



The Magazine

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Boys' High School

1952

## To Contributors.

We take this opportunity of thanking all those who have sent in contributions to the Magazine. They make the publication possible, whether their contributions are accepted or not. Rising costs of printing, the inevitable restriction of pages, the necessity of using more space for advertising — solvency demands that — have allowed us to use only a small proportion of contributions. Much good material had to be rejected. If your effort, then, has not appeared, don't think it worthless. It wasn't. There wasn't room for it.

We cannot acknowledge contributions individually; there are far too many for that, so please accept this general acknowledgment, and rest assured of our gratitude. — The Editors.

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## The Library.

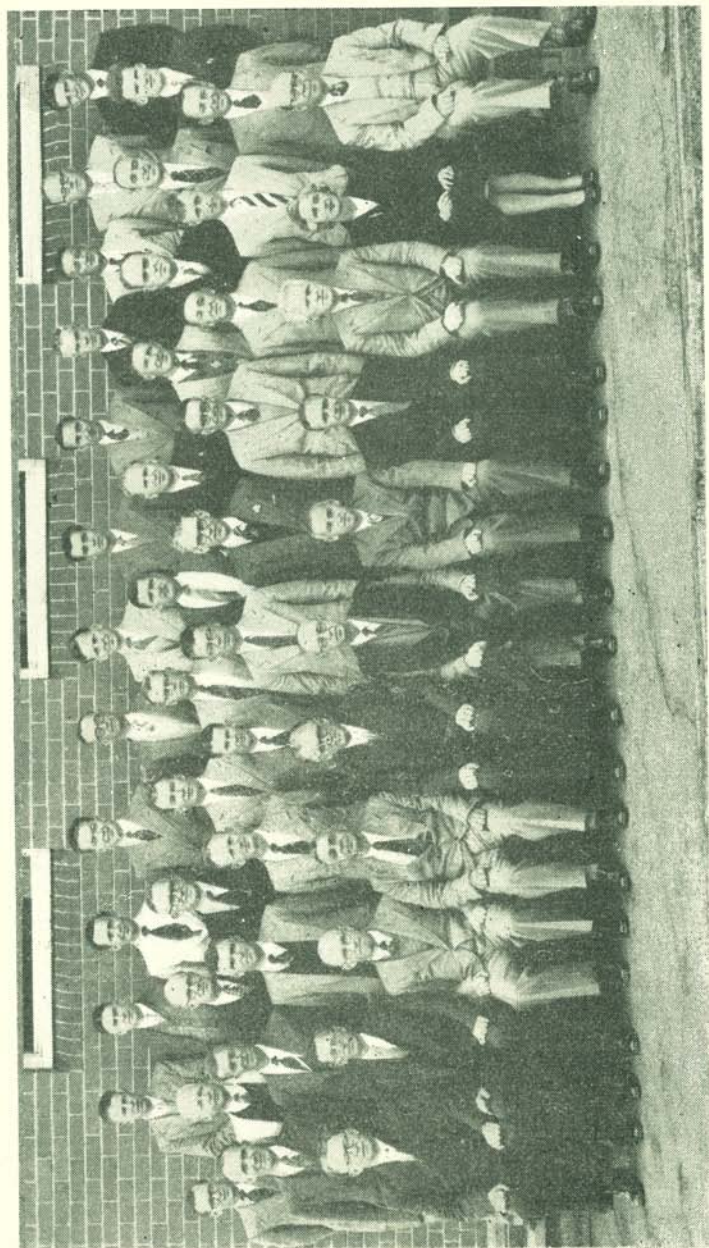
In 1950 Mr. Golding suggested to the Parents and Citizens' Association that a campaign for a reference library should be started. After three years the School is well on the way towards achieving this aim. Although the library is still a small one for a full High School, a good selection of books is now available.

Library appeals this year have raised over £200.

With the increased price of books it has become more difficult to satisfy the demands for fiction in the Junior School. However, most of the money from the School Library Fund was spent on good classical and modern fiction.

The Librarian wishes to thank the following boys for their work as library prefects: K. Reinhard, L. Hansen, K. Cremer, N. Stuart, J. Ewer, J. Spencer, E. MacDonald, V. Dalton and M. Smith.





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# EDITORIAL

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The School has come to mean more to me in this, my last year, than in previous years. I know that this should not have been so, but I think that it is only in the Senior Years that the full realisation comes to the pupil of what an asset he has in his School.

In addition to the work that has to be done to satisfy the academic requirements of the School, to me the School has always been a kind of club where boys meet and make friends, talk about their plans, take part in sporting activities. And the boy is fortunate who quickly learns the moral to be learnt by all who take part in any social body: the more you give, the more you will receive; the more you do, the more will be done for you. The feeling that you have no particular talent to contribute has nothing to do with the question. It is the doing of the "insignificant" things that in the end will add up to what should be the most significant thing for us — the attaining and maintaining for Homebush a well-deserved reputation of being one of Australia's leading schools. Have you persuaded your parents to join the P. and C. Organisation?

The scholastic training which the School provides is the basis on which some pupils are destined to build fame; others will, no doubt, look back on it as the ladder to their success in less famous but nevertheless solid careers. It is therefore important that very early the pupil should recognise that academic instruction is in many ways the mainspring of his life, that is, not something merely to be endured.

It is not only the technical equipment we acquire that will be useful in our future years. Here, also, we equip ourselves socially. And that means not only that we learn how to live with others, but also that we take a pride in building a character that will justify a good reputation. And that means finally we build a School of which we can be proud, a School that will be proud of us, a School that will be an asset to the nation.

— Brian Rudd.

## THE SCHOOL LEADERS.

Homebush has been fortunate this year in having as its three senior prefects boys of whom the School can be justly proud. Possessed of pleasant personalities, scholastic ability and fine sportsmanship, these boys revealed an admirable sense of fair play and tolerance in the way they carried out their duties. Here they are:

**THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN:** Brian Rudd has distinguished himself through the School as a scholar and a sportsman; particularly, he has impressed by his sense of social responsibility. No better illustration of his capacity to lead others could be quoted than the unassuming and efficient manner in which he conducted the School's Empire Day Celebrations. A first-class wicketkeeper and a handy batsman, Brian attained Combined High Schools' representation in cricket. As a hard-rucking forward, Brian played first in the Second XV and later in the First XV.

**VICE-CAPTAIN:** Arthur Summons proved himself a most popular Vice-Captain. He, also, has been a credit to the School in all aspects of school life. A competent scholar, it is, nevertheless, on the field of sport that Arthur has most distinguished himself. As Captain of the First XV, Arthur, playing at five-eighth, won the admiration of all, not only for the way he excelled in his own play, but also for the way he inspired the whole team. His selection in the Combined High Schools' First XV was a foregone conclusion. Arthur also distinguished himself in athletics as a sprinter.

**SENIOR PREFECT:** Jim Hayes is dux of the School, a member of the Second XI, and a sprinter of no mean repute. As leader of the prefects, he had the unenviable job of making sure that they performed their duties properly. His success is reflected in the fact that there have been no complaints. As a batsman he showed patience and a steady eye, and helped to make the batting solid. A particularly fine knock of 70 is remembered. His slow spinners were very useful in attack.

— H.H., 5A.

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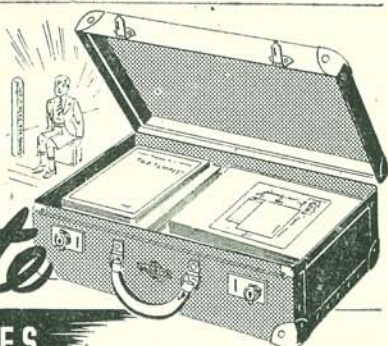
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2. Prose, (a) Conan Doyle, "White Company"; (b) Sullivan, "Under Northern Lights."
3. Poetry (a) Coleridge, "Rime of the Ancient Mariner"; (b) Newbolt, "English Ballads" (ps. 52-110).

### ENGLISH: Fifth Year.

- A: Prescribed Books, 1, Shakespeare, "Macbeth," edited by Verity. Detailed textual study required.
2. Essays of To-day selected by F. H. Pritchard (Harrap). The following essays are to be read. (1) "Secret Drawer," by Kenneth Grahame; (2) "Landfalland Departure," by Joseph Conrad; (3) "A Brother of St. Francis," by Grace Rhys; (4) "Golden Fruit," by A. A. Milne; (5) "The Doodledoo," by Dixon Scott; (6) "The Town Week," by E. V. Lucas; (7) "On Christmas," by Robert Lynd; (8) "Niagara Falls," by Rupert Brooke; (9) "On the Actual Spot," by C. E. Montague; (10) "Castles in the Air," by R. B. Cunningham; (11) "An Autumn Stroll," by W. N. P. Barbellion; (12) "Ships' Logs," by Temple Thurston; (13) "A Defence of Detective Stories," by G. K. Chesterton.

### B—Approved Books for General Reading:

1. Jane Austen, "Pride and Prejudice"; (2) "Short Stories of To-day," edited by J. W. Mariott (Harrap), omitting "Little White Frock."
3. "The Golden Treasury of Longer Poems," selected and edited by Ernest Rhys (School Edition), published by Dent.

### Poems to be studied are:

- (i) "The Hermit," by Thomas Parnell (ii) "Baucis and Philemon," by Jonathan Swift; (iii) "Essays on Man" (Second Epistle), Alexander Pope; (iv) "Glenfinlas," by Sir Walter Scott; (v) "The Death of Cuchulain," by W. B. Yeats; (vi) "The Hound of Heaven," by Francis Thompson; (vii) "The Siege of Corinth," by Lord Byron.

### LATIN TEXTS, Third Year:

Caesar: Gallic War Book II, edited Gould and Whiteley, published by MacMillan. Omitting chapters 3, 4, 8, 9, 20; 22; 24; 25; 27, 34 and 35.

Ovid: Selections, edited Freeman. Oxford Clarendon Press. Lines 841—1,025.

### LATIN TEXTS, Fifth Year:

Cimero: De Senectute, edited Huxley. Oxford Clarendon Press.

Virgil: Aenid II, edited Page, published by MacMillan. Omitting lines 336—437 inclusive.

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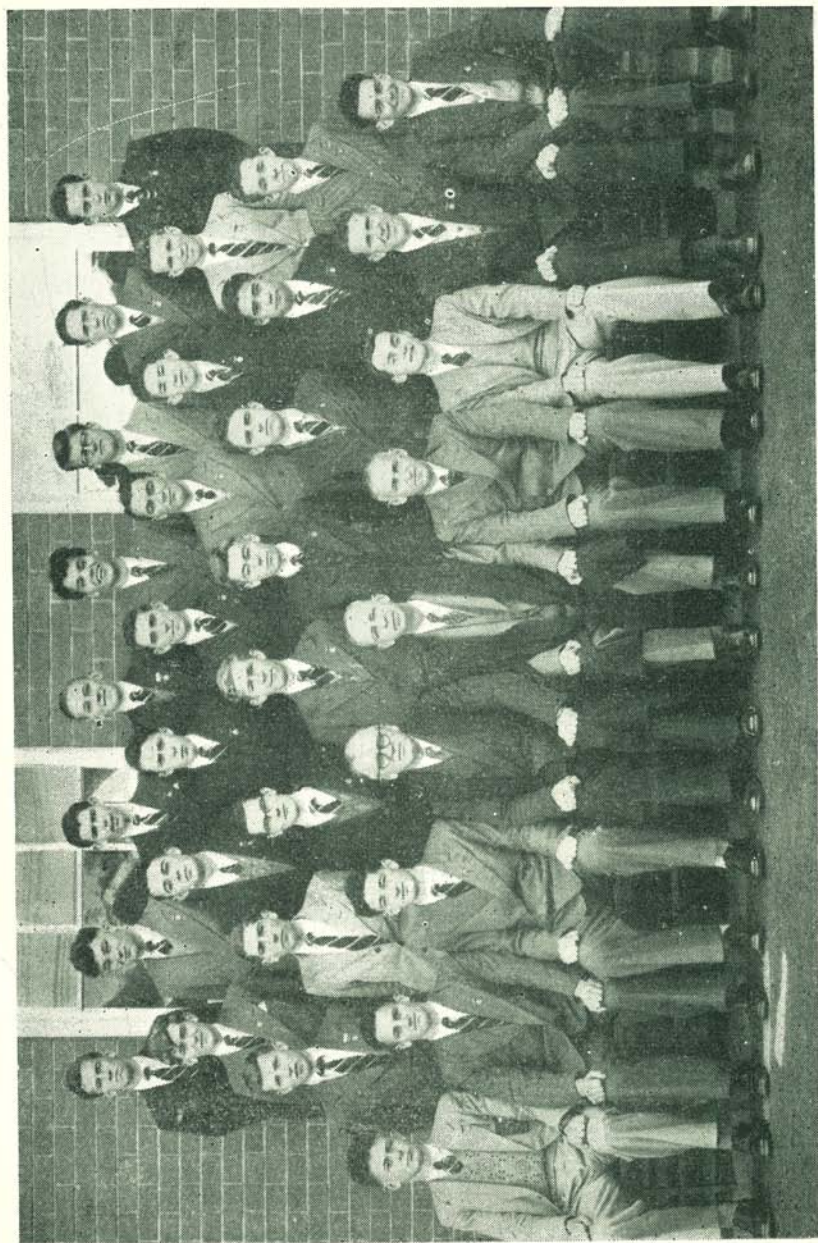
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## EXAMINATION RESULTS.

### SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AWARDS.

#### Public Exhibitions.

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Engineering: K. N. Baker, R. G. McCarthy, T. A. O'Brien.

Bursaries: K. L. Goodwin, R. G. McCarthy.

### SYDNEY UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AWARDS.

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Gow, B. S.	Peters, W. G.	Storey, D. J.
Halloran, R. L.	McCarthy, R. G.	Stratford, G. A.
Holdstock, R. J.	McKilligan, R. S.	Vester, R.

### TEACHERS' COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

Anderson, D.	Fernon, D. M.	Nicholls, G. T.
Clyne, R. S.	Holdstock, R. J.	Wright, B. R.

### INTERMEDIATE BURSARIES.

Armsworth, J. W.	Spencer, J. A.	Wynne, B. P.
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Graham, A. A.	Douglas, R.	
Hansen, L. A.	Langshaw, F. L.	
Roche, C. M.	Maloney, J. E.	

