



## DATES TO REMEMBER

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Nina McCabe

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### Executive Teacher:

Kirsty Stewart

### Executive Teacher:

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### Preschool Teacher:

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# Hughes NEWS

TERM 3 ISSUE 1

5th August 2019

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

## Principal's Message

**Playground Enhancements:** Wow! What a fabulous surprise our students had when they returned for the beginning of Term 3....The addition of the Balance Challenge Playground on Bimberi and the Nature Play Slides at the preschool (please see photos below). These have already proven to be very popular with students and parents alike (Yes! We have seen parents jumping from logs to rocks as they wait to pick their children up in the afternoons! Impressive agility on display!) A huge thank you to our parent community as we were able to fund these enhancements through our 2019 Voluntary Contributions. We have further plans for enhancing the Franklin Playground through the establishment of a Reconciliation Garden, including spaces for students to sit and chat together. We will share with you the formal design once it is finalised.

**Social and emotional wellbeing:** We welcome several new families to our community this term. For new and existing families, I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to talk with your child's class teacher, or a member of the Leadership Team, if you have any questions or concerns in either the academic or social and emotional domains. It is important that all students feel happy, safe and connected at school. Responding proactively enables issues to be addressed in a timely manner and results in children and their parents feeling listened to and supported. Strengthening our whole school approach to social and emotional student wellbeing is one of the three priorities in our *School Plan 2018-2022*, and we are working hard regarding our implementation of whole school social and emotional wellbeing procedures. We

have also welcomed a Youth Worker to our staff this year, with Luke McKay supporting a number of students across the school. If you have any feedback or want to discuss your child's needs in more detail, as stated above, don't hesitate to get in contact.

**Staffing Update:** We welcome three new permanent members of staff to our Hughes PS teaching team. Ms Jamie Walkden is teaching on Year 2 following Mrs Janet Clark's retirement, Mr James Ward is teaching Year 6 and Mrs Vanessa Valois is our Performing Arts teacher. Both Mrs Lisa Slattery and Mrs Stephanie Roberts commence their maternity leave at the end of this week. We wish Lisa and Steph all the very best as they welcome their beautiful babies and look forward to welcoming them back in second semester of 2020.

**Priority One - Increase growth in student performance in English across all year levels:** We spent time with our external Literacy Consultant, Christine Topfer, last week as we continue to embed the '10 Essential Literacy Practices' <https://literacyessentials.org/>. All teachers across the school are focusing on a range of literacy practices, including the use of quality literature as a key part of the reading and writing connection. As we delve deeper into this work, I want to share a quote from Morris Gleitzman highlighting the importance of stories for our students: *"Young people need stories more than ever if they are to embrace an often dark and uncertain world with optimism, resolve and creativity. Stories have always helped us to explore what it is to be human, and what may be possible in our lives. Our young people face many challenges in the years ahead. They are not just*

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## Principal's Message continued

*searching for their own lives, but for what is possible in our entire human enterprise. Central among the things that will help equip them for this journey are stories."*

**Hats on!** Last Thursday 1 August was 'Hats On!' for all ACT schools. From August we start to witness a rise in UV levels (that is 3 and above) in Canberra. These levels warrant sensible sun protection during some periods of the day. So hats are back on for play and learning outside. Please check that your child's SunSmart hat is labelled.

**P&C Thank You!** Huge thanks to Lara Gladwin, Tamsin Cowap, Michelle Dobbie, Courtney Hayes, Eunice Chin, Judith McArthur, Leanne Cox and Momi Begum for preparing the delicious Milo and cookies for students across the school. I helped deliver beverages to classrooms and the extreme level of care taken by these mums to ensure that every child's dietary needs were catered for left me with a warm glow (this may also have been from the two bowls of soup I consumed so generously made by Charlie Edlington, John Hassett and Katie Cole for all staff to enjoy!)

**Social Concern:** Congratulations to Eloise Bushby, Lydia Penprase, Adele Penprase, Lucy Haskins, Asha Curtis, Camilla Ng, Charlotte Standingford and Gwen Stewart for organising our highly successful 'Save the Animals PJ Day' on Friday of Week 1 of Term 3. Thanks to amazing support across the school, we raised \$485 for the RSPCA and World Wildlife Fund – Australia. Amazing social agency Hughes PS students!

