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Principal's Message

Dear Hughes PS families and community,
What a jam-packed fortnight we have had!

Netball Gala Days: Congratulations to our Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 Netball Teams who participated in the South Canberra Netball Gala Days over the past fortnight. Two of our Year 5/6 Teams performed so strongly, they have been selected to progress onto the finals of the Netball ACT Schools Gala Day competition on the 11th May! A shout out to Sarah Paterson, James Wardle and Ash Blount for coaching and supporting our teams. The netball culture at Hughes PS is incredibly strong and I wish to acknowledge and thank our parent volunteers who coach our Years 2-6 netball teams weekly. As part of our Gala Day competitions, we had a number of students participate who had never played netball before which is one of the main purposes for us to participate in a range of Gala Days throughout the year. Feedback from families last year was that the Gala Days were such a highlight for students, with many students going on to play sports competitively following the Gala Days, including a number of our girls who are participating in AFL after being introduced to it through the ACT Schools Gala Days Competitions.

Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to our students for participating and competing in Thursday's swimming carnival and to our sports committee for organising such a successful and safe

event. It was great to have our parent volunteers too – many hands make light work and we so appreciate your support! Check out page 3 for photos of the day. Well done to our House Captains and Vice Captains for leading, organising and supporting students during the carnival:

Forster - Captains: Evie and Lydia
Vice Captains: Cillian and Annika

Mugga - Captains: Allegra and Ronan
Vice Captains: Iris and Sam

Taylor - Captains: Ismail and Owen C
Vice Captains: Micah and Jess B

Stromlo - Captains: Tilly and Mohammed
Vice Captains: Ollie L and Owen B

SLIME STRIKE FUNDRAISER: We are holding our whole school fun filled P&C SLIME STRIKE fundraiser on **Thursday 6 April** with all funds going towards our Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). Students were delighted during yesterday's Year 3-6 assembly when Nicole Merchant and I slimed James Ward. James Wardle has volunteered to be the first to be covered in buckets of slime as a result of reaching our first target of \$1000! If we reach our target of \$30,000, I believe I am to be dunked head to toe in slime! Its all for a great cause! A note came home last week and is also on page 5 of this newsletter. We will call for parent volunteers to assist on the day closer to the date.

Clean Up Australia Day: How proud we are of our Year 4 students and Year 1 students who represented our whole school this week in Clean Up Australia

Principal's Message continued

Day activities. Classes in these year levels demonstrated mindfulness with litter collection and sorting, along with their commitment to reducing our collective environmental footprint. The day provided a provocation for our ongoing work addressing sustainability as a cross-curriculum priority. Huge thanks to Mallory Williams and Caitlin Hosking for leading our Sustainability Committee and organising this clean up event. While we took time this week to focus on what we can do to minimise litter on our playground, students are routinely considering actions to improve sustainability, locally and globally, as part of their classroom learning experiences. For more information and photos see page 4 of this newsletter.

Parent – Teacher Meetings: It has been said that schools are not simply buildings, curriculum timetables and meetings, but rather the relationships and interactions amongst people. With this in mind, please keep an eye out for paper and electronic notes coming home in the next week pertaining to Parent Teacher meetings (progress interviews). These meetings are a chance for families to meet individually with their child's teacher to discuss their child's progress in Term 1 and learning goals for Term 2. Progress interviews will run before and after school during **weeks 9 -10 (Monday 27 March – Thursday 6 April)**.

Harmony Day: We are also celebrating **Harmony Day on Tuesday 21 March** and a note detailing events will also come home in paper form and electronic form in the next week.

Congratulations to Georgia in Year 6 who has been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Extension Ensembles in 2023. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music. We are very proud of you Georgia!

Warm regards

Nina McCabe
Principal

Rising Star tennis academy, based at North Woden tennis club, are excited to offer a trial after school tennis lesson program for Hughes Primary School children in Years 3-5.

For the remainder of Term 1, a coach will collect the children at 3.00pm from a meeting point at school on Tuesdays and walk with them to the tennis club. They will then do a tennis lesson from 4.00pm and can be collected by families directly from the tennis club.

The cost for this trial is only for the coach's time (free lessons!). If the trial is successful the club will look to roll out the program more permanently. Could interested families please contact Elise on 0408 037 734 to register interest (text message preferred). Be quick, places for the trial are limited, and will start from next Tuesday 14 March.



