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 Junior School/Early Learning Centre

Dear Parents and Carers

It is about this time each year that the ELC/JS staff start thinking about class lists for the following year. It is 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 numbers and composition of subsequent classes would be unequally 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

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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 outlining these concerns by Thursday 31 October.

Please note that class lists will be read out and sent home on Step Up Day, Wednesday 28 November. The class lists are then set and are not negotiable unless there has been a serious educational oversight or we have a significant change in enrolment numbers. Thank you for your co-operation.

Teachers at this stage for next year will be:

- **Kindergarten** - Mrs Kate Turner and Mrs Lee Burman*
- **Prep** - Mrs Sarah Fielding and Miss Breeony Dick*
- **Year 1** - Mrs Judy Smith and Miss Kate Vivarelli*
- **Year 2** - Mrs Beth Bamford and Mr Matthew Groves
- **Year 3** - Mr Paul Robinson and Miss Liz Berwick
- **Year 4** - Mr Michael Webster, Mrs Caroline McCreary and Mr Scott Marriott
- **Year 5** - Ms Trish Knight and Miss Belinda Simpson
- **Year 6** - Mr Jason Berry, Mrs Sue Bullen and Mr Stuart Hammond*

*Mrs Lee Burman will be taking Long Service Leave next year for Terms 3 and 4. Mrs Stella Daglas will be teaching the class for the last two terms.

*Mr David Gilkes will be taking another year's Leave of Absence while he completes his Masters in Early Childhood Education. Miss Breeony Dick will continue to teach Prep in his absence.

*Mr Alex Mirowski will be taking a year's Leave of Absence to become a house father to look after his young twins. Miss Kate Vivarelli will move to the ELC to teach Year 1 next year.

*Mr Gary Prebble will be teaching Year 7 next year and Mr Stuart Hammond will teach Year 6 in his absence. Stuart is a lawyer who later trained as a teacher. He has been teaching Upper Primary at St Michael's Grammar School in Melbourne for the last 6-7 years. He is moving to Tasmania in January with his wife and young family.

Mrs Jenny Manthey

**Head of Junior School/Early Learning Centre**

**Absence During Term**

Parents are asked not to take their sons out of School during term time. 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 any extended period of leave (more than four consecutive weeks).

Ms Jenny Self  
Business Manager

Congratulations James Browne

Congratulations are extended to James Browne (Year 6Bu) who is the state winner in the category of Indigenous Australia for the National History Challenge 2012.

The Hutchins School Fair

Friday 19 October  
4.00 pm - 8.00 pm

The Hutchins School community warmly invites you to attend our School Fair. Come and enjoy an evening of fun, food and music with something for all ages and tastes, including:

- A range of fun rides  
- Chocolate World  
- Pottery Alley  
- Petting Zoo  
- Christmas items  
- Food & Wine Fair  
- Treasure Chest

The Fair will be held FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER from 4.00 pm until 8.00 pm at The Hutchins School, 71 Nelson Road, Sandy Bay.

For more information contact: Janne Vance on 6214 2120

Fair Raffle

A Fair Raffle is running again this year.

1st Prize: TravelMate Laptop 5760 (silver) valued at $1,130
2nd Prize: Toshiba AT100 Touchscreen Tablet valued at $630
3rd Prize: Lexmark S515 A10 Colour Printer valued at $170

Tickets are $20 for a book of four tickets or $5 a ticket. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Senior School Reception and the raffle will be drawn at 7.00 pm at the Fair.

NB: THIS IS A PLAIN CLOTHES DAY FOR STUDENTS

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 Mrs Emma Griffiths, Enrolments Assistant, by post or email.

School Uniform Store

The School Uniform Store 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).

You are also able to shop online. To register to use the service, the password required is Hutchins1846.

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 Mrs Rachel Lucas, Debtors Administrator.

Term Dates 2013

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 Mrs Emma Griffiths, Enrolments Assistant on 6221 4236.
(students will meet parents in their classrooms)

**Tuesday 23 October**  
Year 3R Assembly - 2.30 pm

**Wednesday 24 October**  
Junior School Athletics Carnival

**Thursday 25 and Friday 26 October**  
Mid-Term Break - Hobart Show Holiday

**Monday 29 October**  
Prep to Year 2 Student Led Conferences (students will meet parents in their classrooms)

### Kindergarten

On Tuesday Kinder B went to the Marine Discovery Centre at Woodbridge. We had a wonderful time, learnt about lots of fabulous sea creatures and did some great marine art work. We even patted a shark!

William Harris spies the spider crab  
Toby Morgan makes some discoveries amongst the rocks at low tide  
Joshua Zeeman investigates the shell touch tank

### Prep

The Preps have been very busy creating some fantastic spring art pieces. Please come in and see them on display.

