The template letter of offer enclosed.

27 June 2014 **Parents and carers advise schools of student’s acceptance of offer**. Enrolment conditional on presentation of appropriate documents.

4 July 2014 **Applications for Review of decision by school closing date**.

Reviews to be sent to the principal of the school where the application was unsuccessful.

25 July 2014 **Review decisions despatched to parents**. Information on Appeals Process enclosed. Please send appeals to:

Letters of Appeal
Office for Schools
PO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601
or email: officeforschools@act.gov.au

8 August 2014 **Appeals closing date**

13 August 2014 Appeal Panel convenes

19 August 2014 **Decisions of Appeal dispatched for parents and carers**.

**Notes**

- Ongoing - Applications continue to be received by schools and processed.
- Ongoing - Priority Enrolment Area students placed in designated school.
- High demand schools make second round offers for out-of-PEA students (ACT only) after appeal decisions.

If you have any questions please contact the front office.
Hughes Primary School
Groom St, Hughes

Information Night
for
Prospective Students for 2015
Thursday 15th May
5:00 – 5:30pm
In the School Library
**PIN Authorisations - Payments made with cards**

Please note that from **1 August 2014**, card holders will no longer be able to sign for payments made in person.

This is part of a banking industry initiative to improve credit card security in Australia, while most overseas countries have already adopted this method of card purchase authorisation.

This also applies to payments made using debit cards and savings account cards.

If you are unable to locate the original PIN issued with your card, you can update the PIN by dropping into your bank with your card and ID.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MAY 2014**

- Monday 5th: Bulb Fundraiser due in at front office
- Wednesday 7th: Cross Country at school
- Thursday 8th: ACT Swimming Carnival
- Friday 9th: Assembly 1.45 in hall
- Friday 16th: South Weston Cross Country Carnival
- Tuesday 20th: ICAS Computer Skills
- Friday 23rd: Assembly 1.45 in hall
- Monday 26th: Board and P & C meetings
- Wednesday 28th: Preschool CMAG excursion
- Wed 28th-Fri 30th: Year 3/4 Camp
- Friday 30th: Preschool CMAG excursion

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**Hughes Primary School will be celebrating 50 years of Education this year**

1964 - 2014

If you know of any past students please let us know.
Please Note:

Our bank details are now:

Westpac Banking Corporation
BSB Number 032777    Account Number 001412

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Hughes Primary Cross Country Carnival

The annual Hughes Primary Cross Country Carnival has been re-scheduled to next Wednesday, 7th May. The carnival will be held at school, with races starting at 1:00pm.

We would love as many parents, carers and friends to come along on the day and support our students.

If you have some free time in the afternoon, we would love your help around the course and with recording. If you can help, please email joanna.smith@ed.act.edu.au

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Excursion Acquittals

Term 1: 2014

**Pirate Pete - preschool**

Received $559  
Spent $550  
$ 9 credit

**Junior School visit to CSIRO**

Received $1552  
Spent $1650  
$ 98 debit

**Year 3/4 Zoo excursion**

Received $1679  
Spent $1770  
$ 91 debit

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PLEASE NOTE

School hours are from 9am - 3pm.

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

Playgrounds aren’t supervised before and after school.

Thank you
Chess and Coffee

What do we offer?
CHESS (for young beginners) and COFFEE (for connoisseur parents)

A chess program designed to introduce young children to chess – participants have started as young as four years of age

and

A bottomless cup of coffee (or tea) for parents.

WHEN: Each Friday afternoon during school terms from 3:30 – 4:45pm.

***Resumes May 2, 2014!***

WHERE: St Alban’s Anglican Church, 34 Chappell St Lyons, ACT.

COST: $5 per week for one child, or $8 per week for two or more children. This includes chess tuition, afternoon tea for children, and a cuppa for parents.

Chess Program Outline

Children arrive and register from 3:20-3:35pm.

Chess tuition until around 4pm.

Children break for their afternoon tea (Cordial, water, fruit provided – NB: We have a NUT FREE policy).

From 4:10pm children play / practice chess.

Program concludes around 4:45pm

THE LEAD CHESS TEACHER: Jeff Suptut will be heading up the chess component of the program. Jeff has taught chess in ACT schools since 1995.

FREE TEA AND COFFEE: Most parents stay for a cuppa and a chat while the children are learning chess. It is understood that some parents may not be able to stay for the duration of the program.

Contact: stalbanschess@emailme.com.au - or just turn up to register
Uniform Shop Opening Times 2014

**Opening Times**

The Uniform Shop is 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.

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**MEDICAL ALERTS**

**Chickenpox**

We have had several cases of Chickenpox reported in the school. Please be aware that children can still get Chickenpox even when they have been immunised. The symptoms for children who are immunised can appear different. The child may have cold and flu like symptoms with bumps that appear in a batch like mosquito bites.

**Head Lice**

Once again we have had cases of Head Lice in the school. Could all parents please be vigilant and check their children and treat accordingly.

A simple way of treating Head Lice is to thoroughly cover hair with conditioner and comb the hair through with a fine comb, remembering to wash the comb (after wiping on paper towel to remove the lice) under very hot water after each comb. This process needs to be repeated every day for a week.

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**Aussie Farmers Direct**

An initiative of a parent at the school a couple of years ago was “Aussie Farmers Direct” fundraising.

If you place your orders for groceries through this company the school receives a cash donation during the year. So jump on their website and order your groceries through them (apparently they sell organic) stating on joining that you support Hughes Primary School. Every little bit helps us in achieving better resources for the students.
Walk Safely To School Day is almost here!!

