Hughes NEWS

TERM 4 ISSUE 2
31st October 2014

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

Principal’s Message

Thank you to those parents who recently completed the parent request forms for classes in 2015. It is with great excitement that teachers will soon be creating classes for 2015, your input is highly valued by our staff and helps in the decision making process of where to place each individual child to maximise learning.

We are excited to share with you that Mr Tim is again, coming on board to work his magic with our end of year Extravaganza --- so please make sure you lock in Thursday 27th November, 6.30pm --- it is a sensational night and for the first time ever our Hughes Community Choir (who practise every Thursday night in the Library) will perform, a little birdy tells me the staff also have another item. Mr Tim will be working with every class throughout the week and it is an incredibly exciting evening, so please come along!

Today is World Teacher’s Day and I would like to say a very big thank you to my amazing teaching staff. This team of teachers give so much of themselves, so much passion, energy, thought, intellect, time and love to their work and the students in the school. I would also like to announce that Ms Maryanne Hayes is now a State and Territory Award recipient of the 2014 National excellence in Teaching Awards, presented each year. Maryanne works tirelessly in the Early Childhood section of the school, and has been pivotal in building enrolment numbers for the preschool, raising the digital footprint in the school and as well as teaching, she has exceptional organisational skills.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our Deputy Principal, who, this year has been instrumental in varied programs across the school. As Leader of the IEC, Kerri works to invite new families into our school from around the world so warmly. Her current work with updating the playground attached to our Blue Gum room has been sensational – her vision and actions have added tremendous value to this area of our school.

I will be sending home next week, some ideas about how to improve our communication with all families in 2015. We have taken parent comments and feedback seriously, and the executive team and Gaye have come up with some new ideas that we are pleased with, and would now like to seek further approval or suggestions. Please look out for this note and return your comments - at this school. We highly value your input, you are an important partner with communication, and we want to get it right for next year!

Enjoy the warm days, the increasingly warmer nights….if you feel the urge to sing, please join us on Thursday nights here in the Library! Our recent performance at the High Court a few Sunday’s ago, was absolutely wonderful!

Until next time, keep happy and healthy!

Kate
Preschool Owls and Butterflies

Term 4 has begun with so many excited Owls and Butterflies. The preschool has been buzzing with lots of noise and children focused on developing some wonderful play themes and explorations. A central focus has been preparation for our Art Show. Every child has created their own special canvas and were delighted to talk about how they were 'unique and individual'. We have had numerous discussions and looked at the art of some famous artists. Many children were fascinated that the artistic style of painting 'pointillism' is created by dots and they quickly referred to previous discussions about indigenous art. The series of James Mayhew books based on Katie and her adventures at the art gallery have supported and extended the children's knowledge of artists. It has been sensational to listen as individuals have shared their experiences of seeing paintings by Monet, Van Gogh, indigenous artists and even the Mona Lisa in other settings. Both groups loved cooperating as they created their large shared canvas. This involved discussions on complementary colours as both groups decided they wished to use their hands to create backgrounds. Once the backgrounds were created each group took time to look at the creation and using inspiration from Van Gogh and Monet have created sensational representations of Starry Night and one of Monet's Lily Ponds. We have our fingers crossed they will sell for a high price at the auction. (Well the lucky purchasers are getting a Van Gogh and a Monet.)

Enjoy the next few weeks.

Susan, Kate, Brooke and Maryanne
KF Tea Trees, KP Hakea and K/1S Red Box

This term is already zooming past and holidays are but a distant memory. We would like to thank the parent community for the fabulous cakes they sent in for Market Day. It was certainly a popular stall! Market Day, although so valuable in raising funds for charity, is also such a valuable learning experience for our students. Spending their own money and choosing which things they participate in was an absolute dream for the Kinder kids and they really rose to the occasion of sensible decision making.

We really enjoyed our SHINE auditions. Well done to all who gave it a go and especially those who performed on stage in the special assembly. An enormous effort by all and not easy in front of such a big audience.

As it is getting hotter it is imperative that your child has a sun safe hat and a water bottle each day. They tend to begin the day with a jumper and end the day boiling hot, so names on everything is also a must.

Just a reminder to please be mindful of whole school practices like waiting outside in the mornings before the bell. It is a busy time of year and teachers are making the most of every minute to prepare meaningful lessons, assessment tasks, and perfecting student portfolios. Although we can’t wait to see our kids at 9am, we do really need our mornings to get ready for the day.

