Welcome to ELC/JS Newsletter e-news supporting The Hutchins Early Learning Centre and Junior School community.

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From the Head of Early Learning Centre/Junior School

Dear Parents and Carers

At the moment teachers are in the middle of writing reports. Once those are completed teachers will finalise the prize winners (Years 3 to 6 only) for 2012. Letters will then be sent home this week to prize winner’s parents. To receive a prize is undoubtedly a big honour, a recognition of effort and application and something that children and parents can be proud of. As the boys know, not receiving a prize does not mean that they haven’t completed a successful year. So what are the certificates/prizes for and how do we choose them? Years Three to Six have 8 to 12 certificates for each year level that may be awarded depending upon the number of boys in that year group.

Please note that the combination of certificates may vary between year levels as teachers will choose the combination that best suits their year level.

**Academic Merit.** This is fairly straightforward as it is based on the marks for the year’s work blended in with marks achieved in internal and external tests. Academic Merits are only given to Year 6 boys.

**Commitment and Participation.** This is given to those children who consistently give of their best in all endeavours: the classroom, Music, Sport, Drama, the playground etc. It does not mean that we keep count of how many activities children are involved in as the quality of the interaction is more important than the interaction itself; however, we do like to see evidence of the things that may not always be obvious to the outside observer. Commitment is also crucial. The boys need to be committed in all they do and the commitment should be on a daily basis.

**Most Improved.** This is given to those children who have demonstrated a marked improvement in all they have achieved this year. It may be in one area or it may be in a combination of areas e.g. academic, behavioural, social etc. It also does not mean that boys have to be on the lower end of the scale. It just means that they have made significant progress in one or more areas over the year.

**Character.** This is for the child that embraces the values of our school motto: *Vivit Post Funera Virtus*—*Character lives on after death*. You always do Matter*. It is for someone who always does the right thing, even when they think no one is looking! Someone who consistently demonstrates integrity, compassion, honesty and tolerance. Someone who embraces the 3 Rs. Respect for self, others and the environment. Resilience and Responsibility for all actions. Again the commitment should be on a daily basis.

In Year Six there are some major book prizes that are also awarded as it is their final year in Junior School. All boys in Year Six are eligible for these awards whether they have been here for one year or eight years.

The Hutchins Prize for Character, Commitment and...
Involvement in the Life of the Junior School. This is a combination of the Commitment and Participation criteria and the Character criteria. Please note that the number of people who are chosen for this award may vary from four to six boys.

The Parents' Association Prize for the boy who demonstrates compassion, humility and quiet achievement in the Life of the School. This award is self-explanatory - it really is for the boy who is the ultimate 'quiet achiever' in all areas of school life.

The Robert Swan Memorial Prize for Character and Leadership. It is for the Year Six boy who is perceived by all as one of the outstanding leaders in Year Six. They may be a Junior School Leader or a House Leader or they may be a class leader but they must demonstrate leadership qualities in all areas of school life, in the playground, in the classroom, in the specialist subjects and in the public arena when out on camps and excursions etc.

The Junior School Music Prize. Each year a Prize will be awarded to a Year 6 instrumentalist or vocalist who has made a valuable contribution to both the classroom and co-curricular music programs at The Hutchins School. The successful recipient will:

- A high level of instrumental or vocal skills
- Initiative and leadership both in the classroom and in rehearsal/performance
- Dedication and responsibility for his own learning, and
- Potential for future development

This Award is chosen by the Music Faculty with input from class teachers.

The Junior School Sportsman Award. This prize is for the boy in Year Six who has demonstrated excellence across a variety of sporting areas and has been selected for a variety of teams at a school and interschool level. He must also demonstrate good sportsmanship. (Please note that while outside performances are taken into consideration it is the boy's involvement in the Sporting life of the school that is most important.) This award is chosen by Mr McAlloon and Mr Beer with input from class teachers.

Dux of Junior School is awarded to the strongest academic performer in all subjects in Year Six, usually this goes to just one boy. However, in some years the marks have been so close that it has been shared by two boys.

The teachers spend hours trying to ensure they have chosen the right boys. Finally they compile their own list of contenders. This is discussed in teaching teams and then with specialists. Finally we discuss it as a whole staff.