### PRIZE LIST.

1. Captain's Prize (For Service): John Wright.
  2. Dux of School: Ronald McCarthy.
  3. Principal's Prize, also 2nd in 5th Year (for Service and Scholarship): Kenneth Goodwin.
  4. Old Boys' Prize (For Sport and Scholarship): William Peters.
  5. Parr Prize (for Debating): Kenneth Baker.
  6. Lough Prize (For Citizenship): Barclay Wright.
  7. Homebush West—Strathfield Sub-Branch R.S.S.A.I.L.A. Prize (For All-round Merit): Henry Mater
- Fifth Year: 3rd, Ronald Wiltshire.
- Fourth Year: 1st, James Hayes; 2nd, James Tierney; 3rd, John Meredith.
- Third Year: 1st, Graeme Sanders; 2nd, Kurt Cremer; 3rd, Leonard Hansen.
- Second Year: 1st, Malcolm McFarlane; 2nd, David Miller; 3rd, John Macrae.
- First Year: 1st, Frank Phillipson; 2nd, David Jauncey; 3rd, Ern Elbing.

### LEAVING CERTIFICATE.

KEY TO SUBJECTS: 1, English; 2, Latin; 3, French; 4, German; 5, Mathematics I; 6, Mathematics II; 7, General Mathematics; 8, Applied Mathematics; 9, Modern History; 12, Physics; 13, Chemistry; 17, Geography; 18, Economics; 23, Accountancy; 35, Technical Drawing; 36, Woodwork; 37, Metalwork.





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Baker, K.N.: Mathematics I. First  
 Cotham, R. L.: Physics, First.  
 Foster, W. J.: Mathematics I, Second. Mathematics II, Second.  
 Goodwin, K. L.: English, Second; French, Second.  
 Halloran, R. L.: Chemistry, Second.  
 McCarthy, R. G.: Mathematics I, First.  
 McKilligan, R. S.: Mathematics I, Second; Maths. II, Second.  
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## Parents and Citizens' Association

## OFFICE BEARERS, 1952.

Patron: Dr. L. G. Parr, M.L.A.

President: Mr. K. Marr, J. P.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. J. Murphy and Mr. C. Duffy.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. G. A. Macindoe.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. N. Armsworth.

During the year, the P. and C. Association met regularly. Its main objective, as last year, was the raising of funds for the Reference Library. The method adopted was by appeals, the first result in £110/14/8 being raised.

Unfortunately the attendance at the regular monthly meeting has



not been large, and we appeal to the parents to make an effort to come along. We must realise that we are partners with the Department of Education in the education of our boys. We should consider ourselves privileged to have them at Homebush Boys' High to complete their education and equip them for their place in the community. Remember, "The boys of today are the men of tomorrow." These boys are our sons. Never let it be said that we have let them down at possibly the most critical period in their lives.

The Parent and Son Night held during the year was a great success, and it is felt that more of these functions would bring greater interest by parents.

— Kenneth Marr, President.

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## The Ladies' Auxiliary.

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### OFFICER BEARERS, 1952.

President: Mrs. A. Phillips.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. D. Angel, Mrs. K. Cox.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. T. E. Collins.

I am very pleased to be able to give, through the School Magazine, a brief account of some of our activities this year.

We entertained for the first time parents of new boys at morning tea on the two enrolment days; arranged suppers for the P. and C. Parent and Son Evening, for dances and the Science Teachers' Meeting. Lunches were provided on Sports Day, while one of our biggest functions was the Fourth Year Farewell to Fifth Year. The Auxiliary was also responsible for counting and checking the money received from the appeal for Library funds made by the P. and C.

This year, with the help of the School, we have our district lists of parents, and our representatives are trying to interest more mothers in the pleasant task of aiding the School and our boys. The President, Mrs. Phillips, and I thank the ladies who have given so generously of their time and energy. It is a small group compared with the size of the School, and we look forward to welcoming more helpers next year.

— Nora M. Collins, Hon. Secretary.

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## DEBATING.

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The Senior and Junior Debating Teams had an enjoyable and profitable year. Early in the year, the Senior Team visited Hornsby Girls' High School and gained much valuable experience, although the team was defeated by the girls. A trial debate was arranged for the Senior team against Canterbury, but Homebush was defeated by a small margin.

In the Hume Barbour Debating Competition, the Senior team, consisting of C. Lambert, T. Carter, J. Angel and W. Harvey, debated against teams from Fort Street, Parramatta, Hurlstone, Sydney and Wollongong High Schools. The team was defeated by the last two, and was thereby eliminated from the semi-finals.

The Junior team, comprising K. Odbert, J. Ewer, N. Cox, N. Smith and L. Hansen, gained much experience, though they did not reach the semi-finals.

In the Royal Empire Society's Public Speaking Competition, Homebush was represented by ten Senior and ten Junior debaters. The marks gained by all were commendable, though Homebush was not as successful as some other schools.

House debating was conducted this year, as in other years, Lawson winning the Senior section and Sturt the Junior section. The over-all winner was Lawson. The standard of debating this year was good, and those who debated showed keen interest.

Finally, tribute must be paid to the work of Mr. Kevans, Mr. England, Mr. Marks, and to the teachers who debated against the Senior team. This debate was very helpful to the team.

— V. Dalton, 4A, President.

(The enthusiasm of, and the work done by, V. Dalton and J. Angel were largely responsible for the success of the Inter-House Debating Competition—Editor.)

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## MUSIC IN THE SCHOOL.

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Although the School Orchestra of fifteen is not great in numbers this year, it has reached a high standard of efficiency. With the introduction of additional instruments, namely a trombone, clarinet and two violins, during the year the Orchestra was reorganised, and a better balance created with the bass instruments giving more body. The Orchestra's performance helped to make Empire Day celebrations a success, while later in the year the Orchestra played a prominent part in the Music and Drama Festival, a full account of which is given elsewhere.

The First Year Choir performed creditably, leading the singing of National Songs on Empire Day. In addition, a two-part Choir was well represented at the Secondary Schools' Concert given in the Sydney Town Hall in June. At this concert, incidentally, our talented young organist, Robert Smith, played Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in C Minor" on the Grand Organ.

Several A.B.C. Young People's Concerts held at the Sydney Town Hall were attended and enjoyed by groups of boys from the School.

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## I. S. C. F.

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The Inter-School Christian Fellowship has had quite a successful year. Steady and encouraging progress has been made. The movement, which is interdenominational in character, aims at presenting Jesus Christ as a living Saviour, to teach the truths of the Bible, and to provide Christian fellowship for those who desire it.

The Senior leader for the year has been Jim Hayes—School Senior Prefect—while the Junior leader has been John Maloney. They have been assisted by a very live and capable committee.

Most of the meetings were addressed by members, but a number of special speakers have visited the School.

Special mention must be made of and thanks given to the Headmaster for his unfailing support, and also to Mr. Leeder, Mr. Carson and Mr. England, for the interest they have shown.

This year has seen many boys brought within sound of the Christian message, which is so vital to them if they are to play their part in life. Christianity is a life—not a religion; and all boys are invited to attend the meetings, which are held on Mondays and Thursdays in Room 27 at 12.35 p.m.

— J.H., 5A; J.M., 4A.



## AIR TRAINING CORPS.

At the end of this year No. 11 Flight, Homebush, will have been established eight years. During this time the Flight has made good progress and many of its members have met with success in the R.A.A.F. The Flight was formed in 1944 with P/O P. Piper as O.C. In 1948 our present O.C., F/Lt. W. L. Havard, took over. F/O A. J. Tod, D.F.C., is our Adjutant, and F/O W. J. Barter our Chief Instructor.

1952 has been a very good year for the A.T.C. at Homebush. Besides our officers we have five N.C.O.'s and about forty-five cadets. We have been well represented at School vacation camps that have been held at R.A.A.F. Stations (Canberra, Schofields and Rathmines), and we have taken part in Service ceremonies in the city and at Manly.

At shooting practice at Malabar and at Homebush Drill Hall, several cadets have shown promise, and we hope to have a representative in the N.S.W. Squadron rifle team to visit Victoria next year.

Our Flight strength is restricted to about fifty-five, and therefore future enrolment will be competitive. All boys intending to join the Flight next year should submit their applications for consideration before the end of this year

— J.K.

## SCHOOL FINANCES.

The School Fee was increased at the beginning of the year to £2/10/0. Of this, £1 represents the textbook hire fee, and £1/10/0 the Union or General Service fee.

The charge for book hire represents a considerable saving to parents who would otherwise be faced with the prospect of paying out a much larger sum for text books not provided by the Education Department.

During 1950 an amount of £788/10/0 was spent on the purchase of text books, and during the current year the figure has risen to £840/18/3.

It will be realized from these figures that the fee charged and paid by about 800 boys just covers the replacement of text books year by year.

We emphasise again that the Union fee is not merely a sports fee. Though much of it is spent in providing sporting equipment, paying ground fees, giving assistance to touring teams and buying certain physical training equipment, there are other avenues through which the money is diverted.

All duplicating materials necessary for examinations, notes and circulars are purchased from this fund, while books and periodicals are added to the library from the same source. First aid equipment is purchased, and in addition, by arrangement with the Western Suburbs District Hospital, free ambulance and hospital casualty services are provided in certain cases of accident or sickness at the School or at playing areas in the Western Suburbs.

One of the School telephones (but not staff calls) is maintained and the publication of this School Magazine is made possible by the payment of the General Service fee.

Apart from the small expenditure on fares, the average pupil is not called upon to pay any other additional charge, and in all the School is able to function as an efficient working unit. This is so necessary if the School is to be worthy of its High School status.

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They need extra money for extra buildings this year, as well as to meet cost of upkeep.

### OUR SCHOOL EFFORT.

Our newspaper collection brought in about half a ton at 14/- per cwt. Will you continue this good work everywhere?

Five picture shows netted £15/1/2, but the Class Charity Managers brought in £29 in eight months. 2E was the most generous class, giving £3/3/10, through K. Keyes. The runners-up were 5A, J. T. Campbell; 3E, B. George; 1A, B. Elliott; 4A, K. Cremer; 1C, Lark and Hurling; 2C, A. Foster; 2A, W. Thornley; 1B, G. Bell; 4B, D. Hurt.

Sale of badges at one shilling each is helping to raise funds for the Re-building. Our total is to date is £48, about 1d. per person.

The School Organiser (Mr. Cullen) thanks you, one and all, for your fine generosity to a worthy cause. The appeal will go on every week the School is open.

## ARMY CADETS.

1952 has been quite a successful year for Homebush High School Cadet Detachment, although the annual camp has not been held yet. This most important feature of the Detachment's work has been postponed until December, to avoid disruption of the Cadets' class-work. With examination worries behind them, cadets are able to concentrate on the intensive course of training which is possible under the excellent circumstances in camp.

As the main aim of cadet training is to develop potential leaders and officers, we feel that this year's platoons have revealed excellent material from which future N.C.O.'s and commissioned officers may develop. Their bearing and general keenness are in keeping with the high standard set in previous years.

The Detachment wishes to take this opportunity of welcoming Lt. A. Goodsell, who has become our second-in-command.

Our thanks are due to the good work of Cadet Lt. C. Roche, Cadet Lt. J. Ross, Warrant Officer V. Dalton, S/Sgt. W. Colless, Sgt. J. Boukaseff, Sgt. A. Marsh.

The Annual Camp, which was held at Glenfield Military Camp last December, was a most enjoyable and beneficial experience for all those cadets who attended. Cadets Lts. C. Roche and J. Ross, and Sgt. J. Boukaseff, have benefited greatly from their attendance at the Potential Officers' Course at Singleton last December, when Sgt. Marsh, Cpl. Dunstan and Cpl. Ball attended a Potential N.C.O.'s Course.

Warrant Officer V. Dalton showed most commendable spirit in foregoing his chance of attending the Potential Officers' Course in order to assist at the Unit's Annual Camp.

— W. E. McCulloch, Captain, O.C. Detachment.



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## MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL.

The Festival for the year 1952 was perhaps the best ever seen at the School. A very high standard was reached in both plays, and in the Gilbert and Sullivan production. The Festival was held for three days—Monday, 19th August, when the plays were presented to the School, while on Tuesday and Wednesday, 20th and 21st August, the audience consisted of parents and friends of the School pupils. On all three occasions the Assembly Hall was filled to capacity.

The School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Lipscomb, opened the proceedings with "Nights of Gladness." Special mention must be made of the grand job the Orchestra did. It was heard said that the Orchestra was the best the School had ever produced.

The 4A players, under the guidance of Mr. Jones, presented "Umhampered," a play about old English school-life, showing how the school boys presented a melodrama in blank verse. The leading parts were excellently taken by Paul Brown, David Horton, and Norm Cox, the supporting cast consisting of R. Watts, A. Roughley, A. Clarke, V. Dalton, R. Ainsworth, L. Hansen, J. Ewer, G. Lee, K. Cremer and N. Stuart.

The 4B play, "The Bosun's Mate," was preceded by an orchestral rendition of a "Selection of Old English Airs." The cast although only small, built up much atmosphere, and the actors must be congratulated on such a good performance. Much credit must go to Mr. Gordon, under whose guidance the play was presented. The cast was: M. Smith, J. Ross and R. Andrews. Following interval, the School presented "Trial by Jury," a Gilbert and Sullivan production.

— J. Maloney, 4A.

### "TRIAL BY JURY."

The final feature on each night of the Music and Drama Festival was the musical comedy, "Trial by Jury." It was a great success and seemed to please the audience with its witty, fast-moving songs.

All parts were well acted and sung, but I think Michael Gulley deserves special mention. The previous year we saw his capable handling of the conceited Ralph Rachstraw, but this year he portrayed an old judge whose quaint mannerisms kept the audience rolling with mirth. Gulley must be one of the most versatile actors we have in Homebush.

Robert Phelan, the plaintiff, played his difficult part very well, and has a clear, strong soprano voice. He might have been a little less reserved in his reactions to his many suitors, but this rather added to his charm. Everyone enjoyed, no doubt, the excellent singing of the debonair defendant, Warren Colless, the only sane character in the opera.

Most efficient and suitable for the part of counsel for the plaintiff was Eric Beattie. He handled his part dexterously and must be commended for the professional way he "ad-libbed" his way out of the inevitable mishap which can happen to any company. As foreman of the jury, Robert Ainsworth played the role of a dashing blade of the times. This role suited him very well; he hardly needed to act at all. The usher, David Hardwick, played his part intelligently. His timing was perfect and his expression animated the play, while his magnificent voice brought the dust down from the roof.

