The Concert Extravaganza was a huge success. The students had learnt, created and rehearsed their performance items of music, dance and drama only this week – and they certainly look polished! Mr Tim pushes the boundaries of what is possible to achieve, bringing happiness, fun and laughter, to support the students in creating a high energy original production. The afternoon whole school rehearsal was sensational, and the children watched all of the performances, clapping, cheering and celebrating each others’ achievements. I am so very proud of what the students have created with Mr Tim and have no doubt that you were amazed at the spectacular extravaganza that was on show!

Transition visits have been held over the last few weeks with students visiting from other preschools to sample Kindergarten for 2015, both in IEC and mainstream. We have also had students from Lyons Early Childhood School visit in preparation for their commencement at Hughes next year. On all occasions it has been a wonderful opportunity to get to know the school, meet teachers and friends and sample learning and life at Hughes. The days went very well, with few tears, and the children are looking forward to coming along and seeing their new friends again!

First Aid has been running in the library for our classes from Kinder to Year 6. The students have really enjoyed learning about Dr ABCD, and different response actions including recovery positions, treating bleeds using triangle bandages and of course, calling 000. It is a valuable learning opportunity although we hope that they all stay safe and never have to use any of these!

I would like to congratulate all of our 3/4 Fife and Drummers and our Year 6 band who performed last week at Bandstravaganza held at Llewellyn Hall. I have heard many positive and proud words from Diana Chu and parents on how professional the bands sounded. Thank you to Diana for the amazing work you have done with the bands, coaching and mentoring our students to rise to the occasion and perform outstandingly at such an auspicious event. Well done musicians!

As we head into the closing weeks, our school is still a hive of activity with preparations for IEC graduation, K-5 Awards Assembly and of course our Year 6 graduation to name a few. There is so much to look forward to.

Kind regards,

Kerri Clark
Countdown to 2015

What a busy 13 days we have ahead of us!

Bookpacks

- Order forms were sent home a few weeks ago. Don’t forget these are closed packs and items cannot be deleted. Teachers have worked hard to make sure only essential items are included. It would be fantastic if all students were able to purchase these through our supplier so the children all have the same items of the same quality. All book packs will be delivered straight to the classrooms.
- If you are not able to order online then you can order and pay at the book payment days, or just turn up and pay at the book payment days.
- Book payment days will be Monday 2nd February from 9am – 2pm, or Tuesday 3rd February from 9am – 12noon.
- Don’t forget there is a $100 Coles/Myer gift card up for grabs for one lucky family that orders online.
- Paper orders close 10th December 2014.
- Online orders close Wednesday 17th December 2014.

Yearbooks

- Yearbooks are now at the printers and will be available for sale in week 9.
- The Yearbook will be a Bumper Edition to include the 50th Birthday celebrations. The cost will be $25.

Transition sessions

Preschool

- Monday 1st Dec from 9am – 12noon
- Preschool 2015 parent interviews – Wednesday 3rd Dec, Thursday 4th Dec, Monday 8th Dec

Kindergarten

- Monday 1st Dec from 9am – 3pm
- Parent information session – Tuesday 9th Dec at 3:30pm in the Kindergarten rooms.

IEC Kinder

- Wednesday 3rd Dec from 9am – 3pm

We also have presentation assemblies, IEC graduation, Year 6 graduation, Whole School Fun Day, moving classes, discovering who our new teachers are, just to name a few upcoming events.

Maryanne Hayes,

Executive of Excellence and Endeavour
Preschool Owls and Butterflies

The children have continued to delight in developing some wonderful play themes and initiate amazing investigations. The sand pit was transformed into a large island with a flowing moat, a castle and even a volcano. The large group cooperated as they shared the hose to add water to the moat, worked together to rebuild the constructions as they disintegrated and puzzled scientifically as to where the water disappeared to.

