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From the Head of Early Learning Centre/Junior School

Dear Parents and Carers

I recently read an article by Dan Haesler, who writes an educational blog called Engagement, Wellbeing and Leadership in Education (Haesler, 2013). He was commenting on a book Freakonomics by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner (2005). Within the book Levitt (cited in Haesler, 2013) explores the parents’ behaviours and traits that influence their children’s academic progress. He used the results of standardised tests to determine academic progress and he also used the US Department of Education’s Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (n.d.) that followed 20,000 students from Kindergarten through to Year 5 as his data set.

What he found was quite interesting. Look at the following list and see if you can pick out which factors are, according to Levitt, shown to impact on a child’s academic progress between Kindergarten and Year 5.

1. The child’s family is intact
2. The child has highly educated parents
3. The child’s parents have recently moved to a better neighbourhood
4. The child’s mother didn’t work between birth and Kindergarten

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5. The child’s parents have high socioeconomic status
6. The child is regularly smacked
7. The child’s parents regularly take him to museums etc
8. The child frequently watches television
9. The child has many books in his home
10. The child’s parents read to him nearly every night

Have you made your choices? The following variables that were shown in his study to have a positive effect are:

- The child has highly educated parents
- The child’s parents have high socioeconomic status
- The child has many books in his home.

The other seven factors have been shown to have no impact on academic performance, either positive or negative. As we all know a child’s performance on standardised tests is not the only measure of a good education and it was a study based on American children in the US. Nevertheless Levitt’s contentions give us food for thought.

Thank you for your support of your children and the school during this term and we hope you can find some time during the break to enjoy some downtime with your family.

References:


* Mrs Jenny Manthey will be on Long Service Leave during Term 2. Mrs Susan Hasenkam will be acting Head of ELC/JS for the term.

Coming Events

19 April  End of Term 1

ENJOY A HAPPY AND SAFE TERM 1 BREAK.
TERM TWO COMMENCES ON
MONDAY 6 MAY

Kindergarten

Kinder T had a big box play day at school. The boys all brought large boxes from home and we cleared our classroom of all of the furniture. So much wonderful creativity, team work and imaginative play unfolded as the boys explored the different ways they could use the variety of loose materials on offer. It was such a fun and worthwhile day. I am sure we will be planning to do this again!

Charlie Bovill, Frank Stary and David Mc Elduff work together to make a boat so they can fish for sharks!

Charlie Birch and Nils Lucieer are co-operating to make a dinosaur.

Will Botterill-James and Jacob Mason are playing in their cubby house they made.

Prep

In Prep we made some lovely city scape pictures using newspaper and special gold and silver pens. We added stars in the nights sky and a moon. We love doing art!

Notice in writing can be directed to Emma Griffiths, Enrolments Assistant, by post or email.

School Uniform Store

The School Uniform Shop is located at 195 Churchill Ave Sandy Bay and can be contacted on 6225 0422.

Trading hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30 am - 4.00 pm. (closed on Public holidays).

Updates to Student Health Information

Has there been a change to your son's health including allergies that we need to know about? Please send any changes to your son's health information to Rachel Lucas Debtors Administrator.

Term Dates 2013

Term One
4th Feb until 19th April 2013

Term Two
6th May to 5th July 2013

Term Three
23rd July to 27th September 2013

Term Four
14th October to 10th December 2013

ELC/JS Speech Night
Thursday 5 December 2013

MS/SS Speech Night
Tuesday 10 December 2013

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Year One

On Tuesday we went to Cross Country. I came 7th. I was the first Buckland boy. I ran so fast and I got so puffed. My grandma and my mum were there. When my grandma cheered I ran even faster. For lunch we had a sausage and a fruit box. When I finished my grandma and my mum were so proud.

Hamish Cheeseman

On Tuesday ELC and JS went to the Cross Country and we ran, jogged and walked. We went in the playground and we had sausages.

Henry Pitt

At Dru Point we had our Cross Country. I came 10th. The Junior School were cheering for us. We had a sausage. The track was muddy and it had puddles. I had lollies and mum and dad and I went to the park. I watched the Year 6 through the gate and then we went back on the big bus and went back to school.