The supporting cast consisted of the bridesmaids, gentlemen of the jury, and public. The dainty bridesmaids, as exquisite as the flowers in spring were: D. Air, P. Jones, R. Heppie, I. McCulloch, J. Parker, D. Reece, B. Smith, R. Smith. Those handsome creatures, the gentlemen of the jury, were: R. Ainsworth, R. Andrews, V. Dalton,

A scene from "The Bo'sun's Mate."



G. Foster, G. Lee, T. Odbert, L. MacIver, N. Stuart, L. Rogerson, B. Wormald, D. Hart and B. Somerville. Those fascinating females you saw sitting watching proceedings—the public—were: R. Ashby, G. Beard, J. Bowyer, G. Hayes, D. King, J. Middleton, A. Phillips, R. Ryan, J. Slatyer, B. Steel, K. Wilkinson, R. Wood.

The dancing, singing and general conduct of the choruses was excellent, and we congratulate the whole cast on the obvious delight with which the audience received the operetta.

Now a word must be said for those who themselves never appear on the stage, but do everything else to make the show a success. The first to be mentioned are Miss Perrin, the producer, and Mr. Lipscomb, the musical director. Had it not been for their untiring efforts at rehearsals, the show would never have gone on.



A scene from "Trial By Jury."





A scene from "Unhampered."

The stage manager, Mr. Brown, rendered invaluable services in preparing stage properties and keeping all props in their right places. Giving a professional touch to the production we had Mr. Moss and his team of technicians in charge of the excellent lighting, and Miss Perrin and Mr. Dyet with their team of make-up experts.

As usual, the Ladies' Auxiliary gave their services in the sale of sweets, and the smooth running of the management was ensured by Mr. Hensley and the prefects. Lastly, our thanks must go to Mr. Cox, who unselfishly gave his time to make sure everything was secure at the end of each night.

On the last night, Rodney Andrews made a fine speech, thanking all who had participated in and assisted in making the show what it was. Once again, Miss Perrin and Mr. Lipscomb were unwilling to be exhibited on the stage, but they gave in and were given a rousing acclamation.

— N. Stuart, 4A.

## Memories.

Along the sandy beaches  
In the early hours of morn,  
There strolls an old sea captain;  
His face is long and drawn.

For the sea to him brings memories  
Of days when he was young,  
When he was sailing on those seas,  
And felt the ladder's rung.

He sees a ship, and there is he,  
There upon the bow,  
Just as he was years before,  
Yet here he is right now.

And by him there, he sees his mates,  
His friends of long ago:  
And now he turns and walks away,  
His face is all aglow.

— F. Phillipson, 2C.

## OLD BOYS' UNION.

### OFFICE BEARERS, 1952.

For their help and assistance, we should like to thank Mr. Golding for making available a room and press, and for his helpful suggestions, and Mr. Johnson, who has shown interest in the Club.

**Patrons:** Mr. R. A. Golding, Mr. W. Roberts.

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**Committee:** D. Storey, B. Middleton, T. S. Curran, J. Heimann, A. R. Doyle, B. Lyons.

### REPORT, 1952.

The Union, now thirteen years old, wishes to thank the Editors of the School Magazine for this opportunity of presenting a report of its activities during 1952.

Our main social function was again the Annual "Smoko," which took place in the Strathfield Town Hall in May. It was fairly well attended, and those present appeared to enjoy themselves.

The dance held in the School Hall on 20th June was rather poorly attended, but it had been postponed earlier in the month, and this no doubt affected the attendance. We wish to thank the Headmaster, Mr. Golding, and Mr. Cox, together with the Ladies' Auxiliary, for the smooth running of this function.

It was bad luck that the Annual Football and Tennis matches against the School had to be cancelled, especially the football, because this year it would have been a closely contested match.

The Union wishes success to all those sitting for the coming Intermediate and Leaving Certificate Examinations, and hopes that next year a greater percentage of this year's students will become members of the Old Boys' organisation.

— Barry King, Hon. Secretary.

### OLD BOYS' CORNER.

Our thanks to Mr. C. Johnson, Liaison Officer, and to Barry King for the following information concerning some of our Old Boys. Unfortunately space limitations prevent our mentioning more of them.

**Mr. A. Richardson**, who attended Homebush High in its earliest years, was this year elected to the Federal Parliament.

**Robert Strawbridge, 1946-47.** Served this year in the R.A.A.F. in Korea and flew in an outstanding number of missions. He was awarded the D.F.M.

**Robert Moin, 1945-51.** Played first grade Rugby Union for Eastwood this year, and his team reached the final.

**Bill Horder, 1941-45.** Played first grade with Western Suburbs premiership Rugby League team this year.

**Arthur Fuller, 1937-39.** Is now practising as a barrister and solicitor in Tasmania.

**John Dempsey, 1940-43.** Is now an electrical engineer.

**Trevor Grenenger, 1945-49.** Is now a cadet in the Police Force.

**Edwin Pearce, 1941-45.** School Teacher, is now living in Townsville, Queensland.

**Sam Pearce, 1942-46.** Survey Cadet with the Lands Department.

**Edward Stockdale, 1942-44.** Now working as a Costing Clerk.

**Alan Bainbridge, 1945-49.** Who is remembered as a prominent athlete at School, is now working as a clerk. Still does a bit of good running.

**Frank Jordan, 1945-50.** Now at Sydney Teachers' College. Still an excellent swimmer, and this year he was selected to go to the Helsinki Olympic Games.



## CAREERS.

The dissemination of information about the ever-increasing number of scholarships, traineeships, cadetships, bursaries and exhibitions, has become a very important part of the work of a Careers Adviser. Of the eighty-four successful Leaving Certificate candidates last year, twenty-one gained Commonwealth Open Entrance Scholarships, which enabled them to pursue a course, free of fees, at the universities and other institutions where tertiary education is available. This was almost double the number gained in 1950. As it is possible to obtain £3/5/0 a week as a living allowance in certain cases, these Commonwealth Scholarships are a great boon. The living allowance decreases proportionately as the parents' adjusted income rises from £550 to £1100 per annum.

Thus the possibility of pursuing a University course is open to all who make use of their ability and have the inclination to enter one of the professions or highly skilled trades.

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## CHESS CLUB.

During this term, the Homebush Boys' High School Chess Club was formed. The members selected K. Park (4B) as secretary, and D. Gooch (4B), W. Colless (4B) and W. Dilley (4D) as a committee.

This year we intended to hold a tournament, but owing to examinations, study and lack of time, this will have to be postponed until next year. In 1953 we hope to enter a number of teams in the Inter-School competition, as well as holding our own competitions here at school.

For anyone interested in the game, we play every day at lunch-time in room three — all Chess players are welcome.

— K.P. (4B).

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## Poetry.

One day, just a week ago,  
Our teacher said, "Have a go  
And write a piece of poetry."  
Woe is me! Oh, misery!

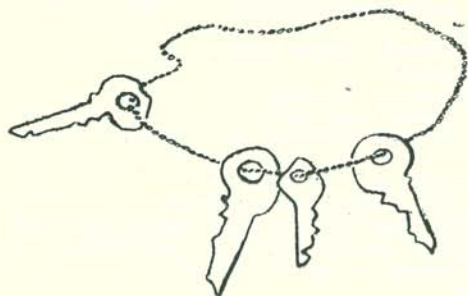
From birth I've been, and I always will,  
Be completely without poetic skill.  
I do not mind a composition,  
But poetry's a different proposition.

The sun outside is brightly shining,  
But my verses are not rhyming,  
And my head is void of thought:  
For this I'll probably get nought.

The stars are twinkling overhead,  
My mother orders, "Go to bed!"  
But still I'm writing poetry,  
And getting nowhere, oh, poor me!

— E. Elbing, 2C.

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 Rose and fell in lazy waves—patterns of gentle thought.  
 The green and gold of gum tips glowed like shades of departed  
 glory  
 In the cool light.  
 Over gibber plains and sandy wastes,  
 Clearness began to shimmer,  
 And solid ranges danced, brown and grey;  
 Or sinuous fog and mist entwined and left to view  
 The sea —  
 A monstrous being, passion hungry,  
 Rolling, lingering,  
 Sucking the essence of purity —  
 Savouring in each long caress,  
 The golden yellow smoothness of the sand.

Rampant beauty and extravagance —  
 Strength in the muffled roar of cities,  
 In the muffled roar of great silent spaces, strength --  
 We are children, nourished by power and beauty.  
 Power and beauty live and go abroad;  
 And at night —  
 When under fitful silver light, the decoy wattle  
 Ghostly gleamed and glistened murkily  
 Like an inspiration of the infinite —  
 And when the matted mass of jungle  
 In dark night,  
 And the long illimitable sand and dirt  
 Stretching away,  
 Stretching —

A loud call,  
 A terrifying inhuman call,  
 Of anguish  
 Of death,  
 Boomed and quivered and echoed  
 From shore and back to shore.  
 The sand shifted uneasily;  
 Bark peeled and died;  
 Leaves shrivelled;  
 Long grass charred;  
 As the death-note boomed and shrieked and wailed.  
 Gripped in pain,  
 The howl of power demented  
 Beat through and through,  
 And died in a soulless groan.

From our land, that stricken land  
 A stench of vile decay  
 Swirled, eddied and gyrated;  
 And the air was sick  
 With the foulness  
 Of rotting brains.  
 It rose up and up,  
 And the sun cascaded through the murk  
 Blood-red.

Self and apathy  
Squatted and gorged  
On the reeking mess of rotting brain —  
And bred a deformed race,  
Disgusting, ugly —  
Poisoning the land,  
And the sea, tasting poison,  
Leaped back in horror,  
Piling back on itself  
Fiercely loathing its desire.

The shadow of the city swung slowly round,  
And turned into smoking liquid —  
Blood;  
And through the liquid shadow  
A shiver ran;  
And it heaved, boiled and seethed  
As it slanted away to a stark patch, to where  
A crow's black shape perched on  
A skull;  
And there was sound of moaning wind  
Crying across the waste —  
And the harsh, hollow rasping  
Of a beak,  
Pecking.

— C. Lambert, 5A.

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## MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

On the thirtieth day of August, 1937, in the city of Tallinn, capital of Estonia (also known as Reval), I first saw the light of this world.

My only recollection of the city of my birth are the 13th century Danish castle, which towered in the heart of the city, and my grandmother's little wooden cottage in one of the outlying suburbs, where I always stayed with my parents on our later visits to Tallinn.

Until the age of six, I lived in the resort town of Parnu, on the south coast of Estonia, when I and my parents were forced, with many others, to leave the country for political reasons. We crossed the Baltic Sea by ship in 1944, arriving at the German port of Gotenhafen in July. From there we took a train to Berlin, where my aunt lived. During our six-month stay in Berlin, I experienced some rather heavy air raids, which at first terrified me, but afterwards, going to an air raid shelter became just a matter of routine.

In February, 1945, we moved from Berlin to the little town of Aussig (now known by another name) on the Elbe river. We lived about a mile from the town, on one of the neighbouring hills, from where we got a good view of the town nestling in a little valley on the banks of the river, guarded by an ancient castle, constructed on a precipitous cliff, and bearing the rather sinister name of Schreckenstein, which literally means "Rock of Fear." Owing to the rapid advance of the Russian forces, we were forced to leave this rather picturesque town, and move on towards the south—a travel period of one month, which I consider to be the most exciting period of my life.

We left Aussig by train at 2 a.m.—a journey of which I remember only being awakened by the thunder of guns just ahead, and the scream of shells overhead. As the engine had received a direct hit, further progress by train was impossible, so we dismounted, and made our way towards the Eger river, at a position a little above the former town of Karlsbad. We spent two days in the vicinity, attempting to find a way across the river, which then formed the border between the Russian and American occupation zones. After dodging a few Russian road patrols, we managed to cross the river near an old bridge. Three hours afterwards that spot was guarded by a Russian sentry.

Once in the American zone, the travelling became easy. We had selected as our destination Munich, which we reached after having walked most of the way from Aussig—about 200 miles.

After a three-day stay in Munich, we moved to the town of Geislingen, about 120 miles from Munich. There, for two years, I attended an Estonian primary school, which differed somewhat from Australian primary schools. The day was divided into eight lessons, the first one commencing at 8 a.m., and the last concluding at about 1 p.m., with breaks of ten minutes between periods, corporal punishment being forbidden.

On the 15th May, 1949, after having passed various boards of officials, we departed for Australia, travelling via Munich, Frankfurt, Basle, through the Alps, Milan, Turin to Trieste where, on the 20th May, we embarked upon the S.S. "Dundalk Bay" for Australia. Arriving in Melbourne in June, we travelled by train to Sydney, where at present I attend Homebush Boys' High School, where I hope to complete a five-year course.



## FATE.

The night was dark and a slight breeze slowly fanned the garden shrubs outside the windows of Sigmund Lawrence's study, where that gentleman sat at his desk, frowning, as if in deep thought.

He certainly was thinking, about a certain person who was to call upon him that very night. This person's name was John Mansford. It was bad luck that he had found out about Lawrence's hidden past. Yes, very bad luck—especially for him, thought Lawrence. He must be removed, because one in the wealthy social position of Sigmund Lawrence could not afford to have his unsavoury past brought to life in the eyes of those who respected and admired him.

Mansford was coming to-night to blackmail him; a sum of ten thousand pounds was to be paid to keep his mouth closed, but Lawrence had a way in which he would be able to seal it forever.

A knock came at the door and the maid entered, "There is a gentleman here who wishes to see you, sir," she announced.

"Show him in," replied Lawrence.

A slightly built, dark complexioned, well dressed man entered the room, and, waiting for the door to close, said, "Good evening, Sigmund. I trust you are prepared for our little business deal together?"

"Of course! I have the money here ready for you, but I warn you, you will not get any more out of me!"

The blackmailer laughed sarcastically, and replied, "What can you do about it, when I know so much?"

Lawrence said nothing, but, glaring sullenly at the grinning face before him, began counting out the money on the edge of the desk nearest Mansford. One of the notes dropped short and, in his eagerness, Mansford leant across the desk to retrieve it. This was the moment Lawrence had been waiting for; he grabbed the man around the neck and began to strangle him. As he tightened his grip, the man's eyes bulged from their sockets, his face discoloured to a dark blue, and gurgling noises came from his throat as he struggled violently. At last he went limp and his head lolled to one side. The blackmailer had breathed his last!

Lawrence stood there, breathlessly staring at him for a while, and then, opening the french windows, he carried the body through the garden and into his car, which he had left parked in the side driveway. He then leapt in and, driving out of the grounds, sped in the direction of the country.

