Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of any school year requires a lot of settling in. Some boys have started Kindergarten or school for the first time and other boys may have moved from other school systems, states or even countries and have a lot to adjust to. Even the ‘old’ boys need time to get used to new teachers and year levels. However, upon observation and the feedback from teachers, parents and the boys themselves, most of the boys have settled in remarkably well. The boys appear to be happy, enthusiastic and actively engaged in school life.

Despite the smooth start to the year we are aware that it still takes time and patience to establish routines and expectations. It also takes time for teachers to learn where children are academically, emotionally, socially and physically and how to best support and meet each child’s needs.

Please aid us in the quest by communicating any questions, concerns and delights that you may have regarding your child or the school as soon as issues arise. That way matters can be dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Before School

The School is not open until 8:00am for Duty of Care reasons. From 8:00 am on there are always teachers on duty in the ELC and Junior School. If you need to drop your child off earlier than this please use our Before Care Service. If your child is found at school before 8:00 am they will be sent to Before Care.

As you have already read in previous correspondence our classrooms are not open until 8:20 am. As you are aware apart from the face to face teaching teachers have a myriad of other responsibilities- planning, preparation, assessment, extra curricula commitments such as debating or Saturday sport, Early morning afternoon/and evening meetings, professional development, parent interviews/meetings, strategic planning groups etc. so time is precious!

It is important for the boys to have a good run around/exercise/play before they settle to some learning.

It also means that if parents wish to make an appointment to speak to the teacher before 8:20 am about a delicate or confidential matter they may do so in private, safe in the knowledge that their child and other children are being supervised. The school day formally begins at 8:30 am for boys from Prep upwards.

Exceptions

If you are disabled you may park there. (There are two disabled spots.)

If you are the parent of a Kindergarten child you may park there from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or from 2:15 pm to 2:45 pm because Kindergarten children must be signed in and signed out for child care licensing purposes.

If you are dropping something off or picking a child up for an appointment between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:15 pm or if you are a parent helper during those times.

All other parents if they wish to walk their child in may certainly do so but need to park elsewhere eg at the bottom of the oval or David Street, Earl Street, Peel Street, Nelson Road or Churchill Avenue etc.

Jenny Manthey - Head of Junior School/Early Learning Centre

Junior School Grandparents Day is now calendared for

FRIDAY 13 AUGUST 2010

Please make a note of the new date.

The drop off zone may be used by ELC parents or JS parents.

The drop off zone is also used by our three school buses.

There is always a teacher on gate duty. (8:00 am to 8:30 am and again 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm) This way we can ensure that boys are entering and exiting the school grounds safely.

Phelin Ndimanyi Year 5 on his study tour of the Derwent River

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Early Learning Centre

Kindergarten

We have welcomed many wonderful new boys into Kindergarten. This week Arjun Yellap and Jack Akl joined our class.

Jack loves the trains and Arjun is a good artist.

Year One

In Year 1S we have been reading lots of books by Dr Seuss. We love them! Last week we had a “Cat in the Hat” day.

We did a dot-to-dot, wrote some rhyming words for at, designed a machine to clean up our bedroom and some people made a “cat in the hat” hat.

Prep

Prep F and Prep G have started the term looking at lions. The lion is one of the symbols of Hutchins School. The boys have lots of prior knowledge about lions and are learning some new and interesting things too. Did you know a group of lions is called a pride?

The boys made patterns around the lion’s face so that it looked like his mane.

James Walters and his drawing of a lion.

Year Two

Year Twos have made a fantastic start to the year. Here are some boys relaxing on Friday in their Free Time.

Jack Rossiter and Harrison Riley build from boxes.

During the Christmas holidays Year 2B boys made a collection of “Holiday Happenings” in a box. Here is Henry Reeve presenting his items to the class.

Damage to School Property and Fire Alarms

A standard charge will apply where a student carelessly activates a fire alarm and the fire brigade attends and when a student damages school property.
Year Three
A BIG welcome to the new boys in Year 3.

It has been a great start to 2010. Miss Vivarelli, Mr Robinson and Mr Marriott are looking forward to working with all the boys. A warm welcome to all the new boys and their parents. We hope they enjoy their time with the year 3 team.

