Engaging with the World as a Learner, not a Tourist

“Learning without borders”, the title of the March 1-2 conference hosted by the Hwa Chong Institution (HCI), a “Future School” of almost 5000 boys in Singapore, affirmed the focus of Hutchins’ Strategic Plan.

The Headmaster, Mr Dean delivered a paper: “Educating for the Future – A Teaching and Learning Toolkit for the C21st” and together with our Director of Marketing and International Relations, Mrs Weatherburn, attended the conference to strengthen and develop the alliance between Hutchins and HCI, as well as other schools in the Asia-Pacific region, for the purpose of cultural exchange. Seven Hutchins students from Years 7 and 8 will attend HCI for two weeks in April.

Director of Information Services, Dr Abell explored ways in which ICT can support online and face to face collaborative projects such as those conducted between HCI and the Academy of Science in Loudon County, Virginia, USA, directed by one of the keynote speakers, Professor George Wolfe. Dr Abell stayed on in Singapore to attend the ICTLT Conference and MOE Excel Fest 2010 to consolidate plans for a Hutchins portal for sharing impact lessons online and short course exchange offerings; for example, a unit of study in Mandarin, a gifted Science unit in Physics with e-book support.

Within the context of technology enabling learning, presenters also emphasized teaching values and ethically responsible management of ICT. Principal of Mission Heights Junior College, NZ, Joan Middlemiss, noted the shift in focus to production (rather than reproduction) of knowledge, which involves thinking analytically, creatively and ethically.

Mr Symons (Director of Teaching and Learning) and I focused on curriculum. Professor Jan Herrington’s keynote address emphasized “authentic learning”, which involves students collaborating, considering multiple perspectives, reflecting on and articulating their understanding of the complexity of the real world. This reinforced the work we have begun with the Electronic Unit Planner which will enable teachers at Hutchins to map rich assessment tasks through faculties and across years of schooling. Relevant to the Year 9 Global Challenge and Modern Languages learning were specific tools for assessing changes in cultural understanding.

The Australian context: NAPLAN, the “MySchool” website and the Australian Curriculum, which specifies engagement with the Asia-Pacific region, was discussed by a number of presenters, including Professor Helen Wildy, who recognized national testing as an opportunity to “grab hold of the data to tell the story” and use it to develop and modify our teaching programs to meet the needs of the whole school.

So, what is a “Future School”? Five schools in Singapore were selected to share best practice in developing Twenty-First Century skills and dispositions, focusing on learning across borders. The representatives from Hutchins came away from this conference deeply aware of multiple learning pathways afforded by globally available information in a unified online learning environment. We are confident that our students experience a microcosm of this environment already through overt programs such as exchanges, Global Challenge, and collaborative projects planned for the future; as well as through a curriculum focus on developing cross-cultural understanding and global citizenship.

We are grateful to our gracious and generous hosts at the Hwa Chong Institution for their willingness to cross borders and share their learning journey.

Alison Farmer
Head of English and Modern Languages
Around the School

Mathematics Olympiad Selection School

Congratulations to Christopher Ryba who, as a result of an outstanding performance in recent mathematics contests, has been invited to be a member of the 2010 AMOC Mathematics Olympia Selection School to be held at Dunmore Lang College, Macquarie University, Sydney.

UTAS High Achiever Program 2010

Congratulations to the following students who have had confirmed their admission to the University of Tasmania’s 2010 High Achiever Program, Tomos Lelong, Thomas MacDonald, Christopher Ryba and Joseph Wong.

National Youth Science Forum

The National Youth Science Forum is held yearly in Canberra and Perth, open to Australian Year 12 students. In 2010 over 18,000 students from across the country applied for only 450 places. Three Hutchins students Richard Pearce, Michael Short and Alex Elford, gained entry to the two week science-based trip.

The flight to Melbourne in business class was nearly as enjoyable as the 8 hour bus ride to Canberra. As the six Tasmanians got on the bus at the last stop before leaving the city the bus went silent and we were stared at as we walked down the aisle - this was obviously planned as the bus erupted into laughter as we sat down at the back.

Although originally apprehensive at the idea of ‘nerd camp’, there wouldn’t be a better way to spend those two weeks than attending the NYSF. Richard was focused on undertaking medicine at University and was placed in the interest group of Biomedicine, which allowed him to go behind the scenes in Canberra Hospital, the John Curtin School of Medical Research and the CSIRO. Michael’s interests lay in biology with field trips to ANU’s department of Biology and Zoology, Canberra Animal Hospital and a full day trip to dry sclerophyll forests and farms of inland New South Wales.

The event wasn’t all science, and the forums, workshops and speeches were both entertaining and a valuable learning tool. Having over 150 students from different areas, cultures and backgrounds was always going to make things interesting, but the enthusiasm and combined interest in science made sure that everyone had a great time, as well as guaranteeing another 100+ friends on Facebook.