As you can see all teachers agonize over the choices and would love to add another three or four boys. Although if we chose to include more, then that would tend to lessen the award's value. We could also choose to have no prizes (which developmentally is appropriate for ELC boys) but like it or not we are, in one context, preparing children for a competitive world. Each solution presents different dilemmas. Ultimately who does receive or doesn't receive a prize is not the most important thing. What is important, is that each child gives of his best and is valued for doing so.

ELC and JUNIOR SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHT

Please add this date to your calendar:

**WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER**

**WREST POINT CONVENTION CENTRE**

7.00 PM START

(no tickets required)

All boys from Year 1 to Year 6 are expected to attend.

If you require any special seating arrangements eg wheelchair access, please contact Mrs Virginia Priest in the Junior School Office.

More information regarding ELC/JS Speech Night and ELC and JS picnics will be sent home on 30th November.

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

**Enrolments**

Enrolments into some year levels for next year and beyond are at a premium and waiting lists exist. Current and future parents are reminded that entry into the School is strictly by date of application. If you have a younger child in the family seeking entry in the immediate future, or family or friends who are considering Hutchins for their son, you are encouraged to submit an application form as soon as possible. Application forms can be downloaded from the Hutchins website or by contacting Emma Griffiths, Enrolments Assistant on 6221 4236.

**Withdrawing a Student from K-6?**

Parents are reminded that a full term’s written notice of intention to withdraw a student from Hutchins must be provided. If the School does not receive this notice then a half term’s tuition fee may be charged.

Notice in writing can be directed to Emma Griffiths, Enrolments Assistant, by post or email.

**School Uniform Store**

The School Uniform Shop is located at 195 Churchill Ave Sandy Bay and can be contacted on 6225 0422.

Trading hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30 am - 4.00 pm. (closed on Public holidays).

**Updates to Student Health Information**

Has there been a change to your son’s health including allergies that we need to know about? Please send any changes to your son’s health information to Rachel Lucas, Debtors Administrator.

**Term Dates 2013**

**Term One**

4th Feb until 19th April

**Easter Break**

Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April inclusive

**Term Two**

6th May to 5th July

**Term Three**

23rd July to 27th September

**Term Four**

14th October to 10th December

**ELC/JS Speech Night**

**Thursday 5 December**

**MS/SS Speech Night**

**Tuesday 10 December**

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Christmas Appeal
As Christmas approaches and thoughts turn to family and feasting, can I encourage you to remember the less fortunate. One way to do this is by giving to our Christmas appeal for Anglicare. Any non-perishable food brought to the Chapel up until the end of November will be given to Anglicare to distribute to the needy in our community. A big thank you to those who have already contributed.

Mark Holland JS Chaplain

Coming Events
26 Nov
2.00 Kinder Chapel ELC Library
2.30 Prep-Year 2 Chapel

27 Nov
11.00 Kinder and Prep to Q/Borough Rise for Nativity Play
2.20 Assembly SM host

28 Nov
STEP UP DAY
1.30 Kinder and Prep Nativity Play Chapel

29 Nov
1.30 Kinder and Prep Nativity Play Chapel

30 Nov
11.00-12.00 Kinder Orientation
1.45 ELC Assembly

3 Dec
11.00-12.00 Kinder Orientation
2.00 Kinder Chapel ELC Library
2.30 Prep-Year 2 Chapel

4 Dec
9.00-10.00 Kinder Orientation
2.20 JS Assembly Audit

5 Dec
9.00-10.00 Kinder Orientation
9.30 Years 1-6 Speech Night rehearsals all day WP
7.00 Year 1-6 Speech Night - Wrest Point Casino

6 Dec
JS Picnic Kingston Beach

7 Dec
ELC Picnic Coningham

Basketball Ring
A big thank you to Bennett’s Petroleum for their donation of the basketball ring in the ELC.

Kindergarten
The Kindergarten boys have enjoyed sharing their Portfolios with their families this week. They were perfect little hosts showing their parents to their seats and ensuring they were comfortable before they started. The work was presented with great enthusiasm and we all had a lovely afternoon.

Oliver Nogajski shows his parents his painting of his Mum. Anassiss Dourias shows his Mum and Dad his work.