Arriving at a lonely swamp about a mile off the main highway, he dragged the body from the car and, weighting it with iron from the boot of his car, rolled it off some rocks into the slimy black water. Waiting until the bubbles had ceased to rise, he made his way back home.

The next morning after breakfast he was looking out of the windows towards the gates when, to his shocked amazement, he saw coming up the drive a police patrol-car. "How did they find out?" he thought. "Did the maid see me leave the house, or did someone see me dump the body? Well, they're not going to hang me!"

With cold beads of perspiration oozing from his pallid skin, he staggered to his study, sat down, and opening a drawer, pulled out an automatic. He gazed at the dull glossiness of it for a moment and then, raising it to his temple, he squeezed the trigger.

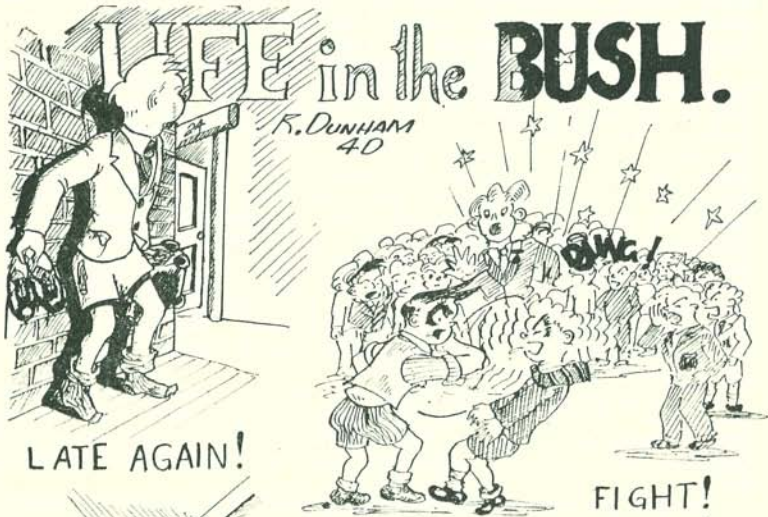
The two patrolmen gazed at the body slumped forward across the desk.

"We heard the shot as we were about to knock," said one of the policemen to the detective who had just arrived.

"I see," he said. "What were you doing here?"

"Why, we just came to let Mr. Lawrence know that we had found one of his pet dogs run over down the road a bit!"

If only Sigmund Lawrence had known! Fate deals her cards strangely, but justly.  
— John Baker, 3C.



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## FIRST FLIGHT.

The memory of that day remains imprinted on my mind, the day I mounted the ladder of a 'plane and went aloft.

The sunlight sifted through fiat, lazy clouds, hanging so high above in the bright azure sky. I guess there must have been nearly thirty cadets gathered on that big cement apron waiting to become airborne. Our officer-in-command divided us into groups of six or eight, while the crew boarded the 'plane.

The pilot switched on the starboard motor, the prop. turned once, twice, a puff of black smoke shot from the side of the engine; the roar of the engine rolled across the ground and deafened our eardrums. The 'plane shook and trembled under the mighty power of the engine, and the ground seemed to shake and reverberate with the sound of it. I was in the first group, and after we had assembled, our names were checked, while we stood there waiting for the second engine to start. The prop. had been turning slowly for about ten minutes, till suddenly it sprang to life. The Catalina, a twin-engined, long-range patrol sea-plane rocked on her tricycle undercarriage. The din was fantastic. We tucked our caps in our belts, and climbed into the bomber by way of the port or left rear blister. We had no parachutes, a fact which rather surprised me. We were spread out through the fuselage, my friend, Rex, and I sitting opposite each other, where the wheels retracted.

The pilot eased the brakes off and we rolled down the ramp into the water. We waved a hasty good-bye to the other cadets as the 'plane headed up the lake. We saw the black and yellow crash-boats following at a respectful distance while we turned prior to taking off.

By now our wheels were up and we could feel the aircraft picking up speed as we headed into the wind. The 'plane swayed gently and the spray hurled aside from our curved bow was a sight to see. Our nose lifted, the 'plane trembled, we all hung on as we lifted from the water, and as we began to climb, I grinned and looked at Rex.

Rex was a small boy, with a slightly uptilted nose, and freckled cheeks, and a mass of blond hair, tinged with ginger. His face was flushed with excitement, and he could only grin back.

We headed away from the camp and climbed steadily until we levelled off at about fifteen hundred to twenty-one hundred feet. The pilot flew in a wide arc, banking now and then, so as to obtain a good view of the country-side. Cars and trucks looked like ants and the people walking along looked like tiny specks.

We circled and headed back to base after an enjoyable cruise of about a quarter of an hour's duration. The 'plane came down in a shallow dive, the pilot levelled her off, and as we touched the water, the hull seemed to sound as if we were cracking and splitting. As we lost speed, our wheels came down and we headed for the ramp. So ended my first flight.

— J. Lou, 3D.

## The Ocean.

The ocean is an artist's dream,  
The colours in it seem to gleam,  
The greens, the purples, yellows, blues;  
These are but few of the numerous hues  
Visible to those who have the sight  
For the beauty, the dark and bright.  
And, when at dusk, the sunset glows  
Across its expanse, light crimson shows.

— A. Foster, 2C.

## THE SOVEREIGN TRAIL.

He stood there in the moonlight, an unearthly glow surrounding him, his body transparent and a gaping wound stretching across his brow.

"Beneath the carpet  
Under the bed,  
Follow the trail  
To where you're led."

His words floated weirdly through the night air to Emily, standing in the doorway of her home.

"Grandad!" she cried in fear, and then everything seemed to become blurred . . . and then black.

Awakening to the hum of voices, she gasped, "I've just seen grand-dad!"

"You should be in a straight-jacket!" retorted her younger brother sarcastically.

After having answered innumerable questions and having been told she was imagining things (for her Grandfather had been dead for many years, supposedly killed for his gold by his bookkeeper), Emily sneaked to her Grandfather's room. Rolling up the carpet from beneath the bed, she found a sovereign with these words inscribed on it:

"Beneath the floor  
In the shed,  
Follow the trail  
To where you're led."

Emily rushed to the shed where she found under the floor another sovereign which read:

"In the tomb  
Which is my bed,  
Find my gold  
Beneath the lead."

Trembling, she stole towards the tomb and slowly entered. She glanced fearfully around and recognised her Grandfather's coffin by the small leaden image of him which was on the wall above it. After prising the leaden image from the wall, Emily felt inside the small cavity which had been revealed. Her fingers touched cold metal . . . Yes! a gold sovereign. She swiftly pulled it out and saw to her dismay another inscription:

"Beneath a sheet  
Was your brother Fred,  
He played the part  
Of your Grandfather dead.  
The "Sovereigns" perceive,  
Were made to deceive,  
And this little farce  
Is nothing but brass!"

— R. Dunstan, 3A.

## The Bush.

The tall, grey gum which stands alone,  
And the bubbling creek that flows by my home;  
The birds that sing, the rustling grass,  
Whisper a song to me as I pass.

— B. Sharp, 2C.



## THE PETERSVILLE GHOST.

Young Ronny Kilroy was a well-educated boy of fourteen, attending the Petersville High School. He lived in an old but beautiful mansion, one "Green Meadows" by name.

One morning as Ronny awoke in his corner bedroom, he noticed that the corner of his room had been sealed off by a brick wall, so forming a triangle. Of course, he had noticed it before, but he didn't know why his bedroom should be the only corner room with this peculiarity. He thought of several reasons, but none of them seemed likely so he decided to question his mother on the subject.

When he eventually ran down the rickety stair-case to breakfast, he found that his father had already gone. This suited his purpose admirably, as his father had become quite sick of his continual questioning. When he was only half-way through his breakfast he said, "Mum, why is the corner of my bedroom sealed off?"

"Well," sighed his mother, 'I've tried to keep it from you, but I suppose it won't hurt now. Years ago, when this house was quite new, my great-grandfather used to hold jousts here in the yard to raise money for a so-called charity, but he never actually participated in any of these jousts. However, the public soon forced him to take part in this sport, but, on the great day he couldn't be found anywhere. A thorough search of the house was made, until they found him cringing in the cellar. For this he was branded as a coward and, to escape from his shame, his family was said to have sealed him up in the corner of your bedroom. It's all just so much twaddle, but many people say they have heard his ghost crying out, "Water! Water!"

"How ridiculous," exclaimed Ronny, half-convinced.

He then forgot about it until that night when he went to bed. He looked at the corner and wondered if his great-great-grandfather was behind it. Then, laughing at himself for believing such a tale, he hopped into bed and slept soundly until three o'clock. At this time he was suddenly awakened by a faint voice croaking "Water! Water!" Ronny buried his head in the clothes and told himself he had imagined it. But then it came again, the unmistakable "Water! Water!" Ronny fell out of bed and raced to his mother's room.

"Mum!" he shouted, "I heard the ghost."

"Don't be silly," she yawned, "you were only dreaming."

"But I heard it," insisted Ron.

"Oh, then, sleep with me and let your father sleep in your room," she said disgustedly.

"Oh, all right," growled his father, and stamped off.

Mr. Killroy slept soundly until at six o'clock he heard, "Water! Water!" He sprang out of bed and raced downstairs to tell his wife, who was just preparing breakfast. She looked at him, and said that he might as well settle it once and for all by knocking down the wall. Slowly, he went back and dressed himself, then went to get a heavy mallet to execute the operation. By this time, Ronny was out of bed, and stood beside his mother while his father bashed at the wall. On the third stroke, a section of the wall gave way. Instantly a white figure rushed from within, screaming and fluttering, until it came to rest on the dressing table.

Then Mr. and Mrs. Killroy and Ronnie laughed until tears ran down their cheeks, for, sitting on the dressing table was the neighbour's parrot, which had flown in through a broken ventilator.

— D. Taylor, 3C.

## THE PREFECTS' ROOM.

Some time ago, the prefects' room came into being. One morning it was but a humble room for cleaners' implements, and by lunch time it had become the official headquarters of the "peerage."

All the prefects seemed most enthusiastic. In no time the bare floor was covered with mats, which somebody described as "Asiatic" or "Chinese"—I can't remember which. Then, quite mysteriously, a fine carpet—so fine that one of the masters proposed a change—was smuggled into the room, and the mats then adorning the floor were transferred to the rather thin wall separating the prefects' room from Mr. M.—'s 'cubby-house."

What a risk the prefects take having a room adjoining the notorious "den"! I have often regarded the rather large hole in the ceiling of the prefects' room and wondered if this, like some of the internal decorations of the chemistry laboratory, is the aftermath of some great scientific discovery.

This new room caused a great deal of interest among the prefects; a committee was appointed "for the beautification of the Prefects' Room," and made a great deal of progress; tables suddenly appeared — unfortunately, no chairs were available, due to a "delay" in the delivery of new departmental chairs; two garbage tins were supplied, one brand new, for the prefects' use; and a neatly printed notice pinned to the door by drawing pins, informed those passing by that this was indeed the "Prefects' Room."

When the room was first acquired, the committee in charge of it hoped to introduce darts, or some other game, for the leisure hours of the prefects. Perhaps the idea that thirty people in that room disturbed the originators of this scheme, or perhaps it was feared that the prefects might be led astray from their duties to pursue more pleasant pastimes. Whatever the cause, the idea certainly went no further.

The prospect of installing a wireless with the help of J.T. and those other prefects talented in such spheres, was also considered, but the approach of exams., together with a financial shortage, seems to have drawn the prefects' attention away from the matter.

When the room was originally taken over, many prefects suggested that here was a very convenient place to make the law-breakers line up, as they do outside another famous room in the school. It was decided, however, that such a use of this room would result in "congestion in the corridor," so the proposal was abandoned. What a pity! It would have given what designers call "balance" to the upper corridor.

Since the first hectic days, the prefects' room appears to have lost much of its glory. Few people visit it now and the names once written in chalk under the coat hangers on the walls are now beginning to fade.

Nevertheless, in its short role as "Prefects' Room," it has already served as a class-room for the French Honours Class, a preparation room for the Senior Debating Team, and as a convenient eating-place for some of the prefects. Doubtless it has served many other unusual purposes, too, and will shortly house the visiting students from the Teachers' College.

It is to be hoped that its wide variety of uses will continue, so as to form a colourful tradition, for this, the "Homebush Boys' High Prefects' Room."

— J.A.



## THE HORNSBY DEBATE.

Early this year, the traditional journey was made to Hornsby by members of the School Debating team and the prefects. Upon arrival at Hornsby, the group became a little divided. Some were very thirsty and wanted a drink; nobody seemed too sure where the school was; and the position was aggravated when one young enthusiast in his haste to arrive at the school on time, proceeded to march off smartly in the wrong direction.

Eventually, the school was reached, and, after the preliminary introductions were completed with remarkably little awkwardness, the prefects were shown over the school by their charming hostesses, whilst the debaters settled down to hard work in the rather spacious and very well-kept library.

After approximately an hour's preparation, the Homebush debaters were collected and taken to the hall, where the young ladies proved rather conclusively that "the decline in chivalry is due to the modern woman." This, in case the reader may wonder, was done by constructing a far superior line of argument to that used by the Homebush team.

It seemed rather unusual that the girls accepted the blame for the decline in chivalry, whilst the boys endeavoured to prove that the fault lay entirely in modern men. This seems to indicate that chivalry has not declined at all!

At the conclusion of the debate, afternoon tea was served on the lawn at the back of the school, after which the debaters were shown over the school.

Just before we left, one of the Homebush prefects tried to thank a Hornsby teacher, by telling her that "we all had a wonderful afternoon." In answer to this, she said, "I'm sure you DID!" Confidently, I'm inclined to agree, I'm sure we did too. — J.R.A.

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## A HAUNTING DISCOURSE.

What is fascinating in a haunted house? What makes most people sit rigid in their seats at a cinema when a large grey, mysterious house appears on the screen? What makes them shiver and chew their fingernails? Is it a lust for adventure or the age old question of the supernatural? In my opinion, it's neither. I believe it to be an emotion common to all, which increases or decreases according to age and character, and which is the most responsive of all feelings. This probably accounts for the great popularity of such romantic novels as horror and detective stories. Millions are published and eagerly read, whether written by feeble encroachers on the door-step of literature or by the great novelists themselves. "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," written by the masterful Stevenson, will last indefinitely.

