



Hughes NEWS

TERM 1 ISSUE 2

1st March 2019

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

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to our teachers for the informative information sessions held last Wednesday and our welcoming preschool picnic held last Friday. Huge thanks to the P&C for hosting a very successful sausage sizzle as a wonderful welcome back to the 2019 school year. The information sessions are an important way that we share our teaching and learning programs with the community.

Communication is important. We are working hard to get to know your child. We respect that you know them best! If there is something that you feel would further support your child at school, whether it is about their academic skills, their social interactions or a particular situation, your first point of call is your child's classroom teacher.

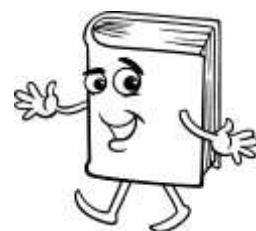
Each year level has an executive teacher who is there to offer additional input if required—**Ms Kirsty Stewart Executive Teacher Preschool – Year 2; Ms Suzy Francis Executive Teacher Years 3-6.** Nicole Merchant (Deputy Principal) and myself are available where needed.

We are very fortunate to have the support of the P&C who contribute to the school in a rich myriad of ways. Every year the P&C give us money to extend our home reading collection. If you have home reading books from 2018, please either return them to Karen & Fiona in the front office, pop them on the home reading shelf in Bimberi and we will place them back in the correct boxes, or return them in your child's school bag (no questions will be asked!) We will continue to extend our collection this year and it is highly advantageous if we can complete an accurate audit of our current collection.

Congratulations to Amelie Nettlefold, Stella Ramsay, James Squire & Phoenix Gosper who have been elected as our school leaders for 2019. These four committed students have already embraced their roles, leading both the junior school assembly and senior school assembly during the last fortnight.

Speaking of elections, please do not forget to vote in our board election – voting closes next Monday 4 March at 11am. Information on page 3.

TAKE ME BACK, PLEASE!



Principal:

Nina McCabe

Deputy Principal:

Nicole Merchant

Executive Teacher:

Kirsty Stewart

Executive Teacher:

Suzy Francis

Preschool Teacher:

Susan Jones

Business Manager:

Gaye Broad

School Secretary:

Karen Stone-Tolcher

IEC Office:

Pansy Sung

Board Chair:

Stef O'Grady

P&C President:

Lara Gladwin

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Positive Behaviours for Learning:

Hughes Primary School has a strong, established commitment to wellbeing for our school community. We aim to support students to connect, succeed and thrive at each stage of their development and learning. To ensure our school has a cohesive and best practice approach to wellbeing we have updated our Safe and Supportive School Practices to reflect our journey of becoming a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL, provides a framework for the whole school community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student. PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach where positive social expectations are developed, established and consistently reinforced throughout the school community. At Hughes Primary School, we foster lifelong learners in a respectful and safe environment. Students frequently are acknowledged for demonstrating our expectations of “be safe, be respectful and be a learner”. We encourage you to speak with your child about our school expectations and discuss the ways they have been acknowledged. Such prompts for the conversation may include ‘positive praise cards’, ‘I was spotted being a....’stickers’, ‘PBL Awards’, ‘Hughie and Bunji’. To find out more about our Safe and Supportive School Practices, feel free to come along to our next P&C meeting on Monday 25 March.

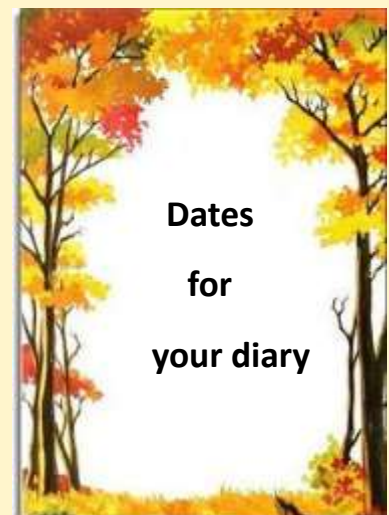
Warmest regards

Nina McCabe

Principal

March

Friday	8	Junior Assembly Host 2L 2.15-2.45
Monday	11	Canberra Day Public Holiday
Wednesday	13	Swimming Carnival
Friday	15	Senior Assembly Host 5/6G 2.15-2.45
Monday	18	CEIS
Tuesday	19	Preschool Owls Harmony Day
Friday	22	Senior Assembly Host 1H 2.15-2.45
Friday	29	Harmony Day



HUGHES PRIMARY SCHOOL | NOMINATIONS | P&C REPRESENTATIVES**VOTING CLOSSES 11.00 AM MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2019****MARK ASCOUGH**

Mark Ascough is Erin's dad. As the father of a year three student and part of a family who is settled in the local community, I enjoy being able to contribute to Erin's school environment. Over the past year I have greatly enjoyed getting to know a range of school families; through the Hughes Dad's group, cheering on the Hughes netball teams that compete in the local competition and more recently I volunteered to support the P&C executive committee. My wife, Michaele is involved within the Hughes netball club and also previously attended Hughes Primary. We are delighted that Erin has had the chance to carry on this family link.



As a nominee to one of the two vacant P&C positions on the School Board I want to assist the school community in implementing the School's strategic plan and building on the already strong links between the staff and school families. I am a graduate and current member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and have previously performed the duties as a non-executive Director on a not-for-profit national company board in 2016/17. I have also been granted membership of the United Kingdom's Chartered Management Institute.

TONY COX

As a parent of three children at Hughes Primary School and the husband of one of the newly appointed teachers, I have a keen interest in the future of the school. My children, wife and I all love Hughes Primary and want the very best for not only our family, but for all involved in the Hughes Primary School community.

