



Hughes News

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25 February 2022

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

Principal's Message

Well done to all of our courageous Year 6 students who nominated for **school leader positions** this year. Twenty-six Year 6 students presented speeches to the student body. Congratulations to Alex Cole, Annie Craft, Cooper Cox and Mary Ramsay who have been elected as our school leaders for 2022. Alex, Annie, Cooper and Mary did a great job of hosting our virtual assembly today, and ensuring that all children across the school know they can approach the leaders if they wish to share ideas or need support. I look forward to working with these students in their leadership roles.

Notification of a positive COVID case in an ACT Public School: Communication goes to families and staff of the relevant group of children affected. The Education Directorate has a consistent process in regards to notification letters, with letters varying depending on the level of risk associated with the possible exposure. We have had a low number of positive cases across the school and I want to thank staff for their diligence in cohorting (keeping their class within their classroom and not mingling with other classes when indoors), wearing their masks and encouraging good hand hygiene. A reminder that if a student tests positive, it is a requirement that families inform the school as well as ACT Health. If your child tests positive, we are also asking that you notify Woden Community Services if your child attends Before School Care or After School Care on 6147 3318.

What if my child needs to isolate?: The situation may arise that a household member tests positive to COVID and your family needs to isolate. A reminder that if this occurs, learning can be accessed as follows:

Preschool – Year 2 students can access

learning packs <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/act-home-learning/resources/years-p-3-home-learning-packs-term-1-2022>. Year 3-6 students will have access to learning through their Google Classroom. **Please let your child's teacher know if they are isolating and learning from home.**

RATs for the next fortnight will be sent home in students' bags on Monday afternoon. There will be four tests per student. If you would prefer to collect these tests directly from the front office, please let Karen or Pansy know.

We have refined our **pick up procedures on the Bimberi playground** following parent feedback. The semi-circle of cones located directly outside the Bimberi gates is to allow children to move freely out into the wider space without the area becoming too congested. We ask that families support us by not standing in the semi-circle of cones. Please ensure that extended family members or friends who may also pick up children know to keep this area free.

We had many families join our **virtual information sessions** last week. If you were unable to make the session, a recording has been emailed to families, along with Semester Curriculum Overviews. Please contact your child's class teacher if you didn't receive this email.

Congratulations to Emma Drew, one of our very talented Hughes PS parents. Not only is Emma a busy mum, piano teacher extraordinaire to a number of children at Hughes PS, and Vice President of our P&C, she has also found the energy to release a stunning album '*...with a cup of tea*'. The below link links into multiple music streaming platforms if you would like to have a listen <https://gyro.to/withacupoftea>

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Nina McCabe

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Kirsty Stewart

Executive Teacher:

Nicole Merchant

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School Secretary:

Karen Stone-Tolcher

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P&C President:

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Be Kind & Try Your Best, Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be A Learner

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Principal's Message continued

Mrs Libby Baker, our teacher librarian, is about to commence parenting leave as she and her family get set to welcome their third child. We have had a large number of donations into our library trust fund - thank you Hughes PS Community - and Mrs Baker has been busy purchasing a wide selection of literature. If you are able to cover books for us, we desperately need you! Please look out for the volunteer information on page 3 of the newsletter. This week we welcome back Mr Peter Watson from parenting leave. Mr Watson will be teaching STEM across the Franklin Building.

Any families needing supervision before school can access **care for their children from 7:30am – 9:00am through Before School Care**. This is run out of our school hall. Please contact Woden Community Services for more information on 6147 3318. Please do not drop children to school before 8:30am unless they are enrolled in Before School Care. There is teacher supervision on the playgrounds from 8.30am.

Warm regards

Nina McCabe
Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have been unable to hold second hand uniform sales at Hughes PS due to COVID restrictions. As our second hand uniform stocks are building up, we would like to offer orders by email. Available items will be sent home with your child. Please email: karen.stone-tolcher@ed.act.edu.au with your requests.

We recommend washing all clothing before wearing as they have been in storage.

We will gratefully accept a nominal donation of \$5 for items purchased by:

QuickWeb <http://www.hughesps.act.edu.au/payment> – please use the fee code **UNIFORM**

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

Paying to: Hughes Primary School - **Westpac BSB # 032777 Account # 001412**

Mask rules remain in schools



The mask rules for ACT schools and early childhood settings have not changed. Face masks must continue to be worn by staff and visitors in all indoor spaces at school and early childhood education and care settings.

Students in years 7 to 12 are also required to wear a face mask while in an indoor space at school.

The wearing of masks for primary school students is at the discretion of the student and their parents/carers but is not recommended for children in ECECs, or preschool to year 2.

The measures we have in place, including mask-wearing, are helping to limit the impact of COVID-19 and ensure continuity of learning for our students.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hughes Primary loves having volunteers!

At the moment the library needs volunteers who are able to contact new library resources.

If you would like to volunteer to cover books, books and covering will be sent home with your child. Once the books are covered, they can be returned back to your child's classroom teacher.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO COVER BOOKS THIS YEAR OR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE, CONTACT KAREN
karen.stone-tolcher@ed.act.edu.au

How can the P&C help you?

