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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

This past fortnight has seen media visit us twice and offer rich experiences for our students. Firstly, a visit by Mr Bill Shorten allowed our School Leaders, Ashleigh, Eleanor and Kyler a new experience, as they used their own leadership skills to welcome him and Ms Gai Brodtmann to our school, on a beautiful autumn day. I was very proud of the manner in which our Leaders handled the press, the volume of photographers, mingling maturely and handling themselves - so was Mr Shorten, as he went on to invite them into the House of Representatives, onto the floor, sitting beside some of the Nation's most notable politicians. Thank you so much for officially representing our school, and also to Phoebe Carter who joined them, experiencing an event that no other Australian student has had. Kyler was unable to attend this opportunity because he attended a most riveting public speech at ADFA, to listen to Dr Sandra Magnus, astronaut! I certainly enjoyed her presentation as well.



The beauty of living in Canberra and having connections, gives our students some remarkable experiences.

Thanks to Miss Jo Smith, we appeared on the news again, this time to celebrate a highly successful walk or ride to school morning on Wednesday. This initiative saw so many students and family members,

join our teachers and walking to school, enjoying breakfast and acknowledging the importance of a healthy start to the day....wouldn't it be amazing to see this event become regular practice across the streets that lead to our beautiful school? We would love to see this happen!

Mrs Steph Roberts organised a fantastic disco to raise money for the Port Vila International School (PVIS) rebuilding fund. Junior students across recess, danced and sang, then at lunch time the seniors had their turn to strut their stuff. Along with teachers, everyone had a great time. There was moonwalking, breakdancing, the Cossack, disco dancers, snow angels and conga lines! What a fun way to get moving and know we are making a difference at the same time!

A few weeks ago, our Junior students held their Rostrum Showcase in the hall, and this afternoon, our senior students will showcase the class finalists and a decision will be made as to who will represent our school this year.

Speaking of speaking, our congratulations to our Debating team who successfully won their debate last Monday night against Trinity Christian School, Year 7. Mr Strutt was very proud of your efforts and growth across the Debating season. Thank you for representing us every week with your passion!

So, my students, thanks for creating so many memorable moments this past fortnight!

Kate Smith



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Diversity, Inclusion and Wellbeing

What an amazing start to my time at Hughes Primary! Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for making me feel so welcome. I am slowly starting to learn the student’s names and find my way around the school.

On Thursday last week I had the opportunity to attend Parliament House with the student leaders to listen to Bill Shortens budget address. Mr Shorten attended Hughes Primary earlier in the day and invited our wonderful Year 6 leaders to attend his budget speech that evening. We were extremely lucky to be invited to sit on the floor in the House of Representatives with Penny Wong, Nova Peris Kneebone, and Chloe Shorten.



Ashley, Eleanor and Phoebe had a wonderful time sharing a bowl of chips with Chloe Shorten and discussing the concerns of a nation. We hope to see Chloe visit our school in the future. A big thank you to Gai Brodtmann, Bill Shorten and their teams for taking such wonderful care of our students during the evening.



Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as their SRC representatives for the semester. The SRCs first fundraising event will be next week ‘Nail it for Nepal’ where the SRC will paint the nails of students for a gold coin donation. All money raised will support efforts in Nepal after the devastating earthquakes.

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| KS Laura and Hugo | 3C Jessica and Jessica |
| KP Emily and Reed | 4S Allie and Baqir |
| KH Tanishka and Ollie | 4T Cynthia and Jake |
| 1/2H Katrien and Hannah | 5B Maddie and Ollie |
| 1C Bebe and Harry | 5R Keira and Rory |
| 1F Kayla and David | 6PM Eleanor and Riley |
| 2M Emily and James | 6PM Ashleigh and Kyler |
| 2D Sam and Min | Blue Gum Abbee and Chris |
| 3S Alex and Samarth | IEC Addie and Tom |

Rohan Evans
Deputy Principal

The rewards of reading

Reading with your child is one of the most important factors in developing lifelong learners and lovers of reading. There is a vital link to between reading ability and the success of students. The example you set, the priority you place on the importance of reading, and the bond you create lasts a lifetime.

Learning to read starts from the moment your child is born and first hears the sounds of the language of the world. But even if you don't read during those first tumultuous, amazing days, it's never too late to start. Even if your child is reading independently, it's a beautiful ritual to continue - like Alice Ozma whose tells her story in *The Reading Promise: My Father and the Books We Shared* <http://www.amazon.com/The-Reading-Promise-Father-Shared/dp/B00B9ZEIX0>

Here are some tips that will make it a wonderful experience for you both.

