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Principal’s Message

Three weeks into the school year already! Our teachers and students have been very busy working on a very important word in every classroom across our marvellous school. THINK. As an introduction to the year, each class was asked to focus on the importance of thinking and, together, create a visual display high up in their classrooms to remind them of the importance of thinking. Our expectation is that the understanding of thinking will evolve across the year and that thinking is an obvious part of every lesson every day, for every child.

Yr 2 ran a wonderful first whole school assembly last Friday, in the Library - thank you 2M for a marvellous start to our assemblies and I THINK setting the bar quite high. As I venture into classrooms this year, it is evident that students are enjoying their learning and that teachers are exposing them to some intriguing concepts. Valuing the learning taking place is a very important aspect at Hughes Primary School.

Due to the amazing new furniture in classrooms this year, we have excess old stock – much of it in good condition. Please support our P&C, by coming to school on Saturday between 8am and 1pm – and purchase some desks, chairs or other furniture – buy a cake and some books! The funds gained from this garage sale will be used to update the furniture in our preschool classroom - bringing it up to the standard of the K-6 classrooms. So, please come on down... I THINK everyone could benefit from some furniture to practise schools at home with!

Speaking of practising learning at home – soon, we will be unveiling our new Homework Policy. The School Board will be reviewing this policy next week and we hope to launch it soon – it will appear on the school website for all to see. Ms Melanie O’Hanlon, our Board Chair, welcomes communication from families and is happy to accept emails and communication from families via the info_hughes@ed.act.edu.au address. The School Board plays a pivotal role in working with the school to ensure we comply with policies, manage funds and provide top quality curriculum and learning opportunities for all students. Voting will soon commence for the nominees to be the new parent Board representative. I encourage families to participate in voting.

Mr Andrew Reichstein is our energetic P&C President and I join with Andrew in warmly inviting new and existing families to P&C meetings, the next being Monday 24th February in the Library at 7.30pm. Please join this amazing team of parents who make a solid contribution to growing this learning community.

Our Hughes Community Choir is held every Thursday from 6.00 - 7.00pm in the main building- second classroom on the right - Miss Chu’s room. Mr Tim is excited about new folks joining us—neighbours, relatives, friends...the more the merrier.

We are already experiencing parking and pick up problems every afternoon at the front of the school. Please respect our request to NOT park in front of the closed gates and line up cars. If your children are picked up by drivers, please support the school by asking drivers/carers to park the car along Groom St, walk into the school and collect children. We must unite in this to ensure the safety of every child in the school. There cannot be any parking in the crossing zone at any time.

Welcome to our new families who have joined us since Week 1- we are thrilled you have joined us!

Until next time –THINK passionately!

Kate Smith
Principal
Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting year at Hughes. It has been absolutely amazing to see the classes settle so quickly, as teachers work with students to establish their classroom communities in such a positive and thoughtful way. It has been wonderful to see happy faces, hear the sounds of chatting and laughter, and observe the eagerness of students to engage in their learning – and it’s only week 2!

Spending the time to establish classroom routines and ways of thinking and working together has enabled teachers to get to know their students. The “Get to Know You Interviews” currently taking place will enhance the teacher’s understanding of your child and enable them to plan carefully to cater for their learning needs. I encourage you to make a time to meet with your child’s teacher and share your story about your child/ren. The more we know, the better we can support your child’s learning.

I look forward to working with our Hughes community over the year. Please contact me at any time through the front office if you have any questions or concerns.

Kerri Clark
Deputy Principal

Welcome back to 2014.

It was fantastic to see how confidently the brand new Preschoolers and Kindergarten students started school. There were a few tears, but on the whole there were a lot of smiles. A big thankyou to Susan, Kellie, Adam, Julie, Alix and Ruth for making this first day a memorable one.

This week and next week the Kindergarten students will be participating in PIPS (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools) assessment. This is a computer based assessment given in a one to one setting with the student’s teacher. PIPS assesses the knowledge the students come to school with, and what they gain throughout the year in terms of Literacy, Numeracy and Phonological Awareness. The assessment is undertaken in Term 1 and again in Term 4. If you have any questions please ask your child’s teacher.

