Key Messages from Independent Schools

The State election has been held and we await outcomes from a State government in terms of policy announcements and initiatives that affect education outcomes for all schools and their students and families in Tasmania, particularly independent schools and especially for The Hutchins School community.

As well, 2010 is an election year at Federal level and, as our Hutchins community moves towards that election I ask our families to think on, discuss and consider key messages that should be put by independent school communities to all Federal MPs, election candidates and political parties.

The key messages fall into two categories: the 2010 Federal election itself and a review of non-government school funding.

It is expected that Federal MPs, candidates and possibly the electronic and print media will become more active in local electorates as each of these important national events move closer.

Federal election 2010

While details of policies are yet to be released, there are a number of pertinent messages that can be put by the independent sector. These include:

1. The independent sector is a major player in national education delivery with enrolments growing continuously
2. Parents are demanding choice for their children’s schooling
3. In order for there to be choice, diversity in schooling options need to exist
4. The independent sector provides for this diversity with for example, faith based schools, services and schools for students with special needs and for indigenous students
5. The independent school sector represents a committed partnership between the Australian Government, State and Territory governments and parents
6. Research demonstrates that there is widespread community support for the role of the independent school sector
7. Independent schools are not-for-profit organisations funded primarily by parents.

Funding review

Although funding review terms of reference have not yet been released, a number of core messages can be promoted. These are:

1. There is a basic funding entitlement for all students and it is a core function of governments to provide this
2. Basic funding should be supplemented by a needs based approach which recognises the range of educational disadvantages of students
3. Stability and predictability in funding is critical for ongoing delivery of quality education / school services
4. Provision should be made for the annual indexation of funding to keep pace with the relative increases in the costs of schooling
5. No school should be worse off as a result of the funding review
6. There needs to be an ongoing direct funding relationship with the Commonwealth

As both of these matters materialise, there will be a need to refine these messages. For your information, more detailed policy information is included in documents such as the Independent Schools’ Council of Australia Position Statement, Independent Updates and the 2009 Snapshot which can be found at www.isca.edu.au in the publications section.

Warwick Dean
Headmaster
Around the School

**Middle School House Swimming Carnival** – was held on the 1st March at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. The Year 9 Recreational Leadership class was on hand to provide support for staff and ensure the carnival ran smoothly. It was a close competition throughout the Carnival with Stephens and Thorold Houses establishing an early lead with strong performances in the Under 13 age group.

Buckland and School Houses were dominant in the Under 15 age group which meant that relays would prove the difference. The final results were: 4th Buckland on 795 points, 3rd Thorold on 863 points, 2nd School on 944 points and 1st Stephens on 959 points.

Congratulations to Mr Addison and Stephens House competitors for their first Swimming Carnival win since 2001. Special mention to the age group champions: Under 13 Chris Boult (Stephens) and Under 15 Tom Avery (Thorold).

---

Andrew Hudson of Yr 7 has been selected in the Tasmanian Water Polo Team (Boys 14 Years and Under) for 2010 and will be competing in the National Championships in Brisbane in April.

Nicholas de Lacey, Yr 11 successfully completed the 106km Century Ride on Saturday 13 March 2010 as part of Bike Week.

---

**Foundation Awards For Students “Follow Your Dreams”**

The Hutchins Foundation is again awarding cash grants to assist students to “follow a dream”. If you have a special interest or project that you would like to pursue then why not apply for these awards? The project does not have to be directly related to school. The main thing is that it is a passion you have. In previous years awards have been made to support music lessons and special equipment, special coaching in sport, provide help in training a horse for equestrian events, develop skills in art and for travel.

Applications close on 31 March. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr Smithies.

---

**Further recognition for Hutchins Science Student**

The 2009 Tasmanian Science Talent Search Awards ceremony was held recently in Launceston. George Dargaville (Year 11) received an award for 4th place in the Intermediate Research Investigation section for his 2009 experimental study on “The effectiveness of Red Blood Cell Membrane Stabilisers”. As a result of his success in this competition George’s investigation became eligible for the BHP Billiton National Science Awards, from which he achieved a 2010 Semi-Finalist certificate.

