



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see page 5

Principal:

Nina McCabe

Deputy Principal:

Sarah Harris

Executive Teacher:

Kirsty Stewart

Executive Teacher:

Nicole Merchant

Preschool Teacher:

Susan Jones

Business Manager:

Gaye Broad

School Secretary:

Karen Stone-Tolcher

IEC Office:

Pansy Sung

Board Chair:

Clyde D'Rosario

P&C President:

Lara Gladwin

Hughes NEWS

TERM 1 ISSUE 1

12 February 2021

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

Principal's Message

As this is the first **fortnightly Friday newsletter** for the 2021 school year, I would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to our new families.

This is such a friendly, inclusive community to be part of and we are glad you are here. Our school routines are going exceptionally well for all classes and students have well and truly settled into learning for the year! Congratulations to our kindergarten and preschool students who were quickly engaged in connecting with friends last Monday morning, and well done to all our students who have been building relationships within their new classes over the past fortnight. While transitions through school bring exciting opportunities, children can experience a range of emotions as they adapt to new circumstances. The experience is different for everyone and our staff welcome the opportunity to connect with you to support your child with start of year transitions. Our team is always here to help – don't hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher, or the executive team of myself as principal

(nina.mccabe@ed.act.edu.au), Sarah Harris Deputy Principal (sarah.harris@ed.act.edu.au), Nicole Merchant Executive Teacher Years 3-6 (nicole.merchant@ed.act.edu.au) and Kirsty Stewart Executive Teacher Years Preschool – Year 2 (kirsty.stewart@ed.act.edu.au).

Staff Learning: During the week before school started, our staff spent time looking at our strategic priorities for the year. We had two invaluable days of learning – a day with Kath Murdoch who led us through examining how we can spark greater curiosity and connectedness in our inquiry units of work, and a day with Sarah Harris considering our whole school practices regarding the teaching and learning of mathematics. We are looking forward to

explaining in more detail what this will look like for your child at our **Parent Information Sessions** (timetable page 6).

Please ensure you take the time to return the **Getting to Know You Questionnaire** for your child and **Curriculum Overviews for Term 1 will be given out at our Week 4 Information Sessions and emailed home to all families.**

A reminder that along with our Parent Information Sessions, notes have come home about our Years 2-6 **Swimming Carnival** for competitive swimmers born 2009-2013, and our **School Choir** which is starting back up next week. **Lunch time clubs** are already underway and are proving to be very popular across the school (timetable of clubs can be found on page 2).

School Board: We are seeking two parent representatives for our School Board. If you are keen to be involved at this strategic governance level, please note that the positions are for two years, we meet twice a term for approximately 2 hours at each meeting, nomination forms are available at the front office, and nominations close at 11:00am on the 22 February.

BASE: This week, our kindergarten teachers are preparing the online systems that will support BASE testing in Weeks 3 and 4. This is a computer based assessment program that assists kindergarten teachers to determine what their students know about literacy, numeracy and phonological awareness (sounds in language) when they enter school. The program is used by schools in all Australian states and territories and provides one source of baseline data to help teachers as they design personalised learning experiences. We know that the one-to-one

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Principal's Message continued




















assessment session will also provide a positive experience of connection between our kindergarten students and their teachers. A brochure for kindergarten families was sent home this week and Kirsty Stewart is happy to answer any additional questions parents may have.

School Leaders 2021: Congratulations to the 26 candidates who today demonstrated courage and a growth mindset as they presented their leadership speeches to all classes Years 2-6. I look forward to announcing our four Year 6 School Leaders next week once students across the school have had a chance to participate in this democratic process.

