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BILL TOPPIN – REFLECTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS



This issue marks the end of Bill Toppin's period as Principal. Prior to his retirement Bill was asked to reflect on what he felt were the most significant achievements during the ten years he was Principal. Here is what he wrote:

Most important of all:

- Seeing a culture develop where there is a niche somewhere for every boy, where the sportsman, musician, artist, and dancer can be part of the School. Seeing greater tolerance developing of individual differences. Seeing a culture develop where the school has fewer "hard" edges, where it is softer and broader. Seeing a more relaxed, less formal culture operate. Seeing a culture continue to develop where the school looked outward rather than inward. It is important here to acknowledge that this process was well underway when I arrived, and my role has been one of continuing its evolution. There is still some way to go.

And less importantly:

- Seeing Music in a brand new building with lots of equipment it didn't have and the Music programme expanding again - and me wishing I could be part of it!
- Boarding. I remember sitting with Chris Rae in my first year and we agreed that Burbury House boys had to be members of

different houses and not just School House so that the culture could broaden and diversify.

- Southport - the extension to the main building, outside lights and the general improvements. We have started to tap the potential of the place - there is a lot more that could be done.
- Developing relationships with international schools. Giving possibilities for boys to go there and for boys to come here.
- Forensic Science Camp - best bit of education I have been fortunate to have been involved with.
- The tunnel - because it tied the school together in a way that it wasn't before and because it was not thought to be possible because boys wouldn't use it!

Perhaps surprisingly, the buildings aren't important to me except as a means to an end.

Bill Toppin

Welcome Mr Warwick Dean

Hutchins is delighted to welcome our new Principal Mr Warwick Dean and his wife Catherine. Mr Dean commenced work on 9 July.

Mr Dean is presented with a School jacket by second Prefect Hugh Burbury at the welcome assembly.





CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

It is a privilege to write a few words about Bill Toppin. He has been an outstanding Principal – some would say somewhat before his time – and a Principal who will be remembered for his tremendous contribution to our school.

When the Board appointed Bill in July 1996 it was with two goals in mind:

- To review the school curriculum with the aim of improving the academic results; and
- Ensure that all boys were provided with an opportunity to succeed and be engaged at Hutchins.

Bill achieved both these goals and more.

The 2006 academic results epitomised Bill's educational philosophy with 10 boys in the top 100 graduates in the State. Many were all-rounders who played top level sport, did drama and music, organised Leavers' Dinners, presented at International Science Conferences etc. He also took great pride in the students who struggled through and ended up getting a score of 56. They were often the real heroes in Bill's eyes.

Bill was also instrumental in introducing a number of innovative education developments such as robotics and the highly successful forensic science camps.

Under the Toppin reign it mattered not if you were a brilliant sportsman or a brilliant scholar but rather that you did your best and contributed to the life of the school; being a good person was just as important

as being a scholar. Importantly if you did this you would be recognised for your efforts.

He was determined to change the image of a macho Boys School to one where music, drama and art were as important as footy and rowing. He wanted a vibrant school but with a softer and more caring side to it. It is Bill Toppin who can truly take the credit for making an education at Hutchins relevant and important to all boys.

He was a firm believer in the principles of corporate governance and, based on this pillar, he enjoyed the respect of the six Board Chairmen and all Board members during his time. Bill used this respect to introduce structural changes to a number of areas of the school's operations, such as the Foundation, and to revise all the school's policies.

Under his tenure, a prudent financial position was adopted by the school and every year fee increases were kept to a minimum.

To have known Bill Toppin is to be taken by his tremendous intellect, punctuality, amazing capacity to get the job done, his tremendous passion for the school and his vision for the future. His contribution has been immense.

History may also judge Bill by the magnificent facilities he either built

or upgraded at the School. He knew and understood the importance of good facilities in marketing the school.

You can look to the new ELC, revamped Junior and Senior Schools, the underpass, the upgrades to the Boarding House, the refurbished conference centre and Board room and so on.

However it is my great wish that history judges Bill by stating that in all instances the welfare and best interests of the boys came first. Bill cared deeply about the welfare of the boys and knew so much about those boys who may be going through hard times. Everything Bill did was designed to provide the boys with the best possible opportunities.

The School motto *Vivit Post Funera Virtus* - Character lives after death has been more broadly translated for the boys as *What you do matters*. Bill Toppin has been a perfect example of this motto in action.

Nick Heath
Chairman of the Board

JOHN GOODWIN - CHAPLAIN

From Paris to the Kingborough Tip

I knew the week was coming ever since Mr Toppin revealed his plans to retire. Now it's gone and I wasn't ready for it.

The week began for me with a snippet in the Mercury. A live-to-air newsreader, Mira Brzezinski, said NO to reading the news of Paris Hilton's release from prison.

I summonsed up YouTube and watched this brave and elegant newsreader reject the Hilton story that was intended to head the news coverage. She tried to burn it with a lighter, but failed and so screwed it up. A new script arrived which she straightaway consigned to the shredder. Why did she do this? Because on a day when things of importance were happening in the world and in her country, there was no room on her lips for what was populist, flimsy, shallow and trite.

Alleluia, sister!

This sentiment is echoed in the Prayer Book in the Service of Baptism. Christians are to reject "the empty display and false values of the world", and the media coverage surrounding Paris Hilton's spell in prison, her much-publicised release, and the offer of \$1 million for an interview belong firmly in the camp of "empty display". Time will tell whether her "finding God" was real or just an empty gesture. Hopefully, Paris' new-found faith grows richly and moves her away from the worldly spotlight, because there is no blessing for her there.

