Dear Parents and Carers

It is about this time each year that the ELC/Junior School staff starts thinking about class lists for the following year. It’s a task that is taken very seriously and we endeavour to meet the needs of each boy and to get the balance and “chemistry” of each class group right. Class teachers, specialist teachers and myself are all involved with this task.

Basically our policy is that in order to achieve the best all round outcomes for each and every child it is we within the school system that must make such decisions. Should parents be encouraged to choose their child’s teachers and or classmates then both number and composition of subsequent classes would be unevenly spread and badly skewed creating unnecessary problems both of an educational and social nature. Often requests that parents make are based on their perception of teachers or children rather than informed knowledge. Please also remember that some friendships can be counterproductive in the classroom and friendships change. Teachers always take into account a number of factors when deciding class placement such as: academic achievement, an even spread of social adjustment difficulties, teacher match and past experiences and the information concerning new children as that also alters class dynamics.

However, if you have a genuine education concern then I would be more than happy to receive in writing a letter outlining these concerns by Monday 29 October at the latest.

Please note that class lists will be read out and sent home on Step Up Day Wednesday 5 December. The class lists are then set and are not negotiable unless there has been a serious educational oversight.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Teachers at this stage for next year will be:

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Please note that in 3rd term Mr Docking will be on Long Service Leave. Mrs Bec Terry (Bec Clemons) will be his replacement.

Jenny Manthey - Head Early Learning Centre/Junior School
Kindergarten
Kindergarten S have been very busy!

Ethan, Henry and James are enjoying a puzzle.

Flynn is doing a spring drawing.

Year One
Portfolio Afternoon at School by Mason Bird

The best that I improved is my Daily Work Book and the next thing is my Spelling. We are showing the portfolios because we can show how much we have improved.

Portfolio Afternoon at School by William Stadler

My mum came yesterday. My Mum thought it was great. I showed her every piece of work in my portfolio. It was great!

William with his mum

Prep
Isaac Stearn shows his Portfolio to his mum Terri and dad Martin.

Year Two
Year 2 L at their Student Led Conference.

Clare and Hamish McCulloch

James Carne with his parents during his Portfolio sharing conference.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill
Year Three
James MacMichael and Dylan Stearn with the starfish he caught.

Year Four
On Friday 12 October Year 4 visited St David’s Park as part of our unit on the History of Hobart. We studied the head stones of the early settlers. We collected data to be used at a later date as part of our investigation into databases.

Brayden and Oliver at Governor Collin’s monument

Jack and Lachlan enjoying the morning

Year Five
We had 3 boys this year who won the Under 11’s State Cross Country. They are James Burgess, Ben Robinson and Josh Williamson. Well done boys!

Last Thursday we went on an excursion to see Paul Jennings live at the Show grounds.

There was a competition to write 8 more paragraphs of your favourite Paul Jennings story. Our entire class participated and Andrew Mackay won the competition. It was 8 paragraphs because Paul Jennings has sold 8 million copies of his first book. Andrew received 4 signed books from Paul. Well done Andrew.

Phillip McKay got 1st place in the City of Clarence Eisteddfod on Tuesday. He played Carnival of Venice in the AMEB Grade 3 section. Well done.

On Friday 19 October our class will be taking a trip on the Lady Nelson as part of our unit on The First Fleet.

By Nick Graver and Duncan Kelly

Thomas Skalicky and Tom Macrossan fishing on the jetty
Year Six
On Wednesday 10 October Year 6 Soiree was held. Overall it was a very good Soiree. Lots of different kinds of music and instruments drifted through and around the Music block such as Saxophones, Violins, Drums, Cells, Pianos, Guitars and a bit of singing.

I was extremely nervous and played my piece too quickly which I was disappointed with. I did well anyway and the Soiree was a good length, so we had time to eat the food at the end. Alexander Gall

After School Care
After School Care will be operating on Show Week break day (Friday 26 October). Activities for the day will include Milky Way Muffins and Pencil Pals.

Congratulations
During second term, the Hutchins Cross Country Team travelled to Launceston to compete in the All Schools Carnival at Symonds Plains. Josh Williamson, Ben Robinson and James Burgess won gold medals for the 11 Year Old Division in the schools’ teams event which is a tremendous achievement.

Josh Williamson won the Under 11 race and was selected to represent Tasmania in Perth at the National Championship. The future looks bright for talent coming through the junior levels at Hutchins.

These boys are cementing a reputation for Hutchins as being a school that produces excellent runners!

Keep up the good work boys.