Thanks in anticipation.

Alix, Adam and Julie
1C and 1S students have had an exciting start to the term, with Shine performances and Market Day. Thanks to all those families who supported us by donating delicious food for the very successful Junior School Market Day stall. It was great to see our Year 1 students managing their own spending money, browsing and finding bargains. Many students generously stocked up on pre-loved toys for younger members of their families!

This term in our inquiry unit, ‘Healthy, Happy Me’ we will be exploring nutrition, hygiene, physical activity and safety. Our focus for the beginning of the unit is to encourage students to think about the foods they eat each day, in particular the lunchbox foods that provide them with energy to think, learn and play. This week students have brainstormed questions for a family survey. Please take the time to complete the survey with your child and return it to school as soon as possible. We will be using the information gathered to inform the next part of our inquiry.

We have had a great response in Year 1 to the offer of the Swimming Program for Weeks 7 and 8. We’re looking forward to seeing the development of swimming and water safety skills over that intensive ten day period. Please make sure all swimming items are clearly marked with your child’s name. Students who aren’t taking part in swimming will be doing a program of literacy activities at school, as the swimming times are during the literacy block. In the afternoon sessions at school in those weeks our inquiry will focus on safety, including water safety.

**Hat Reminder:** Please make sure your child has a sun safe hat every day. Some children leave their hats in their bag pigeon holes so that they don’t have to remember to pack them every day.

*Janet, Emma and April*
2M Kurrajongs and 2WR Waratahs

The Year 2s are just back from a sensational singing experience at Parliament House! We were lucky enough to be one of 14 Canberra schools invited to participate in the Music Count Us In performance. The event was streamed live on the internet and around 500,000 students from around Australia joined in the singing with us!

Before we left for the excursion we read a big book about Parliament House and learned about many of its special features. Did you know that the beautiful columns in the foyer represent towering eucalypt forests? Or that the Arthur Boyd tapestry in the Great Hall took a team of 14 weavers two whole years to complete? It was a very special experience to see Parliament House up close and to join our voices with those of half a million other school children and the teachers were very proud of the way our students represented our school.

*Steph Roberts, Jonathan White and Mat McRae*
3P Scribbly Gums, 3T Snow Gums, 3/4T Blue Bells and 4S Dianellas

Heavens it is the end of week three already! Where have the last few weeks gone? Year 4 had a great time at market day - especially 4S who had a popcorn stall and a pet rock stall.

We also had a ‘yucky dip’ stall. Most people found the yucky dip quite ...confronting. Some enjoyed it though! Thankyou to all the parents who generously contributed materials - popcorn machines, popcorn, rocks and of course cooked spaghetti and jelly for the yucky dip.

Congratulations must go to Amelia in 4S and to Keziah in 3/4T who represented their classes in the Shine performances. Congratulations also to Etta in 4S who will be sharing the ‘Principal for a Day’ position next Wednesday. Good luck Etta, you have big shoes to fill!

Both 4S and Miss Thomas’ Year 4 students are almost finished the drafts of their sustainable islands and work should begin on building them in Week 4. All students will need a sturdy, roughly A3 sized piece of cardboard (appliance box thickness rather than rice bubble box thickness) or masonite to build their islands onto.

Kathy Perinovic, Mark Strutt, Samantha Thornton and Philippa Thomas
5/6C Bottlebrush, 5/6H Wattle & 5/6M Grevillea

We have had an extremely busy time since we returned several weeks ago. Many students opted to participate in the BMX workshops, and enjoyed the skill, expertise and friendly manner of the presenters enormously. It wasn't long before our students were looking like true professionals!

We also had a lot of fun on Market Day. Students had spent considerable time in advance of the day advertising their stall and managing the logistics of such an event, including the provision of prizes and setting up rosters to ensure everyone had time both working and enjoying the experience. The home-made ice blocks were especially welcome on what turned out to be a gloriously warm day.

As if that wasn't enough, students also had the opportunity to participate in a Shine performance. Our grand finale, which occurred last Friday, involved singing, dancing, skits and instrumental performances. Congratulations to everyone who participated and to those who qualified for the grand show... What wonderful entertainment.