George originally conducted his research as part of the Hutchins Year 10 Science program. He also presented the findings of his investigation to the 2009 International Student Science Conference held in Singapore last year in addition to achieving 2nd place in the Year 10 section of the 2009 UTAS Science Awards. Well done George!

---

**OPEN DAY 2010** was a great success with 72 families visiting and touring Hutchins.

Many thanks to Staff, volunteers from the Parents Association and our Old Boys for contributing to the day and special thanks to the many students who spent the few hours of their Sunday touring and chatting with families – you all looked fantastic and were wonderful ambassadors for The Hutchins School on the day.
SATIS Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 23 March at the state drawn final - the SATIS Swimming Carnival at Launceston Aquatic, the School's swimming team had a long day travelling to the North but still brought home two out of the possible three trophies - the College Boys and the Aggregate Boys Trophy, as well as winning the Open team pennant.

The squad worked brilliantly together to propel each other to some exciting race finishes and represent the School with outstanding team sportsmanship.

Alec Guerzoni broke another record, his third for this season with the 50m Breaststroke event and achieved some great first placings with Nick Cannell in their respective races.

All relay teams did the same with their placing:

- **UNDER 14** 50M Medley Relay 2nd place
- **UNDER 15** 50M Medley Relay 1st place
- **OPEN** 50M Medley Relay 2nd place
- **UNDER 13** 50M Freestyle Relay 3rd place
- **UNDER 14** 50M Freestyle Relay 3rd place
- **UNDER 15** 50M Freestyle Relay 2nd place
- **UNDER 16** 50M Freestyle Relay 1st place
- **OPEN** 50M Freestyle Relay 1st place.

At the finish of the Carnival as swimmers left to board the coach home, a very measured Hutchins war cry kept the challenge alive for the next year’s team.

The Captain, Nick Cannell’s outstanding leadership in the season has been appreciated by all swimmers, the SATIS squad and the Summer sport team.

- **UNDER 13** Daniel Himson, Chris Boul, Henry Johnstone, Lachlan Brumby, Will Lambert, James Schmidt
- **UNDER 14** Rajat Rao, Mitchell Hibberd, Jock Stalker, Ben Robinson, Ben Shea
- **UNDER 15** Alex Guerzoni, Cam Brumby, Ed Burrows-Cheng, Thomas Avery, Ben Watkins
- **UNDER 16** Jarrod Hibberd, Max MacMillan, Hugh Nichols, Bon MacMillan, Seung Won Kim
- **OPEN** Nick Cannell, Bart Kalmeijer, Jack Bishop, Rory Middleton, Alex Hay.

Dr J. Abell
Teacher-in-Charge Swimming
The focus on cyber-safety and guidelines against cyber-bullying is an increasing one by press and television media in Australia. The Hutchins School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies. Last Thursday, March 18th the Commonwealth’s Australian Communications and Media Authority’s Cyber-safety Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness national consultant, Mr Greg Gebhart worked with all Years 7 and 8 students in the afternoon, holding a staff meeting after school and a parent/teacher presentation for the school community in the evening. These sessions based upon the Government’s program outlined at their website: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/ launched our own multi-part program at the Hutchins School in 2010, called “Staying cyber-smart at Hutchins” for students throughout the whole School.

The Cyber-safety Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations were thorough and non-technical. They covered a range of issues including the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies; the potential risks for children online, such as cyber-bullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content; and tips to help children stay safe online.

In the presentations to Years 7 & 8, Greg gave students age appropriate guidelines for staying safe online and managing and reporting to parents or trusted friends the negative impact of cyber-bullying. Greg demonstrated the Cyber-smart Online Helpline for children and young people on this ACMA website where there is free and confidential online counselling. He discussed the risk of ‘identity theft’ with the sending of chain emails, accepting ‘free gifts’, ‘free ringtones’ or ‘free horoscopes’ on websites, or not being aware of banking scams or “phishing” sites attempting to get parent credit card details. Greg discussed with the boys the concept of a minimal digital footprint and the accepted strategy by more and more employers to check out Facebook and MySpace profiles before they hired or employed anyone.

