



# 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 Families and community,

Welcome to our final newsletter for the 2021 school year!

Congratulations to the families who were winners in this year's *Hughes Primary School P&C Christmas Raffle* - see page 4.

Huge thanks to the generosity of local businesses for donating the great raffle prizes, with all monies raised going towards resources for the school.

A few key events to highlight between now and the end of the school term:

**Monday 13 December Semester 2 reports** will be emailed home. Students will also bring home both a letter from myself detailing their class teacher, location of classroom and beginning of the 2022 school year arrangements; and an introductory letter from their 2022 class teacher. Even though we have not been able to do our normal transition activities due to cohorting, these letters allow students to connect with their 2022 teacher and to re-read their letters over the January break if they so wish.

Thank you for your support with our cohorting; I know how important it is that we do all we can to remain COVID-safe as families gear up for much anticipated family reunions and travel plans over the festive season.

**Monday 13 December our K-5 Celebration of Learning Assembly** with all families of

students receiving awards to have already received their invitation via email. Unfortunately, we have had to ticket this event and cannot open it up to the broader school community.

**Tuesday 14 December Year 6 Graduation & Dinner/Disco**

**Wednesday 15 December Year 6 Water Fun Day @ Big Splash**

**Friday 17 December last day of the school year** and at 2:45pm, we will hold our 'Guard of Honour' to farewell our graduating Year 6 students (a fabulous Hughes PS tradition) but will do so in a COVID safe way.

*\*COVID safe planning for each event has been outlined in communication home to families of relevant year levels; we thank you in advance for adhering to these guidelines.*

It has come to that time of year to farewell four of our amazing staff members, Lisa Slattery, Paul Corrigan, Jo Webster and Alison DeCure, as they take the next steps in their careers. We wish them all the very best and thank them for the rich contributions they have made to Hughes PS during their time here. We warmly welcome in some new members of staff - their names and teaching teams will be detailed in the class placement letters being sent out on Monday.

Thank you for your incredible support in purchasing our *2021 Yearbook* – we had 200 copies of the yearbook published this year and only have 10 copies still for sale. If you would like one, please get in quick & contact

### 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

### P&C President:

Kate Diggle

### Board Chairperson:

Tony Cox

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## Principal's Message continued

Karen in the front office! Well done to the P&C for their brilliant *Hughes Lockdown Cookbook 2021*. If you haven't yet got your hands on this great publication, remaining copies can be purchased from Hughes Home Ground Café.

Despite the challenges of remote learning, this year has been another wonderful year at Hughes PS, and I have so enjoyed reading the students' reports and seeing how much progress each of them have made. We had our final board meeting for 2022 a fortnight ago, with our Board Chair, Tony Cox, writing an end of year reflection for our community (please see page 3 of this newsletter).

**We will be seeking one P&C representative for our School Board in February 2022.** If you are keen to be involved at this strategic governance level, please note that the positions are for two years, with the board meeting four times a year for approximately 2 hours at each meeting. **Nomination forms will be available at the front office from Monday 7 February at 11.00 am and nominations will close at 11:00am on the 21 February 2022.**

Enjoy the December and January holiday period and I will see students back rested and refreshed for the beginning of the 2022 school year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards

Nina McCabe  
Principal



The Hughes P&C 2021 Lockdown Cook Book can be purchased at Hughes Home Ground Café.

It offers easy and delicious recipes from families in the Hughes community.

The cost of this fantastic cook book is \$25.

## End of Year Board Report

In a year that has had seemingly no end of challenges, I find myself amazed at the fact that we are nearly at year's end. My first year as School Board Chair is almost complete and as such it seems prudent for me to reflect on the year that has been and report on some of the matters the Board has been involved with.

In a year significantly impacted by lockdowns, throat and nasal swabs ... (yes, aren't they fun!), remote learning, case number watching and so on, it would be easy to forget the many achievements those attending, working in and associated with Hughes Primary School have accomplished. From Slime Spectaculars, to Gratitude Galleries, sports carnivals to drive by device collections and everything in between, the year has been an incredibly successful one.

I am extremely proud of the tenacity and resilience displayed by the students, staff and parents and continuous application of care and effort to rise above set-backs and achieve academic, social, sporting and emotional growth each term and for the whole of the year. Staff, students, parents and carers alike have demonstrated commitment to work toward personal best for all attending Hughes Primary.

