Welcome to our wonderful primary school for 2015. A very warm welcome to our new families and we look forward to learning your stories and adding them to the sensational chapter book, that is Hughes Primary School. We are lucky to have several new staff in our school and already, they are making their mark and enjoying our positive atmosphere. Welcome Miss Hunter, Mrs Hart, Sensai Ho, Mrs Baker, Mrs Slattery, Ms Lindhe, Ms Standingford from in and around Canberra. Welcome Mr Devlin from USA, State Teacher of the year from Pennsylvania, whom I met and worked with at Space Camp last year. We hope your year in Canberra is a highly rewarding one for you.

I am fiercely proud of this learning community and know that with our strategic planning, passionate teachers, strong support team and caring administrative staff, your children will have amazing opportunities.

This past fortnight, all classes from preschool to Year 6, have been engaged in a variety of activities promoting our 2015 focus word... Create. Each classroom has brainstormed why it is important to create, and then together, have constructed a display on the back wall of the classroom. Albert Einstein once said, that "creativity is intelligence having fun".

Clear and respectful communication is vitally important to us all. Please know we are here to help you and support you. However, on Thursdays, my key responsibility is to be in classrooms each day, observing the learning process, and providing feedback to teachers, this is core work for me and I won’t be taking appointments on this day. Thanks for your understanding in this.

Thanks to all the families who attended the Information Sessions held on Wednesday 11th February. You were asked to provide your email addresses to your child’s teacher, please make sure that you do this, if you missed the Information evening, as this will assist each teacher to create a home email list and send weekly updates and pertinent information to you regarding that child.

At the end of day, please ensure your child is picked up promptly at 3.00pm. Children who remain at school after 3.10pm, will be taken to the front office for collection there. You are welcome to remain on the grounds till around 3.30pm, with your child/ren, supervising them as you connect with other adults. Please me mindful, however, that our After School program also needs to use certain parts of the playground to run their structured activities.

Until next time, CREATE!

Kate Smith
HUGHES SCHOOL SONG

The ACT is where we are.
And every student is a star.
Co-operation is the key
Making a caring community.
Friendly students, happy staff,
What a place to have a laugh.
Our school is full of harmony.
Hughes is where we want to be.

CHORUS
Here at Hughes we work and play,
Care for others every day.
Children come from many lands,
Join together holding hands.
If you want to hear good news,
Come and see us here at Hughes.
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We’ve golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature’s gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history’s page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We’ll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who’ve come across the seas
We’ve boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.
To Parents/Carers,

As you may know the school relies heavily on money raised through the P&C and Voluntary Contributions programs to supplement the funds received from the ACT Education and Training Directorate.

We are writing to outline the importance your voluntary contributions make to the school and demonstrate how these funds are used to help our children.

Our school is a community school, and as such has always enjoyed the support of our parents and carers, especially through the sensational fundraising efforts of our P&C.

Your voluntary contributions provide our school with essential funds to enhance the educational programs and opportunities provided to our children.

Voluntary contributions can amount to tens of thousands of dollars and we have two big areas we propose to spend the money in 2014 – PE/Health and Science.

We would love to be able to purchase new technology equipment. Our Science program could be strengthened with funds from voluntary contributions to purchase curriculum and supporting resources.

The School Board has decided that our voluntary contribution amounts should remain the same as last year for children from Preschool to Year 6:

Kindergarten to Year 6:
- $165 for one child
- $75 for each additional child

Preschool:
- $200 for each child

The School Board appreciates the parent/carer community for their continued support to our school through voluntary contributions; together we can make a massive difference. If you have already paid your voluntary contributions, we thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you for your support, we are in such an exciting phase as we launch into our new four year plan, and we still need to build up our resources so that students will experience wonderment and awe and achieve great outcomes!

Kate Smith
Principal
13th February 2015

Melanie O’Hanlon
School Board Chair
13th February 2015
Music Lessons for 2015

In-school music lessons are now available at Hughes Primary on violin, viola, cello (limited places) and singing.

All music students are also part of the Hughes Primary String Ensemble or Hughes Primary Choir.

For more info or to enrol please call Canberra Music Tuition on 6299 9154 or jmtadmin@iinet.net.au

Parent Liaison: Nick Pearson 6288 6441

DATES TO REMEMBER

February
Wed-Fri 18-20/02/15 Year 3/4 Birrigai Camp
Wed 15/02/15 Swimming Carnival at Phillip Pool
Mon 23/02/15 Board and P&C Meeting
Thu 26/02/15 IEC Morning Tea 9.00 - 10.00 am
Fri 27/02/15 Assembly 1.45 pm

March
Wed-Fri 04-06/03/15 Year 5/6 Cooba Camp
Thu 12/03/15 Kindergarten Excursion to the NMA
Tue 17/03/15 Year 2 Excursion to Mount Ainslie & Lake Burley Griffin
Hughes Primary School 2014 Year Book

It’s that time again – time to order your Hughes Primary School Year Book for 2014. It is a bumper edition which includes the 50th Birthday celebrations. The Year Book is bursting with student portraits and photographs of activities and special events. We hope this Year Book brings fond memories in the years to come.

