



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an AMAZING **Athletics Carnival** we had yesterday! The weather was stunning, as was the sporting pride, enthusiasm, energy of our staff and parent volunteers and participation of students. Given we were unable to have an athletics carnival last year due to COVID, I was overjoyed that we had such a positive, fun experience yesterday. I want to thank Nicole Merchant (Executive Teacher Years 3-6), Luke McKay (Youth Worker) and our Sports Committee for their coordination, and to our parent volunteers – we would not have been able to manage the day so successfully without you! Check out a sample of photos from yesterday on page 4 of the newsletter. We will organise the awarding of sporting ribbons in the next fortnight to be presented at school.

In more positive news, our **multipurpose sports court will be completed within the next fortnight!** I am so pleased as it is very important to us as a staff that our Year 6 students who fundraised so enthusiastically for our Slime Spectacular will have ample opportunity to use this space before they graduate at the end of the year. The sports court features permanently erected netball and basketball hoops, and portable soccer, cricket and tennis set ups. Huge thanks to the community for getting behind us and supporting us with this initiative – the court has completely transformed the space behind the library and all trees that were removed during the construction of the court have been successfully replanted around our school grounds. The recent days of rain have greatly assisted in these trees thriving in their new spots! I will work with our student leaders to plan a celebratory whole school official opening ceremony for this space.

Whilst August is still a cold month in Canberra, ultraviolet radiation (UV) levels begin to rise to levels that warrant sensible sun protection, for at least part of the day. "When UV levels reach 3 and above, a combination of sun protection behaviour is required to protect against skin damage that can contribute to skin cancer later in life. The higher the UV level, the quicker unprotected skin can damage, sunburn or no sunburn" (ACT Cancer Council, 2021). Please send your children to school with a **Sun Smart hat** otherwise they will be required to play in the shade.

We have had several queries from parents lately relating to **bringing in birthday cakes to share**. The ACT Health guidelines for schools state that food can be shared at school however servings should be individually served by a teacher or adult using clean cutlery such as tongs, and hygiene measures such as handwashing before and after eating should occur. If your child is having a birthday, cupcakes or other individually portioned items are the easiest way for teachers to hygienically distribute the treats to the class. However slices of cake are also fine. If you are looking for a healthy alternative, fruit skewers or slices of watermelon are a great choice. Please don't send lolly pops.

The ACT Government requires that if your child has any kind of illness, even just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If a child in an ACT public school is unwell, their parents will be asked to collect them. We are extremely appreciative of the many parents who have kept their children at home or have collected them as soon as we have called. We ask everyone to respect the ACT guidelines. The other thing to keep in mind is that lots of coughing and runny noses in a classroom results in sick teachers,

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Principal's Message continued

who must then take leave. This is not good for consistency of teaching and learning for your children. Unfortunately all Canberra schools are facing a significant shortage of relief teachers. I do want to acknowledge the work of the leadership team who have been covering relief situations across our school whenever possible. If your child is experiencing symptoms related to asthma, a post viral cough or an allergy, he/she can continue attending school, provided we receive a doctor's confirmation in writing. There may be times when children report feeling unwell because of other factors: for example they may be anxious because their teacher or best friend is away. If you think this is the case please let the front office or member of the leadership team know. We can work on a supportive solution with you that means your child does not miss out on school unnecessarily.

We still have limited seats available for **Tuesday night's parent workshop on Cyber Safety** in our school library. You need to book through Eventbrite and we ask that you do not bring children to this session (see note on page 3). We had a number of parents participate in the recent workshops by Steve Biddulph on *Raising Boys* and *Raising Girls* and found these to be especially valuable – huge thanks to Clyde D'Rosario for organising this for our community.

We remain extremely grateful that it's business as usual with lots of dynamic activities planned for this term (including Years 3 & 4 Camp in Week 8 - notes went home on Monday). Our thoughts are with our teaching colleagues and communities across Australia who due to the pandemic, have had their school term significantly disrupted. Even school photo day last Thursday brought with it a sense of extreme gratitude that we were able to capture class cohorts and provide photos for families.

Warm regards
Nina McCabe
Principal



Please note the School Satisfaction Survey information on page 8.

AUGUST

Tuesday	10	ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Parent Workshop, Library 6.00pm
Wednesday	11	Year 5 Combined Band
Monday	23	Book Character Parade (please note change of date)
Tuesday	24	ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Workshops Years 3/4
Wednesday	25	CEIS

SEPTEMBER

Wed-Fri	1-3	3/4 Camp
Mon-Fri	6-10	Book Fair
Tuesday	7	Owls excursion
Thursday	9	Butterflies excursion
Friday	10	School Disco
Saturday	11	P&C Trivia Night
Thursday	16	Whole School Variety Show

Weeks 9 and 10 Family Invitations to Learning Journeys

Friday 17 Last day of Term 3





Hughes Primary School

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ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Parent Presentation Tuesday 10 August 2021

Hughes Primary School will be hosting a ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety parent presentation on **Tuesday 10 August at 6.00pm in the school library**. Please note the presentation is for parents and carers only and is not suitable for children due to the nature of the topics discussed (workshops for students Years 3-6 will be held during class time). The session will run for approximately 60 minutes with extra time afterwards for questions and further discussion.

