MAGENTA and BLACK
In academia it is pleasing to note that the year of 2009 achieved much. In fact greater than one in every three students in Year 12 achieved a TCE score of 90 or more out of a possible 99.95. Five percent achieved 95 or more and Matthew Kang was Dux of the State – the third of four years that such an achievement has been recorded by a Hutchins student. As well, a number of students have been offered scholarships and study places at overseas universities and at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Pleasing also is the achievement of students in the wide areas of study opportunities offered at Hutchins. Successes were recorded in the areas of Music, Visual and Performing Arts, Manual Arts and Technology, Vocational Education and Training and ambitions by our sports achievers were realised, especially in AFL, Athletics and Rowing.

This year has continued the successes and standards we have come to expect of our students. Well earned successes were achieved at the Head of the River by our rowers and at the National Rowing Championships held at Nagambie, Victoria; our rowers won gold, silver and bronze as they achieved best performed school status 2010. Our Cricket 1st XI, 2nd VI Tennis and Swimming also won their competitions and Sailing has enjoyed a successful year. We look to continuing this trend in our winter sports in the coming months.

The School currently is rather cramped in the Senior Campus as we build the new library learning centre which encompasses a new library, seminar room, four classrooms, two spacious foyers and staff offices. This outstanding
In late November 2009 the incoming Year 12 leaders sat down for a two-day conference to discuss a number of issues facing the year group for 2010 and to set goals for the coming twelve months. We established five main values that we would endeavour to display throughout our final year of schooling: respect, honesty, commitment, integrity and fairness. Personally I have focused on respect, as I believe this is the most important one when it comes to social interactions with others, and I will be addressing the School on this value early in Term 2.

The main issue facing our leadership team was the lack of space available as a result of the new library being built. To provide a place for boys to sit and relax at lunchtime, the largest classroom (SL04) in the Senior School was opened for their use. In order to manage this new lunchtime facility a committee was set up, led by Cameron Burnett, Oliver Burke and James Roberts-Thomson, who have all done a great job in ensuring the room is not misused.

One of the major goals that emerged from the leadership conference was to achieve unity throughout the School. It was found that communication between the SRC (Student Representative Council, consisting of Year 9–11) and the Year 12 Leaders needed to be improved to help with achieving this. With this aim, one of the Captains began attending the SRC meetings each week, enabling effective two-way communication between the two groups. To help create more unity between the different branches of the School we have also endeavoured to make as much contact as possible with the Middle School, Junior School and Early Learning Centre and will continue to do so as the year progresses.

We also organised for Paul Pritchard to speak at a Senior School assembly about his amazing story of recovery from a severe head injury. Paul was once one of the UK’s most promising rock climbers before being hit by boulder whilst climbing the Totem Pole, a sea stack in the Tasman National Park. Paul talked about his life-changing accident and his endeavours to continue to lead a lively life despite the constraints of a disability. Managing to continue climbing although only having the use of the left side of his body, he lives by the motto, “disabled not unable”. If you are unaware of Paul’s amazing story, I strongly recommend you find out about his journey. His personal website is http://ppritchard.blogspot.com.
Chaplain

In Australia it is easy to get into the habit of talking about someone from another country as a “foreigner” and to think that they “have an accent”. Of course as we age and mature we realise that, in most of the world, we are the aliens and our voices are unusual to others. Driving across the southern states of the USA a few years ago I was bemused by supermarket cashiers who asked us to “say that again” – for their amusement. In that country, and many others, Australians and Europeans would be regarded as alien. So we would never argue with anyone who claimed we had an accent and that there are lands in our world in which we are foreign. We would accept that it is all relative – Indonesians are not foreign in Indonesia and their accent is normal there. An Australian drawl would mark us out as foreigners in Jakarta.

In Term 2, I am talking to the senior boys about “world views” in Chapel. Australians are much slower to recognise that their world view may be foreign to another. I often hear people justifying a lifestyle or opinion that is cultural as if what they are saying is true or right. I often want to ask “how do you know?”. What are the hidden assumptions that our boys have inherited from us without question?

So I am inviting boys to look at these assumptions. In Australia, Christians are often treated as if they are the ones who have made assumptions about their world and that the average secular unchurched Aussie is in the “neutral” position. We do not make assumptions. We might hear “I just believe in what I can see, the bare facts, the rational truth”. As a “born and bred humanist” I recognised that I had a natural bias toward a religious view of life, not because I was a better thinker but because that is all I was ever taught. My education had no faith discussion at all – rigidly and aggressively secular. The headmaster even tried to ban the Christian lunchtime group because it was getting too popular! So I believed my way of looking at the world was just the right way.

I find this particularly true in Hobart. Our boys need to know what developments in history have moved us into our current way of thinking, and to challenge their own assumptions. Too few are challenging the basic secularity of Australian society. In the not too distant future this will be challenged by a growing percentage of the population with a religious mindset, particularly by our new Buddhist and Muslim citizens.

In Boarders’ Chapel, I often ask the boys to “doubt their doubts”. Before I answer a question I get boys to scan their questions for the assumptions they have made. Even the old chestnut “Who made God?” contains an implicit belief that everything has a beginning – there is nothing that is eternal in nature. The question assumes God is a creature rather than the Creator. Christians understand God as the original and eternal cause.

So, we will see what the boys make of “thinking about thinking” [the technical term metacognition]. They will hear their own philosophical “accent” - their own belief about the world will be exposed and challenged.

It has been my pleasure to welcome the Reverend Mark Holland to the Hutchins staff. He comes from a parish ministry in Hobart and originally grew up in Sydney. Mark will take chaplaincy responsibility for the Junior School and ELC.

Rev Matt Gray
CHAPLAIN
The Hutchins Environmental Wiki

On 22 April Thomas Dunbabin, James Tucker (that’s us) and our class teacher, Ms Knight, attended an Environmental Wiki workshop at Rokeby High School. It was held in the TLC (not Tender Loving Care, Teacher Learning Centre).

