

R. Bingham winning U11 100 yds race, 1960

New Middle School, former Sub-Primary block, in background



PT display on Memorial Oval with Sportsmaster K. Dexter (centre), 1963

and I hope he will be the last'. When Newman fell seriously ill in 1962 and returned to Western Australia to recuperate, Lawrence became Acting Headmaster. By the time Newman returned for the 1963 school year — requesting an alteration of his duties to relieve him of some of his teaching burden — Lawrence had settled in and the Headmaster found it difficult to resume his place. Worn down by the heavy load and disheartened by a lack of support from the Board, Newman had no stomach for battle when forced to resign by new Chairman, George Hodgson, in August 1963. The Board announced diplomatically that it supported his application for further experience in the field of education with a resounding endorsement of his 'unremitting zeal', his 'deep integrity and sound character' and his 'moral worth'. Paid out until June 1964 'in lieu of notice', he was to stay until Speech Night; in the event he was replaced by his Deputy in November. He was farewelled with a tribute to his upright character: 'In all he did he was essentially honest... and was completely sincere in all his dealings'. He also received plaudits from Friends' School Headmaster Bill Oats and ovations from the gathered students and staff at that school for the growth of good sportsmanship during his management of Hutchins, as well as a warm farewell at a special dinner given by the HSOBA.<sup>186</sup> Considerable support was forthcoming from those outraged by his treatment — but it was not enough to keep him in the job.

Newman returned to Perth and was appointed Deputy Headmaster of Scotch College. When he died on 4 June 1993, Hutchins Headmaster John Bednall led the tributes at a memorial service in the School chapel, describing him as a gentle and compassionate man of 'common decency, of strong Christian faith', who loathed the use of the cane and was 'one of the first Australian Headmasters of his era to question seriously its use in schools like Hutchins'.<sup>187</sup>

At the end of 1960 Newman had provided his own epitaph when he wrote:

there is nothing quite so rewarding as the joy which stems from feeling that you have helped a boy to see for himself the difference between right and wrong, to appreciate the need for discipline, to feel the urge to be a contributing member of his community, to battle under difficulties, to accept reverses and criticisms and to learn to "take it". And all these situations can happen every day in a school of 50 boys; and if they don't happen we try to engineer things so that they do. Earning a living is often less important than *learning* to live.<sup>188</sup>

Fittingly, the new school was built according to his plans and with the money he had raised.