Progressing towards implementation of the Australian Curriculum

Understanding your son’s report

As a leading and innovative school, we continue to be proactive in our response to the developments occurring in education in Australia at this time. ACARA (the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) is the national body which is overseeing the development and implementation of the Australian Curriculum. The endorsement and approval process for the curriculum documents for K (Prep in Tasmania) to Year 10 English, Mathematics, Science and History is in its final stage.

In the ELC/JS revision of our own curriculum documents in the light of the Australian Curriculum is well underway and, in line with ACARA’s expectations, we have used nationally accepted descriptors to record boys’ achievements on the End of Year Major Reports.

As these reports will be posted shortly, we take this opportunity to inform and educate you, the parents and carers of our students, about the interpretation of the A to E scale used, in the light of ACARA’s expectations. The A to E scale should not be equated with older, more traditional uses of this rating system. Boys meeting grade level expectations are awarded a ‘C’. Boys, whose work meets grade level expectations and who also show increasing competence in work above the grade level, are awarded a ‘B’. Boys who work consistently above their grade level are awarded an ‘A’. It is important to understand that a ‘C’ is not a poor result but reflects the competent completion of work at the expected level for the grade.

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We continue to develop our curriculum documentation, assessment and reporting procedures to ensure that national objectives are met and, importantly, that the formative as well as summative functions of assessment are best served. This means that we are able to maximise the learning opportunities for each boy, ensuring that assessment informs future teaching and that reports accurately indicate progress and achievement at given points on his educational journey, using ratings which are accepted and have a common interpretation across the country.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Hasenkam  Deputy Head ELC/JS - Curriculum
Early Learning Centre

Kindergarten
The Kindergarten boys enjoyed performing their Christmas songs for family and friends in the Chapel last week and for residents of Queenborough Rise Nursing home this week. They performed beautifully and looked amazing in their Christmas colours.

Prep
The Prep Nativity performance was a beautiful start to the festive season. The boys retold the Christmas story in their own words and looked and sounded fantastic. The boys loved performing it for their parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and also the residents of Queenborough Rise.

Thanks to Mrs Short for playing music for us and teaching us some great songs. Thanks also to Lochie’s Nan, Ann, for all of her help with the costumes. Prep F and Prep G would like to wish all their families a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season.

Finn Mead (Prep F) and Joshua Brazendale (Prep G) as Joseph and Mary.

Ben Fergusson, Gabriel Wake and Will Hale as angels.

Year One
The First Christmas

Oliver Elrick

Lochie Taplin

Zac Phair

Year Two
Friends in 2010

Samuel Harris

Ethan Taylor
Year Five

On the 22nd November Year Five went on our end of year excursion. We went to Poimena Reserve, at Austin's Ferry to play Disc (Frisbee) Golf. Disc Golf is very similar to real Golf in that the aim of the game is to get the disc into the basket (hole) in the smallest number of throws.

Before the boys started they received some expert coaching from some experienced players, Richard Sampson and Harvey Yarnall. Both players have played in various countries around the world and have recently played in the National Championships in Perth. They showed the boys how to hold and throw the disc and the different ways of throwing depending on whether they are putting or throwing long distance.

After some practice the boys spread out over the course and played eight or nine holes. The boys really enjoyed the game and showed off their skills. Many of them made pars and a few even made birdies! The boy who showed a lot of promise and skill and with the lowest score was Robert Jiang.

After lunch we played Circle of Fire, a game in which the players surround a basket and putt. If the disc goes in the player stays in the game. The successful players then take a step further back to make the next putt more difficult and so on until we had a winner. Despite some teething problems with the rules the boys demonstrated some good putting skills. The final group were hard to split - Ben Feeger, Peter Mercado, Will Harris and the eventual winner Jack Hayes had to have a number of putts before the winner could be determined.

Our professional and enthusiastic hosts, Richard and Harvey, were fantastic in their approach and are very keen to get schools involved in the game. Alternatively, if you would like to take the family, the Reserve is open all year round and it is free to play - all you need is a frisbee.

