Dear Parents and Carers

In the first week of the holidays I attended an IPSHA (Independent Primary School Heads of Australia) Conference in Melbourne. It was a wonderful time of learning and meeting with colleagues from independent junior schools around Australia. The conference theme, “Leading with Conscience” was expounded by five passionate, inspirational speakers including: Carrillo Gantner AO, Dr Adam Fraser, Dr John Carnegie, Dr Rufus Black and Dr Loretta Giorcelli. The ‘Reality of Modern Schools’ was the theme of Dr Giorcelli’s talk.

She stated that in most primary classrooms:
1. 2 to 3% of children have disabilities (intellectual, sensory and physical)
2. 10 to 12% of children have learning difficulties (2 to 4% of these have learning disabilities)
3. 5 to 6% of children have behaviour disorders (children who cannot regulate their own behaviour)
4. 3 to 4% of children have emotional fragility (mental health issues eg anxiety or lack of resilience)

We also know that children vary in a myriad of other ways:
- Not all children come to school with the same receptive and expressive language
- Not all children were born with intact learning and vision
- Not all children process with the same speed and accuracy as their peers
- Not all children have the same ability to perceive the myriad of meanings in spoken utterances
- Not all children have the same ability to remember
- Not all children have the same ability to remain resilient in the same place, same time and at the same pace.

In short, children learn in different ways and have different temperaments and predispositions. They will come with a variety of experiences, abilities, gifts, talents, family values, culture, language abilities and interpersonal skills - all of which will provide different challenges for the teacher. So how do we meet these challenges as a school?

At Hutchins we try to:
- engage young children in the highest quality learning activities, so that they see the excitement of learning and the many different ways there may be to solve a problem.
- focus on outcomes and maximize success for all learners.
- have positive behaviour support mechanisms in place.
- work in close partnership with all stakeholders, eg the child, the parents, our teaching colleagues and other important agencies in the community to improve learning.
- promote wellbeing and respect for all.
- develop a culture of ambition and achievement.
- recruit and retain the best quality staff who are involved in many professional learning opportunities so that as a staff we are learning and reflecting on best practice all the time.

It is vitally important to cater for all of our boys and to ensure that we help them to develop their learning ‘muscle’ and potential in every area - social, emotional, cognitive and physical. With the enormous diversity amongst the students meeting this challenge is significant. Everyone’s needs are different and a variety of materials, methods and aids etc are needed in order to best support the learner. Fairness in education does not mean that everyone gets the same, at the same time and in the same way. Fairness means that everyone gets what he needs in order to succeed and thrive.

Jenny Manthey - Head of Junior School/Early Learning Centre

Koh Kawaguchi received a medal for attaining the highest score for the Year 4 ICAS Mathematics Competition in Tasmania

Coming Events

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**Early Learning Centre**

**Kindergarten**

Kindergarten T boys had a wonderful time visiting the Marine Discovery Centre this week. They encountered sea creatures of many kinds while exploring touch tanks and the foreshore. They particularly enjoyed the marine art activities in the afternoon.

Jack Griffiths

Kinder T boys observing the sea creatures.

**Prep**

In Prep we have been learning about the letter ‘e’. The boys have done some great echidna pictures and writing.

Darcy Ellis-Wickham

**Year One**

On Tuesday Year 1 were fortunate to have a visit from Cricket Tasmania. The boys had a great time practising their bowling, batting and fielding skills by moving around a number of different activity stations.

This is what some of the boys thought of the session:

I liked playing the games. The game I liked the most was hitting the ball of the cone. I liked getting Milo at the end.        
Tom Griffiths

I liked when you rolled the ball and tried to make the wickets fall over.        
Fraser Cumming

**A Haiku Poem by Isaiah Douglas**

The snow is freezing
I threw snowballs at Austin
It’s colder than cold.

**Year Two**

Year 2 classes have been visiting some playgrounds with a view to finding equipment that would suit our ELC playground of the future.

Here is Sebastian, Henry, James, Axel, Ethan and Noah at Soundy Park in North Hobart.

Troy Kroon at Soundy Park

**OSHC will not be running Vacation Care on Friday 22 October due to lack of numbers.**
Year Five

On Wednesday 6 October the Year Five classes went to Bruny Island for camp. We stayed at a farming property called Murrayfield. When everyone arrived they were very excited. After the accommodation was sorted out and the tents were pitched we went for a bushwalk. That night after dinner we played some games organised by the Year Nine boys then went to bed. Some people got a good night’s sleep but most stayed awake talking. That night there was a big storm and the wind and rain were very strong. People in tents were woken up, boys in the cabins got a good night’s sleep.

In the morning there were some very tired people - we had breakfast, had a play, fixed tents and then we were put into three groups and Mr Duggan told us what we were going to do. One group went canoeing, one went for a bushwalk and another stayed at camp to play some team games. At the end of each activity the groups changed around.

At the end of a big day we had dinner, played some more games and had a very early night. The weather was much kinder and everyone slept well. The next day we packed up and then went to the beach at the Neck. Some went for a surf while the majority played on the beach. After lunch we headed for the ferry and home. Everyone was sad to leave camp but happy to be heading home. Thanks to Mr Duggan, Mr McAloon, Mr Colombini, Mr Blackhall and our teachers.

PS: There are lots of photos on Sharepoint for interested parents.