If you haven’t downloaded our school app please think about doing this. It is a great avenue to find out what is on, to submit absence notes, to track down a copy of the newsletter, or update your phone numbers and address. You can find it on the app store or android by searching Hughes Primary School.

Our school Facebook page is another way we communicate with parents and the wider community. We display photos of events and happenings within the school, always aiming to only show the backs of students. It can be found by searching for Hughes Primary School, ACT in Facebook.

Looking forward to another great year at the fabulous Hughes Primary School.

Maryanne Hayes
Executive Teacher
Achievement & Potential - The Value In Knowing Your Child

Central to teaching is what we ought to teach – what we want students to know, understand and be able to do. However, the student is the focus of our work as teachers. Teachers know that students differ which is why it matters to teach responsively – to make modifications in how students will get access to important ideas and skills – to make possible learning success for each learner.

That is why it is important that teachers know students, as individuals, as much as we can: their interests, their 'readiness', and their learning profiles. If we know a student’s interests we can ensure they are motivated; if we are aware of where they are in terms of ‘readiness’ we can plan for academic growth; if we enable students to work in their preferred learning modes we can develop their learning capabilities.

Teachers also know that parents and carers are a valuable source of information and we value the information that you can provide us about your child or children. If you haven’t already done so, we would appreciate it if you could please provide as much detail as possible on the ‘Getting To Know You’ Survey, sent home last week, and return it to your child’s teacher. In addition, please make sure you organise an interview with your child’s teacher, this week, if you wish to expand on information provided in the Survey.

What really matters in teaching? The students; and no one knows a child better than their parent or carer.

Helen Cox
Executive Teacher

Greetings from the School Psychologist

From the very first day of arriving at Hughes Primary School, I received a warm welcome from both the school community and staff. I arrived at Hughes Primary School after working for several years with a primary school in the Tuggeranong region, as well as a variety of schools settings including high schools and special needs schools in Western Australia. I’ve been amazed with the cultural diversity present in the school community and the warm smiles on the faces of the students.

My work days at Hughes Primary School will be Monday mornings and all day on Thursdays. The School Psychology Service is available to students, parents and teachers – I’m part of the SRT team which includes the Deputy, the Executive Staff and myself. The purpose of this team is to support teachers and parents who have identified and raised any concerns about students. Parents are always encouraged to first discuss any concerns they may have regarding their child with the classroom teacher. Teachers and parents are then welcomed to access the SRT either through the teacher or directly contacting the Deputy – Kerri Clark.

Throughout the year I’ll be writing a little piece for this newsletter just talking about some of the general issues and skills that can help kids and their families get through the school year well.

Justine Bruce, School Psychologist
News from the Science & Environment Centre

Did you know? ....... That an earthworm has five hearts!

That is just one of the amazing facts that the Year 2 students discovered this week in science. The topic of earthworms was this week’s focus in the unit they will be studying this term titled ‘Schoolyard Safari’. The students really enjoyed looking through magnifying glasses and finding out that worms don’t have eyes and they have a body part called a saddle!

The students in Years 5 & 6 had to accurately follow a procedure that led to an experiment with yeast, sugar and warm water. The students used various combinations to investigate which combination produced the most gas, resulting in a balloon being inflated.

The Kindergarten students have being introduced to world of science at school by finding out about the important things that animals need to stay alive. This week they learnt about the five senses and appeared to enjoy sucking on lemons!

The IEC students have being learning about the ‘Weather in our World’ and are doing a great job learning new terms such as rain, snow, cyclone and hail.

Next week there will be snails, more micro-organisms, physical exercise and maybe a thunderstorm; which goes to show............Science is everywhere!

Karen Kennedy

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2014

Monday 24th  Board and P & C Meeting, 7.30pm
Monday 24th  Band Meeting, 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Tuesday 25th  Parent Information Night, 4.00pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 27th  IEC Parent Morning Tea, 9.15am
Friday 28th  Assembly, 1.45pm

MARCH 2014

Wed 5th - Fri 7th  5/6 Camp - depart 8.30am 5/3/14, arrive back 3.30pm 7/3/14
Monday 10th  Canberra Day (Public Holiday)
Welcome to Health and PE!

