Dear Parents and Carers

Fostering the right sort of positive learning habits in children will hopefully not just help them at school but also produce success in later life. There has been a lot of research over the years showing that successful people in almost any walk of life display certain characteristics or dispositions. Arthur Costa, Professor Emeritus at California State University, calls them Habits of Mind. He has identified 16 habits in his book ‘Learning and Leading with Habits of Mind’. You will have noticed that in our reports and in your parent teacher conferences the teachers will often use the language of Habits of Mind.

1. Applying past knowledge to new situations: Use what is learned: Consider prior knowledge and experience; Apply knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.
2. Creating, imagining and innovating: Try a different way, propose new ideas; strive for originality.
3. Taking responsible risks: Be adventurous, try something new and different; face the fear of making mistakes.
4. Persisting: Stick to the task at hand; Follow through to completion and remain focused.
5. Thinking Interdependently: Willing to work with others and welcome their input and perspective. Abide by decisions the work group makes even if you disagree; Willing to learn from others in reciprocal situations.
6. Finding Humour: Willing to laugh appropriately; Look for the whimsical, absurd, ironic and unexpected in life; Laugh at yourself when you can.
7. Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision: Strive to be clear and accurate when you are speaking and writing to others. Avoid generalizations, distortions and deletions when speaking and writing.
8. Managing Impulsivity: Take time to consider options, Think before speaking or acting; Remain calm when stressed or challenged; Be thoughtful and considerate of others and proceed carefully.
9. Listening with Understanding and empathy: Pay attention to and do not dismiss another person’s thoughts, feelings and ideas; Put yourself in another’s shoes. Be willing to consider the impact of choices on yourself and others.
10. Questioning and Problem Solving: Ask yourself, “How do I know?” develop a questioning attitude; Consider what information is needed, choose strategies to get that information; Consider the obstacles needed to resolve.
11. Responding with wonderment and awe: Being intrigued and having fun figuring things out. Have regard for what is awe-inspiring and can touch your heart; Open to the little and big surprises in life that you see in nature, the world, others and yourself.
12. Thinking Flexibly: Be willing to look at things another way, change perspective, consider the input of others, generate alternatives and weigh options.
13. Gathering data through all senses: Be willing to use all your five senses:- hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting and feeling.
14. Remaining Open to Continuous learning: Be open to new experiences to learn from; Be humble enough to admit when you don’t know. Welcome new information on all subjects.
15. Striving for Accuracy: Setting high standards and check to improve. Nurture a desire for exactness and craftsmanship.
16. Thinking about your Thinking (Metacognition): Being aware of your own thoughts, feelings, intentions and actions; Knowing that what you do and say affects others; Be willing to consider the impact of choices on yourself and others.

Jenny Manthey - Head of Junior School/Early Learning Centre

Harrison Davidson-Lim and his plaster sculpture

Coming Events

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Early Learning Centre

**Kindergarten**

Last week the Kindergarten boys went to Gould’s Lagoon to do some bird watching as part of our Term Two Reggio projects. We saw eighteen different sorts of birds. Here we are on the bridge to the bird hide.

**Year One**

As part of our unit on water we looked closely at some pictures of different boats. We then drew them with black fine line pens.

*My ship is a military ship. It floats on the sea. Its special features are guns and lots of things to protect it. My black fine line is good too.*

Henry Oddie

*My ship is a pirate ship. It floats on the water. Its special features are a bottom layer where the pirates can sleep. It has cannons. It has sails and lots of bits on it. It also has a plank.*

Luke Mitchell

**Prep**

Prep G have been looking at words that begin with the ‘sh’ sound and drew pictures of themselves with their shadow. We explored why shadows ‘follow us’ and the direction our shadow falls depending on the light source. Here are a few of their drawings.

**Year Two**

Last week 2S and 2B visited the Senior School Science lab. Mr Starkey gave the boys a lesson on how to split oxygen and hydrogen from water using solar electricity and small batteries. The boys then used the hydrogen to power small cars. It was awesome! A big “thank you” to Mr Starkey.

**JS Tuckshop**

*Request from the Tuckshop!* Can parents please put lunch order money into a sealed snap lock bag as sometimes the money falls out when using a paper bag.
Junior School

Year Three
Year 3 had a fantastic time catching up with Collegiate at our recent get together. We were busy rotating around the Year 3 rooms, participating in some fun team challenges.

We did group quizzes, newspaper bridge competitions and toothpick and plasticine tower making.

Working together as a team!

Jordan Kiley and Bradley Lakosejlac

Year Four
NEWSFLASH: YEAR 4 INVADED BY ANCIENT TRIBES
Year 4 classes have been thrown into chaos this week as tribes from various ancient communities infiltrated the usually tight security of the Hutchins School.

Tribes of Romans, Egyptians, Greeks, Incas, Vikings and Aztecs created presentations to teach others about their lives. Boys were impressed with how advanced the thinking was of some of the communities and how many of the things we take for granted now, were actually invented and used by these communities thousands of years ago.

