From the Head of Early Learning Centre/Junior School

Dear Parents and Carers

The start of any school year requires a lot of settling in. Some boys have started Kindergarten or school for the first time and other boys may have moved from other school systems, states or even countries and have a lot to adjust to. Even the ‘old boys’ need time to get used to new teachers and year levels. Despite the very smooth start to the year we are aware that it still takes time and patience to establish routines and expectations. It also takes time for teachers to learn where children are academically, emotionally, socially and physically and how to best support and meet each child’s needs.

Please aid us in this quest by communicating any questions, concerns and delights that you may have regarding your child or the school as soon as issues arise. That way matters can be dealt with quickly and efficiently. Please also help us by ensuring that your son arrives on time to school and does not leave before the end of the school day. We do understand that there will always be occasions when disruption is unavoidable eg doctor/specialist or dental appointments but wherever possible please keep disruptions to a minimum.

Absences During Term

When a student is absent due to illness (or any other reason) students Kindergarten to Year 2 are required to telephone the class teacher direct on their school extension.

Kindergarten 6221 4220
Prep 6221 4201
Year One 6221 4297
Year Two 6221 4213

Parents of students in Years 3 to 6 are required to telephone Mrs Priest on 6221 4269.

For Longer Absences

Parents are asked not to take their sons out of school during the term wherever possible. However, we do realise that there are often extenuating family circumstances and that learning happens in many different contexts. Where trips are unavoidable please write to the Head of the School so that we are aware of the dates your child will be away. Please also note that for absences greater than four consecutive weeks, a fee equivalent to 50% of the leave period will be charged. For absences up to four consecutive weeks or individual periods of no more than 4 weeks, 100% of the fee will be charged. In the case of illness no fee will be charged on production of a medical certificate covering the period of leave.

For Infectious diseases

As part of the School’s Duty of Care to your son it is required that parents inform the School immediately of a student’s absence in the event that this is due to an infectious disease. If your son attends OSHC Services you will also need to advise them

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QUOTE

“Life is not the way it is supposed to be. It is the way it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference.”

Virginia Satir

ELC GRANDPARENTS DAY

Please add this date to your calendar
1 March 2013
10:00 ELC GRANDPARENTS DAY
Auditorium

Enrolments

Enrolments into some year levels for next year and beyond are at a premium and waiting lists exist. Current and future parents are reminded that entry into the School is strictly by date of application. If you have a younger child in the family seeking entry in the immediate future, or family or friends who are considering Hutchins for their son, you are encouraged to submit an application form as soon as possible. Application forms can be downloaded from the Hutchins website or by contacting Emma Griffiths, Enrolments Assistant on 6221 4236.
Please note the following exclusion periods for infectious diseases.


Some examples are below:

**Infectious Disease/Condition and Exclusion Period:**

**Lice**
Treatment required and then return to school

**Slap Face**
Incubation period a week before rash appears. Once rash appears the person no longer contagious.

**Scabies**
Exclude until antibiotics commenced

**Vomiting**
24 hours after last episode of vomiting

**Diarrhoea or Gastrointestinal Complaints**
24 hours after the last loose bowel movement

**Measles**
Exclude for 4 days after the onset of rash

**Meningitis/Meningocccal**
Exclude until well and until completion of antibiotics

**Whooping Cough**
Exclude for 5 days after commencement of antibiotics OR 21 days from the onset of coughing

Jenny Manthey
Head Early Learning Centre/Junior School

**Coming Events**

25 Feb
- K-6 Electrical Safety Program
- 2.00 Kindergarten Chapel
- 2.30 P-2 Chapel

26 Feb
- K-6 Electrical Safety Program
- 2.20 3-6 Assembly Audit

27 Feb
- K-6 Electrical Safety Program
- 2.40 JS Chapel including Induction of Leaders

1 March
- 10.00 ELC GRANDPARENTS DAY Auditorium

5 March
- 2.20 ELC/JS Assembly Audit

7 March
- JS Swimming Carnival Aquatic Centre

**Kindergarten**

Welcome to all the new Kindergarten boys and their families!

