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From The Head ELC/JS

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week, along with Mr Docking and Mr McAloon, I had the privilege of attending the Year 6 Canberra trip with the boys and their teachers. The boys were an absolute delight to take away and I think everyone - boys and teachers - had a very busy but enjoyable time learning many new facts and skills. It is always interesting to see how the boys operate in different contexts - classroom, sports and performances. It is even more interesting to observe the boys for a concentrated block of time on camp; to note their ability to listen and follow directions and to do their best as well as being able to remain respectful, responsible, kind and safe.

These Year Six boys were certainly wonderful ambassadors for their School and home and their good manners and courtesy were remarked on as being exemplary at nearly all of the places we visited, which was most satisfying.

'Manners' is just one area at Hutchins that we all value and consider to be important. We know that manners constantly

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change from one generation to the next. Sometimes, even when
the original context of intention is lost the behaviour persists in a
modified way eg: a handshake was originally meant to show that
men were not carrying a sword or dagger in their hands; men
tipped their hats because once, knights in armour lifted the visors
of their helmets up to show their face.

Certain manners do survive from one decade to the next because
manners make life easier for everyone. Manners are based on
custom within a cultural context. They are the consideration of
others with common sense. Children are not born with manners.
Instead they are born with an ‘inbuilt desire’ to please and so
must be taught how to behave with politeness and courtesy and
to think about others before themselves. We know that children
learn through imitation. They model their behaviour on those
around them. As parents and educators we need to model,
reinforce, and praise good manners and set the standard. At
home and at school there are numerous opportunities to reinforce
and model good manners: at meal times, when meeting new
people, telephone calls/‘netiquette’, gift or invitation thank yous,
public outings, greetings, taking turns to speak and listen,
apologies etc. Learning common courtesies and manners will
prepare children to feel confident and comfortable as adults to
live in any place in our complex and often egocentric world.

Basic manners are not elitest - they are necessary everywhere
and this is where parents and teachers are indeed partners in
education.

Jenny Manthey
Head Early Learning Centre/Junior School

Coming Events

30 April
1.50 ELC (Chapel)

1 May
2.20 3-6 Assembly 4W host (Audit)

2 May
2.20 JS (Chapel) inc new JS Leaders induction

4 May
1.45 ELC Assembly (ELC)

8 May
Plain Clothes Day
2.20 P-6 Assembly Year 6 host (Audit)

9 May
7.00 Reggio Emilia Evening (ELC)

11 May
Mothers’ Day Stall (ELC)
NO ELC Assembly

TUESDAY 19 June
to
Friday 7 September

Absentees

Absentees for the Early Learning Centre please phone the class
teacher directly to the classroom.

Kindergarten 6221 4220
Prep 6221 4201
Year 1 6221 4297
Year 2 6221 4213

For Absentees from Years 3-6
please phone Mrs Virginia Priest by
9.00 am on 6221 4269.

Swimathon to aid MS

Not drowning – raising!!
Are you a keen swimmer?
Would you like to put your talents in the
pool to good use to raise money for a
good cause?

Then we have the activity for you!

Some members of staff have entered
a team in the Swimathon to raise
money for MS. The challenge is for
the team to have a member in the
water for 24 hours (preferably
swimming). Teams can be a
maximum of 15 members. If you
would like to join the team we would
be happy to have you.

The swim is on Saturday 5th May at
the Aquatic Centre in Hobart. At this
stage, depending on numbers, you
would be required to swim three
sessions of 30 minutes each.

If you would like to join the team,
contact Mike Webster
michael.webster@hutchins.tas.edu.au

Mothers’ Day Stall

We are again holding the popular
ELC/Junior School Mothers’ Day Stall
on Friday 11 May.
**Kindergarten**

In Kindergarten T this week we have been focusing on developing our fine motor control with lots of tricky new activities. These activities aim to strengthen the muscle tone in our hands as well as refine our control when performing intricate tasks. This work will help us as we develop our drawing and writing skills.

Surya is using the “wikki sticks” to make the letters in his name and Oliver and Jack are stacking plastic cups in a pyramid shape.

**Prep**

In Prep we are building a ‘Recycled Robot’ from materials that we collected from the tip shop for the Art From Trash Exhibition in May.

At the moment we are doing paper mache over the boxes that we found. Please come in and visit the Prep Art room and see it.

**Year One**

As part of our Bounce Back Program in Year 1 we have been discussing the types of skills we need to co-operate well with others.