Our task was to create a Hutchins wiki about our environmental initiatives at our school for AuSSI-Tas (Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative Tasmania). Many other schools were there as well, some of whom had been to a previous session before us. We had a whole day to do this. The people running the program taught us how to make and edit our wiki and related topics like how to compress pictures.

So we started. With breaks only for morning tea and lunch, we worked relentlessly. Soon our wiki started to take shape. We uploaded some pictures and fiddled around with placement and text. It was quite difficult. Unlike software such as Word, in the program we were using it was not possible to perform complicated actions like dragging pictures. By the end of the workshop, we had completed quite a lot. We are still working on and editing our wiki, and we hope to share our work with the rest of the School community. It will be published for you to see soon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Honours Recipients

1974 leaver and former Chair of the Board of Management Dr Stephen Gumley was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day Honours list in January. Dr Gumley received the award for service to public sector management, particularly through leadership of the Defence Materiel Organisation, and the development and implementation of significant reforms in procurement and sustainment of military equipment.

The Hon Michael Hodgman QC was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours list. Michael, a 1955 leaver and staunch monarchist, received his award for service to politics through the Parliaments of Australia and Tasmania, and to the community through a range of ex-service, charitable, sporting and multicultural organisations.

We congratulate both these outstanding Australians for their awards.

Benjamin Chuck - 1983 -2010

As we were finalising this issue we received the sad news that Private Benjamin Chuck had been killed in a helicopter accident in Afghanistan. Ben was a student at Hutchins between 1993 and 1996 before moving to Queensland with his family. He leaves behind his parents Gordon and Susan, older brother Jason and younger sister Tiffany.
The teachers of the Kindergarten and Prep boys at the Hutchins Early Learning Centre are inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach to early childhood education. Loris Malaguzzi (1920–1994) founded the approach in the northern Italian city of Reggio Emilia. Today, the Reggio approach is adopted by many countries around the world. Each country aims to adapt it in a way that reflects their culture and each school seeks to adapt it in a way that reflects the community to which they belong. This can be said of the approach to teaching and learning in Kindergarten and Prep at the ELC.

At the heart of the Reggio Emilia philosophy is the adults’ image of the child. The boys are seen as competent, resourceful, curious, imaginative, inventive and in possession of a desire to interact and communicate with others.

By following the interests and discussions of the boys, directions for investigations have unfolded and meaningful learning experiences have occurred. This year some of the Inquiry Projects that have emerged include the human body, spiders, planes, storms, bats, lizards and whales.

A project undertaken recently by a small group of Prep boys was called Deciduous Trees. Parts of the boys’ learning through this project were documented in a number of ways. Photos were taken of the boys engaged in experiences and their words as they discussed what they were doing, feeling and thinking were recorded.

David Humphrey, Gabriel Wake, Lochie Marriott and Alan Hamilton sharing their visual representations of their understandings of the way the four seasons affect deciduous trees.
The boys’ learning is valued and made visible in displays such as this.

James Walters and his mum working together on sewing the outline of a deciduous tree leaf that James has drawn.

They also had the opportunity to express their concepts and ideas in many “languages”, for example print, clay, drawing, construction, drama, music, puppetry, light and shadow play. Documentation “captures the moment” and assists to make the boys’ learning visible. It gives the boys a voice, reveals their prior knowledge and allows the teachers and students to plan future directions for the learning together.

The Inquiry Projects are seen as exciting adventures where the teachers take on the role of listener, observer, guide and co-learner. The Kindergarten and Prep teachers take great delight in “bringing out” the boys’ learning rather than “filling it in”.

This photo was taken in the grounds of the School by Prep boy, Gabriel Wake, using a digital camera. “This is really the bottom of a tree. I had to look up. I like it and it has my favourite colour - yellow,” says Gabriel.

ABOVE RIGHT: Photo taken in the grounds of the School by Prep boy, Henry Carne, using a digital camera. “I had to hold the camera really close. You can see the veins,” says Henry.

BELOW: The boys’ learning is valued and made visible in displays such as this.
SNAP SHOT 1 - The Middle School year always begins with a group of Year 8 boys kindly giving up their time on the Friday before school starts to help prepare the desks, chairs and notice-boards for the following week. However, the pastoral team by then has already had a week of planning and professional development, including an overnight stay at our Southport campsite. The background to this Southport snapshot is always characterised by a sense of renewal, anticipation, professional collegiality and relaxing coffees.

SNAP SHOT 2 - A glance at my term calendar for Week 1 of this term tells a story repeated throughout the year: an introductory meeting for all the boys on the very first morning, a chapel service, Year 7 pastoral mornings, a parent information evening, a boy information assembly, a Year 7 end-of-week lunch and finally an afternoon of swimming trials. This final afternoon of the working week always serves a number of purposes: providing information helpful in selecting the house swimming teams; bonding the boys and staff for the year ahead and giving some relaxation time at the end of a busy first week. Surely the highlight of this snapshot has to be the eager, friendly faces of our boys as they begin a new year.

SNAP SHOT 3 - For this snap shot I have turned again to the term calendar on my wall, to randomly choose a single week. Week Five, 8 to 12 March, meets my eye. This week was shortened by the Eight Hour Day holiday but we still managed to send Mrs Stoddart’s group off on camp, to send boys to the SSATIS Swimming Carnival, to have a Middle School Chapel Service and a Year 7 Assembly and to write our progress reports. My diary provides the background to this snapshot, reminding me that during this particular week we also had a full Middle School session doing some interesting work analysing television documentaries and we were preparing for our forthcoming mother-son evening and some lunchtime activities with the Collegiate girls.
Middle School cleans up on Eastern Shore

A group of Middle School boys led by Mr Hyland headed across the river in March to assist with a clean-up of rubbish along the Clarence foreshore.

Pictured here are the "clean team" with Mr Hyland (back left) and the Mayor of Clarence Ald Jock Campbell (second left). Ald Campbell is a Hutchins Old Boy (1961 Leaver).