We have had a wonderful first three weeks in Kindergarten. Mrs Burman and Mrs Turner are very pleased with how all the boys have settled in. They are already making progress.

**Withdrawing a Student from K-6?**

Parents are reminded that a full term’s written notice of intention to withdraw a student from Hutchins must be provided. If the School does not receive this notice then a half term’s tuition fee may be charged.

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
- Easter Break
  - Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April inclusive

**Term Two**
- 6th May to 5th July

**Term Three**
- 23rd July to 27th September

**Term Four**
- 14th October to 10th December

**ELC/JS Speech Night**
- Thursday 5 December

**MS/SS Speech Night**
- Tuesday 10 December

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Prep

The Preps have been painting pictures about their holidays. Please come into the classroom and have a look. The boys have done a great job.

Year One

Getting to know the boys of 1 V.

In Year 1V we have been filling our “All About Me” backpacks to help get to know each other in our class. We have really enjoyed sharing our backpacks with the class and learning new things about each other, which we didn’t know before.

Year Two

In the Christmas holidays Toby Manning went to see Treasure Island at the Botanical Gardens. In the holidays Hugo Allison sailed in the National Cadet Championships. He came first!!

The Year 2B boys have been presenting their “Holiday Boxes” to the class. In the holidays they collected interesting souvenirs to show the class.

Year Three

Year 3 boys have been looking at what makes something living or non living.
Boys are learning about the groups of animals in the animal kingdom such as mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and arthropods. We will be taking a close look at minibeasts as part of our Term 1 Science unit.

Below is a picture of Tom Gibson and Will Hale from 3B with a praying mantis that visited our classroom through the window!

Year Four

Year 4 boys have been involved in many interesting activities recently.

Will Grierson launched his kayak at Bellerive Beach with a large group of others in an attempt to break the Guinness Book of Records.

Milo Langford participated in a skateboarding competition in Devonport and performed very well.

Liam Canny, Tom Hayward and Henry Oddie have been busy in Little Athletics events and trials.

Felix Morgan was seen riding his unicycle through Salamanca.

Mr Webster was seen swimming the Derwent at the Hobart Regatta and Mr Marriott was spotted running the bridge.

We welcome Ned Spiden, Fletcher Ryan, Will Preston-Stewart, Tom Hayward and their families to the school.

If any parents missed the Meet the Teacher Evening and would like a copy of the handout please let us know through the school diary and we will send one home.

It has been a great start to the year. Please feel welcome to drop in and visit the classrooms.

Year Five

Representatives from Year 5 attended the annual Floral Tribute to commemorate the arrival of Lt Gov David Collins and his party in 1804 at Sullivans Cove.

The boys Riley Ashlin, Jack Whitton, Tom Maclachlan and Hamish Betts placed floral tributes on behalf of Hutchins.

Year Six

During Week 2, students in Year 6 completed a 3-day Leadership Camp at Orana, Roches Beach. The camp was highly successful and a fantastic opportunity to welcome the new boys into Year 6.

Boys were encouraged to focus on, and develop their leadership capabilities. They did this through participating in a variety of activities, such as a low-rope course, adventure race, obstacle course, Get Active preparation, team initiative games and raft building.
Boys also had the opportunity to engage with the Year 12 School Captain, Eddie Burrows-Cheng, and his fellow leadership team. This was an inspirational part of the boys experience as they further developed an understanding of what it means to be a successful leader, not just within the Hutchins environment, but also within the greater community. Interacting with the Year 12’s gave the boys the chance to witness first hand various leadership qualities and styles as well as understand the importance of fellowship, as discussed by Rev. Matt during his visit with the boys.

The Year 6’s were privileged to listen and interact with Mel Blackhall, a nutritionist currently working with medical students at UTAS. Her insight into what it means to be healthy, including water intake, dietary requirements and the danger of some products targeted at teen boys in the supermarket, was both thought provoking and a highlight for many boys.

Overall the boys had a great time and have had a very positive start to the year.