Of course this does not happen by accident. Meticulous planning, preparation and implementation of collaborative, consultative and strategic work by the school leadership team, P & C, teachers and all staff and volunteers is crucial to successes as mentioned above. As is often the case, some staff will move on to new settings for 2022, and new staff will arrive and become known by all. As Board Chair, I can say I am very confident in the continued excellent level of professionalism and care that will be afforded all students and families next year as has been the case this year. Nina and her team have worked with dedication to continuously reflect on practice and grow as professionals all for the benefit of the students and families of our school.

The outdoor learning areas are looking amazing, the new multipurpose court is proving a smash hit and the building upgrade of the hall is well underway. Hughes Primary is a Positive Education school, and I am positive all is being done to provide an education for all of our children of the highest calibre.

I wish you all a great end to the year and a happy, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I look forward to catching up with many of you as we see out 2021 and see in 2022.

Best wishes,

Tony Cox



## Winners of the Hughes Primary School Christmas Raffle 2021

Here are the raffle winners. The organisers will be in touch to arrange prize delivery.

**1. Hamper donated by Capital Chemist Hughes valued at \$200**

Melanie Loy, Ticket Number: #81

**2. Aeropress, ONA coffee and \$100 voucher from Home Ground Cafe Hughes valued at \$180**

Anna Bryce, Ticket Number: #805

**3. Worm Farm composta planter pot, worms, potting mix and Bunnings gift cards valued at \$160**

Jocelyn Roberts, Ticket Number: #364

**4. High Tea for two at the Hyatt Hotel Canberra. valued at \$156**

Kate Ahmad, Ticket Number: #253

**5. Hamper donated by Cream Residential valued at \$120**

Kate Diggle, Ticket Number: #510

**6. 2 x 45 minute singing lessons with Emma Drew, valued at \$110**

Katherine Ashton, Ticket Number: #621

**7. Four bottles of wine donated by Hughes Laundromat and Hughes Family Grocer valued at \$100**

Jennifer Allen, Ticket Number: #756

**8. \$50 voucher for A Bite To Eat, Chifley**

Charlotte Wheeler, Ticket Number: #552

**9. \$50 voucher for Hughes Takeaway**

Melanie Ryan, Ticket Number: #723

**10. 36 holes of mini golf, train ride and visit with animals at Yarralumla Play Station valued at \$35**

Michael Clutterham, Ticket Number: #182

## 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 order a copy. The cost of the 2021 Yearbook is **\$25**.




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### 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

Card No: 

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 Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card (*Please print*): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Attention Year 6 Parents



With everything on their mind, make sure this is on yours. Your child's vaccinations are due next year.



The following vaccines are offered FREE as part of the ACT High School Immunisation Program

- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa
- ✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first couple of weeks in Term 1 2022

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For more information:  
[www.health.act.gov.au/adolescent-immunisation](http://www.health.act.gov.au/adolescent-immunisation)  
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# SUMMER TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join in the Summer of Tennis!

**Christmas Camp - Mon 20th - 24th Dec 2021**  
**Week 1: Mon 17th – Fri 21st Jan 2022**  
**Week 2: 24th & 25th Jan 2022**

**JUNIOR CAMPS FOR ALL AGES AND STANDARDS • CAMPS INCLUDE ANZ HDT SHOTS COACHING AND MATCH-PLAY • SQUAD (8-18 yrs) • TENNIS & CHESS CAMP • ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED • TENNIS AUSTRALIA • QUALIFIED COACHES • TENNIS COACHING RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE!**

**8.30AM DROP OFF FOR A 9AM START**

**NORTH & SOUTH SIDE VENUES**  
 Pines Tennis Club, Norross St, Chisholm  
 Gold Creek School (Senior Site), 130 Kelleway Ave, Nicholls  
 Weston Creek Tennis Club, Dillon Ct, off Namatjira Dr (Behind McDonald's)

ENQUIRIES  
 Email: [info@csot.com.au](mailto:info@csot.com.au)  
 Call 0432 118 204  
 Head Coach - Robert Jamieson  
 Tennis ACT Coach of the year 2021

**BOOK NOW!**  
 Visit [csot.com.au](http://csot.com.au) for costs & more details




www.artkidscanberra.com

Term 1 2022 now enrolling!

After-school 3 - 5 pm art and drawing class at Hughes Baptist Hall for K\* - 2 and Yr 3-6 on Thursday. Kids met at school and walked next door. Not sure? Paid Trial class available.

