Dear Parents and Carers

It is that time of year when school becomes even busier than usual as teachers are trying to ensure that all areas of the curriculum have been covered alongside Athletic Carnivals, the Triathlon, Camps, Orientation Days, Speech Night Preparations, Nativity Concert Preparations, visiting school tours etc.

It is a time when children can become very tired, fractious and forgetful. As a result there are often more behavioral issues, playground incidents and accidents. It is a time when teachers have to be hyper-vigilant and ensure that school remains a stimulating learning environment and that standards in behaviour, manners, work and dress do not slip.

We understand that it is also a very busy time of year for parents and we certainly appreciate the myriad of ways in which you support your child and the school, such as attending numerous school events, supervising homework, signing diaries and maintaining organised routines at home. As well as ensuring that your child has plenty of sleep and is kept home if they are unwell. For this, and for all of your support throughout the year, we thank you.

Kindergarten and Prep Nativity Play
Thursday 26th November and Friday 27th November at 1:45 pm in the Chapel. It should conclude at around 2:20 pm. Please be aware the Chapel does get very crowded and that is why we offer two performance dates. The aisles must be kept clear as the ‘performers’ use the aisles.

The Early Learning Centre and Junior School Presentation Night (Year One to Six)
Thursday 3rd December 7:00 pm at Wrest Point

Please note that during the day of the performance, boys from Year One to Year Six will be rehearsing at Wrest Point. Boys will need to be dressed in their tracksuit, to have a packed lunch, a drink and anything they might require to keep them occupied during rehearsal waiting time, such as books, pencils, papers etc. ‘Game Boys or PSPs’ are allowed but each boy must take responsibility for his own possessions.

For the evening performance it would be appreciated if all parents and friends could be seated by 6:50 pm as we will be commencing promptly at 7:00 pm. Boys need to arrive by 6:40 pm. The evening should conclude at around 8:30 pm.

All boys are to be dressed in formal school uniform with blazer, but no jumper, and will sit in their designated areas under the supervision of teachers.

Jenny Manthey - Head of Junior School/Early Learning Centre

Congratulations must go to Asher England 6Pr for an outstanding effort and medal-winning achievement in the 2009 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) –Writing test. All students on the highest score receive a medal.

Asher with his ICAS medal.

Jenny Manthey - Head of Junior School/Early Learning Centre
Kindergarten
The Kindergarten boys are very busy enjoying lots of Christmas activities. Julius and Tasman like the Nativity scene the boys made this week.

Year One
1M have been reading the ‘Magic Far Away Tree’ by Enid Blyton. We wrote about what land we like to visit at the top of the Faraway Tree.

My land at the top of the faraway tree would be the land of wishing and dreams. In the land of wishing and dreams I would wish for whatever I want. My biggest wish would be for a cute dog.  

Saxon Wright

If I had my own land at the top of the faraway tree I would call it the land of Lego. The land would be made out of Lego and once you got into the land your whole body would turn into Lego. Even the cars and houses would be made out of Lego and everything else would be made out of Lego.  

Jack Vallance

Prep
In preparation for our Nativity Play, the boys in both Prep classes have been drawing a part of the Christmas story that they remember.

The boys are doing a great job with rehearsals and are looking forward to performing to an audience in the Chapel next week.

Year Two
Year 2 Sleepover
“I liked when we played T-ball and tea was yummy”.

Will MacMichael

“It was really hard to set up our tents. The tricky bit was putting up the rods.”

Nathan Plunkett

“I liked putting up the tents. The hardest bit of putting up the tent was putting the poles across.”

Sam Kokkoris

Early Learning Centre
Parents please note that Week 11 on Monday 30 November, all ELC boys will need to bring their House polo tops to school, named, washed and ironed. These tops will be redistributed and worn by the ELC boys as part of their costume for their Speech Night item on the Thursday 3 December. Boys may wear another t-shirt to the rehearsal on the Thursday morning. The tops will all be returned to the boys on Friday 4 December.

For Physical Education classes that week the boys may wear another polo top or tee shirt.
**Junior School**

**Year Five**

Tassie Tiger Encounter

5L have been studying and writing newspapers. We were lucky enough to get Tim McQueen and Ben Watkins from Year 8 to participate in a press conference about their sighting of a Tasmanian Tiger in Sandford.

The classroom was set up for a proper press conference and Ben and Tim sat down in front of the class and we asked them questions about their encounter.

Ben and Tim had no evidence to show us except some cuts and bruises from the tiger which they claimed had attacked Ben. They told us what the tiger looked like and what happened when they found it.

They were going to take a picture but dropped the camera in shock! After they dropped the camera Ben went up to the Tiger and tried to pat it but had no success. At the press conference Tim told us that he didn’t pat the tiger because he was too much of a chicken!

After we had interviewed the boys about their experience we wrote a report on the sighting of the Tiger and some of us put it on the front page of our newspapers.

Congratulations to Matthew Burgess, Jack Hayes, Jeremy Reid and Owen Law who performed very well in the first of the Year 4 M Maths Problem Challenge.

**Year Four**

We have been invaded by bookworms in Year 4 as the boys are enthusiastically working on their book review activities! Each boy has read his own novel and is now working on word searches, new endings and some tough questions to challenge their reading buddy. We are looking forward to swapping our activities once we have read our partners novel. We are then going to work together to make a board game that includes the main events and characters. It will follow the plot of the novel and we will be adding our own special touches so it sounds like a lot of fun.

As the end of the year approaches we have a busy time ahead both inside and outside the classroom. We will be going to watch ‘Alice in Wonderland’ at Fahan, attending our end of year class activity as well Speech Night and the JS beach picnic. We have some fun challenges planned in our class work.