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence based education program delivered nationally to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated online child sexual exploitation material, online grooming, image-based abuse, sexual extortion, and importantly encourages help seeking behaviour.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au. **Due to COVID restrictions, we need to cap tickets to one ticket per household and you must register through EventBrite.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/thinkuknow-cyber-safety-parent-presentation-tickets-164797366359>

Once we reach a maximum of 75 participants, the session will be full so if you are keen, register quickly.

Nina McCabe
Principal
26 July 2021



2021



Athletics Carnival

Hughes Primary - Clubs: Updated 29 June 2021

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school (8:30 - 9:00)		 <p>Choir (Hall)</p>			
Lunch (11:10 - 11:50)	 <p>Gardening (Garden)</p>  <p>Year 3/4 Shine (Mrs V's Room)</p>  <p>Sustainability Squad (5J)</p>  <p>Table Tennis (Hall)</p>	 <p>Just Dance (3P)</p>  <p>Writing/quiet activities (Library)</p>  <p>Junior Soccer (Bimberi)</p>	 <p>Year 5 Band (Hall)</p>  <p>Aussie Rules (Franklin)</p>  <p>Kahoot! (Library)</p>  <p>STEM (Library)</p>	 <p>Chess/quiet activities (Library)</p>  <p>Gardening (garden)</p>  <p>Year 5/6 Shine (Mrs V's Room)</p>  <p>Lego (1B)</p>	 <p>Coding club (Franklin breakout)</p>  <p>Year 6 Band (Hall)</p>  <p>Kindy Corner (Kindy courtyard)</p>
Recess (1:15 - 1:40)	 <p>A&TSI Culture (Library)</p>	 <p>Kindy Corner (Kindy courtyard)</p>			

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artKids



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Thank you so, so, so much for last Sunday, and for teaching us all about what is on the road ahead of us. I loved what we made together, and I loved the way you described things in great detail. The workshop was great fun, I can't describe how much!
— *Jasmin, 11*

It was such a delight to share Celebration Day for Girls with my beautiful girl and feeling a new dimension emerge in our relating since. So lovely!
— *Lisa*

Since Celebration Day Sophie has been so chatty and open—asking questions and talking about the changes and experiences of puberty. I'm so pleased.
— *Karen*

In 2000, Jane Bennett launched Celebration Day for Girls. Its popularity has seen it spread internationally with over 100 trained facilitators in 11 countries. Several thousand mothers and daughters have benefited from Celebration Day.

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Sunday 29 August, 10- 4pm

Mothers preparation session: Friday 27 August, 7-9pm

Cost: \$195 per mother/daughter pair

Venue: 9 Stone Place, Garran

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPKYW>



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Julia is a Yoga Teacher and Naturopath. She owns Garran Yoga Studio, which offers small, personalised classes. Her special interest is women's health and wellbeing.

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Bookings are now available for Violin lessons at Hughes Primary!

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For bookings:
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2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The *2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from **13 August to 3 September**. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

A letter about the **student survey** outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data; and

An email about the **parent survey**, including a unique link to access the survey. **Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title "The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!" and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.**

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, send your contact details to EDUSurveysandEvaluation@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please contact Sarah Harris, Deputy Principal on 61420730 or sarah.harris@ed.act.edu.au

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish and Telugu. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

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Hughes Primary School

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Sandwiches & wraps

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	\$5.50
Toasted cheese	\$4.00
Extras: cheese or chicken	extra \$1.00

Gluten free available on request

Salad

Design your own salad	from \$4.70
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Hot meals

Pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese. <i>Gluten free available on request</i>)	\$5.00
Beef Bolognese <i>Gluten free available on request</i>	\$5.00
Beef lasagna	\$5.50
Veggie lasagna	\$5.50
Stone baked pizza: Cheese or Ham & Pineapple	\$5.80
Crispy chicken burger	\$5.50
Beef burger	\$5.50
Chow Mein style chicken & rice	\$5.30
Sausage roll	\$4.50
Yummy drummies & potato gems	\$5.00

Snacks

Watermelon tub	\$2.00
Koala Popcorn: lightly salted	\$2.50
Jelly & custard	\$1.80
Banana bread	\$1.80
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.20
Homemade mini muffin	\$2.00
Homemade garlic bread	\$1.50

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (tropical, apple)	\$2.00
Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 250ml	\$2.50
Plain milk	\$2.00

Frozen

Frozen juice cup (apple, blackcurrant)	\$2.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$2.80