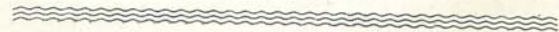




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EDITORIAL

To many people work and pleasure stand directly opposed to one another. Wiser people, however, realise that the deepest and most lasting job in life is the sense of achievement; a sense which comes only as a result of work. A glance at a few of the great people in the world today provides ample proof of this. Greatness has not been thrust upon them. It is their natural ability coupled with their willingness to work voluntarily, to develop their talents to the utmost, to put that little bit extra into it, that has raised them above their fellow man.... Most of us are not sufficiently gifted to become really great, but we can all cultivate that willingness to work and so find real joy and satisfaction in helping others as well as ourselves.

Unfortunately many people fail to realise this. Too many are the people who consider work something which must be avoided at every opportunity; and too large is the section of the community that has nothing better to do with its spare time than to slouch around the streets of our shopping centres, annoying others.

We of Homebush Boys' High are fortunate in that we are surrounded by countless examples of good citizens. No school has ever had a finer example of good citizenship than this school had in the late Mr. Arthur Cave. Mr. Cave's sad death this year was the greatest loss our school has yet suffered. Surely the pleasure and satisfaction this man obtained from his lifelong work of helping others (the building of our oval is but one example), can in no way be rivalled by the enjoyment received in shirking work and causing inconvenience to others.

The P. & C. Association, The Old Boys' Union and The Ladies' Auxiliary are further examples of people who are prepared to work purely voluntarily for our benefit. These people together with our teachers, who give much of their spare time towards our welfare, are finding satisfaction in trying to make our school a better place.

It was after a battle against keen opposition that you were chosen to come to Home bush. You were chosen because you showed a greater potential than those around you. Since you were given such an opportunity to develop this potential it is not only your privilege but your duty to the boys who were not quite so fortunate as yourself, and to the community as a whole, to make the very best of it. Too many boys waste it by leaving at the end of third year. These are boys who have the ability to go on, obtain their Leaving Certificate, and become school teachers, skilled technicians, engineers, etc., who are needed so much by our country. If such potential continues to be wasted the future prosperity of Australia must suffer.

Thus as a student of Homebush Boys' High School you have a better opportunity than most. So take full advantage of it and in time of decision remember, "RECTE ET FORTITER"

--R. LOCKHART, School Captain.

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A. Roy (Captain), J. Hickey (Vice Captain), B. Bilinsky, G. Burgoyne, I. Dance, P. Durrant, D. Egan, S. Fletcher, K. Furniss, B. Hine, B. Jenkins, G. Jennings, D. Johnson, P. Joyce, P. Lake, D. Liggins, W. Martin, T. Moore, B. Morey, J. Pennicook, A. Peters, R. Phelan, E. Rourke, C. Russell, J. Saunders, J. Shaw, R. Smallbone, R. Smith, J. Tremain, R. Turner, P. Vassella.

SPEECH DAY, 1955

The Annual Speech Day and Prize-Giving Ceremony for 1955 was held in the Assembly Hall on 12th December with Mr. J. Murphy as Chairman. After the Headmaster's and Sportsmaster's Reports had been presented, an address was given by Professor J. Baxter, Vice Chancellor of the University of Technology. Mr. H. Williams commented on the Reports and the Prefects for 1956 were invested by Mr. Wallace, assisted by Mr. P. Tester. Academic and Sports Awards were presented by Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Williamson. Other speakers were Dr. L. J. A. Parr, M.L.A., and Mr. P. Moss. The School Orchestra and Choir, led by Mrs. Lipscomb, rendered the musical items.

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Examination Results, 1955

COMMONWEALTH OPEN ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Barracrough, J. A.	Cruikshank, R. J.	Jauncey, D. L.	Podger, R. N.
Beck, R. W.	Deutsch, G. T.	Johnson, D. C.	Pooley, G. A.
Booth, J. A.	Domars, M. R.	Kabat M. J.	Rice, E. J.
Brown, G. R.	Duffy, G. C.	Kennard, D. R.	Riuke, G. V.
Car, R.	Eagle, R. J.	Kennard R. J.	Scott, R. K.
Chambers, M. A.	Elbing, E. E.	Kesby, K. J.	Scott, W. E.
Chong, R.	Field, R. K.	Kingcott, R. G.	Shulescko, P.
Clout, G. J.	French, B. J.	Lewis, C. D.	South, S. A.
Cohen, P. J.	Gray, I. R.	Mackenzie, C. J.	Steel, G. C.
Collins, W. M.	Hillen, L. W.	Mason, C. C.	Steel, K. D.
Combe, F. T.	Hyde, J. L.	Morton, A. J.	Stiel, J. N.
Cornish, B. A.	Hyslop, J. S.	Pender, J. A.	Stinson, P. R.
Craig, G. G.	Idnurm, M.	Phelps, R. L.	Trinder, D. F.
Craig, R. M.	James, P. A.	Phillipson, F. R.	

TEACHERS' COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Bennett, J. W.; Brook, R. L.; Dengate, J. R.; Glazebrook, C. G.; Hill, G. K.; Labrie, C. P.; Maroya, L.; Neville, D. J.; Saint, P.; Steel, K.

UNIVERSITY BURSARY

Phillipson, F. R.

INTERMEDIATE BURSARIES

Barlow, G. W., 4E; Eveille, B. D., 4E; Frankovits, A. G., 4A; Gorrell, R. W., 4A; Marriot, D. L., 4C; Spinks, H. M., 4B; Sullivan, M. J., 4A; Turley, L. A., 4A.

Prize List, 1955

- Captain's Prize—For Service Malcolm Chambers
- Principal's Prize—For Service and Scholarship Kyle Heimann
- John Tierney Prize—For Literature (Junior) John Stokes
- ohn Tierney Prize—For Literature (Senior) Barry Dyster
- Homebush R.S.S.A.I.L.A. Prize—For Merit and
Second in Fifth Year Frank Combe
- Hemmingway and Robertson Prize—
For Best Commercial Student Graham Craig
- French Ministry of Foreign Affairs Prizes—
For Consistent Progress in French:
Thomas Deutsch, Robert Chong, Paul Bentley, Ian Stephens,
Donald Liggins, Jeffrey Tremain.
- Citizenship Prizes William Collins, Russell Britten,
David Johnson, Graham Clout
- Parr Prize—For Debating Douglas Reid
- Old Boys' Prize—For Sport and Scholarship and
Third in Fifth Year Frank Phillipson
- Greening Prize—Dux of School Alan Morton
Fourth Year: First, John Sutton; Second, Alan Vesperman; Third,
Brian Elliott
Third Year: First, Ian Dance; Second, Jeffrey Tremain; Third, Donald
Liggins.
Second Year: First, Tonu Meiusi; Second, Andrew Taylor; Third,
Norman Hughes.
First Year: First, Alan Farnsworth; Second, Alan Samin; Third,
Graham Aiken.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Key to Subjects.

1, English; 2, Latin; 3, French; 4, German; 5, Mathematics 1; 6, Mathematics 11; 7, General Mathematics; 8, Applied Mathematics; 9, Modern History; 12 Physics; 13, Chemistry; 17, Geography, 18, Economics; 19, Music (Theory and Practice); 23, Accountancy; 35, Descriptive Geometry and Drawing; 36, Woodwork; 37, Metalwork.

Successful candidates were as follows:

Annis-Brown, R. 1B 7B 13A 17B 18B 23B
 Arnot, G. C., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12B 13B
 Bailey, A. J., 3B 5B 6B 13B
 Bailey, F. G., 1B 5B 6B 12A 13A
 Ball, T. A., 1B 5B 6B 12B 13B 17B
 Barraclough, J. A., 1B 5A 6A BA 12H (2) 13B
 Beck, G. F., 1B 5B 6A 12A 18B 35B
 Beck, R. W., 1A 5A 6B 12A 13A 18A
 Bennett, J. W. 1B 5B 6B 18A 35B
 Bishop, J. E., 1B, 5B 6B 12A 17A 18B
 Booth, J. A., 1B 5B 6A 8A 12H (2) 13B
 Bridge, R. W., 17B 35B 36A 37A
 Brink, P. F., 1B 7B 9B 17B 18B
 Britten, R. J., 1B 5B 6 12H (2) 13B 18B
 Brook, R. L., 1B 9B 18B 35B 36B
 Brown, G. R., 1B 5B 6B 12A 13A 18H (1)
 Bruce, J. R., 1B 5BB 18B
 Buchanan, W. K., 1B 5B 6B 12B 18B 35B
 Car, R., 1B 5H (2) 6B 8A 12H 13A
 Carlton, A. R., 1B 5A 6B 12B 35B
 Chambers, M. A., 1B 5A 6A 12A 13B 35B
 Charlesworth, J. L. 5A 6B 8B 12B 35B
 Charlton, K. J., 1B 5B 6B 12B 13B 17H (2)
 Chesterfield, R. S., 1B 5B 6B 12B 13B 18B
 Chong, R., 1B 30A (o) 5B 6A 12B 13A
 Cirillo, B. R., 1B 4B 9B 13B 16A
 Clout G. J., 1H (2) 3B 5A 6B 9B 12B
 Cohen, P. J., 1B 5B 6A 8A 12A 35A
 Collins, W. M., 1B 5H (2) 6A 8A 12A 13B
 Combe, F. T., 1H (2) 5A 6A 8A 12A 13H (1)
 Cornish, B. A. 1B 5B 6B 8A 12H (2) 13A
 Crabbe, B. D., 1B 3B 5A 6B 9B 18B
 Craig, G. G., 1B 5A 6A 12A 17B 18H (1)
 Craig, R. M., 1A 5H (2) 6A 8A 12H (2) 13A
 Cruickshank, R. J., 1A 5B 6A 12A 12B 18H (1)
 Cummings, B. P., 1B 5B 6B 17A 18B
 Currie M. R., 1B 7B 9B 17B 18A 23B
 Dengate, J. R., 1B 9B 17B 18A
 Deutsch, G. T., 1H (2) 3H (2) (o) 7A 9B 12A 13A
 Dickson, N. J., 1B 5B 12B 18B
 Divall, N. F., 1A 7B 9B 18B
 Domars, M. B., 1B 5A 6A 8A 12B (2) 13A
 Duffy, G. G., 1B 5B 6A 12H (2) 15A 35B
 Dzendrowskyj, C., 1B 6B 12B 13B 18B