In the evening presentation Greg demonstrated tips and tricks to reduce the risks for children when on the internet, the potential issues faced by children online, including the online exploitation of children, exposure to illegal and inappropriate content and trends such as cyber-bullying and cyber stalking or abuse in game worlds, advertising and marketing practices that increase the vulnerability of children; and finally, new trends such as social networking websites like Facebook and use of mobile technologies (such as iPods and camera phones).

On children being ‘phone smart’, Greg advised that phones:

- do not need to reside in bedrooms;
- to avoid having to have the best and latest model;
- to look at your children’s photos on their phones;
- to have pre-paid accounts with parent access to the account details; and
- to understand clearly the web options on the phones used by children.

On internet games and addictive behaviour, Greg suggested some guidelines in the home at an early age:

- including non-gaming days in the week;
- looking together for other interests;
- addressing any problems arising immediately with personal hygiene; and
- neglected family meal times or homework, or late nights.

Greg suggested that MSN or Facebook accounts needed to be only a few friends that the children must know personally. He showed parents how to manage the privacy settings on Facebook by knowing that:

- there is only limited Facebook protection for the Facebook user in the minimum age range of 13-15 years of age;
- to address any under-age use of Facebook; and
- for children to know where the helpful ‘report’ button on the site is.

He concluded his presentation with sound advice for general children’s safety and security online in children’s computer accounts. Use normal not flirty photos; use normal not flirty nicknames in email addresses (i.e. hotmail) and web2.0 websites (i.e. MySpace); do not use surnames and mobile phone numbers; set websites to “private” and remember to be aware that people can still ‘hack’ and fraud can occur by not being alert to bogus websites with virus-laden links and chain emails.

On being cyber-smart and reporting cyber-bullying, teaching staff will continue to use the exemplary Government funded resources across the curriculum. Our teachers fully endorsed Greg’s concluding remarks calling for support of the ACMA cyber-safe strategy that students, teachers and parents work together on safety online.

Dr Jill Abell
Director of Information Services & IT.
Open Day for Junior School Foyer and Classroom

Last Sunday The Hutchins School conducted its annual Open Day and between showers we enjoyed excellent levels of attendance and interest by many visitors from a range of other schools. This day also offered the opportunity to declare open the new Junior School foyer and Year 3 classroom. This facility now provides a welcoming and secure point of entry to the Junior School and a most welcome point of entry to those patrons who in the past have braved open-air ticket sales for productions at the Drama Studio. Mounted in the foyer is an attractive art piece that won a prize at the prestigious 2009 Hutchins Art Prize.

The occasion was celebrated by cutting a ribbon and declaration by our Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. Scott Harvey, and Will Burgess and Connor Schmidt revealing a brass plaque recording the event and the contribution to funding of this facility by the Commonwealth.

Thank you to all who contributed to the creation and completion of this handsome new facility, notably; Mrs Jenny Manthey, Head of ELC and Junior School, Business Manager, Ms Jenny Self, Maintenance and Grounds Manager, Mr. Ken Barnes, The Board of Management and members of its Strategic Planning, Finance and Property and Development sub committees, Mr Ian Johnstone of Johnston, McGee and Gandy, Architect, Mr. John Button, and Mr. David Williams, builder.

Warwick Dean
Headmaster

L to R: Warwick Dean – Headmaster, Jenny Manthey – Head of Junior School, Scott Harvey – Chairman of Hutchins Board of Directors
REMINDER: Senior School Absentee Procedure / System

Parents / Carers are once again reminded that boys need to be at school by 8.25am in order to be marked present for morning admin (8.30 to 8.45am).

All students that arrive from 8.30am onwards must sign in at the auto-sign-in computer in the Foster Wing. SMS messages are automatically generated when a boy has not been marked present during morning admin. A student must ensure that his Mentor has marked him present when he arrives a bit late – if not, he has to sign in.

Magenta and Black Masked Ball 3 July
All Tables Booked!

Thanks all for the wonderful response to this project … all tables are now committed. Further registrations will be accepted and placed on a wait list just in case there are cancellations.