In order to get a fuller picture of our first term in 2010, these snapshots would need to be part of a wider collage with images of excited boys and parents at our SWAP Days; of inquisitive and impressed visitors on Open Day; of proud oldies, not-so-oldies and downright youngies on Grandparents’ Morning; of deeply moved boys and parents at our two new parent-son evenings; of hot cross buns being mercilessly devoured on Maundy Thursday; of an anti-bullying performance by visiting actors; and, of course, shot after shot of boys and teachers busily engaged in productive study.

Academic Extension Afternoon in the Middle School

For some years now, we have suspended normal classes one afternoon late in each term in order to offer the boys some experiences that it is not possible to include within the constraints of our normal timetable. As the name suggests, these activities are designed to extend and enrich our boys’ academic experiences. Of course, they require a certain amount of extra organisation on the part of the staff involved but, on each occasion over the years, they have devised some wonderful choices. I found the choices the boys were given at our recent Academic Extension Afternoon especially exciting and thought that list might be of interest to you:

Lantern sculptures with Mr Josh Hanek; a film excursion to Beneath Hill 60 with Mr Ken Kingston and Mr Ivor Leonard; Strap a Jet Engine onto your Stagecoach with Mr Kent Moore; Asian wok cooking with Mr Peter Symons; speed chess with Mrs Janet Waters; house drama rehearsals with Mr Graeme Geale; a coastal study with Mr Rob McCammon and trainee teacher, Old Boy Mr Michael Walsh; Chinese comics with Mr Erik Marr; Healthy Mind and Healthy Body exercises with Mrs Teresa Stoddart; the Battle of Long Tan with Mr Ian McQueen; mathematical art with Mr Ian Addison; and leatherwork with Mr Anthony Hyland.

In order to get a fuller picture of our first ten weeks in 2010, these snapshots would need to be part of a wider collage with images of excited boys and parents at our SWAP Days; of inquisitive and impressed visitors on Open Day; of proud oldies, not-so-oldies and downright youngies on Grandparents’ Morning; of deeply moved boys and parents at our two new parent-son evenings; of hot cross buns being mercilessly devoured on Maundy Thursday; of an anti-bullying performance by visiting actors; and, of course, shot after shot of boys and teachers busily engaged in productive study.

Mr Ian McQueen
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Marr with Chinese comics

Middle School leather workers

Mother and son evening in Middle School

Asian wok cooking
On 19 April, twenty one Year 9 students and four staff gathered at Elizabeth Street Pier early in the morning. I think everyone had a few goose bumps that were not just a reaction to the cool, early morning air. There was a degree of apprehension as we boarded the traditional square-rigged brigantine Windeward Bound and headed south on an unusual and challenging mission. In the next sixteen days we were to experience the spectacular south-west of Tasmania from sea, on foot and immersed in the isolation and harshness of the Tasmanian wilderness.

The challenge involved roughly a week of walking the South Coast Track and a week of running Windeward Bound as active crew members. Along the way, we also helped the National Parks and Wildlife Service with odd jobs and did some serious sea kayaking, as well as exploring Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour.

After our departure from Hobart, the ship briefly anchored in the last sheltered anchorage at Cockle Creek to allow the first walking group to disembark. Just as darkness fell, the ship disappeared around Fisher Point and headed for Port Davey in ideal conditions. The walkers quickly adjusted to their tents and packed up early the next day for seven days of walking. During the next week, the sailors explored the Davey River, did beach clean-ups at Bond Bay, climbed Mount Beattie and Mount Millner, cleared a walking track, sea-kayaked Melaleuca Inlet and the Celery Top Islands, sailed Bathurst Harbour, investigated the unique marine life in Bathurst Channel and managed the day-to-day running of a square-rigger.

Meanwhile, the walkers experienced the highs and lows of life on the track. Carrying heavy packs over the South Cape Range and battling storm-force winds,
freezing temperatures and driving rain on top of the Ironbound Range provided enough challenge. The beautiful rainforests, pristine beaches, amazing sunsets, stunning sunrises and cozy camping spots provided the “wow factor”.

The groups reunited at Melaleuca to swap places. This also coincided with a significant change in the weather. The first winter fronts hit the west coast and sailors and walkers alike were stuck in their quarters as Mother Nature showed us she was still boss. Winds exceeded 50 knots and 9–12m swells held us captive in the harbour. It was a sobering experience to read of the 200 or so shipwrecks around south-west Tasmania as we kept a nervous vigil on anchor watch.

With a small window in the swell and wind, we headed back to Cockle Creek. Leaving at midnight in the light of a full moon, we headed into a solid swell and confused sea. The Southern Ocean certainly will leave an imprint on the minds of the boys who spent the rest of the night harnessed in, hanging over the side, as they battled the scourge of the sea [seasickness]. Back in the safety of Recherche Bay, we basked in the calm conditions, explored the bay in sea kayaks and waited, whilst the walkers, tired and wet, made their way back to Cockle Creek.

As the ship set off, bound for Hobart, there was plenty of time to reflect on what had been an extraordinary experience. The whole team had experienced something special and profound. The trip had done just what we all hoped. We all learned a great deal about ships, sailing, navigation, wilderness, wildlife and survival. The most important lessons were about ourselves and how such experiences will empower us to make the most of our lives.

The trip was organised as a pilot program for a unique curriculum that we hope all Year 9 students will get to experience in the near future. It was a chance to extend the classroom into new and stimulating environments and attach the learning outcomes to real and practical experiences. It also offered the opportunity for the boys to be pushed beyond their usual limits. Being outside their comfort zone, they have the opportunity to learn much more about themselves and each other. The experience is a chance for significant personal growth.

The key elements for an outdoor experience to have lasting positive change are isolation, duration and challenge. The best outcomes involve seven or more days in an isolated or remote area with physical and psychological challenges that will push all participants to their limits. The rugged wilderness of the south-west provided all of this and more.

