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Junior School / Early Learning Centre Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Currently I am reading 'Tricky Kids' by Andrew Fuller, a well known clinical psychologist who has been working with children for twenty five years. He writes about tricky kids, the ones who have found a particular way to get what they want in the world and they keep using that approach over and over again. 'Tricky children' can often be difficult to raise and teach but they can also become the leaders, movers and shakers of the world if they are handled properly, and if their energy is channelled in constructive ways.

Andrew identifies 6 main types or 'flavours' and some children are 'multi-flavoured!'

1. **The Manipulators** who are very determined, ambitious and single minded (think Angelica from Rug Rats or Henry Kissinger)
2. **The Negotiators** who are sharp as a tack and can run rings around you if you are not careful (e.g. Bart Simpson or Emmeline Pankhurst)
3. **The Debaters** who have a strong sense of fairness and right and wrong and will always argue the point (echoes of Margaret Thatcher, Germaine Greer or John Kennedy)
4. **The Competitors** who must win at any cost and who are often defiant (e.g. Winston Churchill, Alexander the Great or Lance Armstrong)
5. **The Dare Devils** who are high sensation seekers who love a challenge and thrills and are often fearless, optimistic and impulsive (inspired by the late Steve Irwin. Evel Knievel or Marco Polo would also qualify)
6. **The Passive Resisters** who may be vague, secretive and disorganised. They are often placid and may retreat from life (Mahatma Gandhi and Aung San Suu Kyi are quoted as examples)

If any of your children fit into one or many of the categories above it is well worth reading the book. Andrew writes about the different developmental stages of tricky kids and he offers lots of tips for parents and teachers.

We as teachers and parents often still do too much for our children! So I thought for all of us who may have 'helicopter' tendencies it was worthwhile including Andrew's tips for parents who do too much.

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them. They must; they have no other models.

James Baldwin

Seven Messages for parents who do too much

1. Remember: one day my child may need to cope without me.
2. Children learn competence and confidence by tackling some things on their own.
3. There are some situations in which my child can cope without my help.
4. Help is not always helpful. Sometimes it robs people of the opportunity to work out their own way of doing things.
5. The toughest trees grow in the windiest conditions. Making everything easy for your child won't help him or her cope with hardship.
6. Rarely or never do anything for a child that he or she can do for him or herself.
7. Things that are scarce are more valued. While I'm not suggesting your distance yourself from your child, I am suggesting that if you are feeling undervalued or used, make your assistance scarcer.

Fuller, A. (2007) *Tricky Kids*. Sydney: Finch Publishing.

Jenny Manthey - Head of Junior School/Early Learning Centre

Year 6 boys heading off to camp at Orford.



Coming Events

23 May LAST DAY OF TERM 1

TERM 2 BEGINS FOR ELC AND JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2008



Early Learning Centre

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten boys are talking about pets. We had "Delta Dog Safe" talk to us about how to behave with dogs and Angus Christie brought Holly along for "Show and Tell". She is a very clever dog. On Thursday we will be having a pet parade too.



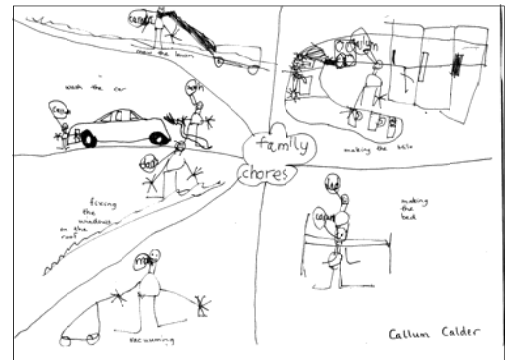
Prep

And they're off! Prep boys take off from the starting line at the Cross Country.



Year One

This term Year 1 have been talking about the roles and responsibilities of members of their family. 1S brainstormed all the chores that need doing in their family, drew a black fine line drawing about their family and labelled who carried out the chores.



Year Two

Year Twos have just completed an exciting unit on machines.

Here is James Anderson from 2S with his Soccer Ball Launcher and Finn Macrossan 2S with his MTM a multi task machine....calculator, computer, TV/ DVD and ipod!





Junior School

Year Three

On Monday Year 3P hosted our *Tasmania* Assembly.

Here are our hosts Patrick Kearney and Fraser Moroney.



The Year 3P boys with their Tasmanian brochures.



Central Region Junior Soccer Association 2008 Holiday Soccer Clinics

All Central Region soccer players are invited to attend one or more of the holiday clinics that are running during the June school holidays.

Please enrol online at www.central.soccertas.org.au

Year Four

Congratulations to Connor Schmidt for making the Central Region Soccer team in the Under 10 division. Connor will train and then play in a tournament against teams from other regions around the state later in the year. Well done!

As part of our Health Programme we were fortunate to have medical students from the University of Tasmania present information about Asthma to us. We were able to feel what it might be like to have asthma by doing some running and then doing it again but only being able to breathe through a straw. Your chest began to hurt and it was difficult to breathe. We also learned about the 4 by 4 by 4 rule to help manage an asthma attack.

