



# Hughes News

TERM 2 ISSUE 4

25 June 2021

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



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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### Principal:

Nina McCabe

### Deputy Principal:

Sarah Harris

### Executive Teacher:

Kirsty Stewart

### Executive Teacher:

Nicole Merchant

### Preschool Teacher:

Susan Jones

### Business Manager:

Gaye Broad

### School Secretary:

Karen Stone-Tolcher

### IEC Office:

Pansy Sung

### P&C President:

Kate Diggle

### Board Chairperson:

Tony Cox

## Principal's Message

Dear Hughes PS families,

**From the Board:** Please take the time to read the board report from our school board chair, Tony Cox, following my principal report.

### School holiday travel and COVID-19:

As we head into the school holidays, it is important to note the ACT Government has updated travel directions for people considering travelling to COVID-19 affected areas of New South Wales. The ACT Government advises people should not be travelling between Greater Sydney and the ACT at this time. If you must travel for essential reasons, you must abide by all public health directions in place in NSW and the ACT. This includes changing travel plans and adhering to public health instructions upon your return. At 4.00pm Wednesday 23 June, the ACT Government introduced a new 'stay-at-home' requirement for anyone who leaves the following seven Local Government Areas of Greater Sydney and enters the ACT – City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside and Woollahra.

These requirements will remain in place for at least one week, until 11.59pm Wednesday 30 June 2021. ACT Health will continue to monitor the situation very closely and put in place further directions if required in order to keep our community safe. Further information on these requirements is available on the [COVID-19 website](#).

### ACT Cross Country Carnival:

Congratulations to Archer, Aria and Zavi who represented Hughes PS at the ACT cross country carnival at Stromlo Forest Park last week. Archer came 36<sup>th</sup> in his age group, Aria came 20<sup>th</sup> and Zavi came 9<sup>th</sup>. Zavi would have qualified for nationals but due to COVID19, won't be held this year. We are so incredibly proud of Archer, Aria and Zavi!

On behalf of all staff, have a **wonderful school holiday break** and we will see everyone back rested and rejuvenated for the **start of Term 3 on Monday 12 July**.

Warm regards,

Nina McCabe, Principal

Be Kind & Try Your Best, Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be A Learner

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**Term 2 Week 10 Newsletter****School Board Chair Report****23 June 2021**

Dear Hughes Primary School Community,

It is my great privilege to introduce myself as the new School Board Chairperson. This being my first report to you all, I'd like to begin by saying what a pleasure it is to be involved with Nina and the other members of the Board, but also to be a member of the Hughes Primary Community. Thank you all for all that you do for your children, each other, the teachers and all involved in the school. We have a wonderful community and one that clearly cares. As Board Chairperson, I look forward to playing my part in ensuring that the Board serves the school, the Principal and the broader community by focusing on strategic issues and activities into the future.



To date this year the Board has met twice. As part of these meetings we attend to the school finances including the Directorate wide mandated change of practice for all schools from using MAZE to Sentral Finance and Xero. An enormous amount of work has been undertaken by Gaye and Karen in attending training on the change and use of the new system. Other finance related activities discussed have included the highly successful Slime Spectacular, plans for the construction of the multipurpose courts and voluntary contributions.

Other agenda items have included discussion around reporting, assessment, curriculum, communication, staffing and inclusivity practices. A draft Reconciliation Action Plan was shared at our most recent meeting. An enormous amount of time and effort has gone into the development of this document. Currently it is still in the development phase but personally I am excited about the work being undertaken in this area at Hughes Primary.

We are extremely fortunate at Hughes to have teachers and executive staff lead by Nina as Principal who are dedicated, caring, highly professional and approachable. Teachers are very happy to speak with parents and carers and welcome communication with them as is required from time to time. If you have the need or desire to communicate with a teacher, member of the Executive or Nina they are all happy to help. Please remember if you wish to meet with a teacher, seeking a mutually agreed upon time is courtesy.

The school utilises a wide array of communication strategies. Information can be found in the newsletter and is constantly updated on Seesaw. As Board Chair, I encourage you all to communicate with myself and/or the other members of the Board, but request please if you can, to use the Board email: [hughesboard01@gmail.com](mailto:hughesboard01@gmail.com). We are a friendly bunch and can of course be contacted in person especially if you see us in school. Use of the email however, ensures that we can follow up, keep on top of communication and enables us to provide you with the respect that you deserve by way of providing considered and appropriate responses which is something we can't guarantee if we are at school picking up or dropping off the kids. Please note that not all matters are Board matters. Having said that, we are more than happy to help direct your concerns to the most appropriate person/s to help address your questions, concerns and comments.