Eagle, R. J., 1B 5AA 8A 12A 13B
Edwards, M. J., 1B 7B 17B 18B
Egerton, E. D., 1B 7B 9B 17B 18B
Edling, E., 1A 5H (2) 6A 8A 12A 13H (1)
Faulkner, E. C., 1A 3B (a) 5B 9B 13B
Field, R. K., 1A 3B 7A 9H (1) 12A 13B
French, B. J., 1A 5B 6B 9B 18H (2) 23B
Glazebrook, C. G., 1B 5B 6B 12B 35A
Gray, I. R., 1B 5A 6B 12H (2) 13A
Havens, J. L., 1B 5B 6B 9B 13B 35B
Hawes, E. W., 1B 7B 9B 17B 18A 23B
Hayes, B. E., 1B 5B 6B 12B 35B 37B
Heimann, K. V., 1B 5B 6B 12A 13B 19B
Herbert, P., 1B 5B 6B 12A 13B 17B
Highfield, D. H., 1B 5A 6B 12A 13B 17B
Hill, G. K., 1B 7B 9B 12B 18B
Hillen, L. W., 1B 5B 6B 12A 13H (1) 17B
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Hing, E. G., 1B 7B 9B 17B 18B 23B
Hollingsworth, L. J., 1B 7B 17B 36B
Hyde, J. L., 1B 5A 6A 12A 13B 35B
Hyslop, J. S., 1B 5B 6A 12A 13B 17A
Idnurm, M., 1A 5A 6A 12H (2) 13H (1) 35A
James, B. F. 1B 5B 6B 13A 17B
James, P. A., 1B 5A 6B 8B 12A 13B
Jauncey, D. L., 1B 5H (1) 6H (2) 8A 12A 13A
Johnson, D. C., 1A 5H (2) 6A 8A 12A 13A
Kabat, M. J., 1A 5B 6B 12B 13A 18B
Kennard, D. R., 1A 3B 7B 8A 18B
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Leard, A. C., 1B 7B 17B 35B 36B 37B
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McDonald, G., 1B 5A 6B 12B 17B 18B
Mackenzie, C. J., 1A 3B 5A 6A 9B 12A
McKittrick, B. P., 1B 3B 5B 6B 35B
Maroya, L. C., 1B 17A 18B 35B
Marshall, J. R., 1B 5B 6B 12B 12B 15A
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Medvedsky, C., 1A 6B 9B 12B 18B
Mitchell, I. A., 1B 5A 6H (2) 8A 12B 15A
Morton, A. J., 1A 5H (2) 6A 8A 12A 13A
Neville, D. J., 1B 13B 18B 19A
Norval, A. M., 1B 5B 6B 12B 13B 17B
Pender, J. A., 1B 5A 6H (2) 8A 12B 35A
Phelps, R. L., 1B 5A 6A 12A 13B 35A
Phillipson, F. R., 1A 5H (1) 6A 12H (1) 13A 35A
Podger, R. N., 1B 3B 5B 6B 12A 13H (2)
Pooley, G. A., 1B 5H (2) 6A 8A 9B 12B
Rajaratnam, A. 1B 5B 6B 8B 12B
Reid, D., 1A 5B 6B 13B 78A
Rice, E. J., 1B 5B 6A 12A 18B 35A
Richards, J. S., 1B 5B 6B 12A 13B 35B
Ripke, G. V., 1A AH (1) (o) 5B 9B
Saint, P. G., 1B 5B 6B 12A 35B
Schetrumpf, J. R., 1B 7B 9B 13B 18B 37B
Scott, R. K., 1B 5A 6A 12A 13B

Scott, W. E., 1B 5A 69 8A 12B 35A
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 Shuleshko, P., 1B 5H (1) 6H (1) 8A 12A
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 Woodhouse, J. J., 1B 5B 6B 12B 35A
 Wormald, F. J., 1B 7B 3B 12B 15B

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Barracrough, J. A.: Physics, Second
 Booth, J. A.: Physics, Second
 Britten, R. J.: Physics, Second
 Brown, G. R.: Economics, First (10th in State)
 Car, R.: Mathematics 1, Second; Physics, Second
 Charlton, K. J.: Geography, Second
 Clout, G. J.: English, Second
 Collins, W. M.: Mathematics 1, Second
 Combe, F. T.: English, Second; Chemistry, First (38th in State)
 Cornish, B. A.: Physics, Second
 Craig, G. G.: Economics, First (5th in State)
 Craig, R. M.: Mathematics 1, Second; Physics, Second
 Cruikshank, R. J.: Economics, First (31st in State)
 Deutsch, G. T.: English, Second; French, Second
 Domars, M. R.: Physics, Second
 Duffy, G. C.: Physics, Second
 Elbing, E. E.: Chemistry, First (9th in State); Mathematics 1, Second
 Field, R. K.: Modern History, First (15th in State)
 French, B. J.: Economics, Second
 Gray, I. R.: Physics, Second
 Hillen, I. W.: Chemistry, First (51st in State)
 Idnurm, M.: Chemistry, First (31st in State); Physics, Second
 Jauncey, D. L.: Mathematics 1, First (24th in State); Mathematics,
 11, Second
 Johnson, D. C.: Mathematics 1, Second
 Kesby, K. J.: Chemistry, First (43rd in State)
 Kingcott, R. G.: Physics, Second
 Mason, C. C.: Chemistry, Second
 Mitchell, I. A.: Mathematics, Second
 Morton, A. J.: Mathematics, 1 Second
 Phillipsin, F. R.: Mathematics, First (28th in State); Physics, First
 (19th in State)
 Podger, R. N.: Chemistry, Second
 Pooley, G. A.: Mathematics 1, Second
 Ripke, G. V.: German, First (2nd in State)
 Shuleshko, P.: Mathematics 1, First (11th in State); Mathematics 11,
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 Steel, K. D.: Chemistry, Second
 Stiel, J. N.: Mathematics 1, Second

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Crawford, R.	Howes, P. J.	Oxford, R. J.	Taylor, G. N.
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Dance, I. G.	Jackson, M. E.	Parkinson, D. J.	Thorne, J. A.
Dawkins, B. G.	Jenkins, B. J.	Parry, G. R.	Torr, K. W.
Delaney, W. F.	Jocelyn, E. J.	Pennicook, J.	Tremain, J. E.
Dennett, C. J.	Johnston, I. W.	Perkins, R. H.	Turley, L. A.
Driksna, V.	Jones, A. R.	Peters, A. R.	Turner, R.
Dunn, R. G.	Jones, A. K.	Phelan, R. J.	Vaughan, G. S.
Durrant, P. R.	Jordan, P. K.	Podger, J. D.	Vincent, R. A.
Edwards, H. J.	Joyce, P. T.	Pogson, L. A.	Vote, V. K.
Edwards, J. W.	Kapp, W. A.	Poulton, M. A.	Wales, F. B.
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Ezzy, I. E.	Lansdowne, A. G.	Rourke, E. M.	Wood, K.
Favelle, E. S.	Laurenson, R. J.	Roy, A. L.	Yan, S. T.

Leaving and Intermediate Certificate Examinations, 1956

The following texts have been prescribed for study in connection with the subject of English at the Leaving Certificate and Intermediate Examinations, 1957:—

THIRD YEAR

- A. *Prescribed Book*: Shakspears: "The Merchant of Venice." (Any edition).
- B. *List of Approved Books for General Reading*:
1. *Prose*:
 - (a) "At Home and Next Door" (Selected by Don Edwards).

(b) "Pattern of the Islands." A. Grimble. (Abridged edition by Murray.)

OR

"St. Ives." R. L. Stevenson. (Any edition.)

2. *Poetry*: "The Man Born to be King" W. Morris. (Any edition.)

"The Poets' Commonwealth." Edited Murdoch. (Oxford Univ. Press.)

FIFTH YEAR

A. Prescribed Books:—

1. Shakespeare: "Macbeth." (Any edition may be used, but the text quoted in the examination paper will be that edited by Verity, Cambridge Univ. Press.)

2. "Points of View." Edited M. A. Pink (Macmillan).

The following essays are to be read:

"Spoon Feeding" — W. R. Inge

"Betting" — W. R. Inge

"Does Culture Matter?" — E. M. Forster

"How Free is the Press?" — D. L. Sayers

"Hamlet as a Literary Struldbrug"—C. E. M. Joad.

"A Defence of Penny Dreadfuls" — G. K. Chesterton

"English Snobbery" — Aldous Huxley

"Amateur Dramatics" — James Agate

"The Great God Gun" — A. G. Gardiner

"The World of Sport" — H. G. Wells

"Speed" — Robert Lynd

"On Being Able to Amuse Ourselves" — L. Doyle

"Talking" — Arnold Bennet

"Two Dragons in the Road" — Sir R. Livingstone

B. *List of Approved Books for General Reading.*

1. "Vanity Fair" — W. M. Thackeray (Any Edition).

or

"Mr. Polly" — H. G. Wells (Any Edition).

2. "Modern Short Plays" — Edited L. Rees (Angus & Robertson)

or

"The Path to Rome" — H. Belloc (Any Edition)

or

"Travels With a Donkey" and "An Inland Voyage" —

R. L. Stevenson

3. "A Background Anthology of English Poetry" — Edited by Prothero and Roche (Arnold)

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Before submitting the report of this year's activities, may I thank the Editor of the School Magazine for making this space available.

Morning tea was again provided for parents of new pupils on the two enrolment days at the beginning of the year, and in February we held a luncheon at the School when the mothers of new pupils were our guests.

