



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

Principal's Message

Dear Hughes PS Families & Community,

The term is certainly moving along very quickly—who can believe we are coming to the end of the school year! A huge thanks in advance to our parent volunteers who will join with staff volunteers to ensure our disco tonight will be so successful! The weather is simply stunning today. However we have encouraged children to bring an additional layer of clothing tonight (that is labelled with their name) and can be easily taken off whilst we work up a sweat busting our moves out on the dance floor.

Supporting transitions: This time of year brings transitions into sharp focus for staff, families and students. Two ideas anchor our work with children at this time:

- Being human is about experiencing a full emotional range
- Change is a constant throughout life.

Our collective challenge, as adults and educators, is to equip young people with skills and relationships that will support them through change. Preparation for the year ahead is balanced with holding space, to allow them to experience the excitement, curiosity and energy that comes with uncertainty. Each of our cohorts will be part of transition events in the remaining weeks of term that will expose them to less familiar people, places and programs. Exploring spaces, connecting with new friends, and sharing learning are activities that will take high priority.

This week we commenced our transition of Pre-schoolers to Kindergarten, and welcomed our incoming preschool cohort for 2023. We will have a second transition day for Pre-schoolers and Kindergarten students in Week 8. We will have a transition day for students Years 1-6 on

Thursday 15 December from 9:15am – 12:00pm to allow all students to spend time in their 2023 classrooms with their 2023 class teacher and peers. You will receive an email on the Wednesday 7 December outlining your child's 2023 class placement and important information pertaining to 2023 beginning of the school year dates (class placement letters for incoming Kindergarten students will be sent out earlier).

Term 4 planning days (pupil free): The second planning day for term four is scheduled for Monday 28 November 2022. Planning days provide an important opportunity for our staff to undertake training, plan for the remainder of the term and the year ahead and finalise end of year student reporting which can't be done during class time. While students may wish to use these days to catch up on homework and / or assignments, no additional work will be allocated to them on these days. Families may like to use these as wellbeing days for their children. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities. Please confirm attendance with our front office via email karen.stone-tolcher@ed.act.edu.au.

Assessment and Reporting: Teachers have been working continuously on assessment and reporting during Semester 2. Assessment and reporting are two key elements to the teaching and learning process. Teachers assess student progress formatively throughout the year and report on how a student is progressing against achievement standards for each learning area or subject in the Australian Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards describe the knowledge, skills and

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Principal's Message continued

understandings a student is expected to learn in each subject for their year level. Hughes Primary School is committed to providing accurate and comprehensive information on student progress to students, parents and teachers in order to:

- Improve and support student learning;
- Determine future directions in learning; Identify areas of strength;
- Identify areas of strength;
- Identify areas for future development;
- Establish and maintain open communication and partnerships.

Semester 2 Reports will be emailed to parents and carers on Friday 2 December (Week 8). A reminder that reports will not contain written comments. Please ensure your email address is up to date on our records—you can email karen.stone-tolcher@ed.act.edu.au to check. As usual, teachers are ready and willing to talk to you about your child's progress. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any areas of concern that you would like to discuss.

Have an eSafe Summer: On the 22nd and 24th November from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, the ACT Education and Training Directorate's eSafety team will deliver parent and carer webinars on: • staying safe online over the summer school holidays • family technology agreements • gift guides • and more! The webinars are suitable for parents of students in preschool to Year 12. Please see the flyer on page 3 of this newsletter for registration details.

Lots of exciting excursions, assemblies and events have happened and are continuing to happen over the next little while...check out the remainder of the newsletter for more details.

Warm regards
Nina McCabe
Principal



Our wonderful netballers at the Netball Assembly held on Friday 11 November.



Have an eSafe Summer!

ACT Public School Parents and Carers **eSafety** Webinar

Time: 6pm-7pm

Date: 22 & 24 November

Audience: P-12 parents/carers

*Register using the QR Code
or Link: bit.ly/3Q35xCP*

Webinar topics:

- Online safety over summer holidays
- Family tech agreements
- Gift guides
- And more!