Warm regards,

Nina McCabe
Principal

Hughes Primary - Clubs: Updated 9 February 2021

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school (8:30 - 9:00)				 Choir (Hall)	
Lunch (11:15 - 11:50)	 Karaoke (Mrs V's Room)  Floor is lava (3S by invite only to start)  Gardening (Fairy Garden by invite only)	 Origami (Japanese Room)  Comic drawing (5C)  Cooperative Games (3P)	 Sustainability Squad (5J)  Social games (Bimberi)  Year 5 Band (Hall)	 Chess (4B)  Lego (1B)  Active kids (Mr Hobbins)	 Coding club (Franklin breakout)  Year 6 Band (Hall)  Gardening (Fairy Garden by invite only)
Recess (1:15 - 1:40)		 Maths challenges (Franklin breakout)	 Yoga/Relaxation (3P)	 Mindfulness (6S)	

Want to make a valuable contribution to your child's school?

Join the P&C Committee!

We are a bunch of lovely parents who want to find ways to contribute to our children's experience at Hughes PS, and help to make it as fantastic as possible!

The P&C 2020 **AGM** will be held on **Monday 15 February at 7.30pm in the school library, with an option to join online.** All welcome!!

Meetings are held on Monday nights, twice a term. We are involved in fundraising and volunteer opportunities for the school, and we run community events for students and families. We also work with the ACT P&C to raise issues relevant to Hughes Primary. Past events have included discos, cake stalls, icy poles for the cross country, parent trivia nights and of course, the amazing school Extravaganza! P&C fundraising helps to pay for new resources and activities for the children e.g. the fantastic Spider's Web in the playground and the new Reconciliation Garden on the Franklin Playground.

For more information (including online meeting options), please email: Hughespandc@gmail.com



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Orders can be placed online until 26 February

Back to School

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Find and order your child's school pack in less than 4 minutes!

Username:

Password:



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artkids

After-school art and drawing class Hughes Primary kids, K-Yr 6, on Thursday, 3 - 5 pm. Kids met on site and walked next door to Hall!



Our artKids classes build creative confidence through learning skills and techniques in drawing, painting, sculpting and collage, and exploring art mediums. We offer a fun, supportive environment where there are no such things as mistakes or 'flops' in art, only 'flopportunities'! Fees are \$38 per session, includes all materials, afternoon tea and GST, payable by term. Trial class is available - Kindy kids must trial.

Book online at www.artkidscanberra.com
admin@artkidscanberra.com
 More details call Robyn on 0405 014 180







WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

Tuggeranong Vikings Basketball Club

Currently has **VACANCIES** for

UNDER 10 Girls (born 2012/2013/2014)

for the upcoming Winter season commencing on 12 March

**** No Experience Required ****

For further information please contact Club Registrar, Denise Flaminia at registrar_tvabc@outlook.com

2021 CLASSES

Preschool

Owls Susan Jones

Butterflies Susan Jones

Kindergarten

KC Leanne Cox

KM Belinda Mack

Year 1

1B Sally Baker

1H Terry Hart

Year 2

2H Caitlin Hosking

2P Adam Porter

Year 3

3P Sarah Paterson

3S Lisa Slattery

Year 4

4B Ash Blount

4G Josh Gurr

Year 5

5C Paul Corrigan

5J Serena James

Year 6

6J Jamie Walkden

6S Michelle Standingford

6W James Ward

LSUA

K-6B James Buik

IEC

IECC Diana Chu

IECF Suzy Francis

IECR Smilja Rajak

Specialist Classes

Performing Arts Vanessa Valois

Japanese Megumi Richardson

LA/EALD Yelena Martin

Psychologist Alison deCure

Teacher Librarian Libby Baker

Executive Staff

Principal Nina McCabe

Deputy Principal Sarah Harris

Executive Teacher (P-2) Kirsty Stewart

Executive Teacher (3-6) Nicole Merchant

Business Manager Gaye Broad

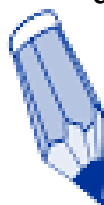
School Secretary Karen Stone-Tolcher

IEC Admin Officer Pansy Sung

Nominations are open for 2 parent representatives on the School Board.