At the May meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, it was decided to raise funds towards the cost of new curtains for the Assembly Hall stage. To this end, on Friday, July 6th, a street stall was conducted in Rochester Street, Homebush. £50 was raised from the sale of home made cakes, jams, pickles, etc., and our sincere thanks go to those parents who so generously donated these goods. Without their help we could never have made such a wonderful amount. It is anticipated that the new stage curtains will cost £140/12/6.

The Third Annual P. & C. Ball was held in the School Assembly Hall on Saturday, 21st July, and socially it was a great success. Those who attended had a most enjoyable night. Financially, however, it was a failure. The response was most disappointing, only 66 tickets being sold.

This year the Athletic Carnival was held on the 8th August and the Ladies' Auxiliary did an excellent job in preparing and selling lunches, sweets and drinks. We were really delighted in the profit made. £36/1/5 was the best profit we have ever made at this function.

Sweets and drinks were sold on the two play nights in August and the sale of these resulted in a profit of £8/14/2. Thus a total amount of £44/15/7 is going towards the cost of the stage curtains.

On behalf of the Ladies and myself I would like to thank Mr. Golding, Mr. Meyers, Mr. Dyet, Mr. Moore and the teaching staff generally, for their much appreciated help and co-operation on all occasions. We also extend to Mr. Cox a special vote of thanks for his most valuable assistance.

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To Contributors

The editor wishes to thank all those boys who made contributions to the Magazine. The publication of the Journal would not be possible without their efforts, even though it is impossible to print them all.

This year's contributions have not, perhaps, been quite as good in quality as those of past years, but much creditable work was done, nevertheless. The Magazine Committee, consisting of A. Frankovits, S. Jenkins, E. Jocelyn, V. Kennedy, J. Shaw and J. Tremain, spent much time in sorting the entries, and their work is all the more commendable in that they gave up much of their leisure time in sorting, selecting and typing them. The Editor extends his very sincere thanks to these boys.

Much good material had to be rejected, and thus, if your contribution does not appear in the Magazine, please do not be discouraged. Rising costs and the need to offset these by using more advertising space has meant the rejection of much of the good material submitted.

It is impossible to acknowledge individual contributions—space and all-important costs will not permit it, but rest assured that your labours have been very much appreciated.

The Editor.

Education Sunday

Our School was again represented at the Inter-denominational Service held on Education Sunday. Two Church Services, attended by a total of over 1500 school children, were held on this day.

The service attended by the boys of this School was held at the Pitt Street Congregational Church and was preceded by a city march from Hyde Park.

At the Service, Mr. M. B. Ball, Vice-President of the Teachers' Federation, read the lesson, and the Rev. Bruce Gentle, Chaplain of Scots' College, gave the occasional address. Church and school leaders also took part in the service.

Speaking from the words of Christ, "Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect," Mr. Gentle stressed the fact that the final aim of education must be nothing less than perfection—a goal which is impossible in man's unaided strength. He concluded by indicating that the hardest step to make was to have the humility to accept Divine aid, through which alone the goal could be approached.

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Stewart House

The Headmaster attended the Annual Meeting of the Board of "Stewart House Preventorium" at Curl Curl on 28th September, 1956 and presented a cheque for £100 as the school's second gift for this year. £80 odd was sent at 30th June, and there should be about £20 more before Christmas.

That makes us, according to their method of scoring, the Most Generous School in N.S.W. £200 is a lot of money, but there are a thousand of us. Over thirty weeks, this is a penny halfpenny a week each. Well, that couple of coppers wouldn't buy much in a shop and see what you have done with it—given £200 to assist unwell children to ward off serious illness by visiting the Preventorium. How many mothers must bless you for coming to their assistance? How wonderful is the wise use of money? Determine right now always to give a little regularly to worthy causes. While at school, make it a couple of coins on Friday for "Stewart House."

Families are learning through "Wells' Plan" and "Promotion Schemes" how churches can be lifted out of poverty-ridden impotence by regular, self-imposed, sacrificial giving. The surprising thing is the way people are supporting these ideas with their hard-earned cash. When everyone gives a little, it all adds up to handsome sums. I am glad you are able to learn this in a practical way at school.

Many of our boys, I am sure, are making "sacrificial gifts," not just costing the unwanted halfpenny into the tin. God bless them and lead the others to see the Light also.

Kevin King keeps the score each week down in the corridor outside the "Chem. Dem." The class collectors are the ones that really do the work, namely:

1A—A. Dorrrough	1B—T. Wilson	1C—D. Collard
1D—J. Stanton	1E—J. Stinson	1F—D. Hardie
1G—J. Roberts	2A—B. Atkins	2B—Hamilton
2C—K. Griffiths	2D—T. Wyper	2E—M. Hearne
F—L. White	2G—S. Tweedie	3A—G. Cunningham
3B—D. Firth	3C—D. Stanton	3D—G. Alpen
3E—D. Cathro	3F—B. Tompson	4A—G. Adam
4B—D. Wakeling	4C—A. K. Jones	4D—G. Vaughan
4E—F. Maybury	5G—L. Joyce	5B—R. James
5C—A. Phillips	5D—B. Cook	5E—R. Warren

Mr. Johnson goes to a lot of trouble with the counting, wrapping and banking part of the business. As thanks to all, I refer you to your Bibles, James 1 : 25 "Not an idle hearer but a doer of the work." I think I shall have to call you all my "Brothers of the Order of St. James" and our secret code is "James one twenty five." Well done, my Brothers, especially Miss Ryan's class. Funny how that picture sticks in one room, isn't it?

P.S.: Apropos James 1 : 25, the next verse carries a dreadful warning to both you and me, doesn't it?

M.W.A.C.

The Old Boys' Union — Office Bearers, 1956

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Union got away to an early start in its social whirl with a barbecue held in conjunction with Hornsby Old Girls' Union at Rodd Island. The Annual Smoko also went off very well and our Third Annual Ball in which we again combined with Hornsby proved an even greater success than last year with the result that we are planning big things for our Fourth Combined Ball next year. Our Dances, held at the School this year took a more dramatic turn and South Seas, Football and Western themes produced some rather ingenious and at times quite hilarious results. I might add that the Football Dance held after the Annual Match against the School (in which the Old Boys' Union Team once again demonstrated its superiority) and a barbecue at the School was possibly our brightest and most successful event this year.

We have also continued to have debates and we have added to our functions a couple of film evenings. Another addition is our Badminton Club which meets every week in the School's new Gymnasium. We hope that the success which we have had this year continues in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing the Union's thanks to Mr. Golding and Mr. Johnson for their co-operation and encouragement in all our activities. As regards all functions held at the School I thank the ladies auxiliary for the wonderful suppers which they provided and also Mr. Cox for his untiring efforts.

The highlight of the year's achievements was the commencement of the Oval which is expected to be finished about the middle of 1957.

The only sad note in the Union's year was the death of Mr. Arthur Cave who was one of the Union's staunchest friends.

To each of those facing the ordeal of examinations the Old Boys wish every success and we look forward to your becoming one of us in 1957.

Frank Murphy, Honorary Secretary.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

- RODNEY ANDREWS (1953)—now up in Papua at the sub-district of the R.A.A.F.
- SAM PEARSE (1942-46)—served with Queensland Main Roads Department, Brisbane.
- JOHN DUNCAN—Manager of Radio Station 4AY in Ayr in Queensland.
- JIM PEARSE (1940)—Head Teacher at Iyah State School, Home Hill, North Queensland.
- RODNEY ATFIELD (1954)—selected as full back in the combined Insurance Company's Team to play Queensland.
- REV. J. K. SOMMERVILLE (1947)—Missionary in the Methodist Church at Banarns, India.
- ARTHUR SUMMONS (1952)—Represented Australia in Rugby Union
- BOB HOME (1947)—Now over-seas on a three year Scholarship.

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Homebush Old Boys' Union

REPORT OF SOD-TURNING CEREMONY

The culmination of 3½ years of negotiating, lobbying and general fund gathering was seen on the afternoon of the 10th May last when, during a ceremony to mark the occasion, the first sods of the Homebush High School Memorial Oval were turned at Airey Park, Homebush.

A considerable congregation of parents and others interested in the School's progress gathered for the occasion and the School for the afternoon was transferred to the park. The Army and Air Force Cadets formed a Guard of Honour for the Official guests.

During the ceremony speeches were made by the following:—

- 1 The Chairman, the Late Mr. Arthur Cave, who was Mayor of Strathfield at the time when the Old Boys' Union first approached the Council with the oval proposal and who was the chief factor in the Council's support of the project.
- 2 The local M.L.A., Dr. L. J. A. Parr.
- 3 The present Mayor of Strathfield, Ald. W. Dunlop.
- 4 The School Headmaster, Mr. R. A. Golding who first suggested the oval when an object was sought to promote the continued existence of the Old Boys' Union.
- 5 The Old Boys' Union President, Mr. J. Greening.
- 6 Mr. K. Marr, President of the P. & C. Association from 1953 to 1955 and the now Vice-President.
- 7 The School Captain, Mr. R. Lockhart.

The last mentioned five gentlemen also wielded the Silver Spade to great effect to the loud cheers of the boys, and to mark the occasion each was presented by the Old Boys' Union with a suitably inscribed silver spoon.

After the ceremony the guests enjoyed afternoon tea served at the School by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

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Obituary

The School suffered an irreparable loss with the passing of Mr. Arthur Cave. He was indeed our very true friend and a man whom we all admired and respected.

Mr. Cave was elected to Strathfield Council in December, 1944, and failing health forced him to retire from Council duties in September, 1955. He was Mayor of Strathfield from 1953-54. It was during his term as Mayor that Mr. Cave did so much in sponsoring and helping our Oval project.

Actually he remained in Council for a year longer than he intended in order to see the Oval through its negotiation stage and he was probably the happiest man present on the day the first sod of the Oval was turned by his successor as Mayor, Alderman W. Dunlop. That day he saw the culmination of his efforts to obtain a home ground for Homebush Boys' High School.

The Oval will remain as a living memorial to his energy, his steadfastness and his work on behalf of the younger generation.