We also had a presentation from the Leukaemia Foundation to find out some information about leukaemia. We learned about what it was, what it might feel like and about the effects of the treatment. We then came up with things we could do to support people to help them get their life back to normal once they had recovered.

We have come up with our Wakakirri Story dance idea and have begun to think about characters, the story and some interesting ideas for our moves and our costume designs. We are really looking forward to next term already!

Year Five

On Monday Caleb, Jake and Oli went to the Senior School to help a boy called Henry West with his Year 9 Science project. He tested our eyes for his project.

He was trying to see if peripheral vision increased with age. What we needed to do was to stand next to a white board with our left eye covered with our left hand.

Henry put a yellow dot on the white board and told us to look at a dot on the wall in front of us while he moved the yellow dot next to us around the whiteboard.

Caleb was tested first, then Jake and the Oli. Henry tested the right eye first by using a protractor on string and did the same with the left eye with the right eye covered. We had to try to see the dot on the white board without moving our eye off the dot on the wall.

These are the results: Caleb came first, having the greatest peripheral vision, then Jake and last but not least by one degree, Oli.

Learn Football from the Champions - Football Clinic with Jason Akermanis, Glenn Archer, Russell Robertson, Jack Riewoldt and Daryn Cresswell

Date: 3, 4 and 5 June

Age: 6-13 years

Ogilvie High School

To enrol log on to the website: www.tas-sport.com.au or contact Naomi Hannaford 0409 257 318.



Year Six

Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 Camp was held at Spring Beach last week. The boys enjoyed a wide range of activities.

In their words:

I liked the bushwalking because it was a real challenge. I hadn't done much like that before. Climbing Mount Amos made me feel good. There were some great views. The air at the top was really fresh and it was a wonderful feeling of achievement to get there.

The orienteering was fun - it allowed us to explore the grounds and really tested our map-reading ability. Everyone enjoyed the challenge of walking along the steel wire hanging on to the ropes.

Playing games with Mr Berry was excellent. The volleyball championship was really great. There was some super teamwork.

The food was delicious. We particularly enjoyed having dessert. The weather was great and it was terrific at the beach - building sandcastles, playing touch football, swimming and firing the rockets.

Thanks go to Mr Blackhall, Mr Duggan and Mr Quinn for organising a great camp.



Skins

There have been a few queries from boys and parents about 'Skins' and whether the boys are allowed to wear them for training or for sport games.

For the uninitiated, according to the website www.skins.com.au; Skins undergarments or BioAcceleration Technology has been developed over years of scientific research. Basically skins are made from Lycra and Meryl Micro fibre that has been engineered to provide support and muscle alignment to the smart-fabric covered area of your body. "Ongoing testing of elite athletes have proven that Skins BioAcceleration Technology creates marked improvements in reducing the build-up of lactic acid immediately after periods of sustained exercise (2 hours and 15 minutes up to 37%) and allows for more rapid return to normal levels (up to 38% at 20 minutes). You experience less fatigue, minimise soreness and recover faster".

In other words, there is no real point to Skins, unless you are an elite athlete who is doing very intense training for long sessions. Skins are very expensive and a fashion fad. They are certainly unnecessary items of clothing for Primary aged boys. The School in conjunction with SATIS (Sporting Association of Tasmanian Independent Schools) has decided that.

- Skins/undergarments are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn to PE lessons. However, if boys still wish to wear them to sport training sessions they may.
- Skins/under garments are not to be worn to games unless they are black or skin colour and are inconspicuous under the shorts. (ie short skins only, and no branding should be evident) (eg three addidas stripes).

I hope this clears up the issue for boys and parents. If parents have any queries please contact Wayne Brown - Director of Sport on wbr@hutchins.tas.edu.au

The Hutchins School After School Care and Vacation Care New charges to commence Term 3 2008

Please note that there will be a change in the fee structure for After Care. The changes will hopefully ensure that the system is more user friendly.

After School Care (full session)	\$18.00
After School Care (half session)	\$12.00 (pickup before 4 pm)
Vacation Care ½ Day (5 hours or less)	\$26.00
Vacation Care (full day)	\$36.00
Vacation Care (casual booking)	\$42.00
(booking made within the week of care, at short notice)	

Cancellation Policy for After School Care

- \$6 charged if cancellation received within 7 days of care.
- Full fees will be charged if no notification of absence is given. 50% of fee will be charged if a medical certificate is available and
- \$6.00 search fee applies when after school care staff are not advised that a child will not be attending care and have to search or phone parents to find the child's whereabouts.
- Late fee \$10 for each 10 mins (or part thereof) after 6.15 pm

Cancellation Policy for Vacation Care

- Full fee charged if less than 7 days notice is given. 50% of fee will be charged if a medical certificate is available.
- 50% fee charged where 7 days or more notice is given.
- Late fee \$10 for each 10 mins (or part thereof) after 6.15 pm

