



Hughes News

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

Principal's Message

Dear Hughes PS Community,

I thank our students, staff and families for supporting such a **successful return to face to face learning**. Collaboration between ACT Education and Health Directorates, strong in-school processes, an incredibly flexible team, and the community's understandable mix of concern and kindness has helped us all along the way. The experience of being back on site with our students has been highly positive. Demonstrations of kindness towards one another, respect for people and places, and responsibility for health and safety have been impressive, as our children have adapted to new routines. We know that some families are currently quarantining due to being close contacts as a result of exposures. Please know that if this was to have an impact on us as a school community, ACT Health would take the lead on communication and families would be told as soon as possible. No communication from ACT Health and the school means good news; no reason for concern!

Next Thursday 11 November is of course **Remembrance Day**. I thank in advance our Year 6 school leaders – Alex, Harper, Isidore and Ailsa – who will lead our whole school ceremony. When we will pause at 11am on 11 November, we will ensure that once again, we put an announcement over our loudspeaker as many families who were working from home last year gave us feedback that they appreciated our

announcement and stopped to join us in quiet reflection.

Refurbishment of our School Hall. Our school hall is to undergo a significant transformation, commencing at the end of next week and due to be finished over the January school holidays in time for the 2022 school year. This will ensure our hall meets contemporary accessibility standards and will significantly increase the floor space. As a result of this renovation, our **Before School Care and Senior School After School Care will relocate to our Break Out Room** (located at the end of the Franklin building closest to the fairy garden). This move will occur from mid-next week and we will ensure appropriate signage to remind families.

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 ACT public school experience. The 2021 School Satisfaction and Climate Survey was scheduled to start on 13 August 2021 but was postponed due to the ACT COVID-19 lockdown. This is available online **to 12 November 2021**. We are choosing to run the survey, even though we are in transition from lockdown, because it provides extremely valuable data that will be used to inform government policy and underpin school improvement practices.

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Principal's Message continued

This information helps us to identify what we do well as a school and where we can improve. Wellbeing data for both students and staff collected in this year's survey will assist us to understand the impact of lockdown on emotional wellbeing, relationships, engagement and other factors that contribute to good learning and developmental outcomes. This will enable the Education Directorate to support staff and students more effectively in event of future lockdowns and will contribute to further research. **The Parents and Carers survey was emailed out on Monday 18th October**, which included a unique link to access the survey. One email has been sent to each household, using the email address of the highest priority person listed in your school contact details. 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 the 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com. If you have not received 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. 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>

We are already planning our **End of Year Activities** and have locked in the following dates and times:

Celebration of Learning Assemblies:

Years K-3 Friday 10 December commencing at 9:15am

Years 4-5 Monday 13 December commencing at 9:15am

Year 6 Graduation: Tuesday 14 December commencing at 9:15am

Year 6 Dinner/Disco: Tuesday 14 December commencing at 6.:00pm

Year 6 Water Fun Day: Wednesday 15 December 9:30am - 2:30pm

Our **2021 Yearbook** is completed and we are now taking orders. Please see page 4 of the newsletter for details.

Warm regards
Nina McCabe
Principal



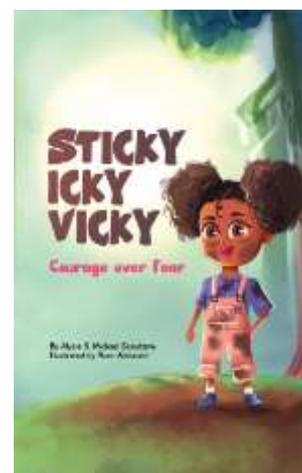
The Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.



Thanks to Roman's (Year 2) and Leonardo's (Preschool – Owls) Aunty Alysia and Uncle Michael for donating a copy of their recently released book 'Sticky Icky Vicky- Courage Over Fear' to our school library.

Aimed primarily at readers aged six to ten, 'Sticky Icky Vicky - Courage over Fear' is a reading experience that leaves kids believing that they, like Vicky, can get past any obstacle in their way.

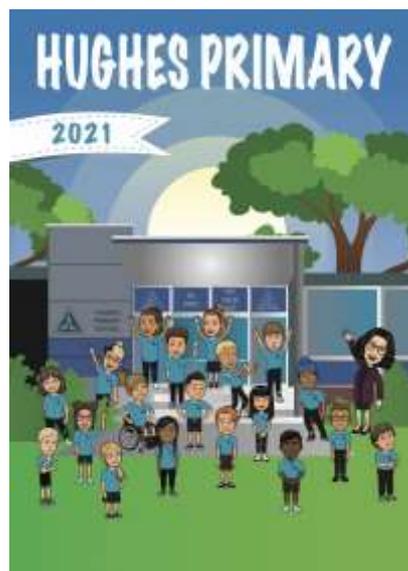


Hughes Primary School 2021 Yearbook

Within these pages you will find reminders of the magic that happens at Hughes Primary School. This year, Hughes PS held highly engaging events such as the Slime Spectacular, Japanese Fun Day, Instrumental Music Program, Kulturebreak, Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and Cross Country.

