



# 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 Primary School Families & Community,

The term is certainly moving along very quickly! Students are well and truly settled back into class - please encourage them to keep up the great work with routines related to COVID safety.

Our **Gratitude Alley** is proving to be a very popular addition to our outside environment. We have been overwhelmed with the amount of positive feedback we have received from both Hughes Primary School families, and the broader Hughes community. An impressed member of the community contacted WIN News who came today to film a short segment about our Gratitude Alley which is due to air at 5.30pm tonight. The Gratitude Alley is part of our whole school **Positive Education curriculum**. As I have mentioned on many occasions, we use a research based positive education curriculum that encourages and supports student to flourish. We refer to flourishing as a combination of 'feeling good and doing good'. Thinking about what we are grateful for helps us to be more optimistic and happier, and is relationship strengthening in that it requires us to see how we have been supported by other people. If you haven't had a chance to check out our students' art work, it will remain up on our fence for the next fortnight. Speaking of gratitude...thank you to the Hughes PS parents for organising an incredibly generous tab at *Hughes Home Ground Cafe*. This enabled all staff to enjoy a hot drink and trust me when I tell you, teachers love their coffee!

Last week Hughes PS was represented by two teams in the **CBCA ACT Reader's Cup**. Students were challenged to read a wide selection of books over a month and then

compete in a quiz based on the books. Both teams did incredibly well, with our **Year 5 team placing second in the competition!** Congratulations to our Year 5 team: Rufus, Charlotte S, Camilla and Zavi; and our Year 6 team: Charlotte E, Harper, Evie and Rommie (see photos on page 4). Readers Cup competitions challenge students to read widely, work collaboratively in a team and continue developing a love of reading.

As mentioned in our **Virtual Book Fair** note that came home earlier this week (details page 2), **Hughes PS also won two awards for outstanding reading in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge for Years K-2 and Years 3-6**. Huge thanks to our very dynamic teacher librarian Mrs Libby Baker for her stellar work in teaming with staff and families to foster a love of reading throughout the school.

Next week will see **Book Pack Lists for 2022** sent home to all families. We are also in the process of conducting '**getting to know you interviews**' for our incoming preschoolers, **transition visits for our preschoolers** coming across to Kindergarten (Butterflies next Wednesday 24 November and Owls Wednesday 1 December) and for **students transitioning into Year 3 from Lyons Early Childhood School** (Wednesday 1 December). All of our current students and new students will receive their **class placement letters with the details of their 2022 class teacher and classroom before the end of term**.

Enjoy the fortnight ahead and thank you for your overwhelming support for both our Yearbook and Virtual Book Fair.

Warm regards

Nina McCabe  
Principal

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Nina McCabe

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We know Hughes Primary Students love reading! **This year Hughes Primary School won two awards for outstanding reading in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge, for Years K-2 and 3-6.** So, we are very pleased to announce the beginning of the first Hughes Primary School's Virtual Bookfair! The bookfair is proudly supported by *The Book Cow* in Kingston.

**When:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of November – 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021

**Where:** Online on the Book Cow Website. <https://shop.bookcow.com.au/c/hughes-primary-book-fair>

or shop instore at the Book Cow (47 Jardine Street, Kingston) and mention you are shopping for the Hughes Primary School bookfair.

Every book bought at the bookfair online and instore raises funds for more books in the Hughes Primary School Library!

Additionally, this year Hughes Primary School have curated a wish list for donations. If you would like to donate a book to the Hughes Library, please consider a book from this list. Books can be donated by shopping online off the Hughes Primary Wishlist (<https://shop.bookcow.com.au/c/hughes-primary-wishlist>) or by mentioning that you are shopping to donate a book to Hughes Primary instore. These books will be delivered to the school and will include a book plate listing who has donated the book.

When donating a book online please:

- In *order notes* please include a name for the bookplate.
- When checking out please select the 'Hughes Primary School' delivery option.

Attached are copies of the links to the virtual bookfair and wish list.

Thank you for your support of Hughes Primary School's Virtual Bookfair!

Libby Baker (Teacher Librarian)

Nina McCabe (Principal)





# Hughes Primary School VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR



View the Book Fair on line at this LINK or scan the QR code



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# Hughes Primary School Library Wishlist



Donate a book from our wishlist for others in our school to enjoy - view the list HERE or scan the QR code



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# CBCA ACT Reader's Cup



## 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 **preorder** 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

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

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

Don't forget to purchase your tickets to win one of **10** fantastic prizes donated by our wonderful local businesses in the Hughes Primary P&C Christmas Raffle!! All money raised will go to purchase fantastic resources for school. Prizes will be drawn at assembly on 10 December 2021. Tickets may be purchased here:

<https://rafflelink.com.au/hughes-raffle-2021>



# GINGERBREAD HOUSE

## Hughes P&C Fundraiser

Get your family together to create your very own Gingerbread House to put on the Christmas table, or give as a gift to a friend or neighbour and support the Hughes Primary School P&C Association.

You can order a traditional, chocolate or gluten-free gingerbread kit. Your kit will include gingerbread parts, baseboard, quick drying royal icing (in powdered form to use at your leisure) and instructions – Presented in one neat carry box delivered to your home.

Gingerbread House Kits are made from premium quality ingredients, with a hint of ginger and a delicate balance of sweet spices and are vegan, nut-free and palm-oil free.

**Gingerbread House Kit: \$39.95 each\*** plus postage

\*\$13 from each house purchased goes to Hughes School !

**Order by 30 November 2021** at the link below, or scan the QR code

[https://rebrand.ly/HughesPrimarySchool\\_gingerbread\\_house\\_fundraiser](https://rebrand.ly/HughesPrimarySchool_gingerbread_house_fundraiser)





# 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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## MAWSON PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2021/22 DECEMBER 20TH - 24TH



### MON 20TH

**Wheels Day**  
*In service*

Today will be 'wheely' fun day! Bring your bike or scooter & helmet & join in our wheely adventures. No helmet, no ride.

### TUES 21ST

**Jingle Jangle Christmas**  
*Incurtion*

Today's performance is 'Jingle Jangle Christmas'. We will then have our own Christmas concert.

### WED 22ND

**Christmas Creations**  
*Excursion*

Excursion to bowling and Tuggeranong park. Christmas craft on return to the service. Bring socks.

### THURS 23RD

**Christmas Cooking**  
*In service*

Join us to cook some yummy Christmas Treats!

### FRIDAY 24TH

**Christmas Party**  
*In service*

Today we are having a Christmas Party. We will have a disco, face painting and Christmas food and games.

**For Bookings:**  
[mawson@communityservices1.org](mailto:mawson@communityservices1.org)



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