



HUGHESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS · 1924 – 2024

HUGHESDALE'S HUNDREDTH

CENTENARY NEWS — ISSUE 02 — MARCH 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.

Welcome to our second edition of the Centenary newsletter - 'Hughesdale's Hundredth'.

We have been working extremely hard as a school, preparing for all the wonderful events celebrating our school's centenary year.

I'm pleased to share some updates here and throughout this issue of our newsletter.

Vibrant signage now adorns our school, on the front gates and in the gym. Please take a moment to photograph your child in front of one of the signs for their scrapbook!

Students and teachers recently participated in the 100-year aerial photo. From humble beginnings to present-day landmarks, this historic snapshot serves as a testament of our progress and perseverance.

Mr Richards' diligent pursuit in locating time capsules buried within our school grounds adds an element of mystery and anticipation to our historical journey.

Unearthing these capsules promises to unveil precious memories and insights from years past. Fingers crossed he finds them all!

Gretel (our wonderful library technician) continues her dedication to preserving our rich history through historical images and memorabilia. It is truly commendable. Her meticulous efforts breathe life into the past, allowing us to appreciate the footsteps of those who came before us.

As stories from past teachers and students begin to pour in, a tapestry of memories unfolds, weaving together the threads of our school's legacy. Each narrative offers a unique glimpse into the heart and soul of our institution, enriching our understanding of its heritage.

'Hughes News' - our newly formed multimedia student led team, will take the lead, interviewing our past alumni. I wait in anticipation to watch our first instalments due early term two.

With merchandise in the making, we embark on a journey to transform school spirit into tangible expressions of pride and belonging. From keyrings to badges, polo shirts and more, each item serves as a keepsake of cherished memories. Stay tuned for the unveiling of these items, and to find out how you can acquire your very own.

With our recent launch of social media, our community are able to follow all the fantastic experiences HPS has to offer and keep up to date with all our centenary news on our website: www.hughesdaleps.vic.edu.au/general-4

I'd like to also take this opportunity to say how thrilled I am to have been appointed Principal of Hughesdale Primary School in this our centenary year. Doesn't get much better. As always: 'Aim High!'

Dean Napier
Principal



Getting in Formation



Step Back in Time



Reflections and Memories



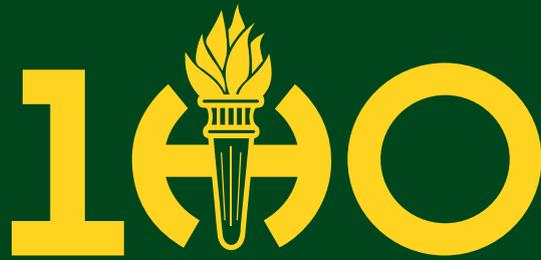
History of Our Houses



Centenary Carnival - Save the Date



Centenary Pride



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

100 YEAR AERIAL PHOTO

— **MARCH 5TH** —

TIME CAPSULE & DRESS UP DAY

— **MAY 2ND** —

SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION '100'

— **JULY 25TH** —

GALA DINNER

— **AUGUST 17TH** —

CARNIVAL & OPEN DAY

— **NOVEMBER 23RD** —

YEARBOOK

— **DECEMBER 2024** —

CONTINUING OUR PROUD TRADITION



100 YEAR FORMATION
5TH MARCH 2024

On March 5th the whole school came together to celebrate our centenary with the 100 year formation aerial shoot.

Each 10 years since inception, Hughesdale Primary School has gathered in number formation and been photographed from above to commemorate the start of a new decade. It is a tradition we are so proud of - this year being our first with a drone.

The students, teachers, and staff were primed and polished, in high spirits and all smiles as the sun shone down on us to ensure we captured a truly magical piece of history for Hughesdale Primary School.

Of course there was a little bit of chaos, a whole lot of excitement and a bucketful of pride as students, teachers and the HPS staff found their place, waved and cheered to the drone.

And the result - a masterpiece that will take pride of place in our school.

Look out for your opportunity to secure a copy of this image. Information to come.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



GETTING IN FORMATION



LOOK UP AND SAY CHEESE!

TIME CAPSULE & DRESS UP DAY.