For the last ten years Hutchins has been guided by a man who has spoken against what is shallow and worldly. Students have been confronted with words like "obligation" and "duty" and "responsibility." In one of my first



Headmaster's Assemblies, Mr Toppin referred to the road-train driver who crashed his rig into a restaurant and killed a number of people. This driver's defence was that he was drunk, and that it wasn't his fault. Instead it was the fault of the people who sold him drinks at the bar. Such shallow morality was condemned from the lectern. "You are responsible for what you do. You are responsible for your actions."

In his quiet, reserved and discerning way Mr Toppin has promoted the values and faith that challenge shallow morality, populist thinking and the worship of self. From the support he has given to the life of the Chapel within the School, I think Mr Toppin would concur with another Headmaster in another age, at the Rydal School in England, who farewelled the leaving students in this way:

"I should hate to think that anyone could leave here unaware of the mystery – that he could go through life satisfied with a narrow little materialism, with both feet on the ground, and both eyes on the main chance, with no sense of eternity in

his soul." (Donald Hughes, July 1964)

An age or two before Donald Hughes, George Herbert wrote a hymn that contains these lines:

*Man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heaven espy.*

Students at Hutchins are given the chance of looking through the glass at the heavens that lie beyond. Some look at the glass vacantly and without interest; others look at themselves; and still others look keenly, and see themselves as part of a much bigger and more awesome picture. In them something good and Godly stirs!

Just as students at Hutchins are given compulsory opportunities for worship, so they are, at times, given compulsory opportunities to serve the community. This was the case this morning when half the Year 8's went to the Kingborough Tip. We were given a talk on waste management, and then with safety vests and gloves we were taken through slushy mud to the back of the tip to clean up

an area where rubbish had blown and accumulated over years. This was tough, messy and at times outright disgusting. The students reacted in different ways. Some grumbled about wanting to be paid (they generally did the least). Some wanted lunch early. Some had a great time finding “interesting” things. Most students, however, didn’t ask to be paid; and filled their bags with quiet determination. They found the work hard and unpleasant, but also saw it as important.

The difference between our groups of boys was the difference between those who “stay their eye on the glass”, who see only the here and

now and their own needs, and those who “through it pass and then the heaven espy.” Well maybe not heaven in this case, but they see the bigger picture of serving others.

Working at the tip near us were some adults who needed special care, and who were full of life. Our boys saw them working, uncomplaining; and I think it dawned on them that those people had this Sisyphean task to look forward to the next day, and every other working day. I’d rather hear their story than read yet another report of the sagas of Paris Hilton.

We should give God thanks for the people at the tip who can inspire us;

and thanks for those who make us see beyond ourselves; and thanks for those people who turn their back on the empty display and false values of the world; and, above all, we should give thanks for those who in all sorts of quiet ways have made little footprints on our soul.

For me, Mr Toppin stands tall among them, and I give thanks for his time here.

John Goodwin
Chaplain - 2 July, 2007



WEBBER LECTURE 2007

This year’s Webber lecture was delivered by 1962 Old Boy and former Intelligence Officer Warren Reed, who addressed the topic **Truth, Intelligence and Democracy: Incompatible or Just Prone to Abuse?**

The Annual Lecture focuses on Ethics, and is named after the former Dean of Hobart the Rev Michael Webber, who delivered the first lecture. It forms a key element of the Graduation Certificate for Year 12 leavers.



Warren Reed delivering the Webber Lecture



Around the School



Junior School Celebrates Fifty Years

Term One saw Junior School celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its move to the Sandy Bay campus. Andrew MacKay (Year 5) designed a special badge for the day, which was given to the boys and the special guests.

Amongst the guests at the celebration Assembly were Mrs Elizabeth Hope-James (wife of the late WH Mason-Cox who was Headmaster at the time), her daughter Margaret Mason-Cox, Mr John Millington, Mr Bob Brewster and Mr Jeffery Boyes who were on the staff of the Junior School at the time, along with Chris Viney who was then in Year 3.



Guests of Honour at the Junior School 50th Anniversary Assembly

Sailors take National Title

Hutchins narrowly defeated a combined St Virgils and Guilford Young College team to take out the recent national competition the Matrix School Teams Racing series. The event was held this year on the Derwent River, and the two Tasmanian crews plus Christ Church Grammar (from NSW) will represent Australia against New Zealand in September.

HUTCHINS STRING QUARTET – FUNDRAISER

The *Friends of Music* group held a fantastic cocktail party at the old School earlier this year, to raise money for the String Quartet to travel to Sydney to compete in the Musica Viva awards later this year.

The evening was well attended, including a number of Old Boys who boarded at the Old School.

A few days later the Quartet performed as part of the ABC's Open Day, and it was great to receive the following communication from Old Boy Brendan Lennard who saw them perform:

Yesterday afternoon I took my two girls to visit the ABC 75th birthday celebrations. We spent an hour or so there, looking at the various studios, seeing how the newsroom works, talking to presenters etc. etc.

But the undoubted highlight was being in the recording studio to witness a magical moment, as four young lads whizzed their way through the final movement of Dvorak's 'American' String Quartet. This was a very special treat for the assembled group.

The students displayed great musicianship, and maturity well beyond their years. They were a credit to themselves, their tutor and to their school. I reflected upon the fact that back in the early '70s, music at

Hutchins was virtually non-existent. What a remarkable and enriching transformation!