Surround your child with books.

Read at least three stories aloud every day from birth—a favourite, a familiar and a first-read.

Show enthusiasm, expression and emotion. You are setting an example of the sounds and rhythms of our language

Plan for occasions when your child might become bored, anxious, irritable, tired or disruptive and have a book in your bag.

Pull the curtains on the day with a regular bedtime story so your child goes to sleep knowing they are loved and safe.

Share stories that you enjoy reading because children are very adept at detecting reluctance and boredom.

Choose picture books with well written stories, rich vocabulary and appealing pictures. Look for rhythm, rhyme and repetition.

Focus your child's thoughts on what the story will be about by discussing the cover and the pictures and thinking about what might happen.

Encourage your child to join in the rhyme, the rhythm and the repetition.

Talk about the story and what happened in it.

Ask them what they think will happen next.

Reflect on what happened in the story and whether it was enjoyable and worth reading again

Read it again and again and again if they ask for it.

Look for other books by the same author if your child really enjoyed the story.

Join your local library - there are riches galore!

Read your own books in front of your child so they see that you enjoy reading too and value it as a worthwhile activity.

Treasure this special time with your child—it will pass very quickly.

Enrich and enhance your child's reading learning journey ...

Talk - Help them build a wide and varied vocabulary, hear the rhymes and rhythms of the language and confidence with a range of sentence structures.

Listen - The skills they use putting together ideas, constructing sentences and ordering their thoughts are also critical in reading.

Praise - Acknowledge what they can do rather than picking on what they can't. Children need encouragement because they are doing the best they can.

The rewards of reading continued

Buy books - It shows you value reading. Choose books that will appeal to your individual children and take them with you when you do. Let them choose with you, or allow them to choose books from the school book clubs.

Give books as presents to your child and others. It reinforces that books and reading are valuable and valued.

Read - When your children see you enjoying reading, they follow your example.

Visit your local library regularly - It's free. Enrol your children and make a visit a regular routine.

Share - Have a family reading time - Put aside a regular time when all the family enjoy reading. and share what they are reading

Cook Read the recipe together and share the results.

Read the TV guide - Discuss the options, and plan your viewing.

Play a game – Whether it's a board game or digital, there are instructions to read and understand as you play.

Go shopping - Read the road signs, notices the labels on packets. Give them a list of things to look for.

Write letters and emails - Write thank you letters or party invitations together. Encourage them to write to Gran and Grandad, Father Christmas or friends who have moved.

Make something - Figure out the instructions together. Discuss their meaning and sequence.

Look for companion websites—Most of your children's favourite characters have websites with games, stories and other activities which all involve reading

Draw and write - Ask your child about their drawing and print the caption. They can copy it if they wish and read it back to you.

Do-it-yourself - Make print or digital books together using photos of family events. Write the sentence that your child dictates.

Experiment - Let them play with digital publishing apps. [Max's Toolbox](#) is perfect for this.

Mix it up - share digital versions of favourite stories. Try [We Give Books](#) (every time you read they donate a book to an agency supporting literacy for the needy) or search YouTube, iTunes or Google

Expect your child to succeed and they will

Grow your own knowledge

Find blogs and websites which share books for young children such as

- o [The Bottom Shelf](http://thebottomshelf.edublogs.org/) <http://thebottomshelf.edublogs.org/>
- o [The Book Chook](http://www.thebookchook.com/) <http://www.thebookchook.com/>
- o [My Little Bookcase](http://www.mylittlebookcase.com.au/) <http://www.mylittlebookcase.com.au/>
- o [The Little Big Bookclub](http://www.mylittlebookcase.com.au/) <http://www.mylittlebookcase.com.au/>

Subscribe to newsletters that will keep you abreast of what's new.

Talk to your school's teacher librarian - we are reading experts and even if your child is not at school yet, you might be able to borrow from the collection.

Listen to what other parents are sharing with their children for ideas of what to share with yours.

Join your local library for an endless supply of books for free

Make your child their own special library bag, not just for library visits but for whenever they're taking a book with them

The rewards of reading continued

Know the authors and illustrators who write for your child's age group

Look for books with topics that mirror the experiences of childhood albeit through animal or toy characters; have rhythm, rhyme and repetition that encourage your child to join in the reading; and illustrations that help make the meaning of the text clear. At the beginning of [Elmer](#) we learn that "Elmer was patchwork. Elmer was yellow and orange and red..." and the illustration clearly shows that *patchwork* is a pattern based on squares, not swirls or dots or whatever.

Read...