The condition known as PNYSFD, or Post-NYSF depression was raging through the students when we had a teary goodbye on the last day. Life without NYSF friends, floor groups, lab visits and interest group lanyards just didn’t feel right - this has ensured that many reunions will and have already taken place. Many universities from around the country are putting on seminars for NYSF students which is strengthening the networks that were forged in Canberra.

The friends and experiences of the NYSF were unforgettable, it is truly an event that should not be overlooked by any Hutchins boy in Year 12 in 2011.

Michael Short and Richard Pearce

Rowing Nationals

Last week 24 boys represented Hutchins at the National Rowing Championships at Lake Nagambie, Victoria. Hutchins competed exceptionally well with all crews making semi-finals, and finals in creating personal and crew best times over the course of the week.

There were stand out performances from Sam Heron, gold medallist and national champion in the U17 Single scull, Sam Heron and Richard Giblin, gold medallists and national champions in the U17 Double Scull.

Members of the Open 8 who won gold in the U19 section (Nathan Holloway, James Heron, Frank Burridge, Tobias Tenbensel, George Burbury, Sam Hunnibell, Charles Jackson, Toby Pitt, Nick Edwards as Cox). Nick Edwards also was successful as Cox of the Gold Medal winning Tasmanian Light weight men’s 8.

The U19 4 (Nathan Holloway, James Heron, George Burbury, Sam Hunnibell) gold medallists and national champions.

Members of the U17 8 (Sam Heron, Richard Giblin, Thomas Johnston, Will Fergusson, Angus Balcombe, Jack Harrison, Claude Alcorso, Max Macmillan, Jock Mure as Cox) who received a silver medal in the U17 School Boys narrowly being beaten by Scotch College Melbourne.

Other members of the Nationals group were David Fry (finals of the Single Scull), Nathan Brown and Richard Sayers (semi finalists in the Double Scull), Wilson Mure and Sebastian Lopa who competed in the U19 Quad section. Hamish Killalea competing in the U17 Quad.

Congratulations as well to our tremendous coaches, Roger Drummond, Mark Kadziolka, Mike Hunnibell, Nigel Burridge, Richard Heron and Will Mure, for their tireless effort and support.

Wayne Brown
Director of Sports
Forty nine applicants were received for positions on the Student Representative Council in 2010. A ‘polling booth’ was set up via an internet survey and all Senior School students were invited to vote. Voting received 312 respondents. Students elected to the SRC in 2010 are:

**Year 11**
- James Wheller
- Charles Havard
- Frank Burridge
- Allen Chen
- Matthew Allanby
- Henry West
- Rory Middleton
- Nanak Narulla
- Anton Roberts
- Isaac Woo
- George Dargaville
- Wilson Mure

**Year 10**
- Nicholas McVilly
- Huw Green
- Sam Johnstone
- Oliver Geale
- Jack Harrison
- Arjun Dubey
- Will Fergusson
- Edward Heath

**Year 9**
- Tim McQueen
- Cameron Brumby
- Sam Padgett
- Rajat Rao
- Oliver Lane

**SRC Book, Magazine and Game Drive**
The Australian Childhood Foundation counsels children suffering the devastating trauma of abuse and neglect. Many of the children the Foundation works with cannot be in their own homes for many and varied reasons. To help give these children living away from home some comfort and relief from their stresses, the Hutchins SRC asks all Hutchins families to dig out any books, magazines, DVDs and games that can be played by just one person (such as intact jigsaw puzzles, even old playstations) that are in good condition and are suitable for both girls and boys from 10 and 16 years of age and bring them to our collection point outside Mr Browns’ and Mr Warlters’ office in the Senior School foyer. Donations will be distributed by the Australian Childhood Foundation around the State and will brighten the lives of many children. Closing date for donations will be **Thursday April 1**.

**The Tasmanian Little Athletics Association State Titles** were held in Launceston on the 6 and 7 March and a number of Junior School and Middle School students competed.

Students from the Junior School who competed were Oscar Chau, Patrick Kearney and Owen Law, with Alex Bessell, Robert Law, Ben Robinson and James and Thomas Sonneveld competing from the Middle School.

Some of the highlights of the results were as follows:

Oscar Chau – first in the U9, 60 metres Hurdle, 70 metres, 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres Long Jump, High Jump and Triple Jump.

Patrick Kearney – first in the U11, 60 metres Hurdles.

Owen Law – third in the U11, 1500 metres and fourth in the 800 metres and Triple Jump.

Robert Law – first in the U12, 1500 metres and fourth in the 800 metres.

Ben Robinson – first in the U13, 800 metres, 1500 metres and second in the 400 metres and Long Jump, third in the 200 metres.