Please give some thought to nominating to fill these positions as the school board plays a very important role in the running of our wonderful school.

Nominations will close at 11.00am on 22 February. Nomination forms available at the front office.



FEBRUARY

Monday 22 Parent Information Sessions (see note page 6)
Nominations close for 2 parent reps on School Board at 11.00am (see info page 4)

Tuesday 23 Parent Information Sessions (see note page 6)



MARCH

Monday 1 Kindy Health Check envelopes due back

Wednesday 17 Swimming Carnival
CEIS (see note page 10)

APRIL

Thursday 1 Last day of Term 1

Monday 19 First day of Term 2

GSharp
GUITAR TUITION

**GUITAR TUITION
AT SCHOOL**

Gianni Kerswell
M 0421 154 562
E gsharpguitar@hotmail.com

GSharp Guitar tutors have current WVP cards for the ACT and are police checked.

Piano Teachers:

Emma Drew 0451 373 221
emsmusic@yahoo.com

Katrina Rivera
0466 559 347
katrinariverapiano@gmail.com

For mums social outings:

Hughesps-mums@googlegroups.com





Hughes Primary School

2021 Parent Information Sessions

What a dynamic, engaging, settled start to the year we are experiencing! We hope that you can join us for our parent information sessions where we will outline teaching and learning programs for 2021 on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd February. In order to meet COVID restrictions in relation to density, we ask that ONE parent/carer per family only attend the information session. In the event where families need to request spaces for additional adults, please contact your child’s class teacher so that we can monitor numbers. We appreciate your support in this regard.

Please ensure that you are COVID safe – practise physical distancing, stay home if you are unwell and check in using the Check in CBR app when you arrive on site. Please ensure that you have the Check in CBR app downloaded for use on your device prior to the event.

Please note preschool held their information night late last year.

Attached to this note is the ‘Getting to Know Your Child’ questionnaire. Please take the time to complete and return this valuable correspondence. We will hold formal ‘Student Progress’ interviews in Term 1 Week 9 (Monday 29 March – Thursday 1st April). Further information regarding the student progress interviews will be sent home closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you at the information sessions.

INFORMATION SESSION TIMES:

Date	Session	Time	Location
Monday 22 February	Year 1	5:00 – 5:45	Library
	Year 2	6:00 – 6:45	Library
	Year 6	6:15 – 7:00	Hall
	Year 4	7:00 – 7:45	Library
Tuesday 23 February	Kindergarten	5:00 – 5:45	Library
	Year 3	6:00 – 6:45	Library
	Year 5	7:00 – 7:45	Library

Kind regards,

Nina McCabe
Principal



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Voluntary Contributions 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school has a highly engaged community and as such we have always enjoyed the support of our parents and carers. As you are aware, public schools receive funding from the ACT Education Directorate. To supplement this funding, schools also seek a voluntary contribution from families each year. We receive further support through the generosity of the school community in their contribution to P&C fundraisers.

At Hughes Primary School the voluntary contribution may be made directly to the school or paid into a Library Trust Fund. Donations to the Library Trust fund are tax deductible (please see pink note attached). You may like to split your donation or add an extra dedicated amount. The amount of the contribution is reviewed and set by the School Board each year.

This year the family contributions have remained the same as previous years:

- For individual students, the 2021 suggested contribution is \$165.
\$75 for each additional child.
- Some families may opt to make a smaller contribution that better suits their family budget.

This year, we hope to use voluntary contributions to further enhance our Information Communication Technologies (including hardware and software), and expand our collection of engaging student materials to support the Australian Mathematics curriculum.

Contributions to the Library Trust Fund will be used to purchase library resources, specifically the ongoing replenishment of our fiction and non-fiction library collection.

If you would like further information, or would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are most grateful for your support. **Please see payment details overleaf.**

Yours sincerely,

Nina McCabe
Principal
February 2021

- * under section 27 of the Education Act 2004, the following principles apply in relation to financial contributions:
- each contribution is voluntary
- a child at the school is not refused benefits or services because the child's parent does not make a contribution
- a child is not approached or harassed for contributions
- any record of contributions is confidential.