Tommy Cuthbert

Some Easter stories from 1S

Easter 2012 our family had a giant gold egg. We had some of it and then we saved some. We had it at Richmond. David, Nelson, Jack A and Lucas came.

Joseph Mione

At Easter we go to my grandfathers shack. The Easter bunny comes and gives us a lot of glamorous eggs and lots of little eggs. Sometimes our cousins come. Mum hides the eggs in the garden.
Ellis Nunn

At Easter we have friends that come over to our place. First we usually put on some music. Then we eat food. It is a kind of lunch so we have some fruit too. Then we have an Easter egg hunt.

Sam Essex

At Easter we have a quiet minute at our house. The Easter bunny always gives me at least one lactose free Easter egg. Sometimes I find ten eggs and the other times I get five eggs. I have mum and dad and my sister hunt with me. We sometimes have grandma and grandpa with us.

Lachlan Browne

**Year Two**

Year 2 boys line up at the start of the Cross Country race at Dru Point.

![Year 2 at start line](image)

![Race to the finish](image)

**Year Three**

*Let’s Celebrate!*

Year Three will be holding a *Celebrations and Festivals Expo* in their classrooms on Friday.

The boys have been busy preparing posters, artefacts, costumes and food for a celebration of their own choice. Parents and other classes are invited to view the results of their work and enjoy finding out about how other people, religions and cultures celebrate.

**Year Four**

What a wonderful term it has been! Here are some Year 4 reflections.

I have learned how to make papier mache and also learned new
maths techniques. Will Durand

I really enjoyed doing the 'Wanted' posters. I've learned lots of times tables and how to get on with my work. I've really got better at my maths and using the new maths which I call bus stop. Oscar Reisz

I have tried really hard with my French. Ailbe Bourke

I really enjoyed doing my timeline because once I finished, it was displayed in the classroom. I also really liked my SOSE research journal. Lucien Patiniotis

I enjoyed Term 1 because it was a lot of fun meeting new friends and playing with old ones. I liked doing my Explorer Journal. It was a bit hard finding research but you learn a lot. Felix Morgan

I have learned to listen in class a lot more. I enjoyed making some new friends like Will, James and Fraser. Liam Canny

In class this term I enjoyed seeing all of this work on the wall and also seeing everybody improve in all tasks. James Webb

I have improved my handwriting and concentrating. I like doing Problems Galore. Fraser Cumming

I have improved in my writing and maths. I have learned my 3, 4, 5 and 11 times tables. Will Grierson

I really enjoyed playing games at lunch and recess. I have improved my reading and creative skills. The thing I have improved most is my Cross Country running. Henry Oddie

I've enjoyed making rubber band powered cars and Spelling Mastery. I've made new friends. Milo Langford

I've liked spelling and earning points for Class Dojo. Aryan Dubey

I have really enjoyed learning about forces. Chester Burbury

I have enjoyed having Mr Marriott as my teacher. I have tried really hard to improve my handwriting. Making rubber band powered cars has been fun. Quinn Kacic-Midson

I have really enjoyed meeting as a year group and doing group work. The timelines were heaps of fun to look at. I love the rubber band powered cars! Harry Jones

We have all enjoyed the construction of our rubber band powered cars. I have loved the classroom games and activities like Kick it and Kingpin. Finn Stevenson and Will Anders

The Explorers and map work have been fun. Tom Griffiths
I have enjoyed Problems Galore. Mike Carmona

Maths games have been fun, like Dice footy. Alister Bradley

I have really enjoyed the work in Science on forces. Jake Maumill

**Year Five**

My Lab Visit

We had to disperse a light from the ray bar into a triangular prism. The prism separated the colours. We then got lined lenses that broke up the lights into more colours.

Finally Mr Crofts showed us how light gets blocked by particles in the air by using water and milk. The milk made the water foggy and most colours were blocked except the red. This is why sunsets are red. Oscar Campbell 5K

Lewis Traill and Jordan Seaborne  Hamish Betts and Trent Stephens

**Year Six**

Boys in Year 6 have had the great pleasure of hosting two outstanding guest speakers in the last fortnight.