It is a well-publicised fact (true or false I don't know) that some authors, in order to gain quietness, go to some old mansion to write their mystery novel. I suppose they are in their right element there, and can capture the correct atmosphere in the words and thus not only thrill the daring reader, but also make a financial success of their work. Invariably, the house to which they go is haunted (or has some similar characteristic). I saw a film like that once, but the "haunting" was all put up by the author's rival, because he did not wish the book written. The rival's daughter was the chief "haunting" spirit, and although he did not finish the book, the author got the girl instead (charming, wasn't it?) Of course, all mysteries don't end like that, as you shall see if you read on.

At about half-past ten one night, I happened to turn on to a programme for those with the nerve to listen. As usual, it consisted of a ghost story with several interludes of lively songs rendered by especially chosen chorus ghouls.

"In a large room," started the raconteur, "a man is busy writing. He is seated in one corner, the rest of the room being taken up by heavy pieces of furniture, covered with white sheets. A fire is dying in the grate, while from under the door came blasts of icy wind, pushing in fluffy pieces of snow. The windows rattle, and the writer puts down his pen. The single lamp casts ghastly shadows on the wall as he faces the room. Suddenly, a knock on the door! Dragging himself out from underneath an oaken table, where he had dived with fright, the shivering author unlocked the door, and slowly, so slowly, opened it. His eyes popped, and he stood frozen as his wife entered. They were a couple dearly in love; she had come to keep him company while he wrote his book. They sat on a covered sofa, and gazed into each other's eyes. However, their eyes widened when they heard the stroke of twelve. And then it happened: sparks flew from the fire; the windows rattled; snow flew under the door. But worse than all, a hand appeared around an inner door. It came closer, groping around the room, with nothing but a long, hairy arm connected to it. The girl screamed and fainted, but her heroic husband fought this escapee from a nightmare, only to be strangled by one of its long fingers. When the wife awoke, she found her beloved at her feet and a skeleton hand on the floor. \* She spent the rest of her life crying her eyes out in remorse. — Cheerio!" concluded the story-teller.

Well, were you excited, loosening your choking collar and wiping the sweat off young hot face at that tale? That's strange, neither was I! Apparently my earlier philosophy was wrong.

— L. Hansen, 4A.



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## The Solitude of a Bushland Night.

Just as the summer evening changed to twilight dusk I lay down my novel to glance at the sun, which was now descending rapidly towards the western plains.

Shadows lengthened and enveloped the earth, the sun sank lower, and the creatures! animals, reptiles and insects all alike, sought sanctuary in the nearby bushland.

Then, as though giving the earth a parting gesture, the sun threw out a golden beam, then sank below the plains; the shadows once more sprang up, as though embracing the returning wanderers, but they only hurried all the more and plunged deeper and deeper into the woods.

Ever and anon, the mournful cry of an owl would break the silence with a soft harmonious "oowh-ooo," and the mocking-bird would repeat the cry until satisfied that it yet had mastered another call.

Suddenly, the bush grew deadly still, the dark recesses seemed to harbour evil; the knotted, gnarled, twisted and broken trees appeared as grotesque phantoms, ghoulissh monsters and unseemly apparitions.

Silence prevailed, the only light illuminating the scene that of the moon and the phosphorent bodies—the fireflies moving in delicate patterns and alighting calmly on the gently swaying plants. A light came on, a ray pierced the impenetrable undergrowth, a belated rabbit bounded off, then silence once more.

The stars above twinkled, the dark, azure blue dome, supporting them and their satellites, appeared to move as the nimbus clouds rolled on bringing the much needed rain to quench the parched inland.

Wafted along by the cool breeze, the fragrant odour of blue-bells and boronia, rose into the stilled tranquillity of the night air. The water of the nearby billabong, seemingly set in deep moroseful surroundings, ceased to ripple and lap the fern-strewn banks, as the breeze passed on.

Slowly but surely the summer night drew on apace until at last all grew quiet.

— R. T. Anderson.

## Elegy Thought up in a Homebush School Yard.

(With apologies to Tommy Gray)

The rattles toll the knell of many cars,  
The modern trend winds swift o'er the roads,  
The junk man lifts his hammer as they pass,  
And leaves the roads to hold their Dodgeless loads.

Has gone the noble Dodge from out our sight,  
While all Bridge Road a solemn stillness keeps.  
But hark! The Renault purrs his school-ward flight  
His young voice calling midst the traffic's beeps.

And yet the ancient one shall not lose face,  
For, other death bed she will sacrifice  
Her innards for the goodness of her race.  
She's worth her weight in eggs, at any price.

— R. Dunham, 4D.



## HIEMS.

The world grows cold and silent. Frost has driven away the merry guests of summer. Where is the swallow, and where all the others—singers of joy? Only a noisy swarm of sparrows is left fighting for a frozen crust of bread. Fight for your life! For winter spares no weak ones.

A cold north-easter blows through the valley and shakes the snow from leafless trees. The creek is frozen. A mere murmur vaguely indicates that there is still water running beneath the imprisoning crystal. Will the trout be able to winter it?

The icy breath of frost has now frightened away the sparrows. There wasn't anything left to eat, anyhow. Now all is silent. Only the wind monotonously hums through the solemn pine trees and howls in the chimneys—Hoooh! How cold!

Happy he, who has a warm bed and a cosy fire! Switch on the light, it is growing dark and everything is grey—heavens and earth and all.

But to-morrow the sky will be clear and blue—so blue on white, glimmering snow. The warm sun will shine and call you on to the hillside. Down the smooth slope on your skis you will fly like a bird, through the fresh-born morning.

Winter is fun! And —  
soon spring will come back  
and nature awake  
and birds be home for their nesting;  
they sing and sing with the nightingale,  
while the world with blossoms is bursting.

— Volo, 4A.

## The Monarch of the Skies.

The monarch of the skies is said  
To be the royal eagle;  
With fiery eye and lordly head  
He makes a picture regal.

And as he floats above the clouds  
Searching for his prey,  
His wings are like the shrouds  
Of ships, upon a bygone day.

He wheels and soars on through the blue,  
He searches far and wide,  
Until he sees a grazing ewe  
With a small lamb by her side.

Swift as Mercury on winged feet,  
He dives towards his prey,  
And slowly, with majestic beat,  
He carries the lamb away.

— R. Phelps, 2C.

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## HERE AND THERE.

**STAFF CHANGES:** Since our last issue, the following changes in staff have taken place: Mr. W. Hall has gone to Parramatta Junior High; Mr. R. Barry to the Department of Defence Production; Mr. J. Byrne to Richmond District Rural; Mr. A. Peisker to Taree High; Miss M. Nash to St. George Girls' High; Mr. J. Harrison to Ashfield Secondary; Mr. J. Mathers resigned; Mr. R. Bealin on long service leave; Mr. A. Tod transferred to Maths. Department; Mr. D. Thornton to Canterbury Junior High.

Our good wishes go with these in their new spheres of activity.

Mr. M. Marks from Forbes High, replacing Mr. J. Tierney, is English Master; Mr. R. England (English), Mr. L. Naylor (Maths), Mr. L. W. Tompson (Science), Mr. W. Curtis (Modern Languages), later transferred to Cook's Hill Intermediate High; Mr. R. Stewart (Modern Languages); Mr. J. Howland (Commercial), later transferred to Randwick High; Mr. B. Morris (Commercial); Mr. A. Harris (Commercial); Mr. F. Suzor (Manual Arts); Mr. D. Drinkwater (Physical Education), later resigned; Mr. R. Blaydon (Physical Education) later resigned to join Permanent Army; Mr. J. Ryan (Physical Education); Miss A. Treglown (relieving); Mr. J. McLaughlin was replaced by Mr. G. Elliott as School Counsellor. To all these new members a hearty welcome.

We are pleased to report other new arrivals. Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. Cullen (a daughter, Juliet Elizabeth); Mr. and Mrs. N. Leeder (a son, Gregory Norman); Mr. and Mrs. A. Goodsell (a daughter, Barbara Anne); Mr. and Mrs. A. Tod (a son, David Victor).

**DOING WELL AT PERTH:** None other than Mr. J. Mathers, who resigned to go to the West. Mr. Mathers is attached to the Staff of Scotch College, Perth. He is making a name for himself in both cricket and football and looks like representing Western Australia against South Australia at football.

We are pleased to see Mr. Stacey and Mr. Johnson back on the job after a spell of sick leave. Their place was taken by Miss A. Treglown.

Some news from our tourist, Mr. R. Bealin, at present on long service leave and, accompanied by Mrs. Bealin, doing the grand tour. Mr. Bealin, who went Home via the East and toured nearly every state in Europe, is now on his way home.

The Empire Day function was again left in the hands of the students. School Captain, Brian Rudd, ably chaired the celebration. After Mr. Golding delivered Lord Gowrie's message, the following students delivered addresses: C. Lambert (Fifth Year), K. Cremer (Fourth Year), W. Jocelyn (Third Year), D. Jancey (Second Year), P. Beatty (First Year). The First Year Orchestra supplied suitable musical items.

During the year parties, mainly from Fifth and Third Years, attended dramatic productions of "Richard the Second" and "Twelfth Night." A film of the L.C. novel for this year, "Mr. Polly," was also shown in the Assembly Hall.

The Assembly Hall has been used at high pressure this year, particularly at the lunch hour—the organiser, Mr. M. Cullen—the cause

— Stewart House Appeal. Quite a large sum has been raised for this worthy cause. The "flics" are quite a feature of School routine these days.

Those gaudy posters in all the class nooms clamouring for waste paper! Yes, it's Mr. Cullen again, and his relentless drive for funds for Stewart House.

Besides being a medium for the collection of spare coin, the Assembly Hall is often-used as a hall of culture. I refer to the phonographic rendering of Elizabethan Song Lyrics by Mr. England and the play reading, "The Importance of Being Earnest" (Oscar Wilde) by Mr. Gordon's 4B English class. Both these efforts were well appreciated by a large audience of Fourth Yearites.

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To do honour to Mr. John Tierney, the first English Master of Homebush High School and well-known Australian author, it was decided to establish a John Tierney Literary Prize for the best literary contribution to the Magazine. We have great pleasure in announcing the first winner of the prize, Colin Lambert, of 4A, with a poem entitled "Decay."

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Last year we made quite a big noise about our scholastic successes, but I think you'll agree that we have eclipsed that record when you read the following: Leaving Certificate Bursaries—K. Goodwin and R. McCarthy; three University of Technology Bursaries R. McCarthy, R. S. McKilligan, A. O'Brien; four University Exhibitions; twenty-one Commonwealth Scholarships; six Teachers' College Scholarships; twelve Intermediate Bursaries. Congratulations, lads.

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Thanks again, Miss Shaw, for the grand job you continue to do on the top floor.

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In the Alliance Francaise oral examination, the following boys were successful: Grade III, Rodney Andrews (4A); John Coady (4A); John Ewer (4A), Len Hansen (4A), Graeme Sanders (4A), Andrew Fisher (3A); Grade IV: William Jocelyn (3A), Noel Shorter (4A); Grade V: Warren Glover (1A), Roy McDaniel (1A), William Jocelyn, first in Grade 4, secured a prize; Noel Shorter third in Grade 4, also secured a prize.

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Mr. Cox certainly has been using that mower to some purpose; the lawns and front garden have never looked better. The lorry drivers have been much more careful this year. Thanks, Mr. Cox, for a very fine job.

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Remember the blitz started last year on the general appearance of the students? Well, it's certainly borne fruit. Haven't seen a "cracker-jack" shirt this year. The bodgie haircuts are out, and ties are definitely in. Wait till you see the uniform next year.

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Homebush was well represented at the All Schools' Carnival this year, gaining two firsts and three thirds. Paul Saint won the Under 15 880 yards, and Colin Elvy repeated his performance at the Combined High by winning the Open Broad Jump. Vernon Cordingley gained third place in the Under 15 Broad Jump; R. Ashby, third in the Under 13 Broad Jump; and Bruce Paton, third in the Under 15 High Jump. Congratulations, boys.

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The School is rather proud of Frank Jordan, its first Old Boy to gain international honours. Frank was a member of the water



polo team at the Olympic Games. Approximately £20 was raised by the School to help send Frank away.

I suppose you all know Mr. Cullen's "Pound Boys," Ivan Russell, John Barber and Brian Guthrie, will, through the carelessness of numerous students, make approximately ten pounds a year. This money is spent on the Science Department to purchase apparatus and chemicals not usually supplied by the Government Stores Department.

I wonder how many boys visit the Chemistry Department Mineral Museum? It has just acquired a number of samples straight from Rum Jungle. These were sent by one of Mr. Wallace's old boys. The outstanding exhibit is a sample of gold ore assaying 2000 ozs. to the ton, from "Noble's Job," the richest mine in the Northern Territory.

This year the Australian Science Teachers' Association honoured Homebush High by holding its annual conference here. Mr. Moss and Mr. Cullen delivered addresses, and there was a display of scientific apparatus, and experiments by the Homebush Boys' High School Science Staff and students.

## "Everlasting"

Like a mighty roaring river,  
Rushing ever onward down,  
Through the valleys, roaring, rushing,  
Never stopped by man or mound;  
Like the loud waves' stormy lashing,  
By the wild and craggy shore,  
Never stopping for one moment,  
Bated not by man-made law;  
Like the awful voice of nature,  
Over earth and over sea,  
Always ever rushing onward,  
Is the love I bear to thee —

K. Odbert, 4C.

## LE CHATEAU.

Like an old ruined castle, it stands in our yard,  
(Built of brick and cement, and it's terribly scarred;  
Some parts have diminished, some parts show bad wear,  
The reason for this is but sad lack of care.

It smokes a great deal, and consumes quite a lot,  
Four bins full each day, both of bread and of rot.  
It pours forth its incense, and parts of its fuel,  
On the teachers and pupils, of Homebush High School.

From the trains that pass by, rude children will shout,  
"Mum, look at the thing with the smoke coming out!"  
But the worst is not told, for in it there dwells

A man whose face is as fierce as his yells —  
"Get out of my castle, and oop to the Head."  
But the fugitives flee, lest they end up in bed.

— D. Sargent, 3C.



## SPORT.

### SPORTSMASTER'S FOREWORD.

We look back on the year 1952 with a good deal of satisfaction. We have at least maintained the progress of previous years, and in some directions we can claim real improvement. Particularly should we be pleased about the vastly improved sporting spirit. Everywhere the comments about Homebush boys are favourable. The cheer squads at combined carnivals have been a credit to us. The dress and bearing of our boys, both on and off the field, have always been exemplary.