One presentation of the Roman Empire included Baxter’s bright and brilliant Battle armour, Finn’s fantastic, famine busting pizzas, Henry’s healthy and hearty chocolate cake, Tom’s tall and terrific colosseum and James’s wicked weapons.

Oscar, Ryan, Mason and Tenzin took us on a journey back to ancient Egypt where we learnt about armies, mummification and the importance of the Nile River.

It was an interesting and exciting way to learn about our history.

Year Five
Year 5K and 3V spent time together learning how to make sock puppets so we would know how to sew. First we sewed on buttons for eyes and then the hair. If we wanted tongues, ears and noses we cut out shapes from felt and sewed them on. Groups made up of 2 boys from Year 5 and 2 from Year 3 are working together. Each group is writing up a script, acting it for the classes and recording it.

Layne Alexander 5K

Luck Jar Competition
The Charity Group organised a Lucky Jar competition to guess the amount of jelly beans in a jar. The aim was to raise money for our World Vision sponsor child, Lindokuhle.

We raised over $100 for Lindokuhle, who will be celebrating his 12th birthday on 17 August.

Well done to the winner, Koh Kawaguchi in 4B, with the closest guess of 410. The actual number of jelly beans in the jar was 423.

Thank you to everyone for their support.

The Charity Group: Sean Lowrie, Jack Green, Dave Geary, Louis Duckett, James McNeil and Jack Reid.
Year Six
Paul Calvert visits Year 6
Year 6 had the pleasure of meeting Mr Paul Calvert, Jack Green’s (6B) grandfather, who visited the school on 12 July. Mr Calvert has had many roles in public life including being the President of the Senate for a number of years.

He discussed many important issues relating to democracy and government, topics we are currently exploring in our year group. We started by discussing countries with or without democracies and what the implications are for those countries.

We learnt that Australia is one of the oldest continuous democracies. He gave a copy of a print of the first parliament held in Melbourne in 1901.

Mr Calvert commented, “It’s amazing how many great people you meet through politics.” When asked what the best advice was for someone aspiring to a political life, he said it was very important to really listen to others and if opportunities presented themselves to you in life, to take them.

This terms Writing competition

- Read one of the following poems (by Frost, Poe or Thomas) and respond to its author through verse or text, highlighting and commenting upon the emotion and theme it is dealing with. Be sure to provide examples of why you have interpreted such emotions and themes.

OR (this option is for Junior School entries)

- Read the following poem (‘The Jabberwocky’) and provide a storyline. Rewrite the ending using similar language in trying to copy the author’s style.

Entries are due before the 2 September and can be handed in to the Bednall Centre (Mr Palfreyman). There are no set minimum or maximum word lengths. Please do not take the poems displayed, ask to get a photocopy or note the details of the poem and get your own copy.

PINOCCHIO

Sixty talented Year 5 boys are presenting the musical "PINOCCHIO" on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th July in the School Auditorium. Evening performances begin at 7.00 pm and should finish around 8.15 pm. Matinee performances will begin at 11.00 am and finish at 12.15. Entry – gold coin donation. No booking necessary.

Please note: Invited neighbouring schools will be attending the matinee performances together with some of our Junior School classes.

The “Adventures of Pinocchio” were written by the Italian writer, Carlo Collodi, and first appeared in a weekly newspaper for children in 1880 - 130 years ago. Pinocchio’s adventures became a favourite of not only the children in Italy – but children all over the world.

Today his escapades have been translated into more than 80 languages and also made famous by Walt Disney. We invite you and your family to our version of “Pinocchio” – no strings attached!

Premier’s Reading Challenge
To mark the half way point of the Premier’s Reading Challenge, the Premier of Tasmania encourages all families to have a “read-in” together for half an hour this Sunday.

This is a great opportunity for kids to stay in bed and read a favourite book or join their parents for a “reading breakfast”.

Don’t forget that the Sunday “read-in” book can count towards the Premier’s Reading Challenge book tally. The Challenge encourages students in Prep to Grade six to read at least 10 books in the 10 weeks between 21 June and 27 August.

www.premiersreadingchallenge.tas.gov.au

Old School tracksuits and white polo tops wanted! As the old school tracksuits and white polo tops cannot be recycled in the school shop the SRC Year Six leaders have suggested that we collect them and send them to the orphanage/school in Thailand where our senior global challenge boys have been working.

The idea has already been gratefully received in Thailand, now we just have to collect the clothing and post it off. Please send the items to your son’s classroom or JS reception where it will be collected and posted. Many thanks.

News from Art

We are pleased to welcome Mr Brad Trost to our team in the Art area. Mr Trost is the new Art Aide for the school. He assists with material preparation and also works with classes. Mr Trost has a fine Art Degree, is a sculptor and is training to become an Art teacher at the University of Tasmania. He works in the Junior School area on Thursday mornings and has been a real asset to our program. Welcome Brad!

At the moment all of the 3-5 students are working on projects using recycled materials. Year 3 are creating Picasso box faces, Year 4 aluminium can collages (a big thank you to parents for assisting with this!) and the Year 5’s are beginning Antarctic collages and creating some fantastic ice cream container plastic pieces.

