

# Magenta and Black

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#### THE PRINCIPAL

I recently watched a DVD of the exploits of fictional character Professor John Keating. John Keating is a teacher of English played by Robin Williams - one of my favourite actors - in the Peter Weir film, *Dead Poets Society*.

Those involved with *Dead Poets Society* will no doubt curse Robin Williams' line 'carpe diem' ('seize the day') which, as with many other films marketed via memorable statements, has taken over the author's intended outcomes. Other examples are the film *Love Story* - where we were reminded that "love means never having to say you're sorry" - and that memorable statement by Humphrey Bogart in the film *Casablanca*.

The strong message for me in *Dead Poets Society* was that the film puts before us an example of what many educators seek for their students and the coming generations – to inspire them to leave a mark, an enduring memory, a footprint of the time that each spent at their place of learning and to go on to be successful lifelong learners and achievers.

I am sure that while teachers and coaches exhort students to give their best, and demonstrate to each student that there is within them an endless capacity to achieve, there is also a great satisfaction experienced by teachers and coaches when their charges leave behind a challenge for the next generation.

In schools the manifestations of such inspiration and imperative are the honour boards, sporting records, house, school and individual perpetual trophies, archives, libraries and museum facilities, named buildings and of course the inevitable array of historical photographs of the achievers from the past. Each of these silently exhorts all to take up the challenge and carry on.

In the film, John Keating lines up his English class at the school's trophy cabinet. He confronts them with the school's history and the achievements of scholars and sportsmen and demands from each student an answer as to how they will be remembered. It is a powerful scene.

At The Hutchins School these records also exist for students to peruse. While valuable in themselves they are equally valuable as proof of the dreams, plans, efforts, inspirations and indefatigable spirit of preceding generations of Hutchins boys and teachers.

For the boys of Hutchins one of the less well known manifestations of such attitudes are the generous motivations and unselfish acts of philanthropy. These provide the capacity for the endeavours of succeeding generations of staff and students to pursue achievement of the challenges left behind by their predecessors.

To all persons from our community who have engaged in such philanthropic activities through deciding to seize the opportunity and give expertise and time, supply equipment, and make donations to building funds, events, bequests and scholarships, The Hutchins School is most grateful.

There is an ongoing recognition and appreciation that without such enduring support the dreams by boys and staff of rising to the challenges left behind by preceding generations would not be possible.

Mr Warwick Dean Principal

Mr Warwick Dean with recent visitor to the School former Collingwood Captain Nathan Buckley, who spoke to an enthusiastic group of boys at Hutchins as part of his recent book launch.







#### THE CHAPLAIN

#### THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS...

Sound of Music lovers will be hummingly familiar with Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens / bright copper kettles and warm woollen mittens. All these things are pretty good I suppose, especially for religious nannies in Austria, but they don't hold a candle to my favourite things, which I have been rediscovering in the last few weeks.

In my home office I have brought to light long-forgotten articles, reflections, cartoons and "moments". Instead of being brutally efficient and turfing out what I haven't used for years (the idea that "if you haven't used it for six months then you should bin it" is not one of my favourite things!), I've been having a rollicking good time reading through them all and, like Gollum with his "precious" ring, disappearing from sight for quite a while in the process. While the one ring led the wearer to ruin, these finds of mine are putting extra bounce into my days.

There are those items that belong to the "Unusable in Chapel but Good Fun" file like the Punch cartoon with Christians in the Colosseum being butchered by gladiators. A worried group of Christians are huddled at the entrance waiting their turn. One of their number has returned from the centre of the ground and he says cheerfully, "I got sent off".

One box contains bits of paper on which I had once scribbled comments made by my younger son, Ben, in his Early Learning Centre days. There is the delightful, "a thought came sprinkling into my mind", the wickedly watchful, "I've got a pesky eye", the comment made when one morning he woke up with cracked lips because "I had laughing and smilling dreams" and the poignant, "front memory is what you are doing now, but it's the back memory that makes you sad". These scraps of paper are a few of my favourite things, and too precious for me to bin.

Buried deep in a pile on my office floor was a Real Estate Guide from The Mercury. I used it to promote the Christian theme that we are to be God's real estate, and temples of God's spirit. Some of the descriptions we find of houses in this guide could be relevant to us. If we are God's real estate, do we have a "cheerful outlook"? Are we "uncluttered"? (My office isn't). Could the leading phrase "enormous potential" be used of us? In God's eyes, are we like the "five star accommodation nearing completion"? Could we be "the goose that lays the golden egg"? Do these apply to us: "Past your best" and "ready for the renovator"? Could we have turned our backs on the world of meaning and depth, and be accurately described as "vacant possession"? There was one glorious line for the mildly insane: "Watch the place where the platypus plays in the creek"! With some soul-tending and time for reflection we

could become what the Real Estate Guide calls "a haven of tranquillity", and "full of grace." This particular Real Estate Guide is one of my favourite things, and certain of a berth in our container for New Zealand.

# Wild geese that fly with the moon on their wing...

James Irwin's reflection of walking on the moon is a musthave. It tells of the time he was to collect samples of rock, but found himself looking and marvelling at the sight of Earth caught up in space. It was magnificent and miraculous, and a "God moment". His reverie ended with the thought, "enough of wasting time, I've got rocks to collect". But, on his return to Earth, he realised that the greater truth he had discovered lay not in the rocks he had collected but in that moment of wonder and awe when he was alive with the divine impulse.

I remember going to Yarralumla, the Canberra residence of the Governor General, as part of a conference. On a shelf in the main study (where Gough Whitlam was sacked) was a card from the Apollo team with a picture of the moon, and a note written to the Australian people by James Irwin. He ends by saying, "God was here".

These scraps of paper and memories of awesome moments are some of my favourite things.

I was given a beautiful box, a memory box made of Huon Pine, filled with cards on which are prayers, thoughts and good wishes from boys in the Junior School. Here is one of many original prayers: Almighty God, our Father, may we remember those who are leaving, and may those who are leaving remember us. May they enjoy and do good to the place to which they are going, and may the place do good



to them. Thanks, Harrison, in Year 5! There are many other delightful cards including the ever-so-slightly ambiguous, "You have been my Chaplain for nine long years"!

The favourite things will go with us, including brown paper packages tied up with string; but the brown paper packages will be in second place to the "God moments" and the rich memories; the pointers to the warmth of this community, the friendly good wishes; and the box of ancient pine filled with wonderful cards.

When the dog barks, when the bee stings, when I'm feeling sad, I simply remember my favourite things and then I don't feel so bad.

When the students of my new school look at me with pity or disdain, when the weather is sultry and the Auckland Motorway depressing and when I think, "What have we done?!", I'll remember my days at Hutchins and know that there was a time when I was greatly blessed. And in God's mercy, that time will come again.