Congratulations to all involved.



At the Old School –from left to right Mrs Hilary Ashton-Jones, Mr Robert Dick, Prof Alex McLaren, Mrs Netta McLaren, Mr Tom Edgerton, Mrs Joyce Edgerton and Mr Geoff Ashton-Jones at the String Quartet performance.

University of Tasmania High Achiever Program (HAP) 2007

It's great to see Nicholas Howard (Year 12) participating in this program in 2007. Nick is studying University French 2, and received a High Distinction. The program is a great opportunity, especially with the University campus being so close. Nick received first prize for Conversation in the Alliance Française competitions in 2005 and 2006 and received a perfect score for pre-Tertiary French in 2006. Interestingly, Nick has never travelled to either France or New Caledonia!

Nick tutored groups of boys in Year 8 in 2005 and 2006, is currently mentoring Phillip McKay, a Year 5 boy who is studying accelerated French.



Nick Howard (Year 12) working with Phillip McKay (Year 5)

Student Sport Leadership Seminar

Director of Sport Mr Wayne Brown recently organised a Sports Leadership Seminar for the boys. The seminar featured three well known elite sportsmen in former Test Cricketer (and current parent) David Boon, former Carlton and North Melbourne Premiership player Brent Crosswell (also a former parent and regular relief teacher at Hutchins) and elite Basketballer Anthony Stewart (also a future parent).

The speakers touched on the key elements of leadership in sport, the importance of teamwork and the role of sport in developing character.



"On the couch" at the student sport leadership seminar – David Boon, Brent Crosswell and Anthony Stewart

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHESS RESURGENCE

Chess is enjoying a resurgence of popularity in the Middle School. Twelve boys were recently selected, after a training session with Ms Mellissa Harvey, to compete in the Inter-School Chess Competition at Claremont High School. Over 80 students from the Southern region attended this excellent and stimulating day, during which all competitors played seven timed games against increasingly evenly ranked opponents as the results were processed.

In a tightly-fought final round we ended up third overall after a count back to separate us from Friends. Jamie Briant (Year 7) was the champion player of the day, winning a certificate of High Distinction after triumphing over an experienced Claremont College student. Bronze medals were awarded to Jamie, Michael Manthey, William Lord, Jack McMenimen, Alan Rushworth and Edward Williams.

Regular chess games, coaching sessions and competitions during Term 2 are planned, and with another inter-school competition calendared for August the competition is already intense for a spot in the team.



Chess team

Hutchins First Ever Octscull

The first ever Octscull in Hutchins rowing history participated in the Royal Hobart Regatta earlier this year. The team – all under 14 boys – came sixth in the handicap event.

Boys in the Octscull crew were Sandy Woodcock, Sebastian Lopa, George Dargaville, David Joscelyn, Sam Hunnibell, Toby Pitt, Wilson Mure, Dylan Rowbottom and Jock Mure. Nathan Brown and Tim Kadziolka also participated and the crew was coached by Jim Turner



2006 Academic Results

Hutchins was delighted to get 10 students ranked in the top 100 Year 12 results in the State in 2006. This was an outstanding result. One of our boys, Jet Holloway, was the top student for Tasmania – a fantastic achievement given that Jet was only 16 at the time.

Jet Holloway hard at work (2006)



OTHER DIRECTIONS

In addition to the outstanding academic results, it is encouraging to see the different (but no less significant) career paths being followed by many students.

2006 Leaver Daniel Moore is well through his training at the Police Academy. Last year as well as combining his studies in three pre-tertiary subjects with his co-curricular commitments each week, Daniel participated in a one and a half-day work placement with Tasmania Police, in which he gained a Certificate II in Business and was able to experience many areas of police work.

Daniel was also nominated for a national Vocational Student Prize by the Careers Counsellor and won a \$2000 award.

Daniel, the youngest of his cadet intake at the Academy, says that the experiences he gained in his traineeship last year have provided him with a good understanding of the many facets of police work and is enjoying the hectic training and study schedule.

He graduates from the Academy late this year.

Last year's Senior Prefect Mat De-Gouveia has also followed a

different career pathway, choosing to study accounting through a cadetship with Wise Lord and Ferguson.

It's also great to see a number of our boys this year undertaking the VET course in Hospitality. The boys do their practical component at the Duke Café Restaurant and Bar, and have also helped out at a number of recent School functions.



Freddy Hess and Dane Windhurst helping out at a recent School function.



2006 Senior Prefect Mat de-Gouveia in his new role at Wise Lord Ferguson



Daniel Moore outside the Police Academy at Rokeby

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE AT HUTCHINS

During the first week of the May holidays Hutchins hosted almost 70 staff and students from Singapore, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan at the 3rd International Student Science Conference. They were joined by twenty Hutchins students and staff.

Previous Conferences have been hosted by Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore in 2005 and St Paul's Co-Educational College, Hong Kong in 2006.

The Conference was a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn, have fun and build networks, and provided a great focal point for a range of scientific investigations by teams from the participating Schools.

The theme of the Conference was Natural Resource Science and the papers presented by the students reflected this theme. Topics covered a diverse range of subjects including producing bio diesel from waste cooking oil, water purification, alternative paper production, effects of haze on plant growth and the recycling of waste materials into fire starters.

