



Hughes NEWS

TERM 3 ISSUE 2

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

Principal's Message

Canberra has now moved to Stage 3.1 of its recovery plan. This does not impact on current restrictions in ACT schools and we are still required to limit the number of adults on school grounds. We thank you for supporting physical distancing during drop off and pick up times and helping us to maintain accurate records by signing in when you visit the school. We will be sure to keep you informed of any future changes to restrictions in public schools.

Today marked our very first virtual assembly in Hughes PS's history! Thanks to our four committed School Leaders – Caela, Finn, Indy & Tom – we recognised students efforts and achievements across the school. We also showcased student talents including the Karaoke Club, and Riley P who performed a stunning piece of music on the piano that he recently composed. It was so delightful to hear students across the school all applauding as the merit certificates were read out and singing in unison to 'High Hopes'.

This semester our Positive Education focus will continue to be on strengths, particularly character strengths that are the positive parts of our personality that impact how we think, feel and behave. Scientists believe that when we are aware of our greatest character strengths, we can learn to use them to handle stress and life challenges. If you would like to explore this concept a little further visit the VIA website or Dr Justin Coulson's work. *'One of the most exciting research findings from positive*

psychology is the amazing wellbeing boosts that can be achieved when we harness our own strengths, and the strengths of our children or students. It seems that when we know what our strengths are – or when our children and students can identify their strengths – and those strengths are put to good use, we are happier, more engaged, and more fulfilled.' (Dr. Justin Coulson)

I spoke to all students in today's virtual assembly about mindfulness and the value of noticing beauty in the environment around us. Spring is just around the corner, evidenced by the wattle blooming and the weather warming up.

As we are no longer in the months of June and July, it is crucial that all students have a broad brimmed hat at school each day (preferably labelled with a name!) otherwise they will be asked by duty teachers to play in the shaded areas only.

I have continued spending time in each classroom across the school, completing lesson observations and giving focused feedback to teachers. I have been so impressed by the calibre of creativity I have seen in the works authored by students ready for the launch of our Little Street Library next week. I would like to thank Mrs Libby Baker (our Teacher Librarian) and Ms Liz Kelly (our General Services Officer) for organising the Little Street Library which is located at the front of our school. The students are eagerly looking forward to sharing their writing with a wider audience!

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Nina McCabe

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Kirsty Stewart

Executive Teacher:

Nicole Merchant

Preschool Teacher:

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Principal's Message continued

We have adopted Seesaw in response to our recent survey of families following the period of remote learning. Survey responses also reflected our families' desire for learning more about how children spend their time at school. We know that after a busy day, students can find it hard to share exactly what they have achieved. Conversely, as they relax, they sometimes remember events with intensity. Reflecting on the day together can be a positive way to explore our children's perceptions and support their emerging knowledge about how the world works. There are a range of ways families have end-of-day 'check ins'. Guiding a balanced conversation is important for productive reflection and questions along the lines of:

- What made you sparkle today? / What was a highlight of today?
- What made you feel grateful today?
- What challenged you today?

may elicit a richer response.

Our staff are interested in supporting these important conversations between families and our collaboration is at the heart of the achievement of Hughes PS's young people. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher at any time if you have thoughts to share, or if you require further information about your child's school day. Our front office staff are also always happy to facilitate a connection.

Warmest regards
Nina McCabe
Principal

Jacob Mackay has Asperger's. This is one of the only photos his mum has of him smiling. A very rare occasion. He is turning 16 in September.

He is key ring obsessed and one day would like to break the world record for keyrings and key chains (Only 62,200 to go)

I know it's a few months away but his mum would like to surprise him with as many as she can.

If you would like to send him a key ring, from wherever you are in the world, that would be amazing.

Tareq Alshaikh (Saeed ALSHAIKH 2M father) is happy to collect the keyrings from Hughes Primary School children and post it to Jacob's mum.

Tareq is also happy to collect it anywhere in Canberra.

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tareq@outlook.com.au

Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/558656854823401>

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2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The 2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 10 to 31 August.

The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents will receive:

- A letter about the student survey asking whether their child (students in Years 4 to 6 only) may participate during class time. **A letter was emailed to families earlier this week – if you didn't receive this letter, please contact Karen in the front office;** and
- An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey; parents who do not receive the email may contact EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation.

A shortened paper-version of the parent survey is also available in the following 12 languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Mon, Urdu and Vietnamese; email EDUSurveys@act.gov.au to request a copy.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

Hats on!

From August, we start to witness a rise in UV levels (to 3 and above) in Canberra. These levels warrant sensible sun protection during some periods of the day. So hats are back on for play and learning outside. Please check that your child's SunSmart hat is labelled.