Year Four

On Friday 26th November the boys from Year 4 headed for the school bus to begin the best excursion ever!

We travelled to Putt Putt Mini Golf where we were able to play either the indoor or outdoor course with our friends and it was so much fun. We managed to avoid most of the water obstacles (well, almost) and there were some sensational shots and some near misses. After that we headed to Benjafield Park for lunch and there were also some other schools there. We played with the footy on the playground or relaxed with our friends and enjoyed some special treats.

But wait .... there was still more to come!

Next we headed for the AMF Bowling Centre where we tested out our skills. It was pretty noisy, mainly because we were laughing so much! It didn’t really matter who won, although Mr Berry and Skye did have a close contest with Mr Berry coming out on top. The lady there said that we were a great group and really polite and the teachers were pleased to hear it. Overall, most boys represented the school really well. The day went so quickly and we wish we could do it all again.

Mr Berry and Mrs McCreary would like to say a special thank you to all the parents for their help and support this year.

Year Three

Year 3 Super Skippers!

We have been skipping our hearts out for a good cause! We have had lots of fun along the way learning some new tricks and games. We have improved in the recent weeks, leaning how to do Double Dutch, Criss Cross and some other new found games such as ‘tails’.

A celebration of Jesus’ Birthday!

Kids’ Christmas

for the Young & Young at Heart

St Luke’s Taroona
7pm Christmas Eve

Children may like to come dressed in one of the people in the nativity story.
Year Six
Ross Lyon visits Year 6

Thanks to Eddie Johnston, Ross Lyon, coach of St Kilda, visited the Year 6 group last Friday to discuss traits of effective leadership and share his thoughts about how football can give you clues for effective strategies for life. He talked about the need to set goals and concentrate on making them happen.

He also discussed some strategies to deal with pressure. When they practise, the St Kilda team try and replicate a situation like it is the Grand Final. This means the team is always prepared. They train harder through summer and that is all part of preparation and avoids injury during the season. Ross Lyon talked about preparation as the key to effectively reaching goals. “If you put in an average effort and average preparation, you will play an average game and the same is true for life.” he said.

This is what some of the boys had to say:

“I found Ross Lyon was a great role model, because he talked about keeping active.” David Geary.

“He gave me the impression that if I want a good job, I need to step up my game and make a big effort at school.” Alex Pace

“If you lose a football game as long as you try your best, that is all people can ask, and this is true for everyone.” Michael Gentile

“Believe in yourself and learn to take risks.” Andonis Pavlides

“When you put in an extra effort, you will get an extraordinary result.” Sean Lowrie

Schools Triathlon Challenge

Last week 81 boys from the Junior School travelled to Bellerive Beach to participate in the Schools Triathlon Challenge. The focus of this event is all about getting out and having go and enjoying being physically active. Congratulations to all boys who competed as either individual competitors or as a part of a team, you’re all winners!! Thanks to staff and parents who assisted with transportation of boys and bikes. Without your support, such events would be impossible.

Year 6 Cricket

On Monday 6th December our Year 6 Cricket team will host a cricket team from Sydney Grammar School for a game of cricket on the War Memorial Oval. Play will begin at approximately 9:30 am and conclude by 3:15 pm. Many thanks to those families that will billet the Sydney Grammar boys during their stay.

Jump Rope for Heart

All boys from Year 2 to 6 have busily been ‘skipping away’ during Physical Education lessons and Daily Physical Activity sessions over the past few weeks as part of the Jump Rope for Heart Program. Money raised from sponsoring boys goes to the Heart Foundation to assist them in carrying out their invaluable work in areas of research in to heart health and healthy lifestyle initiatives. Our ‘Jump Off’ day to conclude the program was this Tuesday and if all monies raised could be returned to school by the end of the week that would be much appreciated.

Giving Tree

Today is the last day to bring things in for the Anglicare giving tree.

Thanks again for encouraging our boys in doing this. After a slow start, the pile is really building up!