The Conference opened with a keynote address on emerging energy technologies by Associate Professor Vishy Karri, Program Director for the Hydrogen and Renewable Technologies Unit at the University of Tasmania (and also a member of the Hutchins Board of Management).

In addition to the working sessions, students also visited the University of Tasmania, the Southern Forests including the Tahune Airwalk, the Marine Discovery Centre at Woodbridge, Cadbury's Chocolate Factory, the Hydro Hands-on Centre, the Mining and Minerals Activity Centre and the Islands to Ice Exhibition at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

Students inspecting the Prototype Hydrogen Car which was brought along by Professor Karri



A group of students enjoying morning tea on the final day.

Hutchins students Raajaan Ram and William Lord presenting at the Science Conference.



Grandparents' Days

ELC, Middle School and Senior School Grandparents' Days were held during Term One. They were very well attended with over 600 people attending over the two days.

Junior School Grandparents' Day is planned for 24 August.

The ELC grandparents saw a wonderful concert, Middle School hosted a trivia quiz and the Senior School boys shared lunch with their grandparents in the new recreation area.

Lunch with the boys in Senior School



Brian and Lyn Kemp at the ELC Grandparents' Day

The 2007 School Fair

Each year the Fair gets bigger and better. This year for the first time we were able to take full advantage of the new Senior School Quadrangle and Recreation area, and it certainly changed the look and feel of the event. The 2007 Fair also saw a record result in terms of money raised. Well done to all.



Parents' Association

The Parents' Association is a key group within the School. Apart from running the School Fair the group supports a number of activities (such as the Open Day) and its meetings provide an important communications opportunity within the School.

The Association generally meets on the third Wednesday of each month, and all parents are welcome. This year, meetings have been held in different parts of the School (so far the ELC, Science Labs and Boarding House) so that all parents get a chance to see different aspects of the School and its needs.



Mrs Rowena Ransley, President of the Parents' Association

A Blessed Classroom

At a recent ELC 'Show and Tell' one of the boys brought along a mask. He put it on for the boys and they loved it. Next morning, several mothers passed on that their boys had reported that "God had been in the classroom".



Anzac Day

Anzac Day was marked in a number of ways this year. The ceremonies started with the commemoration of the Memorial Garden, which contains plinths remembering Trooper John Bisdee and Lieutenant Guy Wyllie, the

School's two Victoria Cross recipients. This was followed by a moving Middle School and Senior School Assembly, where a candle was lit for each Old Boy who had fallen in action.

A number of boys also participated in the main Anzac Day Parade, including a group of Senior boys who led the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans in the parade.



Share Ace Beats "The Experts"

Oliver Burke (Year 9) recently participated in a "Share Race" conducted by the *Sun-Herald* (Oliver's father knew the journalist!). There were eight participants including a financial advisor, a Channel 10 newsreader, the Australian Financial Review columnist, an astrologist and a dart board. They were given a theoretical \$100,000 to invest in ten shares and the selections monitored for four weeks.

Oliver managed to come in first with the best return on his portfolio. For the record, the dartboard came third, the astrologist sixth and the AFR journalist managed to come in last!



With his retirement looming, Principal Bill Toppin gets some investment advice from "expert" Oliver Burke



ARABIAN NIGHTS

The 22 strong Year 11 drama class has just completed their season of *Arabian Nights - The Panto* by Richard Lloyd.

During the week they performed to over 700 people, from primary students in matinee shows to secondary students and adults during their evening performances. The best thing about Pantomime is that it easily transcends the ages. It is a traditionally British form of theatre incorporating song, dance, buffoonery and satire.

Strongly linked to Commedia dell'Arte there are a number of conventions we chose to include in

our production. Role reversal is the norm and The Dame is traditionally played by a man in women's clothing. Alick Reid performed this role with flair. Audience participation is very important and slapstick is integral. We included the whoopee cushion, confetti, vomit and the traditional panto camel in our version.

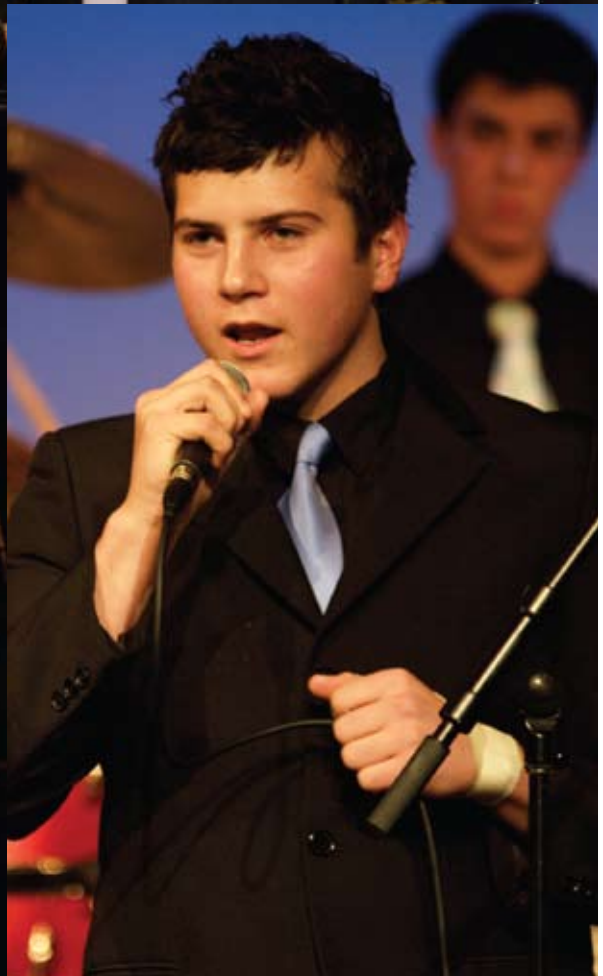
Pantomime has never been politically correct. Instead, it brings us face to face with our

greed, prejudice, cowardice and dishonesty, and forces us to laugh at ourselves. In the end virtue is rewarded, true love conquers evil and everyone lives happily ever after – sometimes with a twist! Our audiences were enthralled with the show. Funny gags and very corny one liners had us all in stitches throughout. This show was not to be missed.