I have loved being Chaplain, and I wish you every blessing in the days and years to come. May the real estate signs that point to you say, "great outlook", "a haven of peace," and "close to the Kingdom of God."

On behalf of Diane, Sam and Ben, I thank you and wish you a future filled with promise.

Fr John Goodwin School Chaplain

#### FAREWELL FATHER JOHN

The school community is saddened that Father John and his family have decided to move to New Zealand. John has provided solid support for the School and many members of the Hutchins community during his decade here, and has been an enthusiastic advocate for many causes and projects ranging from Christmas and Lent Appeals through to encouraging students and staff to donate blood.

Father John's sermons are never something you would want to sleep through – they are always interesting, often a little off-beat, sometimes dangerous (when he is demonstrating a point using a scientific experiment) and always have a strong and meaningful message.

Staff were always delighted when it was John's turn to provide morning tea – Diane's cakes are always something special.

The Hutchins School wishes John, Diane, Sam and Ben all the best for the future. We hope we will see you all back here at some point.



The Goodwin family: Ben, Diane, John (wearing his '08 leavers top) and Sam on their last day at Hutchins.

Father John conducting a special farewell Evensong just before he left.



#### BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, DEDICATION

On Tuesday 1 July we had our annual service of confirmation in the Chapel. I baptised Jonathan Boadle (Year 8) and Frederic Moll (Year 6), and Bishop John Harrower confirmed these two boys as well as Sam (Year 8) and Josh Williamson (Year 6), Henry Garrett (Year 6), Mrs Alison Farmer and Mrs Rae Burch. It was great that the boarders came, along with staff and family members, to support the candidates.

Bishop John spoke of the struggle St Thomas went through to come to faith, and urged those newly baptised and confirmed to maintain their faith and commitment to the way of Jesus.

During the service the large leadlight window in the sanctuary, made ten years ago, was dedicated to the memory of Andrew Joseph Bishop. Andrew, son of Denis (Staff) and Margaret, was a student of Hutchins when he died in 1990 as the result of an accident.

Fr John Goodwin School Chaplain

#### AROUND THE SCHOOL

#### **BOOK WEEK**

Almost all of us will have some memories of Book Week from our own time at school, and it's great to see that this venerable event is still celebrated. It is particularly well celebrated here at Hutchins in the Early Learning Centre, with a fabulous array of characters – even including a Brussel sprout - coming along to this year's event.

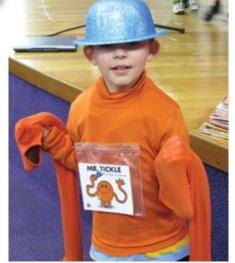




The Brussell sprout







Even the ELC staff got into the spirit of things!

Mr Tickle

#### **DEBATING SUCCESS**

In Term Two our Year 9 debating team successfully argued "That tradition is holding us back" against New Town High School, to take out the Year 9 Debating Shield..

First speaker was Matthew Allanby, followed by second speaker Frank Burridge and Nanak Narulla was third speaker.

This is the first time Hutchins has won the shield since it began in 1982.

Back row (L-R): Mrs Alison Farmer, Harrison Virs, Andrew Flett, Roman Marsh, Ms Jodie Schafferius

Front row (L-R): Matthew Allanby, Nanak Narulla, Frank Burridge



#### HONK! (YEAR 5)

At the beginning of Term 2 all Year 5 boys, sixty in number, presented the musical HONK!, the story of "The Ugly Duckling".

The lead role of Ugly was played by Ayrton Rose, who impressed with his acting ability and beautiful singing. Ayrton was also on a short list for the title role in Billy Elliot which is currently showing in Sydney.

Ayrton was ably supported by many talented performers from his year group: James Drummond, James Schmidt, Harrison Manton, Jock Calvert, Michael Young, Jake Morgan and Lachlan Paul. Together with the strong backing of the chorus members and cameo roles, the boys delighted audiences with two matinee and two evening performances.

Their performances were enhanced by the band accompanying them, which consisted of seven of our very talented and dedicated music staff.

Special mention must be made of the teachers, Mrs Trish Knight, Mr Michael Webster, Mr Ivor Leonard and Mrs Robin Short, who gave so much of their time to make the production the success it was.



#### **ALLIANCE EN HIVER**

While Hobart shivered on a snowy winter's evening in August, eight Hutchins students, most of them multiple prize winners in Le Concours De L'Alliance Française, braved the elements to celebrate their language learning at the annual Distribution des Prix. The competition for students of French includes creating posters on a French theme in Years 1 to 4, reciting poetry in Years 6 to 12, reading comprehension in Year 9 and aural comprehension and conversation in Years 10 to 12. There is also a competition, Hors Concours, for students who have a background in French through time spent in a French-speaking country or speaking French at home.

The range of achievements of Hutchins students in 2008 was remarkable. Our prize winners were represented in all sections of the competition, including 23 Mentions Honorables. Our senior students demonstrated an impressive command of skills at the highest level (5C):

Poetry - second prize: Milos Nikilic

Hors Concours Poetry - first prize: Thibaud Pavlovic-Hobba

Conversation - first prize: Milos Nikolic

**Hors Concours Conversation** - first and second prizes: Yannick Moore, Thibaud Pavlovic-Hobba

**Comprehension Auditive** - first and second prizes: Milos Nikolic, Angus Ware

Hors Concours Comprehension Auditive - equal second prize: Yannick Moore and Thibaud Paylovic-Hobba.

The other prize winners were:

Year 6 Poetry - third prize: Roman Mykytowycz

Year 7 Poetry - first prize: Roshan Karri

Year 8 Poetry - equal second prize: Chris Krushka

Hors Concours Year 9 Poetry and Reading Comprehenion

- first prize: Gautier Pavlovic-Hobba

First prize winners in the poetry sections gave beautiful renditions of the poems and Thibaud delighted the audience by performing on the violin. Congratulations go to all of these hardworking students and thanks to their dedicated teachers, Mesdames Burch, Upcher, Collis and Thompson.

# Mrs Alison Farmer Head of English and Modern Languages

Junior School Prize Winners in Alliance Française

Top Row L to R: William Terry, Andrew Mackay, Roman Mykytowyz,
James Burgess, Ian Fulton, Oliver Mathot-Dewis

Front Row: Will Mathot-Dewis, Phelin Ndimanyi, Reuben James,

Brian Choi, Patrick Lickiss



#### SCHOOL COMMUNITY TACKLES FITNESS CAMP

A number of staff, parents and friends of the school community have spent the cold and dark winter months getting fit, participating in the newly introduced Fitness Camps run by staff members Mr Adrian Finch and Mr Michael Conacher.

Run from the school gymnasium, Fitness Camp is a motivational, fun and challenging boot-camp style training for all genders, ages and fitness levels. Over the four week duration of each camp, participants build a healthier lifestyle, increase their mental sharpness and reduce their susceptibility to stress.