But to me, most satisfaction comes from the fact that a greater interest has developed in non-grade sport. The replacement of House competitions by Class competitions was largely responsible for this. The future of the House system is at present under consideration.

In conclusion, my thanks are again due to boys and Staff, whose co-operation is, as always, essential to the good conduct of any sport.

— G. C. Brown.

### SPORTS AWARDS.

#### 1. HOUSE COMPETITIONS:

Mick Simmons Shield (all sports). Not decided.  
 Oldfield Shield (Cricket). Not decided.  
 Priestly-Easson Shield (Football): Lawson.  
 Murdoch Shield (Athletics): Lawson.  
 Jenner Shield (Swimming): Lawson.  
 Angus and Coote Shield (Tennis): Sturt.

#### 2. A.A.A. OF C.H.S. BLUES:

Athletics: C. Elvy.  
 Cricket: Not decided.  
 Tennis: N. Gibson, S. Hicks.  
 Football: N. Summons, B. Fullagar, B. Dredge.

#### 3. SCHOOL BLUES:

Athletics: C. Elvy.  
 Cricket: B. Rudd.  
 Tennis: N. Gibson, S. Hicks.  
 Football: N. Street, B. Dredge, A. Halliburton.  
 Swimming: I. Middleton.

#### 4. CHAMPIONSHIP PENNANTS:

Swimming: Senior, I. Middleton; Junior (under 16), J. Thomas.  
 Junior (under 15), J. Roebuck; Juvenile (under 14) C. O'Brien; Juvenile (under 13), B. Elliott.  
 Athletics (Senior): B. Fullagar; Junior (under 16), J. Whiffen; Junior (under 15), V. Cordingley; Juvenile (under 14), K. Heilmann; Juvenile (under 13), R. Newey.  
 Tennis: Singles, N. Gibson; Doubles, R. Anderson-M. Wheeler.

## TENNIS.



Front Row (left to right): C. Lewis, D. Jocelyn, P. Heath, Mr. S. Jones (coach), R. Anderson, J. Shields, F. Colley.  
 Second Row: H. Home, H. Davidson, M. Wheeler, E. Eager, R. Ainsworth, S. Hicks, R. Eagle.  
 Back Row: R. Benjamin, R. O'Brien, H. Austen, M. Gibson, J. Maloney, B. Webster. Absent: A. Ainsworth.

## COMPETITION POINTS.

	Pl.	Won	Lost	Points
First Grade .....	9	9	0	20
Second Grade .....	9	6	3	14
Third Grade .....	9	8	1	18
Fourth Grade .....	9	6	3	14

## TEAMS.

**First Grade:** N. Gibson (captain), S. Hicks, R. Anderson, M. Wheeler.

**Second Grade:** J. Maloney (captain), H. Home, P. Heath, F. Colley.

**Third Grade:** H. Davidson (captain), B. Webster, E. Eager, D. Jocelyn, R. Ainsworth, J. Shields.

**Fourth Grade:** R. Eagle (captain), C. Lewis, R. Benjamin, A. Ainsworth, H. Austin and R. O'Brien.

For the seventh year in succession the School repeated its success by winning the High Schools' Tennis Competition, Homebush thus retaining its title of champion tennis school. However, though we won the First Grade very comfortably and narrowly won the Third Grade, the Seconds and Fourths were much lower down the scale than usual. Canterbury High was runner-up in the points score and were very unlucky not to be champion school. Homebush securing the bye on the only wet day of the competition.

First Grade, captained by Neil Gibson, went through the competition undefeated. Our hardest match was against Canterbury, which we won five sets to three. Gibson and Hicks, a new combination,



proved one of the best pairs Homebush has yet produced, losing only two sets during the competition. They were well supported by Ron Anderson and Max Wheeler.

John Maloney skipped the Seconds, but this team found the going too hard against Canterbury, Sydney High and Randwick. The Seconds sadly missed the services of Barry Grace, who left School early in the year.

Thirds, led by Henry Davidson, are to be congratulated on their win, after a shaky start. Their only loss was against Canterbury, who won on sets, games being equal. Jocelyn and Eager were promoted from reserves and developed into a sound combination. Bruce Webster was the most outstanding member of this team.

Ron Eagle, who improved by leaps and bounds during the year, did a good job with Fourths, even though they lost matches. "Shorty" Benjamin, the smallest boy in the competition, was one of the best performers in this grade, but will have to put on a few inches to mix it with the senior players in the higher grades.

#### HOUSE COMPETITION.

There was great keenness and rivalry to get into the various Houses this year, and the competition was even keener than last year. Sturt House won with 12 points, Lawson House being runner-up with eight points.

#### SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The School Championships produced few surprises this year. Neil Gibson won the "A" Grade Singles from Ron Anderson, who put up a good performance to defeat Stan Hicks in straight sets. Gibson and Hicks lost to "A" Grade Doubles to Anderson and Wheeler. The surprise of the "B" Grade was the performance of Ron Eagle, of Fourth Grade, who reached the final, but was beaten by Ron Atkinson in straight sets.

#### AGE AND SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Our best performers this year were Neil Gibson, Stan Hicks and Peter Heath. Gibson and Hicks reached the semi-finals of the Under 17 Doubles and the Schoolboys' Doubles. Neil was also a quarter-finalist in both singles. He followed this up by winning the Under 16 Metropolitan Hard Court Singles. Peter Heath was a finalist in the Under 14 Singles. Both Gibson and Hicks gained Representative honours in the A.A.A. of C.H.S. team against Northern Schools, and were selected in the State Junior touring teams.

Two teams visited Wollongong High this year and both were successful

A.A.A. of C.H.S. Tennis Blues: N. Gibson and S. Hicks,

School Tennis Blues: N. Gibson and S. Hicks.

## The Journey.

Into the raging and swift-running river,  
 Into the river a boat was launched,  
 And out in the stream it whirled so quickly,  
 Down the river, never stopping it danced.  
 Down from the mountains it ran—so quickly!  
 Over the pebbles the stream gurgled with joy —  
 Waiting for no-one, caring for no one,  
 As happy now as a carefree boy.  
 On past the woods and the towns and the meadows,  
 On rushed the boat, never questioning why;  
 On a shallow of time for a moment it tarried,  
 But soon was it lifted and borne on its way.  
 Reached was the plain, and slower and slower  
 Drifted the boat on its weary way;  
 Now was forgotten the swift stream of the mountains,  
 Now was forgotten that time so gay. — J. R. Bunyan, 5A.



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**CRICKET.**

**COMPETITION POINT SCORE (For First Half of Competition)**

	1st Grade	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Fort Street .....	36	35	28	25	515
Homebush .....	25	29	33	28	449
North Sydney .....	18	32	33	36	443
Canterbury .....	19	26	23	28	371
Sydney High .....	24	20	28	18	362
North Sydney High .....	29	26	20	6	356
Parramatta .....	14	18	22	17	273
Sydney Technical .....	14	28	6	12	250
Randwick .....	12	8	16	30	242
Manly .....	19	6	15	18	237
Hurlstone .....	20	8	8	12	212

For totals, multiply 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade points by 6, 4, 3 and 3, respectively.

**FIRST GRADE.**

V. Davanzo (captain), B. Rudd (vice-captain), J. Clarke, R. Anderson, G. Dytor, P. Brown; T. Bourke; F. King; A. Summons; B. Asgill and D. Sheath.

The First Grade team has finished in third position on the aggregate points at the completion of the first half of the competition.

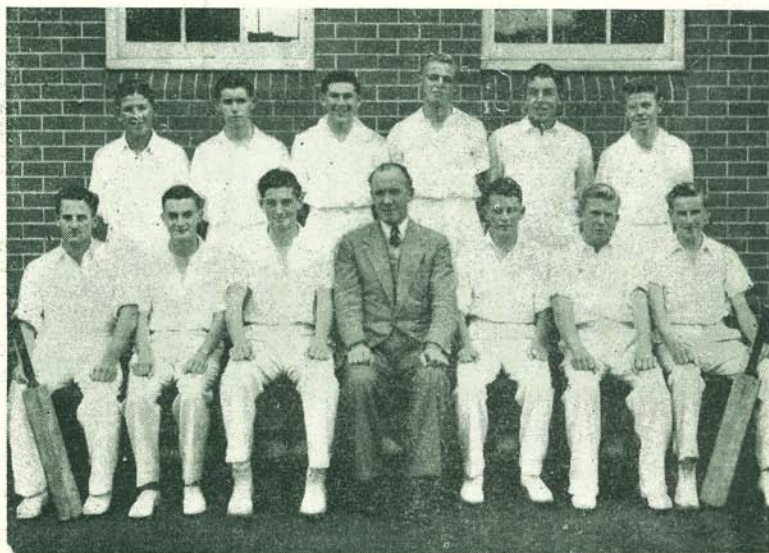
We commenced the season with two wins on the first innings against Hurlstone and Parramatta. Hurlstone scored 80 and 2 for 65; Homebush, 4 for 110 (closed).

We were unfortunate to miss an innings win against Parramatta. To the Homebush score of 6 for 167 (closed), Parramatta replied with 44 and 9 for 59.

Against the leading team, Fort Street, we met Alan Wyatt (also

**FIRST ELEVEN.**

**Back Row:** K. Longley, J. Clarke, B. Asgill, D. Sheath, P. Brown, G. Dytor.  
**Front Row:** A. Summons, J. Hayes, B. Rudd (captain), Mr. E. Welsh, T. Bourke, A. Halliburton, F. King.





opening bowler for Western Suburbs First Grade) giving his best exhibition in School Cricket. We simply had no answer for his pace, swing and control. Mainly through his 7 for 25, Homebush could muster only 69, against Fort Street's 139.

The match against Canterbury ended in a draw. Canterbury 119; Homebush 9 for 81.

Whilst the team worked as a good, cohesive unit, we have to pay tribute to the following who served the team well during the season:—

**Val. Davanzo** showed his sound knowledge of the game as captain. His good judgment in field placing and in the use of his bowlers was a big factor in the team's performances. With the bat, was the most consistent in the team. His scores were 28, 57, 27, 31 not out. Val. represented the Combined High Schools at Newcastle.

**Brian Rudd's** wicketkeeping earned him a place also in the C.H.S. team.

**Ron. Anderson**, our most consistent bowler, has taken 3-12, 6-23 3-18, 2-49 and 3-39. He also made 41 runs at a vital stage against Canterbury.

**Jim Clarke** has contributed some useful scores including 38 and 15 (against Fort St.).

**Paul Brown** took 5 for 34 in an excellent effort against Fort St. His other figures were 3-18, 1-4 and 3-22.

We look forward to meeting teams from the Northern Zone in the remaining half of the season.



SECOND CRICKET XI.

Front Row: R. Atfield, A. Halliburton, J. Hayes (captain), Mr. R. Emanuel, S. Mepstead, W. Jocelyn, B. Webster.

Back Row: B. Pollock, B. Paton, K. Roberts, C. Weir, R. Kirkham, L. Smart,  
(Absent: B. Smith and N. Street)

### SECOND GRADE.

J. Hayes (captain), A. Halliburton, B. Webster, K. Roberts, C. Weir; B. Smith; N. Street; B. Pollock, L. Smart, S. Mepstead, R. Kirkham, G. Graham and L. Taylor.

The team had a fairly successful season, but could have done much better in the field. With three matches to play, we are in third position, and with an improvement in the fielding, could finish well up in the competition.

The first two matches, against Hurlstone and Parramatta, were won outright quite easily. The next match, against Fort Street, was drawn, but could have been won by better fielding and more enterprising batting. Only twenty-five runs were needed with six wickets in hand when play finished.

The match against Canterbury was lost by 18 runs on the first innings. This was due to poor fielding and three disastrous run-outs.

The team's strength lay in its batting. The leading average was Hayes, with 48, followed by opening batsman Halliburton second, with 34. Best scores were: Halliburton 53 against Hurlstone; Hayes 70 n.o. against Parramatta; Halliburton 28, Hayes 43, Smith 27 n.o. against Fort Street; and Halliburton 53 against Canterbury.

The best bowler was Webster, who took 19 wickets at an average of 5.6 runs. His best effort was 5-19 against Hurlstone.

### THIRD GRADE

W. Jocelyn (captain), R. Atfield, L. Mason, R. Neville, W. Durie; J. Woodger; H. Baker; R. Britten, B. Paton, A. Sim, J. Eagleson, N. Collins; A. Bunnell; P. Griffith; P. More.

The team started the season well with two outright wins, a first innings win and a draw. Against Hurlstone we won outright in half a day, getting them out for 12 in their first innings. Baker and Atfield have done the bulk of the batting. Atfield has scored consistently, while Baker won the match for us against Fort Street with 76 not out. Of the bowlers, Sim stood out, with Neville and Durie giving good support. Our all-rounder Mason did well with the ball. Our fielding was very good, Durie, Mason and Britten taking good catches, while the rest of the team fielded well. Woodger kept wickets well, until he left to go to Cooma.

On the whole, the team has a good chance of winning the competition. At present we hold first place together with North Sydney.

### FOURTH GRADE.

R. Craig (captain), F. Phillipson, A. Gray, K. Myles, M. Chambers; D. King; G. Forsyth; F. Briscoe; R. Shepherd, B. Planner, G. McDonald, A. Hepburn and D. Davidson.

On the whole, Fourth Grade had a very successful season, being joint leaders with Canterbury in our zone.

Gray, with a 66 against Parramatta, showed talent with the bat; Phillipson was consistent, and Craig, with an average of 34, did well.

Outstanding bowler was King, who recorded many good efforts, including a sensational 5-0 against Hurlstone. The fine bowling of Forsyth in taking 8-56, greatly helped us to beat Parramatta outright.

As there are several promising First Year boys in the team, there is a sound foundation for next year's Fourth Grade.

Finally, some well-earned thanks from all the teams to Mr. Breakwell for his conscientious job as coach.



## FOOTBALL.

### THE POINTS TABLE — FOR AND AGAINST.

School	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
v North Sydney .....	11-5	0-16	3-8	11-3	14-0	6-20
v Parramatta .....	11-12	3-3	6-0	11-5	9-0	24-0
v Hurlstone .....	0-5	3-11	18-6	6-20	8-3	17-6
v Canterbury .....	14-0	8-3	0-3	39-0	15-5	17-0
v Fort Street .....	0-16	9-8	3-6	6-10	11-3	6-6
v Sydney Technical	16-3	8-5	6-6	8-12	33-0	6-17
v North Syd. Tech.	3-18	5-9	6-5	9-0	3-9	8-3
v Sydney High .....	8-3	0-8	0-32	3-14	15-6	12-3
v Manly .....	—	6-21	14-8	3-3	0-11	3-6
v Randwick .....	0-0	3-0	9-11	3-14	6-0	34-0
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>63-62</b>	<b>45-84</b>	<b>65-75</b>	<b>99-81</b>	<b>114-37</b>	<b>133-61</b>

### FIRST GRADE.

The best displays given by the First XV were against Sydney High and North Sydney High, whom we defeated 8/3 and 14/2, respectively. This is the first time Homebush has registered a win over Sydney High in first grade. The backs were our main strength.