The discovery of cicada shells has caused so much excitement, in small and large groups the children have hunted for the shells and then continued looking to see if they can find any live cicadas. A wonderful video clip captured the children’s interest and they were amazed how long they live underground (17 years) and how they transform from eggs, to nymphs, to the cicada that has wings that can climb and fly. It has also been a great link to ongoing discussion relating to life cycles and development.

In Week 6, all of the children invited a special friend to join them for the day and the preschool was full of some friendly bears. The children in both groups planned the days, including what experiences they wished their teddies to develop. The teddies loved building with Lego and were very good at catching fish with the magnetic fishing rods. The food was also carefully thought about and with some fun mathematical and scientific discussions, cupcakes, honey joys and lots of sandwiches along with fairy bread the picnic was prepared. All the teddies had fun sliding on the slide at the park and enjoyed the adventure walk, before tasting all the delicious food, yum yum!

This week our focus has been creating some secret surprises and meeting Mr. Tim, so lots more fun to come.

Don’t forget the next Kindy transition day is Monday 1st and we will be welcoming the children of 2015 on the same day.

Susan, Kate, Brooke and Maryanne
Blue Gum News

Blue Gum has been continuing to surge ahead and achieve goals over the last few weeks. We have continued our writing to our Malkara buddies and have been excelling in our reading! On Friday of Week 6, Mr Carter came in and we had a fun day of working on our courtyard wall and planted more plants in our vegetable garden. We look forward to eating fresh tomatoes, strawberries and other tasty goodies!

The warm weather has allowed us to continue working outside on our sensory activities, giving us a chance to get our hands dirty (in a good way)!

_Yelena, Fiona and Beth_
KF Tea Trees, KP Hakea and K/1S Red Box

It has been a busy end to the year for the Kinders and K/1. As part of learning about healthy activities this term, a number of students have been participating in the ‘Swim and Survive Program’ at CISAC Pool. The students have been amazing, demonstrating incredible progress in the pool and wonderful listening skills with their instructors. Thank you so much to parents for getting their child to class before 9:00am.

The students also enjoyed the opportunity of participating in the St John First Aid Course. We learnt about how to be a good first aider, being safe at home, when and how to dial 000, and what we should do relating to basic cuts and burns. If you’re wondering why your child may have looked like a Mummy on that afternoon, that’s the reason why!

Finally, we have had a fantastic time preparing and singing for the school concert. Mr Tim always makes us laugh and his two songs were fantastic to perform, though we’re not sure if we’d like to eat ‘peas and porridge’? We hope you enjoyed the show!

Until next time...........rock on!

Alix, Adam and Julie
1C Hardenbergia and 1S Hovea

Year 1 Swim School students have impressed us with their organisation skills and enthusiasm, as they have quickly adjusted to the changes of routine this week. It is great to see the progress children are making in their lessons, their concentration and the excellent listening they are showing towards instructors. Those students who aren’t going swimming have also been showing great organisation and resilience as they have quickly moved to their morning classroom and adapted to new learning routines. Miss Smallmon has provided some fun literacy and safety lessons to keep their learning program going. Year 1, we are so proud of you!!

This action-packed week has also seen Year 1 students rehearsing with Mr Tim each afternoon. It has been great fun, with sooo many tricky words to learn in such a short time. We know you were impressed with your child’s efforts on the night.

On Wednesday 1C and 1S attended a First Aid session. Ann-Marie, the presenter, was impressed with Year 1 students’ knowledge about First Aid. She had many willing volunteers to demonstrate what to do in a 000 emergency and to be patients with pretend injuries. Please ask your child to tell you what they learnt about First Aid procedures.

Thanks to those families who have returned library books. Please return any that are still at home as soon as possible, as Mrs Godfree is doing a HUGE stocktake for the end of the year.

Thanks for all your continued support during this hectic term. We say the children are well organised, but we know who’s really behind that!

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

We think this has been the busiest week we’ve had all year! Amongst swimming, the concert and a First Aid course, everyone in Year 2 deserves a good rest this weekend!