Participants are highly motivated by the social atmosphere developed by being part of the group, with everyone sharing a common goal. Activities are designed to give an all-body workout and can include fitness games, shuttle running, boxing, core workouts, resistance training, agility circuits, brick circuits, hill running and lots more.

Fitness Camps will continue to run throughout Term Three, with many participants setting their sights on completing the Point to Pinnacle in late November.

For further information about upcoming Fitness Camps contact either Mr Adrian Finch or Mr Michael Conacher at School.











#### GLOBAL CHALLENGE - AN EXPEDITION WITH ATTITUDE AND CHALLENGE!



This year a new subject called Global Challenge was offered as a SOSE elective for Year 9s. Held during first semester the subject included class work on the geography of Thailand, the role of the king, Chiang Mai, what a hill tribe village is like, food, language and other aspects of Thai culture such as Buddhism. The culminating activity was a two week adventure expedition to Thailand. Our base was Prem Tinsulanonda International School near Chiang Mai.

From 30 May to 15 June, the nineteen students and three commanding officers entered northern Thailand via parachute. Well not really, but by courtesy of Royal Thai airlines. All of them returned, and this is their story.

Over fifteen days they battled against the odds: trudging along challenging mountain treks; building and sailing bamboo rafts; riding mountain bikes over harsh terrain and pushing through knee-deep mud; abseiling 50 metres into an underground cavern before free-falling 10 metres into darkness; climbing 20 metres up sheer vertical rock; and white-water rafting 60 kilometres down the Mae Pai over two days, through remote jungle, violent rapids, and turbulent white water.

We learned about Thai culture. This included going to a buffalo farm to learn how Thais traditionally planted and harvested rice. Learning how to vault onto a buffalo was a highlight. The night bazaar and walking street market gave us a special insight into how to barter. The Thai cooking school, shopping at local village markets, learning about Buddhism by visiting wats (temples) such as Doi Suthep and engaging in interesting "monk chats" helped us better understand people from a different country and culture.

Community service was also an important part of the expedition. We went to Phalai School at Ban Phalai village in the Chiang Dao hill-tribe district, taking with us 300 kilograms of cement. We had two goals: to cement a new floor for the library and community centre and to weed a whole 40 metre bank of weeds. All of us succeeded and had a great sense of achievement afterwards. It was a very rewarding day for everyone. When we arrived back at camp we were exhausted.

We also went to the Orphanage for Poor Children at Mae Hong Son near the Burma border. Playing games with the children, giving them gifts, and making a donation of rice and money was a very special feeling. All funds required for the community service project was raised by us at Hutchins.

Global Challenge is a must for any Year 8 boy selecting subjects for Year 9.





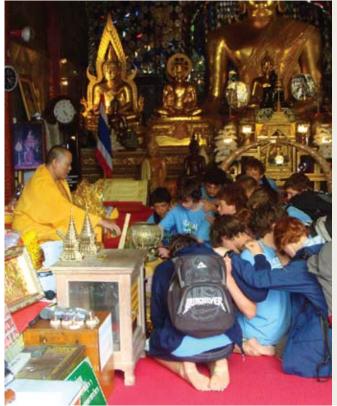






Campbell Whiteley, Tobias Tenbensel, Kuhn Peter, Daniel Carr and Damon Heather at a hill tribe village





It's hard to decide what I liked best but it felt really great starting and finishing the concreting at the hill-tribe village, knowing it will be put to great use. **Jono** 

I learned that I can do anything I put my mind to. I was able to overcome fears and do things I didn't think I could do. Luke

Overall the trip was definitely a challenge and took me out of my comfort zone ... I think I am a changed person and have a wider understanding of the world we live in ... I made stronger relationships ... [and] I learned I can survive out of home perfectly fine. **Daniel** 

My ability to accept challenges before the trip was very bad. After the trip it feels a lot better. The most fearful and challenging day ... was the rock climbing. **Chris** 

Global Challenge was a great, rounded experience where I was challenged and fulfilled. My favourite day was the trip to the orphanage. [It] ... was a fulfilling experience and I felt like I was doing something good for someone else. I learned how heavy a 40 kilogram bag of rice really is. Frank

It was one of the best experiences of my life. It opened my eyes to the world, letting me see things from other people's points of view. **Declan** 

My most memorable experience was the orphanage, seeing the kids and seeing them smile ... The trekking was tough, very tough. [It] is a lot harder than in Tassie. It's hot and humid but the sight from the top was all worth it as we sat in the bamboo hut to have lunch. Richard

Global Challenge helped me understand about some of the world's issues. It was a life-changing experience and I've grown in confidence in talking to new people.

Damon

A monk's blessing

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

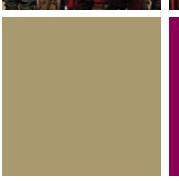
Middle School produced a fabulous musical in Term Two, *Ratbags*. The performance encompassed a gang of rats, some eccentric senior citizens, crazy waiters, a crack army squad, a corrupt mayor, singing chefs and a massed choir!















### SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS (SPA) CONCERT

This was an exciting evening where we experienced the amazing and diverse talent we have here at Hutchins. The concert featured the newly formed Musical Theatre group who had recently won two sections of the Launceston Dance Eisteddfod. Drama students delighted the audience with a preview of their forth-coming show. The music students never fail to impress.



Thibaud Pavlovic-Hobba and Lachlan Peattie



William Clark



We recognised achievement and service





Our Old Boys' Association wished us Happy Birthday



The students won the Anniversary Debate trophy back from the Old Boys (from left to right: Alex Hoysted, Nathan Cosgrove and Ivan Dowding-Hopkins

#### **ANNIVERSARY WEEK 2008**

This year marked the 162nd anniversary of the establishment of Hutchins in 1846. For the first time in many years we were unable to have the special cathedral service as St David's was undergoing extensive maintenance at the time. However, as in past years, we continued to celebrate the week in style, with a wide range of activities.

We ate birthday cake with Edward Cotton (Year 6), Mr Robert Dick and Ethan Hurst (youngest boy in ELC)



A few of our Old Boys from the 1983 First XVIII came back to revive their dreams of being picked in the AFL Draft

We learned about the history of Hutchins

#### YEAR 7 ERROLS

The Errols is an integrated arts performance evening involving every student in Year 7. In Art, Music and Drama students worked on a theme and presented their film, animation, puppet show and dance to a packed house with an Oscar's style presentation.



Cameron Brumbie and Oscar Beattie with one of their animation models



#### THE POPULAR MECHANICALS

Second term saw the SPA drama boys perform this fantastic clowning show, described as a "funny new/old play", based on the entertaining "mechanicals" who perform the play-within-a-play in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer's Night Dream*.