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Japanese News

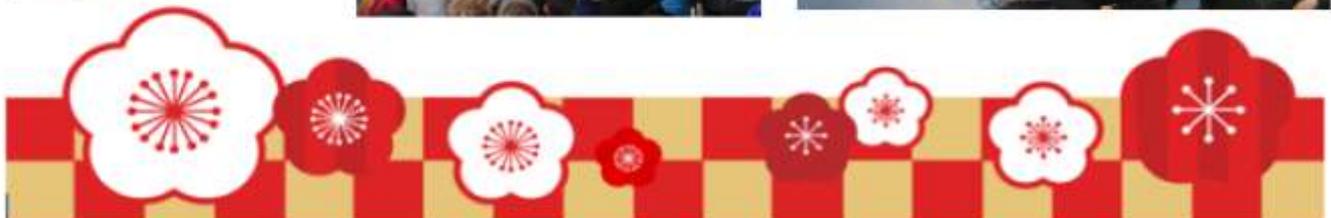


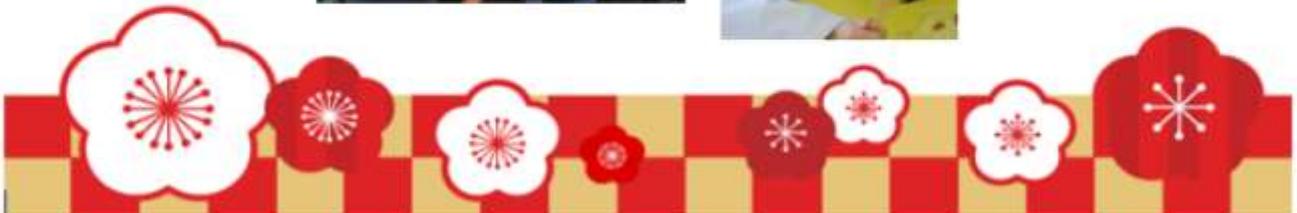
Japanese Fun Day

Konnichiwa minasan! (Hello everyone.) On Monday 31st of October the whole school was involved in the Japanese Fun Day. The school was a hive of activity and excitement with students moving between a variety of interesting Japanese cultural activities, including manga drawing, crafts, Japanese trivia, food tasting, origami and storytelling. On the day, the students were invited to wear Japanese styled costumes, dress up as a Japanese character or come in red or white, the colours of the Japanese flag. We started the day with a Japanese Fun Day assembly in the hall followed by a range of traditional and modern Japanese activities and Japanese incursion. There was also a lunch order where students can choose to purchase a bento box for the day. At the end of the day, the winners for the colouring contest were announced and they received Japanese prizes.

Thank you very much to the parents who assisted with the activities and the lunch order distribution. Thank you to the family members who prepared a lot of unique costumes. Thank you to all staff for your time, energy, contribution and support for the activities and program. Thank you to all students for your very positive attitude and impeccable behavior throughout the day. Last but by no means least, thank you to all year 6 'Team Japan' members to actively get involved in preparation and take leadership to support Fun Day. It was a brilliant event that was enjoyed by everyone and only possible with the contributions and commitment from many members of our school community. Thank you again for your cooperation to all.

Japanese teacher Megumi Richardson







**Minasan
Arigato!**



P&C Gingerbread House Fundraiser

The P&C is running a gingerbread house fundraiser again this year - with chocolate, traditional, and gluten free gingerbread houses available. \$15 from each house will go directly to the P&C. By buying a delicious gingerbread house you can help to fund library and classroom resources for Hughes Primary, as well as contributing to big projects like the covered outdoor learning area. A great Christmas gift or an activity for the whole family in the lead up to Christmas - or maybe just for the kids if they're looking for something to do for the first week of the holidays!

Order at <https://share.gingerbreadfolk.com.au/6m9VqP> before the 30th November and your gingerbread house will be delivered to your door.



TERM 4**November**

Wednesday 23 November Preschool Interviews
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Monday 28 November Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 29 November Preschool Visit 2
Kindergarten Transition Visit 2

Wednesday 30 November 2023 Kindergarten Information Night

December

Friday 2 December Market Day

Tuesday 6 December Owls End of Year Celebrations

Thursday 8 December Last day of Canteen

Friday 9 December 2023 Book Pack note due
Butterflies End of Year Celebrations
Hughes Christmas Carols 🌲

Monday 12 December K-6 Celebration of Learning Assembly

Tuesday 13 December Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday 14 December Year 6 End of Year Excursion

Thursday 15 December Year 6 Dinner & Disco

Friday 16 December Last day of Term 4

**2023 Book Packs**

A reminder to families that your child's 2023 book pack is now available for ordering through the school. Parents and carers are asked to make payment for their child's book pack directly to the school either through QuickWeb or with Cash.

The cost per child for the 2023 book pack is **\$68.00**.

The book pack note is due to the front office by 3.30pm on Friday **9 December 2022**.

Please see the front office for a book pack note or email karen.stone-tolcher@ed.act.edu.au if you would like an electronic copy of the note emailed home.



SHINE

SHINE! We had our Hughes Shine showcase in week 4.