Spring Collage Flower by Joshua  
Spring Blossom Tree by Callum

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**Term One**  
Monday 4 February to Friday 19 April

**Easter Break**  
Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April (inclusive)

**Term Two**  
Monday 6 May to Friday 5 July

**Term Three**  
Tuesday 23 July to Friday 27 September

**Term Four**  
Monday 14 October to Tuesday 10 December

### ELC/JS Speech Night  
TBC

### MS/SS Speech Night  
Tuesday 10 December

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Year 1

Year 1 are currently investigating houses. We are looking at how houses are built, what materials are used and how they have changed over time. After our excursion to some construction sites, the boys had a go at drawing a floor plan of their own homes.

Lewis Turnbull (Year 1M)  Archie Simondson (Year 1M)  
Noah Kamprad (Year 1M)  Toby Manning (Year 1M)

Year 2

Year 2 are currently studying lifecycles of both plants and animals. They are growing sunflowers and keeping mealworms. It is only the second week of the experiment and so far the results have not been that exciting. However, we have some sunflower saplings and lots of larger mealworms.

Sunflowers  Mealworms
Year 3V had a blast on camp at Southport last week. We all enjoyed going on a bushwalk, playing at the beach, building shelters, cooking marshmallows and creating collages. A big thank you to Mr Ben Duggan, Mr Robert Tuck and Miss Kate Vivarelli for helping to make it such an enjoyable experience.

Year 3R also attended camp at Southport recently with Mr Paul Robinson and Miss Scavone. We had a great time building shelters, swimming, surfing and playing spotlight. We were woken at 3.00 am on Thursday morning by gales. Three tents blew down and we all evacuated to the huts to sit out the high winds. It was exciting. Trapped in the main hut we painted aboriginal dot paintings and had a night's entertainment with our own version of "Southport's Got Talent" (after the show Mr Robinson decided Southport has NO talent whatsoever!). We had a super camp!

Year 4M and Year 4W have been exploring the importance of water with Mr Christie. We have conducted a desalination experiment using salt water and sunlight and investigated if we can get fresh water from coffee, milk and mud. We also created water purification plant models using play-dough and plasticine. Some wonderful examples of the boys' interpretations are below.
Year 5

Students and teachers in the ELC and Junior School have been spending time working with Literacy Consultant, Deb Tyson. Last term, she ran Guided Reading lessons with some of our students. This week, other students participated in sessions with their classroom teacher and Deb.

We had to make a prediction about what our text might be about based on an ancient photograph. We were then given clues about our reading topic such as "I am a compound word" and "I have 3 syllables". One student correctly guessed that it was basketball. Next, we read each paragraph of our text which was about a man trying to play his best and win a close game. There were lots of new words we learnt along the way as well as talking about grammar such as synonyms and antonyms.

This was an enjoyable experience and it was interesting working with different staff.

Year 6

Some Year 6 boys have been using ‘Picture Prompts' as a base to create a story or set a scene for a future story. Tom Davie (Year 6P) has contributed this piece of work using the accompanying illustration to prompt his thoughts:

Spring
The jagged steely peaks, too high for even snow to fall, reach up towards me as if they want to join me in my lofty position high above. Below them, a band of snow glistens in the bright mid-morning sun. Further down, trees are growing, and the canopy shifting and flowing with the wind as if it was a liquid. The river, light briefly reflecting off its surface as it races through the valley. The lake, tributary frothing and swirling as the river slows to join its calm, clear waters. A stag drinking sends out ripples that travel far across the lake. Away from the tributary, the lake surface is smooth as the high clouds that are reflected in its waters. It looks almost as if the lake is a portal, distorted in one corner. I resist the temptation to dive down, down, then fall up into the parallel world, and instead soar along the mirrors edge. A single fat salmon leaps high out of the water, catches an insect in its mouth, then flops lazily back in, ruining the spell. I bank...
towards the rolling hills south of the lake and descend. Small animals skulk among the shrubs near the lake's edge, afraid to leave cover under the sun's revealing glare. Better to drink at night, when no-one but bats can see you. Small birds chatter excitedly and sing among the birches, trying to catch the attention of a female. I alight on the branch of a dead beech poking above the canopy, my talons splintering the weathered wood. From here I survey the new day. It is already comfortably warm. Winter is losing its grip.

Spring beckons.

Excursion to Meet the Author and Illustrator
Graeme Base

Picture: Harry Headlam (Year 2G) and Arthur Hayes-Newington (Year 2G) with their copies of Graeme's new book, Little Elephants.

Last week, Years 2, 3 and 6 were privileged to meet Graeme Base, a high profile author and illustrator of children's books at an event that drew a crowd of 2,500. Students were entertained by some girls from St Michael's Collegiate who read from one of Graeme's best loved books, Animalia which contains hidden pictures of the author himself. Much to their enjoyment, the audience was encouraged to help locate Graeme in each of the pages. Graeme then read from his new book, Little Elephants, which was then followed by a session where students were encouraged to ask Graeme questions.

It was a wonderful opportunity to not only promote a love of reading, but for the boys to meet an author and illustrator and get to know him on a more personal level. They were able to discover the answers to questions such as how long it takes for him to create a book, what are his sources of inspiration and why...
he rarely illustrates people.