All That Jazz

Term 2 the annual *Jazz on a Winter's Eve* took centre stage with a fabulous evening of entertainment from both students and staff.



What would you say if your son came home and said,

“Hi Mum / Dad, I'd like to participate in the Hutchins' exchange program to India, ... Singapore, ... Scotland, ... USA, ... Thailand, ... China, ... Italy or France?” **It could happen!**

During the first half of 2007 many Hutchins students travelled to far-reaching corners of the globe to experience other cultures and continue their study in schools very different to Hutchins.

First to depart in 2007 were a group of Hutchins Year 8 to Year 10 students who travelled to University School, Cleveland Ohio USA. For two weeks the students were hosted by University School families and experienced the excitement of an excursion to the Chicago Stock Exchange and Niagra Falls.

While the Hutchins boys in the USA were discovering the subtle cultural differences between Americans and Australians another group of six Hutchins boys decided to set themselves a different cultural learning experience by opting to participate in the exchange experience to Hwa Chong School (formerly Chinese High School) Singapore. Their learning itinerary organised by Hwa Chong Institution included a visit to Newater Plant for an education in how drinking water is created by reverse osmosis for the population of Singapore. They also had lessons in Chinese Calligraphy and attended Malay enrichment classes. I'm sure that the Night Safari though may have been a highlight for some of the boys.

As if to make a statement that they are senior Year 11 students of Hutchins and will not be outdone by the Year 8 to 10 students, two boys - Nathan Cosgrove and Alex Hoysted made the commitment to travel on exchange to The Doon School India for an eight week high-level cultural whammy!

Our two Hutchins boys were fortunate to meet two Doon students who attended Hutchins for six weeks during May/June. Madhav and Pratham (Doon School boys) were able to provide Nathan and Alex with lots of information and more confidence in readiness for the journey to India. In preparing for their adventure and school life in India it was evident that there were a few twinges of

apprehension but their trip has been extremely well planned and a full itinerary provided by Doon School. The boys will be providing a regular update of their Indian exchange experience which will be published as a blog on the Hutchins' website. It should prove interesting reading.

Which other incoming exchange students have shared our Hutchins experience and Tasmanian hospitality?

Extending friendships further were two more Indian students from Mayo College. Neeraj and Siddarth have now returned to India and will hopefully continue friendships they made while at Hutchins School.

Have you always wanted to go to Scotland? A new exchange school opportunity has commenced with Strathallan School, Scotland. The School is located on a beautiful campus in 150 acres of rural Perthshire, within 2 hours travel of London and easy reach of Scotland's international airports. To commence the exchange we have welcomed from Strathallan School, Year 10 student Tom Cargill. Tom will be at Hutchins until the end of September. There is now an opportunity for a Year 10 Hutchins student to attend Strathallan School in Scotland either during October/November 2007 or January/February 2008.

Do you speak French? Adding to the European cultural mix of students at Hutchins has been Martin Duthoit from a small province outside Paris, France. Martin is improving his English skills while being a valuable oral assistant for the Hutchins' French class. We hope to develop a French exchange opportunity for Hutchins boys for 2008 so watch this space.

Apart from exchanges, international marketing has been kept busy building relationships overseas and has offered places to a number of new long-term international students.

Education expos to promote Hutchins and offer education opportunities for students from



Piaget students hiking during visit to Hutchins



Pratham Mittal of The Doon School India



German student, Felix Abetz.

Vietnam and Japan were attended and many families and future students provided information about our education system. Relationships continue to flourish with Hwa Chong Singapore and we welcomed the Principal Mr Hong and their Exchange Coordinator, Mr Charles Low during their recent visit to Tasmania.

Adding to the buzz and business of Term 1, thirty Middle School-aged students from four Piaget Schools across Indonesia (Jakarta, Medan, Solo and Surabaya) attended Hutchins for a two week study tour. Many thanks to Bill Toppin who planned most of the program and fine-tuned the itinerary to ensure their study tour was action-packed and filled with a memorable mix of adventure and learning. The students - boys and girls -were boarded in this joint program between Hutchins, Collegiate and Fahan.

So much news... A visit to Chiang Mai, Thailand has resulted in a new elective subject which will be offered to Hutchins Year 9 students in 2008. Entitled Global Challenge this new subject will be a learning elective of a different kind. We will not reveal all in this article however, you will need to read the 2008 Senior School Year 9 to 10 Course Handbook in order to learn more.

Finally a farewell was bid to Felix Abetz (Year 11), one of our German international students. Felix had been at Hutchins for almost one year and although he had wished to stay until the end of Year 12 he needed to return to his German school system. Bye Felix, keep in touch!

Annie Weatherburn
Director of International Marketing

SCHOLARS' CAMP

Thirty-three academic and performing arts scholars participated in this year's Scholars' Camp, at Southport, which focused on the issue of Climate Change.