Hughes Primary - Clubs

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Lunch (11:10 - 11:30)	 Origami (Japanese Room)			 Chess (4B)	
	 Sustainability Squad (3J)		 Year 5 Band (Hall)	 Loose Parts (Bimberi)	 Year 6 Bikes (bike shed)
	 Year 6 Band (Hall)	 Coding Club (Bimberi)	 Lego (KP)	 Gardening (Fairy Garden)	 Cooperative Games (2C)
2nd Lunch (11:30 - 11:50)	 Origami (Japanese Room)			 Loose Parts (Bimberi)	
	 Sustainability Squad (3J)		 Year 5 Band (Hall)	 Gardening (Fairy Garden)	 Year 6 Bikes (bike shed)
	 Year 6 Band (Hall)	 Coding Club (Bimberi)	 Lego (KP)	 Karaoke (Mrs V's Room)	 Cooperative Games (2C)
Recess (1:15 - 1:40)		 Drawing/Craft (2C)		 Bubble blowing (Fairy Garden)	

Student Injury Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

'AKIKAMBARA' CHILDRENS POKEMON SESSION

Cost:	\$7.50 each
Day/Time:	Sunday 12-2.30pm (approx.)
Where:	AkiKambara Store, Tuggeranong
Age:	No limit
Prizes:	2 packs of Pokémon cards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place 1 pack of Pokémon cards for other participants. (RRP \$5-\$7 each)

Pokémon deck needs to be an 'in-play' deck (call venue for details).

(Venue details on card but it is next to Capital Pathology & opposite 'Jindebah Coffee' Tuggeranong.)



Good luck to all our netball teams playing this weekend - weather permitting.

Have fun, be good sports and have a great time!



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Do you need help with an enquiry or concern?

TALKING WITH YOUR SCHOOL

WHERE DO YOU **START?**

Step 1. Make an appointment with your school via phone or email.

Contact your school's front office to make an appointment with the most appropriate person. Alternatively, you can write or email the school about your concerns.

Step 2. Discuss your enquiry or concern with the class or executive teacher.

Provide all relevant information, discuss possible outcomes for addressing your enquiry/concern, and settle on an option that can be achieved with input from you, the teacher and your child.

Step 3. Discuss your enquiry or concern with the principal.

Contact the principal if you were not able to achieve a satisfactory response with the class or executive teacher, or if your concern relates to the conduct of a school staff member.

If your concern remains unresolved, you may wish to contact the Families and Students, Complaints and Feedback Unit using the online contact form at www.education.act.gov.au/contact_us or call 6205 5429.



At any time, you may approach any of the following external agencies relating to:

Imminent danger of a child or yourself:
ACT Police 000 or 131 444

Child protection:
Community Services
Directorate 1300 556 729

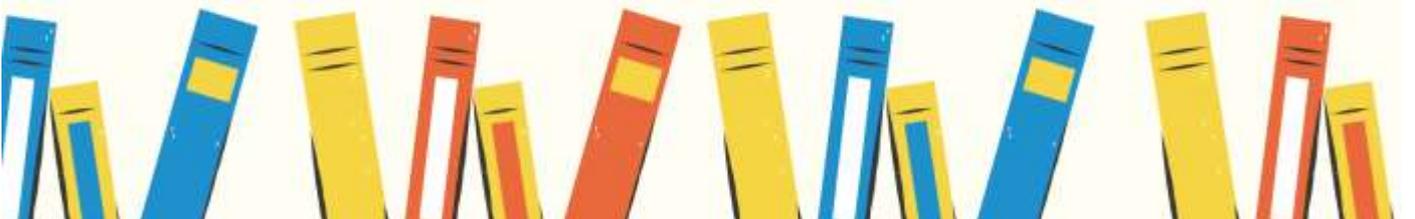


Announcing
Hughes Primary School's

LITTLE STREET LIBRARY LAUNCH!

Our little street library is opening Week 4 of Term 3!
Check it out as you enter the school gates.

Come and visit and leave a book, take a book or read a
book.





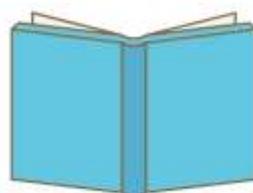
PARENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE LIBRARY

There are a range of volunteering roles in the library including:

- covering books
- shelving
- returning books

These roles can be completed during and before or after school hours. We are even happy for you to take books home to cover!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
VOLUNTEER OR WANT TO KNOW
MORE PLEASE EMAIL
LIBBY BAKER
elizabeth.baker@ed.act.edu.au**





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For the first time ever, we will raise an extra \$10 or \$20 on top of the 20% we receive from every Membership sale from **August 14 to September 13**. Amazing! Check out some of the most popular everyday savings...

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- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
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- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.

Place lunch orders from your iPhone, iPad or mobile device!

For help call **1300 361 769**

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Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

Hughes Primary School

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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	\$5.50
Toasted cheese	\$4.00
Extras: cheese or chicken	add \$1.20

Gluten free available on request

Salad

Design your own salad Add egg, cheese or chicken	from \$4.50
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Hot meals

Pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese. Gluten free available)	\$4.70
Veggie fried rice	\$4.50
Crispy chicken or Falafel wrap: with lettuce and your choice of sauce	\$4.20
Beef lasagne	\$5.30
Pasta bolognese (with or without cheese. Gluten free available)	\$5.30
Chicken nuggets x 6	\$5.00
Mac and cheese (veg) (Friday only)	\$5.00
Sausage Roll (Friday only)	\$4.00
Sauce sachet	\$0.30

Snacks

Watermelon tub	\$2.00
Milo cookie	\$1.20
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

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (tropical, apple)	\$2.00
Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 250ml	\$2.60
Plain milk	\$2.00

Frozen

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



MEAL DEAL (Wednesdays only)

- 1 hot food item (different each week)
- 1 frozen juice cup
- 1 mini choc muffin

\$7.50