I am a teacher by profession and am currently employed by the Education Directorate. I have worked in a variety of settings in the ACT, as a classroom teacher, executive teacher, Deputy Principal and acting Principal. I've also worked in teacher recruitment. I have a passion for education, public education in particular.

Currently I am on contract as a teacher in a public primary school here in the ACT, but am also a certified Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Coach for teachers in all education settings. I understand teachers, teaching and the profound and privileged role we teachers play in the education and wellbeing of your children.

I have extensive experience in youth development and engagement as well as teaching, leadership and management. I have recently been employed as the leader of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in the ACT. My experience as an EL1 in the Public Service has enabled me to develop skills in project management, procurement and public policy as well as working to Ministers and the Government.

As a teacher I have previously served on school boards and am aware of the privilege and importance of the role. I live an active and full life with my family and friends many of whom are involved either directly or indirectly with the Hughes Primary School community. It would be a great honour to serve on the Hughes Primary School Board.

CLYDE D'ROSARIO

Hi, I'm Clyde a father of two at Hughes Primary School, my daughter just started Kindergarten and my son is in Year 3. My family and I moved to Canberra from New York for a Digital Strategy position at the National Gallery. Since then, we have made many close friends and enjoy being part of the Hughes Community.

Over the last 5 years I have been actively involved in Hughes Primary School fetes, fundraisers, excursions and working bees. I have also volunteered weekly with the coding club and was excited to see the number of students grow each term and quickly learn to code using many new technologies. I am passionate about technology and innovation, an area that is rapidly changing and feel that technology plays critical role in our children's future.



We are incredibly lucky to have a passionate and dedicated principal and teachers at Hughes Primary School. The school's nurturing environment, openness to diversity and focus on excellence makes me proud to be able to contribute my experience and skills. I look forward to working with you all to build a strong and vibrant Hughes Primary School community.



Do you have a concern about your ACT Public School?

Many concerns are resolved quickly and easily by discussing the matter directly with the school.

First speak directly to your child's teacher or talk to a member of the executive team. If you continue to be concerned please make an appointment to see your principal.

If you are not satisfied you may lodge a written complaint. The *Complaints Policy and the Complaints Form* are available from the policy section of the Directorate website:
www.det.act.gov.au

You have the right to approach the ACT Human Rights Commission. Details are available from the Commission website:
www.hrc.act.gov.au/humanrights

If you need assistance, or you would like to compliment us,

contact the ACT Education and Training Directorate's Liaison Unit
☎ 6205 5429 ☒ www.det.act.gov.au/contact_us

SCHOOL BOARD VOTING

Closes 11.00 am Monday 4th March, 2019

Collect your voting slip and envelope
from the front office.

Student Injury

Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT.**

Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) is a condition of consideration at Hughes Primary School. Our school is a chemical/fragrance aware environment.

We consider our cleaning products and processes; first aid management; trigger incitant chemicals/substances such as, perfume, aftershave etc. We seek that you also consider the health of our whole community and avoid bringing/wearing these products in the school environment. Some examples of products containing incitant chemicals are (but not limited to): fragranced toys, lip gloss (particularly those with fragrance), spray deodorant, cleaning products, hand sanitisers, essential oils, paints etc.

Please contact Nicole Merchant (nicole.merchant@ed.act.edu.au) if you have any questions in relation to our MCS awareness.

Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure with School Banking!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2019, School Banking is taking children on a Polar Savers adventure to the Ice Cave of Savings.

There are 8 new reward items for 2019 from the Polar Savers range:

- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Yeti Fluffy Notepad
- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers



If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Scholastic Book Club News

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 is out now. Unfortunately there was a shortage of catalogues this time and a hard copy is not available for all students. Below is a link that will open up the latest catalogue

http://scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/assets/pdfs/pdf2019/bc_119.pdf

It's packed full of exciting books from best-selling authors, popular titles and series that kids love, as well as products and books that make perfect gifts for younger siblings who may not be at school yet. When ordering from Book Club, you are not only helping your children, but you are also helping your school — 20% of your spend goes back to your school in valuable Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy classroom resources. To celebrate the start of the New Year, any family ordering from issue 1 will also receive a free All About Me Activity Journal to help us kick-start our 2019 plans. For more information about Scholastic and Book Club, visit



www.scholastic.com.au

www.flexischools.com.au

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- 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**





Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

Hughes Primary School

Term 1

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

Sandwiches & wraps

Salad:	\$4.00
Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot	
Egg & Mayo:	\$4.00
Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce	
Chicken & Salad:	\$4.50
Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo	
Toasted cheese	\$4.00
Extras: cheese or chicken	add \$1.20

Gluten free available on request

Salad

Design your own salad	from \$4.50
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Hot meals

Pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese. Gluten free available)	\$4.50
Veggie fried rice	\$4.50
Ham & pineapple pizza single	\$3.50
Crispy chicken or Fefafel sub: with lettuce and your choice of sauce	\$4.00
Beef lasagne	\$5.00

Snacks

Small fruit salad tub	\$1.50
Koala Popcorn: lightly salted	\$2.50
Corn cob: lightly seasoned	\$1.50
Jelly & custard	\$1.50
Banana bread	\$1.50
Warm cheese roll	\$3.00
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.00

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (tropical, apple)	\$2.00
Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 300ml	\$3.00
Plain milk	\$2.00

Frozen

Frozen zip pops (choc, strawberry)	\$1.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$2.50

Meal Deals!

Chicken nuggets + side + drink	\$7.50
Fefafel sub + side + drink	\$7.00
Pasta + side + drink	\$7.50

Current as at 30 January 2019