Speech Night Rehearsal reminder - that ALL STRING PLAYERS (including Year 3 boys) need to have their instruments at school from next Monday (23 Nov) for extra rehearsals. Unfortunately we do not have any spares if instruments are left at home.

**Year Three**

What a year!

Year 3 has had a jam packed year full of learning, excursions, fun and games! This term we have been busy revising our English and Mathematics skills, learning about our ‘Material World’ and researching Aboriginal Communities.

We are now getting ready for next year and have been helping our Year 2 buddies with their transition into the Junior School.

**Mathletics in Years 4 to 6**

Next year, we will begin our review of the Mathematics Scope and Sequence. As part of this process we have removed Maths textbooks from the booklists for Years 4 to 6 for 2010. To complement the classroom programs and to provide boys with an ever-expanding resource that teachers can tailor to individual needs, these year groups will be using the on-line resource, Mathletics. This is an exciting addition to the activities and opportunities available to our students.

All boys currently in the targeted year groups are already accessing Mathletics with usernames and passwords that will remain valid until late December. They are able to access the site at any time, seven days a week! We are looking forward to developing this new aspect of the support provided for the teaching and learning of Mathematics. If you would like to know more, you can check the website www.mathletics.com or ask your son in Year 4, 5 or 6 to show you what he can do – even at this very early stage of the introduction of the program!

Sue Hasenkam

Deputy Head ELC and JS/Curriculum

**Junior School / Early Learning Centre Newsletter**
Year Six  
Hutchins Year Six Canberra/ Melbourne trip

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist us in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian government for their support of this program.

Some of the Year 6 boys went on a trip to Canberra and Melbourne. This is a list of what we did.

- New and Old Parliament house.
- A.I.S
- Movies
- Went bike riding around Lake Burley Griffin
- Questacon
- National Museum
- National Art gallery
- War Memorial
- Went to Mount Ainslie
- Sovereign Hill
- Telstra Tower
- National Capital Exhibition Centre

Athletics
After a couple of ‘false starts’ we finally got our boys out on the track for the Junior School Athletics Carnival. With the oval sufficiently dried out and the rain staying away we were able to enjoy a good day of House competition in both track and field events. All boys behaved and performed admirably for their Houses, but at the end of the day there could only be one winner and for 2009 it was School House.

I apologise for inconvenience caused by our postponements and a big thanks to all those parents who came along to support the boys in both our JS and ELC Athletic Carnivals.

JSSATIS

Boys selected to represent Hutchins at the JSSATIS Athletics Carnival headed up to the Domain last Friday in splendid weather conditions to compete against students from other Hobart Independent Schools. All members of the team did the school proud with their performance on the track and their behaviour off it. The list of fantastic results is too long to list here and a copy of all results will be available in the sports notice board; however, I would like to make special mention of our boys who broke JSSATIS records on the day.

Angus Reid    Yr 5  High Jump- 1.32m (previous record 1.31m)
Russel Taib   Yr 5  400m- 1.04.84min (1.05.14min)
Patrick Lackiss  Yr 6  100m- 12.62sec (12.71sec)
Thomas Sonneveld Yr 6  High Jump- 1.55m (1.53m)
Oscar Chau    Yr 3  200m- 31.37sec (32.20sec)
Year 6 Boys   Div B 4x100m Relay- 56.84sec (58.90sec)

Again, I would like to thank all our supporters on the day who cheered our boys on, as well as Mrs Colev, Mr Robinson and Mr Leonard who assisted with the running of the Carnival.

Athletic Success

Year 5 student, Russel Taib, has been selected in the Tasmanian State Primary Track and Field team that will compete at the Australian Schools Sport Primary Track and Field Exchange in Sydney 29 November – 3 December. Russel has been selected to compete for Tasmania in the 100m, 200m and the 4x100m relay and medley relay. Congratulations Russel, we wish you all the best.

Tennis Coaching clinics during the school holidays

Clinic 1  14-17 Dec  9.00-3.00
Clinic 2  22-14 Dec  9.00-3.00
Clinic 3  11-14 Jan  9.00-3.00
Clinic 4  27-30 Jan  9.00-3.00
Clinic 5  1-4 Feb  9.00-3.00

Cost: $110.00, Concessions for 2nd child $105.00, 3rd child $100.00

Second-hand clothing needed

The Save the Children Foundation is currently looking for quality second-hand clothing in order to open its new shop. Oscar Chau in 3V has taken on the initiative to help collect children’s clothing across the ELC and Junior School to assist the foundation.

If you have any pre-loved clothing which you would like to donate to charity, please bring it to school and Oscar will collect it from your classroom. He will be collecting it until the 27 November. Funds raised from sales of donated items will support Save the Children’s programs in education, health and child protection in Tasmania, around Australia and across the Asia-Pacific region.

MOVEMBER DAY is being held on 30 November. Boys please remember to wear a MO to school on this day and bring a gold coin donation.

FOOD! TOYS!

Only a few days remain for our food hampers to Anglicare. Pantry items, toys, etc – new only – are being dropped into the Chapel for delivery to the poor of Hobart and surrounds. Some wonderful giving so far – now up to 160 kilograms. Give today - drop your stuff in the chapel anytime. Thank you to those who have given thoughtfully so far.

Hugh Downs

Rev Matt
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A full copy of the Summer Holiday program, which includes a pamphlet, permission form and enrolment pack, may be obtained at http://www.tinyurl.com/hutchinsoshc - grab your copy today!