MR. ARTHUR CAVE

Well we might remember Alderman Dunlop's words when he reported Mr. Cave's death to Council. He said, "Those who knew him intimately may count themselves lucky men, for it comes to the lot of few to know one who was so inherently good." This was a fine tribute to a man of equally fine character.

He was in truth a pattern for us all. Arthur Cave loved the really good, the simple things of life. He realised the needs of the young and laboured on their behalf. He was a fair and indulgent employer, one who guarded zealously the interests of those with whom he came in contact. His charity knew no bounds nor did his love of his fellow man. He was never happier than when helping another.

We of this School mourn his death. We have lost a good friend, a true Christian gentleman.

OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

This year, as always, our School leaders are prominent in both scholastic and in extra-curricular activities. Unanimity shown in their election at the end of last year, and continued support of their efforts ever since, have been indicative not only of their wide interests but also of their demonstration of deeper and more significant qualities; sense of responsibility, energy of commission and pleasantness and strength of personality.

The School Captain, Bob Lockhart, has followed in the traditional footsteps of past School Captains. He is prominent in many and varied school activities, an acknowledged leader of his fellow school citizens, and a lad of firm and sunny disposition. He prefers the exactness of the scientific subjects (he is studying for honours in both Maths.), and his aptitude in these subjects has more than often than not given him a place in the first five in his year. Vice-Captain of the First XI, he is a stylish batsman who goes in early in the innings. He has gained a Blue as a hard-running centre in the First XV. This hard-running style is carried over into athletics and gains him regular places in the sprints and jumps, although he often competes against boys older than himself. Bob's solidity is also apparent in his debating. His speaking style is clear, straightforward and firm, and he is the surest and clearest first speaker in the Western Debating Zone. These qualities also distinguished his fine performances at the play nights of 1953 and 1955. At all School functions his chairmanship is characterised by his usual efficiency and good-humour.

Vice-Captain, Ken Myles, is the natural complement of Bob Lockhart. He shines in the literary field and is studying for honours in English, although his results in Maths. and Science are always good. In sport, he too, has shone on many playing fields. He is captain of the First XI and is a pace bowler of some ability, a fact which opposing batsmen will not deny. He is not only captain of the First XV and as five-eight he has been the pivot of many good movements. An injury half way through the season cost him, in the opinion of many, a C.H.S. Blue (he did, of course, gain a School Blue). That injury probably accounted for his unexpected loss of speed at the Athletic Carnival, but his record in past years speaks for itself. The fact that he was placed first on two occasions in C.H.S. hundred yard events shows what he can do when fit.

Despite his setbacks and his successes, however, Ken is still as cheerful and unassuming as ever—that is excepting in debates. His manner on the rostrum is both persuasive and destructive.

The Senior Prefect, John Sutton, is studying for Firsts in Maths. I and II honours. In other words he is following what is known as the "horror course." Not that there is anything horrible or horrifying about him. Indeed, he is one of the most friendly and quiet people one could hope to meet. His reticence is such that you would need to be told by someone else if you were to find out that he even did well at his studies, let alone that he has been dux of his year since first year. As well as being a runner who gains placings in athletic carnivals through sheer determination, John is an accurate spin bowler in the Second XI. He is a leading player in class tennis and his demeanour on the court marks him as the ideal opponent, even though he usually wins. The latter statement from the writer is high praise, indeed.

Although each of our School Leaders has such a different personality, they each have, at least, one thing in common. They have

gained the respect and whole-hearted co-operation of the school, not for their sporting prowess alone, but because of their highly developed principles of service, industry and good fellowship. At all times they are scholars and gentlemen following the lead of "Recte and Fortiter."
B.D., 5A.

Music in the School

At most School functions held at the School, music played a very prominent part.

During Empire Day Celebrations, National songs were sung by First Year led by the School Choir, and at the "Turning of the First Sod" ceremony the whole school sang appropriate songs. At the Anzac Day service, Jim Saunders played the "Reveille" and "Last Post" with great effectiveness.

Two pupils took a prominent part in the Combined Secondary Schools' Concerts held in the Sydney Town Hall in July. They were Ray Swinfield, who played the first movement of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, and Ron Cooper, who played the flute part in excerpts from the Opera "Marriage of Figaro." These concerts were held to commemorate the bi-centenary of Mozart's birth.

The highlights of the Music and Drama Festival, other than the opera (reported on elsewhere in this journal), were instrumental solos of very high standard rendered by Geoff Furniss (violin), Ron Cooper (flute) and Jim Saunders (trumpet). These items were beautifully accompanied by Keith Furniss and Garry Burgoyne on the piano. The School Orchestra also performed extremely well in rendering, under the direction of Garry Burgoyne, selections from musical comedies.

A group of seventy Second and Fourth Year boys attended a series of four concerts at the Town Hall. These concerts, given by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, provided a very high standard of musical rendition and entertainment.

Besides the above functions, a very successful concert was organised by Mrs. McMurtrie, at which well known first class artists from outside performed. This concert raised valuable funds in support of the School Oval Appeal.

C. Lipscomb.

Alliance Francaise

The following Homebush boys passed the French oral tests (reading, dictation and conversation) conducted by the Alliance Francaise in July of this year.

GRADE I (First Year): B. Ackerman, A. Dorrough, R. Hewitt, A. Quinton.

GRADE II (Second Year): R. Atkins, I. Brown, R. Conway, R. Frost, J. Hamilton, R. James, B. Long, R. Mouritz, K. Myatt, A. Perendi, R. Powell, A. Randell, A. Samin, D. Smith, D. Stuart, R. Wilson, K. Wybrow, G. Yates.

GRADE III (Third Year): J. Fenton, R. Ferguson, J. Ingram, G. McEachran, T. Meiusi, A. Pride, G. Pritchard, R. Stuart, A. Taylor.

GRADE IV (Fourth Year): A. Frankovits, B. Jenkins, E. Jocelyn, D. Liggins, P. Lorschy, J. Shaw, J. Tremain.

GRADE V (Fifth Year): N. Berg, V. French, K. Myles, J. Shiel.

In addition to certificates (awarded to all who passed the tests) book prizes for special merit were won by T. Meiusi, A. Frankovits, B. Jenkins and N. Berg.

The School Shop

The continued support given to the School Shop shows that parents and boys appreciate the work being done in this section of School activities. Pupils appreciate the opportunity of being able to buy, on the spot, such necessities as writing tablets, exercise books, science note books, spelling note books, pencils and manual arts materials. All note and exercise books are made to a standard size, and the uniformity is noteworthy. The School crest on exercise books tends to remind boys of their School motto because it is in this way that it is ever before them.

Parents, too, appreciate the opportunity offered to purchase ties, pullovers, socks and pocket badges, thus obviating the expense of journeys to town to do shopping. We continue to receive messages of appreciation from parents for the service rendered and the quality of the goods provided.

All Profits are put into School Funds for the purchase of amenities. We therefore appeal to *all* parents and pupils to continue with and to add to the fine support already given.

One item of particular interest to mothers is that it is expected that in 1957 school hose will be available in zealons. Articles made of this thread are well enough known for their durability and long-wearing qualities.

V. Durick, Master in Charge.

The Chess Club

The Chess Club again entered three teams in the Inter-School Competition. The B Grade Team and the Beginners' Team finished third and the C. Grade Team fourth.

The Teams entered were as follow: B Grade, J. Ryder, 5A; C. Dennet, 4B; G. Hedges, 4C; B. Martin, 5D; D. Wakeling, 4B. Reserve, G. Jennings, 4B. Top score: D. Wakeling, 4B (8-2). C Grade: R. James, 2A; L. Wong, 3B; F. Yuan, 3B; J. Jeremin, 2B; A. Abrahart, 4B. Reserve, G. Jennings, 4B; D. Wakeling, 4B. Top Scores, J. Jeremin, 2F (5-0), F. Yuan, 3B (5-1). Beginners Team: D. King, 4E; B. Maxwell, 1A; B. Eveille, 4E; F. Maybury, 4E; R. Walker, 2F. Reserves: B. Lammas, 4E; I. Tilbury, 1G. Top Scores: B. Maxwell, 1A (4-1), F. Maybury, 4E (4-2), R. Walker, 2F (4-2).

In the New South Wales Under 16, C. Dennet, 4B, came equal first and G. Hedges, 4C, came eleventh.

We would like to thank Mr. Carson for his help and encouragement throughout the year.

C. Dennet, 4B.

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School Finances

The School's finances at the present are in a sound position. Including both the Union and Headmaster's accounts, the School had a credit balance at 14th September, 1956, of £1474/11/4. One outstanding commitment of some magnitude, the cost of erecting two wire enclosed practice wickets in the school grounds, will reduce the balance by approximately £250.

A General Service Fee of £3 per annum is charged to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year boys. Of this amount £1/10/- is allotted to the hire of text books and £1/10/- to School Union. In 4th and 5th year, boys pay £3/10/- of which £2 is for hire of text books and £1/10/- for Union.

The Union Fee covers, in general, the supply of sporting equipment and duplicating material, hire of grounds, publishing of school magazine and the provision of first aid or hospital service to pupils.

Two accounts are maintained in connection with school finances.

The Union Account is concerned chiefly with the General Service Fees, locker fees, School Shop, text books and sport.

The Headmaster's Account deals largely with collections for charitable purposes, Stewart House, Oval Fund, Picture Fund, Social Functions and the Music and Drama Festival.



Table Tennis — Staff v. Prefects

Late in the second term, the Prefects arranged a table tennis match against the Staff. Following its defeat last year, the Staff decided that practice was the remedy, so that every day for a week or so before the match, four or five teachers were seen stealthily crossing to the gymnasium. They carried an array of bats and a little white ball.

Neither side appeared very confident, but as the scores indicate, the teachers were probably being polite. Before an enthusiastic audience of fifth years, Vic French drew first blood for the Prefects with a popular win over Mr. Ohnson. The Prefects' ace, Gordon Hayes, found Mr. Moalem in a devastating mood and did quite well until the latter "turned it on" to win the last eleven points in succession. At the end of the first day's play the Prefects held a slender lead of 3-2.