On Thursday the 2nd of May, we will be celebrating our centenary with a dress up day.

All students and teachers are encouraged to dress up like a student or teacher would have back in the early 1920s and 1930s. See below for some inspiration as to what the students wore back in the day.

As well as dressing up, students will participate in olden days lessons and games. Games may include hopscotch, three legged races, elastics, marbles etc...

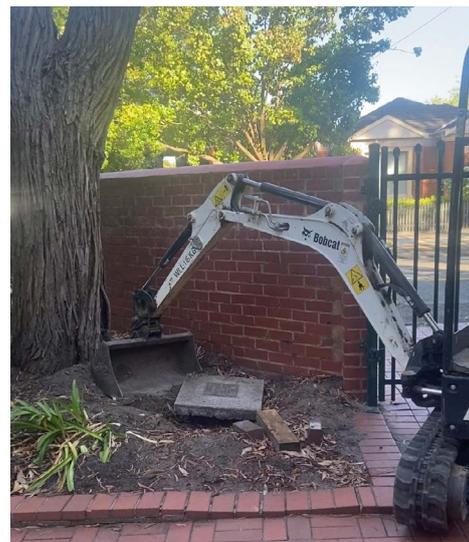
We have also employed one of our former students, Niko Floros, to photograph the day for us. Niko will take photos of each grade at the front of the school. Look out for the pics later in the year.

During the day, we will hold a ceremony where we will conceal our 100th year time-capsule.

Shortly, students will have the opportunity to create or make something that can be placed inside the time capsule. We will also display the contents of the 60th anniversary time capsule. A big thank you to parent Darren Gill for opening this for us.

We are still on the hunt for the 80th anniversary time capsule (2004). If you believe you know the whereabouts of this, please contact the centenary committee via email hughesdalepscentenary@gmail.com.

Event Date:
2nd of May



BRINGING IN THE BIG GUNS TO DIG UP THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE
MARCH 2024



INSPIRATION FOR THE DRESS UP DAY
NO OFFICIAL UNIFORM BACK IN THE DAY



1935 SCHOOL CHOIR

MY REFLECTIONS

KELVIN J HUGHES

"I am now 80* years old and I THINK I started at what was then called Hughesdale 'STATE SCHOOL' in July of the year 1948. My Birthday is 27 June 1943 so I would have turned 5 just prior.

I well remember my first day at school because I cried (loudly and uncontrollably) for a long time after my mother left me at the school in a large room directly at the end of the entrance offices. I think my teacher was Mrs McNamara?

We used to make paper chains from coloured streamers sticking the ends of them together with Clag. She would read us stories from the 'FIRST BOOK' reader and one I remember was the story about a dog that would not go home. I have a full set of readers – do you have them also?

She would teach us to count drawing little bundles of sticks on the blackboard with coloured chalk. On rainy days we had to hang our wet black raincoats on hooks near the door. We ate 'Play Lunch' at about 10:00am sometimes in the shelter sheds.

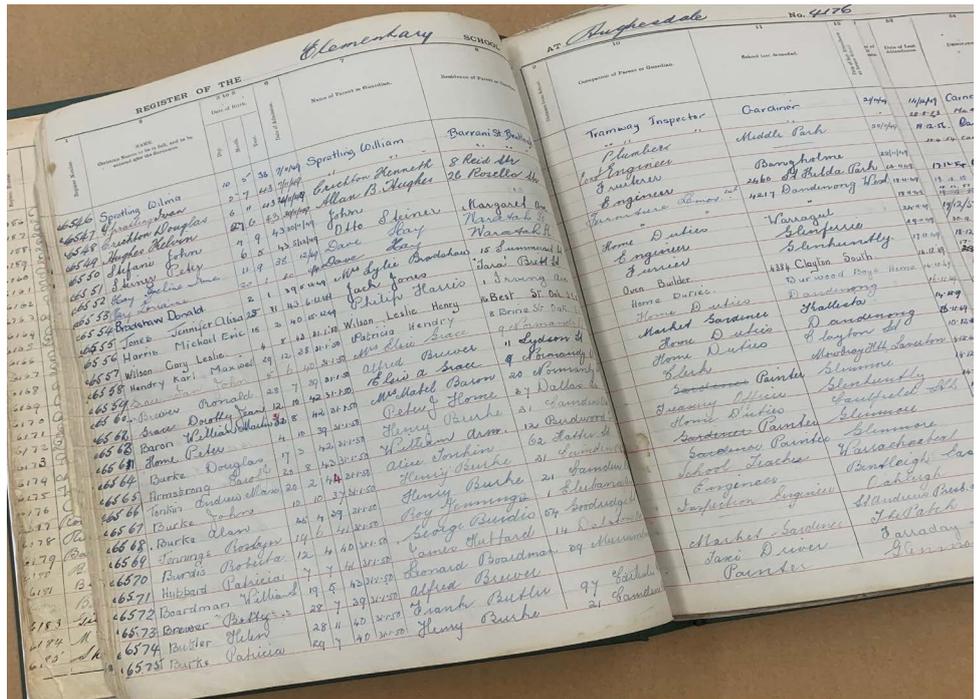
I well remember 'The Girls' Yard' which was always referred to as the 'Red Gravel' even though it was more of a yellow colour. I can't quite remember where the Boys' yard was – can anyone help?

