

Hughes NEWS

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REMEMBER

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Ellen Pope

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

Principal's Message

Dear Families and Carers,

I extend a very warm welcome to everyone as we begin the 2018 school year at Hughes Primary School. A special welcome to our new students and families - we have a number of new students throughout the school and we are very glad that you have joined us!

Thank you to our P&C who are hosting a Welcome BBQ next Wednesday 21st of February during our Parent Information Evening. The BBQ will commence at 5:30pm and is a fabulous opportunity for all members of our community to come together and celebrate the beginning of another fantastic year of learning here at Hughes PS. All classes will be holding beginning of the year Information Sessions next Wednesday and we look forward to seeing you there. Please see page 3 for details.

The P&C are also holding their AGM this coming Monday night (19 February) at 7:30pm in our School Library. This is a great opportunity to join a highly committed and energetic group of parents and community members who work together to help make our school the best it can be – I strongly encourage new families to come along on Monday night. We are a very welcoming group!

We spent the week before school started learning together as a staff and reflecting upon current research into best practice approaches to education. We joined together with North Ainslie PS to examine the Australian Curriculum and the achievement standards within each curriculum area; reflected upon our whole school approaches to differentiation including how we assess student learning and differentiate to meet each child's needs; and joined with a range of other ACT Public Schools to consider best practice approaches and strategies for engaging students as writers. I also spent time with staff sharing my vision and focus for Hughes Primary School in 2018, ensuring that as a team we are well placed to continue our momentum of school improvement.

The three priority areas within our 2018 -2022 Strategic Plan include:

- *Increase growth in student performance in English across all year levels*
- *Increase growth in student performance in Mathematics across all year levels*
- *Develop and sustain a consistent whole school approach to social and emotional student wellbeing*

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Principal's Message continued

The priorities within our plan are an important part (but certainly not the only part!) of our future directions. **I look forward to speaking about these priorities in more detail at next Wednesday's Information Evening.** This fortnight has been a very smooth start and it was wonderful to see our students so quickly immersed in friendly interactions and learning in classrooms. To assist in this space, from Monday of next week, we will have **Buddy**

Benches on both the Bimberi and Franklin playgrounds. Please ask your child to explain the role of the Buddy Benches in continuing to make our school a friendly and welcoming place. Thank you for the role you have played in supporting your child to begin their school year successfully. It's a great year ahead.

Nina McCabe



NETBALL

Year 3 classes:

Hi All

Hughes will enter year 3 girls' netball teams again. The competition is at Deakin, 9am Saturdays (8.30am warm-up) from 17 March through to mid-August (no games are played on long weekends or school holidays).

Training will be on **Tuesdays from 4.30pm-5.15pm** at school.

Please let me know by Friday 16 Feb if your daughter is interested in playing as the registrations open very early this year!

Email: melandhersh@optusnet.com.au

Thanks

Mel (Emma's mum)



Year 2 classes:

Hi All

You may be aware that there are already Hughes girls' netball teams that play in the Deakin competition on Saturday mornings for year 3,4 and 5 girls. It would be great to enter a year 2 team this – we have several girls interested in playing but we need a parent willing to coach and umpire! If you are interested in coaching, please let me know ASAP so we can then email and see if there are enough yr 2 girls to form a team. If there's no coach, there's no team!

Email: larawoodgladwin@yahoo.com.au

Thanks

Lara



Hughes Primary School

2018 Parent Information Night and P&C Welcome BBQ

Welcome to the 2018 School Year! We hope that you can join us for our Parent Information Night - where we will outline Teaching and Learning Programs for 2018 - and P&C Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 21st February.

Agenda

Session	Time	Location
Preschool	4.00pm — 4.40pm	Preschool (Kent Street)
P&C Welcome BBQ	5.30pm onwards	Outside hall on grass area closest to Franklin Building
Kindergarten, Years 3 & 4 (KP Adam Porter, KS Lisa Slattery, IECP Laura Poultney, 3S Mark Strutt, 3BD Sally Baker & Ruth Drew, 3P Aaron Partridge, 4S Michelle Standingford, 4F Suzy Francis, 4M Nicole Merchant)	5.00pm — 5.40pm	In your child's classroom
Years 1,2,5,6, K-6D LSUA, IECBJ, IECM (1HA Terry Hart, 1HU Serena Huynh, 2C Janet Clark, 2F Molly Feltrin, 2M Belinda Mack, 5M Michael McDonald, 5S Joanna Smith, 5H Vicki Hunt, 6C Paul Corrigan, 6R Smilja Rajak, K-6D Barbara Drummond, IECBJ Angela Jones & Daniel Balshaw, IECM Yelena Martin)	5.50pm — 6.30pm	In your child's classroom

All teachers are sending home 'Getting to Know Your Child' questionnaires. Please take the time to complete and return this valuable correspondence. We will hold formal 'Student Progress' interviews in Week 9 (Monday 2nd April — Friday 6th April) of this term. Further information will be sent home closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 21st February.

Nina McCabe
Principal



Lunch Order News

Your children will be able to purchase lunch orders 2 days a week as from Week 2 2018 (Wednesday 14th February)
We will open on Wednesday and Friday.

This will be a trial for this term and we look forward to supporting you and your child/children by providing them with this service.

All lunch orders are available on line from www.flexischools.com.au

A copy of our menu is available in the newsletter and on flexischools.

