THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



Meeting Minutes: 27th June 2023

Board Room

Meeting Opened: 6.35pm

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Rob McEwan, Dayana Baker, Shirl Badenach, Courtney Bell, Alli McShane, Louissa Johnson, Gary Waterson, Phillippa Bartlett, Sheila Barrett, Anthony Gunton, Kate Woods.

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Mr Mike Webster has been appointed Head of Year 8 following an internal selection process. Mr Webster is replacing Mrs Fiona Moroney's substantive role, left vacant when she commenced the Head of Middle School position.

At the last Principal's Assembly, 15 new Prefects were inducted. Congratulations to these students who are joining an already great group of leaders.

During May, five Year 10 students participated in the International Student Science Conference 2023, held at the Presbyterian Ladies College in Sydney. At the conference, the students had the opportunity to present their scientific findings of empirical studies focused on 'Factors that contribute to the effectiveness of sunscreens', 'An Investigation into Triboluminescence', and 'Imploding Cans' to an international gathering of Year 10 students.

50 athletes competed in age groups from Under 13 up to Open at the SSATIS Cross Country carnival. Hutchins were very successful in winning the Junior Boys Shield, Senior Boys Shield and came equal first in the Boys Aggregate Shield. Pennants were awarded to the Open's, Under 15 and Under 13 age groups.

Hutchins SPA String Quartet performed at PLC Sydney's spectacular 135 Year Anniversary Concert. The Hutchins' chamber musicians rehearsed and performed at PLC Sydney in Croydon, then they played in the final event which was an evening concert held in the grand Sydney Town Hall, with an audience of up to 2000 people.

The Senior Vocal Ensemble performed at the opening of the Special Awards Ceremony for the Hobart Eisteddfod. The Barbershop, Senior School Vocal ensemble and Chamber trio all received special awards. A special mention for Year 12 student, Sheng-Yuan Lynch who

	Frances Underwood Award for Musicianship and the Joan Salmon Memorial JS Bach Award.				
	The Hutchins Football program celebrated a fantastic year with both the First and Second XVIII qualifying for their respective state finals against St Patrick's College in Launceston on Saturday 17 June. The Hutchins Second XVIII prevailed in a tense match, winning the state final 6-5-41 to 4-4-28 – and the First XVIII defeated by the narrowest of margins, 7-7-49 to 6-6-42 in overtime.				
	The month saw the establishment of the Hutchins Interact Club, the first in the South of Tasmania. Interact is Rotary International's service club for people aged 12 to 18 years. The establishment of a Rotary Interact Club at Hutchins provides a valuable connection to a service community with tangible experiential service-learning opportunities for our students.				
	Rowing Program Review – participants have been surveyed and feedback collated. A working group has been formed to review the report and to prepare recommendations, under the leadership of Mr Ken Kingston.				
	Giving Day - a total of \$523,700.00 was raised with 525 contributing donors. A great effort by the Advancement Team and volunteers, led by Anna Beattie. Grandparents' Day – The Middle School event saw over 300 in attendance, and later in the day, the Senior School Grandparents' event welcomed over 350 in attendance – these were record numbers, thank you to the Parents' Association volunteers, teachers and support staff for their organisation of this event. National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is from 2 – 9 July. It is a significant opportunity for the country to celebrate, and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.				
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