The first official activity was a polling question on how the boys felt climate change would affect their lives by the time they are thirty years of age. Most present believed that it would have a noticeable or significant impact on their lives; some believed it would change every aspect of their life.

On Friday night we were really privileged to have Peter Boyer as our guest speaker. Peter is one of two Al Gore Climate Presenters in Tasmania. As a journalist and former Communications Director of the Australian Antarctic Division, Peter is an expert in understanding the science that informs us about climate change. He gave a fascinating presentation on climate change, and its effects on Australia, and the Q&A session afterwards could easily have run on for hours as the boys peppered him with insightful questions and observations.

This presentation was a preamble for Saturday's task. In 'whole brain', vertical groups, students had to prepare a virtual field trip providing an Australian add-on to An Inconvenient Truth. Boxes of books, magazines and pre-prepared internet resources, Clickview

videos, laptops, still and video cameras were quickly snapped up and proved sufficient when combined with the groups' imagination and ingenuity. Despite having only one day to complete the project the end results were thorough and well presented.

On Sunday morning the boys had a very lively 'tennis debate' on the topic "I read it so it must be true." After reaching deuce the negatives managed to wrest the last two points from the positives to win the debate.

This concluded the formal activities of the camp and the boys were turned over to Mr. Toppin for clean-up duties.

Thanks must go to our fabulous library staff, Dr Jill Abell and Mr Felix Wilson, and to our two Academic Prefects, Alex Tucker and David Ransley, for all of their support and assistance with our Camp preparations.

Helen Cox & Susan Jones
Centre for Excellence



Holidays are supposed to be fun and a time to relax but I think every parent in our group that left Hobart on January 13 as a member of the Hutchins cricket touring party to India did so with some level of trepidation.



For months we had all questioned to some extent whether this trip was right for us, and for our sons - would we all be physically secure, could we stomach the food, could we cope when confronted with a tidal wave of people and their poverty and despair?

Some of us might even have worried about how much the ball would spin on dry, crumbly wickets!

Three weeks later those doubts had been swept aside after completing an experience which the vast majority, if not all of us, will always remember with great fondness.

We saw a country of great contrasts. Amongst the filth and poverty were also examples of amazing wealth and beauty.

Tourist havens such as the Red Fort in Old Delhi, and Humayan's Tomb in New Delhi, featured hectares of gardens and magnificent architecture.

Outside that serene environment, total chaos reigned on the street. Crazy traffic, the ever-present street hawkers - some as young as five or six - dogs, cows, those living on the street.

But any concerns about our general safety and well-being were always soothed by the general warmth and generosity of these great people - an ipod lost in Agra was found and returned to its owner, even though we had moved to another destination 200 km away. Hawkers refused to take a donation. Their work, after all, was to sell to the tourists, not to be treated as beggars.

For John Perry, our slum tourist, the poverty and warm-heartedness of the people surpassed any fascination with the bustling urban environment and the retail therapy, especially the exquisite jewellery, his wife Maureen and the other women tourists constantly indulged in!

In fact, we felt the most vulnerable during our time travelling by coach on the open road. Our first bus driver told us that there were three essential requirements on the road: good horn, good brakes and good luck! For resident Hutchins Bus Driver, Denis Bishop, it was all too much. He provided the touring party with blow-by-blow descriptions of the near misses... before being banished from further comment!

Denis and Tony Winter also shared a fascination with the primitive, but effective construction methods - Tony admiring the clever gravity fed watercourses of the 17th century and scratching his head at the scaffolding methods of the 21st!

We were all indebted to our resident doctor, Ian Middleton. Some were visited by the notorious Delhi Belly, and some were hit with chest infections. Ian sorted them all and more, with meticulous advance planning and a suitcase full of magic medicines.



We all absorbed ourselves in India in different ways. Stuart Macmillan was our cricket shop connoisseur. Mark Cowles was our resident photographer and Brett Allender managed to keep the share markets of the world at his finger tips. David Boon was our media magnet. And Peter Swain the quiet tourist!

The cricket was amazing. Lunch at Mayo School at Ajmer was something to behold – served by six chefs in uniform in a perfect setting on a perfect winter’s afternoon. At Udaipur, the monkeys ran across the ground during the lunch break and scampered along the walls during the sessions.

The boys played great cricket in strange surroundings, and represented Hutchins with pride and distinction.

They were as much a team off the field as they were on. They all looked out for each other, and I for one, never heard a cross word spoken.

For our unforgettable experiences in India, we must thank Barrie Irons and Mike Calder. Without their enthusiasm and endurance, we as parents, and our sons, would not have been lucky enough to experience India the way we did.

Yes, we could all travel there, but many of the doors opened to us were because of the Indian love of cricket and the ability of Hutchins and its dedicated staff to tap into that.

An enrichment for parents and sons alike.

Thank you Hutchins.

Queen’s Birthday Honours

Great to see long time athletics coach Max Cherry and 1950 leaver David Skinner being recognised in the Queen’s Birthday Honours Lists. Max was awarded an OAM for his services to sport, while David received his for his long time commitment to the agricultural show movement and the community.

photos from around the school





New Rowing Shell

Early in Term One the Rowing Supporters Group held a fundraising function in the new Senior School Recreation area.