In inquiry, Year 6 have formed lobby groups to address a national or global issue. The purpose of the groups is to ask the government to change policy or laws. Our groups include:

- “Tress United” – addressing deforestation, promoting the supply of timber from plantations rather than ancient forest (Joey and Quinn)
- “Protect the Whales” – banning the culling of whales (Tahn, Matt and Huy)
- “Kill the Cigarette” – banning smoking (Kaleyah, Marit, Sarah, Haruno, Cordis, Cheryl & Shavira)
- “Clean Energy Australia” – promoting the use of clean energies rather than relying on coal (Tom, Lewis, Lakshitha, Liam and Luka)
- “Puppy Mills Kill” – banning pet shops from selling dogs from puppy mills (Brad and Grady)
- “The Animal Support League” – providing funding to supply adequate food to animals in shelters (Shanti and Emma)
- “Stop Terrorists” – how we can stop ISIS and protect Iraq (Ahmed A, Ahmad H, Jeisiah and Ali)
- Gay Rights Committee – calling for an end to discrimination and the legalisation of gay marriage (Aithne, Elena, Tenzin and Jess)

This week, we made informational videos using the iMovie app on the iPads. The videos introduced the issue, discussed the disadvantages if the problem were to continue, the benefits of change and outlined what the government and individuals can do to help. Mrs Smith and Mrs Cox came to watch our videos and were super impressed with our efforts.

Michael McDonald, Rachel Hogan and Paul Corrigan
Blue Lily (IEC Years 3-6)

We welcome back all Blue Lily students to Term 4 and what a busy few weeks it has been. We are delighted to welcome Hilman, Tata, Kiet, Gunhee, Emma, Pitsinee and Jusuf who have joined us this term.

We are learning about making choices through our work on food and nutrition. We know all about Go, Glow and Grow foods as we have been identifying, talking about and drawing these types of foods. Go foods give us energy to move! Grow foods help our body grow big and strong! Glow foods make sure our hair and skin is shiny and healthy!

As part of our learning in Mathematics we have been doing activities and playing games in small groups to practise saying, reading and writing numbers. We are really clever when it comes to comparing and categorising numbers using language such as ‘greater than, less than, even, odd, and between’.

Market Day in Week 2 was so much fun for all of us in Blue Lily. We enjoyed trying some delicious treats at the cake stall and visiting the activities and stalls. We greatly enjoyed running our own stall too. We were super excited to sell the toys that were donated and ready to go when the crowds came rushing in. All the items were sold and the stall was a great success. Thanks everyone for the very generous donations.

Miss Bronwyn Singh and Mrs Julia Shaw

2014/2015 Entertainment™ Book

There is one 2014/2015 Entertainment Book left for sale at $60.

There are fantastic discounts and special offers for many of the best restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, cinemas, theatres, hotels, accommodations, attractions, and activities in your local area.

Please see the front office if you would like to purchase an Entertainment Book.
IEC Boronias

We have had a very thoughtful start to the term in IEC Boronia, as we explore and discuss our identities. We have been talking about our outer identity (as girls and boys, sisters and brothers, daughters and sons) and our inner identity (our personal characteristics.) It is interesting to learn about who is the same and who is different in our class.

We have also talked about the identities of characters in the stories we are reading in class. Our favourite so far is the story of Little Chelone, a sea turtle hatchling who does not want to leave the safety and warmth of his egg. With the help of his brothers and sisters, Little Chelone finds the courage to begin his journey out to sea. Nguyen connected this story with his schema when he told us that he had felt like Little Chelone when he had to move from Vietnam to Australia. Then, just like Little Chelone at the end of his journey, Nguyen liked it when he got here!

Now that the days are getting sunnier and hotter, please remember to send your child to school with a hat and water bottle every day. If your child does not have a hat they will not be able to play outside in the sunshine at recess and lunchtime.