Ken Kingston STAFF LEADER
Magenta and Black Art Show

The 2010 Magenta and Black Art Show at the Long Gallery was a great success. The idea behind the project is to give students across the School the chance to exhibit their artworks in a formal gallery setting. The show is held every two years and involves work from Kinder through to Year 12.

One of the key things that emerges during the exhibition is the presence of structured themes in work throughout the School and the very clear skill development that takes place along the way.

Webber Lecture

The Annual Webber Ethics Lecture (named in honour of the Reverend Webber, former Dean of Hobart) is a major event on the Hutchins calendar, and has attracted significant speakers over the years. This year was no exception, and the large crowd that turned out was a testament to the importance that this program has achieved.

The 2010 guest speaker was former Victorian police officer Simon Illingworth, who was instrumental in the uncovering of corruption in the Victorian Police Force.

His message about values, self-respect and integrity was a powerful one that made an impression on all those present.
**Students Cooking up a Storm**

The first group of boys to participate in a Hutchins cooking program are surprising themselves and their teachers with their culinary skills.

Nineteen boys go to the Burbury House kitchen twice a week to learn both theory and practical skills involved in kitchen operations.

Recently the group put on a three-course lunch for thirty staff and impressed everyone with their skills and enthusiasm.

**The Making of a Legend**

How many layers of paint are there on the drama studio floor? I am asked this question regularly.

I think about fifty have been added since I have been the Drama teacher here. Each time we paint the floor we enter a new world. This year our new world was the Wild West as the Year 11/12 Drama class presented ‘Legend’ by Samuel Taylor.

As in all classic Westerns, we saw the blue denim cowboys and their pub brawls, and the outlaws of the old west packing their six-shooters and rifles to rob banks, stagecoaches and trains. All the while our trusty sheriff tried to keep the peace as his quiet little town slowly fell apart.

We had a lot of fun preparing for this show and the cast and crew performed to big crowds over each of the three evening performances.

**Bringing Science to life**

The Year 11/12 subject Science of the Physical World enjoys the diversity of ideas and projects that makes science interesting for use in the real world. This term the class has rediscovered human kind’s history of brewing alcohol from base substances. The class designed its own experiment to make four different types of mead – a honey-based alcoholic drink - and then tested the product with staff members.

Skills in yeast culture, hop-drying and distillation have seen the boys appreciate the complex chemistry behind the production of any beverage. In the photo, students are seen titrating wine in a complex three-way process that calculates the percentage of alcohol.

Coupled with the course is the input of our guest speaker, Mr Paul Dillon, from which the students have drawn responsible and mature conclusions about the use of alcohol in their adult life.
JJ (Joe) Cowburn - Benefactor

One of the prizes awarded at Speech Night each year is the Joe Cowburn Memorial Prize for Outstanding Literary Achievement. The prize is a result of a generous bequest to Hutchins from the estate of Old Boy Joe Cowburn, who passed away in 2000.

Joe was a boarder and left Hutchins in 1924. He was a prefect and an outstanding sportsman, representing Hutchins in Football, Cricket, Rowing, Swimming, Tennis and Cross-country Running. He was stroke of the crew that won the Head of the River in 1923 (the first time in twenty years that Hutchins had won) and 1924. He went on after school to become captain of the New Norfolk TFL team, and also became a champion club Golfer.

In his working life he was a respected journalist with the Mercury newspaper, wrote a number of short stories and was a keen local historian. Joe married twice. His first wife, Mary, died after a long illness and he married his second wife, Billie, several years later. Joe had no children, but very happily acted as a “stand-in” grandfather for the Irons family!

A decade after his death, Joe’s memory lives on in a constructive and positive way through the bequest he left to Hutchins. If you would like to consider a bequest, please contact Tony Smithies in the Development Office for a confidential discussion.

Hutchins Foundation Awards for Students - 2010

This is the third year in which The Hutchins Foundation has conducted the ‘Follow Your Dreams’ awards program. These awards provide a cash prize to assist students to pursue an interest (not necessarily related to school activities). The Foundation looks in particular for projects in which the student has been able to demonstrate a level of passion and commitment.

This year, eight students have been recognised by the Foundation. They are Anton Roberts (music), Macaulay Hagan (language), Jeremy Yang (music), Harry Nichols (cricket), Tom Dobie (singing), Frank Burridge (rowing), Alexander Hay (water polo), Alec Shea (audio design) and Govinda Roser-Finch (singing).

Foundation President Mrs Jenny Inglis presents Frank Burridge with his ‘Follow Your Dream’ award

THE HUTCHINS FOUNDATION

ANNUAL APPEAL

THE NEW LIBRARY LEARNING CENTRE 2010

Generous support for past Annual Appeals has enabled The Hutchins Foundation to provide additional facilities for The Hutchins School such as special learning resources, gymnasium and music equipment, improvements to the drama studio and new classrooms for students.

The 2010 Appeal is focusing on developing library resources for the new library learning centre

Donations can be made using the form on the mailing sheet or by going online to www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/appeal
Anzac Day Observances

Major assemblies and a special sporting event in the best Anzac tradition marked this year’s observances for Anzac Day.

On Friday 23 April the names of all those Old Boys who lost their lives were read, and a candle lit for each one in a moving ceremony at a special assembly.

On the Saturday our First XVIII team played St Pats in the opening round of the State Australian Rules Competition, with both teams taking part in a pre-match commemoration ceremony.

Middle School Boys light candles to mark Anzac Day

Old Boy Committee members Scott Harvey and Nicholas Dwyer (President) hard at work on the Anzac Weekend footy BBQ

The 2010 Rowing season was a fabulous one for the Boat Club. At the Australian National Rowing Championships Hutchins won one silver and four gold medals, making us the most successful school in Australia.