Under the brilliant leadership of Arthur Summons, the team also defeated Sydney Tech. and Canterbury High, and drew with Randwick. We finished equal fourth with North Sydney in the competition.

The early loss of Stockman, Ashton and Davanzo, and the injuries to Weir, O'Brien, Sheath, Street, Dytor and Fullagar handicapped the team.

Three players, Summons, Dredge and Fullagar, gained C.H.S.

**FIRST XV — Front Row:** K. O'Brien, D. Sheath, A. Tinni, A. Summons (captain), C. Weir, B. Rudd, G. Graham.

**Second Row:** Mr. W. McCulloch (coach), C. Irving, K. Clancy, B. Dredge, N. Street, K. Ward, Mr. G. Brown (Sportsmaster).

**Back Row:** D. Donaldson, A. Flowers, D. Stewart, G. Dytor, A. Halliburton, T. Bourke.





Blues when selected in the C.H.S. First XV to play Combined Associated Schools and Duntroon Military College.

The three School Blues went to Dredge, Street and Halliburton.

**A. Summons:** A brilliant leader and five-eighth. Possibly the finest all-round player to don a Homebush jersey.

**B. Fullagar:** Vice-captain, fastest winger in the competition. C.H.S. Firsts for two years. With more confidence could rise to greater heights.

**B. Dredge:** Brilliant half with perfect pass. Good in defence. A real team man C.H.S. Firsts.

**G Dytor:** Very small and light, excellent in defence; heady player. Has plenty of what it takes.

**A. Halliburton:** Excellent full-back, good positional player. Saved the side repeatedly with deadly tackles and well-judged line kicks.

**J. Donaldson:** Excellent hooker and robust forward, who rucks and tackles well.

**T. Bourke:** Small but good positional player; tackles well; versatile.

**A. Tinni:** Best line-out man in competition; strong, robust forward. With experience will represent C.H.S.

**J. Armsworth:** Utility player, strong in defence and attack.

**C. Irving:** Speedy winger; good change of pace.

**N. Street:** Excellent lock; very strong in defence. Injury stopped possible selection in C.H.S.

**D. Stewart:** Fast breakaway with deadly tackle. Heady in open. **K. Clancy, C. Weir, B. Rudd** and **K. O'Brien** were good hard-rucking, robust forwards who tackled well.

Our thanks go to Mr. Golding for his enthusiastic support and consistent attendance, which was an inspiration to us.

We would like to thank Mr. G. Brown for the invaluable service he rendered in obtaining transport, billets and trips for us, and in giving us every possible assistance.

Our hardest "player" was Mr. McCulloch, who had the difficult job of moulding us into a team, and for this we extend our sincere thanks.

The annual trip to Tamworth was a grand success. The hospitality extended to us by parents and the High School staff and pupils was wonderful as usual. We managed to win the game, 24-3. Graham and Armsworth played "inspired games." We won the return game in Sydney, 18-3.

This was the first time that Homebush has defeated Tamworth on its home ground. The nine hours' delay at Maitland may have been responsible.

## SECOND GRADE.

The team had a fairly successful season and finished in the top half of the competition. Three defeats by narrow margins, after the team in each case had the lead within seconds of full time, relegated it from possible runners-up to fifth position.

A keen rivalry existed among the players and several who began as regular members achieved the honour of promotion to first grade ranks. To them the team extends hearty congratulations.

Apart from a few weaknesses, especially in hard tackling, the team as a whole was fairly solid.

A few details about the regular representatives are given:

**C. Jordan:** Captain, whose half-back play at times was excellent. Also did the "odd-job" of playing in various back positions with credit.

**I. Middleton** (Vice-captain) and **J. Western:** Centres, who showed distinct possibilities in attack and defence.

**B. Pollock** and **B. Smith**: Each represented as five-eighth with distinction. **B. Smith**, through injuries, was unable to play for greater part of season.

**B. Rose**: Recruited from class ranks, was emergency back, and improved every game.

**G. Johnson**, **C. Irving**: Wingers, who also played first grade. Both gave some fine performances and scored really splendid tries.

**J. Bartlett**: Custodian, whose game at all times was dependable. Likely No. 1 full-back next season.

**B. Asgill**: A strong hooker who also played well in loose. A fine goal-kicker.

**R. Breckenridge** and **B. Gazzard**: Fast, capable forwards, who were always on the ball and opened up play.

**R. Solomon**: A tireless and enthusiastic breakaway.

**A. Marsh**, **G. Reid**, **I. Brabant**, **J. Wellings** and **K. Ward** also represented the team with credit.

The team is grateful to Mr. Brown (Sportsmaster) for arranging at the end of season an enjoyable match at Wollongong against the local High School's first grade side.

### THIRD GRADE.

**J. Barker** (captain), **C. Elvy**, **M. Boukaseff**, **C. Shields**, **G. Reid**; **B. Firth**; **A. Marsh**; **I. Brabant**, **A. Irving**, **B. Air**, **R. Stakauskas**, **F. Duffey**, **J. Meredith**, **J. Roebuck**, **E. Lowe** and **K. Ward**.

At the commencement of the season the team had good prospects for the competition. However, absences in higher grades by many of the players considerably weakened the chances of the side. All promoted players acquitted themselves well in the higher grades.

Every game was keenly contested and all players gained valuable experience throughout the season.

Excellent performances were given by the side, especially against Fort Street, North Sydney and Randwick. In the latter match the result was in doubt up till the final bell, with Homebush constantly attacking during the second half.

Of the forwards, **Alex Marsh** (leading point scorer), **Reid** and **Brabant** in the tight, with **Bern Firth** in the loose play, were outstanding; while in the backs, **N. Cooper**, **Shields** and **Elvy** shone. **Meredith** proved himself a good utility player.

The team extends its appreciation to Mr. McFarland for his valuable coaching and encouragement.

### FOURTH GRADE.

**V. Cordingley** (captain), **D. Midson** (vice-captain), **C. Barry**, **J. Buchanan**, **J. Ross**; **K. Brady**; **R. Atfield**; **W. Taylor**; **B. Williams**; **R. Frost**, **A. Hough**, **J. Cope**, **V. Jones**, **J. Whiffen**; **D. Farlow**; **K. Wilson**, **J. Baker**, **B. Paton**, **R. Kirkby** and **S. South**.

This team, owing to the loss of some of last year's star players, was not as successful as was hoped, but improved as the new players learned to combine as a team. Against some powerful teams they played inspired football, but at other times their combination and zest failed at crucial moments. However, the team never disgraced the School, and contains many names that should go on to represent the School's First XV in the next two years.

Among the backs, **Cordingley** and **Atfield** were outstanding, whilst **Midson**, **Taylor**, **Brady** and **Cope** did great work in the forwards.

### FIFTH GRADE.

**Colin O'Brien** (captain), **E. Roche** (vice-captain), **M. Chambers**, **J. Hyde**, **G. Thompson**; **D. Scott**; **R. Brown**; **W. Wilson**; **R. Straton**;



R. Kell, D. Bunyan, R. Craig, G. Forsyth, J. Robertson; G. Clout; B. Cummings, L. Apolony, G. McDonald, P. Byrne, L. Smith.

The team maintained its even standard by running second in the competition to Manly, one point behind the winners. The performance, we proudly claim, was the best of any of the six competition teams. We won eight of the ten competition matches played. Under the very excellent captaincy of Colin O'Brien, a very good team spirit was developed, and the play of both backs and forwards was uniformly good. All enjoyed the successful trip to Wollongong.

The team scored 39 tries, while our line was crossed only nine times. Points totalled 114 for, and 37 against.

**SIXTH GRADE.**

J. Evans (captain), T. Briscoe, K. Myles, T. Hepburn, D. Davidson; D. Stewart; B. Nelson; D. Reed; T. Bruce; K. Bock, T. Baker, W. Every, G. Roche, F. Elgood, B. Elliott, R. Gribble; B. Lyons; R. Scott, R. Roebuck, R. Young, P. Lake.

Although handicapped early by injuries, the team recovered to finish fourth in the competition, losing only three matches.

Our captain, John Evans, was the most consistent player. He was well supported by T. Briscoe and K. Myles, the latter being the star scorer in collecting seventeen tries, six of them in the final match.

The forwards, at first, lacked dash and handled poorly, but they improved as the season progressed and in its closing stages helped the team to give some outstanding displays.

Barry Lyons was the best forward, while T. Bruce and D. Reid played consistently.

All players attended practice regularly and were a credit to the School both on and off the field.



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## NINTH ANNUAL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL.

**17th and 18th November, 1952.**

"The third time proves it . . .", so it was that the Annual Athletics Carnival was at last successfully accomplished in fine pleasant weather, just one week prior to the Combined High Schools' Carnival.

Five records were broken and figures were set for four out of five new events. In the Senior High Jump, R. Anderson set a new height of 5ft 6in; B. Fullagar bettered his own Broad Jump record to clear 21ft., 2½in.; in the Senior Shot Putt, A Tinni putted 41ft. 10½in.; Under 15 High Jump record was raised to 5ft. 2½in. by B Paton; the Under 14 High Jump received a two-way attack, both K. Heimann and C. Lewis clearing 4ft. 9½in. B. Fullagar set the distance of 42ft. 11½in. as the figure for the Senior Hop, Step and Jump; in the Under 16 Hop, Step and Jump, J. Whiffen covered 37ft. 3½ins. In the Under 14 Shot Putt, P. Heath recorded 35ft 3in.; in the Under 14 60 yards 2ft. 6in. hurdles, K. Heimann clocked 9.5 seconds. In the Under 13 Hurdles the time was disallowed.

The full results were:—

### UNDER 13:

100 yards: R. Williams 1, J. Sutton 2, R. Thorpe 3; 13.8 secs.  
60 yards Hurdles: R. Newey 1, R. Ashby 2, J. Spinks 3; 11.0 secs.  
High Jump: B. Roberts 1, R. Ashby 2, R. Newey 3; 4ft. 1in.  
Broad Jump: K. Myles 1, R. Newey 2, G. Bell 3; 14ft. 9½in.

### UNDER 14:

100 yards: K. Heimann 1, G. McDonald 2, P. Heath 3; 11.6 secs.  
220 yards: K. Heimann 1, P. Heath 2, A. Fisher 3; 27.4 secs.  
60 yards Hurdles: K. Heimann 1, D. Reid 2, G. McDonald 3; 9.5s.  
High Jump: K. Heimann 1, C. Lewis 2, G. Thomson 3; 4ft. 9½in.  
Broad Jump: G. McDonald 1, B. Cummings 2, G. Thomson 3;  
16ft. 2½ins.  
Shot Putt: P. Heath 1, G. Thomson 2, B. James 3; 35ft. 3ins.

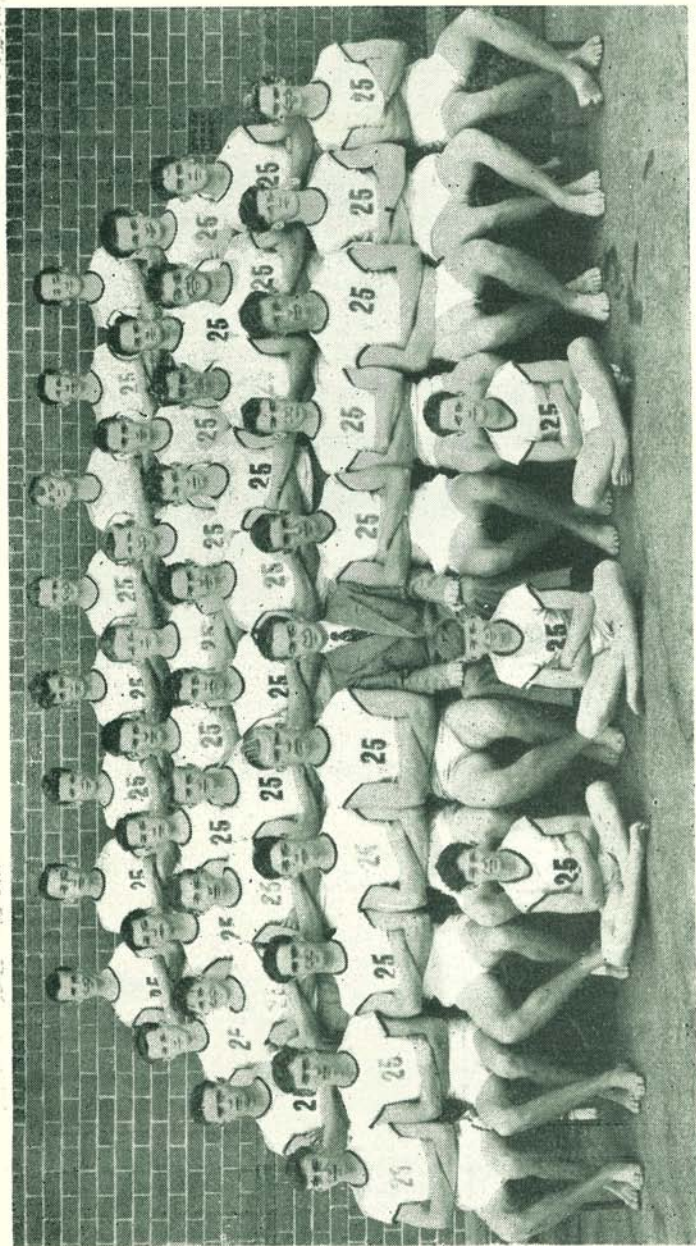
### UNDER 15:

100 yards: V. Cordingley 1, R. Neville 2, B. Paton 3; 11.3 secs.  
220 yards: V. Cordingley 1, R. Neville 2, R. Britten 3; 26.9 secs.  
90 yds. Hurdles: B. Paton 1, V. Cordingley 2, L. Smith 3; 14.6 secs.  
High Jump: B. Paton 1, V. Cordingley 2, J. Ross 3; 5ft. 2½ins.  
Broad Jump: R. Neville 1, V. Cordingley 2, R. Hine 3; 17ft 5ins.  
Shot Putt: V. Cordingley 1, R. Neville 2, R. Britten 3; 35ft. 3in.