Our first speaker was Donna Roberts, the godmother of Jackson Coad. She is a microbiologist who has been fortunate to work in Antarctica and has herself discovered two new types of bacteria. It was very interesting to learn about the different types of jobs of microbiologist perform and have many questions answered.

The second speaker, Wendy Heatley, mother of Brendon Heatley-Hart, kindly availed herself to us to teach our students about local government in the lead up to our Canberra trip, where we will learn more about our Federal Parliament. Wendy is currently running for a seat in the Legislative Council in Tasmania, and was able to provide the boys with information about how our political system works and what it takes to run for election. The boys were inspired by Wendy’s commitment to give up her regular job in order to commit herself fully as a prospective politician.

Year 6 cricketers fared well recently on the WMO. They took on
Launceston Grammar who are unbeaten in their 8 team Northern Schools competition over the past year.

Hutchins won the toss and bowled and got off to a great start, having them 5 – 1 after 4 overs. We eventually bowled them out for 28, Oli Burrows-Cheng was the star, taking 5 for 3 off 3 overs.

We batted and after our 35 overs, finished on 2 – 135. All of the boys batted well with excellent performances from Lachie Prescott and Lewis Drury. Launceston Grammar batted again and they finished on 6 – 29 after 13 overs.

The Year 6 boys played with great spirit and sportsmanship and proudly represented the School.

Stuart Hammond Year 6 teacher

Year 6 Leadership Day
Leadership Day at Launceston Christian School.

Lap It Up
On Friday 5th April the Charity group held our biggest fund raiser of the year, Lap It Up!

We thank all the parents, teachers, friends and boys who helped run this event. Without everyone to sponsor us, the event would not be as successful, so we are truly grateful for your help.

So far we have approximately raised $5,500 and are still counting.

Please return your sponsorship form, with all money by Thursday 18th April.

Ben Cornwell and Lachlan McPherson
News from Art - Holiday Fun!

My family and I have just enjoyed our annual trip down to the sculpture trail at Birches Bay and I thought many of your boys would love to experience this activity. It would make a great day trip over the holidays.

It is called Benchmarking Birches Bay and is an exhibition of sculpture that winds along a beautiful bushland track. It takes about 45 minutes to walk the trail, leaving plenty of time to look at the sculptures. The end is rewarded with a great café called Fleurtys that serves lunch and cakes. They also advertise that you are welcome to pack a picnic and enjoy it along the way.

My children, 5 and 7 years old, have found it a really enjoyable experience and the excitement of finding the next sculpture keeps even the most tired little ones moving! They also have a photography competition running – take a photo of one of the sculptures and upload it to their facebook site and a winner will be chosen and exhibited along the trail. More details can be found at www.fleurtys.com.au. Enjoy!

Rebecca Terry

Junior School Art Teacher
Cross Country

Thorold makes it two in a row!!

In perfect conditions for running the boys from Thorold House backed up their win at the Junior School Swimming Carnival with a win in the House Cross Country Carnival at Dru Point Recreation Reserve in Margate on Tuesday April 9th. With solid performances across the year groups from 3 to 6, Thorold were able to hold Buckland to second place with Stephens and School finishing 3rd and 4th respectively.

All Junior School boys are to be congratulated for their performances on the day. As it was very pleasing to see our motto from training session during Physical Education classes of “Strive for your personal best!!”, being lived out on the track.

We'd like to thank our wonderful team of Junior School teachers who helped out in a variety of ways on the day, particularly Mrs McCreary and Mr Docking who cooked the BBQ lunch and a big thank you to all of our parents who came along to support the boys, as your presence made it a special day!

From the results a Cross Country training squad will be selected. This squad will train in preparation for the JSSATIS Cross Country event to be held at Rokeby Police Academy on Thursday June 20, and the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country, to be held at Symmons Plains on Wednesday June 26.