Swimming has gotten off to a great start. Everyone has been arriving on time and dressed appropriately – well done parents! The children are enjoying riding on the buses and swimming in small groups. While the swimmers are practising their life saving skills, the students remaining at school are learning all about water safety. They have even made films on the iPads promoting water safety awareness and it seems we may have some budding film directors in our midst...

Concert preparation with Mr Tim in the afternoons has been such amazing fun. The students have done a sensational job in learning 2 new songs so quickly – we are blown away by their energy and creativity. We knew they’d rock on the night!!

On Friday Year 2 students are participated in a First Aid course run by St Johns Ambulance. Students learnt about how and when to call an ambulance, how to identify an ambulance officer and how to treat minor bleeding and burns. Thank you Miss Smith for organising this wonderful learning opportunity for us!

We were pleased to see our parent volunteers for morning tea this Friday in the Environment Centre. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort you have put in this year – your support has made such a difference and has contributed to a memorable year. Thank you!

This week notes went home for the 2015 Year 3/4 camp. These are due back by Thursday of Week 9. If you have any questions please feel free to email the camp coordinator, Mr Mark Strutt (Mark.Strutt@ed.act.edu.au). This will be a memorable experience and a great team building opportunity.

We hope all families have a safe, restful break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year. We wish those families leaving Hughes all the best for the future.

Happy holidays! Ho, ho, ho!

*Steph Roberts, Jonathan White and Mat McRae*
We’ve reached that fabulous time of year again when Mr Tim comes and works his magic with us to create our magnificent concert. We’ve had a super time rehearsing and creating our acts, they’re pretty hilarious and we knew they’d dazzle!!

We have enjoyed our first aid sessions as well, the best part of course being able to walk around with our bandaged ‘injuries’. We learned all about responding to emergency situations. Fingers crossed we never have to use our skills but if we do, we feel confident we could handle it well!

Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle and hat as the days get increasingly warmer. It is also important for students to attend school in appropriate covered shoes as students are very active during the school day. Sandals or Crocs are not part of the school uniform as they stop students from participating fully.

Year 3 have been busily designing a movable model that shows how night and day works. Many students drew detailed designs that clearly described the materials and procedures they were going to use. We were amazed at the creativity of students with the movable models they made. They were both innovative in the way they were put together and the way that they moved. A really tricky part of the process was appraising the design and model at the end. Here are some examples of our models that clearly show that night and day is caused by the Earth spinning in its own axis.

Year 4 students have also been design gurus. To show all their Inquiry knowledge they have designed Sustainable Islands. Not only did they need to consider different waste management facilities and renewable energy schemes for their island, they also had to put their mathematics mapping and scale skills to use as well. Many of the islands look truly sensational! Like Year 3, Year 4 students have found the appraisal and reflection process a challenge as well, but we know that evaluating makes for a quality end product.

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

For the last couple of weeks we have been participating in the Everybody, Everyday Disability Awareness Program. The students recently have discussed ideas about what a disability is, attitudes people hold towards people with disabilities and how these can be changed.

The students created posters and videos aimed at promoting positive attitudes towards people with a disability and creating inclusive communities. We will be looking at the concept of universal design and conducting accessibility inspections of our school and class environments for people with all abilities.

The school concert last night was fabulous, the students worked amazingly to pull together the performance in four days. Thank you Mr Tim, Miss Nat and to all parents that supported the performance by cheering for us and providing costumes.

We are looking forward to end of year celebrations.

Michael McDonald, Rachel Hogan and Paul Corrigan
All three classes enjoyed a very successful visit to the National Portrait Gallery last Friday. The children listened intently to the Gallery teachers talking about the various paintings, drawings and sculptures. Some students were able to feel real kangaroo fur, touch seeds and pods and listen out for the sound of the sea in shells. All the children drew their own portraits using the Gallery’s special drawing boards. Afterwards we went for a walk around Reconciliation Place and enjoyed the pavement artwork and sculptures. A highlight for the children was spotting the flags from their respective countries.