Thomas Sonneveld – third in the U13 High Jump.

James Sonneveld - third in the U13 High Jump.

Congratulations to Max MacMillan and Claude Alcorso who have made the State U16 Australian Rules Development Squad for 2010.

Congratulations to Harry Nichols and Sean Willis on their recent selection in the Tasmanian U17 Cricket Team.

Congratulations to James Green (C), Ryan Neal, Lachlan Fraser, and Josh Williamson who represented Southern Tasmania and won the Intra-State cup against the North, North-West and Invitational teams. Lachlan Fraser was then selected for the U14 State-wide Invitational team following the carnival and participated in the U15 Intra-State cup.
Southern SATIS Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 10 March at the Southern SATIS Swimming Carnival at the Hobart Aquatic Centre, the Middle and Senior School boys competed admirably with some fantastic swims, bringing home the Aggregate Boys Trophy and winners of the U16 Pennant. They were second in the College Boys Trophy and the Open Pennant, whilst being third in the Junior Boys Trophy the U13 and U14 Pennants. Alec Guerzoni broke 2 records with the 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke events. Nicholas Cannell did a tremendous job as Captain and Jack Bishop joins him as Vice Captain preparing a team for the SATIS Swimming Carnival in Launceston on Tuesday 23 March.

UNDER 13 - Daniel Himson, Chris Boult, Henry Johnstone, Lachlan Brumby, Will Lambert, James Schmidt
UNDER 14 - Mitchell Hibberd, Jock Stalker, Ben Robinson, Ben Shea
UNDER 15 - Alex Guerzoni, Cam Brumby, Furhmen Lee, Ben Watkins, Ed Burrows-Cheng, Thomas Avery, Angus Davey
UNDER 16 - Jarrod Hibberd, Max Macmillan, Hugh Nichols, Ben Macmillan, Seung Won Kim, Jack McMeniman, Alec Bailey
OPEN - Nicholas Cannell, Bart Kalmeijer, Jack Bishop, Rory Middleton, Alexander Hay, James Waldron, George Williams, Andre Postma, Bruno Almeida (Marshalling & Starting)

Training continues Friday March 12 and Thursday March 19 at 4-5pm at the Aquatic Centre, and Monday March 15th at 6.30 – 7.30 pm at the Collegiate Pool

Dr J. Abell
Teacher-in-Charge Swimming

Congratulations to Maxim Devine (Men's Football), George Jones (Sailing) Alec Guerzoni (Swimming) and Huw Peacock (Athletics) who have received Scholarships with the Tasmanian Institute of Sport.

The Scholarship provides these athletes with support in a number of areas including Athlete Career and Education, Sports Science and Medicine, High Performance Coaching, and Elite Competition with the focus on maximising sporting potential.

Teenagers, Alcohol & Drugs

Last week Year 10, 11 and 12 students had the good fortune to be able to listen to Paul Dillon present on this topic. His approach was very much about the students and their ability to make choices positive choices. Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for the past 25 years. For the past 16 years he has worked at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, Sydney, where his key role was to disseminate research findings to policy makers, drug and alcohol workers and the general public. Through his own business, Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) he has been contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He has also just completed a book 'Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs'.

Paul presented factual, humorous, shocking but most notably informative information to the students about drug use and risk taking. His message was simple, “here is the information you make the decisions”. It was this approach that was engaging and empowering for the students. They were given practical life saving tips to look after one another should they get into trouble when they are out. There were many positives for them:

- if you do not drink you are in the majority
- if you do not use drugs you are in the majority
- there are more Year 11 and 12’s who choose not to drink.

Gauging by the depth and number of questions they had, Paul left the boys with plenty to consider.

Duncan Warlters
Head of Senior School
An Archives Moment

March 1892 marked the beginning of the end of an era, when John V Buckland resigned after eighteen years as Headmaster. J V Buckland left Hutchins in June 1892 and embarked with his sister Katherine for England, where he lived out the rest of his life in charge of various parishes until his death in 1932.

The opening of the Stephen Hay Memorial Park on 8 March 1987 was the culmination of a move to include outdoor education in an expanded curriculum based on co-operation, leadership and communal living and working experiences. This move had begun with a staff conference in 1978 and the subsequent gift of six acres of land at Southport, donated in 1981 by Mr and Mrs Wynne Hay in memory of their son.

The Foster Wing and refurbished Erwin Science Wing were opened by Governor Sir Phillip Bennett and dedicated by Bishop Newell on 10 March 1994.

Margaret Mason-Cox
Archivist

ELC Grandparents’ Day - Thursday 1 April 2010

ELC Grandparents’ Day will be on Thursday 1 April at 9.30am in the Auditorium. The format will be a concert (involving all ELC boys) followed by morning tea and a chance to visit the boys in their classrooms. It is set to be a wonderful morning.