Prep
We have been busy in Prep making the sets for our Nativity Play. We hope to see you all there on either Wednesday or Thursday of next week!

**Year One**

**Year 1S have been using their imaginations to write stories about spooky things!**

Once upon a time, on Halloween night two boys were Trick or Treating. But then they bumped into a sign that said ‘Haunted Castle Keep Out!’ The boys thought it was going to be fun but it wasn’t, only one thing was good and that was one of the boys got a crush on a girl vampire. The two boys walked in, it was a long way to the door. The boys got tired and they leant onto a brick. The brick moved. Then some stairs appeared that led up into a room. The two boys walked up the stairs into the room. The door closed behind them. There was a zombie with a key in its hand. The boys got a sword from the shelf, cut the zombie in half. They were so scared that they got the key, ran down and out the door and down the steps and all the way back home. They never Trick or Treated ever again. Oliver Medwin

Once there was a boy who went to a castle. It was dark and stormy. He found out it was a haunted castle. Lightning struck and skeletons were hanging down. The boy looked out of the window and there was a ghost train and in the distance there were ghosts, bats and spiders. There was a treasure chest and then there was a vampire with a pet. It was a vampire bat. He had a whole cage of them.

The boy forgot there might have been gold in the treasure chest so he went back to have a look but there was no gold. There were only One Hundred dollars and some gold too. Then the boy went back to where he was earlier. There were bats hanging from the ceiling. He looked out the window and there were Halloween pumpkins and poison dart frogs. Then a poison dart frog came through the door and shot the boy with a poison dart. Then ten ghost trains came out of five tunnels. He saw them out of the window. When he looked down he saw two ghosts guarding with spikes and swords and then the lightning struck, out of the clouds and it hit the castle.

Then right that minute it want, ‘Boom! Boom! Boom!’ The boy then ran back to his house, but before he could leave he had to fight a vampire knight. He got away and went back home. He told his mum all about his adventure.

He forgot that there were two castles and that he had only been inside one. There were bats and vampires guarding the second castle. The boy then decided that he would get a spear and kill them. He climbed over the gate and quickly ran to the castle, without getting seen. He then ran up the stairs as fast as he could. Once he had run up the stairs he found a crystal on the desk but then he had to fight one hundred knights.

Then the boy found his friend so they played chess and he said “I forgot what your name is.” The boy answered, “My name is Jack,” and his friend’s name is Nicky. Jack then went back home to tell his mum again about the rest of his adventure with his friend Nicky. James O’Keefe

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Year 1 Father/Son Bike Ride on November 11th organised by Renee and Adrian Brown.
Year Two

Year 2G were lucky to have a visiting student teacher from the University of Tasmania, Miss Li, visit for three weeks. During her stay the boys learnt some basic words and phrases in Mandarin as well as learning about the Sichuan Province in China, the Giant Panda, the Great Wall of China, Chinese Zodics, Art and Sichuan Legends.

Year Two were able to connect their understanding of modern day cartoons, games and figurines (from their current unit of work on the history of toys and play) such as Skylanders to their origins in Asian culture. The boys thoroughly enjoyed making their own masks and character traits to match, with many boys continuing to make a series.

Name: Bangbang, Task: To get the King, Weapon: Two gold knives, Good at: Jumping
Name: Shing King, Task: To kill the evil King, Weapon: Axe
Name: Snakeman, Task: Kill all bad men, Weapon: Snake tooth dagger, Good at: Eating

Year Three

Year 3’s Christmas Craft Stall Monday 26th November 12.45 pm-1.15 pm and 3.00 pm-3.45 pm

As part of Year 3’s service to the community, we have decided to host a Year 3 Christmas Craft Stall. The boys will make a range of Christmas decorations and gifts to sell to boys, parents and friends.

With the money raised from the stall, students will purchase gifts for the Kmart Wishing Tree. The Kmart Wishing Tree runs in association with the Salvation Army and helps provide support to families in need at Christmas.

The Christmas Craft Stall will be held in the Year 3 classrooms on Monday 26th November from 12.45 pm until 1.15 pm and from 3.00 pm until 3.45 pm.