A feature of the night was the official naming of the new coxless four boat the *Michael Wertheimer*, named in memory of Old Boy and rowing stalwart Michael Wertheimer who passed away in 2006. Members of Michael's family were present for the ceremony.

Graeme, Matthew and Adam Wertheimer pictured with their Grandmother Norma and the Michael Wertheimer.



Career Advisor receives \$5,000 Scholarship

Mrs Sheree Macdonald, who has been a careers advisor at the School for the last four years, was recently awarded a \$5,000 Commonwealth Government scholarship to further her studies.

Mrs Macdonald was one of only 27 recipients nationally, and is undertaking a Graduate Certificate in Career Education through RMIT, Melbourne.

The Scholarship was presented by Federal Government Minister and Tasmanian Senator the Hon Eric Abetz at a recent Senior School Assembly. In making the presentation Senator Abetz not only underpinned the importance of good career advice but also reinforced the value ongoing training and education has in building and maintaining skills and knowledge.



Senator Abetz with Mrs Macdonald after the presentation of the Scholarship

ADFA Education Award

Ben Sansom recently received an Australian Defence Force Academy - Education Award. This prestigious award is given to students who express an interest in attending ADFA and therefore becoming an officer of the Australian Defence Force. It is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of outstanding achievement exhibited during the recruiting process for entry to ADFA. The award comprises of a laptop computer and certificate for the student along with a plaque in recognition of the school.



Ben Sansom receiving his ADFA Award from Sgt Josh Page and Captain Chris Jacoora

BENEATH THE IVIED TOWER

Obituaries

We record with respect the passing of the following Old Boys.

Robert Sharp	1925	Denis Shepherd	1949	Stephen Guy	1973
William Hannon	1927	Geoffrey Stokes	1955	Robert Handbury	1974
Rupert Swan	1928	Peter Facy	1960	John Burnett	1985
Peter Hadlow	1941	Derek (Forbes) Ireland	1965	Charles Ecob	2002
Maxwell Staunton-Smith	1941	Anthony (Chris) Headlam	1967	Nicholas McInerney	2005

Billiard Table Update

In the Old Boy Newsletter earlier this year, we asked if Old Boys could shed any light on the history of the Billiard table currently in the Boarding House. We had thought it had come from the Old School, but were having difficulty reconciling the name on it (Keith D Atkins) with the suspected history of the table.

The response was fantastic – and a great example of the rich history surrounding the School. It turns out that there were in fact two Billiard tables, one at the Old School (which

never made it to Sandy Bay) and the current table.

The first table was donated sometime prior to 1930 by a Mr Stanley Crick, who left Hutchins in around 1906. He eventually found his way to Sydney where he became an Alderman on the Sydney City Council and, in the early 1940's served as Mayor of Sydney.

The second table was donated by the family of Mr Keith Atkins. Keith

entered Hutchins in 1909 and left in 1918. He was a scholarship holder and a Chorister at St David's, and went on to establish a successful business as a timber merchant in Launceston. The billiard table came from his home in Launceston after he died in 1962. Two of his grandsons – Keith and Andrew – attended Hutchins. Andrew was Senior Prefect in 1983.

Filling in the Gaps

In 1963 a group of Cadets from a number of schools, including Hutchins, participated in an Emergency Survival course conducted by a Captain Shaw.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who participated in this activity (or knows who did).

Helping Out

The Old Boys' Association has been helping out at a number of functions this year, including the Fair and the recent farewell for Bill Toppin.

This help has been greatly appreciated.



Old Boy Nick Dwyer (1999) helping out at Bill Toppin's farewell

REUNION EVENTS

A reunion of sorts took place at this year's Webber Lecture when Andrew Edwards and Warren Reed caught up with their Year 6 teacher, Mrs Scrivener (who taught both of them before they came to Hutchins)

Andrew Edwards, Mrs Scrivener and Warren Reed

A Reunion dinner took place at the Athenaeum Club in Melbourne in May, and was followed the next day by the annual Shadforth's Golf Challenge at Woodlands Golf Course in the Melbourne Sandbelt. Whilst Hutchins was not successful in winning back the Shadforths Cup, everyone had a great day!

Reunion Dinner at the Athenaeum Club: Peter Freeman (1941), Robin Gray (ex staff) and Neil Thomas (1940)



Bruce Walker (1978) and Charlie Terry(1978) at the Shadforths Golf Day



From left to right: Mark Watson(1969), Mathew Challen(1991), Sean Abraham (Shadforths) and James Woods(1991) at the Shadforths Golf Day in May.

Boarders' Reunion 2006

Nearly 30 Old Boarders from the Macquarie St Days got together at Hadley's Hotel for a reunion in late November 2006. The lunch was preceded by a tour of the Old School. This was the biggest gathering of the group for many years, and congratulations go to Tom Edgerton and Kyle Wood who were instrumental in organising the day.

AROUND THE TRAPS

We recently heard from **Hugh Thompson** (1951). Hugh has been living in the UK for many years, and is a keen photographer – take a look at his website at www.doot.co.uk.

David Jackson (1952) recently received three awards for their Huon based business, Jackson Daffodils, at the American Daffodil Society's annual conference.

Gerald Andrews (1953) was recently nominated for a Pride of Australia medal for his significant contributions to the Hobart music scene over more than 50 years.

Good to hear that **Roger Tallboys** (1973) is making a recovery after being injured in the Garuda plane crash in Indonesia in March.

Good to see **David Fisher** (1983) receiving recognition for his water saving technology for toilets, which can not only save water but significantly reduce costs for local governments in delivering water and treating waste.