Over the next two weeks, children graduating from our IEC will be enjoying transition visits to their new schools. Look out for a letter in your child’s bag informing you of dates and times. These visits are a great opportunity for children to learn the routines they will encounter next year, make some new friends and learn the layout of their new school.

We are busily practising for our graduation assembly on Friday 5th December. Please come and watch your child singing on stage. Assembly starts at 1.45pm in the hall.

Thank you for sending your child to school every day with their hat and water bottle. The days will only get hotter!

*Isabel Winch, Ruth Drew and Trina Cleary*
Blue Lily (IEC Years 3-6)

We have been getting creative with our learning on Food and Nutrition. IECS have made beautiful Fruit Salad Bowls in the form of a collage. IECSH have experimented with fruit stamps and decorated some colourful paper.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to do a cooking demonstration of food from your country. We are so excited to have you visit us in Week 9! It was fun to have Miss Pansy and Ms Yukari teach us how to make food from China and Japan.

In Mathematics lessons we are beginning to talk about location and transformation topics. IECSH are having fun using mirrors to explore symmetry. It is tricky sometimes but we like to challenge ourselves.

The Mr Tim Concert has been so much fun. Now, we are busily preparing for the IEC Graduation which is next week, Friday 5th December. We hope you will be there to celebrate the graduates achievements and to see us all perform a special song.

*Miss Singh and Mrs Shaw*

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**ACT SECONDARY BURSARY SCHEME**

The ACT Government’s Secondary Bursary Scheme (SBS) provides assistance to low-income earners in the ACT with a current Centrelink card and dependent full-time student(s) attending an ACT public or non-government school. Students must be in year 7-10 and must be ACT residents.

Only a custodial parent or guardian who is financially responsible for the student(s) may apply for this benefit.

Health and PE

It has been a very busy fortnight in Health and PE, with the MOVBand Challenge coming to an end last week. It was great to see so many excited students tracking their movement, and being more active at recess and lunch. We are all waiting to find out whether the teachers or students were the overall winners, but with the amount of dancing, running and jumping that everyone was doing during the Challenge weeks, it will be pretty close! Thanks to all of the teachers and parents who made this initiative possible!

In PE classes, students in all years have been very active, with Year 2 students challenging themselves to develop their skipping skills, with some amazing routines developing as a result. Year 5/6 students have been focusing on team building activities, centred around the theme of Challenge and Adventure. Working together they have created machines using their bodies and are continuing to develop their fitness skills in the weekly fitness challenge. Kindergarten students have also been busy using all of the Fundamental Movement Skills that they have learnt this year, and putting them into practice in small games.

Our very own Tahn Rainbird is currently representing the ACT at the National Athletics Championship in discus – good luck Tahn!

Joanna Smith, PE Teacher
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:** ____________________________

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**Child:** ____________________________  **Date:** __________

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Are you wanting to support your child before they start school?  
Do you want to extend your child’s literacy, numeracy or fine motor skills?  

Kidliwinks is offering specialised 50 minute programs in literacy, numeracy and fine motor skill development for 3-5 year olds to extend and support their development. Programs are run by a passionate and experienced teacher. Children participate independent of family members to support their transition into more formalised learning.

When and Where:  
9.30 am – 12.20 pm  
Monday & Tuesday – Nicholls  
Wednesday – Hughes  
Thursday – Chifley

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2015!  
For further information contact Tracey on 0412 772 703  
tracey@kidliwinks.com.au  
www.kidliwinks.com.au

LUNCH ORDERS 2014/2015

The final lunch order date for 2014 will be Wednesday 3rd December.  
The first lunch order date for 2015 will be Wednesday 11th February.

School Banking Sign-up Morning!

Jo, from the Commonwealth Bank, will be coming to Hughes Primary School on Monday 1st December from 8.30am onwards if you would like to register your child/ren for school banking.