Alec Kelly, Phelin Ndimanyi and Dane Friberg

Year Three

Year Three has been investigating Day and Night and the Earth in Space. We made scale models of the Earth and Sun. The Sun was 1 metre in diameter, the Earth the size of a marble. We used the oval and estimated how far the Earth would be from the Sun if we were working to this scale. We each chose a distance from the Sun and stood along the 100m track. We found that the Earth would be 106 metres from the Sun. Pluto would be past Cornelian Bay.

Touch of Green Day — Tuesday 19 October

ELC and Junior School boys are invited to be a part of ‘A Touch of Green Day’ (eg a ribbon, top or green socks on Tuesday the 19 October. Boys are asked to come to school wearing ‘a touch of green’ to help raise money for Steve Irwin’s Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital.

This initiative is from Samuel Ryan, Year 4Mc, who would like to personally deliver the money raised, on his upcoming visit to the Australia Zoo. Please bring along a gold coin donation.

Year Four

All Year 4 boys safely returned from our camp at Southport, full of exciting stories, fun memories and tired bodies. We all had a fantastic, but challenging time; pitching tents, bushwalking, lighting bonfires, body boarding, fishing and learning more about our beautiful environment. We would like to thank Mr Duggan and Mr McAloon for all of their organisation, Henry and Tim our Year 9 helpers for their fun and companionship and Mrs McCreary and Mr Berry for being great teachers and helping make our camp experience so enjoyable.

Come and join the Queenborough Little Athletics Club
Every Saturday for 5-13 years of age.
Contact Steve Chau on 0409 311 556 for more information.
Teaching children to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.

Bob Talbert

Year Six
Mark Greenwood Presentation
I found the presentation very interesting. The story about Duffy the donkey was quite touching in parts, especially when they had to leave Duffy behind because there wasn’t enough room on the boats. The story about Lasseter’s reef was very mysterious in places. It was amazing the way he is in possession of one of the most amazing pieces of Australian history. The map to a gold reef worth at east 1 billion dollars. Overall I found the speech inspiring and it has encouraged me to go exploring.

Henry Moss 6E

Mark Greenwood and Frané Lessac Visit the Junior School
On Tuesday all Junior School boys were invited to see our guests: Author Mark Greenwood and Author/Illustrator Frané Lessac.

Mark held Years 5 and 6 boys enthralled with tales of the adventurous courage of John Simpson Kirkpatrick, and excited them with tales of Lasseter’s fabulous reef of gold, lost in the Australian Outback. Frané unveiled the mysteries of illustrating and designing books, and the various steps that a story takes on the way to being published.

An order form to purchase Greenwood/Lessac books directly from the publishers is available from the Stephens Library. Student reviews and photos from the visit will be published on the Stephens Library website.

Mark Greenwood’s presentation was interesting. He went into detail and described everything well, but also added a bit of humour. I like his work because it takes history and turns it into a story backing up his pictures with words and vice versa. Not only do his books inspire you to read more stories, but they encourage you to read about history. His work takes those boring, dull black and white photos and turns them into a colourful picture book which you immerse yourself in. You truly feel like you’re there.

James Tucker 5K

On first appearance Mark Greenwood to be a typical author. He has long hair and dresses casually. After introducing himself, he proceeded to pull out a MacBook Pro™ and get up a slide display on the big screen. The whole afternoon was very entertaining. Mark talked about most of his books and showed us pictures of places he had visited, people he had met or items collected as he tried to write his books. I liked the way he did it. He told tales and seemed to wrap the afternoon into a story itself. It was very involving. He had a message for all of us: Go home, turn off the TV, read books and write books. I myself was inspired.

Tom Dunbabin 5K

News from Art
We have some fantastic new artwork up in the Junior School halls at the moment.

Highlights include:
Year 5 perspex self portraits.
Year 5 marine texture inspired ceramic tiles.
More fantastic Year 4 recycled can pattern making.
New Year 6 Plaster sculptures.

Make sure you have a look downstairs outside and inside the library!

Rebecca Terry — Junior School Art Teacher

News from our Chaplain
Would you like to deal with your boys spiritual questions, but not sure how to do it? Would you like to encourage your boys to read the Bible, but find they cannot cope with the size or the language of many versions of the Bible?

Here are my recommendations for boys in years 4-6:
The Manga Bible - a quality cartoon version.
The Big Rescue (Contemporary English Version).

Alternatively you could encourage them to read a book that may deal with their specific questions and help them to understand Christianity better:
The Case for Christ for Kids by Lee Strobel and Rob Suggs.
Gum Tree Gully by Kel Richards.
The Pilgrim’s Progress by Jean Watson.

All these books are available from Koorong Bookstore Criterion Street Hobart.

Rev Mark Holland - JS Chaplain

Junior School Athletic Carnival
is being held on Monday 25th October
on WMO
commencing at 9.00 am
Parents are welcome to attend
In case of inclement weather the back up date is 1 November.
Add this date to your calendar!

Green Team Initiative for Junior School and Middle School
After the Show weekend all plastic bottled drinks purchased from the Tuckshop will cost

$2.00 NOT $1.80

Any empty bottle of drink that has been purchased from the Tuckshop can be returned for re-cycling and you will receive .20c refund.

To receive your refund please go to the Tuckshop between 1.00-1.15.

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Bob Talbert
The Hutchins School - Outside School Hours Care

2011 Summer Holiday Program

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