The P&C is a group of volunteer parents who aim to support the school community. We had our AGM last night and one item was to update parents on how we can help and how you can get involved so here we go...

- The P&C can organise home cooked meals or practical help for families going through a rough time, just reach out and let us know if that's currently you or anyone you know
- We can help get a fundraising idea you might have off the ground
- We contribute to the costs of school readers and STEM resources and have helped fund things like the big spider web, the reconciliation garden and the multi-sports in the past (beware our funds at present are quite low though)
- We can get you added to your year group's WhatsApp group if you aren't already - see details below
- If you have an idea to contribute to the school that you would like to get started and would like the support of the P&C you can contact us. The Hughes netball teams are an example of this, a group of interested parent volunteers continue to run this successful initiative in the school community and now actually raise some money for the school also
- If you have an item you would like raised you can contact us and we can advise if it's appropriate for the P&C or the School Board and help you get your item on the agenda
- Everyone is welcome to join the P&C! More hands make light work, we have a meeting twice a term but these aren't mandatory, if you would like to be included in the P&C WhatsApp group please text Kate with your name on 0402249023
- Joining the P&C can be a great way to meet other parents and make friends in the community
- Our email address is hughespandc@gmail.com

Also all please remember that we are volunteers who mainly have full time jobs as well as being parents so we are not perfect and neither do we aim to be.

To get added to your year groups WhatsApp group's, please text the following people directly with your name and year group:

Pre-school - Tam - 0424 873 280
Kindy - Laura - 0403 326 805
Year 1 - Katherine - 0414 242 151
Year 2 - Courtney- 0413 808 215
Year 3 - Kim - 0401 410 263
Year 4 - Katherine - 0414 242 151
Year 5 - Emma - 0451 373 221
Year 6 - Courtney - 0413 808 215



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Voluntary Contributions 2022

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 2022 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 expand our collection of engaging student materials to support the Australian Science, HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences), Health and PE curriculum areas.

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 2022

- * 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
- Credit Card see below OR phone Front Office EFTPOS at Front Office.
- QuickWeb <http://www.hughesps.act.edu.au/payment> – please use Fee Code VC22

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 2022

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
 Credit Card see below OR phone Front Office EFTPOS at Front Office.
 QuickWeb <http://www.hughesps.act.edu.au/payment> – please use Fee Code LTF22

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 ____/____

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Dear parents and carers,

Hughes Primary School values the importance of a strong home/school partnership. We are also committed to providing a technology rich environment for our students as the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is fundamental in assisting teaching and learning in all areas of the school curriculum.

To enhance our home/school partnership we will continue the use of Seesaw. The aim of Seesaw is to connect families with individual samples of student work on a regular basis to create a digital learning portfolio. The Seesaw app provides the opportunity to personalise information provided to families and allow greater insight into your child's learning. Seesaw will be used to celebrate your child's successes, encourage the skills that we are building, and to keep you updated on the class and individual student learning. To allow us to utilise this tool to enhance learning and communication with families, **the cost to families is \$7.70 per student.**

As Seesaw requires some personal information about your child/ren, I am obliged under *the Information Privacy Act 2014* to advise you of the reasons for collecting the information, what will be done with it, the consequence of not collecting it and who else may have access to it.

If you fill in this form, Hughes Primary School will use the information provided to observe your wishes with respect to enabling your child's access to Seesaw. The Seesaw app has been identified as being a useful component in the teaching programs in many schools across the ACT. To assist you in deciding whether to give consent, further information is listed overleaf with the description of the type of service/program together with the website address and a link to the provider's privacy policy and terms and conditions of use. You are not required to consent – this is a matter entirely at your discretion.

If you do not consent to supply us with this information, we will not create a digital portfolio for your child using Seesaw and your child will not access the application.

We will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you reasonably expect us to use or disclose the information for a related purpose.

The Directorate has a privacy policy that explains how we handle personal information, including how we handle privacy complaints. The policy is available on the Directorate's website on the [Publications and Policies](#) page.

Please indicate your consent/non-consent for Seesaw by ticking the appropriate option, signing this form and returning it to the school with payment by **Friday 11th February 2022.**

Yours sincerely,

Nina McCabe
Principal
Hughes Primary School
4 February 2022

| Provider Details and Information | Consent Provisions |
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| <p>Name of Provider: Seesaw Type of Service: Digital learning loop between teachers, students and families. Website: https://web.seesaw.me/ Student Information Collected: For your child to use Seesaw, the app needs your child’s name and school email address in order to be able to associate work like their photos, videos or voice recordings with their account. Seesaw only uses this information to provide the service and doesn’t advertise in Seesaw, create profiles of students, or share or sell your child’s personal information or journal content. Student work samples will be shared privately with families. Teachers may post photos and videos of the class to all class families. Terms & Conditions Link(s): https://web.seesaw.me/terms-of-service Privacy Policy Link: https://web.seesaw.me/privacy.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Consent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-consent</p> |

Student’s Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent/Guardian’s Name: _____

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS

Cost \$7.70

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

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 **SEESAW and student name**.

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



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ 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:

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

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

 Kathleen Watson

 CanberraSP@thesmithfamily.com.au

 0448 730 305

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