Please come along and bring your friends to help support the boys and their efforts

Year Four

Last week Year 4 held the Water Olympics on the WMO. In groups of six or seven the boys were required to create a competitive event that would test the skills, strength and concentration of the other teams. The boys were solely responsible for the organising and running of all the events. They learned some lessons in working together, planning and delivering clear instructions.
There were some extremely inventive events that required teams to run with water in cups with holes, spin around with buckets of water, shoot and hold water. A very testing event required the boys to hold two cups of water at arm’s length. The winners were the boys who held it the longest.

Another, slightly less successful, but equally inventive task was the Water Weightlifting. This event required the boys to lift bags/buckets of water attached to a bar. This was a case of good in theory not so good in practice and we couldn’t complete this event!

On the day Aquatic Monkeys were victorious with Spitfire a close second. The boys loved coming up with the events and competing in a range of crazy water activities.

On a slightly different note, the Schools Triathlon is this week.

We have a large number of boys competing in the Bellerive event and we look forward to a good day where the boys can compete in an environment of friendly competition. This is the fourth year of the event and it is bigger every year.

Year Five

As most of the parents would know their children have started their summer sports.

The summer sport choices were Cricket, Tennis, Touch Football, Tee-Ball and Rowing.

Triathlon and Bushwalking did not have enough participants so those sports did not happen.

I think all of us have learnt new skills e.g. learning how to bowl better. Jack Scott

Year Six

Highlights of this week’s Enrichment program:

“Surfing was the coolest activity – the water was freezing but it was great fun trying a new kind of sport.” Tom Davie

“I loved being on Mr Prebble’s boat, it was fun to get drenched. We hit waves, it was exhilarating.” Lachlan Hart

“Surfing was my favourite. I loved the tricks we did like parties performing the catamaran and the tomb they were all great fun.” Edward Coleman

“Orienteering put us under pressure as we tried to find the clues and beat the clock.” Henry Chambers
Absence during Term

Parents are especially asked not to take their sons out of School during term. It is awkward for the School as the student may well miss important educational experiences. Where it is unavoidable, written requests should be made to the Head of School.

For absences greater than four consecutive weeks, a fee equivalent to 50% of the leave period will be charged. For absences up to four consecutive weeks or individual periods of no more than four weeks, 100% of the fee will be charged. In the case of illness, no fee will be charged on production of a medical certificate covering the period of leave.

Jenny Self
Business Manager

Last Day for Borrowing from the Library

To allow sufficient time for all library books to be returned before the end of the year the last day for borrowing for the JS boys will be Wednesday 28th November. ELC deadline was 21 November. Just a reminder that digital books can still be borrowed from the Wheelers platform over the Christmas break.

Catherine Duffett
Teacher Librarian

Bring Your Own Devices Program for Years 7-12 2013

Information session for Parents: Our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for Years 7-12, beginning 2013.

Meeting: Monday 26 November
Time: 5.30-6.30 pm
Venue: Conference Centre

In 2013 we are undertaking the exciting and thoughtfully planned step of introducing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for Years 7-12. You are invited to attend an information and consultation session about this program at 5.30 pm in the Conference Centre. This session will run for one hour.

The evening will involve a Q&A session and demonstration of preferred models with the application of the School's virtualisation technology.

Speakers will include:

- Opening introductions by Headmaster, Warwick Dean - Who owns the learning? Why BYOD?
- New Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum – a snapshot from Kent Moore, Head of Faculty of Design, Production & Digital Technologies
- ICT as a general capability in Years 7-12, BYOD and personal devices – Matthew Sayers, Co-ordinator of eLearning and JR Abel, Director of ICT
- Virtualization and Device Management- Technical specifications and standards – Ian MacRae – Information Technology Manager
- Q&A session

Charity
On Monday 19th November, the Year 6 Charity Group and Chapel Group visited Coles Sandy Bay to purchase food items for Anglicare.

We purchased a range of food to help young people who are homeless, people with mental illness and people who cannot afford to buy food. Each class will receive a hamper and boys can also donate food from home to add to these.

Chaplain's Update

On Wednesday 17th October Prep-Year 6 boys danced and sung to the sounds of Iron and Clay. This concert replaced the boys' Chapel service for the week. This Sydney-based Christian Music group encouraged the boys to recognise that they are here for a purpose and to work out what this is by discovering their God-given strengths. This was Iron and Clay’s second visit in two years to Hutchins.