School House

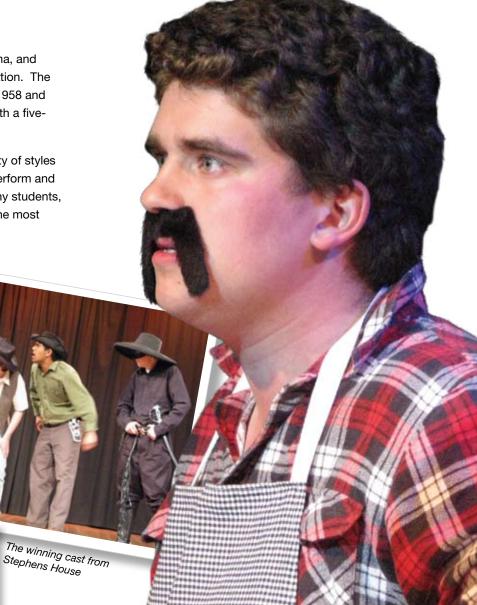
Nick Edwards (School House)

#### **HOUSE DRAMA**

This year marked the fiftieth year for House Drama, and all four houses presented their plays for adjudication. The competition has changed since its' inception in 1958 and each house now has a limit of twenty minutes with a five-minute changeover.

This is always a fun-packed evening with a variety of styles and theatricality where the boys select, direct, perform and supply technical support for their show. For many students, their involvement in this event becomes one of the most lasting memories of their time at school.

This year Stephens House performed the winning play.



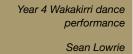
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Buckland House presented The Goodies

Alick Read (Buckland)

# JUNIOR SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Days are always popular at Hutchins, and this year's Junior School Day during Term Two was no exception with around 250 grandparents attending. They enjoyed a wonderful concert, which involved presentations from every year group and included a performance by Year 4 boys of their Wakakirri dance.







Part of the Year 4 choir with Ayrton Rose



Grandparents' Day is usually the first appearance of the Year 6 orchestra







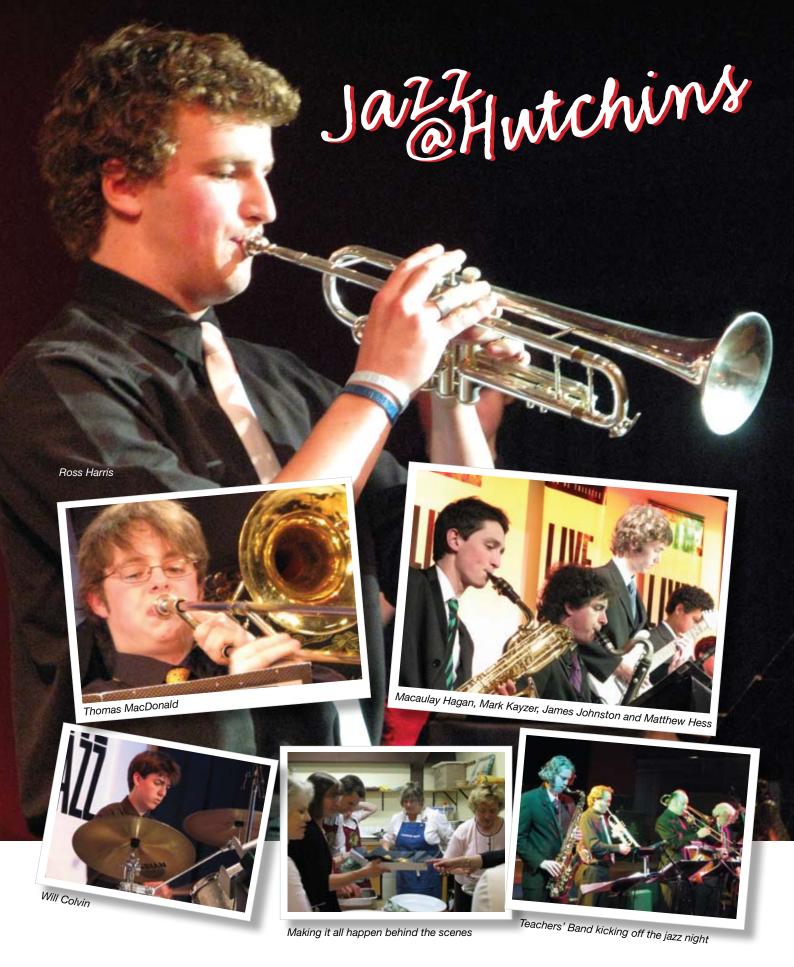
Lachlan Paul, Allan Bakker and Oliver Rodriguez-Csolcas



Grandparents Mr Peter Shelley, Mrs Mary Shelley, Mrs Rae Campbell and Mr Colin Campbell with grandson Will Campbell (Year 6)



Year 4 Wakakirri dance performance



One of the highlights of Term Two is our annual Jazz@Hutchins night, at which the students show the results of their hard work and practice.

This year was no exception, with a great night of entertainment starting with the Teachers' Band.

Congratulations – and thanks – to the members of the Friends of Music group. This group comprises parents who really put in a lot of work to support the boys.



#### **WINTER SPORT 2008**

This winter students had a choice of seventeen sports and activities in which to participate. In an Olympic year it is refreshing to know that the Olympic motto, 'Citius, Altius, Fortius' (faster, higher, stronger), was borrowed by Baron de Coubertin from the Headmaster of Arcueil College, Paris, who used the motto to describe the great achievements of the athletes of his school.

These three simple words encourage people to give their best, to view effort as victory, that being first is not necessarily a priority, but that giving one's best and striving for excellence is essential.

At The Hutchins School we use the phrases 'what you do matters' and 'be the best that you can be'. I am sure that, 100 years later, de Coubertin would look at Hutchins and be very pleased that the Olympic motto is strong in a school for boys. This strength comes from not only our students but from the support, commitment and knowledge of our staff and volunteer coaches. Tremendous thanks must go to our coaches and administrators. Their continual efforts and support for our boys is indicative of The Hutchins School spirit.

Australian Rules Football continues to be strong at Hutchins. In 2008 we welcomed back Mr Chris Rae as coach of the First XVIII. Under the strict fitness and skill-development regime of Mr Rae the boys played with commitment and discipline. Massive wins came against Scotch Oakburn and Launceston Grammar however we could not get over the St Patricks hurdle and were beaten in the state final. Tom Allwright and Marcus Davies were selected in the Tassie Mariners, while Jamie Clarke and Larry Owen were selected in the Tasmanian Under 16 team, which recently played the curtain-raiser to the AFL Grand Final at the MCG.