Some words new boys have used to describe their first week at School; Awesome, brilliant, nervous, fantastic, great, wicked, fun, good and excellent.

Year Four
In Year 4 we have been busy preparing for our journey to Australia from England as part of the first fleet. The waters are largely unchartered and we hope to find out many new and interesting things. Some of us have chosen to go on our own free will and others will be transported as convicts and are to kept in the hulls for the next few months.

Mr Berry and Mrs McCreary have made sure our leg irons have been fastened and there is no chance of escape or mutiny! We hope we all survive the journey!

We have also been practising our moving and grooving in preparation for Wakakirri later in the year. We hope that our parents have also learned the dance moves!

(A small test will be given at Meet The Teacher next Thursday night!)

Year Five
Year 5K and 5W have been studying the Derwent River. On Friday 12 February we went on an excursion to three places on the Derwent. We went in groups and examined the places where parts of the river can be accessed.

The first place we went to was Murphy’s Wetlands near Granton, it was cold but the water temperature was 20°C. We studied the clarity of the water too by inserting water into a cylindrical tube, called a turbidity tube. Despite the geese droppings the water clarity was great.

Mrs Knight made us put gloves on so we didn’t get our hands dirty when we ate our recess. The second place we went to was Risdon Cove opposite Nyrstar (the old EZ). It was very rocky and near the water’s edge it was very slippery and hard to collect water samples. We marvelled at the speed of the river and also used this time to get closer as a class.

The last place we went to was a beach near the CSIRO in the city. The clarity was pretty low because of all the sand in the water. We were going to go to Taroona Beach but we didn’t get time.

Back in class we discovered the acidity of the water by doing a pH test – with stunning results. It was fun.

Thomas Baddiley and Isaac Sargent

Ice Slushies
Monday 22 February at lunchtime 12.45-1.15 Ice Slushies will be sold by the Senior School boys to raise money for ‘Relay for Life’ Cancer Council. Slushies will be $1.00.

Bikes and Razor Scooters
Year 5 and 6 are the only boys who are permitted to ride bikes or razor scooters to and from school. **Helmets are always required.** Please inform the class teacher if your child rides to school. Your son will then be required to sign a contract. Bikes Contract forms are available from Mrs Priest in the Junior School Office.

Mobile phones
Generally mobile phones are banned in the Junior School. A written request to Mrs Manthey from parents is required if your son needs to use a mobile phone because of safety reasons or transport. Year Five and Six boys are the only boys who should require a phone and they will be required to sign a contract. Phone Contract forms are available from Mrs Priest in the Junior School Office.

Art Smocks - Please remember that your child MUST have their waterproof smock at School. They can be purchased from the School Shop.

Communiqué and JS Newsletter via email
Our database is now being updated. Any non parents of the school who are currently receiving the Communiqué and JS Newsletter via email and who wish to continue receiving them, should advise Rachel Lucas in the main office of their email address.
**Year Six**

Over the past few days we have been learning how to draw circles with compasses. By drawing these circles we made some fantastic designs inside of the circles.

Here are what we thought were some great designs by Ewan Favretto and Nat Franklin.

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**Cars and Crossings**

Please for the safety of everyone observe the School rules and procedures:

- Parents, teachers and boys must use the Nelson Road or Churchill Ave underpass
- The Staff Car Park is **NOT** a drop off zone or parking area
- No right turn out of ELC car park onto Churchill Ave
- Parking is **not allowed** on grass verges

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**Change in contact details**

Please advise the main School Office in writing if you have any change to email address, phone numbers, medical information for your son or change of family circumstances. It is vital that any changes are noted on our data base just in the **case of emergency.**

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**JS Playground**

Please remember that after school, children are not allowed to play on the Junior School playground as there is no teacher on duty. However, children are allowed to play on the equipment if their parents are there to supervise (eg if parents are waiting with younger ELC children or Junior school siblings).

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There comes that mysterious meeting in life when someone acknowledges who we are and what we can be, igniting the circuits of our highest potential.

*Rusty Berkus*