In the weeks after this visit, boys in Years 3-6 were encouraged to further develop their God-given strengths in ‘JAFFA’s Got Talent’. This was run by the fantastic Year 6 Chapel Leaders. 44 boys competed in this talent contest. They demonstrated their skills in music, magic, singing, acting, comedy, song-writing and even rolling along the floor! The winner will be announced in Chapel on Wednesday 28th November.

Book Sales 2013

I am pleased to advise that Birchalls once again will be selling back to school requirements for 2013.

Birchalls will be selling back to school requirements of new and second hand textbooks and stationery at the Royal Hobart Showgrounds, Grandstand Hall from Monday 7 January 2013 to Saturday 2 February 2013 (4 weeks). Entry is off Howard Road only.

Opening Times

Monday to Friday - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Saturday - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Please note closing times will be strictly enforced. Closed Public Holidays.

Late Night Trade 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Thursday 17 January
Thursday 24 January
Thursday 31 January
Please note that Birchalls will be closed between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm on these late nights.

Birchalls also has internet ordering available for the School. Please click here for more information.
Sale of New and Second Hand Clothing

The School Uniform Store closes Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 2.00 pm and re-opens Monday 7 January 2013 at 9.00am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday, until Friday 1 February 2013. Closed Public Holidays. After this date normal opening hours will resume (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8.30 am to 4.00 pm).

The School Uniform Store is now available online at www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/school-store. The password is Hutchins1846. Register your details and order your uniform requirements online.

Payment is required at the time of purchase - cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card (Mastercard, Visa and Amex) may be used.

Second-hand uniforms taken for resale include blazer, sport jacket, jumpers – black senior/junior, junior sport top. Blazers must be dry cleaned. All other garments must be freshly laundered. Goods must be current uniform and in good order, free from tears, patches, stains or obvious wear. All items submitted must be in near new condition; ready to wear by their next owner with name tags removed, seams and hems sewn, buttons etc secure and any other details attended to. Items for resale will be accepted until Friday 23 November 2012. Payment is via EFT once items have been resold. Please ensure you have bank account details with you when items are dropped off for resale. Any items left without bank account details will be considered a donation.

The Hutchins Digital Libraries

A new Digital Library using the e-platform supported by Wheelers is being promoted to all students in Kindergarten to Year 8 and the students will be coming home with a bookmark advertising this service. The Library is available via Hutchins Central by clicking on the Wheelers logo and the books can be downloaded to either a computer or mobile device but supporting software needs to be installed before this is possible. Instructions for installing the free software are available from the Digital Library by clicking on the ‘Getting Started’ link. The collection contains a variety of books to suit all reading ages including non-fiction, fiction and picture books.

To sign in a username is required which is your son’s student number. A password is not required. The students in Years 3 to 8 will know their number, while the ELC students have this number written on the back of their bookmarks. Books can only be borrowed if your son has no overdue print books. If you do not wish for your son to read books aimed at Years 7 and 8, you may wish to supervise your son when he is downloading books.

The Senior School students are encouraged to make use of the OverDrive Digital Library as this collection will continue to grow and purchases will be made specifically with the Senior School in mind.

Hopefully these collections will make good books more accessible to you and your son, particularly over the Christmas break and help facilitate regular reading.

Catherine Duffett
Teacher Librarian

Summer Holiday Care 2012 Program

That’s right! The moment you’ve all been waiting for has finally arrived...

The Summer 2012 Holiday Program has finally been released! This Summer, join us as we:
• Dig for long-lost artefacts at Port Arthur
• Yodel in the Swiss Alps at Alpenrail
• Make our own icecream Creations
• Slip, slide and slime our way into the Epically Weird Olympics
• Growl with the devils at the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Park
• Cruise on down to the beach (as often as possible)
• Visit the ghosts of Hobart’s Past

And much, much more!
As always, we have a bucketload of fun excursions planned and we can't wait to see you all again.
http://www.tinyurl.com/hutchinsonschc
Book now to avoid disappointment!

Ben & the team at Hutchins