Next day, Richard Ashby increased this to 4-2 and then the Staff struck a purple patch to win the next five games and take the match. Mr. Meyers obliged by taking his coat off and proceeding to show some very fine shots despite his lack of practice.

Richard Collins allowed Mr. Durick to beat him and so enhanced claims to Maths. Honours. So far Mr. Durick has very kindly refrained from gloating over 5A. Mr. Brown and Geoff. Furniss had one another guessing for a while. Graham Gould Farrell regained some of the Prefects' lost prestige with a fine 21-17 win over Mr. Tester in the final game.

On the whole the games were evenly contested. They were all played in a very fine spirit and it would appear that some of them were pre-arranged, for example, Trevor Baker v. Mr. Leeder.

Space does not permit printing results in detail, but suffice it to say that the final scores were: Staff, 9 sets, 228 points, defeated the Prefects, 6 sets, 251 points.

—John Sutton, 5A.

UNION ACCOUNT

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th November, 1955

PAYMENTS

Lockers	£3 0 0
Text Books	1609 8 7
Union Expenses	88 10 0
Reference Library	70 2 2
Library—Books and Repairs	231 2 2
Purchase of Tie and Exercises, etc.	2540 0 2
Travel	153 15 6
Swimming Entrance and Hire	83 0 11
Cricket Equipment	229 5 11
Tennis Equipment and Courts	67 4 11
Athletic Equipment and Programmes ..	56 11 3
Football Equipment	78 0 5
Hire of Sports Grounds	40 10 0
Magazine Printing, 1954	249 10 0
Magazine Printing, 1955	228 10 0
Duplicator	189 10 0
Duplicating Materials	240 12 9
Telephone	68 12 0
Hospital and Ambulance	34 13 0
Contras	182 7 0
Sundries	440 5 9
Excess of Receipts over Payments	187 11 5
	£7072 3 11

RECEIPTS

Balance, Jan., 1955	£268 17 6
Lockers	28 19 6
Text Book and Union Fees	3118 7 1
Library—Subsidy and Fines	62 5 6
Sale of Ties and Exercises, Etc.	2853 19 6
Fares Collected	190 3 5
Replaced Football Jerseys	4 2 6
Magazine Advertisements	127 6 0
Duplicating	19 11 0
Telephone	21 14 4
Contras	249 1 5
Sundries	127 16 2

£7072 3 11

SCHOOL UNION ACCOUNT, 1956

The following is a brief summary of the financial position up to 14th September, 1956:—

Total Receipts	£6978	0	3
Total Payments	£5946	3	1
	£1031	17	2

The Chief receipts have been:—

Text Book Fees	£1803	14	7
Union Fees	£1585	16	10
Sale of pads, ties, exercises	£2813	7	11

The chief payments include:—

Texts	£1745	11	1
Library	229	2	3
Purchase of pads, ties, exercises	2477	17	0
Fares	350	7	7
Sporting Equipment	312	14	0
Duplicating Equipment	199	10	7
Hire of Grounds	47	0	0

HEADMASTER'S ACCOUNT

The Headmaster's Account up to 14th September, 1956, reveals the following:—

Total Receipts	£2539	17	6
Total Payments	2097	3	4
	£442	13	2

The Total Receipts include a balance brought forward from 1955 of £992/8/7, which represents an amount raised by the school towards the cost of an Oval.

The Chief payments from this account include:—

Oval Fund	£1012	15	0
Stewart House	120	0	0
Other Charities	129	10	9
Play Night and Concert	110	17	11
Equipment and Furnishings	118	19	0

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THE LIBRARY

Since 30th November, 1955, 406 books have been accessioned. Of these, 392 were reference or non-fiction and 115 fiction books. Of the fiction books, 59 were donations chiefly from boys in the junior school.

Approximately £210 has been spent from school funds and approximately £56 from the Reference Library Fund provided by the Parents' and Citizens' Association. A further amount of £87 has been spent on full library bindings.

Since some very dear text and reference books have been bought and since fiction books are increasingly expensive, the buying average has risen beyond two to the pound which formerly could be achieved. However, the policy of rebinding has cheaply replaced many expensive books. Other paper books are thus put into a form suitable for library use. These books should have a much longer life, since library bindings are far more durable than commercial bindings. Considerable time has been spent in printing titles and numbers on rebound books. Most of the new stock is on the way to complete processing, 120 already being in the library. Accumulated stock from earlier borrowing is gradually being transferred into the classified library.

Of the stock acquired between 1936 and 1949, in number 1657, about 590 books remain. Of these 200 remain to be catalogued. It must be pointed out that many of these were of inferior paper and with war emergency standard bindings and that a policy of rebinding books has been adopted only over the last three years. Total number of books is 3,300 with about 400 books still to be catalogued.

Library books have been in constant circulation during the year. The peak of borrowing was reached during the September vacation when 780 were on loan, 556 of these being non-fiction books.

Issuing of books has been competently organised by D. Kilgannon and G. Brimley, of Fourth Year.

Copying of catalogue cards by J. Pomeroy, 3A, has made possible a greater number of subject entries to be made in the catalogue. While subject cards still have to be made for books bought before 1953, a working dictionary catalogue has been made to the books placed in the library since then.

The following extracts from earlier library reports will emphasise the work done by Mr. Golding, the masters and staff and the Parents' and Citizens' Association since 1950.

In 1936 Mr. J. H. Britton comments: "The reference section, now some 400 books strong, is a splendid beginning.....but many of the books are too antiquated to be of any real assistance to the boys in their studies."

The library report for 1938 states that £40 subsidy from school funds was spent on the library, "but that 'only a small proportion of the boys are borrowers.'"

The library report for 1945 reads: "Now that we have a complete catalogue a copy of which is posted along the partition, I hope to see Fourth Year boys making reading lists and borrowing at least two

reference books a term. What we really need, and intend to have some day, is a full card index."

Complaint was made in 1947: "The School library is a very popular place at lunch time.....Yet it is a pity that so many seniors prefer the periodical room and leave almost untouched the books meant especially for them. About a dozen reference books are borrowed every day."

Finally in 1949 the librarian complains: "The truth of the matter is that (Homebush), one of the most important High Schools in the State, is so devoid of reference books that not even one subject can claim an adequate supply of books. So long as the supply of reference books is so tragically inadequate, so long will the results achieved by Homebush students be worse than they deserve."

It is good to be able to report in the year of the school's twentieth anniversary, that this shortage has been remedied. Boys can show their appreciation of the better conditions brought about by the present headmaster, by seeing that books are well treated and respected as the common property of the members of the school, now and for years to come.



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HERE AND THERE

Personal and Missing Friends: Since the Directory was completed last year the following got away. Their names appear not in order of seniority or departure, but, in good Departmental tradition, from the top of the printed list, Mr. Wallace, as Headmaster to Blacktown; Mr. Heffron to Tamworth; Mr. Marshall to Canada; and Mr. Pound of Wollongong. From the Maths. Staff Mr. Allars went as Master to Wagga, Mr. Dutton to Queanbeyan and Mr. Walsh to North Sydney. Mr. Stewart left the Modern Language Staff to go to Laos in Indo-China to teach English in French. Science lost Mr. Rassack to Fort Street and Mr. Tompson retired to the Australian Desert. Mr. Conway went to Penrith as Commerce Master and Mr. Harris to Richmond in the same position. Manual Arts lost Mr. Neall to MacQuarie High and Mr. Young to Enmore.

Mr. Meyers, our new Deputy, came back home after twelve months at Cleveland Street. English and History got Mr. Philpott from Mosman via England and Mosman, Mr. Cowan from Forbes and Mr. Morrison, who came from Sydney Teachers' College and went away again. Mr. Baker stole Mr. Quail from Ashfield and half Mr. Faehrmann from West Wyalong. The other half of Mr. Faehrmann went to Mr. Moss' Department. The Commerce Department salvaged Mr. Hensley from the Child Welfare Department and Mr. Moore from Macksville. Mrs. Blackmore came to Modern Languages from Parramatta and Mr. Manderfeldt via the translations department of the Renault factory from teaching in England and France. The Manual Arts Department gained Mr. Richardson and Mr. Thornton.

The School couldn't go on if it weren't for the three "elderly gentlemen" who refuse even to fade away. They are Mr. Austin, Mr. Gillogley and Mr. Roberts.

Welcome, too, to Peter Faehrmann who joined us early this year.

If there are any more staff changes it isn't surprising that they have been missed. The Staff is so large that we now communicate with each other by letters one of which runs, "Mr. Bloggs, please take 6x, period 9, in room 94 for Mr. Absent."

Positions Vacant or Wanted: Boys seeking employment are advised that the plumbing trade is booming. O.B.U. President, Jim Greening passed off some surplus profit to us in the shape of a Debating Gong and a beautiful tea set for special occasions. Bob L. and Ken M. can testify to the effect of the tea cups on tea.

We don't quite know who inspired who, but the Ladies Auxiliary presented us with a silver tea service and they say that more is to come.

Found in Strange Places Department. The whole School at a prayer meeting on Fifth Year lawn. This time for a very dear friend of all of us, Mrs. Moss. Mrs. Moss thinks everyone is so kind; could anyone who has met that lady and her husband ever doubt why people are kind to her?

We notice that the headmaster has been looking very well this year.

The large wire pens behind the Gymnasium are to be used by

prefects. Boys found breaking school rules are to be tied to the wire and used as targets for bowling practice. Thank you, Mr. Brown, Mr. Philpott and others for such an excellent idea. So useful to the cricketers, too.

Persons interested in working for a long time should apply for Science Teaching. Average age of the Science Department is 65 years.

The sink and tap in the Careers Adviser's office are used as a water torture. Speaking of taps reminds us. How many times would 30 taps be turned on in 20 years by an average of 1000 people per week. This is the problem which it was necessary for Public Works to solve before deciding what sort of taps to use when renewing those in the Science Laboratories which they did recently.