Trina Cleary

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 2014

Wed 5th  Preschool Info Session for 2015 families 6.00 - 7.30 at Preschool
Thu 6th  Year 5 Band to Farrer Primary School
Fri 7th  Assembly hosted by 3/4T
Thu 13th Kindergarten 2015 Transition Day 1
Thu 13th  Fife and Drum to Charnwood-Dunlop Primary School
Thu 13th  School Disco
Mon 17th  Bandstravaganza - Fife and Drum Band
Tue 18th  Year 6 Band Bandstravaganza rehearsal at Palmerston Primary School
Tue 18th  Preschool Teddy Bears Picnic
Wed 19th  IEC Kindergarten Info Session
Wed 19th  Bandstravaganza - Year 6 Band
Fri 21st  Preschool Teddy Bears Picnic
Fri 21st  Assembly hosted by K/1S
Mon 24th  Board Meeting 6.00 pm and P&C Meeting 7.30 pm
Wed 26th  IEC Preschool/Kindergarten transition
Fri 28th  Volunteers Morning Tea
In Fringed Lily this term we have learnt some verbs in the simple past tense. As part of our unit of work on “Stories from around the World” we used some of these verbs when we wrote a short version of the Three Little Pigs together:

‘The three pigs said bye to mum. The 3 pigs built houses of straw and wood and bricks. The wolf blew 2 houses down. The wolf climbed up the chimney pot. He fell in water. The End’

We are investigating which stories exist in different cultures. Your child may ask you to bring in a book in your home language to share with the class for a day. We are looking forward to versions of Little Red Riding Hood in Swedish and Arabic!

We have worked on all of the letters of the alphabet and are now discovering what happens in English when we put two particular letters together. We used playdough to write some words containing “sh.”

Last Thursday everyone spent all their money on Market Day and had a fantastic time practising asking for, and paying for items in English. Esmail bought five items!

Thank you for remembering to send your child’s hat every day. As the term progresses, it will get very sunny outside at playtime.

*Isabel Winch*
Health and PE

It has been a very busy fortnight in Health and PE, and things aren’t slowing down in the next few weeks! You may have noticed, as you’ve been walking around the school, that some of the teachers are wearing strange black wrist bands. Over the next few weeks, teachers will be trialling these MOV Bands, in preparation for the MOV Band Challenge that year 5/6 students will be participating in, as part of their Health and PE program. This program is organised by the Physical Activity Foundation, and aims to raise awareness of incidental and everyday movement, by tracking how far each person moves and converting this information into kilometres.

Last week, Year 5/6 students had the opportunity to participate in BMX clinics and Year 3/4 participated in self defence classes, as part of the Ride and Walk to School Program. These were great experiences for everyone involved, particularly the Year 5/6 students, who, by the end of the clinics, could stand up on their BMX and many could do little jumps and wheelies! All students had a wheely good time.

From the 10th November to the 21st November, teachers and Year 5/6 students will be tracking how far they move each day, and are competing to see who moves the most! It should be very interesting to see the results at the end of the challenge!

Joanna Smith, PE Teacher
Banksia (IEC Kindergarten)

The Banksia class has had a great start to the term with quite a few new students. The students are already getting to know each other and make new friendships in the classroom.

We have begun the term learning English words and phrases we can use to describe ourselves. We have created collages of ourselves and written descriptions to describe us. You can find these outside our classroom.

Last week was Children’s Week and to celebrate we had a Market Day and a Shine performance. Each of these events were very successful and the students participated enthusiastically.

Thank you to the parents who are filling in their child’s reading log each day. It is great to see the students are reading at home every day!

*Ruth Drew*
Library News

MS Readathon
Have you finalised your sponsorship forms? All sponsorship money is due by 31st October. Thank you so much to the 52 students who have supported this worthy cause.

Breaking News: New, Special Harry Potter Story!
Yes, it’s true! On Halloween (31st October) J.K. Rowling will release a new, short Harry Potter story on her website. The story will focus on the utterly hateable Dolores Umbridge. This is the second online Harry Potter story she will have released. The last one attracted so much online traffic that it crashed the website . . . So, if you and the other Potter fans in your household can stand it, you might like to wait until November 1! Please note that you do have to sign up for an account, but it is free. www.pottermore.com

Harry Potter image labelled for reuse from http://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Potter

Book Covering
Thank you again to all of our stalwart volunteers who have been covering new books for us again this term. You make a real difference! The children have been clamouring for the new Minecraft books. They will be the prize for the final Book Borrowing Lottery of the year.

Holly Godfree, Teacher Librarian  holly.godfree@ed.act.edu.au

Hughes Primary School
Items For Sale

Hughie Bear $10
Hughes Mug  $10
Hughes Pen  $5
Hughes Badge  $5
School Banking News

Volunteers needed

Hughes Primary School is still looking for volunteers to help run the school banking program. After 3 years of doing school banking at Hughes, our co-ordinator Kylie Cooke will be finishing up at the end of this year. Volunteering to do school banking is a rewarding role as the children love the program and gain great life skills in saving and you contribute to raising much needed funds for the P&C (approx $1,500 this year alone!).

