Dear Parents and Carers

As we all know Schools are learning communities where children, parents and teachers work together to nurture each child's intellectual, physical, emotional, social and spiritual growth. Learning is at the very core of all that we strive for. The boys at Hutchins are constantly encouraged to do their best, 'have a go', learn from their mistakes and move on, safe in the knowledge that they are not labelled (academically or behaviourally) but are supported on their learning journey.

As parents we need to be very careful how we respond to stories/incidents that are brought home from school, (the same applies when teachers hear stories that are brought to school from home!). Obviously if there is an issue that directly concerns your child, listen carefully without prejudging, defuse the situation rather than inflame it and then communicate the concern directly to the class teacher or myself. Issues are never as simple as they first appear, layers need to be peeled away and primary sources of information need to be gathered to get to the root of the problem. Rumours, labels or gossip are never helpful in any community, not only are most unsubstantiated but they are damaging, unfair and do not foster growth or tolerance. All of us need to remember that often younger ears are "flapping " when we are talking to others and that children will take their cue from us as to how we treat and respond to others.

Boys do have a strong sense of justice and they need to voice their concerns, be listened to and have the situation resolved, with or without adult intervention. Once this has been done boys are usually very forgiving and are able to move on. However, sometimes I think that we as adults do not always move on quite as quickly. We can become 'stuck' on an issue that actually no longer concerns the child or children. So if there is a concern, speak promptly to the teacher or specialist teacher concerned, if you or your child feel it hasn't been resolved go back to that teacher or come to see me. When we work as a team, dealing with problems as they arise and viewing them from all perspectives we are better placed to do our very best for all boys and then all be able to 'move on'.

Jenny Manthey - Head of Junior School/Early Learning Centre

Assemblies and Young Children

We welcome all families and friends to any of our Assemblies and it is delightful to see so many younger siblings watch their big brothers perform. However, if you are bringing young children along to an Assembly please ensure that they have some things to keep them occupied and relatively quiet (eg food, or small toys etc.)

If these distractions do not work (and we have all experienced times when they don't!) please take the opportunity to remove yourself and your child until they are settled. This not only helps to reduce your stress levels but it is also a matter of courtesy and consideration for both the performers and the audience around you.

Pick Ups and Car parking in the ELC Car Park

Thank you very much to all those who in the last few weeks have parked further afield and have helped to make the ELC Car Park a safer space for our children.

According to all reports, people are now parking correctly, using the drop off zone appropriately and keeping the lanes clear for our buses. Please help us to maintain this standard of care by consistently abiding by these rules throughout the year. Please note we are still trying to work out a better long term solution.

Parents learn a lot from their children about coping with life.
Muriel Spark, The Comforters

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Kindergarten
Kindergarten have been learning about jobs in our community.

Angus is helping Dashan at the hospital.

Year One
On Day 100 Year One put our green thinking hats on and thought about what the world would be like in 100 years time.

I think in 100 years time people will live on Mars. They will live in holes and people can teleport in a teleport mirror. The cars will fly but when they stop they will look like normal cars.

Dogs will talk and Aliens will be people’s friends. People will not need electricity and there will be robot bugs that stop disease from spreading and their will be a robot caterpillar that will eat the dead animals on the roads.

Dylan Taylor 1M

Year Two
The 2008 Olympic Games. The Olympic Games are held every four years. This year they are in Beijing, China. They were held in Athens, Greece last time.

The Olympic symbol has five circles one red, one blue, one green, one yellow and one black. The colours represent the flags of the world. There are a lot of events and here are some of them. Swimming, Javelin, Tennis, Gymnastics and Running. They run for sixteen days this year and there are over forty one events in the games. Almost every country is in the Olympic Games this year. Tasmania has a Women’s Judo team. GO AUSTRALIA.

James Anderson

Prep
What I know about the Olympics.

The people dive off the diving board into the water in the Olympics. The man is getting ready to swim and dive off the starting block. He is going to race in a relay. He is waiting for the man to swim all the way and touch the wall.

Ethan Taylor

Thomas, Flynn and William are policemen.

The Olympic Games are held every four years. This year the Olympic Games are being held in Beijing. The first Olympic Games were held in Greece, and that is where they held the 2004 games. The Olympic Games always gets a new sport each time. The first Olympic Games were held in 776 BC. Eventually the Olympic Games stopped, then a French man came along and started them again.

Charlie Moss

TERM 3
22 September – 9 December
Show Holiday : 23/24 October

Junior School Speech Night 27 November
Senior School Speech Night 2 December
**Year Five**

Cool Schools Competition Prize

In June, The Australian Antarctic Division organised a competition for schools to guess how cold it would be at the highest point in Antarctica where temperatures can be recorded, Dome Argus, on the shortest day of the year.

Every student in 5W had a look at the temperatures of the previous week and made an educated guess. Then the class took an average of those figures. 5W guessed the temperature would be –70.04. We were about three degrees off and one of two schools who were the closest to the actual temperature of –68 degrees. Our prize was a talk and guided tour of the Antarctic Division from the Chief Scientist, Dr Michael Stoddard.