Mark Holland - Assistant Chaplain

SUMMER CAMPS

Wandering how to keep the boys occupied over January? Wanting to give them some extra challenges? Try summer camps!

Anglican Camping Tasmania runs a number of co-ed camps for children and youth in Years 3 (2011) and up. All camps are run by experienced and accredited leaders. Reverend Mark will be leading on ‘Summer Fun’ -a camp for Years 3-6 (2011) at Seven Mile Beach from 24-28 January.

For more details of all camps, ask Reverend Mark or go to: www.anglicancampingtasmania.org.

JS Speech Night DVD

JS Speech Night is to be held on 9 December at Wrest Point Casino.

We are again offering the service of having a professionally recorded DVD of the evening available for you to purchase, provided sufficient orders are received. We need to receive of minimum of 60 DVD orders for the production to be viable. The cost of the DVD is $30.00.

Orders need to be returned to the Junior School no later than MONDAY 6 DECEMBER. We are unable to accept late orders due to time constraints.

SLOG

Finding ways to celebrate student learning in the library can sometimes be tricky, so I have created a blog as a place where I can share examples of student work.

Please visit the SLOG (Stephens Library Blog) to see work by Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 – more will be added as I gather examples from students. So far I have reviews of author visits, pictures of books created by Year 1, and convict research from Year 5.

To access the SLOG, ask your son to sign into Hutchins Central, then go to the Stephens Library webpage, and click on the SLOG announcement.

It is possible for students and parents to add comments to blog posts by clicking on the Comments link at the end of each post.

I hope you enjoy this glimpse into our Library lessons.
Thank you everyone for your support throughout the year. We hope that you have a safe and enjoyable festive season.

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Clinics: $110.00, Concessions for 2nd Child $105.00, 3rd Child $100.00
(*) Each clinic caters for children from 5-7 years. This program is an introduction to tennis and involves developing hand-eye co-ordination and motor skills for the main tennis strokes (Forehand, Backhand, Serve, Volley), sportsmanship and confidence in an enjoyable environment.
Time: 9am to 12 noon, Cost: $70.00

(a) The objective of each programme is to have fun while learning to play tennis.
(b) The courses will comprise all basic strokes, footwork, balance, drills for matches, court etiquette, sportsmanship, fitness training and tournaments conducted in each age group.
(c) Cross training is used to enhance the skills for learning tennis, therefore we include social games of soccer, basketball or cricket.
(d) Students will be under supervision of qualified professional coaches for the full course.
(e) If you do not own a racquet, one will be provided and we can advise you on the type of racquet to suit.
(f) Lunches for Clinics can be ordered. On the last day of the clinic a BBQ will be provided.
(g) Trophy presentation is held at 3pm on the 3rd day of Clinics. All parents are welcome.
(h) Wet Weather – the Hutchins gym (indoor court)

Venue: Hutchins Tennis Club, Nelson Road, Sandy Bay (Wet or fine)
Enrolment can be done by email and payment is due on the first morning

Enquiries Please phone Ray Harrison on Tel: 0438 326 924

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION
The Secretary, Ray Harrison Tennis Coaching, PO Box 46, Battery Point, 7004

Please enroll my son / daughter in Clinic No: ____________________________

Fee enclosed (Yes / No) $.................................. Date: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian signature: __________________________________________________

Student Details: Name(s) ____________________________ Age(s) __________
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Telephone __________________________________________ Daytime Contact __________

School Library
Borrowing is over for the year and we would like students to start returning their books now.

Australian Sports Camps at Hutchins
On January 31st and February 1st 2011 Australian Sports Camps will be running a Cricket Camp at Hutchins. Participants will receive 14 hours of coaching over two days from Tassie Tigers players including Tim Paine and James Faulkner. With the camp taking place at the school there is a discount available for Hutchins students. If you would like to take advantage of this discount see Mr McAloon for an application form.

Coming Events

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SCHOOL FINISHES for 2010

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