I remember the 'Tuck (short for Tucker I suppose) Shop'. It was a cream weatherboard building erected near the fence on the Northern boundary of the yard.

I remember a large weatherboard building in the school yard where the boys learnt 'Sloyd' also called woodwork. Boys from Oakleigh Technical School also came to our school to learn this.



'SLOYD' BUILDING



1948 SCHOOL REGISTER - KELVIN HUGHES 4TH ENTRY DOWN ON LEFT

After the Assembly, we would all 'march in' to our class rooms to band Music (Colonel Bogey) played through very large "loud speakers" on the North wall of the school.

I used to take my teacher daffodil and jonquil flowers and she would put them in bottles above the blackboard.

We had to learn script writing and had to copy the letters from the samples on the blackboard. The exercise books had the name of the school printed on them. We used to 'sing' our 'Times (Multiplication) Tables' and I still rely on that method of teaching today.

The Headmaster (Mr Bartley) drove a Vauxhall Velox car and he used to park it on vacant land opposite the school.

There was a Milk Bar shop opposite the school and they sold a wide range of lollies including 'bullets' – chocolate coated liquorice for about 10 for a penny = 1 Cent).

I was very proud when two of my grandchildren (Hannah Clark and Jared Clark) attended the school – about 20 years ago.

Thank you very much and I wish you all a 'Happy Anniversary'."

KELVIN J HUGHES
Past Student

*Kelvin was 70 when he wrote this reflection for the HPS 90th year and we have updated accordingly for this 100th year.

MY REFLECTIONS AARON RICHARDS



My journey at Hughesdale Primary School started back in 2004. At the time I was working at Bialik College in Hawthorn. I had just moved to Murrumbeena, and I received a phone call from my aunty, whose best friend, Helen Tyquin, had mentioned that the school required a new PE teacher. Living so close to the school I thought it would be a great opportunity to work in the community that I was now living in.

My first memory was sitting on the wooden bench outside the office, feeling quite nervous about my interview. One of the teachers, Edda Williams (whose nephew now attends the school), walked past and asked me if I was okay as I was quite pale!



COACHING THE 2012 STATE FINALIST GIRL'S FOOTBALL TEAM
2012

I began at Hughesdale teaching PE three days a week. Shortly after starting I was asked to teach in grade three and four, for the other two days of the week. The following year I also started teaching digital technologies. As the school started to grow, my role turned into four days PE and one day digital technologies. My mentor teacher was Michael Cormick, who was the Assistant Principal at the time. Michael is now the Principal at Amsleigh Park Primary School. In my current role as Assistant Principal, I get to see a lot more of Michael. It is great to catch up and talk about my early days at the school.

When I began in 2004, we had 260 students at Hughesdale. Each year this continually went up until we reached the 570 students that we have now.