Mrs Catherine Duffett
Teacher-Librarian

Junior School Athletics

On Wednesday 24 October the Junior School boys will contest our annual House Athletics Carnival here at school, on the War Memorial Oval. We plan to start events at 9.00 am and should be finished by 3.00 pm. We encourage parents and carers to come along and support the day. A carnival program and an event card for each student will be provided as a guide to when your son is running, jumping or throwing. This will be sent home on Monday 22 October. The 1500m event for all age groups will be run on Tuesday 23 October.

Summer Sport

From Week 6 (commencing 29 October), Junior School boys will participate in Summer Sports of their choice during our Sports afternoons - Thursday for Years 3 and 4 and Friday for Years 5 and 6. Boys have been making their selections during class time and will have selected one of the following activities: Cricket, Softball/Tee Ball, Touch Football, Tennis, Triathlon, Bushwalking and Introduction to Rowing (Year 6 only). If any parents or carers are willing and available to assist with supervision and instruction with any of these sports please contact Mr Shane McAloon.

School Triathlon Challenge

The Community Assist Schools Triathlon Challenge is on again this November with the Primary School event taking place on Thursday 22 November. All boys from Years 3 to 6 will be given an opportunity to participate in this fantastic event as either an individual or as a part of a team. Cost for entering is $10 per
person and entry forms are available from Mr Shane McAloon. More information regarding the event can be found here.

Triathlon will be offered as a Junior School Summer Sport choice again this term to provide boys with an opportunity to prepare for the event. Although it is not compulsory to choose Triathlon as your summer sport to participate in the Schools Triathlon Challenge, I would suggest that boys start doing some training.

Please note that all individual competitors and cyclists in teams must provide their own road worthy bike and wear an approved helmet. It is also encouraged that they transport their own bike to Bellerive Beach on Thursday 22 November.

Any assistance from parents and carers with this event would be welcomed.

Old Football and Soccer Boots Collection

Do not forget to search through your cupboards and garages for any old or small football and soccer boots!

Bring any you have into school (preferable cleaned) and place them in the collection box near the Junior School Office. The boots will be donated to Lifeline. Remember to ask for permission from your parents before donating.

James Browne and Tom Davie
Year 6

Move Well Eat Well - "Part Way is OK"

Hutchins Junior School will be running the "Part Way is OK" initiative over the next few months. "Part Way is OK" ensures that all students have the opportunity to enjoy walking to school. Drop off points will be identified and located a reasonable distance from school. From here, children can be dropped off and walk the rest of the way to school.

"Part Way is OK" will help overcome distance barriers where the distance from home to school is too far to walk and traffic congestion around schools by spreading the load between schools and drop off points.

Help is needed! If you are a parent and have time to help on a Friday morning between 7.50 am - 8.20 am we would love to hear from you.
Drop Off Point
The drop off point for children is the old trolley bus/bus turning island on French Street, near the junction with Alexander Street.

Dates: 19 and 28 October and 2, 9, 16 and 23 November
Time: 8.00 am for an 8.10 am departure. This is a supervised activity

What if it rains or I am late? Simple rule, if the sign is out then it is a walking day and if the sign is not out then the walk is not on.

Instructions
A large grassy area is available for children to assemble before the 8.10 am departure for school. The walking route will involve crossing French Street at the drop off point, proceeding down the footpath and using the underpass at the University of Tasmania's Student Union building. Students will then walk through the University campus, to enter through The Hutchins School's Earl Street entrance and across the War Memorial Oval.

Contact Mr Scott Marriott or Mr Shane McAloon for more details.

Save the Children - Pop Up Party
Hutchins Race Day 2012

Date: Sunday 4 November
Time: 12.00 pm
Venue: Elwick Race Course, Goodwood Road, Glenorchy 7010
Tickets: $55 and includes admission, VIP member area, race book, two course buffet lunch and a glass of wine

Table Bookings: Tables of 10 are available. If you are booking individually please select a non-reserved table. To make a group booking please nominate a table captain and email Jenna Vance. Your allocated table name will then be added to the table list online for your party to book under.

Book online here by Friday 26 October.
2012 Yates Junior Landcare Backyard Challenge

Yates and Junior Landcare have a long-running partnership, based on the common vision to get kids excited about gardening, nature and their local environment. The Yates Junior Landcare Challenge is an annual activity that has to date engaged over 120,000 kids through primary and secondary schools, youth groups, Scouts and Girl Guide groups and their own families.

What is the Challenge?
The 2012 Yates Junior Landcare Backyard Challenge will ask kids (aged 8-16 years) to enter a short video or photograph around the theme of "how does your backyard grow".

Categories
Photo 8-11 years and 12-16 years
Video 8-11 years and 12-16 years

Prizes
Winners will receive cameras courtesy of Canon Australia, campaign supporter.

Key Dates
Entries Open - Monday 10 September
Deadline for Entries - Friday 16 November
Announce Winners - Monday 26 November

For more information please visit the [website](#) or [click here](#) to view the information sheet.