Top 3 Runners from Each Year Group

Year 3:

Year 4:
1st - Liam Canny, 2nd – Archie Lawrence, 3rd – James Giannis

Year 5:
1st – Oliver Luders, 2nd – Callum Emms, 3rd – Chris Law

Year 6:
1st - Torin Jones, 2nd – Spencer Reid, 3rd – Sam Kokkoris
Kokkoris, and Cross Country Leader, Oliver Warlters, with the `A J Jones Cup' for House Cross Country at Dru Point last Tuesday

CSI: JERUSALEM

In the lead-up to Easter, all year 3-6 classes spent time putting together the clues investigating CSI: Jerusalem. Armed with a magnifying glass, notebook and pen, our junior investigators searched over six ‘stations’, in a modern version of the traditional ‘stations of the cross’. CSI: Jerusalem was set-up in the chapel for a week allowing the boys to experience, in a tangible and age appropriate way, something of what Jesus went through at Easter because of his love for us.

Mark Holland - Assistant Chaplain

Mothers Day Stall

The Parents’ Association are again holding the ELC and JS Mothers’ Day stall during the first week of Term 2 on FRIDAY 10 MAY.

Please send suitable items to stock our supplies to the school by Thursday 9 May.

Ashton Scholastic Bookclub
Due to limited responses from the Junior School boys we will no longer offer bookclub from Years 3 to 6.

However, as the uptake of bookclub in the ELC is strong it will continue to be offered from Kindergarten to Year Two.

Please note the continued viability of bookclub given its high demand on administration time will be monitored.

Music Camp 4 April

This year was the first time that Junior Orchestra participated at Music camp. Music camp is an opportunity for all ensembles to rehearse, learn music for the year and bond socially together as a group. Thank you to Mr Cashion for organising music camp, to the Friends’ of Music for providing all the delicious meals and to Mr Stewart for a really fun day of rehearsals.

Ms Preston, Music Teacher

Music camp is an event that happens once a year at Orana. The day was all about boys from Year 4-12 practicing musical instruments and having fun. The boys progressed very quickly throughout the day. Music camp is a tremendous new idea for excelling music at Hutchins. 

Raiden Lemon Music Leader

We got to do a lot of practising BUT we also had a lot of breaks. It wasn’t just strict teaching but we got to do lots of fun things in rehearsal. We focused mainly on two pieces that we went on to perform at the Year 5/6 Soirée and Music Assembly. We will also perform these pieces at the Hobart Eisteddfod on May 30th.

Miles McTaggart Music Leader

We set off for camp early in the morning. Instrument cases were everywhere and everyone was very excited. My first session was Senior strings with Mr Stewart; he was a great conductor and sings a lovely grace.

On Thursday when the Junior strings arrived the place was jam-packed. Sectionals were lots of fun and the violas made lots of progress. I really enjoyed helping out.

James Nash

Parking and Drop Off Areas Around the School
There is limited parking on Nelson Road for pick up and drop off of our students. However, Churchill Avenue (towards the Uniform Store), Peel Street and Earl Street offer alternate drop off zones with limited additional parking at the WMO. Please do not park in prohibited areas including the staff car park, nor block access areas. The School receives a number of complaints annually from frustrated public often caught in the peak times of Hutchins community traffic. Your mindfulness of others is appreciated.

Please also drive and park with care near the parking spaces at the bottom of the oval, as these spots are within the school grounds. I wish you all a very successful year in all that you undertake.

Jenny Self
Business Manager

First game of the Winter Season

Hutchins Black Soccer Team

Kym Lardner Storyteller Visit

On Friday, 22nd March we enjoyed a visit from Kym Lardner, storyteller, author, artist and musician. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2, Year 4 and also 3R, came to see his performances in the Conference Centre, and laughed for an hour.

We were amazed by the stories he drew on the whiteboard starring some of our students, and giggled at his very accurate impressions of how a three-year old speaks.

When the day was over, Kym thanked us for the invitation and complimented our students on their enthusiastic participation. If your son loved the session please consider visiting his website...
Book Week - Advance Notice!

Book Week is Week 5, Term 3 this year, which is 19-23rd August. The theme this year is *Read across the Universe*, with the usual kinds of supporting merchandise available (posters, badges, stickers, bookmarks).

School holiday Footy Frenzy!

**Tasmanian Sports Camps Footy Camp**

Wednesday 1 May

Thursday 2 May

Friday 3 May

Venue: Ogilvie High School New Town

Time: 10.00-3.00

Please phone Ros to make a booking 0419 380 207 or www.tas.sport.com.au