If we can assist you with any further information please don't hesitate to call Debbie on 62814110 or email alfreddeakin.canteen@gmail.com

Debbie Tobin

DATES TO REMEMBER



FEBRUARY

Monday 19th P&C AGM, 7.30pm in Library

Wednesday 28th Kenny Koala Visits

MARCH

Thursday 1st School Board nominations close at 11.00am

Friday 9th Fun Friday Dress Up — Smith Family Fundraiser
(note to come home next week)

Tue-Fri 13-16th School Photos

Thursday 15th Swimming Carnival

Monday 19th CEIS



Constable Kenny Visits!

On **Wednesday 28th February** Constable Kenny Koala will be visiting **our K-2 Classes, IEC and LSUA** as part of the Stay OK on the Road Program.

The **Constable Kenny high-visibility vest initiative** aims to promote positive road safety behaviours in students. As part of the initiative, Constable Kenny will deliver a Stay OK on the road presentation to each year group with students receiving their own free high-visibility vest.

The presentation focuses on teaching children how to make good decisions around traffic including how to cross roads, bicycle safety, safe routes to school and what road safety signage means. Once the students have successfully completed the session and demonstrated an understanding of Constable Kenny's key safety messages, they will receive their high-visibility vest and are encouraged to wear the vest on their way to and from school.

The vests provide students with a reminder of their responsibility to be a safe road user, and to put into practice the information they learnt from Constable Kenny. The vests also help increase the visibility of children, reinforce safe road behaviours and increase awareness of road users of the 40km School Zones.





ACT
Government

Transport Canberra
and City Services

School Crossing Supervisor program

A School Crossing Supervisor program is being introduced in the ACT in 2018 to increase safety at 20 of the ACT's busiest crossings and to encourage more students to walk and ride to school.

The Minister for Transport and City Services Meegan Fitzharris announced on 12 December 2017 that our school will benefit from this [new initiative](#).

Crossing supervisors (or lollipop people as they are commonly known) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions to students.

From the beginning of this year a supervisor will be located at the crossing at the front of the school. The supervisor will work for an hour in the morning and afternoon, commencing approximately 45 minutes before school in the morning and 15 minutes before school finishes in the afternoon.

When using a supervised crossing, pedestrians need to follow the instructions provided by the supervisor, rather than deciding when it is safe to cross. Please remind children of the process to follow at a supervised crossing. It is important children remember to:

- STOP – in a safe location next to the crossing
- LOOK – for the crossing supervisor
- LISTEN – to the supervisor's instructions



New Phone Number

Front office: 6142 0730

School Fax: 6142 0747

Hughes Primary School 2017 Yearbook

We still have copies of the 2017 Yearbook for sale. It is a bumper edition which includes Harmony Day, Tournament of Minds, STEM and the Extravaganza to name a few. The Yearbook is bursting with student portraits and photographs of activities and special events. We hope the 2017 Yearbook brings fond memories in the years to come.



Please complete the section below if you wish to purchase a copy.

The cost of the 2017 Yearbook is **\$25.50**.

Hughes Primary School Yearbook 2017

Student's Name:

Class:

No. of copies: @ **\$25.50/book**

Payment is made by: (please circle one) Cash Cheque QuickWeb Direct Debit Eftpos

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 **Direct Debit** – please ensure you reference the payment **YB17 and student name**

If paying by **QuickWeb** <http://www.hughesps.act.edu.au/payment> – please ensure the Fees Code you use is **YB17**

Paying to: Hughes Primary School

Account # 001412 BSB # 032777

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

HEALTHY KIDS

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SANDWICHES & WRAPS

RAINBOW DELIGHT
LAYERS OF BEETROOT, LETTUCE, TOMATO & GRATED CARROT \$3.50

CHICKEN WRAP
CHICKEN, TOMATO, CARROT, LETTUCE, CUCUMBER & MAYO \$4.00

TOASTED CHEESE \$3.50

EXTRA FOR SANDWICHES & WRAPS

CHEESE OR CHICKEN \$1.20

SALAD

LCCC SALAD BOWL
LETTUCE, CUCUMBER, CARROT, CELERY & MAYO \$4.00

HOT MEALS

MACARONI PASTA WITH CHEESE \$4.50

PASTA BAKE WITH FRESH TOMATO SAUCE \$4.50

BURGER
CHICKEN WITH LETTUCE & MAYO OR SAUCE \$5.00

PIZZA SINGLE
HAM & PINEAPPLE OR CHEESE & BACON \$3.50

CHICKEN TENDER WRAP
WARM CHICKEN WRAP WITH LETTUCE & MAYO \$3.50

SNACKS

SMALL TUB FRUIT SALAD \$1.50

WATERMELON TUB \$1.50

HOMEMADE POPCORN \$1.00

JELLY & CUSTARD \$2.00

MESSY MONKEY- PIZZA, BURGER OR CHEESE \$2.00

BANANA BREAD \$1.50

JELLY & FRUIT CUP \$1.50



DRINKS

Water - 600ml \$2.00

Juice
TROPICAL OR APPLE \$2.00

Moove Flavoured Milk - 300ml
CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY \$3.00

Plain Milk 300ml \$2.00

Frozen Fruit Cups \$2.00

Twisted Frozen Yoghurt \$2.50

HEALTHY KIDS

MISSION STATEMENT: "To promote and influence healthy food choices for children"

TO ORDER: Log onto: www.flexischools.com.au