Invitations will be sent next week to all grandparents for whom we have contact details, but just in case we miss someone we ask parents to also pass this information on for us.

Grandparents can accept by calling our special acceptance phone line 03 9018 7846 and leaving a message or by sending an email to accept@hutchins.tas.edu.au with the names of those attending and the names of their grandsons.

Communication, Contact Details and Family Information Update

Please assist us to achieve good communication practices by ensuring you supply to the school as soon as possible:

1. your family’s contact details and
2. medical history and important additional personal information we may need to know about your son(s).

The next issue and subsequent issues of the Communiqué will be sent as a pdf file attached to an email. Please pass your current email address to Rachel.Lucas@hutchins.tas.edu.au to facilitate this process and, if you use a business address, would you also include a home address so our messages reach your family as well. For those families that prefer, a quantity of hard copies will be available at Reception.

School Fair 2010

Please note that there will be no School Fair in 2010. This is due to the fact that the area where the Fair is normally held is currently a construction site.

Note however that the Parents’ Association will be conducting other major events during the year, such as the Magenta and Black Ball on 3 July. Tickets for this are selling quickly and you are encouraged to book early (see advertisement elsewhere in this issue).
Whole-School Research Project

In partnership with the University of Sydney and the Australian Boarding Schools Association, The Hutchins School has agreed to participate in a two year research project which will explore the effects of boarding school on academic and other personal development outcomes. While this has a focus on boarding students, day students will also be included in this project as it will shed significant information on their academic and personal development outcomes too.

The outcomes being measured are very relevant for our students:

**Academic Outcomes**

- Achievement
- Achievement-related behaviours
- Motivation and engagement
- Academic buoyancy and adaptability
- Student approaches to learning
- School and boarding house climate

**Non-Academic Outcomes**

- Well-being
- General self-esteem
- Interpersonal relationships
- Life satisfaction
- Personality

The school is asking that all Yr 7-12 students participate and surveying of students will occur in late March. Consent forms will be sent out within the next week. Your co-operation in signing and returning these forms as soon as you receive them will be greatly appreciated. Individual students will not be identified on survey documents or in publications of the results.

There are another 20 schools participating across Australia and 5 schools in the UK. This represents a unique opportunity for Hutchins to participate in such a large-scale project and the first project of this type internationally.

Findings of this project will assist policy, pedagogy and pastoral care directed at enhancing academic and non-academic pathways at Hutchins and other schools across Australia. We are proud that Hutchins can help lead the way with this research – for our students and students at other schools.

If you have any questions about the research project, please contact the school’s liaison on the project, John Devine at John.Devine@hutchins.tas.edu.au or 6221 4257.
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**WEEK SIX**

**March**

**Mon 15**

- ELC / JS F/T Conferences commences
- Yrs 11/12 Academic Review commences
  - 2.30 pm JS Chapel

**Tue 16**

- Yr 7IAD Outdoor Ed Camp IV commences
  - 2.00 pm ELC Chapel

**Wed 17**

- Headmaster's Assembly
  - 1.05 pm
- JS Assembly
  - 2.30 pm

**Thu 18**

- Yr 8 Assembly
  - 1.20 pm
- Yrs 7/8 Progress Reports sent home
  - 4.00 pm

**Fri 19**

- ELC / JS F/T Conferences ends
  - 1.15 pm
- Yrs 11/12 Academic Review ends
  - 1.15 pm

**Sat 20**

- 1st XI Cricket BYE
  - 11.00 am
- Rowing North West Schools
  - LB

**Sun 21**

- Rowing North West Schools
  - LB
- Open Day (AWT)
  - HUT

**WEEK SEVEN**

**March**

**Mon 22**

- MS Learning Plans Week 1
  - 2.30 pm JS Chapel

**Tue 23**

- SATIS Swimming
  - 12.00 pm Yrs 9/10 Prog 1 Subject Reports due
- Yr 5 Camp commences on
  - 1.20 pm Yr 7 Mother & Son Evening: Stand Still

**Wed 24**

- 1.20 pm Yrs 6/10 School Immunisation
  - 1.05 pm SS Assembly
- Yr 7IAD Outdoor Ed Camp IV ends
  - 2.00 pm Yrs 3-6 Buddies' Show (No JS Assembly)

**Thu 25**

- Yr 8 Assembly
  - 1.15 pm SS Summer Day Meetings with Staff
- 7.30 pm Yr 7 Mother & Son Evening: Stand Still

**Fri 26**

- Yr 7 Mother & Son Evening: Stand Still
  - 1.15 pm
- Cricket State Finals
  - 7.30 pm
- Communiqué issued
  - 12.00 pm

**Sat 27**

- Print Draft Yrs 9/10 Prog 1 Subject Reports
  - 12.00 pm