If you have booked a table can you please finalise names and payment as soon as possible. Contact Anna Kirkland on 6221 4270 or email anna.kirkland@hutchins.tas.edu.au

An Archives Moment

Archibald McDougall attended Hutchins from 1913-20 and excelled both academically and on the sports field. After winning a Rhodes Scholarship in 1924 he studied law at Oxford University and went on to have a distinguished international legal career in England, the Middle East and the USA. In March 1986 the school received a generous bequest from his estate for the establishment of a scholarship and prize. The Archie McDougall Scholarship is awarded every seven years and the D. G. McDougall Prize for Legal Studies – named after Archie’s son, benefactor Dugald G. McDougall – is awarded annually.

A complete series of School magazines from 1913 to the present – and including the single extant copy from 1894 – has been sent off this week for scanning by the School’s selected copying firm. When completed, the digitized collection will be uploaded onto the School’s website – thus making vast amounts of historical information available to the public. The new School museum, to be completed later in the year, will have online search facilities available – enabling family historians, students and other researchers to locate information and link it to the relevant records, artefacts and memorabilia available on-site. It is an exciting development, and one which we have been working towards for some time. We are almost ready to outsource the School’s collection of audio-visual materials, which will ultimately add to the online availability of the Hutchins Archives and Heritage Collection.

Margaret Mason-Cox
Archivist

The 4 week course focuses on a total body resistance and cardio workout. The key to our successful program is the variety of exercise we have to offer – indoor and outdoor. Each session is professionally planned to ensure you exercise safely and effectively to achieve your fitness goals.

We pride ourselves on our service and getting the best possible results for our clients.

4 weeks, 24 sessions for just $100!

The sections are run at The Hutchins School Gymnasium and surrounding sports grounds, making use of some of the best facilities available.

AM sessions: Mon, Wed, Fri 6am – 7am
PM sessions: Mon, Tues, Thurs 6pm – 7pm

Call 0488 677 728 to book your place!

We hope you join us soon to take your fitness to the next level!
School Calendar

Sat 27  Cricket State Finals
SATIS Tasmanian Head of River Rowing

Week Eight
March
Mon 29  MS Learning Plans Week 2
Yr 9 Global Challenge Training Camp commences
Yrs 9/10 Prog 1 Academic Review with Mentors
Yrs 11/12 meeting (PSY, DWA, MAN)  CC
2.30 pm  JS Chapel  Chapel
Tue 30  Yr 7 SWAP Day I
SS Summer Sports Day
1.30 pm  MS: The Hurting Game  AUD
2.00 pm  ELC Chapel  Chapel
4.30 pm  Yr 7 F/T Conferences  MS
Wed 31  9.30 am  JS SSATIS Swimming  AC
1.05 pm  Headmaster’s Assembly  AUD
2.30 pm  ELC / JS Assembly  AUD
4.30 pm  Yr 8 F/T Conferences  MS

April
Thu 1  Yr 7 SWAP Day II
Yrs 9/10 Prog 1 Reports posted
Yr 9 Global Challenge Training Camp ends
9.30 am  ELC Grandparents’ Day  AUD
1.00 pm  Maundy Thursday Service  AUD
Fri 2  EASTER Break Commences

Easter Vacation Week
Mon 5
Tue 6
Wed 7
Thu 8
Fri 9
Sat 10  Tasmanian All Schools Rowing Championships

Easter Services at St David’s Cathedral

Palm Sunday - 28 March
8am Holy Communion
10am Choral Eucharist including Procession with donkeys. Rides afterwards.
6.30pm Evensong

Maundy Thursday -1 April
7pm Eucharist

Good Friday –2 April
10am Good Friday Meditation
8pm John Steiner’s Crucifixion performed by combined church choirs

Easter Eve - 3 April
4.30pm Messy Easter - Service for families and children with Easter activities.

Easter Sunday- 4 April
Services at 6.15am, 8am, 10am and 6.30pm.

Easter Services Advice

Wellspring Anglican would like to advise our Easter Services details are:

Good Friday Service (2nd April) will be held at Hutchins Middle School Auditorium, 9:30am.

Easter Sunday Service will be held at Wellspring Anglican, corner of Lord & Grosvenor St Sandy Bay at 10am. There will be hot cross buns and an Easter egg hunt.
The new 2010 | 2011 Entertainment™ Books are worth their weight in gold!