- o **Reading Magic: how your child can learn to read before school—and other read-aloud miracles**, Mem Fox (Pan Macmillan)
- o **The Reading Bug—and how you can help your child to catch it** Paul Jennings (Penguin)
- o **Rocket your Child into Reading** Jackie French (Angus & Robertson)

[The ageless rewards of reading aloud](#)- Margaret Robson Kett

Read children's books so you know what will work for your child when and enjoy one of the rewards of being a parent.

Barbara Braxton
Teacher Librarian

Kate's Crochet, Coffee and Cookie Chat



Where Community Kitchen,
Bimberi Building

When 3.15-4.00pm - Friday of week 2, 4, 6, 8 -
Term 2.

Who Any parent of Hughes PS students to join me
and other execs when they have time in their
schedule, or upon request...

Why To casually sit together, have a coffee and a
choc chip cookie, and discuss anything you
would like to about our school, our
professional stories, about learning in 2015.
Bring along your crochet hooks and make
granny squares as we chat, then with purpose,
we can sew them together, make rugs and
donate to a worthy charity...byo wool and
hooks. Knitters welcome too! OR, just come
and chat...

How Just drop me an email at
kate.smith@ed.act.edu.au and let me know
you are coming...coffee and cookies on me!



Years 3-6 students participating in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Media).

DROP-IN INFO



Drop-in info

child & family centres | ACT

free parenting information

Visit your local Child and Family Centre, chat with a trained professional about parenting, ask questions and get information. Talk about a range of issues including general parenting, adjusting to being a parent, family relationship issues and your child's behaviour. This free service is available without an appointment.

When	9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday
Where	G Wb T
Contact	Your local centre

Gungahlin 51 Ernest Cavanagh Street Gungahlin † 6207 0120	Tuggeranong 159 Anketell St Greenway † 6207 8228	West Belconnen 6 Luke Street Hall † 6205 2904
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e. childandfamilycentres@act.gov.au
 w. www.communityservices.act.gov.au



School access and parking

As you are all aware the school gates are locked at 9.00 am and re-opened after students have left in the afternoon. This is to avoid congestion and accidents occurring.

Only **staff** are to park within the gated area, it is not available for parent parking or student drop off. We ask that you please adhere to this protocol and park/ pickup students outside the gated area.

The Church located next to the school have always been very generous allowing parents to park in their carpark to drop off or pick up children.

Thank you.



School Uniforms at Savvy School & Formal Wear, Tuggeranong

Savvy now have plenty of stock of the black polar fleece zip jackets and girls winter tunics. A white blouse, to be worn under the girls winter tunic, is now part of the Hughes Primary School uniform. The blouse is available from Savvy in sizes 4 - 16.

Savvy are offering 15% discount to Hughes Primary School families when purchasing our uniform items from their store.



Public Education Week Breakfast

To celebrate Public Education week the P&C will provide breakfast on the Junior Blacktop on Wednesday 27th May from 8.25 - 8.55 (weather permitting). The breakfast will include a piece of toast, fruit and a Milo.

A coin donation would be appreciated to help cover the cost.



DATES TO REMEMBER



MAY 2015

Monday 25th Storm Boy Incursion (Years 5 & 6)
 Wednesday 27th Year 3/4 Band to Giralang PS
 Wednesday 27th Public Education Week breakfast 8.25-8.55 Junior Blacktop

JUNE 2015

Tuesday 2nd Year 6 Orientation to Alfred Deakin High School
 Friday 5th Storm Boy Excursion (Years 5 & 6)
 Monday 8th Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
 Wednesday 10th Preschool CMAG Excursion
 Thursday 11th Preschool CMAG Excursion
 Year 2 Botanic Gardens Excursion
 Friday 19th Special Assembly Senator Zed Seselia 1.30 - 2.30
 Tuesday 23rd Preschool Learning Journey
 Thursday 25th Preschool Learning Journey
 Friday 26th IEC Graduation Assembly
 Tuesday 30th Tjupurra Whole School Performance

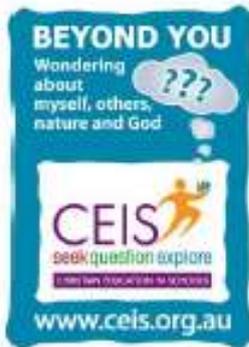
Preschool Enrolments 2016

Do you have a child who turns 4 by April 30th 2016?

Do you live in Hughes?

Enrolments for Preschool opened on 28th April and close on 5th June.

Please contact the school front office on 62055699 for further information.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Term 2 – Beyond You

This term the CEIS project will present 'Beyond You' at our school. Students will participate in interactive activities to discuss and explore human values and relationships with others and God. Only students with permission will attend.