New in the JS corridors are some terrific plaster sculptures from 6P and some more sport inspired paintings from the 5’s. Please come and enjoy the boys outstanding work.

Rebecca Terry
Junior School Art Teacher
Kate Reid - Tasmanian Teacher Librarian of the Year 2010

Congratulations to Mrs Kate Reid who is the recipient of the Tasmanian Teacher Librarian Award 2010. This award recognises professional excellence, enthusiasm and passion that Kate brings to her role as Teacher Librarian at The Hutchins School.

The winner of the National Award will be announced in October 2010 and we wish Kate well with her nomination.

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Winter Clothes Appeal

The School House Executive will be running the Winter Clothes Appeal this year. Along with the efforts of Mr Devine, the School House Executive will be placing big collection bags and stands (sheep wool bags) for collecting clothes from boys and their families. They aim to collect over 1000 pieces of clothing for the Salvation Army.

Please place any items in the bag near the ELC or JS Lost Property box.

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Steve Biddulph on Raising Boys

Boys really are different, the three hormonal stages of boyhood, what dads do, help for single mums, and really understanding the firm but warm kind of love boys need.

Steve Biddulph is one of the world’s best known psychologists. His books, including Secret of Happy Children, Manhood, and Raising Boys, are in four million homes and 31 languages. They have influenced the way we look at childhood and especially the development of boys and men.

Please join us for an evening focused on raising boys. Due to Steve’s intense stories and atmospheric style we regret babies and children are not admitted to his seminar.

Please RSVP to Carol.Marshall@hutchins.tas.edu.au or 6221 4223.

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“NEWS FLASH”

JSSATIS Cross Country

The Hutchins Junior School Cross Country team travelled to Rokeby Police Academy yesterday to participate in the JSSATIS Cross Country.

On the most glorious of winter days, the boys were greeted by a pod of dolphins playing in Ralphs Bay as they walked the course in preparation for their events. This special sight may have proved to be a good omen, as our boys went on to have a wonderful day both on and off the Cross Country course.

All boys ran well and finished in the top half of the field in their respective races. Of particular note were performances by Torin Jones [1st – Yr.3], Spencer Reid [2nd – Yr.3], Sam Kokkoris [3rd – Yr.3], Oscar Chau [3rd – Yr.4], Owen Law [1st – Yr.5], Connor Schmidt [2nd – Yr.6] and Fergus McShane [3rd – Yr.6].

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Junior School Sports Coaches ‘Play by the Rules’

On Thursday 9 July a number of the parent volunteer coaches of our Junior School Winter Sports teams attended an introductory session for the ‘Play by the Rules’ online resource. The session, lead by Sarah Davidson of Sport and Recreation Tasmania, gave our coaches an opportunity to explore this resource, as they worked through a number of the modules and scenarios.

‘Play by the Rules’ offers free online training, information and resources for sporting organisations to help keep Australian sport inclusive, safe and fair. More information can be found at www.playbytherules.net.au

The evening was also an opportunity for coaches to seek clarification about sports policies and procedures and share ideas with other coaches.

A big thank you to both Sarah, from Sport and Recreation Tasmania, and our coaches for coming along to help make it a successful evening.

State Selections

Junior School students Alexander Pace and Jayden Stevenson have been selected to represent Tasmania as members of the U/13 State Table Tennis team. The boys will travel to the Gold Coast in late August to compete at the national titles.

Sam McCulloch of Year 5 has been selected to represent Tasmania as a member of the U/12 State Hockey Team. Sam will compete in the National Championships on the Gold Coast in August.

All Schools Cross Country – Symmons Plains

Last Wednesday members of the Junior School Cross Country team travelled to Symmons Plains to compete in the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country Championships. In cold and windy conditions, on a very wet track, all boys performed well and not only ran superbly, but also managed to turn their white socks brown!!!

Some notable results from the day were a first place to Torin Jones in the 9 year boys 2000m event and second place to Owen Law in the 11 year boys teams event. A full list of results, times and photos from the day can be found at www.tasathletics.org.au

Congratulations to all team members and a big thank you to all the parents who travelled up to Symmons Plains to support the boys.

The next event for the Junior School Cross Country team is the JSSATIS Cross Country at the Tasmanian Police Academy Rokeby on Thursday 22 July.

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JS Grandparents’ Day

Invitations will be posted shortly.

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The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence. VINCE LOMBARDI
John Rutter’s
Requiem

Collegiate Singers
Hutchins Senior Choir
Gina Bashford, soprano
Rosemary O’Carroll, harp
Ben Mackey, organ

Directed by Andrew Bainbridge

Friday 6 August 2010
7:30 pm
St David’s Cathedral
125 Macquarie Street Hobart

Also featuring
Hutchins Brass Ensemble
String Quartet
Saxophone Quintet
Senior Orchestra

Admission: $26 Adults  $18 concession
$60 Family (2 adults, 2 children)

Ticket sales: 6221 4200
Email: John.Devine@hutchins.tas.edu.au