Junior School / Early Learning Centre Newsletter

Friday 1 October 2010

NAPLAN in a Nutshell!
The NAPLAN Reports for our Year 3 and 5 boys were received last week. Individual reports have been forwarded to parents. We are very proud of the boys’ results on the assessments – always remembering that “these results have been obtained from a single series of tests, held in May 2010, and therefore provide a ‘snapshot’ of [the boy’s] achievement at that time. They should be considered alongside the more extensive and informative judgements made about [each] child by his teacher.” (2010 NAPLAN – Student Reporting - Information for Parents Brochure)

General Results in summary form:

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NB - Statistics for “Similar School” have not been included as NAPLAN determines ‘similar school’ solely on the basis of parental education levels. Factors, which contribute to the determination of “similar schools” in other comparative data situations eg the MY School website, such as the social and economic background of the students, whether the school is remote, the proportion of Indigenous students, the proportion of students from non-English speaking backgrounds, the proximity of students’ homes to the school, the age groups/grade levels catered for by the school, the size of the school are not considered. Significantly for The Hutchins School, neither NAPLAN or MY School factor in the gender of the students. Educational researchers recognise gender as a significant factor impacting on the achievement of students in particular curriculum areas at particular stages of development.

% Boys achieving 3 or more Bands above the National Minimum Standard

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Analysis of the NAPLAN results, consideration of the information they contribute to the overall picture of each boy’s achievement together with our understanding of the education of boys will continue to inform the development of the teaching and support programs we offer.

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

Kindergarten
The Kindergarten garden is going very well. Last week we picked new carrots and shared them as part of our afternoon tea. Yum yum...

Prep
Prep boys have been interested in echidnas and they found out lots of information by exploring the internet on the Interactive Whiteboard.

‘The echidna lays eggs. The babies are called puggles.’ Angus Broadby
‘Echidnas eat ants and termites.’ Will Hole
‘The echidna’s tongue is 17 centimetres long.’ James Krushka
‘The echidna turns into a ball when it is scared.’ Alan Hamilton

This is David Humphreys’ echidna.

Year One
On the weekend on Saturday the AFL Grand Final was on. I watched the grand final. I barracked for Collingwood. It was a tie. My mum smacked the chair and said, “No, No!”. I said, “Yes, Yes” I wanted it to be a tie. The Manorong family came. We had sausages for lunch while we watched the football. Lochie Taplin

On Saturday I watched the AFL Grand Final and I have never ever felt that way. At the end I thought that Collingwood would have won but they didn’t. It was a tie. It was amazing. I stayed at my pa’s house that night. It was fun. Oliver Elrick

Year Two
Year 2B have been writing Footy Acrostic poems.

S Saints kicked the winning goal
T Teams are fighting for the trophy
K Kicking a lot of goals
I Injuries hurt a lot
L Lockers sometimes get dirty
D Dodging your opponent
A Auskick kids come out at half-time.

Hawks winning
Auskick kids playing
Winning the Grand Final
Time running out
Hawks in the lead
Oval noise deafening
Ruckman tapping
Norm Smith Medal best player on field.

Royal Hobart Show
Please note the ELC will not be going to the Royal Hobart Show this year this is due to a number of factors, predominately: the increase in entrance cost and the difficulty in finding enough parent helpers which has led to insufficient ratios for safe supervision.
Junior School

Year Three
Year 3 have had a busy start to the term. To help us learn more about our SOSE topic on Aborigines, we spent a day at Molesworth Environment Centre where we got to learn about Aboriginal way of life. We made huts, damper and got to explore caves. Some words to describe this experience were “Amazing”, “Awesome”, “Fantastic”, “Brilliant” and “Delicious Damper”.

We would also like to thank all the families that got involved in our Planet Gazing Night. We would like to thank Mr Peter Starkey, Mr Peter Crofts and the people from the Astronomical Society for making the night possible.

Year Four
The September holidays were filled with adventure and excitement for many of the Year 4 boys. Timmy, Toby, Oscar, Samuel, Liam, Tom Davie, James, Tom Taglieri and their families headed to the warm Queensland climate and visited either the parks or beaches.

Ben McTaggart, Rhett, Will, James Anderson, Mitchell Hurst and Declan celebrated important birthdays with their families. Mason and Baxter visited the beautiful Hastings Caves and their surrounds, Sam went to Mason’s shack, James and Oli went shacking in St Helens and Will Polley worked on his motorbike riding skills.

Bas, Fraser, Hamish, Jack and some of the boys tried laser skirmish. Will Mathot-Dewis travelled to Melbourne to visit some family. Kade’s dad played for Hutchins in the Old Scholars Grand Final.

Joe and his family recharged in Vanuatu, Jonathon and Charlie explored Launceston and Ben Green played in the water slide park in Bali. Mitchell Rickards and his family had an amazing time exploring Egypt and visited the tomb of Ramses 1st. Charlie climbed the treacherous Mt Amos.

Finn soaked up the sun in Hawaii, Henry went snorkling in Fiji, while Will, Tim and Hugh experienced slightly colder conditions skiing and playing in snow in New Zealand, Mt Bulla or Cradle Mountain.

Many others kept themselves very busy at home surrounded by loving family and friends.