This term's date: _____

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers. If you would like to add your child to the existing attendance list print off the section below and return it to the school or go to www.ceis.org.au/yes

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL TO ADD YOUR CHILD TO THE EXISTING LIST

YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.

Child: _____ Parent name: _____

Child: _____ Parent signature: _____

Child: _____ Date: _____

Calling for Volunteers...
Mums, Dads, Grandparents or Carers
WE NEED YOU!



Our school has over 175 students participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need the help of at least 3 to 4 volunteers to process the deposits on a 4/5 weekly roster system. Each Volunteer coordinator is provided with full training and ongoing support by Jo- School Banking Specialist from Commonwealth Bank. No experience is necessary; however a computer/lpad with Internet access is desirable. Your help with the program will greatly benefit our students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Last term we earned \$399 in commission and \$1330 in 2014- WOW!!

Currently, School Banking day is Thursday and the wonderful parent helpers Kim Nguyen and Kate Ellis are currently being transitioned into the role so your patience during this time is appreciated. As this is a big job they need some extra helpers to share the role.

For further information or to register your commitment call Jo Whatman on 0475821274.



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):

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to the front office at Hughes Primary School.

I give permission for my child _____ of _____
Child's name *Class*

to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

Subject/Paper	School Years	Official Sitting Date	Closing Date	Entry fee, incl. GST	Fee enclosed
English	2 – 12	28 July 2015	30 June 2015	\$8.80	
Mathematics	2 – 12	11 August 2015	14 July 2015	\$8.80	
				TOTAL	

* *Previously known as Computer Skills.*

** *Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 15 June.*

Please find enclosed _____ total entry fee. _____
Amount *Date*

Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

(please circle one) Cheque Cash Credit Card Eftpos Direct Debit

Cheques should be made payable to **Hughes Primary School**. ***If paying by CASH, please provide the EXACT amount.***
If paying by Direct Debit – please ensure you reference the payment ICAS (student's name)

Paying to: Hughes Primary School – BSB Number **032777** – Account Number **001412**

If paying by Credit Card please complete details below:

Card Type: Mastercard Visa

Card No:

Cardholders Name: Expiry Date:

Cardholders Signature:

2015/2016 Entertainment™ Book



We receive \$12 from every Membership sold!

Hughes Primary School now has 2015/2016 Entertainment Books available for sale.

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 complete the section below and return to the front office if you wish to purchase a book for **\$60**.

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Student's Name: Class:

No. of books: @ \$60.00 each

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: Expiry Date:

Cardholder's Name:

Cardholder's Signature:

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

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

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



HUGHES PRIMARY SCHOOL-Online orders only-via Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au

WEDNESDAY, -Term 2 2015

<u>HOT FOOD</u>	
Mrs Mac 160gm good eating Pie	\$2.70
Pizza Single Ham/pine or Cheese/Bacon	\$3.20
Nachos-cheese & salsa	\$3.20
3x Chicken nuggets	\$2.70
Fried Rice and 2 spring rolls	\$3.60
Wedges with chicken pops	\$3.90
Veggie Bake- winter vegies with melted cheese	\$2.50
Fantastic Noodle Cup-beef/chicken	\$2.50

<u>SANDWICHES/WRAPS</u>	\$3.30
Wrap or sandwich with choice of chicken,cheese,lettuce,tomato,cucumber beetroot or carrot	

<u>WEDNESDAY SPECIAL</u>	\$4.00
Spaghetti or Lasagna with garlic bread	

<u>TOASTED SANDWICHES</u>	
Cheese	\$2.60
Ham/Cheese	\$3.20
Spaghetti	\$3.00

<u>SUSHI</u>	\$2.60
Vegetable handroll	

<u>SAUCE-</u> Tomato or BBQ	30c
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<u>BURGERS</u>	
Beef Burger with beef patty,cheese,lettuce& sauce	\$4.50
Beef Burger with Salad	
beef patty,cheese,tomato,lettuce, beetroot& sauce	\$5.00

<u>DRINKS</u>	
<u>JUICE</u>	
Apple	\$1.80
Tropical	
<u>MILK</u>	
Strawberry	\$3.00
Chocolate	
<u>WATER</u>	
600ml water	\$1.00

<u>SNACKS</u>	
Cookie	60c
Banana Bread	\$1.20
with or without marg	
Milo Slice	\$1.20
Jelly	\$1.00
Fruit Tub	\$1.50
Frozen Yogurt	\$2.70

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