**Soccer** continues to be the sport that attracts the most participants within Hutchins, with over 300 players. Mrs

Trish Knight and Mr Ivor Leonard, along with our thirty-two, coaches drive this sport to great success participating in the Central Region competition, Football Federation Tasmania and SATIS. At the senior level, the First XI had a tremendous season under the coaching of Mr Seb Milford, beaten in the semi-final by eventual champions Guilford Young College. Tim Blacker, Alex Quinn, and Andrew Douglas had stand-out seasons. The Second XI had fantastic success in 2008 winning the Southern final against Guilford Young College and defeating Launceston Grammar in the state final.

Rugby at The Hutchins School continues to gain strength. Mr Brett Smith, Mr Chris Atkinson and Mr John Devine have taken the sport further in 2008. The Under 14 group have again been well supported, as have the Under 16s, getting to the preliminary final. The Under 18 Rugby team participated in the Melbourne Grammar School's sesquicentennial rugby tournament held between 6 and 12 July. Hutchins played five games against a selection of international and domestic teams. The boys came sixth out of eight teams, beating Tamagawa (Japan) and St Thomas's School (Sri Lanka). The overall winner of the tournament was Shore (Sydney). They thoroughly enjoyed mixing with boys from other teams and also listening to Wallaby player Luke Burgess, who addressed them on the last night. Congratulations to Saul Lopa who was awarded best Hutchins player for the tournament.

Hutchins **Hockey**, again expertly coached by Mr James McLeod and Mr Ian Addison, performed admirably. The Second XI won their state final against Launceston Grammar, whilst the First XI were beaten by Friends. Under-age teams had tremendous success under the Father John Goodwin. Hutchins has produced seven State Hockey players in 2008. Most noted is Dougal Middleton (Year 11 Buckland), who gained selection in the Under 17 and Under 21 Tasmanian teams.





Water Polo is becoming an increasingly popular sport, with sixty-six boys electing to play in 2008. Mr Roger McNamara and Mrs Alison Smithies have been largely responsible for the direction of Water Polo at the School. The First team, coached by Old Boy Scott Wilson, was narrowly defeated in the final by Guilford Young College. Water Polo has produced five state players in 2008.

The success of **Badminton** in the School in 2008 has been outstanding. In the six competitions that Hutchins entered, five pennants were won. Teacher in Charge and coach Mr Chris Berndt took the First Badminton team to the pennant, defeating Friends. Outstanding performances came from James Bayles, Michael Li and Jimmy Lin.

The Hutchins **Cross Country** team captained by Tim Graver competed in the SSATIS Cross Country at the Tasmanian Police Academy, performing admirably in very trying conditions. Hutchins defended the aggregate shield with outstanding performances by many students. Henry West was our best, winning the Under 15 age-group. At the Tasmanian All Schools Championships held at Symmons Plains Hutchins had a number of very good results. There were approximately 100-140 boys in each age-group race:

Under 13 (3km) - fourth Brendan Hay; fifth-placed team (out of twenty teams)

Under 14 (4km) - fourth Richard Giblin; fifth Denver James; thirteenth Hugh Mathys; fourteenth Max Macmillan; first-placed team (out of fifteen teams)

Under 15 (4km) - second Henry West; second-placed team (out of twenty-three teams)

Under 16 (6km) - thirteenth Ed Langdon; fourth-placed team (out of eighteen teams)

Under 17 (6km) - sixth John Wilson

Open (8km) – eleventh Tim Graver; third-placed team (out of six teams)

Our Junior School students also participated in the Tasmanian Primary All Schools Cross Country Carnival held in wet, foggy conditions at Symmons Plains on Wednesday 9 July. The Junior School entered a team of twenty-four runners and achieved a number of outstanding results both individually and in the team event. Notable achievements include Josh Williamson (sixth), Ben Robinson (ninth), Nat Franklin (seventh) and Owen Law (third). Our most outstanding results were in the team events: first place in the nine-, ten- and twelve-year-old events and fourth place in the eleven-year-olds.

The Hutchins **Sailing** team has continued its proud tradition of excellence at the Australian Schools Team Racing Championship held at Woollahra Sailing Club on Sydney Harbour, coming first. The Hutchins team comprised Elliott Noye (Captain), Rohan Langford, George Jones, Tom Kennedy, Zac Pullen, Lewis Noye and Nelson Brown. The three leading teams then represented Australia at the Inter-dominion Schools Team Racing Championships held in Auckland in October.

Hutchins students entered the 50th Tasmanian School Students Road **Cycling** Titles held at the Symmons Plains raceway. The races were run around the 2.1km circuit, which was made all the more challenging by the blustery and freezing conditions. The assembled field included an array of state and national junior champions, along with the full contingent of Tasmanian Institute of Sport riders. Charles Haward, Toby Pitt and Henry West rode competitively in the Under17 43km event. In his first ever race Toby impressed many by easily matching the pace of more experienced competitors. Henry soloed aggressively away from a bunch of elite riders and held second place for much of the race, before the chasing group worked together to bring him

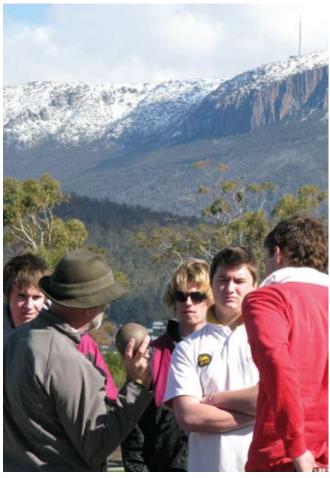
back. He eventually finished in a hard-won fourth placing. Young Ryan Wilson from the Middle School, riding in the Under 13 10km event, displayed considerable skill by sprinting for the finish from a long way out, only to be pipped on the line by a matter of centimetres.

The Hutchins Road Squad came away satisfied from the event, having learned much about tactics, gearing and race preparation. Although many schools were represented by an assortment of individuals, the Hutchins Squad was the only organised team at the event.

Again, a huge "thank you" to all our staff, coaches, parents and boys who have made winter sport a success in 2008.

#### Wayne Brown Director of Sport





The House Athletics competition was also held in Term Two. While Australia's Olympic athletes sweltered in Beijing, our boys competed in the shadow of a snow-capped Mt Wellington!



#### **VISITORS TO HUTCHINS**

Hutchins has received a wide variety of visitors during Term Two. Here are some of them ...



His Excellency the
Governor of Tasmania,
Mr Peter Underwood
AO, and Mrs Underwood
made an official visit to
Hutchins early in the term.
They had a comprehensive
tour of the School. Mr
Underwood is seen here
in the Middle School Quad
with Roshan Karri.



We were delighted when Old Boy Mr John Clark AM was able to drop in to talk to some of our drama students. Mr Clark, a 1950 leaver, was until recently the head of NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Arts) and has played a major role in developing many famous acting careers. He was in Hobart to direct the play Hollow Ground for the Old Nick Company.