It sounds as though they need to come back to school for a rest!!
Year Six
Racing Electric Powered Cars
Last Friday Year 6B visited the School of Engineering at the University of Tasmania. We were involved in a two hour workshop entitled Building and Racing an Electric Powered Car. Three tutors, all engineering graduates, led us in the workshop. We carefully followed instructions as we constructed our own car and then created an electric circuit with batteries, wires and a motor. In the process we made human models of atoms and electricity. We discussed what electricity is and what an electric current looks like at the atomical level. We had a chance to race our cars around the room. Sadly we had to leave the motors behind, but now have a pattern to convert our car to a balloon powered machine. It was great fun and successful learning.

An example of the one of the cars we built.

Harrison Davidson-Lim and Campbell Braithwaite gather as they trial an electric circuit while the class looks on.

Wacky Hair Day raised $520. We have donated $400 to the Red Cross Pakistan Appeal and $120 to World Vision.

Year 3 Picasso faces.
Year 4 Aluminium can collages and paper mache sculptures.
Year 5 Antarctic collages and sport paintings.
Year 6 fantasy plaster creatures

Enjoy!
Mrs Terry  Junior School Art Teacher

News from Art
There are some fantastic Artworks on display in our halls and in the Library at the moment. Please feel very welcome to come and view a selection of:

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Enjoy!

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Coming Events

4 Oct  Sunhats are compulsory from today (Day Light Saving)
10.00 JS Dance Troupe w/shop   Dominic
2.30 JS Chapel
5 Oct  2.00 ELC Chapel
6 Oct  Year 5's to camp x 3 days  Murrayfield
 2.30 JS Assembly
8 Oct  Year 5's return from camp
1.00 House Assemblies
11 Oct 9.00 Kindergarten B to Woodbridge Marine Centre
2.30 JS Chapel
12 Oct 2.00 ELC Chapel
 5.30 Year 4-6 Strings “Spring into Strings” Gershwin Rm
13 Oct  Year 3R to Camp x 3 days Southport
 9.00 Kindergarten T to Woodbridge Marine Centre
 2.30 ELC/JS Assembly 5 W host

REMINDER:  21 and 22 OCTOBER—Show Day break
**ICAS Results – Years 4 and 6**
Well done to all Year 4 and Year 6 boys who participated in the ICAS Competitions for Computer Studies (Year 6 only), Science and English this year. Congratulations to the following boys who achieved:

**Computer Skills Competition – Year 6**

High Distinctions: Ian Hamilton and Stewart Jackson

**Science Competition**

Year 6: Distinctions: Patrick Eberhard, Charlie Greenwell, Jack Reid
Credits: Fergus McShane, Rainjan Blakers, Louis Duckett, Ewan Favretto, Roan Gillam, Ian Hamilton, Stewart Jackson, Edward Johnstone, Jayden Stevenson

Year 4: High Distinction: Koh Kawaguchi
Distinctions: Patrick Betts, James Browne, Tom Davie, Oliver Lamb, Lachlan Peacock, Fergus Charles, Oscar Chau
Credits: Hugh Jobb, Tim MacLachlan, Alex Titchen, Joe Bailey, Samuel Carmichael, Baxter Crawford, Sebastien Horne, Brentyn Muir, Kade Rossiter

**English Competition**

Year 6: High Distinction: Jack Reid
Distinctions: Rainjan Blakers, Stewart Jackson, Henry Moss
Credits: Ewan Favretto, Nat Franklin, Roan Gillam, Edward Johnstone, Ben Lienert, Thomas MacCrossan, William McCullum, Fergus McShane, Tom Walcott

Year 4: High Distinction: Tom Davie
Distinctions: Koh Kawaguchi, Henry Mitchell, Charlie Moss, Samuel Carmichael, Oscar Chau, Kade Rossiter
Credits in the Year 4 English Competition: James Anderson, Patrick Betts, Oliver Lamb, Tim MacLachlan, Fergus Charles, Brentyn Muir, Jack Weeding

Please note: Only students in Years 4 & 6 participate in ICAS competitions. Students in Years 3 & 5 participate in NAPLAN.

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**News from our Chaplain**

After two terms of Chapel services and Religious and Values Education lessons this year, your boy may have come home singing some new action songs or asking some pretty difficult questions about God and Jesus. As a parent myself, I know that answers to these types of questions can be hard at times to ‘translate’ into a simple explanation that children can understand.

So rather than try to answer every question they have or pouring ‘cold water’ on their interest by not answering, I recommend the following.

Why not start reading a children's Bible story book with them? This will answer some of their questions, and the journey will also be worth it! If you do not have one at home already, I recommend the following.

**Kinder- Year 1:** The Big Picture Story Bible, by David Helm.
**Years 1-3:** The Jesus Storybook Bible, by Sally Lloyd-Jones.

The best place to get these is Koorong bookstore in Criterion Street.

I will let you know good books for Grades 4-6 boys in the future.

**Mark Holland—JS Chaplain**

**ELC Book Week Book Fair**

Thank you for your support—sales were over $1200, of which Hutchins ELC Library will receive a percentage to purchase new books.

**Spring into Strings Soiree**

On Tuesday 12 October all string players from Years 4-6 will be performing in our String Soiree.

The evening will be held in the Gershwin beginning at 5.30 pm and will conclude with a family tea at 6.30 pm. Boys are asked to bring a small plate of finger food to share.

**Graeme Base—Author/Illustrator visit**

Graeme Base talked about when he was young and that was really interesting. He said he has written and published about 12 books. He said he had written books such as Animalia, The Eleventh Hour, The Aterhole, Uno’s Garden and a few more that I can’t remember. His last and latest release is The Legend of the Golden Snail.

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If you plan for one year, plant rice.
If you plan for ten years, plant trees.
If you plan for one hundred years, educate people.
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