In U17 events, Sam Heron won gold in the Single Scull, paired with Richard Giblin to win gold in the Double, and stroked the U16 Eight to a silver medal. Well done, Max Macmillan, Jack Harrison, Claude Alcorso, Angus Balcombe, William Fergusson, Thomas Johnston, Richard Giblin, Sam Heron and cox Jock Mure.

It is fitting that Sam and NW Coast Rower Stephanie Williams, who won gold in the women’s U17 Single Scull, were jointly awarded the Rowing Tasmania Peter Keyes Trophy for most outstanding junior oarsperson. Mark Kadziolka did a fantastic job coaching the U16 squad to national podium finishes.

In U19 events Toby Pitt, Charlie Jackson, Frank Burridge, Tobias Tenbensel, Sam Hunnibell, George Burbury, James Heron, Nathan Holloway and cox Nick Edwards won gold in the Eight, with Nathan, George, Sam and James winning gold in the Coxless Four. Nick Edwards went on to pick up another gold medal coxing the Tasmanian Men’s Open Lightweight Eight which included old boys Michael Egan and Tom Gibson. Tom also won gold in two Men’s Lightweight Coxless Four events – the Nationals event; and the Penrith Cup in the interstate regatta.

At state level, in the Rowing Tasmania Pennant Regattas, Hutchins won the schools pennant for the first time since 1993. This is won by accruing points through the six pennant regattas held between October and February. With co-ed schools gleaning points from both men’s and women’s events, it is a real achievement to top the points table.

The Boat Club went on to post some excellent performances at the State Championships. A highlight was winning the Skinner Cup for Men’s Senior Coxed Fours – not only the first time Hutchins has won it, but the first time a school crew has won it in its 101-year history!

We were successful in U17 Single Scull (1,2,4); U17 Double (1,4); Quad (1,3) and Four; U19 Single Scull (1,3); Double (1,2); Coxless...
First X1 Report

State Premiers 2010: a fitting end to a very competitive roster season.

The past two seasons have been really frustrating as we have been unbeaten but, in both cases, lost the state final to Grammar. The team did not let this one slip away as it recovered from being precariously placed at 6 for 157. Skipper Matthew Clark top scored with an excellent 70. He was well supported by our off-spinner Declan West with 66 and Rory Middleton on 52. Sean Willis scored 33 in 158 minutes to keep the innings together. The vital eighth wicket partnership of 67 between Declan West and Jamie Clark enabled us to post a competitive 277. Lively bowling from Aarron Headley and Jamie Clark saw us claim four Grammar wickets before the close of play on day one.

Grammar offered their usual stout resistance at the start of day two. They made us fight for every wicket. Francis Pascal made the vital breakthrough to snare three wickets with his aggressive seamers. Jack Luck chipped in with two vital wickets and Jamie Clark came on to wrap up the tail, with Grammar all out for 196. Wicket-keeper Tom Green took four catches and only allowed a single bye in an excellent display behind the stumps. It was nice to have a victory against Grammar, especially as it gave new coach Damian Green his first state premiership.

This win snared us all trophies other than The Boot, which The Peninsula School reclaimed after a strong batting performance in Melbourne.

Outstanding performers for the season were: top run-scorer Matthew Clark (276 runs); Harry Nichols, who scored 258 runs in his first season; Jamie Clark, winner of the Richardson Award and the bowling averages with 17 wickets at 16.1; and Aarron Headley won the bat average with 213 runs at 35.5 as well as taking 12 wickets.

Sailing

Hutchins continued its strong performances in school sailing events during Term 1.

In the weekly school team sailing roster, our three teams finished 2nd, 4th, and 6th in A Division. This was an encouraging performance given that we had spread our experienced team racers across the three teams rather than pick a number one team.

Three teams were selected to represent the School at the Tasmanian Schools Team Racing Championship sailed at Beauty Point. Despite the loss of Team Captain Christopher Jones to injury our teams sailed very well to finish 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. In doing so, they have qualified Hutchins for an unprecedented 18th time to represent Tasmania at the Australian Schools Team Racing Championships in Adelaide in July. The School is the reigning Australian Champion. The team will be Christopher Jones, Lewis Noye, Alec Bailey, Jack McCullum, Henry Goodfellow, Oliver Burnell and Charlie Connor.

Our sailors also did well in the Schools Yardstick Regatta, winning the Overall Top School Shield as well as winning the Sabots (Jock Calvert) and 420s (Alec Bailey and Henry Goodfellow), and coming second in the Cadets (Ollie and Toby Burnell).

Our best wishes go to Alec Bailey who will heading off to Poland in July to sail in the World Cadet Championships. Alec (sailing with his sister Sam) is the current Australian Champion and finished third at the last worlds in Argentina.

Quad; Coxless Four; and Eight (1,2); and U23 Eight (1,2). Old Boys Guy Knowler, Adam Wertheimer, Michael Egan, Josh Archer and Sam Hookway also performed strongly, with success in a number of U23 events.

The Head of the River Regatta is the traditional match-up against the other independent schools, providing an opportunity to demonstrate the depth of the Boat Club performance. Fine weather and ideal rowing conditions set the scene for a great day, with the supporters gathering at the 1750m mark in the usual regatta atmosphere.

On the water, the U13s won both their events - the Single and Quad Sculls; U14s the Single, Double and Quad Sculls; U15s the Single and Quad sculls; U16s the Single and Double sculls, the Fours and Eights (first and second places).

The Senior Squad achieved a clean sweep, winning the Single Scull, Double, Quad, Four and, at the end of the day, taking out the Senior Schoolboys’ Eight for the third successive year from a much improved Scotch Oakburn in a solid 6.03.13 row.
Rory Middleton  
- Australian Selection

Congratulations to Rory Middleton. Recently a number of Hutchins Hockey players represented Tasmania at the Under 18 National Hockey Championships. The Tasmanian team, comprising five Hutchins students – Dylan Sault, Rory Middleton, Jackson Willows, Andrew Isles and James Thomas – was arguably the best performing male Junior team to date. Tasmania drew with eventual winners Queensland and only lost one round-robin fixture, coming fourth in the tournament.

