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Junior School / Early Learning Centre Newsletter

Friday, 5 October 2007

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term Three, which is perhaps the busiest term of them all! I have just returned from a very informative three day conference that was held in Hobart on Leadership, Learning and Performance. The conference was for Primary and Secondary Principals; all educational sectors were represented as were all states and territories. Jack Wallace (3B) sang at the Opening Ceremony and the Collegiate and Hutchins Junior School Choirs sang and did the readings and prayers at the Ecumenical Service at the Cathedral. Our Senior School String Quartet also performed at the Conference dinner. The boys all did a magnificent job and represented their school very well, thank you to those parents who also supported the event.

On another note the Year Four boys and staff have just received an email from Ms Trish Knight (who is currently on long service leave) about some of her travels and adventures in South America and as it was so interesting I thought that we should include it in our newsletter. Jenny Manthey - Head ELC/Junior School

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Sunday is a special day in South America, people always spend the day with their family. They get up late, visit the cemetery and they go have a big, long lunch at a restaurant. Tomorrow I am taking a plane to another town a little further south, in an area called the “Small North”. I shall spend 3 days in San Pedro de Atacama. The Atacama desert is the driest in the world and it never rains here. On the hillsides are petroglyphics dating from about the 13th century. They are untouched as it never rains and the surface of the sand has a layer of salt to prevent the sand blowing. I will stay in a small town in the middle of this desert and hopefully will take some walks to salt lakes and other attractions in the area. Water is carried from the high mountains of the Andes or is drawn up from underground.

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Kindergarten
This term we welcome two new boys to Kindergarten Burman. We hope you have a great time, boys.

Here is Jack Rossiter. He is a clever reader.

Here is Lloyd Lucas. He is enjoying the computer with Lachlan and Stanley.

Prep
Miles, Andrew, Nicholas and Archie - a great group of Geelong fans!

Year One
I saw the Grand Final. The Cats won and it was the biggest win in Grand Final history. Mark Thompson is the coach for Geelong. The Grand Final is always played at the MCG. They play for the Premiership Cup. Go Cats in the Grand Final. William Stadler

At the weekend I watched AFL. I know Geelong beat Power by 119 points. Geelong’s total score was 163. Power’s total score was 44. The Cats broke the record in a Grand Final. Rhett Wiggins

At the Grand Final the cats were winning by 119 points. Port Adelaide was losing by 119 points. Kids were giving the football players medals. My favourite football player is number 20. Toby Mison

Year Two
Miss Powell is a student teacher. She has been coming into 2S over the past few months. Monday, 1st October was her last day. 2S have very much enjoyed working with her and would like to wish her all the best. This picture shows some of the boys creating their own Australian coins.

GOOD LUCK MISS POWELL!

Miss Powell creates coins with 2S on her last day.
We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill

Year Four
The boys have all returned to school relaxed and enthusiastic after a holiday. They are already working well and excited about Third Term.

We welcome Ms Fiona Adlam who is a student teacher in 4E. She is with us for four weeks.

We will be looking at aspects of The History of Hobart as our main unit of work this term. We have an excursion to Richmond planned, a guest speaker coming in and other short trips to provide educational and enriching experiences for the boys.

This is as well as Speech Night, the Athletics Carnival and other exciting events planned for this term. It is sure to be a busy and exciting time for Year Four.

Mr Eaves and Mrs Johnston

Year Three
Footy Colours Day in Year 3

Year 3 and 4 Social
Boys from Year 3 and 4 are invited to attend a Social to be held on Friday 19 October at Travers Morphett Hall, Fahan School from 5.30-7.30. Boys can collect a ticket from Mr Eaves or their class teacher.

Mr Eaves and Mr Stephens on Footy Colours Day

Bicycles and Scooters and helmets
Boys from Year Five and Six are allowed to ride their bicycles and scooters to school. There is a bicycle cage in the Middle School where the bicycles and scooters are stored and locked in for the day. The boys know that they must always wear a helmet and are not allowed to ride the bike or scooter on school grounds. Please inform the class teacher if your child is riding to school.

Recommended Library website - Britannica Online
Did you know that students can access the School's online subscription to Britannica Online from home? Sometimes, it is a better alternative than a Google search or a Wikipedia article. It is an extraordinary and useful resource to have available from School for research and assignment work at home.