We shouldn't advertise the opposition but the Editor of this journal's most serious rival, "The Bulletin," is one, Mrs. Gough, who took on the job at short notice and doesn't seem to be able to get anyone to relieve her.

APPOINTMENTS—PROMOTIONS (ETC.)

Mr. Tester—President of the District Cricket Club.

Mr. Quinlan—President of the District Fishing Club.

Mr. Dillon Smith—Admitted to the Degree of Master of Arts with 1st Class Honours.

Births, Deaths and Marriages. We extend to the Earl Mountbatten our heartiest congratulations on the success of his recent mission. Doubtless the School is aware that Her Majesty sent her uncle to convince Mr. M. W. A. Cullen to rejoin the Royal Life Saving Society; now Aust. in brackets.

It is still blue and it still goes, but it didn't for a while. It met a truck rather forcibly coming in the other direction but it wasn't Miss Ryan's fault.

The boy who enquired is assured that it is impossible that he saw a boy's leg and arm projecting from the cupboard in room 28. Miss Shaw puts all the garbage in the bins, not in her broom cupboard. The Southern Staff Room would doubtless have me take this opportunity of giving Miss Shaw the traditional annual "thank you" for the way in which she keeps that end of the building spotless.

Have you seen the new curtains in the Hall? Guess who?

FIFTY FIVE of them we got—and aren't we proud. "No, Sonny, not fish. Commonwealth Scholarships? What price Homebush now? They tell me the waiting list is so long you have to put your name down when you are born if you want to get in.

What with all the new furniture we won't dare sit down soon and with all the new lino splashed around we will wear out the leather on our shoes scraping the mud off. When you go into 3A or a science room now they measure you up for the right size chair and desk. You can't choose the style, though.

Mr. Hayman, who comes to school on Thursday to take scripture, decided that the barbarians in the hall needed a missionary or two. (He and Mrs. Hayman ought to know, they were missionaries in China.) He brought some visitors to subdue the natives at Homebush.

Among the visitors, Rev. Ringer, of the Afghan Border Crusade! and Rev. Bellingham, Headmaster of the Hyderabad Boys' School.

The Presbyterian Minister, Mr. MacDougall, brought Dr. John Kalsakau to the School. Dr. Kalsakau is a native medical practitioner from the New Hebrides who had been to Samoa for a medical conference of W. H. O. We welcome these and other visitors this year.

One of the questions in the Chinese paper (Yes we had one) in the Trial Leaving Certificate read something like this: "Write a composition in no more than fifty Chinese characters on rice growing, or tea growing." The next question read: "Write a translation of the composition which you have just written." Mr. Evans, please note for future reference.

Here are the winners of the John Tierney Prize this year. In the senior division Barry Dyster, of 5A, won with his Short Story, "The Piper of Dublin Creek." A. Roy, of 4A, was highly commended for his Short Story. Dyster's performance was outstanding and Roy's also was very good; but, of course, you will know, having read them. The Editor says that the verse wasn't up to the usual standard in the Senior Section this year.

The Junior section was won by Robert Henderson, of 3A, with a poem "Oasis" which was an extremely good poem. Verse isn't easy, either; you try it sometime. Alan Smith, of 2A, was highly commended for his Short Story. "An Original Tale." The junior standard was well up to the usual, the Editor tells me.

Looking over this par I notice that the "A's" seem to have it this year. "Thanks a lot" to the other contributors. There wouldn't be a magazine but for the runners up. Try again and better luck next time.



The Pound

One very practical school activity is the lost property pound which is conducted in a most efficient manner by Bruce Hardwick, 3C, and Burland Pomeroy, 3A, acting under the general supervision of Mr. Faehrmann.

In order that property may be safeguarded, any personal belongings, text books on loan, etc., etc., found in the school or yard or left in class rooms after the days lessons are over are collected and placed under lock and key. These may be claimed by their owners at Room 1 on all school days, except Wednesdays, after the mid-lunch bell. A fine is payable if the articles are not collected on the school day following their being impounded.

Despite the fact that this service is maintained continually, much of the property is not claimed. If property not collected after a long period it is made ready for a sale which is held after widespread advertisement. Should any pupil discover that some article for sale is his, he may have it by claiming ownership—otherwise it goes to the highest bidder.

The recent sale netted over £5, which sum will be used for the purchase of additional chemical supplies.

Music and Drama Festival

The Music and Drama Festival on the 21st and 22nd of August this year, gave us an excellent and highly entertaining programme. The standard throughout was kept at a very high level and was obviously appreciated by the audience which, on both nights, filled the School Hall to capacity.

The School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Lipscomb, opened the evening with selections from "The White Horse Inn," which was followed on the first night by a play, "Under the Black Flag". This fine performance by the 2B players, led by A. Parker, P. Thorley and J. Eldridge, was the story of a dream concerning a blood-thirsty, cut-throat band of pirates. Thanks go to the producer, Mr. Phillpott.

On the second night, the play, "The Dark Valley," was the second item. The principals were C. Russell, J. Tremain, A. Roy, and V. Kennedy. This play, put on by 4A, was the story of a grim trick which an old man played on his wife by feigning death. C. Russell played the part of Dan Burke exceptionally well. Dressed in nothing but a nightshirt, and sleeping through half the play, he must have had the best part of the night. The producer, Mr. Dillon-Smith, is to be congratulated.

The next item was the Third Movement of Mozart's E. Symphony, rendered by the School Orchestra.

R. Cooper then gave two flute solos, followed by J. Saunders, who gave a trumpet solo, and J. Furniss, with two violin solos. These boys gave outstanding performances and these were very well received.

Following these, on Tuesday night, a fine cast consisting of C. Potter, K. Keleher, S. Firth, D. Matthews, and E. Ottas, to the audience's great enjoyment, performed "Bond Street." This is the story of a gentleman-thief's escapade in a fashionable Mayfair flat. Thanks go to Mr. Dillon-Smith, who had a busy time preparing two plays for the Festival.

On the second night, the play was "Bad Day at Taipeh," a very humorous story of a wealthy Chinese who had lost all his belongings in a great flood. The main character, Li Sing, was played very ably by P. Davidson. As his wife, J. Stokes gave an especially brilliant performance and had the audience laughing continually. This proved to be one of the highlights of the evening. To the boys of 2F and producer, Mr. Dyet, congratulations.

The last item before interval was a mime of the prison scene from "Faust," by T. Moore, D. Liggins and G. Robertson. The success of this was a tribute to the boys, and to Mr. Tester, who arranged it.

After interval, there followed the grand finale of each night—a very pleasing performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore." The part of the proud Captain Corcoran was particularly well played by P. Durrant, whose fine voice impressed the whole of the audience. P. Rowan played the part of Josephine, the Captain's daughter, and it can be well understood why any sailor would be attracted by this comely young lass. Her suitor was Ralph Rachstraw, whose handsome presence and charming tenor voice could not fail to win his lady. This part was taken by J. Shaw. A. Volcov took the part of the "Monarch of the Sea," Sir Joseph Porter. This

noble, impressive figure overshadowed all others as he strutted on stage to visit the "Pinafore," bringing with him his flock of pretty female relatives, headed by Cousin Hebe. J. Filmer, in this part, completely captivated the audience with his pert fussiness and delightful appearance. K. King's interpretation of the Bosun's role showed the solid, reliable type of sailor who has long been the backbone of the British Navy. We saw B. Jenkins in the role of the pathetic, puzzled Dick Deadeye, give a very creditable performance of what was, perhaps, the most difficult part of the play. Few would have recognised the versatile B. Connors as the buxom Buttercup, who came forward at the end to tell us in a very sweet voice of the confused identities of Ralph and the Captain.

Both the acting and the singing of all those in the opera was of a very high standard, and must be commended. Very good work was done by the fourth year chorus of sailors and the first year chorus of girls. The performance was the culmination of weeks of untiring effort and incessant work by Mr. Lipscomb and Miss Perrin. To these two people the School says thank you for a job well done. We would also like to show our appreciation of the immense job carried out by the School orchestra and piano accompanists, who contributed so greatly to the opera's successful presentation.

The School is also grateful to all those who helped to make the Festival a success. Special thanks go to the fourth years who so very efficiently applied the make-up. It is known that every person who appeared on the stage had to be completely made up, and that some took up to half an hour to do. Thus it can be realised that these "make-up" boys had no small task to perform at each performance. Miss Perrin and Mr. Dyet supervised this department.

Our thanks also go to the Prefects who worked as ushers and programme sellers; to the P. and C. who did a roaring trade in refreshments; to the boys who acted as scene-shifters; to the electricians; to Mr. Cox who kept the Hall in such perfect condition; to Mr. Quinlan, the stage manager, and to Mr. Moore, who was in charge of the seat booking arrangements. It must be realised that every member of the Staff contributed in some way to the preparation for our Play Night.

Only a team effort, only cheerful co-operation by the whole School, could have produced such a wonderfully successful result.

A. Roy and J. Tremain, 4A.



Parents & Citizens' Association

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The highlight of this year's activities was the ceremony of the turning of the first sod for the Sports Oval in Airey Park and the

School, P. & C. Association and Old Boys' Union can justly feel proud of the result achieved by their combined efforts. A cheque for £450 handed over by Mr. K. Marr, on behalf of the P. & C. Association, was an indication of the solid support given to this worthy cause.

While the membership of the Association has reached a total of 1905, it is deeply to be regretted that actual attendance at regular P. & C. meetings is still limited to a small number of members and I can only urge that all parents who have not already done so make a special effort to attend at least some of the meetings and thus obtain first-hand knowledge of what the Association is doing for the school and their sons.

Regular monthly meetings are held in the school library on the third Wednesday in each month at 8 p.m., except during holidays, and an outstanding feature of these meetings is a month by month report by Mr. Golding covering all aspects of school activities.

It was with deep regret that the Association recorded the death during the year of Ex-Alderman Cave and we pay our tribute to the fine work done by him, particularly in relation to the securing of Airey Park as a School Sports Oval.