My name is Jo Smith and I am the new addition to the specialist teaching team here at Hughes. I’m really excited to get to know everyone and work with you all throughout the year. There are lots of exciting things coming up in PE this year, starting with the annual swimming carnival!

Every Wednesday during the second half of lunch, the ‘Let’s Get Moving’ club will be held in the PE room, and throughout the school, as a way of introducing students to different physical activities that everyone can participate in and have a good time. This fortnight is dancing (including the hokey pokey and the chicken dance!)

Last week in PE, all students were THINKing about what Health and PE means to them. Working together, all classes created the HPE Thinking Cloud, which revealed some great ideas and beliefs. In PE classes this week, our junior students are working on developing the fundamental movement skill of locomotion (running, jumping, skipping and hopping), and our senior classes are building on their locomotion skills through developing body balance and awareness.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, I would love to know! Feel free to send me an email: joanna.smith@ed.act.edu.au

Joanna Smith, PE Teacher

Preschool Owls and Butterflies

The Owls and Butterflies have had an amazing first couple of weeks at preschool. We have been impressed at how happily nearly all of them have been about saying goodbye and then quickly choosing areas to explore and investigate. We have introduced the children to many expectations of how we can all be safe, happy and have fun at preschool. Our key words are being RESPECTFUL, COOPERATIVE and to have FUN while learning and playing. Each child has been given an imaginary thinking cap to use at preschool and it was wonderful listening as they used some amazing vocabulary to describe the bows with which they tie their thinking cap on with.

We have also been practising sitting with ‘listening bodies’ and again the effort the children are demonstrating as they cross their legs and sit with their hands in their laps is wonderful. This has allowed us to have some fabulous story times, where the children have quickly become absorbed in the developing narrative and eagerly share the detail they have seen in the illustrations and also their knowledge relating to the book or story.

Thank you for your support, we are very excited about the year ahead.

Susan, Kellie and Maryanne
Kindergarten Tea Trees

I bet you didn’t know that we have already started reading AND writing and we have only been here for TWO weeks! We have been excelling at working in small groups and rotating around to different activities. Our goal this week has been to ‘stay with our group to complete an activity before we move on’. This has not been easy but we are trying our absolute best! As part of our THINK challenge set by Mrs Smith and Mrs Clark, we talked about the way we all learn best with different types of learning experiences. Some of us like messy, artistic ways to think. Others like to build and play to do our best thinking. Mrs Ferguson was the only person who enjoyed working quietly at her desk to do great thinking, but we are trying our best to improve in this skill as well!

A list for parent helpers has been created. Please feel free to drop in ANYTIME and ANYDAY to join in with us, do a quiet job or help some children. There is always plenty to do even if your name isn’t on the roster. We begin our learning at 9:01am on the dot, so please ensure you are at school by the time the bell rings each morning so you don’t miss out. Thanks so much for ensuring we all have our book packs, hats, lunch and morning tea each day. As a result we are all settled into a routine, showing everyone in the school that KINDY CAN DO IT!

Thank you for a great start to an epic year.

Julie, KF, Snakey Bombakey and Iguaney Bombany
Blue Gum

It was fantastic to see 5 excited faces enter the Blue Gum room and settle straight back into the routine.

On the first day, we brainstormed what we wanted to learn about in the areas of science and geography. The most popular topic in Science is space and the solar system so we have begun learning about the sun, moon and planets in the solar system. Here is our space display so far. We are keen to learn more about each planet in the next few weeks.

As the whole school focus was to talk about and make a display on 'Think', we discussed and drew what thinking means to us. We wanted to emphasise that students with Autism think differently.

We have lots of exciting things happening in Blue Gum this year including getting our sensory room up and running, re-planting our sensory garden, shopping and cooking experiences and joining in whole school events.

Natasha and Beth

K/1S Red Box

The K/1 Redbox class have had a terrific start to the year. We began the year with a fantastic focus on THINKING. The students had a brainstorming session with Miss Spinocchia and we decided that thinking involves solving problems, remembering things, inventing things and above all - using our brains! Please feel free to drop in and have a look at our wonderful 'thinking display' in the classroom before or after school. The K/1 students have also been busy identifying some goals they would like to achieve for the year (such as learning to skateboard, planting vegetables, watching TV….oh and of course learning to read and write as well!!)