2023 Swimming Carnival



Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday the 5th of March was Clean Up Australia Day! To acknowledge this special day, our Year 1 and Year 4 students were out into the playground and worked hard to clean it up. We picked up and collected rubbish, returned lost property and other toys and put rocks back into the Indigenous gardens and balance challenge playground. All students modelled our school values – be kind and try your best! We also discussed how it's great to build habits like picking up litter and putting things away to continue working to help keep our environment clean.

On Wednesday students in the sustainability club sorted the rubbish collected during Clean Up Australia Day. We discovered that the majority of the rubbish found in the playground was soft plastic. The sustainability club will be brainstorming solutions to decrease the amount of soft plastic and other rubbish found in the playground.

Thank you to all of our students who helped to clean up our school!



HUGHES PRIMARY SCHOOL SLIME STRIKE!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school. We are hosting a **SLIME STRIKE!** to help us fundraise for a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). This will support our playground being more accessible in unfavourable weather conditions. To help achieve our goal, we are aiming to raise \$30 000 as a school community.

When is the SLIME STRIKE!? We will be hosting our **SLIME STRIKE!** on **Thursday 6 April (Last Day Term 1)**.

We recommend students to bring an old shirt and sunglasses to wear during the event. They will be covered in non-toxic, water-based slime from head to toe!

Is the slime safe? Designed for contact with skin, the water-based slime is very safe and non-irritating for skin and eyes. If you would like to view the Safety Data Material Sheet, visit the school office.

How does my child fundraise? Fundraising for our COLA is easy – donations can be made directly to the Hughes Primary School P&C via the [gofundme](https://gofundme.com/507651e5) page. Follow the link or scan the QR Code.

<https://gofundme.com/507651e5>



We look forward to this vibrant fundraising event for our school community. If you would like further information, please contact Nicole Merchant nicole.merchant@ed.act.edu.au.

Happy Fundraising!

Nina McCabe
Principal

Nicole Merchant
Deputy Principal
SLIME STRIKE! Coordinator

MARCH

Monday	13th	Public Holiday (Canberra Day)
Wed-Mon	15th-27th	NAPLAN Online Test Window
Thursday	16th	Year 1 Excursion
Friday	17th	Year 4 Excursion
Monday	20th	Year 3 Excursion
Mon-Fri	20th-24th	Harmony Week
Tuesday	21st	Harmony Day
Thursday	23rd	Year 2 Excursion
Friday	24th	National Ride2School Day
Monday	27th	Year 6 Excursion
Mon-Thu	27-6 Apr	Parent-Teacher Meetings
Tuesday	28th	CEIS
Friday	31st	SLIME

**APRIL**

Wednesday	5th	South Weston Swimming Carnival
Thursday	6th	Last day of Term 1
Monday	24th	First day of Term 2
Tuesday	25th	Public Holiday (ANZAC Day)
Wed-Fri	26th-28th	Year 6 Camp
Thursday	27th	Year 2 Incursion

MAY

Wednesday	3rd	Maths Olympiad 1
Wednesday	10th	Cross Country
Friday	12th	Year 6 Excursion
Friday	19th	National Walk Safely to School Day
Monday	22nd	Year 6 Combined Band
Monday	29th	Public Holiday (Reconciliation Day)
Wednesday	31st	SHFPACT Parent Information Evening

JUNE

Monday	5th	SHFPACT Student Workshop Year 3 Long Day Excursion
Tuesday	6th	SHFPACT Student Workshop Kindy Health Checks
Wednesday	7th	Kindy Health Checks CEIS
Monday	12th	Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday)
Tuesday	13th	Preschool Owls Excursion
Wednesday	14th	Maths Olympiad 2
Thursday	15th	Preschool Butterflies Excursion
Monday	26th-30th	World of Robotics Last day of Term 2