Unfortunately without parent volunteers to help run the program, we won’t be able to offer school banking next year. Please let Kylie Cooke or Karen in the front office know if you are interested in volunteering. Assistance will be provided in transitioning the volunteers into the role.

Reward items update

This term we have the Sea Streamers (for the pool) and the Projector Cup available as well as the swimming bag, handball, shark key ring, Dollarmites money box, scented pencils and some items left over from last year (blue wallet, headphones, knuckles game and Pru, Spen and Pat money boxes).

Unfortunately the penguin key ring and whale shark pencil case are now out of stock and won’t be back this year. I have 4 x whale shark pencil cases left for anyone who would like to redeem their tokens for that item but be quick as once they’ve gone, that’s it.

Competitions

We have 2 competitions running during Term 4 with some awesome prizes:

- Kids you can win an ipad for yourself and one for your school and/or $1,000 – in 50 words or less tell the Commonwealth Bank what you’re saving for and how you plan to save your money to achieve it! Enter at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers Please note that this competition closes on 31 October 2014 so be quick and enter online.

- Every time you bank between 20 October and 30 November 2014 you are automatically entered into the Term 4 competition (maximum of 6 entries). There are 40 x GoPro Hero3 White Edition Cameras and 150 x Slip ‘N Slide Double Wave Riders to be won! The more times you bank, the more chances you have to win.
School Banking News continued

Housekeeping

Could I please remind parents (or kids) to fill out the deposit slips with the child’s name, student ID and amount being banked and amount on stub each week. A big ‘thank you’ to those who already do this. This ensures that I can check that the amount in the deposit wallet matches what you intended to bank. It also helps in cutting down the time taken to process each deposit – as you can appreciate, having to write this information on 80+ students’ deposits each week is not much fun.


Found  A pair of Ascent black leather girls shoes, size US 3.5 UK 2.5.

Please come to the front office to collect these items.

Proposed Parking Restrictions on Groom Street

Residents did not support the proposal to implement parking restrictions “No Parking 24/7” on the side with odd house numbers between De Largie Place and Whittle Street, Hughes.

Roads ACT has therefore no immediate plans to change the current parking arrangements.
School Disco
The Hughes Primary School Disco will be held on Thursday 13th November.
DJ Cliff will be running the disco this year and the theme is Halloween.
Mark the date in your diary. More information will come home soon.

Market Day
Community Education Forum

Sharing knowledge to support education for migrant and refugee families in Canberra.

You are invited to participate in the annual information exchange between schools, parent groups (P&Cs), teachers, and newly emerging communities in the ACT.

Wednesday 12 November 2014
6.00pm – 8.30pm
Community Hall, Cook Community Hub
41 Templeton Street, Cook.

Please Register by Monday 3 November
Light dinner including vegetarian food provided
For information please contact
Hongsar Channaibanya on 6251 4550 or
hongsar.channaibanya@companionhouse.org.au

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Saturday 15th November 2014
9am - 4pm
Budawang Pavilion, Exhibition Park Canberra
$10 Adults, Gold Coin 16 & under
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Rock Climbing | Packing Healthy Lunchboxes with the Healthy Eating Hub | BMX Clinics and BMX Jump Demo’s with Backbone BMX | Self-Defence Classes with GKR Karate | Born to Move fun exercise classes with LesMills | Jumping castle, merry-go-round and more.

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| Cheese or Ham           |        |
| Toasted Sandwiches      |        |
| Cheese/ham              | $3.00  |
| Cheese                  | $2.50  |
|                        |        |
| **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  |

| **Burgers and Wraps**   |        |
| Chicken Burger          | $4.50  |
| with chicken patty, lettuce and mayo |        |
| or sauce                |        |
| Wrap                    | $3.00  |
| with choice of cheese, tomato, cucumber, carrot and lettuce |        |
| Wrap                    | $3.00  |
| with Chicken, with choice of tomato, cucumber, carrot and lettuce |        |

| Sauce                   |        |
| tomato or BBQ 30cents   |        |

*H=Halal
*V=Vegetarian