The boys came up with lots of ideas including helping each other, sharing materials, taking turns, listening to others, encourage each other and compromising. We then put our skills to the test by working as a team to draw a car. The boys did a fantastic job.

To help stock the stall, please send to school any suitable items such as soap, talc, chocolates, novelties, bath oils etc. Could these items please be sent to school up until Thursday 10 May.

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Year Two

Year 2 classes have been designing and testing paper helicopters in their Science unit Push and Pull – Forces. Ben Fergusson, Huon Clark and Jeff Roy-Chowdhury are ready to test their paper helicopters in the ELC playground.

William Thorpe and Benjamin Barker are constructing their paper helicopter ready for testing.

Year Three

As part of our Symbols and Celebrations unit, 3V made ANZAC biscuits. We learnt that women used to make them to send to soldiers in the war. They were flat and easy to send and also lasted a long time. They were originally called ‘soldiers biscuits.’

Thank you to all the Mums and Dads who offered their cooking expertise! We had a great time!

Year Four

Year 4 have been working on force in Science.
We have written our own definitions of some of the words we been learning about.

Here are 3 examples of the work completed on Gravity and Magnetism.

**Magnetism**
Magnetism pulls and pushes metal.
It holds things together, it attracts and repels.
It can be dangerous and powers energy.
It can confuse compasses.
When covered in dry ice it can float on metal.
Magnetism will mess up computers and mobile phones.
A magnet has two sides, north and south.
If north goes with north it pushes.
If north goes with south it pulls.
The Earth is a magnet.
Sean and Troy

**Gravity**
Gravity is a force that keeps us on the ground.
If you throw something into the air, gravity brings it down.
If you are under a tree it could mean a piece of fruit falling on your head and
If you faint, gravity pulls you down.
Gravity isn’t a human and it can’t sail or drive.
It isn’t floating in space and
It isn’t your hot milo floating up your nose after smelling it.
Gravity is nothing on Earth floating.
Noah and Jack W

**Gravity**
Gravity is a force and is all around us.
Gravity pulls stuff to the ground.
It can’t eat; it won’t drink or be eaten.
Gravity can’t go to the toilet.
It can’t walk, speak or jump.
You can’t see it but it is very strong.
Gravity on the Moon is 1/6th the strength of gravity on Earth.
People on the Moon move slower and jump higher because of gravity.
Gravity is always trying to pull everything to the centre of the Earth.
James and Ramez

**Year Five**

Year 5 have just started a Science unit on ‘Light’. One of the topics we have been looking at is the idea of “reflection”. We began by making a periscope.

We used a milk carton, 2 rectangular mirrors, sticky tape and scissors. It was quite difficult to construct our periscopes because
the mirrors had to be on the right angle (around 45 degrees) in order for the periscopes to work correctly.

When we had made them successfully, we were able to test them by secretly peering over walls, under tables and peeking around corners.

It took a lot of patience and a steady hand to build our periscopes. Overall, it was an enjoyable activity and we learnt lots of new information.

Brandon Fisher and Nathan Plunkett

Year 5 in their Science class

Year Six

Canberra Trip 2012

On the 16th April 2012 Hutchins Year 6 went to Canberra for a four day learning trip. We arrived at Canberra at 2:30 pm. The trip was quick and we soon found ourselves at the Bush Capital Lodge where we were staying. After we settled in we got straight into it by going to Old Parliament House for an activity. That night we went to the AIS for a swim in the pool. After going to bed at 10:00 pm we woke up at 6:30 am.

We got split up into two groups. Bus B went to New Parliament House while Bus A went to back to Old Parliament House for a tour of the Chambers. Afterwards we headed to the War Memorial before doing a cruise around Lake Burley Griffin. After a tiring day, we all went bowling.

The next day we swapped. Bus A went to New Parliament House while Bus B went to Old Parliament House. Then we headed to the Australian Art Gallery for a tour. That night we went to Questacon.

On our last day we headed to the AIS for a tour. Once we had completed the tour of the AIS we went for a bike ride around the lake.
Then it was time to return home. It was a great trip that we will never forget. We hope next year that the Year 5’s enjoy it as much as we have.

Alexander Hall and Jack Weeding

-Year 6 Canberra tour

Old Boy Christian Thomas, who is now training at the AIS in Athletics, with his cousin Archie Stevenson

Year 6 Canberra Tour

Lap It Up

Lap It Up is a Charity Event for all Junior School boys who took part in a running
challenge on the War
Memorial Oval.

We are still collecting donations but at this stage we have raised **$5367.25**.

We would like to give a big thank you to everyone for their generous donations!