We were fortunate to have a visit from Dr Trevor Cooling in the last week of Term Two. Dr. Cooling, from England, was invited to this country by the Australian Anglican School Network. As a prominent educationalist, he was chosen to speak about methods of religious education to headmasters, teachers and students from Anglican schools all over Australia. Hutchins was fortunate to be included in Dr Cooling's hectic tour.

His presentation was deceptively simple and with a few well-chosen photographs he was able to lead the forty or so students from our Religion and Philosophy classes into a surprisingly deep analysis of the relationships between belief and practice. He not only looked at religious world views, such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism and Christianity, but examined secular world views, which included Humanism.



1989 leaver Cameron Tapp was sponsored by the Old Boys' Association for a visit to Hutchins in August. Cam is the front man and singer for Melbourne-based rock band *Borne*, and he spent an afternoon talking to a number of Music students and working with some of the

boys preparing for the Rock Challenge. Later that evening he was one of the members of the panel for a careers information evening.



The Australian
Communications and
Media Authority 's national
NetAlert Consultant, Mr
Greg Gebhart, spent a
day at Hutchins late in
Term Two. He worked with
students, parents and
teachers throughout the day
and evening on the topics

of children online and cyber safety. He helped parents to understand the ways children use the internet; tips and tricks to reduce the risks for children when on the internet; potential issues faced by children online, including the online exploitation of children, exposure to illegal and inappropriate content and trends such as cyber bullying and cyber stalking; advertising and marketing practices that increase the vulnerability of children; and finally, new trends such as social networking websites and use of mobile technologies (such as iPods and camera phones).

The Hutchins Foundation assisted with some of the costs of putting on this outstanding event.



Senator David Bushby visited the School in August, spoke at an assembly and presented the School with an Australian flag. Senator Bushby was a Boarding House tutor when he was

studying at the University of

Tasmania, and we were delighted to welcome him back.

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Peter Brothers (1947 leaver)

Ian Crisp (1944)

David Eddington (1957)

John Marstrand (1978)

Sydney Peacock (1885)

Ray Stacey (former staff)

Nicholas Smithies (1999)

Arthur Watchorn (1934)

Edward Webster (2001)

#### WILLING FOUNDATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Over the years, Hutchins has received a number of gifts via Bequests. These have come from a variety of sources including past students or parents and past parents who saw the value delivered by Hutchins for their children.

These gifts have allowed the School to develop a level of facilities, resources, scholarships and bursaries that would not otherwise have been possible. This in turn has helped us to produce leaders in fields as diverse as medical and scientific research, business, economics and the arts.

You can help us to continue this tradition by making a provision for Hutchins in your will. A few key points to consider:

 It is important to first of all make appropriate provisions for loved ones.

- A bequest to Hutchins would normally be a percentage of an estate, the residual of an estate, or perhaps some specific items. Even a small percentage of a modern estate can be a significant gift, while still leaving plenty for other beneficiaries.
- Discuss your intentions with family members so they clearly understand what your wishes are.
- Have the will (or changes you are making) professionally prepared by a solicitor.

Helping to educate people who can make a difference is a wonderful legacy.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of our Bequests program please contact Mr Tony Smithies on (03) 6221 4206.

# **NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES**

We thought the School Museum was full before, but have managed to squeeze a few more treasures into the gallery space! The bow of the Jason – built in 1959 by former woodwork teacher and rowing coach, Bruce Griggs, at a cost of  $\mathfrak{L}250$  – has taken up temporary residence while renovations to the Burbury House dining room are carried out. Some relegated honour boards were dragged out of storage and dusted down for display, revealing much about who and what was valued in earlier days. That exercise led to a "war corner" being set up around a Cadet Lieutenants' honour board – which features several well-known Hutchins names – and focusing on those who served their school and their country.



#### THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL CADET CORPS

Formed under the leadership of William Harvey Buckland in 1879, the Hutchins School Cadet Corps made its first appearance in uniform in 1885 – the date celebrated as that of its founding. In 1912 a team of twelve cadets was invited to Montreal, Canada, to take part in competitions and exhibition performances with teams from other countries in the British Empire. The following year Hutchins gained its own company of cadets under Sportsmaster R L Bullow – called 'N' Company, or the Hutchins School Company. In 1914 a Hutchins team gained second place at the Commonwealth Cadet Competitions.

After several revivals, the Cadet Corps had seventy-three members by May 1939. Following the blessing of the flag made by Mrs Peggy Vincent in 1961, 'cadets' became a regular part of the School's educational program. In spite of its viability being threatened by federal government funding cuts in the 1970s, the Corps soldiered on until 1984. It was officially disbanded in 1986.



Hutchins Cadets with W H. and J V Buckland, 1892 (photo taken on the tennis court in front of the School – the town pump is just visible in the fenced-off corner behind the pavilion, with the Duke of Wellington hotel in the background)

#### **RECENT ACQUISITIONS**

Booklet: A Brief History of the 2/8 Field Regiment, AIF, by Geoff Ashton-Jones AM - donated by the author, 5 May 2008.

The Hutchins Foundation seal-stamp – donated by Business Manager Jenny Self on behalf of The Hutchins Foundation, May 2008.

Small boy's Hutchins blazer - donated by staff of School shop, June 2008.

Book prize: Henry Esmond, The English Humourists, The Georges (from 'Punch'), The Four Georges by W M Thackeray, awarded to J Z Bidencope (1913-20), Dux of Fifth Form, 1918 – donated by sister-in-law Mrs A Bidencope, June 2008.

Photograph of School House with Headmaster C C Thorold, 1926 – donated to Cranbrook School, NSW, by relative of J. C. Frankcomb (1926-28) and passed on by Cranbrook School Archivist Janet Howse, 23 June 2008.

Blazers (School and OBA), belonged to Albani (Bain) Palfreyman (1946-48) – donated by daughter Kathy Fitch of Como, Western Australia, 1 July 2008.

Book: Leckey and Brammall Families by John Leckey (1986) and various documents – donated by David Brammall, 3 July 2008.

Hutchins Parents and OBA Dinner Dance and Cabaret Programme, 1965 – purchased from second-hand shop and donated by Anne Haward, 14 July 2008.

**Set of the** *Cyclopedia of Tasmania*, published 1900 – purchased by the Hutchins Archives and Heritage Collection, July 2008.

Watercolour painting of Macquarie Street School by M. C. Tomlin, presented to Ray Vincent in 1978 – donated by T W Vincent, 14 July 2008.

Various School Magazines; School prospectus 1943, 1965; 1946 Centenary Chapel Appeal booklet; *Hutchins School Jubilee: a memory by the first boarder* by Francis Hudspeth – donated by T W Vincent, 14 July 2008.

School Magazines 1961, 1973 – donated by Sophie Underwood, passed on by James McLeod, 15 July 2008.