The championship doubled as squad selection for the Australian Youth Olympic team and after a further three-day camp at the Australian Institute of Sport, Rory Middleton was selected for the Australian team. In Singapore, Australia's Hockey team will compete against Argentina, Belgium, Ghana, Singapore and Pakistan during the games from 13 to 26 August. The Junior Olympics are conducted by the International Olympic Committee and twenty five other sports will be represented by countries from around the world.

Sport Shooting

On 7 May 2010 Hutchins and Launceston Church Grammar School competed in the second Invitational Sport Shooting event. Hutchins started the annual event last year and hosted Grammar to a day’s shooting made up of skeet, trap and a look at sporting clays. This year Grammar hosted us at the Northern Midlands Sporting Clays (http://northernmidlandsclays.com.au) with Stumpie [Ken] Triffet, President of the club and his members. They set up and ran a fantastic day, with both teams competing in a 5-stand, 3-round 75- bird event. The location, Rhodes property near Woolmers, was outstanding, with a flat course set up in a lightly wooded dry sclerophyll eucalypt forest.

The competition was close all day, with Hutchins running out victors by one “bird” (two years running) when tallying up the top five shooters from each school. A big thank you to Ben and Barb McBride, Terry Sheehan and the Grammar crew. The Northern Midlands Sporting Clays were outstanding hosts, keeping us warm and fed all day. Aarron Headley won High Gun for the day with 66 from 75 “birds”. We are not used to shooting sporting clays but all the boys had a great day and are sure to shoot this type of event many more times yet. (All enquires to Kent Moore, Teacher in Charge – kmo@hutchins.tas.edu.au)

Boys from both schools enjoy a long tradition of sport shooting within their respective families and it is great to see so many juniors getting involved in a world-class sport.

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Digitisation update
Our entire collection of school magazines from 1913 to the present - including the only known nineteenth-century edition, published in July 1894 (and borrowed for scanning from the State Library) – has been digitised. Following the resolution of some minor issues affecting search-ability, the magazines will be available on the School’s new website, where their presence will make life considerably easier for researchers – not to mention the archivist! This major archives project – commenced in 2008 using student volunteers, in a painstakingly slow process – was finally completed professionally with financial assistance from the Hutchins Foundation. Digitisation of the audio-visual collection has also been completed with Foundation assistance, allowing easier access to recorded audio-visual material throughout the School and eventually for the wider school family, through the new archives Heritage Centre.

Preservation Needs Assessment
The Preservation Needs Assessment, for which the School was awarded a federal government Community Heritage Grant last year, is now under way. Judith Andrewartha is a consultant conservator working on a plan to provide recommendations for the long-term preservation of the Hutchins Archives and Heritage Collection. In Judith’s words, “This will involve examining the collection in storage and on display around the School, staring at light fittings and taking environmental readings in odd spots, with the occasional question thrown in.” You can be certain it will involve far more than that, but the resultant report will provide guidelines to assist with displaying, packing and storing items from the collection, enabling us to preserve them in optimum condition for posterity.

New Heritage Centre and Storage Facility
The new Heritage Centre and storage facility is proceeding well - the enormous hole carved out of the ground at the bottom of the ramp leading to the Nettlefold Library has been filled to create the archival storage facility and the concrete floor for the Heritage Centre has been laid on top. We watch its progress with great interest as we consult with the various bodies concerned to ensure that the best possible conditions are achieved for the collection. There is still much work to be done in the temporary archives before moving time comes around!

Serendipitous Archive Bits
Two years ago we spent considerable time and energy trying to discover the origins of the Warwick Carter Cup, presented annually to the winners of the House Competition for School Studies in the Junior School. After questioning the many founts of historical knowledge around the School - and some outside as well – we reluctantly gave up the search for provenance. Earlier this year it came to us unbidden, with an email from Warwick Carter himself:

I attended Hutchins from age six to ten (1954 to 1958), initially at the tiny Grade 1 and 2 school at Sandy Bay, then in the old and grand Macquarie Street building, before moving back to Sandy Bay again when the primary school was established there. We initially lived in Byron Street, Sandy Bay, then on Mt Nelson Road, just behind what was then a cemetery, but is now the senior Hutchins School.

After leaving Hutchins I attended school in Perth [Christ Church Grammar], Melbourne [Camberwell Grammar] and finally Brisbane [Anglican Church Grammar School] as my father was moved from state to state in his job with Shell.

My father and the headmaster of Hutchins at the time I attended (the name Mason Cox rings a bell, but I may be wrong) were good friends and, when I left the school at the end of 1958, the headmaster suggested that he leave behind a trophy to memorialise my time at the school. Why this should be so I have no idea, as I was not an outstanding student in any way...

Recently I was given a Hutchins Old Boys tie by a cousin. I had visited the school campus occasionally over the years to have a look around, but had no other contact with the school. I wore the tie to a Queensland Orchestra concert and a stranger came up to me and, much to my astonishment, introduced himself as a fellow Old Boy, having recognised the tie. As a result, in an idle moment I looked up the Hutchins website to see what was happening to a school I remember fondly (I still remember the school song - do you still sing “Hutchins, Hutchins, tried and true, the only school we serve”?). That is when I came upon the eponymous trophy and its details...

I graduated as a doctor from the University of Queensland in 1972. I have been a GP in the Brisbane suburb of Sumner for thirty-three years, have written twenty-three books on medical subjects that are published around the world, I am an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine at Bond University and undertake numerous roles in the medico-legal area. You can glean more about me from my website: http://www.medwords.com.au.
Photographs (2): L S Tasker Cup for bowling average, 1926 - donated by daughter Mrs J R Ong, February 2010.

Cadet jacket, belonged to James Benson Walker (1935, no. 3315) - donated by nephew Mr A B Walker (1976, no. 6680), February 2010.


