Dear Parents and Carers

It is about this time each year that the ELC/Junior School staff start 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 educational concern then I would be more than happy to receive a letter or email to jenny.manthey@hutchins.tas.edu.au outlining these concerns by Monday 27 October at the latest.

Please note that class lists will be read out and sent home on Step Up Day Wednesday 3 December. The class lists are then set and are not negotiable unless there has been a serious educational oversight. Thank you for your cooperation.

Teachers at this stage for next year will be:

- **Kindergarten**: Mrs Lee Burman and Kate Turner
- **Prep**: Mrs Beth Bamford and Mr David Gilkes
- **Year One**: Mr Alex Mirowski and Mrs Judy Smith
- **Year Two**: Mrs Sarah Fielding and Mrs Lesley Salter
- **Year Three**: Ms Rowena Byrne and Mr Paul Robinson
- **Year Four**: Mr Jason Berry and Mrs Caroline McCreary
- **Year Five**: Ms Patricia Knight, Mr Ivor Leonard and Mr Michael Webster
- **Year Six**: Mr Nick Eaves, Mr Tim Polegaj and Mr Gary Prebble

*Please note that in 2nd and 3rd term Mrs Lesley Salter will be on leave. Mrs Caroline Johnston will be her replacement for both terms.*

NB: As you may note there are some staff changes for 2009:

- Mr Groves and his family are moving to Malaysia to teach in an International School in Kuala Lumpur for two years.
- Mr Docking will be moving to the Middle School and will also be taking Long Service Leave.
- Miss Sokvitne is marrying in January and then is travelling overseas with her husband.
- Mr Andrew Wirtz and his family will be travelling overseas and Mr Shane McAloon and Mrs Nikki Colev will teach PE/Sport in the ELC and Junior School.
- Mrs Sarah Fielding is returning from Maternity Leave.
- Mr David Gilkes has been teaching for 14 years and is from Canberra.
- Paul Robinson has been teaching for 18 years and is from the UK.

Jenny Manthey - Head of Junior School/Early Learning Centre
**Early Learning Centre**

**Kindergarten**
The Kindergarten boys practise their reading skills everyday!

Ben loves reading books after a fun play at lunchtime.

Harry settles down for a rest with a good book.

**Prep**
Prep boys are developing their social awareness with visits to Queenborough Rise to work on craft with the residents and their work with Mrs Turner's baby Charlotte on Thursday afternoons.

Hudson Anderson is reading baby Charlotte "Where is the Green Sheep".

Photography by Prep boys.

**Year One**
This is the 1S PMI (Plus, Minus and Interesting) about Mondays!

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| I like to do Monday Maths. (Selby)  
I get to go to karate. (Callum M)  
I get to go back to school. (Nick A)  
I like doing weekend writing. (James)  
Some people go to Joeys. (Selby) | We have to go to school. (Gregory)  
We don’t have fun because we work all day. (Ayden)  
The weekend is over and we can’t stay home. (Andrew)  
We have to do our weekend writing. (Nick A) |

**Year Two**
Year Two thoroughly enjoyed sharing their portfolios with their parents on Tuesday at their Student Led Conferences.

Bas Horne and his mum

Liam Scott and his mum
Year Five
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Then we discussed what your work would look like when you strive for accuracy and precision. We all thought that it should look neat and should be easy to read.

Finally we got into groups to design a poster that represented Striving For Accuracy and Precision. In focussing on this Habit of the Mind as a class we hope that the presentation of our work will improve.

Liam Virtue and Samuel Jones

Year Three
Camp at Southport
On the way to Southport we stopped at a small park in Huonville to have recess and a play. Then we got on the bus and travelled to Southport. When we arrived we got out of the bus and Mr Blackhall talked to us about the camp. Then we found our bags and carried them to the cabin. We all needed to put up a tent even if you were in a cabin as we were going to sleep in the tent next year. Soon after that we went to the beach. The items we needed to go to the beach with were a hat and sunscreen. When all of us were ready we headed off to the beach. Some people were riding the waves with their boogie boards and some people were fishing. I was helping Tom B with his fishing. Tom B and I didn't catch any fish and neither did any of the others.

When we got back to the camp site we played cricket and it was fun. Cricket ended and we had to get our cutlery for dinner. The dinner was yummy. In the first chicken burger we had cheese, chicken pattice and lettuce. In the second one I had the chicken pattice, cheese and barbeque sauce. After that delicious dinner I got my torch to play some torch games.

