



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Nina McCabe

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Kirsty Stewart

Executive Teacher:

Nicole Merchant

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Susan Jones

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Gayle Broad

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Clyde D'Rosario

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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,

School Review: Last week I had the privilege of spending four days in a large primary school in the North Gungahlin Network. I was part of a panel completing the school review process. This process evaluates a school's practices utilising the National School Improvement Tool – a tool developed by the Australian Council of Educational Research https://research.acer.edu.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1019&context=tll_misc

Whilst hopefully a valuable exercise for the school in shaping their strategic vision for the next five years, it is most certainly a valuable experience for the principals on the panel. I return to Hughes PS joyful to be back with our school community and with an increased reflective mindset.

Focused Lesson Observations: Part of my work involves focused lesson observations across the school, with the aim that I watch and provide written feedback to each teacher regarding the teaching and learning happening in their classrooms. I look forward this fortnight to spending time in Year 6 and our Blue Gum unit.

Slime Spectacular: Thank you to all our families for your continued support with our whole school fundraiser happening on the **last day of this term!** (details page 5).

AFL Gala Day: Lots has been happening since the last newsletter. Huge thanks to Luke McKay (our Youth Worker), Sam Glyde (Learning Support Assistant) and Nicole Merchant (Executive Teacher) for supporting students in Years 5 & 6 to participate in the *Paul Kelly AFL Cup*. We had two teams competing in the competition. I am so proud of all of the students for their sportspersonship, particularly children who

had never played before and displayed a strong growth mindset in giving something new a go! I thoroughly enjoyed my time cheering our students on and want to thank the parents who dropped by to support our teams.

Swimming Carnival: The swimming carnival is happening this **Wednesday 17 March** for Years 2-6 competitive swimmers. Immense thanks to Brett Hobbins for coordinating the day, and for parents who have volunteered to assist and/or be part of the cheer squad.

Harmony Day: This **Friday 19 March** we will be celebrating Harmony Day across the school. Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity and is about inclusivity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Whilst COVID restrictions mean we can't have our typical range of food and visitors into the school, we are encouraging all students to come out of uniform and **wear their national dress, or the colour orange**. Students will be participating in a range of activities to explore the concepts of Harmony Week on Friday and will be enjoying an African Drumming performance. Many thanks to our junior IEC teacher Diana Chu for coordinating this event.

Parent/Teacher Progress Interviews: Don't forget to book in a time to discuss your child's progress. If you have misplaced the information, don't hesitate to contact Karen in our Front Office.

Japanese Language Learning: We are incredibly fortunate to have Megumi Richardson teaching Japanese to students at Hughes PS. Megumi is part of our Specialist Teaching Team along with Libby Baker (Teacher Librarian), Vanessa Valois (Performing Arts) and Brett Hobbins

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

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Principal's Message continued

(Physical Education). In this newsletter, we have shared a little of the rich thinking behind the Japanese program at Hughes PS, with the aim that we do the same for the other specialist programs in the upcoming newsletters. Enjoy!

We believe that learning another language is an accomplishment of which students can and should be proud. The role of the Japanese Language Program at Hughes PS is to increase students' confidence and sense of personal achievement through language learning experience, and help students to gain cultural understanding and deep insights into how people see the world. As part of our Languages Program, we have formed a partnership with Alfred Deakin High School.

Our partnership with ADHS will:

- *facilitate students' enthusiasm and joy to share language learning experiences*
- *help Hughes students to see a valuable language pathway to high school*
- *enable ADHS students to take a leadership role in mentoring primary students through organising engaging language activities for primary students*
- *primary students to provide feedback regarding activities and have question time about high school life in general*
- *primary students to connect with a high school Japanese teacher*

The partnership program with ADHS will ideally encourage more Hughes' students to continue to learn a language other than English in their secondary years.

Warm regards,

Nina McCabe
Principal

MARCH

Tuesday	16	Year 4 Excursion
Wednesday	17	Swimming Carnival CEIS
Friday	19	Harmony Day (see note page 4)
Thursday	25	Year 2 Excursion

APRIL

Thursday	1	Slime Spectacular School Fun Run (see page 5) Last day of Term 1
Monday	19	First day of Term 2



LIBRARY NEWS

New Books!

We have been busy in the library getting more new books on the shelves! Here are some more new titles to look out for



Digital Books at Home with SORA

Did you know that all Hughes Primary Students have access to a HUGE selection of Ebooks and Audio Books through SORA?

To log in:

- Go to www.soraapp.com
- Select ACT Education Directorate
- Sign in using your student's schoolsnet log in.