In addition to the activities of the Ladies' Auxiliary recorded separately, the P. & C. held a Family night on March 2 and an Annual Ball on the 21st July. Unfortunately, attendance at the ball was not as high as had been hoped, but a very pleasant social evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

In conclusion I desire to thank Mr. Golding, Mr. Meyers and all members of the staff for their ever ready co-operation throughout the year. We look forward to a continuance of that very pleasant relationship with future members of the Association.

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Vocational Guidance

Careers Advising this year has proved a very busy occupation and also a very satisfying one. During Second and what has passed of Third Term over one hundred parents have been interviewed and at the time of writing bookings for interviews are being made three weeks in advance. With 1083 boys in the School the task of meeting the needs of each boy seems sometimes impossible.

One of the problems which has to be overcome is that of answering the same question hundreds of times for different boys. One way to overcome this is to hold group meetings and during the year it has been possible for the Careers Adviser to see many of the classes and to answer their questions. "How old must I be to go to the University?" "Must I do both Mathematics to do engineering?" These questions answered once in a class do not have to be repeated by the forty other boys in the same class. Such at least is my hope.

Another method of spreading information which was tried again this year was a parent's evening; two evenings, in fact. It was good to see over 480 people packed into our hall for the Information Evening in First Term and a similar number for the evening in Second Term when we were visited by Professors Baxter and Meyers, of the University of Technology.

I want to say something personally to the parents of each boy in Homebush High School. It is this: If your boy was selected for this school, he is thought to be capable of going on to some form of tertiary education; University or Technical College. The vast majority are capable of entering a profession. I want you to consider that statement quite seriously. Many parents still tell me that their boys haven't the ability to go beyond Third Year. Let it be quite clear that there are many reasons why boys selected fail to do well, but one of them is not that the boys haven't the ability. Bearing this fact in mind parents should remember Professor Baxter's statement that Australia cannot meet its present needs for technologists within the next fifteen years; bear in mind, also, the extraordinary lengths to which Governments and Industry are willing to go to produce executives and professional men; bear in mind the obvious shortage in the community of doctors, teachers and other professional men who deal directly with the public; bear this in mind and then remember that the satisfied man is the one who uses his talents and develops them to the full.

Finally, to those parents who sat crowded at our Coroborees on May 2nd and July 6th, and who have waited so patiently for interviews, the resident Witchdoctor expresses his appreciation. It was a pleasure to meet you and it is my hope that our interview was of value.

W. R. England

School Cadets



Back Row: F. Millington, B. Pratt, R. Mann, B. Pomery, N. Elliott, P. de Beuzeville, B. Davis, R. George, R. Ovendon, L. Wong.
Second Back Row: P. Bastock, A. Kelly, E. Hampton, V. Smith, P. Heath, R. Sherman, J. Soede, A. Josey, S. Fowler, J. Fry, R. Portus
Third Back Row: A. Barnes, L. Miller, L/Cpl. A. Lansdowne, L/Cpl. B. Lambert, L/Cpl. M. Buckpitt, L/Cpl. K. King, Cpl. R. Rae, L/Cpl. M. Brown, Cpl. B. Thompson, Cpl. R. Blunden, Cpl. R. Graig, D. Maher.
Fourth Back Row: Sgt. N. Horn, Sgt. R. Milne, C.U.O. P. Muller, Capt. S. Broome, Mr. R. A. Golding, (Principal), Lieut. D. Anderson, WOII J. Saunders, S/Sgt. C. McRae, Sgt. D. Wakeling.
Front Row: G. Stevenson, L/Cpl. R. Rowlatt, S. Gorman.
Absent: C.U.O. P. Middleton.

With an increasing complement, which could be larger still, the School Cadet Corps goes on, to complete another year of interesting and exciting training.

The annual camp was held at Singleton prior to the August vacation, and excellent material for future officers and N.C.O.'s was noted. Several cadets will soon be selected to attend special training courses in December.

Commissions were gained by Peter Middleton and Peter Muller and during the year C.U.O. Muller flew to Canberra as a guest of the Department of the Army on a visit to R.M.C. Duntroon.

During the year Cpl. Horn and Cpl. Blunden passed a Specialist Course for the Vickers Machine Gun, and Cpl. Craig passed a course for the 3in. Mortar.

Training equipment has again been added to. We now have in our newly constructed armoury six field telephones, two Bren guns, one Vickers Machine gun and a two and three inch mortar. In addition to this the number of rifles has been doubled.

The Unit participated in a march through the streets of Sydney during Education Week and with No. 11 Flight A.T.C. formed a Guard

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of Honour at the Ceremony of the "Turning of the Sod" in May. Later the Guard paid its respects at the funeral of the late Mr. Arthur Cave.

Prizes won by Cadets during 1955 were presented by Capt. Silcock after an address by the Principal of the School, Mr. Godling.

In conclusion, the Unit wishes to thank Mr. R. A. Golding, the 8 Cadet Btn. Staff (particularly Capt. Silcock and W./O. Williams), Mr. S. Broome, and Mr. D. Anderson for their continued interest in its activities. May 1957 see the Unit grow in membership because this will enable further interesting activities to be undertaken.

P. Middleton, C.U.O. P. Muller, C.U.O.

DEBATING

K. R. CRAMP COMPETITION

This year has been one of interest and value to the Fourth Year team, even if the final result was not all we hoped for. Our boys showed real enthusiasm, worked hard and were perhaps superior in their preparation of subject matter to teams which beat them on points. They read widely, came back after school for coaching and information on difficult topics and prepared thoroughly for their practice debates both against other Fourth Years and also against the Hume-Barbour Team.

In the competition we lost narrowly to Hurlstone and Macquarie High Schools, but beat Parramatta in the last debate of the zone. In this last contest our boys certainly showed real improvement in debating technique.

The personnel of our team varied somewhat owing to sickness and other circumstances, but the speakers were chosen from the following boys: Brian Jenkins, John Shaw, Edward Jocelyn and Keith King, with Andrew Frankovits and Alan Abraham as fourth speakers.

HUME-BARBOUR COMPETITION

The team this year has been of very good quality and was most unfortunate not to get the vital decision in the debate against Parramatta in the zone final.

The burden has been carried by Robert Lockhart, Barry Dyster and Douglas Reid, ably supported by Ken Myles and Peter Martin. These lads have shown sound preparation on all occasions and a high standard of ability to think on their feet and at other times during the debate. Clear teamwork was apparent in each debate. Barry Dyster has excelled in his performance in both scholarship and argument.

In addition to Hume-Barbour activities the team has busied itself with a debate against the Old Boys' Union which was well attended by parents and boys and was adjudicated by Mr. Dennis Kevans, chaired by the Headmaster and refreshed by the Old Boys' Union to whom we give our thanks. Lockhart and Myles have, in addition, served as School Orators for official functions.

There remains but two purely debating functions to conclude the year's work. The first, an effort to vindicate ourselves by an effort to win the City of Sydney Eisteddfod Junior Teams Debate, and the second a rather less serious occasion when we will meet the Old Boys' Union to give their Secretary, Mr. Jim Greening, the opportunity to present to the School a debate's gong, designed by Angus and Cootes in collaboration with the debates master.

Apart from both the debating competitions, boys from all age groups have taken part in outside public speaking competitions, such as the Mosman Debating Society's competition and that of the Royal Empire Society. In the former of these Keith King was awarded fourth place in his division.

I. S. C. F.

The Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship has functioned throughout the year in the tradition which has been built up over the past decade. Led by the boys themselves, the meetings have been well attended and well conducted. The Senior Leader this year has been Michael Wood, of 5A, who has been assisted by a splendid committee of boys from all other years. They have arranged the programme, invited speakers and organised discussions with great care, with the aim in view of working to a set theme: "To build lives on the sure foundation of a right relationship with God."

Featured also, have been talks to help meet effectively life's daily problems and experiences. Ex-students have been invited along to speak and we have had the pleasure of visits from such old boys as John Maloney, John Morey, Ken Goodwin and John Podger. These boys tell of the help they received while at school from the I.S.C.F. and of its contribution to their own experience and spiritual enlightenment.

Members have also found great help from the Bible studies which were commenced in second term. These were on the Gospel of St. John and considerable thought was given by those who led the studies. Interesting and helpful were the contributions when discussion time came and many very valuable thoughts were passed on by Mr. Carson who gave a good deal of his time to assist in this regard.

One of the highlights of the year was the screening of the film, "The Voices of the Deep," which was shown in the Assembly Hall to a full house. Great interest was shown in the film by the boys and it was greatly to their credit that not one boy desired to leave the Hall before the film was finished. And that, in spite of the little "sermon" at the end! We hope that the purpose of the film was achieved.

Another interesting occasion was the Anniversary of the Scripture Union. Our Quiz Team of four found that they were more successful than they had thought they would be, and after passing the preliminary contest, went on to gain third place in the final before an audience of some two thousand. The boys in the team were Ian Bull, 4D, Bruce Morey, 4C, K. Menzies, 1B, and T. Wilson, 1B. Our congratulations go to these boys for their fine effort and for the excellent manner in which they represented their school.

At the close of last year a very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Podger, at Beecroft. In conjunction with the Hornsby High Girls a Barbecue was arranged in the spacious grounds of this beautiful home. Although a sudden shower drenched everyone while on a hike through the bush, the iron soon dried the dresses and the two barbecue fires the shirts, and everyone had a really good time. Sausages, steak and bread rolls disappeared as if by magic! The afternoon was concluded with a short talk by one of the girls and one of our boys and the presentation of a book to Mrs. Podger.

We are grateful to Mr. Golding for continued permission to use Room 27; and to Mr. Meyers for the use of the P.A. system for announcements. Thanks also to those teachers who have contributed by talks and sound advice. It is our hope that many more boys will avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in and enjoy the activities of this organisation in the future.