To our Year 6 students, always remember that we are so proud of you and we wish you all the best as you transition to high school.

Please complete the section below if you wish to preorder a copy. The cost of the 2021 Yearbook is **\$25**.



Hughes Primary School Yearbook 2021

Cost: \$25

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

QuickWeb

If paying by **QuickWeb** <http://www.hughesps.act.edu.au/payment> – please ensure the fee code you use is **YB21**

Credit Card – by telephone to the school office 6142 0730 or by completing your details below and returning to the school office

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Cash at the school office (please provide the exact amount as we are unable to give change)



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



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- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

		
laptops & tablets	uniforms & shoes	books & supplies
		
sports fees & gear	lessons & activities	camps & excursion

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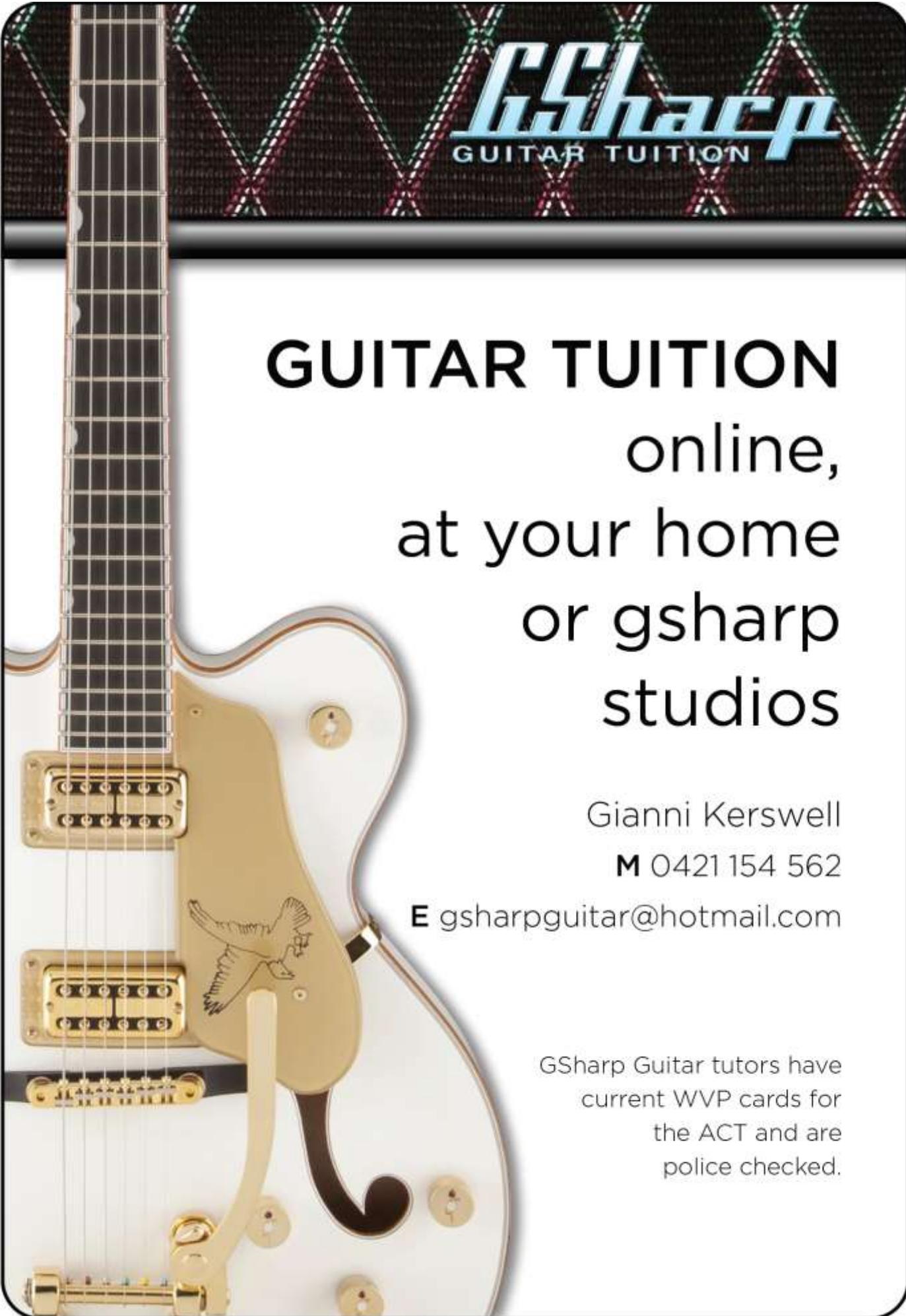
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