PE Uniform Days

Please make a note in your son’s diary:

- Prep to Year 2 - Friday
- Year 3 - Monday and Thursday
- Year 4 - Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 5 - Tuesday and Friday
- 6Bu and 6Be - Monday and Friday
- 6H - Wednesday and Friday

NB: Boys in ELC who are involved in the Kelly Sports After School Program are allowed to wear their PE uniform on Wednesday as well.

Hutchins Family Fun Night 22 March

Please add this date into your calendar! More details will be sent home next week.

News about JS Sport

Swimming

Swimming trials for our Junior School House Swimming Carnival are taking place during our sport sessions this week at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Boys will be transported to and from the pool by bus and will need to bring ‘Speedo’ style bathers and a House colour cap.

Our Carnival is scheduled for Thursday March 7 at the Aquatic Centre. We invite parents and carers to come along and support the boys at this event and if any parents are willing and able to assist in an official capacity on the day please contact Mr McAloon on 6221 4304 or smc@hutchins.tas.edu.au

Summer Sport

Junior School boys have made their Summer Sports choice at school and will commence playing one of the following: Tennis, Cricket, Touch Football, T-Ball/Softball, Volleyball, Fitness Games or Bushwalking next week during our sport sessions. Have a chat to your son to find out what sport he has chosen. If there are any parents willing and able to assist...
with any of these activities please feel free to contact Mr McAloon.

Junior School Soccer

We are currently seeking some assistance from parents and carers with the coordination of our Junior School Soccer program as part of our Winter Sport. If you are willing and able to join a small Junior School Soccer Committee to assist with the organisation of coaching, team management and registrations please contact Mr McAloon.

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.

I wish you all a very successful year in all that you undertake.

Jenny Self
Business Manager

Junior Orchestra

Junior Orchestra Wednesday 3:15 pm-4:30 pm
Gershwin Room

Junior Orchestra had an exciting rehearsal this week with 25 keen string players who learnt Kingston Calypso! Junior Orchestra sounds terrific and it was very pleasing to see each boy playing so well, reading music and making a terrific ensemble sound.

This year we would like to encourage all boys in Years 3-6 who are learning a string instrument either in private lessons at school or outside of school and in the classroom music program to participate in Junior Orchestra. Playing in an ensemble with your friends is the best thing about learning an instrument. Once you've figured out how to play your instrument and how to read music, playing in an ensemble is the rewarding and fun part! It's a bit like going to cricket training but not getting to play a match-if you learn an instrument but don't play in orchestra.

We understand that some boys have football or cricket training on a Wednesday or even surf life saving or CSIRO. However, some boys are joining in a few weeks time once their cricket or CSIRO commitments have finished and some boys leave 5 minutes early to get to tennis training.

We appreciate that families have made new pick-up arrangements so that their sons can participate. Junior Orchestra is a valuable and worthwhile musical experience and an important part of your son's Music education. At Hutchins we believe that a good man is a well rounded man who has made the most of all the opportunities at school including sport, music, dance and academic studies.

Once the Year Five boys are proficient enough in their newly chosen woodwind and brass instruments, they will also be invited by Mr Cashion to join the strings at Junior Orchestra rehearsals in Term 2 or Term 3.

Claire Preston
Junior Music Teacher

Footy Clinic for Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal
Parent Help required!

Junior School Scholastic Book Club - Parent help needed!

This year, we are looking for a parent from our Junior School community to manage the Scholastic Book Club for Years 3 to 6 as unfortunately, given a change in my role at Hutchins, I am no longer able to run the Book Club.

The Book Club is a great way to encourage reading as it enables the boys to add to their home libraries and also provides them with access to great library books that are provided to the Stephens Library through Scholastic's generous reward system.

It would be wonderful if the Book Club was able to continue so if you feel you can spare approximately 4 to 5 hours a month, please feel free to contact me regarding this. As I work part time, the best contact me is via emailcatherine.duffett@hutchins.tas.edu.au or leave a message in the Stephens Library by phoning 6221 4258.

Catherine Duffett
Teacher Librarian