For help accessing SORA or more information email me at elizabeth.baker@ed.act.edu.au



Hughes Primary - Clubs: Updated 9 February 2021

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school (8:30 - 9:00)				 Choir (Hall)	
Lunch (11:10 - 11:50)	 Karaoke (Mrs V's Room)  Floor is lava (3S by invite only to start)  Gardening (Fairy Garden by invite only)	 Origami (Japanese Room)  Comic drawing (5C)  Cooperative Games (3P)	 Sustainability Squad (5J)  Social games (Bimberl)  Year 5 Band (Hall)	 Chess (4B)  Lego (1B)  Active kids (Mr Hobbins)	 Coding club (Franklin breakout)  Year 6 Band (Hall)  Gardening (Fairy Garden by invite only)
Recess (1:15 - 1:40)		 Maths challenges (Franklin breakout)	 Yoga/Relaxation (3P)	 Mindfulness (6S)	

HARMONY DAY

On Friday 19 March 2021, Hughes Primary will be celebrating Harmony Day.

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. It is an opportunity for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

To celebrate, we encourage students to wear orange or dress in their national costume. Classes will participate in a range of multicultural activities throughout the day. Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no sharing of food – please ensure that your child has lunch and recess provided on the day. To make the day extra special, the school has funded each child’s participation in an African drumming performance.

We look forward to a fun filled day celebrating the different cultures that make up our country and our school.





Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term, we are hosting a **Slime Spectacular School Run 4 Run** to raise money for a multi-sport court.

Start fundraising today. Did you know students raise 3 times more when they fundraise online? Visit plantadifference.com.au to create your child's cyber-safe online fundraising profile. Instructions are in your child's sponsorship booklet.

Let the fundraising begin! You have until Thursday 1 April (last day of Term 1) to fundraise, so make sure you get cracking! You can also use your sponsorship booklet to collect cash donations. Please return your cash donations and sponsorship booklet to the office before Thursday 1 April.

The big day is coming! We are so excited to host our Slime Spectacular School Fun Run on Thursday 1 April (last day of Term 1). On the day, we encourage your child to bring an old white shirt for the Fun Run! They will be covered in non-toxic, water based slime from head to toe! They will also need a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

We're Going Green! This year, we have chosen to reduce our impact on the environment and Go Green! For every \$15 we raise, Carbon Neutral will plant one native tree or shrub in a biodiversity hotspot.

Win an Apple Prize Pack! For every \$15 you raise, you will receive one entry into the draw to win an Apple Prize Pack valued at \$3,700. Raise more money. Receive more entries. Plant more trees!

An advertisement for Girls' Brigade featuring the organization's logo (a red cross in a white circle) and the text 'GIRLS' BRIGADE Australian Capital Territory'. The central text reads 'TRY GIRLS' BRIGADE' followed by 'opportunities CHALLENGING', 'lifechanging craft support', 'discovery activities GAMES FUN', and 'ENCOURAGING'. A silhouette of a girl stands on a fence in the background. At the bottom left, it says 'Girls' lives transformed'. At the bottom right, it provides contact information: 'EMAIL ELIZABETH AT actsc@girlsbrigade.org.au' and 'OR MORE INFO AT www.girlsbrigade.org.au'.

An advertisement for 'Lost Property' featuring a collage of various items like a backpack, a hat, and a bag. The text 'Lost Property' is written in a large, stylized font. Below the image, the text reads: 'Your child's name should be marked clearly on all person belongings, particularly clothing. Unclaimed belongings are kept in the lost property baskets in the Bimberi and Franklin buildings. There is also a table set up near the front office. Please check these locations before the end of term.'



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Voluntary Contributions 2021

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 2021 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 enhance our Information Communication Technologies (including hardware and software), and expand our collection of engaging student materials to support the Australian Mathematics curriculum.

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 2021

- * 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 Cheque (payable to: Hughes Primary School)
 Credit Card see below OR phone Front Office EFTPOS at Front Office.
 Direct Debit please reference payment VC21 Student Name
 Westpac Banking Corporation – ACT Government – Canberra)
 BSB: 032777, A/C No: 001412

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 2021

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.

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www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

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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.

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- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
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- 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
2021

Sandwiches & wraps

Salad: Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot	\$4.50
Egg & Mayo: Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce	\$4.50
Chicken & Salad: Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo	\$5.50
Toasted cheese	\$4.00
Extras: cheese or chicken	extra \$1.00

Gluten free available on request

Salad

Design your own salad	from \$4.70
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Hot meals

Pulse pasta Napolitana (with or without cheese)	\$5.00
Yummy drummies & potato gems	\$5.00
Crispy chicken or Falafel wrap: with lettuce and your choice of sauce	\$5.80
Beef lasagna	\$5.50
Veggie lasagna	\$5.50
Chow Mein style chicken & rice	\$5.30
Sausage roll	\$4.50

Snacks

Watermelon tub	\$2.00
Koala Popcorn: lightly salted	\$2.50
Jelly & custard	\$1.80
Banana bread	\$1.80
Chocolate mousse cup	\$2.20
Homemade mini muffin	\$2.00
Homemade garlic bread	\$1.50

Drinks

Water: 600ml	\$2.00
Juice (tropical, apple)	\$2.00
Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 250ml	\$2.50
Plain milk	\$2.00

Frozen

Frozen juice cup (apple, blackcurrant)	\$2.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$2.80