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PROJECT PARENT: AN INFORMATION EVENING

Looking for ways to help your children with their assignments? *Project Parent* is an evening for parents/guardians of boys in Years 3 - 8. It is designed to assist you with strategies to support your sons as they complete their assignments using online resources effectively. It will include sessions on stages in their research process, techniques that are useful at each stage of the task, and an exploration of the wealth of digital resources on our Intranet and Masterfile, the online learning system that parents can access.

Date: Thursday 6 October

Time: 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm, including break for refreshments

Venue: Middle School Computer Lab

For further information, contact or email: Jill.Abell@hutchins.tas.edu.au or telephone 6221 4225.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2006

Hwa Chong Institution will be holding an International Youth Science Conference at St Paul's School, Hong Kong in 2006. The purpose of the conference is to promote science and technology exchanges and cooperation amongst students of diverse cultural backgrounds through interaction, sharing of ideas and cooperative learning in the Asia and Pacific Region (New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore). Places are available for the 2006 conference (date still to be confirmed).

Last week a letter was distributed to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 giving further details and outlining how the School will select students for the conference. A copy of this letter can be downloaded at <http://info.hutchins.tas.edu.au>.

Middle School Study Time Reminder

Supervised Study Time is available Tuesday and/or Thursday - Period 6 for those boys with no sport commitments at those times.

Please contact Mr Ian McQueen on 6221 4235 or imc@hutchins.tas.edu.au or via your son's diary, if you would like him to take part.

Hutchins lanyards now available at the School Shop \$5.00 each.

From the Principal

Right decision, but not wise....

I have a friend who is in charge of a large organisation. In some ways they are very perceptive and they know what has to be done. They keep getting into conflict with others though and then can't quite see why this state of affairs has occurred or how to get out of it.

Right decision, but not wise I think summarises their position. Knowing what has to be done and having the wisdom to know when, how and by whom it should be done is a completely different ball game. Knowing is easy – wisdom is much, much harder and only learnt over time. Good people managers use wisdom – they know what has to be done, assess the strengths, weaknesses and motivators of those around them and then act. Poor people managers focus on the tasks, not the people.

I was thinking about this when trying to work out how we were going to tackle the new hair fashion that has (as usual) moved into the School. We have been very lucky the last few years – jewellery demands have been quiet, smoking remains very quiet on campus, and drugs on campus emerge very rarely. And we have had a short hair period for maybe 3/4 years? Bliss for teachers!

The change to longer hair had established itself before I realised that it had! There were always a few boys who bucked the hair rules, but now we had lots more. Even some Year 7's asked me, "Why is longer hair allowed in Senior School than Middle School?"

The right decision is to enforce the rules, "Hair will be x metres long, y colour and combed in style z. Anyone who does not have hair that conforms to this requirement is in breach of School Rule 6 Subsection c, Clause ii."

Wise parents pick their moments when launching into hair, clothes, rooms, homework "discussions" with their children. I like to think that wise schools operate under a different set of attack rules. They restate the rules knowing that will net most of the students. Those it doesn't net are approached one on one without fuss until the desired end is achieved. Rarely does that approach need to resort to sanctions.

We had the magnificent Jazz Night at the end of last term. I guess some 70 kids, 250+ parents, outsiders, staff and helpers. A couple of boys' hair needed cutting. I could focus on the couple of boys "breaking the rules" or focus on the fantastic night of talent and community – chose the latter.

The Heads of House have/will focus on the hair that needs cutting and get it done and that is/was done this term. In my view of child raising, community building and relationships strengthening with boys focusing on the hair at another time is ultimately a more successful strategy in child raising.

Right decision (enforce the rules), but not wise (timing and how). Picking the moment and the strategy is all important. I would add one final thing – keeping the perspective.

W D Toppin
Principal

Around the School

Congratulations to **James McMahon** and **Jordan Stanwix**, both of Year 7, who will be representing Southern Tasmania in the National U14 Basketball championships in South Australia in October.

Hamish Peacock (Year 9) represented Tasmania at the National Soccer Championships in Sydney last week. Despite missing the first day of the Southern All Schools Athletics Championships last weekend, owing to his soccer commitment, Hamish was selected as the male athlete of the meet.

Congratulations to **Leighton Beer** (Year 10) who has been selected in the Australian School Boys Water Polo team.

Peter and **William Clark** have been selected for the Australian Youth Orchestra National Music Camp to be held in Canberra in January 2006. They will be playing violin and viola.

Callum Cooper, (Year 7) recently won the CPCYC Open Judo Competition.

In the Clarence Eisteddfod, **Jacob Davey** (Year 7) achieved First Place in the 12 and Under Piano Championship, second in three events - AMEB Grade 5, the Australian Composer and Studies, and third as a member of the SPA Trio. **James Robert-Thomson** (Year 7) was the cellist in the SPA Trio.

Congratulations to **Simon Hay** (Year 8) who has been successful in gaining selection in the State Under 16 Water Polo team which competes in the National Carnival to be held in Perth WA.