Our library session is each Monday and students are required to bring their library bags if they wish to borrow books. Library books must be returned in order to borrow new books each week.

A big thankyou to all of the parents who have filled out a survey on their child and arranged to drop in for a meeting. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know everybody and has provided many extremely valuable insights into each of the lovely children in my class.

Alix Spinocchia
KP Hakea Kindergarten

New class, new students, new furniture, new learning and same ‘old’ Mr Porter jokes (at least that’s what the puppets have said). It has been a fantastic start to the year with the students settling into the routines and requirements of the school, displaying enthusiasm and commitment to their learning, and demonstrating the school’s CARE values of Co-operation, Attitude, Respect and Excellence.

As part of our special activity this year relating to ‘Think’ the students showed excellent understanding of what the word ‘think’ means to them, and you will be glad to know that it was suggested that ‘even grown up and very old people think’. I ‘think’ that covers all bases.

The Kinders have also started their PIPS Early Years Assessment Program this week, so it has been a busy start to the year.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with drink bottles and hats (and that both are labelled), and with guided reading starting shortly in the classroom please contact Mr Porter if you would like to assist (though he can only pay you in chocolate).

I look forward to seeing you all during our information night.

Fortnightly Quote: ‘Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind’ (Dr Seuss).

Adam, April and the Puppets

1C Hardenbergia and 1S Hovea

Welcome back to all families! It’s been great to see your children coming back to school with eager faces, excited about the learning ahead. They have settled in well to their new class routines. We had fun creating amazing artworks about our classroom names. ‘Schoolyard Safari’ minibeast studies are underway. Check your child’s bag for our first homework challenge.

Thanks to all those parents who provided valuable information about their child on the ‘Getting to Know You’ information sheet. It has been lovely to meet with those families who have made it in to chat with us about their children. We’re looking forward to seeing more faces at the Information Night next Tuesday at 5pm.

Regards,

Emma, Janet and Brooke
2M Kurrajongs and 2WR Waratahs

The Waratahs and Kurrajongs have had a wonderful start to the year. Week 1 was focused on ‘Creating Us’ in building a cohesive, supportive and inclusive team atmosphere in our classes. We are very excited about the coming year and we have plenty of fun and engaging learning planned ahead.

In the first week, we were busy creating our ‘THINK’ walls. Students were asked to think about what thinking means to them. How do we think? When do we think? What does it look like? Come in and check out our “THINK” displays. They are vibrant, inspiring and unique to us.

Music has also been a large focus over the past few weeks. Last Friday, the Kurrajongs hosted assembly and performed a beautiful rendition of the ‘Worlds Greatest’ by R. Kelly. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the assembly. The Kurrajongs did a phenomenal job in hosting the assembly. Both classes have been getting together to sing ‘Waltzing Matilda’, as part of our celebration of the 150th birthday of Banjo Paterson on Monday 17th February. The Waratahs have been writing their own class song, and are busy refining it. We look forward to hearing it soon at assembly.

Our students have been engaging in a variety of rich literacy activities, including the detailed study of the famous Australian song, Waltzing Matilda. We have been reading different versions of the story text and thinking about the different meanings conveyed in the song lyrics and students will be role playing parts to the story in class.

Our classes this year will be participating in Book Clubs. Students can bring in books from home or borrow from the library or a friend on any topic (fiction or non-fiction).

We have been very impressed with the confidence shown by all of our students. They have all matured so much over the Christmas break, and have shown high levels of independence and resilience. They have all settled beautifully into their brand new classrooms and are enthusiastically engaging in all their learning tasks.

A special thank you to those parents who have offered to volunteer in our classrooms this year. A timetable will be issued this week and will commence in Week 4. If you would like to help out with reading groups or one-on-one reading with a student, come and have a chat with us. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with parents in our “Getting to Know You” interviews and we are looking forward to the Parent Information Night next week.

Jonathan White and Mat McRae
Welcome back for 2014! We are very excited and looking forward to the year ahead.