Please complete the section below if you wish to purchase a copy. The cost of the 2014 Year Book is $25.00.

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**Hughes Primary School Year Book 2014**

**Student's Name:** ____________________________ **Class:** ____________________________

**No. of copies:** ________ **@** $25.00/book

Payment is made by: (please circle one) **Cash**  **Cheque**  **Credit Card**  **Eftpos**  **Direct Debit**

Cheques should be made payable to Hughes Primary School.

If paying by cash, please provide the exact amount, as change cannot be given.

If paying by Credit Card, please complete details below:

**Card Type:**  
Mastercard [ ]  Visa [ ]

**Card No:** ____________ **Expire Date:** ______

**Cardholder's Name:** ____________________________

**Cardholder's Signature:** ____________________________

If paying by Direct Debit – please ensure you reference the payment *student name/yearbook*

**Paying to:** Hughes Primary School - Account # 001412  BSB # 032777 (Westpac Banking Corporation - ACT Government - Canberra)

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LOST PROPERTY

The lost property has been sorted and is on a table near the front office.

If your child has misplaced something, please come and have a look.

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SCHOOL BOARD

Nominations will be open for two P&C positions on the school board at 11.00am on Monday 2 February 2015.

Nominations close at 11.00am on Monday 16 February 2015.

Nomination forms will be available from the front office from Monday 2 February.
School Banking is back for 2015!

School banking has started again for 2015. Remember to bring in your banking each Thursday!

Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.
It is School Photo time!

This year we will once again be having Sandpit Photos taking our School Photos. The natural photos of each individual student were amazing in 2014.

They will be visiting our school on

Monday 23rd, Wednesday 25th & Friday 27th March.

Sibling Photos will be taken between 8.15am and 9am on Wednesday and Friday.

THE PORTRAIT PACKAGE

Your full package will contain 2 different individual natural outdoor photos of your child professionally printed at 5x7 and 8 wallet size prints (4 of each portrait) and a beautifully produced class photo with names 7x10 all for only $30.

We will also be taking 2 different natural outdoor sibling shots between 8.15am and 9am on Monday and Friday morning if you would like a portrait of the kids together (both printed at 5x7) for only $20.

Alternatively you can have the group photo only for $20.

HUGHES COMMUNITY CHOIR with Mr Tim

Come and join our fabulous choir for all ages on Thursday nights at the Hughes Primary School library from 6-7pm. No singing experience required, just enthusiasm. Come to your first one obligation free. Fees are: Individuals $100 per term; Families $160 per term; Seniors $80 per term.

More information contact @ mrtimerprises@gmail.com

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): .............................................................................................................
Welcome to Scholastic Book Club 2015.
Scholastic have made Book Club easier this year by creating one expanded age appropriate catalogue for students.
This should make ordering and paying much simpler for you.
Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card either online or over the phone.
All purchases made through Book Club help to raise credit for the school which is then used to purchase new books for the school library.
Scholastic Book Club has been very successful at Hughes in the past and I hope that we can continue this during 2015.
PLEASE ensure that the NAME and CLASS sections on the back of the form are filled in.
Orders should be returned to the front office by 20/2/14.

Denby Lovell
Scholastic Book Club Co-ordinator.

Canteen Information for 2015
Welcome to the canteen for 2015. We provide an on line lunch order opportunity for every Wednesday during the term to enable your child to experience the joy of receiving a lunch order.

The lunches are delivered and distributed to your school.
All orders are to be placed via flexischools online.
This can be done as a once off order or as a recurring order.
Please see the following page for information to enable you to take advantage of this excellent service.
A menu is on the last page of this newsletter.
We look forward to assisting your child to have a special lunch day on Wednesdays.
If you require any further information or assistance please call Debbie on 6281 4110 or email alfreddeakincanteen@gmail.com
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**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Wednesday Term 1 2015**

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

**Ice Creams**
- Frozen juice cup: $1.30
- Frozen Yogurt: $2.60

**Wednesday Special**
- Hot Dogs: choice of sauce (ketchup or BBQ 30 cents)

**Sauce**
- Tomato or BBQ 30 cents

**Drinks**
- Water: $1.20

**Sandwiches**
- Cheese or Ham: $2.50
- Toasted Sandwiches: $3.00
- Cheese Ham: $2.50

**Sushi**
- Vegetable handroll: $2.50

**Desserts**
- Pizza Single: $3.00
- Sausage roll: $2.60
- Popem chicken & wedges: $2.60
- Nachos w/ salsa sauce: $3.50
- Cheese Pizza (canteen made): $3.00
- Chicken nuggets x3: $3.50

**Hot Food**
- Fried rice/spring rolls: $3.50

**Burgers and Wraps**
- Chicken Burger with chicken patty, lettuce and mayo: $4.50
- Wrap with cucumber, carrot and lettuce: $3.00
- Wrap with Chicken, with choice of tomato, cucumber, carrot and lettuce: $3.00

**Beverages**
- Juice: $1.60
- Apple: Tropical

**Other**
- BBQ: 30 cents
- Ketchup: 30 cents

*Vegetarian: jalapeno pepper*