She will be situated outside the school hall. To register your child for School Banking you will need to bring identification for yourself (eg driver’s licence or passport) and your child. It’s that easy!
Library News

Calling for all Library Books!

We have had to close the library earlier than usual this year because of the major changes that will happen here to prepare for 2015. The room at the back of the library which currently contains all of our teacher resources will become a teaching space next year. This means that all teacher resources will need to be accommodated in the main library space.

So, if you can please help your children return all of their library books as soon as possible, that would be really helpful to us because we can make sure that we have the books spaced out well on the new arrangement of the shelving.

Can you help?

As you can imagine, we will really need help to move everything around! Thank you to the six parents who have already volunteered to help. Please contact Holly if you can help on:

- Tuesday, 2nd December 1:45-3:00 to put all of the books in order (1 or 2 more helpers would be great)
- Wednesday, 3rd December 9-10:45 to move the shelves (1 more helper would be great)
- Monday, 8th December 9:00-11:00 to move ALL of the books (4-6 more helpers would be great)

E-books and Audiobooks are now available to borrow from home!

So, this is the sweetener to counteract the “bitter pill” of stopping borrowing early. Your child can now borrow ebooks and audiobooks through our school library from home. Ebooks can be read on any computer or device. Audiobooks are available in MP3 format.

Please see the step-by-step instructions for borrowing ebooks with this newsletter.

I do hope that you take advantage of these resources all through the summer!

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

Band News

Da da da daaa!!! A big congratulations to the 3/4 Fife and Drummers and Year 6 Band on their musical performance in Week 6 at Llewellyn Hall. Bandstravaganza was an amazing opportunity for the students to not only perform at a prestigious venue, but to listen in on other performances that gave variety and inspiration. The students did a wonderful job controlling their nerves and giving the best performance they could to reflect the regular practice they have been doing. There were many proud parents that night and albeit some shocked ones too, unaware of how awesome the band at Hughes is capable of sounding. We not only all looked like professionals, we sounded like professionals too! Can’t wait for Bandstravaganza 2015. Look out world!

Diana Chu
Borrowing e-books

Great news! Students and teachers are now able to borrow e-books through the library at school or at home.

Important Information
- Loan periods are for two weeks. Loans are automatically returned – after the two weeks you won’t have access to the loan unless you re-borrow it.
- It is best to use either Chrome, Firefox or Internet Explorer 11 or later.
- If using it on a tablet, you will need to download ‘Overdrive’. This is a free app.
- You will need a username and password for the school network.
- You will need to allow pop-ups for library.ed.act.edu.au

1. Go to https://backpack.act.edu.au
2. Log in with your username and password
3. Click on School Library
4. Select Hughes Primary School
5. Put in the username and password again
6. This will bring you to the search page for our library. Search for the book you would like to borrow.
7. Click on the title of the book you want.

8. Click on Borrow OverDrive Read eBook

The book should open straight away in a new window. Read and enjoy!

9. If you are coming back to the book later on, Click on loans in My Portal.

10. Click on Electronic loans

11. Click on the arrow for the book you want to read

12. Click on ‘Download OverDrive Read eBook’

“Hard” copy – only available in the library
13. The ebook should now open. If it doesn’t, it probably means that it is a pop-up problem. Allow pop-ups and then repeat steps 11 and 12.
14. Once you have it open, save it to the reading list or as a favourite and you will be able to go straight to the book through that link, instead of having to go through the steps above. Just remember that the link will not work after 2 weeks.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Lost Property**

A pair of black Police brand sunglasses have been found in the foyer of the school. If they belong to you, please come to the front office.

There are lots of clothing items in our lost property baskets in the Senior school and Junior school. If your child has lost something, please come and have a look in the baskets.

**Wizard of Oz DVDs & Photos**

The Wizard of Oz DVD and photograph orders will be here by the end of this term.

Our apologies for the delay.
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
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- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.

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For help call 1300 361 769

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