First we sat around the camp fire and had chocolate mud cake as it was Justyn’s birthday. After that we played a night game called “spotlight”. In the game you have to find the cones and the team with the most wins. The first time our team won! Then one of the three other teams hid all the cones and then we came second.

We sat in front of the camp fire for a while then we headed for a bushwalk. Mr Blackhall showed us a few things like the lighthouse and a possum.

By then it was nearly time for bed so we got our toothbrush and toothpaste and face washer and cleaned our teeth and washed our face. I put on my PJ’s and climbed into bed. Our cabin chatted for a while then Harrison said to be quiet, then we all fell asleep. I woke up at 5.30 am and so did the others.

Hamish Spence 3B

Year Four
The Year 4 boys have sent home a letter to invite their parents to join them in a Student Led Conference on Monday 27 October. The boys are really looking forward to having the opportunity to share the progress they have made this year and hope you can join them on this day.

Our listening skills are really improving in our Mathematics work as we are learning many new skills in our daily EMM work. There have been many crunchy eye brow moments when trying to work out the cost of a cork and a bottle or finding a matching pair of socks.

Year 4 will be coordinating a service activity as we collect toys, books etc. from our school community to be distributed to Ronald McDonald House.

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Year Six
The Year 6 boys spent last week visiting sites in Canberra and Melbourne. Some of the highlights included a visit to Questacon, touring the ‘Old’ and ‘New’ Parliament Houses and the Australian Institute of Sport.

The boys were especially privileged to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. A fast paced bike ride around part of Lake Burley Griffin finished with a restful ferry ride on the lake itself.

Panning for gold at Sovereign Hill was a favourite for our would be gold miners, and a visit to the Sport Museum at the MCG reminded us of the many sporting accomplishments of Australians over past years.

It was pleasing to hear positive comments from several members of the public who were impressed with the respectful and thoughtful manner in which the boys conducted themselves. All arrived home tired, safe and hopefully, a little more aware of the blessings and privileges we enjoy as Australian citizens.

Congratulations to Jock Mure Year 6 on being awarded The Hutchins School Cup for most impressive Coxswain.

Primary Division Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians results

Distinction
Jim Jeon, Lachlan Paul (Year 5) and Lachlan Virtue (Year 6)

Credit
Henry Johnstone, James Schmidt, Lachlan Brumby, Harrison Manton (Year 5), Nick Graver and Andrew Mackay (Year 6)

Proficiency
Asher England, Ayrton Rose, Liam Virtue (Year 5), William Fisher, Henry Garrett, Johnathon Kearney and Ben Robinson (Year 6)

Participation
Connor Spaulding and Patrick Ball (Year 5)

2008 International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS)
Four of our students received gold medals in the recent ICAS competitions. One student was a dual medal winner. Congratulations boys on attaining the highest score in Tasmania.

Maths
Brian Choi (Year 3) and Jim Jeon (Year 4)

Science
Jim Jeon (Year 4), Liam Virtue (Year 5) and Jack Pereira (Year 6)

JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Tuesday 21 October
9.00 am - 3.00 pm
BBQ lunch available (must be pre-ordered)

Next Tuesday 21 October boys from Year 3 to 6 will be involved in the annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival. The carnival will be an all day event held on the War Memorial Oval and boys will be competing in a minimum of three athletic events or novelty events which will gain points for Houses.

Those boys wishing to give the 1500 metres a go will need to remember to bring their House sports gear to change in to on Monday 20 October as this event will be held at lunchtime the day before the Carnival.

Early Learning Centre Athletics Carnival
Friday 7 November
1.00-2.30
Please add this to your calendar

Future Enrolments
If a current family has another son they wish to enrol at Hutchins it is requested that an Application Form be completed at the earliest possible time as places are limited in some year levels for entry in 2009.

Boys are enrolled into Hutchins purely on receipt of an Application Form - and of course a place being available - even if that boy's family already have a boy at the school.

Please make contact with Mrs Emma Griffiths (Enrolments Secretary 6221 4236) should you wish to obtain an Application Form or indeed

Notice of Withdrawal
If you are intending to withdraw your son from Hutchins at the end of the year a full term’s notice is required. Please notify Mrs Emma Griffiths in writing asap or email emma.griffiths@hutchins.tas.edu.au

For boys in Years 3-6

Junior Tap Troupe
Monday’s 12.30 to 1pm
The Lodge
Teacher – Mrs Jacqui Coad
Enquiries - 62214203

Boys! come and jump into the new