It has been wonderful getting to know students and their families over the past two weeks. Students have been involved in many activities that build a sense of community, promote thinking and assess their prior knowledge and skills in a variety of areas. We are building a complete picture of each member of our learning community. Here is a sample of some of the thinking that has happened so far:

3/4T Blue Bells’ Think Display 3T Snow Gums’ Think Display

3P Scribbly Gums’ Think Display 4S Dianellas’ Think Display

Here are a few interesting sentences:

- ‘Something stirred in the shadows. I bit my lip, forcing down the temptation to scream. The creature rose, its silhouette black against the flickering oil lamp perched against the wall.’ Kiera 4S Dianellas

- ‘Guess what happened to me in the holidays. My dad and I made a time machine. It had heaps of buttons. When my dad and I took it for a try, it wouldn’t start. I went to the engine and when I opened it up, there was an alien in the engine!’ - Olivia 3T Snow Gums.

- ‘I asked the aliens if there was anything I could give them? They said ‘a pair of underpants that are hidden in the cupboard’. So I gave them my special underpants. SO, the forest aliens and my family lived happily ever after. – Lauren 3/4T Blue Bells

Homework

Thank you to 3/4T and 4S for bringing in your amazing show bags - you are such interesting people, we loved learning about you! We have all had the opportunity to borrow from the library and students were asked to take home an interesting book. Please, get into the habit of reading at least 10 minutes every night. A library book should come home each Tuesday in your library bag.

Please Remember to:

- Return newsletter email notes A.S.A.P
- Return ‘Getting To Know You’ Survey A.S.A.P
- Swimming Carnival Notes should have been returned by Thursday 20th February

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at the Information Evening on Tuesday 25th February. You will receive important information about your child’s learning.

Sam Thornton, Kathy Perinovic, Philippa Thomas & Mark Strutt - The 3/4 Teaching Team.
5/6C Bottlebrush, 5/6H Wattle & 5/6M Grevillea

Welcome to 2014! It is set to be a wonderful year and we are looking forward to working with you and your children. We are all looking forward to camp, which is on in Week 5 (5/6/7 March). Thank you to all parents for being so prompt to return Camp notes. Compiling them is a massive logistical undertaking and we would like to publicly thank Karen for all her work in organising notes and payments as they have arrived at school. Thank you!

An initiative in the 5/6 team this year is that all classes are participating in the Earn And Learn program. This program involves students applying for a Staff Position within the classroom (examples include Chair Stacker, Recycling Person, Technologist, Banker and so on) and receiving a weekly salary of class money for their work. The students have responded with enormous excitement to this program, and have had to write a formal written application for positions in which they are interested and sit an interview with their employer before appointments are made. Our first payday is this Friday and the children are very keen! Our class money will ultimately be used for auctions which will run at the end of each term.

Homework has begun for all 5/6 classes, part of which involves completing units in the Step It Up Maths Book. This year, 5/6 is also utilising a Daily Reading Log, that allows students to document their sustained reading over a period of time. If you can please sign your student’s log after each period of reading, that would be greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to hosting parents at the Information Night which is on Tuesday 25th February from 4-7pm. It has been wonderful seeing so many families visiting this year!

Kind Regards

The 5/6 Team
Banksia (IEC Kindergarten)

How time is flying! We have just finished our third week of Kindergarten. The Kindies are continuing to settle into school and it is so exciting to see so many happy faces and fewer tears each morning! Students are learning the various school routines and the English vocabulary associated with these. It is wonderful to see friendships being made as students develop the confidence in speaking English. The Banksia teachers, Mr Hyslop and Mrs Drew, are so proud so see the students develop confidence to use English on the playground, in class to communicate with peers, to ask for help and to contribute in class discussions.

One of our favourite things to do is sing popular nursery rhymes. We love to sing ‘Five Little Ducks’, ’Incy Wincy Spider’ and ‘Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes’. Another of our favourite things to do is go out for fitness every morning. We stretch, play fun games and practice our skills.

At the moment we are practicing throwing and catching. We look forward to telling you more of what we do in Kindergarten at out Parent Information Evening next Tuesday at 5:00pm.

Here are some photos of some things we have been doing in our first few weeks.

Ruth Drew and Rohan Hyslop

Lejla drawing the people in her family. Lining up to go home on our first day. Omar practicing writing.