**Cross Country**

The Early Learning Centre and Junior School Cross Country was held at Dru Point on April 24. All the students were enthusiastic and ready to run in ideal conditions.

The day kicked off with the Kindergarten boys taking to the course first, followed by Preps. It was great to see lots of parents running with the younger boys and the smiles on the faces of the runners as they completed the course!

The pace really started to heat up with the Year 1 and 2 boys racing consecutively to round out the ELC portion of the carnival.

Years 3-6 boys took their turn on the course with longer distances to be completed. With the prospect of House points on the line, tactics were employed, with boys running well throughout their races.

A large support crowd of parents and fellow students lined the course spurring on the boys to run the best race they could. The day ended with an overall victory to Buckland House. All boys are to be congratulated on their individual accomplishments on the day!

**Overall Result:**
1st – Buckland
2nd - Thorold
3rd – School
4th – Stephens

A training squad of the top 10 from each year group has been selected from the results of the Junior School events. This squad will undertake training shortly and be given an opportunity to represent the School in a number of events in Term Two.

Thanks to all parents and friends who came along and supported this event.

Leighton Beer – **ELC Sports Coordinator**
Reggio Emilia Information Evening

“The Reggio Emilia Approach to Early Childhood Education. What is it and how is it incorporated into my son’s learning at Hutchins?”

ELC parents are warmly invited to an Information Night on the Reggio Emilia Approach and how it is incorporated into teaching and learning at Hutchins ELC. It will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 9th May in the Kindergarten T classroom (Mrs Kate Turner’s room).

The session will be presented by the Hutchins ELC Kindergarten and Prep teachers - Lee Burman, Kate Turner, Sarah Fielding and Breeony Dick. It will be an informative evening with some displays of children’s work and thinking and is an opportunity to ask questions about the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

News From Art

Just a reminder that you still have two days to get to the Magenta and Black Art Exhibition. It is open through until Saturday 28th from 10.00 am and on Sunday 10.00-2.00 pm at the Long Gallery in Salamanca. It is an Exhibition of the most outstanding art work produced by students at Hutchins K-12 over the past two years.

I would encourage all of our students to get along to this Exhibition. It provides great inspiration for what they may do as they progress through Art in the Middle and Senior Schools. Congratulations to all boys who are exhibiting! We are very proud of you and your work looks wonderful!

Mrs R Terry
Junior School Art Teacher

Dance @ Hutchins

Dance @ Hutchins – Eisteddfod Dates have been released

Song and Dance Group Sunday 3 June 1.30 pm Session
Jazz Group Wednesday 6 June 8.30 am Session
All Intermediate Troupe members received a Red sheet outlining our current rehearsal schedule.

A Yellow sheet will be sent home soon outlining our Holiday rehearsals.

Head Lice

Recently we have had several cases of head lice. This strain of headlice appears to be a particularly difficult one to eradicate. Head lice are more a nuisance than anything else and does not cause disease or illness.

In order to determine if your child has been infected with head lice, we are asking all parents to inspect their son's hair. If you notice any signs of headlice please go the Hutchins School website or contact your local pharmacy as treatment is readily available and easy to apply.

In the event that your son does have head lice we request that he stay home until he has had at least one application of the recommended treatment.

Crossing Nelson Road

Please remind your son that if he is crossing Nelson Road - even if he is with an adult - that he MUST use the tunnel. It has been noticed recently that many parents are walking across the road with their son rather than using the tunnel.

This is a safety issue!

HSOBA Interstate Reunions 2012

The Hutchins School Old Boys' Association is pleased to announce that interstate reunions will be held during May in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. The Tasmanian reunion will be held on Saturday 22 September and the Perth reunion is currently being planned for later in the year. Please find details and booking information below for each of
the reunions in May.

MELBOURNE REUNION
When: Friday 4 May 2012
Where: Royal Melbourne Tennis Club, 18 Sherwood Street, Richmond 3132
Time: 6.00 pm
Dress: Smart casual
Cost: $20 including drinks and canapés

Book Here by Friday 27 April

SYDNEY REUNION
When: Monday 7 May 2012
Where: Star City Casino, 80 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont 2009
Time: 6.00 pm
Dress: Smart casual
Cost: $20 including drinks and canapés

Book Here by Friday 27 April

BRISBANE REUNION
When: Wednesday 9 May 2012
Where: Hilton Brisbane Hotel, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane 4000
Time: 6.00 pm
Dress: Smart casual
Cost: $20 including drinks and canapés

Book Here by Friday 27 April

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