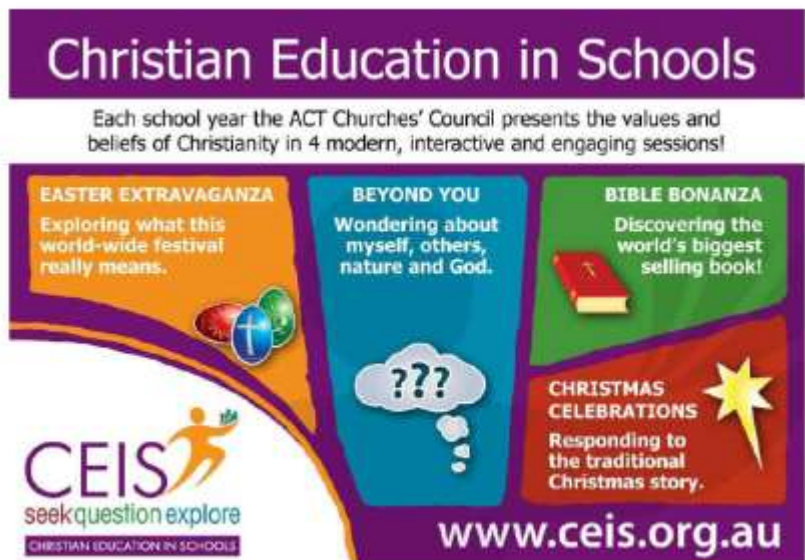


Christian Education In Schools

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 if you would like to request this for your child. Requests 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 school or visit www.ceis.org.au.

Kind regards,
Karen Baron
CEIS Coordinator



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.

CHILD: _____ Class: _____

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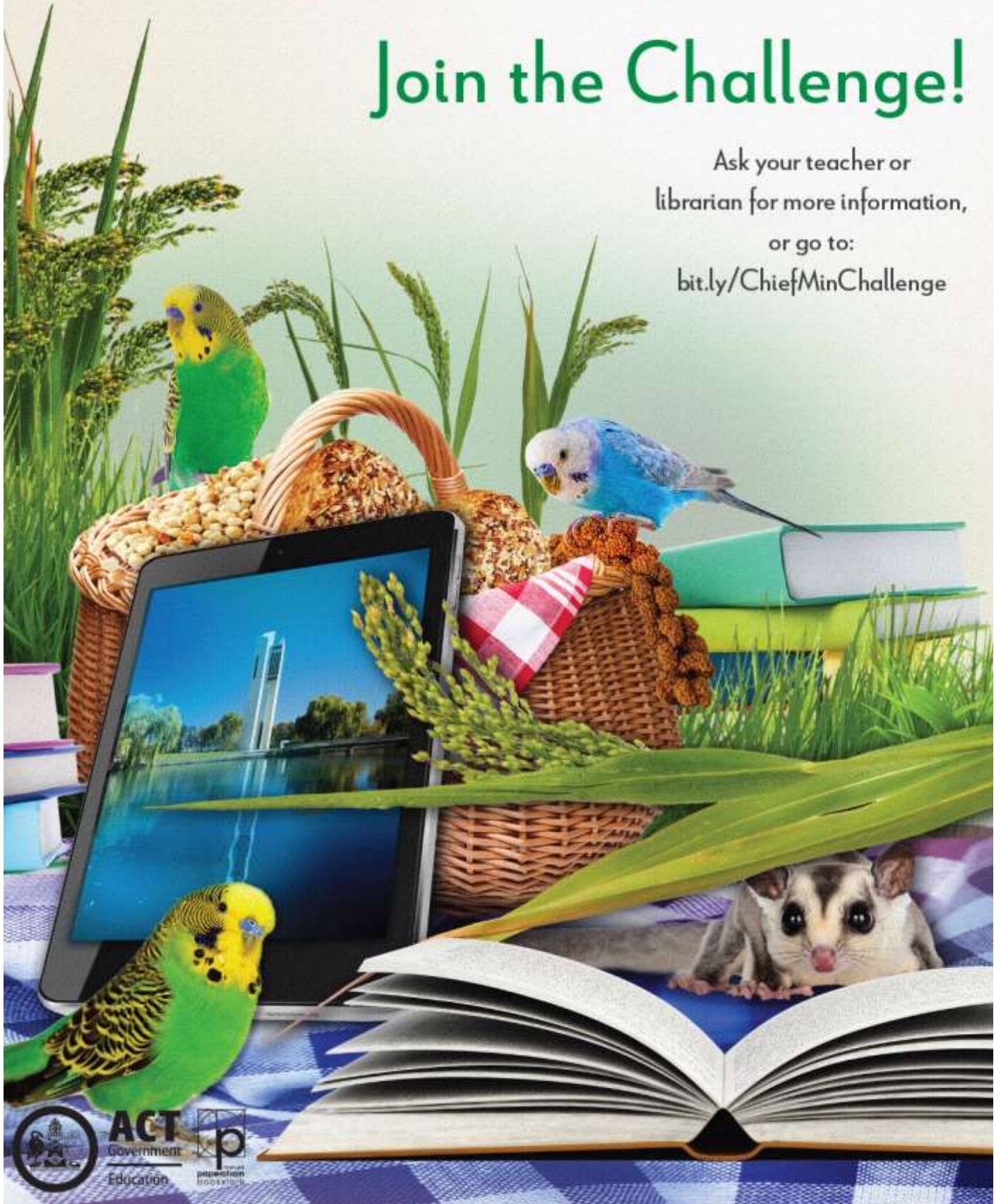
Parent/Carer signature _____