Purchase your brand new 2010 | 2011 Entertainment™ Book now to receive over $10,000 in valuable offers, valid through 1 June, 2011. At the same time, you’ll be helping community fund-raising!

The Entertainment™ Book is your guide to the best restaurants, hotel accommodation, attractions, sports and leisure activities...all with 25% to 50% off or 2-for-1 offers. Plus, My Bookings™. ...Compare rates, check availability and book your accommodation online.

Here is a sample of the many well known businesses providing valuable offers in the new Tasmania Entertainment™ Book.

### Fine and Contemporary Dining
- Prossers On the Beach
- Barilla Bay Oyster Farm & Restaurant
- Henry’s Harbourside Restaurant
- Home Hill Winery
- Marque IV The Restaurant
- Me Wah Restaurant
- Peppermint Bay
- Ashmore on Bridge Street
- Flathead
- Kuzina
- Matlini Cafe Restaurant
- Mures Upper Deck Seafood Restaurant
- Olive Restaurant and Wine Bar
- Quarry Salamanca
- Restaurant Tasman
- Royal Thai
- Segreto Cafe Trattoria
- Solicit
- Taroona Lounge Bar
- Tynwald Willowbend Estate
- Vanidol’s Asian Cuisine
- Zum Salamanca
- ONBA
- Alexanders
- Pier One
- and many more...

### Casual Restaurant and Family Dining
- Foreshore Tavern
- Cascade Visitors Centre Wood & Ballie Catering
- Criterion Street Cafe
- Dome
- Republic Bar and Cafe
- Dukkah
- Fleurtys
- Annapurna Indian Restaurant
- Hartzaew Vineyard
- Irish Murphy’s
- Kafe Kara
- La Porchetta
- Fish 349
- Marti Zucco’s Restaurant
- Raniceck Lounge
- Sails on the Waterfront
- Knopwoods Retreat
- Shipwrights Arms Hotel
- Zeps
- The Hilltop Granit
- The Metz on the Bay
- T42
- New Norfolk Hotel
- Fish Frenzy
- and many more...

### Informal Dining and Takeaway
- Bite The Humble Pie
- Fishy Business
- Flippers Cooked Seafood
- Legs ‘n’ Breasts
- Liveat
- Mako Takeaway
- Oomph! Coffee
- Praties
- Salamanca Bakehouse
- Souvaki Hut
- Hudsons Coffee
- Donut King
- Banjo’s
- Gloria Jean’s Coffees
- Wendy’s
- Bakers Dozen
- Burger Got Soul
- Smart Pizza
- CropLines Coffee
- and many more...

### Arts, Sports and Attractions
- Cascade Brewery Tours
- Cricket Tasmania
- Cadbury’s Visitor Centre
- Peppermint Bay Cruise
- Port Arthur Historic Site
- Savoy Baths and Day Spa
- Tahune Airwalk
- Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra
- Woody’s Skate & Play
- Zoo Doo Wildlife Park
- and many more...

### Retail, Travel, Leisure and Accommodation
- Avis/Budget/Eurocar/Hertz/Thifty
- Hamilton Island
- QBE Travel Insurance
- Fantasea Cruises
- Mantra/BreakFree Hotels
- Resorts & Apartments
- ACP/News/Pacific Magazines
- Warner Village Theme Parks
- Dreamworld/WhiteWater World
- and many more...

---

### Hutchins Supporters of Rowing

To purchase your 2010/11 Entertainment Book please return payment and form to:
The Hutchins School, 71 Nelson Road, Sandy Bay. 7005  ABN 91 133 279 291
$11 from every book sold will go to the Hutchins Supporters of Rowing.

**Contact:** Tony Smithies  **Phone:** 6221 4206

**ORDER FORM**

**Name:** 

**Address:** 

**Phone:** 

**Email:** 

**Method of payment:** Visa MasterCard Cash Cheque (The Hutchins School)

**Card No:** / / / /  **Expiry date:** / Signature:

**Number of books purchased:** _______ x $55 (GST incl) $ _______

(+$6 postage and handling per book if being mailed.) **Total enclosed** $ _______

Tasmanian Entertainment™ Books will be in limited supply. Orders are filled on a first come, first served basis.