Board reports such as this will be included in the final newsletter of each term, and I will be attending at least one P&C meeting each term commencing next term. We are committed to ensuring that we are in touch with our community and look forward to forging strong partnerships with the P&C and all stakeholders at Hughes Primary.

I wish you all a safe, happy and enjoyable term break and look forward to what promises to be an exciting Term 3.

Cheers,

Tony Cox  
School Board Chairperson



Sarah Dzedzic  
Parent Representative  
School Board



Michelle Mason  
Parent Representative  
School Board



**JULY**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>First day of Term 3</b>
Monday	19	Year 6 Excursion
Tuesday	27	Owls School Photos
Thursday	29	Butterflies School Photos Primary School Photos

**AUGUST**

Thursday	5	Athletics Carnival (tentative)
Wednesday	11	Year 5 Combined Band
Mon-Fri	16-20	Year 2 Aqua Safe Swimming
Wednesday	25	CEIS

**SEPTEMBER**

Wed-Fri	1-3	3/4 Camp
Friday	10	School Disco
Saturday	11	P&C Trivia Night
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

[www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet](http://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet)

Have you applied for a Respite Effect and Recovery Grant yet?

Are you a person with disability, or a family carer? Have you experienced increased financial pressures, a loss of regular activities, and/or increased social isolation as a result of COVID-19?

The ACT COVID-19 Disability Strategy is offering Respite Effect and Recovery Grants that provide financial support as a one-off payment, of up to \$500, to adults and children with disability and their family carers. These Grants provide the opportunity for families of people with disability to reduce the impact of COVID-19 and to assist with community recovery.

Already under this program 195 applications have been approved to a total of \$96,625. This funding has supported people with disability and their families to reduce the impact of COVID-19 by providing help for things like paying bills, spending a weekend away, or purchasing technology that increases their connection to friends and family.

The Respite Effect and Recovery Grants are open right now and have just received an extra \$50,000 in ACT Government funding. Applications close when funding is exhausted, and will be processed on a first-in, first served-basis – so apply today!

For more information and to apply for assistance, visit a participating organisation, or see the Respite Effect and Recovery Grant Program Guidelines.

### **Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing naming competition – youth mental health navigation portal**

The ACT Government's Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing is asking all ACT primary and secondary students to help them name a dedicated youth mental health online portal.

The portal is being developed for children and young people to help navigate Canberra's mental health system and supports. It's also available to help parents, carers and service providers link up with existing services and supports.

The ACT Government is running a naming competition and wants to hear from students – to enter they just need to send a suggested name and a few words about why they chose it. Email entries to [OfficeForMHW@act.gov.au](mailto:OfficeForMHW@act.gov.au) by 30 June 2021.

The winning entry will be chosen by the ACT Youth Advisory Committee.

You can also email the Office for more information about the portal. Please see link below:

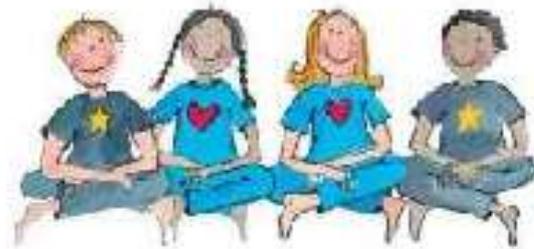
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# Relax Kids

Term 3 2021 Chill Skills Program  
 8 Week Course for 8-12 year olds  
 Wednesdays 4-5pm at the  
 Erindale Neighbourhood Centre  
 (Commencing week 2 of term 3 2021 )

Would you like your child to have better sleep, concentration, attention span, confidence, listening skills and self esteem?

Do you wish to help your child to be more mindful and happy, reduce their stress and anxiety levels and manage their moods and emotions?



The classes include:

DYNAMIC warm-up and exercises, EXCITING games  
 RELAXING stretches, CALMING breathing exercises  
 SOOTHING peer massage, POSITIVE affirmations  
 CREATIVE visualisations, mindfulness and meditations

The cost of the 8 week course is \$160  
 and it is facilitated by Simone Roxburgh  
 Simone is passionate about supporting children and  
 adult's wellbeing through the Relax Kids program (that  
 she has facilitated since 2014) and the Mindfulness course  
 for adults that she also provides.