We had a lot of fun watching and performing our acts. A lot of kids performed great acts. We have a lot of talent at Hughes. Lots of students encouraged their friends to get on stage and show their passion and backgrounds. Parents came to support their talented children's performances. Everyone enjoyed it very much. We had a variety of acts because we have a lot of different backgrounds and passion. It was so exciting to watch a whole variety of acts.

Written by Catalina, Charlotte and Eliza (Year 3)



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SINGALONG

Date: Friday 9 December

Where: Bimberi oval

Time: 5.30pm sausage sizzle

6.00pm program

commences

**Bring along a picnic rug/chairs
and Christmas cheer!**





Hughes Primary School

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17 November 2022

To parents and carers,

To meet the Economics and Business portion of the Australian Curriculum, this year the Year 6 students will be running a market day!

The students have been working hard coming up with their own business plans for their market stall to be held at the **Year 6 Hughes Primary Market Day on Friday 2nd December 2022 (Term 4 Week 8)**. All proceeds go towards subsidising the Year 6 graduation events.

Each class will be given a timeslot in which they can visit the market stalls, purchase pre-packaged food and drink and participate in carnival games.

To limit the handling of cash on the day, we are asking that students who wish to participate in Market Day pre-purchase tokens. These tokens will be delivered to students on the morning of Market Day and they can then be exchanged for goods and services at the market stalls.

Tokens can be purchased in lots of 5 and are priced as follows:

5 tokens	\$5.00
10 tokens	\$8.00
15 tokens	\$10.00

We recommend that each student purchase **5 tokens**. This will give students the opportunity to get something to eat and drink as well as participate in a couple of games. Please make payment for the tokens in **CASH ONLY**.

If you wish to purchase tokens for your child/ children, please share their name, their class, and the number of tokens per child **on the table overleaf**.

Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy Market Day!

Josh Gurr & Bella Williams
 The Year 6 Team



Market Day 2022
 Friday 2nd December 2022
 Term 4, Week 8

How many tokens do you wish to purchase? _____

Student	Class	Number of Tokens

Kindergarten Health Check Program - Catch Up Clinics

Was your kindergarten child absent on the day/s the kindy health check team attended the school in Term 2? Parents would have received an 'absent letter' informing them of their child's absence and inviting them to phone Central Health intake to make a Kindergarten Catch Up appointment.

Appointments are held in the City Health Centre, Level 2, 1 Moore Street, Canberra City, and are available from **Friday 9th December until Friday December 16th**.

Parents can call **Central Health Intake on 5124 9977** to make this appointment. When there is a queue, they offer a call back service. Parents may choose this option to retain their spot in the queue and receive a call back in turn.



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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
To join email 2emmadrew@gmail.com





Woden Community Service



FREE English Language Classes

When:

**Tues 9:30am-11:00am
Molonglo Valley, online**

**Wed 9:30am - 11:30am
Lutheran Church, Lyons**

**Thurs 9:30am- 11:00am
Baptist Church, Hughes**

Woden Community Service's volunteers run free English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation classes .

Classes are conducted during school terms in small, informal, friendly groups.

Contact:

For further information contact Alison on (02) 6181 2802 or email volunteering@wcs.org.au

No Enrolment required



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Grants for women returning to work

Did you know there's a Women's Return to Work Program that supports Canberrans looking to get back to work or study?



The Office for Women provides grants of up to \$1,000 and can connect you with a mentor to support you on your pathway to employment.



Grants can be used for courses and training that increase work skills, study equipment such as textbooks or a laptop, clothing, transport and childcare costs to help you return to work.



Workshops are run regularly and cover resumes, applying for jobs and interview skills. You also get free individual sessions with a career mentor!

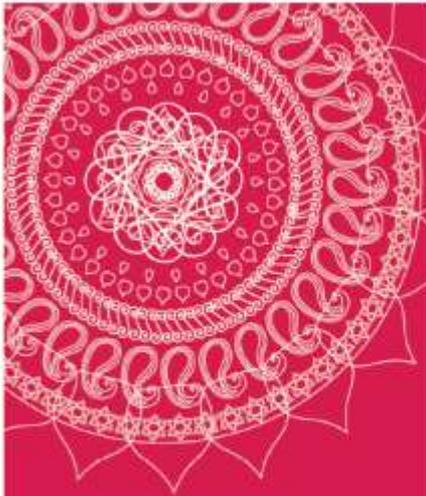


Who can apply? ACT women on low incomes who have been out of the workforce for more than 6 months.



Scan the QR code with your phone camera to get information about the Return to Work Program.

You can also email rtw@act.gov.au to ask questions and get advice.



Thank you so, 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**.