When: Friday 23 May 2014

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of public transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

Take the challenge! Parents and grandparents are most welcome to walk together with their children.

http://www.walk.com.au

The Ride Or Walk To School Committee

Party Plan Kitchen Fundraiser

to raise money for new stoves for the new kitchen

Tuesday 27th May 2014

6pm to 9pm

$20.00 a ticket which includes a glass of champagne or orange juice and finger food.

Lucky Door prizes.

Tickets need to be pre bought from the office.

Party Plans coming so far are:

- Tupperware
- Chef’s Tool Box
- Norwex- chemical free cleaning
- Your Inspiration at Home- spices etc
Voluntary Contributions

All of the parent community should have received the notice re: voluntary contributions recently, except the IEC.

This contribution is voluntary but provides the school with essential funds to enhance our education programs and to provide more opportunities for our students’ learning. This year we are focusing on Physical Education/Health and Science and the money we receive would certainly enable us to purchase larger items for these areas.

Voluntary Contributions are set at: $165 for one child, and $75 for every other child in the family.

For Preschool the contribution is set at $165 for one child and $35 towards art/craft materials and consumables.

The school has undergone lots of changes in the last twelve months providing students with amazing learning spaces and to be able to add resources for these learning spaces would be great.

You can pay these contributions either by:

- **Cash**
- **Cheque** payable to: Hughes Primary School
- **Credit Card** see below OR phone Front Office **EFTPOS** at Front Office.
- **Direct Debit** put **Surname** in information line, then **Bank**: Westpac Banking Corporation – ACT Government – (Canberra) **BSB**: 032777, **A/C No**: 001412

For Credit Card Use Only

Student’s name  ____________________________________________________

The amount may be debited to your Mastercard/Visa account by completing the authority form below. (Note: your card is not required, but please check that all boxes are completed)

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Printed name on card:  ____________________________________________
Cardholder’s Signature  ____________________________________________

Fundraiser

**Brighten up your Garden with Beautiful Spring Bulbs**

Please help support the P & C Bulb Fundraiser. A catalogue was sent home to the youngest in the family this week. Return your order form, with payment to the front office by **Monday 5th of May** (any cheques should be made payable to the Hughes Primary P & C Committee)

Orders should include your child’s name and class details. Your bulbs will be delivered to the school in approx week 4 or 5. If you have any questions please call Carolyn Woodruff on 0412 635 413.
QuickWeb

As you are all aware the school as part of the government of Canberra, ACT changed to Westpac Bank last year.

Westpac have now made available through our website – QuickWeb.

This allows you to make all your payments through this application. I have given it a trial run and it is quite user-friendly so give it a go. I am so looking forward to my first payment by this method.

Don’t forget our account # should you wish to continue paying through the direct debit method:

Westpac BSB# 032777 Account# 001412

Thank you everyone.

Gaye

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Our school P&C will run a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at the Fyshwick Store on Saturday the 3rd of May (the 1st weekend of 2nd Term).

The BBQ will be a great fundraiser for the school but we need YOUR HELP.

At this stage we are looking for lots of helpers for the day. It would be great if we could get the roster finalised before the end of term 1.

If you are available to help, please contact Kylie Reid or Len Pike.

Kylie: k.m.reid@bigpond.com
Len: len@absonart.com.au
ONLINE ORDERING

- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.

Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.

Place lunch orders from your iPhone, iPad or mobile device!

For help call 1300 361 769
Hughes Primary School Canteen Menu
Term 2 2014

Juice $1.60
Apple
Tropical

Milk $2.80
Strawberry
Chocolate

Water $1.20

SUSHI $2.20
vegetable roll

Hot food
Pizza Single $3.20
Sausage roll (canteen made) $2.60
Mrs Mac120g good eating pie $2.60
Chicken nuggets x3 $2.60
Nachos(salsa,cheese, corn chips) $3.00
Macaroni Cheese (canteen made) $3.20
Cheese Pizza (canteen made) $3.00
Popem chicken & wedges $3.80

Toasted Sandwiches
cheese $2.50
cheese & ham $3.00

Snacks
Milo Slice $1.20
Choc chip cookies 50c
Jelly $1.00
Sml Cup Noodles $1.20
Sml cup boiled Rice $1.20
Watermelon Tub $1.20
Frozen Yogurt $2.50

Sauce
Tomato or BBQ 30c

Burger and Sandwiches

Cheese Burger (cheese, choice of lettuce, meat patty & sauce) $4.50
ChickenS/W, tomato, carrot and lettuce $2.50
Cheese, S/W tomato, carrot and lettuce $3.00
2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to the front office at Hughes Primary School.

I give permission for my child                      of                      

Child’s name                      Class

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

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*Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 16 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Please find enclosed _________________________ total entry fee. _________________________

Amount                                  Date

Name of Parent/Guardian                      Signature of Parent/Guardian

(please circle one) Cheque  Cash  Credit Card  Eftpos  Direct Debit

Cheques should be made payable to Hughes Primary School. If paying by CASH, please provide the EXACT amount. If paying by Direct Debit – please ensure you reference the payment ICAS (student’s name)

Paying to: Hughes Primary School – BSB Number 032777 – Account Number 001412
If paying by Credit Card please complete details below:

Card Type: Mastercard  Visa

Card No: ______________________ ______________________ ______________________ ______________________

Cardholders Name: ___________________________________________________________ Expiry Date: ______________________

Cardholders Signature: ________________________________________________________