Bookings are essential:  
 email [simoneroxburgh80@gmail.com](mailto:simoneroxburgh80@gmail.com)  
 or phone 0410 455 177  
 (Please book in early as spaces are limited)



**Bookings are now available for Violin lessons at Hughes Primary!**

Lessons available on Monday's during school hours.

**Price:** Individual lessons \$39/30min  
Instrument Hire is available

**For bookings:**  
ph: 02 6299 9154  
fyshwick@canberramusic tuition.com.au  
[www.canberramusic tuition.com.au](http://www.canberramusic tuition.com.au)




**After-school art and drawing class Hughes Primary kids, K-2 and Yr 3-6, on Thursday, 3 - 5 pm. Kids met on site and walked next door**

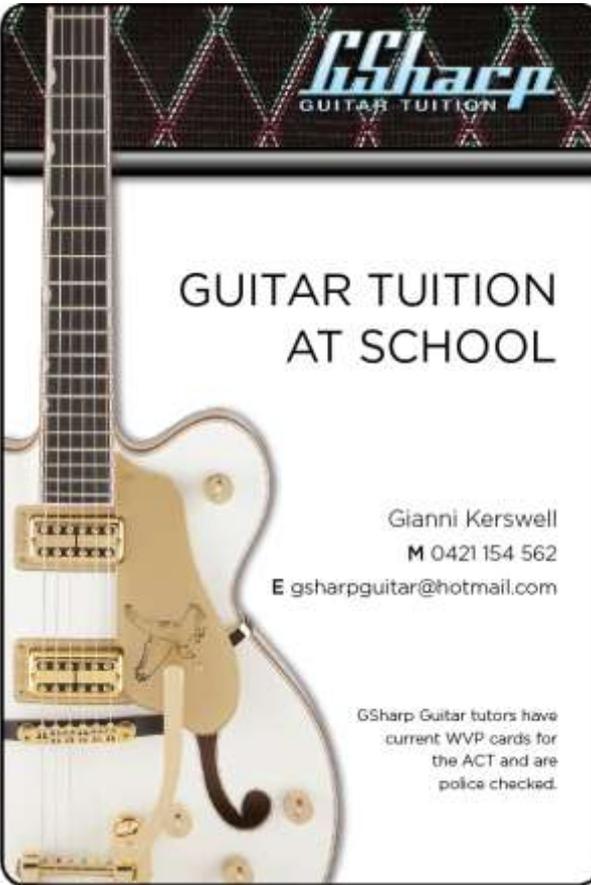


Our artKids classes build creative confidence through learning skills and techniques in drawing, painting, sculpting and collage, and exploring art mediums. We offer a fun, supportive environment where there are no such things as mistakes or 'flops' in art, only 'flopportunities'! Fees are \$38 per session, payable by term, and includes all materials, afternoon tea and GST. A one-off paid trial class is available. Split age classes now running. \* Kindy kids must trial.

**Book at [www.enrolmy.com/artkids](http://www.enrolmy.com/artkids)  
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- 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](http://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**





# Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

## Hughes Primary School

Order online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

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### Sandwiches & wraps

Salad: Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot	\$4.50
Egg & Mayo: Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce	\$4.50
Chicken & Salad: Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo	\$5.50
Toasted cheese	\$4.00
<b>Extras:</b> cheese or chicken	extra \$1.00

*Gluten free available on request*

### Salad

Design your own salad	from \$4.70
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### Hot meals

Pulse pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese)	\$5.00
Yummy drummies & potato gems	\$5.00
Crispy chicken or Falafel wrap: with lettuce and your choice of sauce	\$5.80
Beef lasagna	\$5.50
Veggie lasagna	\$5.50
Chow Mein style chicken & rice	\$5.30
Sausage roll	\$4.50

### Snacks

Watermelon tub	\$2.00
Koala Popcorn: lightly salted	\$2.50
Jelly & custard	\$1.80
Banana bread	\$1.80
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.20
Homemade mini muffin	\$2.00
Homemade garlic bread	\$1.50

### Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (tropical, apple)	\$2.00
Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 250ml	\$2.50
Plain milk	\$2.00

### Frozen

Frozen juice cup (apple, blackcurrant)	\$2.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$2.80