Another year has passed and what an amazing year it has been!
We have achieved so much - students, school and community. Here’s a small snapshot!

**Teaching and Learning**
Starting the year with fresh, vibrant, inspiring classrooms and engaging learning programs, including JASON learning, Australian Maths Trust, Language Arts enrichment, Science and Technology with ADHS; excursions, excursions…….

**Extracurricular**
Whole school opportunities such as Preschool’s Art Show, sporting carnivals, lunchtime clubs, Debating, Japanese Speaking Competition, Rostrum, School Bands, Bandstravaganza, Kulturebreak, Choir, String Ensemble and our memorable musical, the Wizard of Oz…….

**School and Community**
Whole school celebrations such as Harmony Day, visits to St Andrews, parent working bees, IEC morning teas, Kids’ Café, and we certainly cannot forget our 50th birthday celebrations, and unveiling of the time capsule!

A few thank you’s must be made…….
- To our wonderful teaching and admin staff... you have brought such energy and enthusiasm each and every day, I thank you for all contributing to such a strong and professional team;
- To our students...... thank you for working so hard in your learning, striving to demonstrate the school’s CARE values, for being so inclusive, respectful, working together and making Hughes a wonderful place to be.

And finally......
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, a wonderful summer holiday full of fun and laughter and I look forward to seeing you in 2015!

Best Chrissy wishes and warm regards,

Kerri Clark
Congratulations IEC Graduates

Term 4 - 2014

Agustin  Nour  Akinobu  Al Rafi
Camila  Fringed Lily, Boronia and Banksia  Vilma
Lea  Nguyen  Pasha  Mondira  Siddra  Sofia
Congratulations IEC Graduates

Term 4 - 2014

Antoine
Arvindh
Esho
Fumiyo

Blue Lily

Hilman
Kiet
Leo
Lia
Congratulations IEC Graduates

Term 4 - 2014

Lou-ann
Maelle
Matias
Pretty

Blue Lily

Thais
Tiba
Tifenn
International Day of People with Disability - 3rd December 2014

This year Hughes Primary students excitedly involved themselves in learning about the International Day of People with Disability. This important day celebrates all people with a disability and encourages understanding, support for their right for dignity, rights and wellbeing. Students from across the school got together and created a video that discussed what the day meant to them and how they feel we should treat people who we see as different to us. This Hughes original film was shown to students around the school on the 3rd of December to begin discussions around equality for all. Classes then completed a variety of activities to support students in understanding what it may feel like to have a disability.

Kindergarten students spent the morning learning about ways school can still cater for people with disabilities. They engaged in Left-Handed playdough sculpture making, blindfolded stickle brick models, painting with their feet, learning Braille and sign language and drawing about ways we can include people with disabilities in our day to day lives on the playground.

We look forward to continuing to celebrate this day each year.
Adult Conversation Classes at Hughes Primary

Put your head around the door of the Japanese room on a Friday morning and you’ll see a whole lot of parent learners! The Adult Conversation class is a wonderful new part of our school community, welcoming our international parents who wish to learn and improve their English. Our committed volunteer tutors are building this class into a place of friendship and support for many of our newest parents. Recently the group used the Community Kitchen to share and demonstrate favourite meals from around the world; a heart-warming time was had by all.

Thanks to Woden Community Services for this successful partnership with our school. If you are interested in supporting the group in any way in 2015 please see the Front Office or call Emma Dryden at Woden Community Services on 6282 2644.
Hughes Primary School 2014 Year Book

It’s that time again – time to order your Hughes Primary School Year Book for 2014. It is a bumper edition which includes the 50th Birthday celebrations. The Year Book is bursting with student portraits and photographs of activities and special events. We hope this Year Book brings fond memories in the years to come.

Please complete the section below if you wish to purchase a copy. The cost of the 2014 Year Book is $25.00.

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**Hughes Primary School Year Book 2014**

**Student’s Name:** ___________________________ **Class:** ___________________________

**No. of copies:** ___________ @ $25.00/book

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/yearbook**

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

Items For Sale

- Hughie Bear $10
- Hughes Mug $10
- Hughes Pen $5
- Hughes Badge $5

Wizard of Oz DVDs

The Wizard of Oz DVD orders will be ready on Tuesday 16th December.

Our apologies for the delay.

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 and Junior school. If your child has lost something, please come and have a look.

SCHOOL BOARD

Nominations will be open for two P&C positions on the school board at 11.00 am on Monday 2 February 2015.

Nominations close at 11.00 am on Monday 16 February 2015.

Nomination forms will be available from the front office from Monday 2 February.

Guitar Lessons at Hughes Primary School

Commencing Term 1, 2015

For enquiries please contact:

Gianni Kerswell
Phone: 0421 154 562
Email: gsharpguitar@hotmail.com
Library News

Library Make Over

Thanks to an amazing bunch of helpers, our Library has been just come out of a 3 day no-expense-spared “spa” treatment! No...but it is true that a wonderful, hard working group has made it possible for our library space to be massively changed and improved. I am delighted to say that the arrangement in here is better than it’s ever been and that we are basically ready for Day 1 of 2015!

Many of the fiction series are in boxes on top – Rainbow Magic, Ranger’s Apprentice, Tintin, Sisters Grimm and more!

The tall non-fiction shelves now form a nook for classes to read stories. We’ll be getting a special rug to define this area. 🤝

Simple, easy reader chapter books are on the spinning shelf.

The piano is now in the middle of the room – hopefully a better placement for the Community Choir!

Thank you Young-Mi, Monica, Nong-Aoi, Hande, Latifa, Yalinee, Jasmeet, Maud, Amanda, Carin, Sara, Melissa, Azimah, Caroline, Michelle, Huy, Denise, Valeriyy, and Diego!

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

Remember, 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.

Summer Reading

Please remember to read to your children this summer – even if they know how to read by themselves. Find a book that’s a bit too hard for them and that you will also enjoy. Listening to stories reaps just as much benefit for most literacy skills as reading them by yourself. The shared pleasure of reading a story that you both enjoy is a gift and an investment at the same time!

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

Book Packs

Have you bought your Book Pack yet?
You might be the lucky winner of the $100 Coles/Myer Voucher for online orders.
Online orders close on the 17th December.
Alternate payment days are 2nd and 3rd February 2015.

FOR SALE

A Hughes Primary School family has a Red Bull jacket for sale.
Would fit a child size 8-10.
If you are interested, please see the front office.

Merry Christmas