It contains the full Encyclopaedia Britannica, the Junior Encyclopaedia, a world atlas, websites, videos and interactive learning objects designed for Australian curricula. Junior, Middle and Senior students can access the parts of the online resource at their age appropriate levels. Go to the Hutchins Intranet [info.hutchins.tas.edu.au], and login with Hutchins students' normal computer network logon and passwords. More details, contact: Dr Jill Abell 6221 4225.

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Year Six
As part of their work on government Year 6 spent a morning at Parliament House. We learned that the building was originally the Customs House from 1835-1840. When it was first built it was at the edge of the water and so was a good choice for the Customs House. It operated as a shared building until Customs Officers moved out in 1904 and that Parliament started meeting there in 1856 when Tasmania became an independent state.

We visited both Houses and got the opportunity to dream when they were allowed to sit in the seats in the House of Assembly. We just missed out on seeing some action in the Legislative Council because the members had just left to meet with some of the Public Servants, but did see The President, Don Wing. We visited the Parliamentary Museum in the basement where it was still possible to see the arrow marks on some of the bricks in the cellar. We also spent some time in the Long Room which was the original debating chamber. We were fascinated to learn that the building suffered an act of terrorism when someone fired a bullet into the Long Room in the 1980’s and saw the bullet hole which still remains.

Year 5 and 6 Social scheduled for 12 October has been cancelled.

Toothbrush and Toothpaste donation
Harry, Archie and Meg Purdon with their parents recently visited Christina Noble Foundation in Sin Chao, Vietnam. They carried bags of toothbrushes and toothpaste that were donated from The Hutchins ELC and Junior School boys. These were distributed to the children in the orphanage.

The foundation was very welcoming and took the Purdons on a tour and they were able to interact and spend time with the children.

Our season starts on Saturday 6 October at 8.45 am at Sandown Park, Lower Sandy Bay.

Little Athletics offers running, jumping and throwing events for children between 5 and 15 and it’s never too late to start! Our club is small in size and provides a friendly environment for kids of all abilities to have fun, be active and take athletics to a more competitive level if they’re interested.

Contact Pip on 0408 661 353 for more info or check out our website at www.queenborough.org.

Hutchins ICT Information Evening

“Getting IT Together”

featuring Lesley Wright, Manager Hobart Office, Australian Federal Police

Tuesday evening 16 October, Auditorium 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm

You are invited to the annual Internet Safety and ICT Showcase evening "Getting IT Together", presented by the Principal, Warwick Dean and Hutchins teachers and ICT student leaders. The guest speaker will be Lesley Wright from the Australian Federal Police. The intended audiences are parents, teachers and community groups.

In attending this year’s event, parents will hear from the speakers about the dangers confronting children online and the appropriate measures to take to make their Internet experience a safe one. Warwick Dean will focus on the Hutchins perspective and Lesley Wright will discuss the vital role law enforcement plays.

Also, as part of the Schools’ strategic alliances with preferred IT vendors, Acer Computers Australia and reseller, IRIS Computing will be in attendance with selections of recommended hardware - notebooks and other educational products information for the home environment. In fact, IRIS computing are donating a door prize for the evening of a printer. Supper will be provided.

• What: Getting IT Together - Internet Safety and ICT Showcase
• Where: Hutchins Auditorium, 71 Nelson Road, Sandy Bay
• When: 16 October 2007
• Time: 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm

Primary Track and Field Challenge 2007

This year, Tasmania is fortunate to be hosting the Australian Track & Field Championships for 10, 11 and 12 year olds.

The event will be in Launceston from November 30 to December 1, with over 500 primary aged students from around Australia attending.

In the lead up to this, Athletics Tasmania is organizing the Tasmanian Primary Track & Field Challenge on October 21 in Launceston. This event is the Track & Field equivalent of Symmons Plains Cross Country. All entries are being taken online at www.tasathletics.org.au

Haemophilia Awareness Week 7-13 October 2007

Haemophilia is a rare blood clotting disorder in which one of the essential clotting factors is deficient or missing. It is incurable and, without treatment with replacement clotting factor, it can be life threatening. Haemophilia is hereditary, but in one third of cases it appears in families with no previous history of the disorder. It affects males almost exclusively and is passed on through females who carry the defective gene. Some women are asymptomatic carriers of the haemophilia gene and may also experience bleeding problems.

Von Willebrand disorder is a related bleeding disorder which affects both men and women. It is caused by insufficient Von Willebrand factor which a protein necessary to stop bleeding, or where the Von Willebrand factor does not work properly.

There will be button stickers and balloons on sale next week. All proceeds will go to the Haemophilia Foundation. To contact Haemophilia Foundation Australia call 1800 807 173.