Congratulations to **Charles Gard** (Year 11) who has scooped the pool at the Tasmanian short-course swimming Championships in Hobart recently winning four titles and breaking a record. Charles won the Open men's 200 metres individual medley, 50 metres backstroke, 100 metre butterfly and a relay event. Charles also broke the 200 metre IM Tasmanian record for seventeen year olds with a time of 2 minutes 8.98 seconds.

The Southern Country Golf Association will be conducting an Open Junior Tournament at the Dover Golf Club on Sunday 30 October, 2005. Entry forms from Mr Hoskins.

Other Forms with this Edition -
Middle School Information letter handed out this week

Around the School

At the World of Trivia Finals to be held at the Clarence Sports Centre on 9 October..

The Hutchins School has four teams attending with Mr Marriott. We wish them the best of luck, they are all winners and will have FUN!

Year 3

Roman Mykytowycz
Andrew Mackay
Alex Bessell
James Burgess

Year 4

Sam Goodwin
George White
Angus Davie
Kade Adermann

Year 5

Lucas Sims
Lachlan Smith
Jonathan McMillan
William Hughes

Year 6

Harry Virs
Charles Haward
Henry West
Thomas Whitton

Congratulations to The Hutchins Big Band who took out first place in the Senior Stage Band section at the 2005 Clarence City Eisteddfod for the third year. They competed against nine other schools.

Hutchins Big Band 2005

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| Nick Squires | Alto Sax |
| Ted Stoklosa | Alto Sax |
| Loius Casey | Alto Sax |
| Will Tremayne | Tenor Sax |
| Nick Young | Tenor Sax |
| Yannick Moore | Clarinet |
| Alex Tucker | Baritone Sax |
| Marc Cayzer | Bass Clarinet |
| Henry West | Trombone |
| Adam Godleman | Trumpet |
| Jack Saffin | Trumpet |
| Ross Harris | Trumpet |
| James Hunn | Bass |
| Hamish Cashion | Guitar |
| Ramanan Daniel | Piano/Percussion |
| Sam Sheppard | Piano |
| Oli Mestitz | Drums/Percussion |
| Will Colvin | Drums/Percussion |
| Jordan McCreary | Vocals |

FATHERS' DINNER ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2005, 7.00 pm

“Sport, Education and Life”

A panel comprising Hutchins' Director of Sport David Hoskins, current parent and international yachtsman Nick Rogers and past parent, former State Premier and former Melbourne (VFL) footballer Ray Groom will discuss the role of sport. The evening will be chaired by Old Boy Michael Hodgman QC MHA.

Tickets, \$50.00 per person (includes 3 course meal and most drinks), are available from Mrs Cheryl Jones in the front office or by telephoning 6221 4247.

Thank you to the canteen helpers for end of term two and beginning of term three.

Junior School

Lorraine Atkinson-MacEwan, Sue Pitt, Wendy Paul, Helen West, Melinda Adermann, Heather Stewart, Tania Dargaville, Anna Jones, Jane Daley, Megan Killion-Richardson, David Richardson, Lionel Cross and Helen Lord.

Also thank you to Leslie McIntyre for her help in the **Senior School** Canteen.

HUTCHINS SCHOOL FAIR CRAFT STALL

If you are interested in helping with the craft stall then please come to the inaugural craft stall working night on Wednesday 12 October at Helen Swain's, 33 Parliament Street, Sandy Bay. These nights are very enjoyable and rewarding and a great way to meet a cross section of mothers. The craft stall will be run by Lisa Davidson-Lim and she can be contacted on 6267 2066. So please come and help.

HUTCHINS SCHOOL FAIR
FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2006
 Advance notice for next year's fair

We are moving into the planning stages for next year's fair and would welcome any input/help/suggestions that you have to offer. We will be holding a meeting on **Tuesday 25 October in the Conference Room at 7:00 pm**. Below is a list of the stalls and stallholders who have already been arranged. If you have any ideas for others then please come to the meeting or phone me after hours.

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| Lucky Dips | Kinder & Prep | Suzanne Purdon | 6225 1114 |
| Lollies | Grade 1,2 & 3 | Sally Kokkoris | 6247 7963 |
| Cakes | Grade 4,5 & 6 | Angela Robinson | 6225 1621 |
| Lucky Jars | Grade 7 | Anne Haward | 6223 7525 |
| Curries | Grade 8 | Sue Huizing Jaz Narulla | 6225 1185 |
| Desserts | Grade 9 | Lynn Sayers | 6225 1839 |
| Sushi | Grade 10 | Rowena Ransley | 6223 7398 |
| Fish & Chips | | Wayne & Edith Taylor | 6272 2882 |
| Chinese | | Carmel Fenton | 6225 0184 |
| Doughnuts | | Linda Harvey | 6225 3446 |
| Bratwurst Sausages | | Henri & Michael Veit | 6224 9201 |
| Hot Roast Rolls | | Doug & Lesley McIntyre | 6243 5156 |
| Coffee | | Sue De Lacey | 6275 0637 |
| Chocolate Wheel | | Barrie Irons | 6221 4200 |
| Craft | | Lisa Davidson-Lim | 6267 2066 |

Carmel Fenton
6225 0184