Books: David Copperfield by Charles Dickens (Form VI, Henry Martin Prize for Mathematics, 1907); Westward Ho! by Charles Kingsley (Classical Prize in the Fifth Form, Kings Grammar School, 1905), awarded to S L Hughes (1907, no. 1707) – donated by Mr G Le Get, February 2010.

Book: Siepmann’s Primary French Course Part III, belonged to A. Smithies (1918, no. 2271) – donated by Mrs J Ford, wife of nephew, Mr R K Ford (1950, no. 4131), March 2010.

Tie, belonged to R. M. Mace (1926, no. 2794); photograph of R. M. Mace - donated by son, Mr M Mace, Ottawa, Canada, March 2010.


Photographs: Queen’s College football team, 1903; Queen’s College group, 1912; QC silver badge: 80 yds under 9, 1912; Hutchins Science notebooks, 1917; HSOBL certificates, 1927, 1961; HSOBL 25 jewel; HSOBA lapel pin – belonged to Mr. A. D. Goodfellow (1913, no. 1972), father of Pat (Collins), Helen (Clennett) and Alan Charles Goodfellow (1946, no. 3873, d. 2008) – donated by Mr and Mrs M Clennett and Mrs Betty Goodfellow, April 2010.


We are sincerely grateful for the above donations, and for the work of our trusty volunteers, Mr Richard Lord and Mr David Brammall, over the past busy term. Owing to a severe lack of storage space and the focus on digitisation causing a heavy workload in preparation for our move into the long-anticipated school Heritage Centre, we would appreciate further donations being held back until after Archives is installed in its new space.

Margaret Mason-Cox ARCHIVIST
Parents’ Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents’ Association this year saw Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove become the new President, replacing Martyn Hagan, who had completed his two-year term of office. Martyn remains involved as a Vice-president. Other office bearers elected were Andrew Mitchell (Vice-president), Herbert Moll (Treasurer) and Rachel Oddie (Secretary).

Other committee members elected were Dani Colvin, Carol Plunkett, Anne Haward, Scott Law, Belinda Denehey, Cheryl Johnson and Lyn Sayers.

With the area normally used for the fair being turned into a construction site, the decision was made not to run the fair in 2010 but to focus attention on a masked ball in July and the race day in Term 3.

The Parents’ Association plays an important role in providing financial support for various projects around Hutchins, ranging from buying extra classroom equipment through to assisting with projects such as the redevelopment of the Senior School Quad a few years ago. It also helps out with a number of activities, such as at the Open Day.

All parents are welcome to attend meetings.

Staff Golf Day

The last Friday of the Easter break saw the start of a major new sporting event – the inaugural Staff Golf Classic! About a dozen staff – including several novice golf players - headed out to the Tea Tree Golf Course for the event. It was a highly enjoyable day with Wayne Brown and Sally Westcott winning the trophy on the day.

HQ?

Here, HQ does not mean Head Quarters; nor does it mean High Quality (although, taken in the correct context, it may mean exactly that!). It stands for something much closer to home: Hutchins Quilters.

Hutchins Quilters consist of a group of Hutchins staff and/or spouses who have an intense need to take 100% fault-free fabric and cut it up into much, much smaller pieces, only to sew it all back together again to form some amazing features. There are currently ten members in this group that meets approximately every six weeks for a day of cutting, piecing and sewing. Every session is kicked off with a “try and learn” (T&L) session in the morning, which is presented by a member of the group. This lasts until lunchtime, when members are then free to do their own work. Sewing machines, cutting mats, rotary cutters, irons and ironing boards, fabric and threads are carried in, set up and, when all is over and done, carried back out.

Obviously, food is a pretty important item on the day’s agenda and each allotted member will bring a mouth-watering dish or treat for all to partake in. Very few titbits are left over to take home and, sorry, no doggy-bags allowed here.

The group’s calendar has been carefully planned to include a number of very interesting T&L sessions for the remainder of the year – silk screening, needle turn appliqué, gelatine plates and binding techniques, to name a few. The group will also be “going bush” for a weekend retreat towards the middle of Term 1 next year. There will be only one item on the agenda, namely: quilting!

Each member of the group is at a different stage of development and learning in quilting and specialising in a different area of interest. There are hand quilters, fabric artists, conventional/traditional quilters and others going crazy over BOMs – no, not something that is used in warfare; BOM stands for Block of Month – normally a wall quilt that members subscribe to, receiving one complete piece every month (pattern and fabric) that culminates in one complete wall quilt at the end of the period (usually nine to ten months).

This group is open to only Hutchins School staff members and their spouses. It is a fun group who have a great time, enjoying each other’s company and doing what they love with like-minded people.

However, the involvement extends beyond just providing food and refreshments: committee member Mike Gozzi (2000 Leaver) is busy working with senior boys to put together a series of mentoring activities during Term 2, and the Association is also looking at ways of making the transition process for Year 12 Leavers a more meaningful one.

### 1980’s FOOTBALL REUNION

During the 1980’s Hutchins enjoyed a “golden era” with its First XVIII teams winning five Australian Rules state premierships, in 1983, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989. These achievements were celebrated in early May when members of the teams (and some parents from that time) got together for a special reunion dinner.

Guest of honour at the dinner was “super coach” Chris Rae with guest speaker Paul Hudson (a member of the premiership teams of 1986 and 1987 who played a total of 245 AFL games with Hawthorn, Footscray and Richmond and is currently an assistant coach at Collingwood).

The night was well organised by John Groom (1986) and Charles Badenach (1988).
Hutchins triumphs in Old Scholars’ Competition at RMTC

A loud Zeemelah startled and astounded the ten vanquished Old Scholars teams assembled to watch the final of the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club’s Old Scholars’ Real Tennis (formerly Royal Tennis) tournament on 28 March. The Hutchins team of Dick Friend (1969) and Jacob Davey (2008) had the stamina to win their final sixth match of the day after a 5-5 final game 40-40 points to defeat a London University combination. It was the first entry for a Hutchins team in the contest, but will not be the last.