Date _____

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge 2023

Join the Challenge!

Ask your teacher or
librarian for more information,
or go to:
bit.ly/ChiefMinChallenge



Girls' Programming Network



Girls teaching girls how to code!

GPN is a community of women and girls who are interested in computer science, programming and IT. Workshops are held for girls in Year 4-12, they are free and no prior coding experience is necessary!

SUNDAY 26 MARCH

Registrations open Wednesday 1 March at 6pm

Register here for more info and to find out when applications open: canberragpn.github.io

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ROYALS RUGBY UNION CLUB

GIRLS & WOMENS RUGBY UNION CLINIC

ALL AGES - ALL ABILITIES

**THURSDAY 16TH MARCH
430PM - 530PM
RIVETT OVAL**

If you're looking to get your start in Rugby Union in 2023, come along to a free all-girls clinic and get a feel for the game. Bring runners & water bottle

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current WVP cards for
the ACT and are
police checked.



School Crossing Supervisor

HOBAN is hiring new School Crossing Supervisors for Canberra ACT!

This is a great opportunity to be an important part of your local community, meet new people and keep them safe! If you enjoy the outdoors and are looking for short working hours, then this is the perfect job for you! We have multiple positions available in your local area. Take pride in ensuring the safety of children and pedestrians crossing the road and be the friendly face who children will remember and trust.

As a School Crossing Supervisor your key responsibilities will be to help children, parents, and community members safely across the road, teach them how to use a crossing safely and provide a courteous service to pedestrians. Hours of work will be rostered at the start or end of school days.

Duties will include but are not limited to:

- *Assisting children, families, and pedestrians to safely cross at children's crossings and traffic lights*
- *Report all incidents, accidents, near misses and potential risks*
- *Maintain a high level of awareness and professionalism.*

The role of School Crossing Supervisor is held in very high esteem in our communities. In taking on this role, you'll become vital to the safety of our children, parents, teachers, and local motorists. You'll also grow to be a much-loved familiar face around the school with a unique opportunity to touch the lives of countless families.

Successful candidates will have:

- *Strong communication skills*
- *Experience in customer service or working directly with children*
- *Currently hold, or be willing to obtain, a **Working with Vulnerable People Check***
- *Physically Fit*
- *Ability to be able to stand for the entirety of the shift (60 -90 minutes in length)*
- *Hold and carry a stop sign (5-10kg in weight)*
- *Ability to work in all weather conditions*
- *Driver's License and have access to a reliable vehicle (ideal, but not a necessity)*
- *Availability Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm.*
- *Be willing to commute around Canberra as needed*

Benefits to you:

- *You'll be a part of an important community program*
- *Full training and uniform will be provided*
- *Max Hire Contract available, Flexible hours!*

If it sounds like you, please reach out to Hana from HOBAN Recruitment - schoolcrossingact@hoban.com.au

www.flexischools.com.au

ONLINE ORDERING



- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.

Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- 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

term 1
2023

Sandwiches & wraps

Salad:	\$5.00
Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot	
Egg & Mayo:	\$5.00
Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce	
Chicken & Salad:	\$6.00
Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo	
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

Crunchy mac & cheese	\$5.50
Nacho dippers	\$6.00
Pasta Bolognaise	\$6.50
Pasta Napolitana	\$5.50
Sausage roll	\$5.50
Crispy chicken burger wrap	\$6.00
Chicken nuggets	\$6.00

Snacks

Jelly	\$2.00
Banana bread	\$2.00
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.00
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	\$3.50
Plain milk	\$2.00

Frozen

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