Celebration Day for Girls™



For girls 9–13 years
and their mothers

*Do you remember what your first period was like?
How would you like this experience to be for your daughter?*

Celebration Day for Girls is a one day mother-daughter workshop that prepares your daughter for puberty and menarche (a girl's first period).

Celebration Day supports girls to have a positive outlook towards how they look, think and feel at this stage of their lives. **Empowering them to be happier, more resilient and confident young women.**

Sunday 20 November, 10-3:30pm

Mothers session: Friday 18 November, 7-9pm

Cost: \$200 per mother/ daughter pair

Venue: 9 Stone Place, Garran

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



Julia Dendrinis
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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.

Educating and Empowering Girls

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SUMMER TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join in the 2022/23 Summer of Tennis!

Pre Christmas: Mon 19th - 23rd Dec 2022

Week 1: Mon 16th – Fri 20th Jan 2023

Week 2: 23rd, 24th, 25th & 27th Jan 2023

(No Thursday 26th January due to Australia Day)

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CAMPS INCLUDE HOT SHOTS COACHING AND MATCH-PLAY
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8.30AM DROP OFF FOR A 9AM START

NORTH & SOUTH SIDE VENUES

Pines Tennis Club, Norriss St, Chisholm

Gold Creek School (Senior Site), 130 Kelleaway Ave, Nicholls

Weston Creek Tennis Club, Dillon Cl, off Namatjira Dr (Behind McDonald's)

ENQUIRIES

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Call 0408 486 191

Head Coach - Robert Jamieson
Tennis Australia Qualified

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Join us for a fun day of rehearsal, games, and craft
on Wednesday 21 December
then sing in our choir at the family service on
Christmas Eve at 5pm

For more information, contact juniorchoir@stpaulsmanuka.org.au

Youth Choirs at St Paul's Manuka

All children are warmly welcome to be part of our youth choirs,
where they can develop their innate musical abilities
in a friendly, supportive and inclusive environment.

Our youth choirs are skilfully led by qualified and experienced music teachers.

Choir membership is free and there are no auditions.

See our website for more information: stpaulsmanuka.org.au



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& S^T DAVID'S, RED HILL



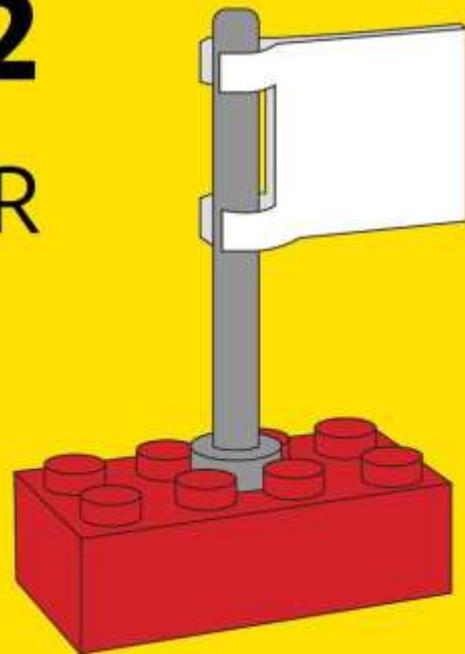
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19-20 NOVEMBER

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- > Special VIP Event. Tickets \$85 each and will be available from 7pm, 1 October. (Limited number of tickets available)

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- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.



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

For help call **1300 361 769**





Healthy Kids Canteen Menu

Hughes Primary School

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

Sandwiches & wraps

Salad: Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot	\$5.00
Egg & Mayo: Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce	\$5.00
Chicken & Salad: Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo	\$6.00
Toasted cheese	\$4.00
Extras:	
Cheese	extra \$1.00
Chicken	extra \$1.50

Gluten free available on request

Salad

Design your own salad	from \$5.00
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Hot meals

Pasta Napolitana	\$5.00
Beef Bolognaise	\$5.80
<i>Gluten free pasta available on request</i>	
<i>Add cheese to pasta</i>	\$.30
Beef lasagna	\$5.80
Veggie lasagna	\$5.80
Stone baked pizza: Cheese or Ham & Pineapple	\$5.80
Sausage roll	\$5.00
Chicken nuggets x 6	\$5.00
Butter chicken and rice	\$5.80

Snacks

Jelly	\$2.00
Banana bread	\$2.00
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.50
Homemade mini muffin	\$2.00
Homemade cheesy garlic bread	\$2.50
Milo cookie	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (tropical, apple)	\$2.20
Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 250ml	\$3.30
Plain milk	\$2.00

Frozen

Frozen juice cup (apple, blackcurrant)	\$2.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00