

# Deputy Principal's Message

## “Every inch a Hinch”

21st June 2019 was a significant and an exciting day for us when the granddaughter of Mr Thomas William Hinch, Ms Elizabeth and her husband Jim flew all the way from Colorado to pay the school a visit. We were honoured to spend some time with her at TW Hinch Hall that was named after her grandfather. Elizabeth and Jim last visited Singapore in 1990 and they were amazed by the many changes that had taken place since then and were very happy with the developments with the school.

Mr TW Hinch was the Principal who served the school from 1929-1947. After the war, he stayed on to see the school through the immediate challenging post-war years where he helped to restructure the school when it reopened in 1946. Those were difficult times. In addition to the motto, the House system and the co-curricular activities were also some of the traditions that he had instituted during his tenure. Mr Hinch left behind a rich legacy and traditions that the school has held on all these years and they formed some of the foundations of our school system to provide a holistic education for all who passed through the portals of ACS.



Elizabeth and Jim shared some of the fond memories and the heart-warming stories that they had gleaned over the years from friends and letters about her beloved grandfather. The boarders of TW Hinch Hall designed a T shirt titled “Every inch a Hinch” and Elizabeth was absolutely delighted when one of the boarders, Kevin, presented it to her. We were very privileged to have the opportunity to catch up with Elizabeth and Jim and to renew the ties on that special morning. May the words of Mr TW Hinch “The past we inherit, the present we create, but to those who will hope, believe and work, the best is yet to be” continue to ring true in the years to come for every ACSian!



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