Convict nails - donated by staff of Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), present occupants of old Hutchins School at 181 Macquarie Street, 22 July 2008.

**Head of the River cup** won by Stuart Crosby Walch (1927 - 34) in 1934 – donated by relative and former student David Walch, 22 July 2008.

Hutchins Old Boys' Hockey Club pewter mug (C I Wood trophy for Best and Fairest 1962) and presentation tray (Best and Fairest 1963) awarded to S Davis; blazer pocket with crest from grey Hutchins suit; student reports and certificates, Kinder to Form VI – donated by Stan Davis, 19 August 2008.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has donated precious items and stories to the Hutchins Archives and Heritage Collection. Special thanks go to all those who have volunteered their time to assist in Archives during the year, both regular volunteers and occasional helpers – including **Don Lange, Chester Pearson** and **Noel Ruddock** for their help with the provision, naming and dating of photographs.

If you have any old **School photographs** you want to keep, you might consider allowing us to copy them (on-site) in order to fill some gaps in our Collection. Please contact the Archivist at Hutchins, Monday to Thursday between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm if you think you may be able to help.

Ms Margaret Mason-Cox ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN

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#### BENEATH THE IVIED TOWER

# **OBITUARIES**

We are saddened to report the passing of the following Old Boys. Our condolences to their families and friends.

| Mr Donald Webster | Leaver | 1924 | N |
|-------------------|--------|------|---|
| Mr Guy Elliston   |        | 1941 |   |
| Mr Max Rush       |        | 1948 |   |
| Rev Kay Webster   |        | 1950 |   |

| Mr Duncan McDougall | 1955 |
|---------------------|------|
| Mr James Turner     | 1959 |
| Mr Richard Lane     | 1960 |

#### JEFFERY MOLESWORTH BOYES BEM (former staff member)



Jeffery Boyes outside his former room at the Old School at the 50-year reunion in 2005

Jeffery Molesworth Boyes passed away on 15 July this year. Jeffery had a long association with the Hutchins School. In fact, one of his great grandfathers was a member of the original body set up in 1842 to raise funds for the establishment of The Hutchins School.

He was educated at Friends' School and first came to Hutchins in 1950 as a Junior School class teacher. He also spent time as an assistant Boarding House Master and as Master-in-charge of Music he took a key role in the production of a number of Gilbert and Sullivan productions in the 1950s.

At the end of the 1950's he went to England to teach, returning first to Scotch College, Launceston (1961–66) then Friends' (1967–75). In 1976 he returned to Hutchins as its first Development Officer, a position he held until his retirement in 1988.

Jeffery remained an active supporter of Hutchins until his passing. His love of music and willingness to encourage boys was reflected in the establishment of a choral scholarship on his retirement. Jeffery made arrangements in his will for this scholarship to be significantly increased after his death.

Jeffery was one of life's true gentlemen, and he will be fondly remembered.

#### JAMES GEORGE TURNER (1959 leaver and rowing coach)

The Hutchins rowing community lost a valued coach and mentor when Jim "Arab" Turner passed away on 1 September after a battle with cancer. Jim was a 1959 leaver. He was active in rowing almost all his life, and in 1978 was coach of the Hutchins Head-of-the-River Eight.

From 2001 he was the First and Second Eight advisor and the Open Four coach and from 2006 until this year head coach of the Under 14 and Under 15 age groups. This group has become the best performed rowers of their age in Tasmania, and it is a testament to Jim that all twenty-three boys have decided to continue to row this coming season as Under 16s.

Jim was always willing to provide astute advice to other coaches.

His words "just lean on it" were a trademark phrase that will be remembered by those he coached and worked with.

#### **HENRY BALDWIN** (1937 Leaver, engineer and philanthropist)



Henry Graham Baldwin was born in Hobart on 20 August 1919, the only child of Cecil William Baldwin and his wife Frances Emily Ruth, née Maning. Although Henry never married, he was always keenly interested in the doings of his extended family.

Henry was educated at The Hutchins School in

Hobart (1926–37) and at the University of Tasmania, where he graduated in Engineering Science in 1943. His first jobs were at the Government Shipyard at Prince of Wales Bay on the Derwent River in Hobart, and at the Williamstown Naval Dockyard in Melbourne (1944–45). His love of ships continued throughout his life, and Henry knew by sight and sound almost every vessel that entered the Port of Hobart.

From 1946 to 1982 he worked as a locomotive engineer with the Tasmanian Government Railways, attaining the position of Deputy Director of the Inveresk Railway workshops in Launceston. In the 1950s Henry was awarded a scholarship to study the railways of Great Britain, where he remained for 18 months. One of the diesel-electric locomotives his team assembled after his return to Launceston is still running on the Derwent Valley Railway, and has been named Henry Baldwin in his honour.

Henry was a generous person, and in retirement in Hobart he continued to help his many friends and the numerous organisations in which he took an interest, amongst them The Hutchins School. He was an active member of many societies, including the Maritime Museum of Tasmania, the Hobart Town (1804) First Settlers Association, the Hobart Branch of the World Ship Society, the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Gideons.

Henry's faith was the foundation of his life. His treasured role as Rector's Warden at St George's, Battery Point spanned the incumbencies of seven rectors, all of whom appreciated Henry's wise counsel and willingness to help whatever the occasion. He played a large part in the restoration of this church in the 1980s, and when he relinquished his role as Rector's Warden he was honoured with the title of Church Warden Emeritus.

Henry was fortunate to retain good health for nearly all his long and productive life. He died in Hobart on 6 August 2007, two weeks before his 88th birthday. Henry will be remembered as a Christian gentleman of wide interests whose kindness and generosity benefited a great many people across many areas of life.

The Hutchins School has been fortunate to be one of the significant beneficiaries of Henry Baldwin's Estate. Not only will this help ensure that Henry is recognised by the school that gave him a start in life, but his generosity will help us to continue to provide a high quality learning environment for future generations of students.

#### **IVIED TOWER AWARD**

This is the major annual award by the Old Boys' Association, and since its inception it has been awarded to an Old Boy from the anniversary year groups who has achieved great things in his chosen field of endeavour.

From 2008, some changes are being made to the Award.

Firstly, it will now be open to all Old Boys, not just those in their anniversary years. Secondly, rather than being announced at the Anniversary Dinner, it will be announced at the Annual Ray Vincent Lunch (being held this year on Friday 5 December).

Recent winners of the award have included Dr Rob McDougall (Medicine and Community Service), Luke Wagner (Art), Dr Roger Chung (Medical Research) and Brigadier Steve Smith (Armed Services and Government).

If you would like to nominate an Old Boy for this year's award, you will find a nomination form on the mailing sheet that came with this magazine. Alternatively, a copy can be downloaded from the website at www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/oldboys.