Balloons to celebrate our first day. Manmeet and Michael sharing the iPad.
Boronias (IEC Years 1 and 2)

The IEC Boronias have been learning the English we need to get to know each other. We’ve been learning how to introduce ourselves, tell people how old we are and where we come from. Our students come from United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, Israel, India, Lebanon, Indonesia, China, Czech Republic, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Poland, Russia, Colombia and Taiwan.

We have been learning about the sounds of English. First, we listen with our ears. Then, we look with our eyes. Our favourite way to tune into English is to play music that matches the syllables in the words we’re singing. It’s noisy but fun, and helps us to hear the different parts of words.

Please come to our classroom at 5 p.m. on Tuesday 25th February for the Parent Information Session. We’re hoping to see you there.

Kirra Morales, Trina Cleary and Robyn Hammond
Blue Lily (IEC Years 3-6)

Welcome back to 2014! The Senior IEC is in the Blue Lily room. We have one class with Mrs Shaw (IECSH) and one class with Miss Singh (IECS). We have welcomed many new students this year: Alessandro, Jesaiah, Nina, Ali, Megh, Iyan, Manish, Pretty, Matias, Stepan, Santiago, Duru and Fumiyo.

We have been sharing information about ourselves and our countries. We made a Welcome poster in our language and described the colours and symbols on our flags, and painted them. We shared the dates of our birthdays and ordered them to make a Birthday Graph. We have visited the Library to borrow books. We went to the first Assembly. We have done some group activities including Alphabet Snap, Rhyming Puzzles, Word Bingo and reading books with Mrs Shaw and Miss Singh. We love having Miss Pansy visit our room to listen to our Home Readers. We played with a parachute with Miss Smith. We have also started learning about Weather with Mrs Kennedy. We will be going to Phillip Pool on Monday 24th February for the Swimming Carnival.

Please come to the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 25th February at 5.30pm and the Welcome Morning Tea on Thursday 27th February at 9.15am.

By Muqaddas, Jaqueline and Nina (with some editing help from Mrs Shaw and Miss Singh)
SRC News

On Wednesday we had our first SRC meeting. It was wonderful to see the representatives from across the school. We played a name game and talked all about what made a good leader does and what leadership opportunities we have at our school.

We used PADLET to record our ideas. Check it out below.

Over many years the children at Hughes Primary School have supported the work of World Vision through our sponsorship of Thi Thu Tien in Vietnam. Students have raised valuable funds through our Market Day in Term 3. This year we say a fond farewell to Tien as she is graduating high school. We will be sponsoring a new child from Vietnam and we will learn more about him soon. Here is the letter that Tien has sent us to say thank you and goodbye.

Mrs Thornton and Hughes SRC
Welcome to Japanese classes in 2014. We are excited that our Japanese classroom has brand new tables with Japanese cushions (Zabuton). Students will experience the way of Japanese sitting. All Year 1 to 6 students’ Japanese classes are extended to one hour lesson this year. The topics for each year group are as follows: Kinder will be focus on the appreciation of Japanese songs literature, and cultural events, Year 1 and 2 students will learn about the topic “in my class”; Year 3 and 4 will learn about “my body” topic; Year 5 and 6 will learn “A Year in Japan”.

Our Japanese Club will open to Year 3 to Year 6 at lunchtime on every Tuesday this year. Each year group will rotate for one term. Under this arrangement, students can do their age suitable activities, so that students will benefit more from the club activities.

Annie Dong
Japanese Teacher

SCHOOL LEADERS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS

Thank you to all the students who ran for School Leaders and House Captains

Congratulations to the following children who were elected:

School Leaders: Jessica Booth and Liam Ayres

Deputy School Leaders: Aithne Dann-Hotchkin and Joseph Pike

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Our Library

Welcome back to school for another reading-filled year!

The children have been delighted to have the library fully accessible again after the last two terms of 2013 when it operated as a classroom (or two!). They were especially thrilled when they found about 100 new books (literally!) set out for them in the first week of school. These were all of the books that had been collecting over the last two terms! Yipee! The only downside to this is that I forgot to take a photograph of the display to show you, the library-lovers at home, what it looked like!

Some tips for the new school year:

Get a library bag!

It doesn’t have to be fancy . . . pretty much anything will do. A library bag helps to protect our beautiful books from all the things that can happen inside school bags.