The grounds were quite different when I started. The gymnasium was not there. It was a large space with several trees, mounds of dirt and not much for the students to do. The soccer pitch was a rocky, barren, grassless pile of dirt. Hardly any students played in this area at that time due to the surface. There was one playground down the junior end of the school. There was no cover covering over the basketball court (Big Blue or Great Green). The PE store shed was an old toilet block, situated where the Tanner Builder is now. There was also a large shelter in this area. This is where students without hats were required to play.

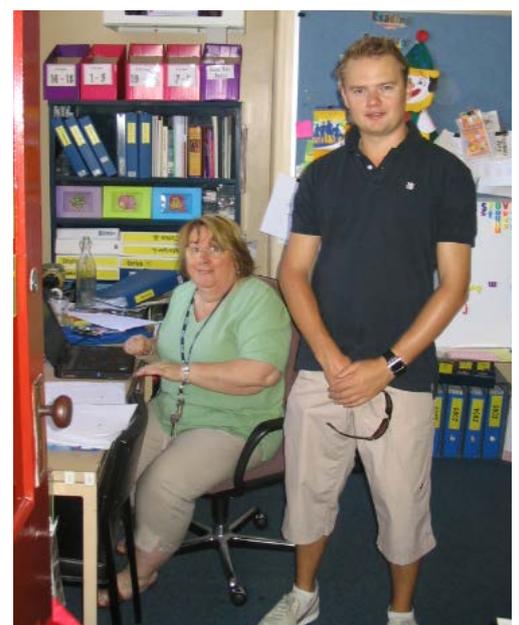
The staffing profile has also changed dramatically since I began. I had many 'mums' on the staff who helped me adjust to teaching in a primary school.

One of my first memories of the school was our 80th anniversary celebration at the Merrimu Reception Centre. It was a fantastic night where the whole community got together and had an absolute ball. I quickly felt embraced by the community, which has been one of the major reasons that I have stayed put at Hughesdale PS for 21 years.

2012 was one of my more memorable years at the school, from a sporting perspective. It was the first and only time that we have won the Moorabbin District Athletics. We also had three teams compete in State Finals. The girl's football team finishing third in the whole state, with the girl's rugby team and girl's hockey team also making it into the state finals. Although it was an amazing year for sport at Hughesdale Primary, we just could not claim a state title, which has eluded the school since the early 1980s.

I feel incredibly lucky to have been involved in such a fantastic school and community for the last 21 years. I've been fortunate to work with thousands wonderful of families, hundreds of excellent teachers, and many brilliant community organisations.

AARON RICHARDS
HPS TEACHER AND NOW VICE PRINCIPAL



AARON & FORMER TEACHER, JENNY HARDWICK.
2005

PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL HOUSES

- PAST (PART ONE)

Hughesdale Primary School has a long and proud tradition with its school houses and colours. From as early as 1946, the school embraced a friendly competition within the school of sports houses.

As a tribute to significant British figures post World War II, Hughesdale Primary School named the four sports houses in honour of Gloucester (Blue) Montgomery (Green), Alexander (Yellow), and Churchill (Red).

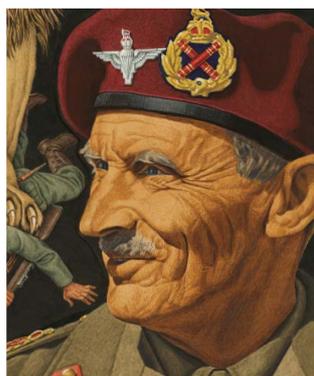
These house names remained - despite a suggestion raised in a staff meeting approx 40 years after WWII (around 1986), that perhaps it was time to rename the houses to something more relevant to the times and relatable to the students.

Despite this suggestion, the houses did not appear to be renamed until 1994. In the interim, it is believed they were simply referred to by their colours. Does anyone recall?

LEFT: SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS
CIRCA 1980'S



PRINCE HENRY -
DUKE OF GLOUCESTER
CREDIT: NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY



FIELD MARSHALL
BERNARD LAW MONTGOMERY
CREDIT: NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY



GENERAL HAROLD ALEXANDER
1ST EARL ALEXANDER
CREDIT: NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL
FORMER PRIME MINISTER UK
CREDIT: PHILLIP MOULD & COMPANY

PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL HOUSES - PRESENT (PART TWO)

It wasn't until 1994 that the house names were changed to those we know and love today.

