



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Hughes NEWS

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

Principal's Message

Dear Hughes families and community,
Many thanks to our teachers for hosting our **Information Sessions and Preschool Welcome Picnic** last week, and to the **P&C for hosting the Welcome Back BBQ**. These sessions are a great opportunity to put faces to names and for us to help you make connections to both your child's learning for this year, and to our school community. For those who were unable to attend, please make sure you have received either a hard copy or soft copy of your child's **Curriculum Overview for Term 1**. It was lovely to catch up with some of our parents at the P&C AGM last Monday night. If you were unable to be there and would like to be involved, please contact the P&C by email: hughespandc@gmail.com

Our Reconciliation Garden is really coming together with the unveiling of the large Yarning Circle which features the words '**Lifelong Learning**' (which is our school motto), '**Curiosity**' and '**Inquiry**' around the outside. We will be involving students and families in the creation of the artwork for the smaller yarning circles, and to go along the fence surrounding the sandpit. I've had such positive feedback from students regarding the myriad of ways they are using this space to connect with friends at break times.

Canberra's Multicultural Festival last weekend brought much life and colour to our Canberra community. As many of us enjoyed the festivities, I reflected on how **Hughes PS families from around the world enrich our experiences every day. We are proudly multicultural. Currently 139 of our 456 students bring English as an additional language or dialect, and approximately 42 languages are spoken by our families.** Teachers working with these young people support them to acquire cultural information as well as a new language. We know that developing a strong sense of belonging and experiencing rich learning in context supports EAL/D learners to thrive. Parents

are significant partners in supporting our EAL/D learners. Along with our Southside Introductory English Centre (IEC), the ACT Education Directorate's English as an Additional Language or Dialect Census supports the allocation of resources across the system to enable all students to access a quality education in our schools. Each year EAL/D learners are assessed to identify literacy and learning outcomes. Where additional support is required, we provide targeted intervention and adjustments for learning. If you would like to learn a little more about Hughes PS's approach to supporting EAL/D learners, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or a member of the School Leadership Team.

Twenty-three of our Year 5 students have received offers to join the ACTED Instrumental Music Program (IMP) this week. This program complements the Performing Arts curriculum, which provides musical experiences for students from Preschool to Year 6. Woodwind Band offers are based on a process of musical aptitude assessment, which is conducted through the IMP. These students will be working with visiting music specialist Ms Jane Rayner and Mrs Serena James. Year 6 IMP band will continue to work with Ms Jane Rayner and Ms Diana Chu.

Congratulations to Thomas Cox, Caela Gladwin, Finn Kite and Indy Trubshaw who are our School Leaders for 2020. They have been in their roles for less than a fortnight but have already made a noticeable impression across the school regarding their initiative, proactiveness, kindness and leadership!

We have been back at school for four weeks already! If you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of your child's academic learning or social and emotional development, please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's class teacher or a member of the School Leadership Team. Warm regards, Nina McCabe

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MARCH

Monday	2	Year 6 Excursion
Friday	6	Assembly hosted by 1H 2.15pm
Friday	13	National Ride2School Day Assembly hosted by 5/6P 2.15pm
Tuesday	17	Swimming Carnival
Friday	20	Harmony Day (see note on pages 3 & 4)
Monday	23	Preschool Owls Photo Day
Wednesday	25	School Photo Day
Friday	27	Preschool Butterflies Photo Day Year 2 Excursion Assembly hosted by 6W 2.15pm



NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between 12 and 22 May 2020.

NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. It also delivers more precise results to schools and parents more quickly.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.



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FREE KIDS BUSH DANCE - SATURDAY 28 MARCH

The Monaro Folk Society is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of musical events in Canberra

We are hosting a special free day at Yarralumla Woolshed showcasing our activities.

This includes a Kids Bush Dance between 12.30 and 2.00pm

For info see: www.monarofolk.org.au/kids-bush-dances

Piano Lessons at Hughes

There are places currently available on Fridays for students wishing to have piano lessons during the school day. Please contact Katrina for lesson information and inquiries



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HARMONY DAY



Hughes Primary School
Learning for Life

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To Parents and Carers

On Friday 20 March 2020, Hughes Primary will be celebrating Harmony Day.

Harmony Day is a day for all Australians to recognise the many ways in which Australia is culturally diverse and to celebrate the benefits that living in our culturally diverse country brings. It is a day for us to celebrate the different cultures that make up our country and our school. Harmony Day at Hughes Primary School is very special and we would love contributions from our terrific community.