- Our classes build creative confidence: learn skills and techniques in drawing, cartooning, anime, painting, sculpting, collage and more.
- We provide a fun, supportive environment: "There are no mistakes or flops in art, only flopportunities!"
- Fee: \$38/session, payable by term. Includes all materials - kids don't need to bring anything.



Book [www.enrolmy.com/artkids](http://www.enrolmy.com/artkids)  
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The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

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# 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:

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

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

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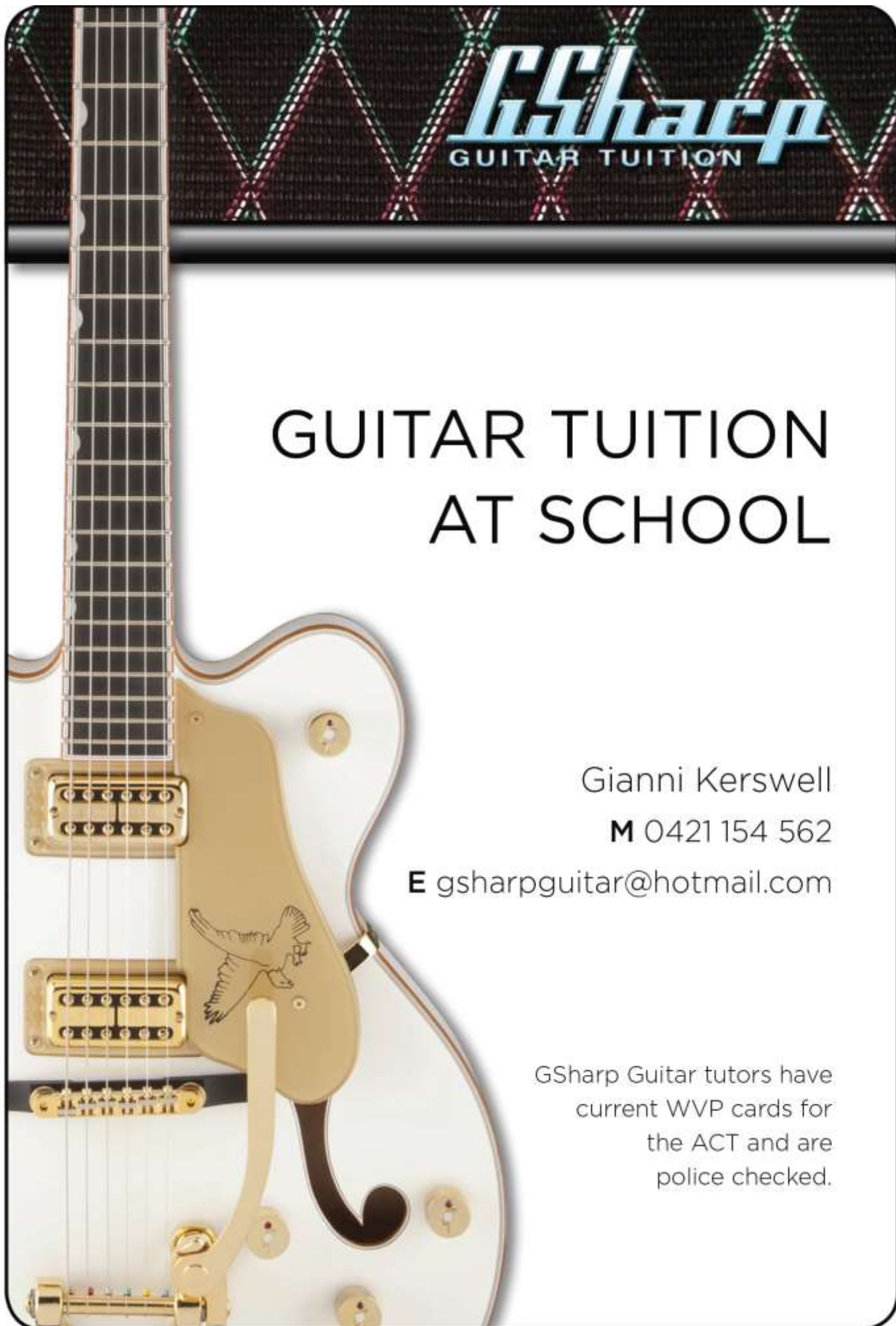
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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

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