Choose a special spot for library books in your house

This is the best way to keep track of them. In my house, it’s on the end of the shelf next to the stereo. It doesn’t have to be a large space, just a special, designated spot where library books are kept separate from all other books.

Book Covering Team

Please consider joining book covering team. These wonderful people take home a box of 10 books to cover at various times throughout the school year. This is a small, but extremely important service to our school’s reading resources. And, many parents tell me that their children love have a ‘sneak peak’ at the new books that will soon be available to borrow.

Information about the book covering team will be coming home soon.

Looking forward to another great year at Hughes!

Holly Godfree

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The Hughes Primary School Choir

has started and is held on Wednesdays at 8.30 am in the School Hall.

The Hughes Primary String Ensemble

has also started and is held on Tuesdays 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@musicl.com.au for more information and costs involved with being a part of these music programs.
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

Hughes P&C Annual General Meeting and a P&C General Meeting will be held in the school library on Monday 24th February 2014 at 7:30pm.
ALL WELCOME

Swimming Carnival!
The Hughes Swimming Carnival will be on Monday 24th February at Phillip Pool. Years 2 - 6 will be attending and there will be plenty of competitive, novelty and land based activities to keep everyone busy and having a great time!

Permission notes have already gone home and were due back by Thursday 20th February.

We would love some help on the day, so if you have some time to spare between 9:15am and 2:00pm and would like to be a part of the atmosphere, please email Miss Joanna Smith at joanna.smith@ed.act.edu.au

Parents (both volunteers and spectators) need to pay $5 pool entry)

Don’t forget to dress in your house colours!

Mugga (Yellow) – Stromlo (Red) –

Taylor (Green) – Forster (Blue)

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 https://www.flexischools.com.au/?r=1.

**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.

Dear Parents And Carers,

Our school is participating in the Ride or Walk to School program from 2014, an exciting ACT Government initiative in partnership with the Physical Activity Foundation and Pedal Power.

We will receive bikes, helmets, BMX workshops, cycle, pedestrian and road safety education and a range of other activities to encourage safe riding and walking to school.

We would value your input into the program at our school through this brief online RWTS Parent Survey as soon as possible:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RWTS_Parent_Baseline

For more information on Ride or Walk to School visit www.activekids.org.au

Kind Regards

**The Ride Or Walk To School Team**
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.

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

Kindergarten Health Screenings
The Kindergarten Health Screenings will be on from Wednesday 30th April - Friday 2nd May (Term 2)

Your kindy child will have brought home an envelope. Please complete the necessary paperwork and return to your class teacher by Friday 21st February

Thank you
Front Office

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.
HUGHES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Information Evening
Tuesday 25 February 2014

- Find out about school programs
- Hear about new learning approaches
- Meet the teachers
- See the classroom
- Meet our School Board Chair, Ms Melanie O’Hanlon

4.00-4.30 Preschool parents meet their child’s teacher at the Preschool
5.00-5.25 Junior school parents meet their child’s teacher in their classroom
5.30-5.55 Principal’s address in the hall
6.00-6.30 Senior school parents meet their child’s teacher in their classroom.

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): ………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Harmony Day

Friday 21st March

We are looking for contributions of food, helpers and concert items.

If you can help please fill in the Harmony Day note and return it to the Front Office ASAP.
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 News

#### Hughes Primary School

**Term 1 2014** (Wednesday only)

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**Snacks**

- Milo Slice: $1.20
- Choc chip cookies: 50c
- Jelly: $1.00
- Salad Tub: $1.20
- Watermelon Tub: $1.20

**Hot Food**

- Pizza Single: $3.00
- Sausage roll: $3.60
- Popem chicken & wedges: $3.80
- Chicken nuggets x3: $2.60
- Pizza (veg): $3.00
- Pasta (veg): $3.50

**Sandwiches**

- Cheese or Chicken: $2.50

**Sushi**

- Vegetable handroll: $2.40

**Burgers and Wraps**

- Chicken Burger with chicken patty, lettuce and mayo or sauce: $4.50
- Wrap with choice of cheese, tomato, cucumber, carrot and lettuce: $2.50
- Wrap with Chicken, with choice of tomato, cucumber, carrot and lettuce: $2.50

*H=Halal, V=Vegetarian

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