**Nina McCabe**



Hughes Primary School has a strong, established commitment to wellbeing for our school community. We aim to support students to connect, succeed and thrive at each stage of their development and learning. To ensure our school has a cohesive and best practice approach to wellbeing we have updated our Safe and Supportive School Practices to reflect our journey of becoming a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL, provides a framework for the whole school community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student. PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach where positive social expectations are developed, established and consistently reinforced throughout the school community. At Hughes Primary School, we foster lifelong learners in a respectful and safe environment. Students frequently are acknowledged for demonstrating our expectations of “be safe, be respectful and be a learner”. We encourage you to speak with your child about our school expectations and discuss the ways they have been acknowledged. Such prompts for the conversation may include ‘positive praise cards’, ‘I was spotted being a....’stickers’, ‘PBL Awards’, ‘Hughie and Bunji’.

**August**

|           |       |  |
|-----------|-------|--|
| Monday    | 5     | P&C Meeting 7.30pm                                   |
| Tuesday   | 6     | Athletics Carnival                                   |
| Friday    | 9     | Year 6 Combined Band<br>Assembly hosted by 2L 2.15pm |
| Thursday  | 15    | IEC Excursion  |
|           | 16    | Assembly hosted by 3D 2.15pm                         |
| Mon-Fri   | 19-23 | Book Fair  |
| Tuesday   | 20    | Year 5 Combined Band                                 |
| Wednesday | 21    | South Weston Athletics                               |
| Friday    | 23    | Assembly hosted by 1H 2.15pm                         |
| Friday    | 30    | Assembly hosted by 4BR 2.15pm                        |



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!**

**Scholastic Book Fair - Save the Date!**

**When:** Monday 19 August to Friday 23 August (Week 5)

**Where:** Hughes Primary School library

**Times:** Monday 2:30-3:30pm  
 Tuesday to Friday 8:30-9:00am and 2:30-3:30pm

**What:** Marvellous fiction and non-fiction books for sale for all ages. A portion of the proceeds will go towards further book purchases for the library and classrooms.

*If you would like to volunteer to help with sales, please let us know.*

## 2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Registration Form

*The ICAS testing procedure has changed to an online format in 2019 except for Years 3 & 4 Writing (see below).*

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 2019 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.*

| Subject              | Year Level | Sitting Date      | Closing Date      | Entry fee    | Fee enclosed |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Digital Technologies | 3 – 6      | 3 September 2019  | 26 August 2019    | \$14.50      |              |
| Science              | 2 – 6      | 5 September 2019  | 26 August 2019    | \$14.50      |              |
| *Writing (offline)   | 3 – 4      | 10 September 2019 | 13 August 2019    | \$14.50      |              |
| Writing              | 5 – 6      | 10 September 2019 | 2 September 2019  | \$14.50      |              |
| Spelling Bee         | 2 – 6      | 12 September 2019 | 2 September 2019  | \$14.50      |              |
| English              | 2 – 6      | 17 September 2019 | 11 September 2019 | \$14.50      |              |
| Mathematics          | 2 – 6      | 19 September 2019 | 11 September 2019 | \$14.50      |              |
|                      |            |                   |                   | <b>TOTAL</b> |              |

**\*Offline assessments only available for Years 3 & 4, closing date Tuesday 13 August 2019.**

Please find enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ total entry fee. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Amount* *Date*

Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

(please circle one)    Cash    QuickWeb    Eftpos    Direct Debit

*If paying by CASH, please provide the EXACT amount.*

If paying by Direct Debit – please ensure you reference the payment ICAS (student's name)

If paying by QuickWeb <http://www.hughesps.act.edu.au/payment> – the fee code is ICAS19

Paying to: Hughes Primary School    Account # 001412    BSB # 032777

**Please note: The sitting date for Digital Technologies is during the Year 3/4 Camp.**

**We recommend copying this note before handing in to the front office so you have a record of sitting dates.**

*Hughes Primary*

# FOOD & WINE

EXTRAVAGANZA

3.30-7.30PM PM SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2

That's right – it's fete year again!! We need lots of helpers and there will be plenty of information available in the coming weeks. Our first call is for people to run our International Food Stalls!

## International food stalls – we need you!

### What's involved?

#### *What we need:*

People willing to run an international food stall at the fete. On your stall you will sell 100 servings of a dish or two dishes.

#### *What do you need to do:*

Buy the ingredients, cook the food and serve on the stall on the day.

#### *How much do you charge:*

Mains are charged at \$10 and entrees at \$5; we can provide advice how to make sure your dishes are profitable.

#### *What we do:*

Reimburse you for your ingredients; provide cutlery, containers; organise helpers for your stall if you need them.