Nominations close on Friday 14 November.



# BENEATH THE IVIED TOWER

**Tim Barker** (1977) initially worked as occupational psychologist in Hobart, Sydney, Northern NSW and Canberra. Following a change of direction he has worked in information technology for the past eighteen years in Canberra. Tim is married with two children, Nick and Sophie, and still waiting for St Kilda to win another flag!

**Miles Bastick** (1984) has lived in Sydney since 1990 and is a partner at law firm Freehills, specialising in employment and industrial law. He lives in Neutral Bay with English wife Fenella (married in 2005) and son Jeremy, born on 8 August.

**Glenn Turnor** (1986) is still on the Gold Coast and now working as the commercial director for Dick Johnson Racing and Jim Beam Racing.

1987 Leaver **Charles Jack** is managing the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel in Bangkok. If any Old Boys find themselves in that part of the world they can be assured of a warm welcome!

**Tony Pregnall** (1988) spent twelve-odd years working with the RAAF, then moved on to the Boeing Company where he has spent the last seven years. He is currently working in the Quality & Improvement department as a process specialist in the Brisbane office.

Mark Bell (1989) moved to London with his wife Olesia in July 2006. He is currently working for the British Quality Foundation as Project Manager for the Levels of Excellence Programme, a Europe-wide recognition scheme.

**Tom Rimes** (1993) is coming to the end of his time with the Young Artists Program at the National Opera in Washington, where he is a voice coach, accompanist and occasional conductor. In July this year he and his wife Kim were in Sydney, where he conducted the world premiere of his

Australian opera The Long Ride Home, the first opera that he has written. It was performed at the Independent Theatre in North Sydney, and Tom is negotiating with the theatre for further performances in a couple of years' time

**Stewart Button** (1993) is working as an IT consultant in credit risk for ABN Amro Investment Bank in London.

**Andrew Darcey** (1994) and his wife Rebecca were delighted at the arrival of Henry Thomas Darcey on 19 July. Henry is the first grandson for Beth and **Max Darcey** (1954). Andrew and Rebecca are living in Adelaide, where Andrew is a physiotherapist in a private practice.

Jonathon Newman (1994) was recently in touch to let us know that, "on 26 June my wife Jenny gave birth to our son Harrison. All three of us are doing well and Jen and I are over the moon!"

David Stary (1999) is currently serving with the RAAF in Iraq.

Rohan Ashby (2001) graduated from the University of Tasmania in Arts/Law in 2007. He is engaged to be married to Miss Brittany Erin White. The wedding will be held at The Bay of Fires Winery on 17 January 2009. He will then be undertaking a graduate position at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra.

Robert Knight (2002) will embark on an amazing adventure, skiing solo to the South Pole in late 2009. In April 2007 Rob became the youngest Australian to ski to the North Pole. You can track Rob's progress (and offer support) at the website southpolo.com.

**Stuart Arnold** (2003) is with the RAAF as an air traffic controller in Williamtown after being dux of his course.

#### **OLD BOY COMMITTEE 2008**

At the recent Annual General Meeting, the following committee members were elected:

Tony Park (1974) – President Nick Dwyer (1999) – Vice President Mat de-Gouveia (2006) – Treasurer Robert Dick (1953) - Committee Michael Gozzi (2000) - Committee Matt Ralph (2003) - Committee Nick Slugocki (2005) - Committee Tom Vincent (1956) - Committee

Want to catch up with more Old Boy news, or let others know what you are up to?

Check out the online directory at

www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/oldboys.

The Directory will have had a major facelift by the time you receive this magazine.

#### **CAREERS EVENING**

A panel of Old Boys joined a number of other speakers to present an informative Careers Evening in August. Despite the evening being one of the coldest nights of the year (with snow falling in the car park!) there were still around 70 people in attendance. One of the key objectives of the evening was to outline a variety of career paths that are available.

Old Boy panellists on the night included Jason Berry (1998 – teaching), Mat de Gouveia (2006- accounting), Hayden Farquhar (2003 – Medicine), Cameron Tapp (1989 – Music), Alister Hodgman (1999 – Horticulture), Adam Baker (1988 – Police Force) and Nick Dwyer (1999 – Engineering).

Tony Park (1974 Leaver and current President of the Old Boys' Association) was also a member of the panel of business and industry representatives who spoke in the second part of the evening.



Adam Baker















Cameron Tapp

Hayden Farquhar

Jason Berry

Mat de Gouveia

Nick Dwyer

#### **ANNIVERSARY WEEK REUNIONS**

One of the major events on the annual calendar is the Anniversary Reunion Dinner, for Old Boys in their anniversary years. This year, the event was – for the first time in several years – held at Hutchins in the relatively new Bill Toppin Room.

The dinner was attended by former students from the 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1983, 1993 and 1998 year groups, and was the biggest so far, with over 120 Old Boys returning to Hutchins, including John Watson who travelled from Indonesia to be there. After a series of flight delays John managed to arrive just before the dinner wound up!



1983 group



1988 reunion group.



Part of the 1973 contingent. From left to right: Grant Jackson, Geoff Salmon and Michael Strutt



1968 reunion group, with former staff member Mr John Kerr (who was Deputy Headmaster in 1968)



1993 Leavers with current Deputy Principal Barrie Irons who was Head of Senior School in 1993



| 8 November  | 50 Years and Over - Reunion Dinner for 1958 Leavers (and older)<br>Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm |  |
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| 2 December  | Early Learning Centre/Junior School Speech Night<br>Wrest Point 7.00 pm  |  |
| 5 December  | Ray Vincent Lunch<br>Bill Toppin Room, The Hutchins School, 12.15 for 12.30  |  |
| 5 December  | First XI v Peninsula School - War Memorial Oval, 10.00 am  |  |
| 9 December  | Term 3 ends  |  |
|             | Middle School/Senior School Speech Night<br>Wrest Point 8.00 pm (please be seated by 7.45 pm)                        |  |
| 12 December | Leavers' Dinner<br>Grand Chancellor Hotel, 7.00 pm   |  |
| 27 December | Reunion BBQ (BYO food, drinks, family etc) The Hutchins School, 12.00 noon. Open to all year groups                  |  |
| 10 February | Term 1 2009 commences  |  |

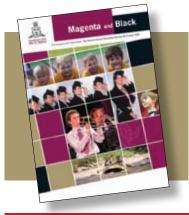
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#### **NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

2008 has seen five Old Boys' awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Old Boys' Association for outstanding service to the School over a long period of time. They are Max Darcey, Andrew Kemp, Richard Pringle-Jones, Chris Rae and Ian Madden. Collectively, their service to the School adds up to more than 162 years, the age of the School.

lan Madden, Andrew Kemp and Richard Pringle-Jones who received their Life Memberships during Anniversary Week celebrations



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