How can you help us to make this day a very special celebration?

- 1) By helping teachers run a multicultural activity in the morning, or by sharing your own multicultural activity.
 - We appreciate people helping with a multicultural group activity in the morning. Some examples from past years are origami, games from a country, dressing in national costume, calligraphy etc. We would like the children to wear orange shirts/t-shirts, Harmony Day t-shirts or their national costume.
- 2) By bringing food from your country and culture to share with the school in the multicultural feast.
 - Parents are welcome and encouraged to help serve the food. All food for the feast must be delivered by 10:00am to the staffroom.
 - **No nuts are to be served or used as ingredients.**
- 3) By performing in our assembly in the afternoon and participating in our cultural dress parade.
 - Students can dress in cultural clothes on the day and participate in the dress parade.
 - We need people (students or adults) to perform in the afternoon at the multicultural performance.
 - We hope that many children will think about performing in the afternoon. National costumes can be brought in for students to change into for the special parade at the performance.

Please return the note attached by Wednesday 11th March 2019. Everyone has a culture to share. We look forward to seeing you on the day. Any contributions you can make to any of the above would be greatly appreciated. (See page 2)

Schedule of the day:

9:15 am	-	11:00 am	Multicultural activities
11:00 am	-	11:20 am	Recess
11:20 am	-	1:00 pm	Multicultural feast
1:00 pm	-	1:45 pm	Lunch play time for students. Parents & VIPs join the feast
1:45 pm	-	3:00 pm	Multicultural performances and dress parade

Harmony Day Committee.



HARMONY DAY

Please return this note to your child’s teacher or the front office if you can contribute to Harmony Day.

1) Harmony Day Helpers Friday 20th March 2020 9:00am to 11:00am

Parent’s name: Phone No.....

Email:

Child’s name: Class:

or

We can help take a group activity in the morning. The multicultural activity we would like to do is:

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2) Bringing food for the Multicultural Feast:

We can make food from (country)

Please note that all food must be labelled. Please list all ingredients.

No fresh cream, peanuts or any nut products please. No drinks or soup please.

Please label food with the name of country and whether it is Halal, Kosher or vegetarian.

We can serve food on the day Yes No

3) A multicultural performance in the assembly:

We can perform at the afternoon multicultural performance (performances should be between 3-5 minutes).

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Duration of our performance: mins

If music is required on the day it should be provided to Daniel Balshaw by Friday, the 13th March. You will be contacted to confirm your place in the concert.





Hi everyone, my name is Kathleen and I have been the Saver Plus Coordinator in your community for the last 3 years.

Saver Plus is a free program that helps people with a Centrelink concession card pay for education costs. We have provided almost \$100k toward school costs in ACT since 2017.

Participants save \$25/fortnight for 10 months and attend 4 financial skills workshops. At the end of the program, we will match your savings with up to \$500 that can be used towards uniforms and shoes, extra-curricular sports, camps and excursions and other school supplies.

Eligibility criteria applies.