We have also been waiting in anticipation for the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games. We have been looking at various aspects of the games and particularly liked the Olympic motto for this year ‘One World, One Dream’.

**Year Four**

The two Year 4 classes have been counting down the days to two very exciting events. Firstly we have been working extremely hard in preparation for our Wakakirri Performance on Thursday 21 August. We have our item choreographed and we are just adding a few touches and sharpening our moves a little. Our props and costumes are coming along really well and we would like to thank all of the parents who have volunteered their time to help out.

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**Relief teachers**

A lot of our relief teachers have recently taken up positions of permanent employment so we are looking for more teachers to add to our list. If anyone knows of any relief teacher that may be looking for work please put them in contact with us.
Year Six
On 1 August the Year 5/6 football team played St Brigid’s at New Norfolk. It was a tight match but we just got over the line. In the end Jono Kearney kicked the winning goal. The best players were Tom Farmer, Will Campbell, Marco Lubiana, Jono Kearney and Alex Bessell.

Junior SSATIS Cross Country
The exceptional results for Junior School Cross Country running continued at the Junior SSATIS Carnival held at the Rokeby Police Academy on Thursday 24 July. The results can be seen below.

Year 3 - 1st Owen Law, 2nd Sam McCulloch, 6th Patrick Kearney, 7th Rahul Karri, 19th Justyn Pasieczny, 25th James Moroney.
Year 4 - 1st Nat Franklin, 2nd Harrison Pearce, 5th Rainjan Blakers, 7th Will Burgess, 8th Waide Bairel, 9th Andonis Pavlides.
Year 5 - 1st Allan Bakker, 3rd Henry Johnstone, 6th Robert Law, 10th James Schmidt, 14th Lachie Brumby, 22nd Sam Humphreys.
Year 6 - 1st Josh Williamson, 2nd Ben Robinson, 7th Jock Mure, 8th James Burgess, 9th Alex Bessell, 10th Will Campbell.

Congratulations to all the boys who trained very hard to achieve these fine results.

Andrew Wirtz and Nikki Colev - JS Sport Co-ordinators

World Vision 40 Hour Famine
Children in India
This year the Junior School boys can help raise money for children in India who suffer from child labour, trafficking and slavery through the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. Some of these children are as young as 5 and live off 20 cents a day. Each classroom will be given Indian flags and boys can help by covering these flags with gold coins. The class that covers the most flags will be given an exciting and original prize.

Thank you for your support. Edward Pascoe - Secretary SRC

Book Week
August is here and brings with it the annual celebration of books and reading that is Book Week. Book Week is organised by the Children's Book Council of Australia to give recognition to the best new Australian books in several categories: Older Readers, Younger Readers, Early Childhood, Picture Books (which include some books for mature readers) and the Eve Pownall Award for Information Books.

This year the theme is *Fuel Your Mind*, and we want our students to explore how a rich diet of a variety of types of reading can fuel their learning and their imaginations.

The ELC Book Week Parade will be held on Friday 22 August at 1.45 pm in the Auditorium - the boys are asked to come dressed (or accessorised) as a character from a book that fuelled their mind, and to bring the book with them if possible.

We are looking forward to seeing many creative and original interpretations of favourite characters and stories! Please check the Stephens Library website for more Book Week information.

Kate Reid - Librarian

JS Grandparents Day
On behalf of the boys and staff of the Junior School (Year 3 to Year 6), we invite all grandparents and other “special person” to join us for a very special morning – the Junior School Grandparents’ Day on Friday 22 August 2008.

If you have not been to one of our Grandparents’ Days before, you are in for a treat; if you are one of our “repeat customers” you already know what fun these days can be.

The concert is a delightful part of the morning. The boys of Junior School throw themselves whole-heartedly into their music, and you will be able to share this enthusiasm with them. As in recent years, the concert will feature the Year 4 Wakakirri Dance performance.

We do hope you will be able to join us, and we look forward to meeting you on **Friday 22 August**.

Please RSVP by Tuesday 19 August with the names of those attending and the name(s) of your grandsons, either by:

- calling our Grandparents’ Day Registration line on (03) 9018 7846 (this is a special number set up for Grandparents’ Day and should not be used for general contact with the School).
- completing the acceptance form (which has been posted to you) and returning it to the address below.
- sending an email to accept@hutchins.tas.edu.au.

2 Day Soccer Clinic School holidays
Learn from Australia’s high profile coaches

**Paul Wade and Craig Foster**

* Craig is only available for 19 September

Where: Ogilvie High School, New Town
When: Thurs 18 and Friday 19 Sept 2008
Time: 10.00-3.00 daily
Ages: 6-13 years
Cost: $80 for 1 day or $130 for 2 days

Contact Naomi Hannaford 0409 257 318 at Tasmanian Sports Camps

Alliance Francaise Competition
Congratulations to the following boys who performed at the recent competition.

3rd Place in Poetry Section
Roman Mykytowycz

Honourable Mentions
Andrew Mackay
William Mathot-Dewis
Reuben James
Phelin Ndimanyi
Patrick Lickiss
Jason Song

French Alliance Competition