Annual Voluntary Contribution

Family Name: _____ Class(es): _____

Student(s) Name : _____

One student - \$165.00 (plus \$75.00 for each additional student): TOTAL \$ _____

Please place in a well-sealed envelope with your child's name and class.

Payment by: Cash Cheque (payable to: Hughes Primary School)

Credit Card see below OR phone Front Office EFTPOS at Front Office.

Direct Debit please reference payment VC21 Student Name
Westpac Banking Corporation – ACT Government – Canberra)
BSB: 032777, A/C No: 001412

For Credit Card Use Only:

The amount may be debited to your Mastercard/Visa account by completing the authority form below: (Your card is not required, but please check that all boxes are completed)

Mastercard Visa Expiry Date ____/____

Card Number

Printed name on card: _____

Cardholder's Signature _____



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Hughes Primary School Library Trust Fund 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hughes Primary School has established a Library Trust Fund to which tax deductible donations may be made. All money donated to the fund is used to buy books and equipment for the School Library. The Library provides a service available to every student and teacher in the school.

**The suggested donation is \$50 per family and is voluntary.
 All donations to the Library Trust Fund of \$2 or more are fully tax deductible.**

Hughes Primary School Library Trust Fund

Please issue a receipt for tax purposes in the name of
 for the amount of \$..... and return the receipt via my child
 in class.....

Please place in a well-sealed envelope with your child's name and class.

Payment by: Cash Cheque (payable to: Hughes Primary School)
 Credit Card see below OR phone Front Office EFTPOS at Front Office.
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Card Number

Printed name on card: _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

Student Injury Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if you child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.



Christian Education In Schools

Christian Education is available as a curriculum option at your child's school because parents have requested it. This is based on provisions in the Education Act 2004. The Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) project provides a coordinated service to fulfil such requests. This service includes four modern and interactive sessions each year (one per term and varied each year), prepared professionally and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. The one-hour sessions are designed for groups of students to discuss and explore the topics outlined in the image.

Parent permission is essential for children to participate in CEIS. Please use the section below to indicate your preference for your children. Requests will remain in effect while your child is at their school, but can be changed by contacting the front office. Each CEIS session will be advertised in the school newsletter. For further information please contact your child's school or visit www.ceis.org.au.

Kind regards,
Karen Baron
CEIS Coordinator

Christian Education in Schools
Each school year the ACT Churches' Council presents the values and beliefs of Christianity in 4 modern, interactive and engaging sessions!

- EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA**
Exploring what this world-wide festival really means.
- BEYOND YOU**
Wondering about myself, others, nature and God.
- BIBLE BONANZA**
Discovering the world's biggest selling book!
- CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**
Responding to the traditional Christmas story.

CEIS seekquestion explore CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS
www.ceis.org.au

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE

- YES, I request that my child/ren listed below participate in the CEIS sessions offered at school.
- NO, I do not want my child/ren listed below to participate in CEIS.

CHILD: _____ Class: _____

CHILD: _____ Class: _____

CHILD: _____ Class: _____

Parent/Carer signature _____ Date _____

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- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.



Place lunch orders from your iPhone, iPad or mobile device!

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Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

Hughes Primary School

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Term 1
2021

Sandwiches & wraps

Salad:	\$4.50
Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot	
Egg & Mayo:	\$4.50
Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce	
Chicken & Salad:	\$5.50
Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo	
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

Pulse pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese)	\$5.00
Yummy drummies & potato gems	\$5.00
Crispy chicken or Falafel wrap: with lettuce and your choice of sauce	\$5.80
Beef lasagna	\$5.50
Veggie lasagna	\$5.50
Chow Mein style chicken & rice	\$5.30
Sausage roll	\$4.50

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