



# Hughes NEWS

TERM 1 ISSUE 3

13 March 2020

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

## Principal's Message

Dear Hughes PS families and community, All families would have received email correspondence yesterday regarding the **operation of ACT public schools with regard to novel coronavirus**. We have attached this important information to this week's newsletter correspondence as well in case families missed yesterday's email. We have been reminding students about good hand and respiratory hygiene practices to prevent the spread of viruses. Some useful posters have been developed by ACT Health which we have been referencing with students and have displayed around the school:

[Prevention and spread of germs](#)

[Good hand hygiene](#)

[Coughing and sneezing](#)

The community is urged to keep up to date through the ACT Health website ([www.health.act.gov.au](http://www.health.act.gov.au)). This is where the latest health advice is available. People can also call the Coronavirus Health Information Line on [1800 020 080](tel:1800020080) for further information on COVID-19. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We warmly welcome Mrs Sarah Dzedzic to our school board for a 2 year term. **The board will meet early Term 2 to elect a new board chair.** I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Mrs Thao Nguyen for her highly supportive work as our board chair throughout 2019.

**Congratulations to Hughes PS students for participating in our very successful Ride2School Day this morning and our fundraiser to raise money for the Salvation Army and WIRES following the devastating bushfire season.** The social concern of Hughes PS students resulted in us raising a total of \$549. I feel so optimistic about our future when I am surrounded by such conscientious, empathetic and socially aware young people. Through conversations with their families and within their classes, students are committed to making a real difference to the world around them. Special mention goes to Year 3 students Ollie L, Jessica, Ellie, Addie,

Lydia, Matilda and Lucy H who organised today's fundraiser. We are looking forward to our **Years 2-6 Swimming Carnival next Tuesday** and **whole school Harmony Day celebrations next Friday**. We are also eagerly looking forward to our **Community Planting Bee to be held Sunday 22 March starting at 10am where we will be planting many plants in our Reconciliation Garden**. If you are able to help during our planting bee, please ring Karen in the front office on 6142 0730 or email her [Karen.Stone-Tolcher@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Karen.Stone-Tolcher@ed.act.edu.au).

We offer **lunchtime clubs for our students** with thanks to the expertise and commitment of our wonderful team of staff. Your child may already have signed up to one of these clubs. If they are yet to get involved, please remind them that clubs are advertised over the loudspeaker just prior to the commencement of lunch each day.

**Mondays:** Year 6 Band; Origami; Library

**Tuesdays:** Kulturebreak (Years 4-6); Dance Club; Clean Team; Library

**Wednesdays:** Kulturebreak (Years 4-6); Karaoke Club; Library

**Thursdays:** Year 5 Band; Loose Parts Club; Library

**Fridays:** Choir (before school); Cooperative Games; Chess; Green Team; Library

**The Hughes Community Foodshare Freezer has been cleared out and is ready to be restocked!** The freezer is there for families to be able to quickly grab some food when needed. You could put just about anything in the freezer including premade meals, cakes, muffins, breads etc. At the moment there is a coconut rough loaf, choc chip muffins and veggie fuelled pasta in there. Please remember to label the meals you have made with the ingredients and the date you cooked the meal (there are some sticky labels on the freezer if you don't have any at home). The freezer is in the photocopy room in the Bimberi building.

Kind regards  
Nina McCabe, Principal

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see page 2

**Principal:**  
Nina McCabe

**Deputy Principal:**  
Nicole Merchant

**Executive Teacher:**  
Kirsty Stewart

**Executive Teacher:**  
Vanessa Valois

**Preschool Teacher:**  
Susan Jones

**Business Manager:**  
Gayle Broad

**School Secretary:**  
Karen Stone-Tolcher

**IEC Office:**  
Pansy Sung

**Board Chair:**  
TBA

**P&C President:**  
Lara Gladwin

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**MARCH**

Tuesday	17	Swimming Carnival
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Harmony Day (see note on pages 3 &amp; 4)</b>
Sunday	22	Community Planting Bee
Wednesday	25	5/6 Girls Netball Gala Day
Friday	27	Year 2 Excursion
		Assembly hosted by 6W 2.15pm



**APRIL/MAY**

Tuesday	7	ADHS Japanese Visit
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>First day of Term 2</b>
Wed-Fri	29-1 May	Years 5/6 Camp
Tuesday	5	*Owls Photo Day
Wednesday	6	*School Photos
Thursday	7	*Butterflies Photo Day
		Bell Shakespeare Incursion

*\* Please note the change of dates for school photos*



Offering a free and confidential counselling service.  
 Assisting and supporting parents with ideas about raising children  
 Interpreters available

**Ph. 6287 3833**

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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](http://www.nap.edu.au) to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Thank you to all families that have supported and continue to support Scholastic Book Club. It raises good money for the school which we are able turn into more library books and resources for our school.

Book Club Issue 2 is out and orders are due in by **TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020**. Remember you are able to order the books as gifts which can be done by ticking the box through the parent loop or writing on the order forms.

Happy ordering and many thanks,  
 Karen, Book Club Coordinator



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March. You will be contacted to confirm your place in the concert.





## AFTER SCHOOL KIDS POKÉMON CLUB

### AT 'LOOKING FOR GAMERS' (LFG) KAMBAH

**Date:** Weekly on Tuesday afternoons, during school term

**Time:** 3:45-5:45pm

**Ages:** Grade 3+

**Location:** LFG Retail Store - Shop 3, 66 Primmer Court, Kambah

**Cost:** \$16 per session (or disc rate of \$140 per term) - Includes x 1 Pokémon booster pack per week.

Fully supervised casual play and beginners tournaments. Come along and make friends, battle your Pokémon, and compete in easy-going competitions!

We are looking to get a regular group of 4-6 kids playing weekly - & **until the group is established, attendance is FREE!**

Questions? Email us at: [crew@lfg-aus.com.au](mailto:crew@lfg-aus.com.au)

**LFG Crew Andrea** <http://lfg-aus.com.au>

## Community Planting Bee

A community planting bee is being held on  
Sunday 22 March starting at 10.00am.

We are planting many plants in our  
Reconciliation Garden.

If you are able to help, please ring Karen  
in the front office on 6142 0730 or email

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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](http://saverplus.org.au) or contact me on 0448 730 305 to find out more!







## 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](http://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](mailto: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](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)

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
<b>Extras:</b> 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 Felaful 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