The school ran a competition to rename the houses. Parents and students were invited to enter.

The winner was our very own First Aid Attendant Helen Kraloglou! At the time, Helen was a parent with 5 children who all attended HPS.

The winning theme based on Australian native flora, much of which can be found in our local area.

Wattle (Yellow), Banksia (Green), Waratah (Red) and Jacaranda* (Blue)

We love that Helen is still such an active and important member of our Hughesdale Primary School community.

The house flags that are still used to this day, were hand made by one of the parents in approx 1998. Does anyone know this parents name and the year our wonderful flags were made?

If you have any information or pics of them in use in the past, please let us know via email hughesdalepscentenary@gmail.com

The Historical Team are hoping to uncover some early images of the flags as well as the other entries for the naming competition. Will be fascinating to see what the other entries came up with!

*Jacaranda is not actually an Australian native plant - but it does grow fairly prolifically and is a beautiful blue/violet colour. So it was allowed...

BELOW: CENTENARY HOUSE CAPTAINS
MARCH 2024



WATTLE
YELLOW



BANKSIA
GREEN



WARATAH
RED



JACARANDA
BLUE



HUGHESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CENTENARY CARNIVAL

SAVE THE DATE!



NOVEMBER 23 2024



OPEN MORNING 9AM – 11AM

CARNIVAL 11AM – 4PM



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE DETAILS, COMING SOON.

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CENTENARY CARNIVAL

NOVEMBER 23 2024

11AM - 4PM

CALL FOR SPONSORS!

- Partner, sponsor and in-kind opportunities available
- Perfect exposure for local business and community groups
- Secure your package early for maximum impact

CALLING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

The 2024 Hughesdale Primary School Carnival will be the pinnacle of our 100 year centenary celebration, with a festival-style event featuring all the excitement of carnival rides and amusements, fun activities for all the family, a main stage with a full program of entertainment, a range of auctions, raffles and prizes, bar and refreshments.

THIS NOT TO BE MISSED EVENT IS ALWAYS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ON HUGHESDALE'S SOCIAL CALENDAR!

Your contribution will help us put on a wonderful event and reach our fundraising targets. In return we offer repeated exposure to over 416 school families in the lead up to the event, publicity to the wider community as part of our advertising program, and most importantly, exposure to the 2,000 to 3,000 patrons, including past students, we are expecting to welcome on the day.

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ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CENTENARY.

It took us a bit of time, but we finally had our centenary signage installed around the school.

A real estate sign with the list of centenary events is up on Dallas Ave just near the crossing. Thanks to Harcourts for their sponsorship of this sign and more to come.

Banners on Dallas Ave and Brine Street near the entrance to demonstrate to our community that this is it – our 100 years!

Banners are also up in the gym perfectly framing the brand new multimedia screen. A wonderful back drop for our assemblies and events.

Be sure to take a pic of yourself in front of the banners as part of the memories of 2024.



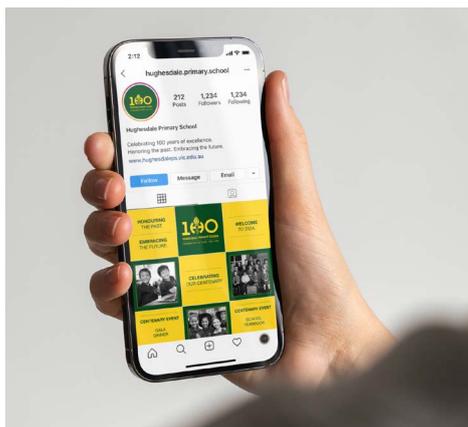
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If you haven't already, please follow Hughesdale Primary School on Instagram and Facebook.

As a school, we are new to these platforms but finding our feet as we share fun and engaging updates of the HPS community, events and stories.

Stay updated, follow, like, share and invite others to join us on our digital media journey. Links below.

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We need you!

We are actively on the look out for any past teachers, students or staff who went to Hughesdale Primary School and would be happy to share their story, photos and memories.

If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing, please send an email to the below and we will be in touch. Thank you!!

Lets continue the incredible HPS legacy!

For any questions or more information:
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