All profits go to the P&C, which will work with the school to purchase excellent equipment for classrooms and outdoor spaces.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Hughes Extravaganza mailbox:  
[Hughes2019extravaganza@gmail.com](mailto:Hughes2019extravaganza@gmail.com)

*Thank you!!*



AFTER-SCHOOL ART WORKSHOPS  
[www.artkidscanberra.com](http://www.artkidscanberra.com)

*"My children get so much out of the class – they have assembled a beautiful collection of work on their bedroom doors. We really appreciate the way the class gives them new techniques as well as inspiration."*

Robyn Thurecht — 0405 014 180  
[admin@artkidscanberra.com](mailto:admin@artkidscanberra.com)

Saturday morning classes at Turner now enrolling.

### Drawing \* Cartooning \* Anime \* Art

After-school drawing and art workshops for K\* – 6 held next door to **Hughes School** at Baptist hall. We explore a variety of mediums with a focus on drawing skills and individual creativity. At **artKids**, there are no such things as mistakes or 'flops' in art, only 'flopportunities'! Workshops run **Thursday, 3.00 – 5.00 pm**. Children are walked to the hall, have afternoon tea and then the class. Parents collect children at 5 pm sharp from the Baptist Hall. **As this is a start-up class, we'll start in Week 3 Term 3 on 8 August.** Cost for 8-week term is \$280, includes afternoon tea, all materials used in class and GST. Register now!



\* Kindergarten children will be considered after a trial session.

### WODEN VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR

Woden Valley Youth Choir is an exciting and dynamic not-for-profit community choir for young people, with a strong emphasis on Music Education. We don't just sing – we become musicians.

WVYC will have vacancies in all of its choirs for children entering year 3 next year through to young adults aged up to 25.

Rehearsals are held at Charles Weston School in Coombs on Tuesday evenings but the choir is open to people from all over the Canberra/Queanbeyan area.

### AUDITIONS

Auditions for choristers wishing to commence in September 2019 will be held on **Saturday 10 August**. For more information about the choir and the audition process and to download an application form go to [wvyc.org.au](http://wvyc.org.au)

### ROTARY CLUB OF HALL INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

WVYC welcomes enquiries from indigenous young people for the Rotary Club of Hall Indigenous Scholarship. Applicants should contact the administrator on [info.wvyc@gmail.com](mailto:info.wvyc@gmail.com) to request the guidelines for applying for a scholarship.

### CENTAURI VOICES

We are keen to grow our choir for young men aged 13 to 18 with changing or changed voices and are happy for interested young men to try out the choir before they commit to joining rather than auditioning. If you are interested in sitting in on a few rehearsals please email us or phone 1300 599 655.







### WVYC 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

If you'd like to see the choir in action, come to the Woden Valley Youth Choir 50th Anniversary Concert on 24 August in Llewellyn Hall. Tickets available through Ticketek.



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# Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

## Hughes Primary School

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Term 3  
2019

### Sandwiches & wraps

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Salad:   | \$4.00     |
| Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot |            |
| Egg & Mayo:  | \$4.00     |
| Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce                         |            |
| Chicken & Salad:                                   | \$4.50     |
| Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo   |            |
| Toasted cheese                                     | \$4.00     |
| <b>Extras:</b> cheese or chicken                   | add \$1.20 |

*Gluten free available on request*

### Salad

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Design your own salad | from \$4.50 |
|-----------------------|-------------|

### Hot meals

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Pasta Napolitana<br>(with or without cheese. Gluten free available)     | \$4.50 |
| Veggie fried rice   | \$4.50 |
| Ham & pineapple pizza single  | \$3.50 |
| Crispy chicken or Falafel sub:<br>with lettuce and your choice of sauce | \$4.00 |
| Beef lasagne  | \$5.00 |
| Chicken nuggets x 6   | \$4.50 |

### Snacks

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Small fruit salad tub         | \$1.50 |
| Koala Popcorn: lightly salted | \$2.50 |
| Corn cob: lightly seasoned    | \$1.50 |
| Jelly & custard               | \$1.50 |
| Banana bread                  | \$1.50 |
| Warm cheese roll              | \$3.00 |
| Chocolate mousse cup          | \$2.00 |

### Drinks

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|--|--------|
| Water: 600ml                                   | \$2.00 |
| Juice (tropical, apple)                        | \$2.00 |
| Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 300ml | \$3.00 |
| Plain milk                                     | \$2.00 |
| Slippah straw                                  | \$1.00 |

### Frozen

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Frozen juice cup (apple, blackcurrant) | \$2.00 |
| Twisted frozen yoghurt                 | \$2.50 |