Interesting to see that **Adrian Rosevear** (1989) has started a business called Stealth Training which equips students with the necessary skills they need to undertake the pilot selection process for both the Military and civilian companies. Adrian has had over 17 years as a pilot in the military.

Simon Younger (1992) and his wife Sarah recently had a son, Alexander.

Great to see Beacon Foundation CEO **Scott Harris** (1987) being awarded a Scholarship to attend a week long course at Harvard. Scott will be sharing the information he gains with other non-profit organisations on his return.

Rob Jacobs (1997) was recently seen playing the hangman in an Irish TV production about the famous cannibal convict Alexander Pearce. The production was shot around Hobart earlier this year – maybe we'll see it on our TV screens sometime soon.

Adrian Bold (1999) recently took out the TAFE Tasmania Career Achievement Award at the Young Achiever Awards.

Jonathon de-Hoog (2001) is currently in his sixth year of studying Medicine at the Hobart Medical School. He is married to Evelina, a nursing graduate.

Rob Knight (2002) recently became the youngest Australian to ski to the North Pole.

2004 leaver **Tristan Thomas** was recently back at Hutchins and took the opportunity to look at the new Senior School Cafeteria. Tristan is currently in full training for the Hurdle events at the Beijing Olympics – good luck!



Tristan Thomas

Jack Viney (2005 second prefect) recently featured on the cover page of the RACT magazine, promoting his efforts to raise sponsorship for educating P Plate drivers. So far some \$14,000 has been raised for driver courses. Fantastic to see our recent leavers making such positive community contributions.

Peter Clark (2006) is travelling to Europe with the Australian Youth Orchestra.

WEDDINGS

Easter Saturday was a popular day for Old Boy weddings.

Robbie Brammall (1993) married Rebecca Bradley at Henry Jones. **Giles Whitehouse** was the best man and **Andrew Short** the master of ceremonies whilst **Shane West, Tom Boyd** and **Tony Fullelove** all assisted in various capacities. Other '93'ers present included: **Richard Thomson, Sean Tracey, Malcolm Short, Will Joscelyn, George Francis, Alastair Morton, Sam Watson** and **Geoff Whelan**. Needless to say Robbie's father, **David**, was there as were **Bob Brewster** and "**Sandy**" Gray.

Damien Brooks (1993) married Shiona Macpherson at St. Mary's Anglican church, Hagley and afterwards at the Country Club Casino, Launceston. **Damian Burbury** was his best man whilst other old boys in attendance included: **Richard Hues, Mark Chopping, Richard Headlam, Tim McShane** and **Tom Salmon**. Representing an older generation was **John Gay**.

Alex Mirowski (1995) married Sarah Sargison at the Botanical Gardens with the reception afterwards at Blue Skies. **Paul Chamberlain** was the best man and **Mat Anning** was a groomsman. Other old boys in attendance included **David Appleyard, Cameron Clark, Michael Valentine** and **Robert Cameron**.

Earlier in the year **Michael Valentine** (1995), 3 March, married Ruth Bennetto at Henry Jones. **Phil Hutton** was Michael's best man and brother **John** and **Sam Monks** were groomsman. Old boys (and old girl) in attendance included Michael's other brother, **Geoff, Chris Hood, Tom Gray** and **Alex Mirowski**.

Honour Board

We've recently dusted off an Honour Board which lists the names of Old Boys who have been involved in various conflicts since the Second World War. We suspect that many names are missing from this list, especially in relation to Vietnam, and there is also a need to bring it up to date to reflect the recent involvements in Iraq and Afghanistan.

If you served in any of these theatres and your name is missing (or you know someone else who's name should be there) please let us know. Information can be forwarded to tony.smithies@hutchins.tas.edu.au or phone 03 6221 4206.



KEEP UP TO DATE AND IN TOUCH

HUTCHINS OLD BOY COMMUNITY WEBSITE

This website provides you with a means of finding and keeping in touch with past friends and colleagues. We're gradually introducing new features, but at the moment the site includes

- Business Directory (promote your business, find old boys with services you might need)
- Diary page – let others know what you've been up to, see what others are doing
- Footy tipping competition (see just who the "gun" tippers are!)
- Latest news (e.g. Old Boy and School Footy results)
- Photo Boards (you can submit your own photos)
- Calendar of events – reunions, footy rosters, major school events
- Discussion boards

To register go to www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/oldboys You'll need to enter your name, date of birth and alumni year (the year you left – or would have left – Year 12).



Forthcoming Dates

23 August	HSOBA AGM and Wine Tasting. Come sample the best Hood Wines (5.30 pm in the Senior School Recreation area)	7 December	Ray Vincent Lunch
24 August	Junior School Grandparents' Day 9.30am	11 December	Middle School/Senior School Speech Night
7 September	Last day of Term 2	11 December	Last day of Term 3
24 September	First day of Term 3	13 December	Leavers Dinner
2 November	Awards Assembly	27 December	BBQ at Hutchins for Leavers from 2002-2006
6 December	Junior School Speech Night	29 December	Reunion afternoon tea and tour for 1985 Leavers

2008 Term Dates

Term 1 12 February – 23 May Term 2 17 June – 5 September Term 3 22 September – 9 December

NOTE: This year we have decided to produce just two (slightly larger) issues of Magenta and Black – this issue and a second one at the end of the year. Old Boys have also received a special edition of The Iviad Tower" in April.