### UNDER 16:

100 Yards: J. Whiffen 1, W. Johnson 2, J. Barker 3; 10.5 secs.  
220 Yards: J. Whiffen 1, W. Johnson 2, J. Barker 3; 25.1 secs.  
440 Yards: W. Johnson 1, N. Peters 2, B. Paton 3; 59.7 secs.  
880 Yards: P. Saint 1, S. Hicks 2, H. Willis 3; 2mins. 19 secs.





**ATHLETICS (C.H.S. Team)**—In Front: D. J. Stewart, B. Roberts, A. Gribble.

1st Row: K. Young, C. R. Wilson, B. Fullagar; D. Hurt, A. Tinni, Mr. A. Goodsell, P. Heath, J. Ross, R. Anderson, W. Johnson, B. Paton,  
 2nd Row: B. Young, C. Lewis, A. Fisher, J. Whiffan, C. Eivy, H. Willis, C. Shields, N. Peters, C. Graham, S. Hicks.  
 3rd Row: J. Barker, G. Thompson, K. Heimann, G. McDonald, R. Hine, R. Farnsworth, V. Cordingley, A. Summons, R. Neville.  
 Back Row: K. Myles, D. Archer, D. Reid, R. Ashby, M. Chambers, R. Newey, M. Bray, B. Cummings.

90 yds. Hurdles: R. Farnsworth 1, D. Archer 2, C. J. Wilson 3;  
14.2 secs.  
Broad Jump: N. Peters 1, C. R. Wilson 2, D. Archer 3; 18ft. 4½ins.  
High Jump: D. Hurt 1, C. J. Wilson 2, J. Ralph 3; 5ft 5½ins.  
Hop, Step and Jump: J. Whiffen 1, C. R. Wilson 2, N. Peters 3;  
37ft. 3½ins.  
Shot Putt: W. Johnson 1, C. Veitch 2, J. Barker 3; 35ft., 3ins.

**SENIOR:**

100 yards: B. Fullagar 1, A. A. Summons 2, C. Graham 3; 10.4s.  
220 Yards: B. Fullagar 1, A. Summons 2, J. Ross 3; 24.0 secs.  
440 yards: J. Ross 1, A. Summons 2, B. Fullagar 3; 56.0s.  
880 Yards: K. Young 1, M. Bray and J. Armsworth 2; 2m., 18.5s.  
1 Mile: M. Bray 1, K. Young 2, C. Shields 3; 5mins., 13.4 secs.  
120 yds. Hurdles: K. Young 1, A. Summons 2, M. Yee 3; 18.7 secs.  
High Jump: R. Anderson 1, C. Elvy 2, K. Cole 3; 5ft. 6ins.  
Broad Jump: B. Fullagar 1, C. Elvy 2, G. Johnston 3; 21ft. 2½ins.  
Hop, Step and Jump: B. Fullagar 1, G. Johnston 2, K. Elvy 3;  
42ft. 11½ins.  
Shot Putt: A. Tinni 1, R. Anderson 2, B. Fullagar 3; 41ft. 10½ins.

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### The Combined High Schools' Athletic Carnival.

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The team this year achieved considerable success and was unlucky not to have done even better. The indisposition of some three members prevented the team from reaching expectations. The School was fourth in the Aggregate, fourth in the Junior division, and second in the Juvenile division.

Details of the Homebush results are as follows:—

**SENIOR:**

A. Summons: Second in 2nd division 100 yards.  
J. Ross: Third in 440 yards.  
R. Anderson: Fourth in High Jump.  
K. Young: Fifth in Mile.  
J. Elvy: First in Broad Jump.  
B. Fullagar: Third in Hop, Step and Jump.

**JUNIOR:**

W. Johnson: Third in Under 16 440 yards.  
D. Hurt: Third in Under 16 High Jump.  
V. Cordingley: Second in 1st div. 100 yards under 15; second in 1st division 220 yards under 15.  
R. Neville: Second in 2nd div. 100 yards under 15; 3rd in under 15 Broad Jump.  
B. Paton: First in Under 15 High Jump.  
Relay under 15: Second place.

**JUVENILE:**

K. Heimann: First in 1st div. 100 yards and 220 yds. Under 14.  
P. Heath: First in Under 14 Shot Putt.  
Under 14 Relay: Fifth place.  
K. Myles: First in 1st division 100 yards Under 13.  
R. Ashby: Second in 2nd division 100 yards Under 13.  
R. Newey: Fifth in 60 yards Hurdles Under 13.  
Under 13 Relay: Second place.



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## SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

The Ninth Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Bankstown Baths on Thursday, 6th March, 1952. Brian Elliott showed outstanding merit in breaking three School records, establishing new times for the Under 13 years 55 yards Freestyle, 110 yards Freestyle, and 55 yards Backstroke. David Johnson set a new School record for the Under 14 years 55 yards Breaststroke.

The full results were as follows:—

### CHAMPIONSHIPS.

**Senior:** I. Middleton 1, J. Knight 2, G. Stockman 3.

**Junior (under 16):** J. Thomas 1, C. Brady 2, K. Longley 3.

**Junior (under 15):** J. Roebuck 1, B. Smith 2, D. Midson 3.

**Juvenile (under 14):** C. O'Brien 1, D. Johnson 2, R. Warleigh 3.

**Juvenile (under 13):** B. Elliott 1, B. Baker 2, T. Baker 3.

### SENIOR.

55 yards Freestyle: I. Middleton 1, J. Knight 2, R. Anderson 3.

110 yards Freestyle: J. Knight 1, I. Middleton 2, R. Anderson 3.

220 yards Freestyle: I. Middleton 1, J. Knight 2, G. Stockman 3.

440 yds. Freestyle: I. Middleton 1, G. Stockman 2, R. Anderson 3.

880 yards Freestyle: I. Middleton 1, J. Roebuck 2, G. Stockman 3.

110 yards Breaststroke: G. Stockman 1, R. O'Brien 2, J. Knight 3.

55 yards Backstroke: J. Knight 1, I. Middleton 2, R. Anderson 3.

Dive: S. Ashton 1, R. Anderson 2, J. Ross 3.

### JUNIOR — UNDER 16.

55 yards Freestyle: J. Thomas 1, C. Brady 2, D. Hardwick 3.

110 yards Freestyle: J. Thomas 1, C. Brady 2, K. Longley 3.

220 yards Freestyle: J. Thomas 1, C. Brady 2, K. Longley 3.

440 yards Freestyle: D. Midson 1, C. Brady 2, I. Brabant 3.

55 yards Breaststroke: I. Brabant 1, J. Thomas 2, D. Hardwick 3.

55 yards Backstroke: J. Middleton 1, D. Air 2, P. Brown 3.

Junior Dive: B. Smith 1, M. Cutler 2, J. Cope 3.

### JUNIOR — UNDER 15.

55 yards Freestyle: R. Torpey 1, D. Midson 2, B. Smith 3.

110 yards Freestyle: J. Roebuck 1, D. Midson 2, W. Shimeld 3.

220 yards Freestyle: J. Roebuck 1, D. Midson 2, L. Williams 3.

440 yards Freestyle: G. Thomson 1, R. Warleigh 2, J. Roebuck 3.

55 yards Breaststroke: H. Willis 1, R. Britten 2, B. Smith 3.

55 yards Backstroke: L. Mason 1, J. Roebuck 2, R. Cottis 3.

### JUVENILE — UNDER 14.

55 yards Freestyle: N. Jew 1, D. Johnson 2, C. O'Brien 3.

110 yards Freestyle: C. O'Brien 1, R. Phelps 2, R. Warleigh 3.

220 yards Freestyle: R. Warleigh 1, C. O'Brien 2, R. Stratton 3.

55 Yards Breaststroke: D. Johnson 1, C. O'Brien 2, R. Stratton 3.

55 yards Backstroke: D. Johnson 1, C. O'Brien 2.

Juvenile Dive: B. Baker 1, A. Nelson 2, C. O'Brien 3.

### JUVENILE — Under 13.

55 yards Freestyle: B. Elliott 1, B. Baker 2, B. James 3.

110 yards Freestyle: B. Elliott 1, B. Baker 2, D. Pickering 3.

55 yards Breaststroke: B. Baker 1, B. Elliott 2, R. McIndoe 3.

55 yards Backstroke: B. Elliott 1, T. Baker 2, R. McIndoe 3.

### NOVICE EVENTS.

Senior 55 yards Freestyle: B. Firth 1, R. Dupen 2, E. Filmer 3.

Und. 15, 55 yds. Freestyle: W. Taylor 1, C. Wilson 2, K. Doughty 3.

Und. 14, 55 yds. Freestyle: T. Farlow 1, R. Brown 2, M. Currie 3.

Under 13 55 yds. Freestyle: D. Howton 1, G. Beard 2, D. McCormick 3.

25 yds. Beginners' Race: C. Hails 1, T. Stokes 2, L. Winters 3.



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**THE COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS' SWIMMING (CARNIVAL).**

Homebush succeeded in gaining fourth place in the Juvenile Division, mainly because of the fine performance of Brian Elliott, who is congratulated on breaking the C.H.S. record for the Under 13 110 yards by 1.5 seconds.

Places gained in the finals were as follows:—

Under 13, 110 yards Freestyle: **B. Elliott, 1st.**

Under 13, 55 yards Backstroke: **B. Elliott, 2nd.**

Under 13, 55 yds. Freestyle: **B. Elliott, 3rd.**

Under 14, 220 yds. Freestyle: **B. Elliott, 2nd.**

Under 15, 220 yards Freestyle: **J. Roebuck, 4th.**

Juvenile Dive: **B. Baker, 4th.**

**WATER POLO.**

Water Polo is played in the Metropolitan High Schools, and a competition in two grades is conducted, the season commencing in February and finishing in November, with a break for the winter months.

The games are played at Rushcutters Bay and Balmain Baths, the pool at Cabarita being used for practice and training.

Homebush is having a lean time at present, but with some promising junior players we look forward to the near future when the School will regain its high position in the game, as when we had players of the calibre of Frank Jordan, John Wright, Don Anderson and Geoff. Vaughan.

Frank Jordan, an ex-captain of the team, has been honoured by his selection as an Olympic rep., thus being the first Homebush boy to gain International honours in sport.

In a letter from Helsinki Frank sends his regards and particularly wishes to thank the School for the assistance he received in order to make the trip possible. It is interesting to note that many overseas teams keep their players together from about the age of 13 years, the team playing together for approximately 15 years, and in many cases the teams practice for two years or more in order to reach a satisfactory standard of ball handling before playing a match.

Junior players are needed, and First and Second Year boys should try out for selection in a training squad.

**LIFE SAVING REPORT, 1952.**

Congratulations to Randwick B.H.S. on winning the First Class Boys' High Schools' Aggregate Point-score for 1952 with 1674 points. Homebush came second with 1409 points.

The following awards were gained during the year:

Diploma of the Society .....	Nil
Bar to Award of Merit .....	1
Award of Merit .....	14
Bar to Bronze Cross .....	5
Bronze Cross .....	32
R.L.S.S. Instructor's Cert. ....	7
Scholar Instructor Cert. ....	8
Bar to Bronze Medal .....	31
Bronze Medallion .....	45
Intermediate Star .....	47
Intermediate Certificate .....	48
Elementary Certificate .....	50
Resuscitation Certificate .....	175



Although we gained 532 points on last season's total points, this is still not a good enough effort for a school like Homebush Boys' High. Our potential point score must be in the region of 4,000 points. What about it, Homebush boys?

About seventy boys, whose summer sport excluded them taking awards on the normal sports afternoon, took advantage of the December Life Saving Classes under the tuition of Messrs. A. Tod, M. Cullen, and J. Mathers.

We express our sincerest thanks to Mr. Albert Lorenz for his continued interest and co-operation in our activities at Cabarita.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE ?

1. **Point Score Competition:** Points are allotted for awards gained (e.g. Award of Merit 12, Bronze Medal 6) and these points are totalled for a competition between all first-class Boys' High Schools, pennants being given for the first three places. Homebush gained first place in the three consecutive seasons from 1947-49, and second place in the two seasons 1950-51 and 1951-52.

2. **Hendry Cup.** The cup, which is inscribed and held for twelve months, and a banner, are awarded to the Boys' High School which obtains the highest aggregate point score for the season. This was won by Homebush in the 1947-48 season with 1881 points.

3. **Arthur Parker Cup:** Teams of four boys and an instructor, carrying out land and water drill, similar to the Bronze Medallion drill, compete in front of several judges at the end of the swimming season. All drill, instructor's orders and life saving movements must be most accurate. Homebush gained third place in the 1948-49 season.

**Life Saving Retrospect:** The following table shows the awards and points gained by Homebush as a Junior High to the 1943-44 season, and then as a High School.

Season	No. of Awards	Pts.
1939-40	30	97
1941-42	17	65
1942-43	123	452
1943-44	55	236
1944-45	23	82
1945-46	60	186
1946-47	48	155
1947-48	392	1881
1948-49	366	974
1949-50	483	1290
1950-51	223	877
1951-52	462	1409

— A. Tod.

**Dawn in Autumn.**

Breathing with mist  
 In heavy dreams  
 The world lies sleeping.  
 But the veils are stirring,  
 And soon they will fall,  
 For a crystal clear morning  
 On nature is dawning.  
 With dewy, gold harvest  
 And calm, happy autumn.

— "Volo," 1A.

## Toad's Trial.

The reckless Toad has now been caught,  
He hadn't the courage that he ought;  
He's been doing the wrong thing for many a day,  
And now it seems he's going to pay.

"The only difficulty, my friends,  
Is to make this villain pay dividends,"  
Said the judge when the trial was getting tense,  
"Mr. Clerk, will you tell us the worst offence?"

"His first crime's the worst, he's stolen a car,  
But he's cheeked the police and he's driven afar."  
"Well, then," said the judge, "say for each crime,  
The number of years we will give him this time."

"Twelve months for the theft, and four years for the  
speed,  
That's only a tenth of what he should need;  
Fifteen years for the cheek, that's nowhere near plenty,  
Those figures when totalled together give twenty."

"First rate," cried the judge, who was in great glee,  
"Those penalties seem to fit perfectly!  
Young Toad, stand up and get ready to face  
Your next twenty years that will be of disgrace."

— R. Collins, 1C.

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