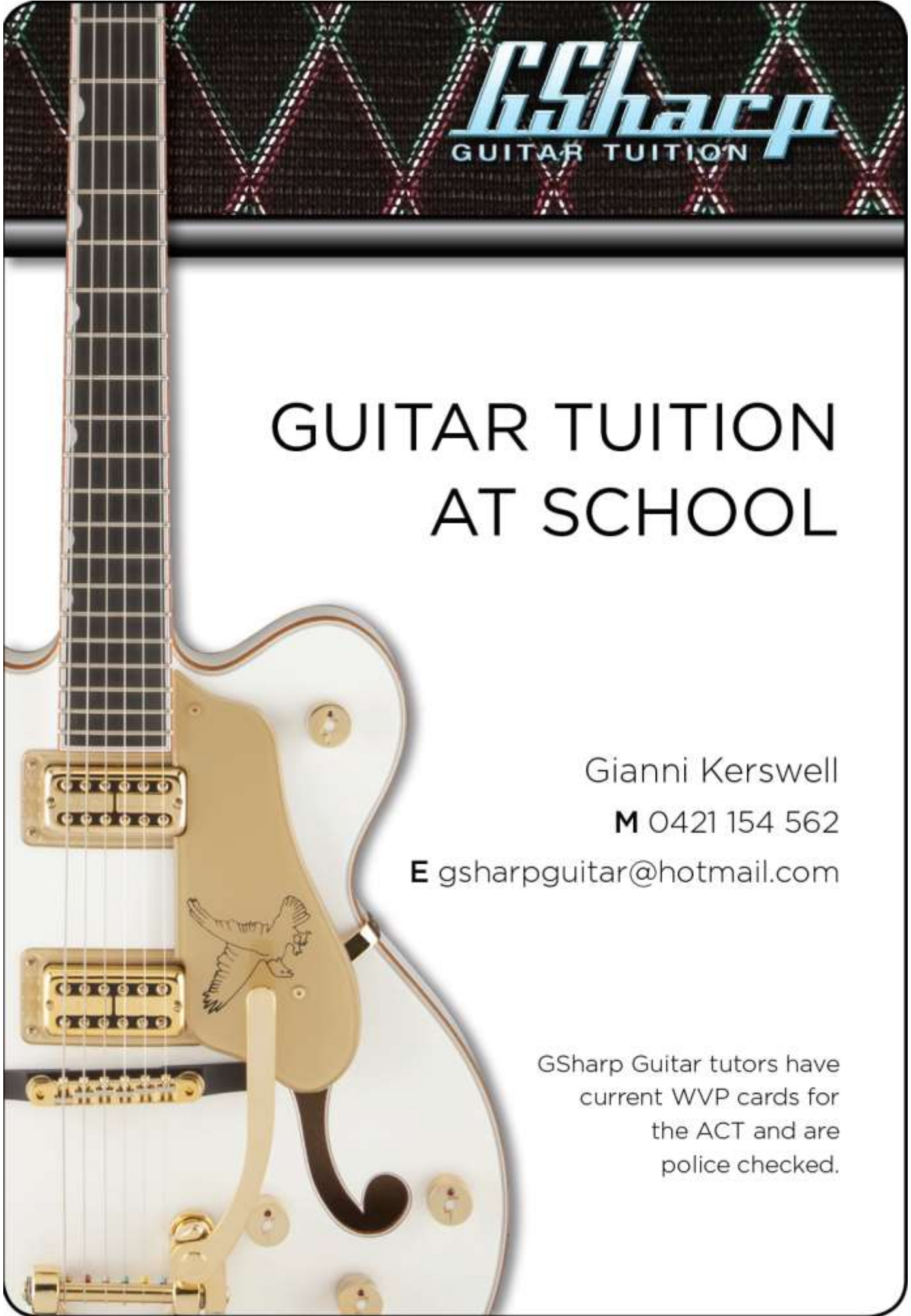
Visit saverplus.org.au or contact me on 0448 730 305 to find out more!

An advertisement for Saver Plus. It features a photograph of a woman and three children sitting around a table, looking at a laptop. The woman is smiling and pointing at the screen. The children are also looking at the laptop. The background is a bright, indoor setting. Overlaid on the bottom of the image is a green banner with white text and the Saver Plus logo.

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Canteen Information for 2020

Welcome to the canteen for 2020. We provide an online lunch order service every Wednesday & Friday during the term to give your child the opportunity to experience the joy of receiving a lunch order.

The lunches are delivered to the school then distributed to the students.

All orders are to be placed online via flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au .

This can be done as a once off order or as a recurring order.

Please see attached information to enable you to take advantage of this excellent service also a copy of the menu.

We look forward to assisting your child to have a special lunch day on Wednesday & Friday



If you require any further information or assistance please call Debbie on 62814110

Or email alfreddeakincanteen@gmail.com

www.flexischools.com.au

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





Healthy Kids Canteen Menu Hughes Primary School

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

term 1
2020

Wednesday & Friday

Sandwiches & wraps

Rainbow Delight 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	\$5.00
Toasted cheese	\$3.50
Extras: cheese or chicken	add \$1.20

Gluten free available on request

Salad

Design your own salad	from \$4.50
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Hot meals

Pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese. Gluten free available)	\$4.70
Veggie fried rice	\$4.70
Ham & pineapple pizza single (Wednesday only)	\$3.70
Crispy chicken or Felfel sub: with lettuce and your choice of sauce	\$4.20
Beef lasagne	\$5.30
Chicken nuggets x 6	\$5.00
Sausage Roll (Friday only)	\$4.50
Sauce sachet	\$0.30

Snacks

Watermelon tub	\$2.00
Koala Popcorn: lightly salted	\$2.50
Jelly & custard	\$1.80
Banana bread	\$1.70
Warm cheese roll	\$3.20
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.20
Garlic bread	\$2.00
Milo cookie	\$1.20

Drinks

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

Frozen

Frozen juice cup (apple, blackcurrant)	\$2.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$2.70