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Friday 1 March 2002

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From The Principal

Dear Parent

I would like to bring to your attention two matters.

Letter to *The Australian*

A letter was printed in *The Australian* on Wednesday, 27 February 2002. In the letter a former student alleged he was sexually abused over 30 years ago while at Hutchins. As this matter occurred many years prior to my coming to Hutchins, matters such as these are dealt with by the Board of Management and do not fall within my sphere of responsibility.

I am pleased that our two boys who were hospitalized are, on latest reports, doing well. There is no evidence that the Hutchins environment was a contributing factor.

Bill Toppin
Principal

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The School has procedures in place and a policy for dealing with all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment.

Meningococcal

I have received updated advice regarding our practices for ensuring music instrument mouthpieces are washed correctly. Mouthpieces should not be shared without cleaning. They should be washed thoroughly in tepid, soapy water, rinsed and dried. The Music Staff will ensure these precautions are taken.

Drinking Fountains should have a guard on them to ensure that students' saliva cannot be exchanged. I have contacted the Health Department on a number of occasions this week to have them come and look at our fountains to advise us whether they are happy with the current fountains. I will replace those that are not satisfactory.

We continue to urge students not to share bottles, and to follow common hygiene principles regarding washing of hands etc.

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CALENDAR - Week 4

March

Mon 4	3.45 pm	Staff : Sports Free afternoon	
	5.30 pm	Foundation P & P Committee	BR
Tue 5	4.30 pm	1 st IV Tennis GYC v TFS	Patrick St
Wed 6	7.00 am	Year 9/10 Father/Son breakfast	SS Quad
	12.45 pm	Yr 7/8 Science Faculty meeting	
	1.15 pm	SS Assembly	Audit
	1.20 pm	MS Chapel	
Thu 7		SS Summer Sports Day	
	1.20 pm	Yr 8 Assembly	Audit
	5.30 pm	Yr 1/2 Picnic Tea	ELC
Fri 8		Yr 10 Moderation Day	
	12.35 pm	SRC House Forums	
	2.15 pm	JS Assembly	Audit
	4.30 pm	1 st IV Tennis Hutchins v GYC	Patrick St
	7.00 pm	Yr 7/8 Social until 9.00 pm	Audit
	7.30 pm	Old Boys' Dinner	Sydney
Sat 9		1 st XI v Peninsula 'Boot Game'	WMO
	7.30 pm	Old Boys' Dinner	

Changes to Calendar- Term 1

Year 9

Would you please note the changes to Term 1 calendar:

Add:

2 May	Year 9/10 Progress Reports go home
9 May	Year 9 Family/Teacher Conference
14 May	Year 10 Family/Teacher Conference

Delete:

28 March	Year 9/10 Progress Reports due
11 April	Year 9/10 Progress Reports go

Student Diaries

The back covers are dropping off some diaries. The diaries affected will be collected next Wednesday (6 March) for re-binding. We apologise for any inconvenience.

OPEN DAY

Sunday 28 April 2002
1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Other forms with this Edition

- Tennis Coaching flyer
- Year 7 letter re Collegiate social
- Year 9/10 letter: Father/Son breakfast