John Biggs (1951) is busy writing fiction. His latest novel is ‘Tin Dragons’, about the Chinese tin miners in north-east Tasmania in the 1880s. He has also written a non-fiction book, ‘Return to Van Diemen’s Land? Tasmania over Five Generations’ (in which Hutchins figures several times).

Peter Hay (1954) reports that he retired from BOC after twenty-eight years. He was invited to join BJ Services, a Houston-based oil and gas service company, and spends time in Australia (mostly North West Shelf, Darwin and Bass Strait), New Plymouth, New Zealand, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand. He sails a dragon-class yacht from Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club in WA and competes in the Prince Philip Cup in various states “without distinction”. Peter also enjoys power boating in his 50ft Randell.

Peter Willans (1965) recently won the Australasian Housing Institute’s Professional Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Housing. The project was based on Peter’s professional work here in Tasmania in the housing sector and was judged against all Australian states and New Zealand.

Tim Fish (1974) is Deputy Head of Kingsley High School, Harrow, in the UK. He is also the Director of my RESOURCE PLANET - suppliers of interactive whiteboard and PC modules, and is currently exhibiting his art work in London.

1977 leaver David Lake is making a name for himself designing and building high-end custom carbon cruising and racing yachts in Rhode Island, USA. Check out David’s website at www.carbonoceanyachts.com

Hobart based artist Luke Wagner (1979) has launched a new venture, Icons from an Island, whereby he auctions off on a weekly basis a piece of his original artwork. Luke describes the items as “iconic in style, often with gilded backgrounds and featuring Tasmanian motifs. A bit like a postcard from Tasmania!” You can check this out (as well as some of Luke’s other work) at www.iconsfromanisland.com

Murray Brewer (1984) has been living in Sydney since 1994 working in the funds management industry with Baltimore-based fund manager T Rowe Price. He married Sarah (whom he met through Craig Clifford) in 2000. They have three great boys aged four, six and eight. Murray spends most of his time on weekends with the boys, gets out on the bike most weeks and occasionally has a sailing race on the harbour.

Steve Chau (1984) is a director of Verdant Health, a company that develops innovative software for the Australian health sector, specialising in the development of applications to capture and disseminate health information in real time from existing information systems in the primary and acute health care domains. He and his wife Tania have two children,
Oscar (who is in Year 4 at Hutchins) and Isabella. Steve enjoys yacht racing on the Derwent River in his spare time.

Konrad Chung (1988) writes “I’ve now been with Midlands Seed as a production agronomist for nearly a year, after spending nine years with Elders/Websters. I travel to the north and south of Tasmania inspecting seed crops grown for the company. My kids Kaiden [six] and Minesha [three] are growing up fast and my wife Cindy is still busy working at the Bakery at Deloraine.

Joel Strickland (1995) was married on 20 March. The best man was Sam Walter (also 1995) and Joel’s brother Trent Strickland (2000) was a groomsman.

Kyle Brown (1999) has recently established himself as a Financial Planner with his business Directions Wealth Management, whose licensee is Financial Services Partners. It is a significantly large operation whose intentions are to continue to provide the highest quality financial advice to all its clients in the general areas of financial planning (investment, superannuation and life insurance).

Matthew Baldwin (2000) is currently working as a lawyer in Canberra with Blake Dawson.

Richard Charlton (2000) lives in Sydney, where he works as a pricing analyst at the Commonwealth Bank’s head office. He is also studying a part-time Masters in Quantitative Finance at the University of Sydney. He still does some photography in his [very limited] free time and also enjoys motorbike riding.

Another 2000 leaver Alistair French is currently Deputy Engineer aboard HMAS Toorm, having graduated from the Australian Defence Force Academy in 2003 and completed his engineering degree in 2005.

Christopher Bowditch (2002) finished his Bachelor of Arts in mid-2007 and moved to Melbourne in 2008 to work as the Youth Minister at Holy Trinity Doncaster Anglican Church and study a Master of Divinity at Ridley Melbourne. He was married on 30 January 2010 to Elissa Walker.

Nathaniel Davies (2003) has completed a Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Technology and a Master of Dental Technology in Prosthetics at Griffith University on Queensland’s Gold Coast. He is currently working as a dental prosthetist and a lecturer in Dental Technology with Griffith University in Queensland.

Simon Enman (2003) has finished a Science degree with majors in geology and geography. He is currently working with the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service on the remote area fire crew.

Charles Gard (2006) has been accepted into Concordia University, California. He is now intending to register with the US National Swimming Organisation through Concordia.

Many of these updates have been published in our online Communications Directory. You can add or update your own information and find out what old class mates are up to by logging on to the Directory via www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/oldboys

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Mr Ray Gatehouse 1934 Mr Barrie Scott 1955
Mr George Gilbert 1940 Mr Greg Tyson 1941
Dr Anthony Hand 1983 Mr Kenneth Wheeldon 1961
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John Leonard Woodward (1945-2009)

John passed away in November last year. His widow Beverley has been in touch and given us some information.

“We started the Troweena Orchid Nursery in 1980. The retail site in Margate was closed in April 2008 and all was moved to South Hobart for us to be a mail-order business from home. Unfortunately, John’s cancer became rampant and all our plans for a relaxing retirement went out the window. I am still interested in the goings-on at Hutchins. My three brothers Rodney [1960], Peter and Bruce Reynolds all attended Hutchins, while I attended Collegiate.”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3 August
“THE IVIED TOWER” ANNIVERSARY WEEK BREAKFAST
7.00 am Hadleys Hotel

7 August
ANNIVERSARY REUNION DINNER

13 August
JUNIOR SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
9.30 am Auditorium

23 August
OLD BOYS’ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
5.30 pm 71 Nelson Rd

26 September
PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION RACE DAY at Elwick

3 December
RAY VINCENT LUNCH (venue to be advised)

9 December
ELC/JS SPEECH NIGHT

14 December
MS/SS SPEECH NIGHT

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