M. Wood, 5A.

Air Training Corps



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Front Row: Cpl. R. Shoebridge, Sgt. D. Lloyd, W.O. P. Jones, F/Lt. W. L. Havard, Mr. R. A. Golding, W.O. R. Smith, F/Sgt. J. Kelly, Cpl. R. Phelan, Cpl. R. Elvy.
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By the end of the year No. 11 Flight, N.S.W. Squadron, R.A.A.F., A.T.C., composed of boys from Homebush Boys' High School only, will have been established twelve years. The Flight was formed in 1944 with P./O. P. Piper as O.C. In 1948 the present O.C., F./Lt. W. L. Havard, took over and has the assistance of F/Lt. C. J. Neal as Chief Instructor.

The establishment of this flight is for fifty cadets including seven N.C.O.'s and as the active enrolment is over forty, it is clear that future enrolment will be competitive. Already there have been some applications to join. Boys who wish to be enrolled should submit their applications for consideration before the end of 1956. Some places will, of course, be left open for boys who will be coming to the School for the first time in 1957.

The year 1956 has been a good year for the A.T.C. at Homebush. The N.C.O.'s have been most enthusiastic and efficient in carrying out their duties with the Flight and their help is much appreciated. The Flight has been well represented at the school vacation

camps that have been held at R.A.A.F. stations (Williamtown, Rathmines, Richmond, Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Uranquinty), and cadets have taken part in Service ceremonies in the city and suburbs on several occasions. In this way close contact with R.A.A.F. service life has been of great benefit to them all.

Cadets have had considerable rifle shooting practice, sometimes on station, but more often at Malabar, and on the handy miniature range at Homebush Drill Hall, where the Army have, as always, been most helpful. At the same time it is important that Homebush Boys' High School should acquire its own miniature range. With such a range permanently available, boys could be taught to handle a rifle safely, and, moreover, the School's Army Cadets could engage in frequent and friendly competition with No. 11 Flight. Thanks are tendered to the Army Cadets and their O.C., Capt. S. Broome, for help in training during the year.

L.A.C. Ralph topped his senior N.C.O. course, with outstanding marks for aptitude and drill, at Uranquinty in September. At the same station, L.A.C.'s Pierce, King, Kavanagh and Bird, of No. 11 Flight filled positions 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively, on a Junior N.C.O. course of twenty cadets drawn from eight different flights in the Squadron. Parents will readily recognise the value to their boys of their service training.

O.C.



Text Books

The text book scheme has continued to operate smoothly over the past year. With a willing and efficient band of workers, mainly from 2A, over 15,000 books were issued at the beginning of the year. The total stock comprises some 25,000 volumes.

The card system has proved its worth in reminding boys of the books which have been issued to them. Sometimes a careless character forgets to return all his books and the usual excuse "I wasn't issued with that one" is soon dismissed by a reference to his card. Very soon the book is returned!

Some parents may feel that the book fee is high! but when it is realised how much is saved through not having to buy the books that idea is quickly dispelled. Some boys in Fourth and Fifth Year have received over 40 books (2 cards issued!) and this represents an investment of at least £20. The parent has only to pay £2 of this amount, thus saving a minimum of £18. While the saving may not be so great in the lower years it is to be remembered that the school caters for a Five Year Course; and money invested in the first three years (while still less than the amount of the books) paves the way for the excellent return in the two later years.

One other aspect may be profitably mentioned here. Some boys do not take care of their books as they should, with the result that they have to be replaced sooner than necessary. This is a waste of money. Parents can assist in this regard by keeping a watchful eye upon their boys' books. Badly damaged or defaced books will always be replaced if others are in stock. It is our regret that after spending £1600 this year we are still short of some titles, and boys have to go without books which we would like to give them. But the situation has practically been eliminated and it is our hope that next year no boy will need to go without any book which is required for his intelligent and diligent study.

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ANZAC DAY, 1956

Anzac Day throughout the years has gathered meaning. A simple act of memory has assumed deep significance to Australians. This year, that sense of significance was increased by the definite form given to the ceremony.

As is usual, the address was made by an ex-serviceman, this year Mr. C. Johnston, who served in corvettes and in destroyers during the Second World War. Since Mr. Johnston has made available the text of his address it has been included in this article.

"The most surprising thing about the Gallipoli Peninsula today is that you would find it in almost exactly the same condition as it was 40 years ago.

True, there are dozens of cemeteries and memorials scattered from Cape Helles to Anzac Cove to remind you that thousands of men died in that campaign, but the trenches, shelters and gunpits in which they fought are still intact.

The impression is that time has stood still in this rather barren land, but the remarkable preservation is really due to the Turks, who still look upon the Peninsula as of great strategic importance to them, protecting the western gateway to their country as it did in 1915, and, with a corp of troops to guard it and maintain defence fortifications on the coast, few peasants have settled there in generations.

The nearest habitation to the scene of battle is the village of Krithisa, some miles from the sea. It was one of the allied objectives in 1915—one that was never reached."

The Australian and Turkish trenches, 25 to 30 yards apart, are separated by a narrow dusty road. Here in this narrow bit of no man's land the Turks have built their memorial. The Australian memorial overlooks Anzac Cove. The New Zealand memorial stands on a high peak overlooking Suvla Bay. On the windswept tip of the peninsula—Cape Helles—stands the British memorial. Within sight of this, on a steep hillside overlooking Morto Bay, is the French memorial.

The whole area still abounds in the mementos of the fierce fighting which took place there—pieces of shrapnel, bayonet scabbards, thick soled boots, trenching tools.

On Anzac Cove, a narrow 200 yard long strip of grey sand and shingle, so much a part of the Australian heritage, the remains of two water containers still lie on the beach, mute evidence that fresh water was always a problem. On North Beach, which adjoins, but which was captured only after four months of bitter struggle, lies the rusty hulk of a water barge—one of many which had to bring water to the troops from the far away island of Lemnos.

The cemeteries are under the care of Tasman Millington, himself an Anzac, who returned after the war to tend the graves of his comrades from Australia, New Zealand, Britain, France and India. There is no better guide to these historic places; none can better trace the details of the Gallipoli campaign which cost the lives of thousands of men between 25th April, 1915, and 6th January, 1916; a campaign which failed in its attempt to open an ice-free route to Russia, but which brought so much glory to Australia and saw the birth of the word "Anzac."

Anzac Day has a much wider significance now than it did when Australians first decided to commemorate the deeds of the Australian New Zealand Army Corps.

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We are here to remember the sacrifices of the original Anzacs. We are here to remember the sacrifices of the other men and women of the navy and army of World War I. We are here to remember the sacrifices of the air force—the R.A.A.F.—the army and navy of World War II. We are here to honour all those who have sacrificed their lives that we might enjoy our Australian heritage.

While we may well look backwards in reverence and thankful ness, it is more important that we look forward with a faith such as they had in the future of Australia.

The Anzac Holiday will give us all a feeling of freedom; a freedom to occupy ourselves as we will. The holiday symbolises the freedom which we enjoy because the sacrifices of the servicemen have made that freedom possible. We can best show our gratitude by using our time, in our everyday tasks, and thus our lives, wisely. The problems of peace are no less difficult than those of war.

We need the courage of the Anzacs. We need their endurance. We need their spirit of co-operation. We need their comradeship. We need their cheerfulness in the face of difficulties. We need their faith in the future of Australia if we are to solve the problems of peace—if we are to live in honourable peace with all men.

We should have a sense of gratitude for their sacrifices, a pride in the way of life for which they gave their lives and a determination to uphold that way of life.

Mr. Johnston conducted the rest of the ceremony, calling upon Bob Lockhart, the school captain, to read the text of Laurence Binyon's poem beginning "Age shall not weary them....."

The simple intensity of these words led up to the playing of "The Last Post" by Jim Saunders, whose trumpet playing had the clarity of masterpiece and the elusiveness of inspiration. But the elusive here had been grasped by some simple act of creativeness. The whole assembly seemed to be sharing in the feeling of this simple music. In a sense they seemed to be willing it as well as sharing its meaning. So, turning to the west as a symbol of the Fallen, the frail melody bound us magically to the devotion of the past.

At the end of the two minutes silence, the assembly faced the east. This symbolised looking towards the future. Again came the haunting music, this time trembling on the edge of hope and achieving it in the last long note.

Words to describe this ceremony are as elusive as the inspiration needed to shape them. Those who took part in it will not need the words. It will be sufficient to say, "Do you remember the assembly on Anzac Day, 1956, when Bob Lockhart read the poem and Jim Saunders played "The Last Post"?"

Note: Mr. Johnson wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to "Gallipoli and El Alamein," by Bruce Webber, A.B.C. Commentator, in the "Reveille" of April, 1956.

ANZAC DAY, 1956

Sweet sounds as of bugles
 Salute the dying west.
 Sweet melody of musing
 To guard your gentle rest.

Bright sound of Reveille
 To greet the rising East.
 New suns unsullied
 Bid strife to cease.

Bird wings of dreaming
 In silence rise
 White memory gleaming
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LITERARY SECTION...

THE PIPER OF DUBLIN CREEK

(Awarded the John Tierney Literary Prize, Senior Section)

It was not long after the Gold Rush of the seventies that Michael Shenanigan came to Dublic Creek and built a public house near a fork in the track there. After that appropriate beginning, the district quickly acquired a particularly general store, a police station, a railway station (two and a half miles away), and a few huts long the creek. And, although Michael Shenanigan the First eventually died, and Michael Shenanigan the Second inherited the business, and, although an automobile actually drove up the main and only street in Dublin Creek, the life of the township over the years remained the same. The dust and the flies still outdid the inhabitants in animation and the shearers still arrived periodically to do business at the "Shamrock."

But it was not to remain that way for much longer, because, when what is now remembered as the 'Piper's' shed straggled in from the west, the foundations of a new building had appeared fifty yards before the 'Shamrock' was reached. The building, when completed, it was discovered, was to trade under the name of the "Shearers' Arms."

"He has no right to do it. I've been here thirty-five years; father and son, and he hasn't been here at all. He's skulkin' in the city and taking the livelihood out of my calloused hands where I can't see him. And it wouldn't be so bad if he was a decent civilised Christian with a name like O'Casey or something, but he isn't, and he hasn't for his name's Evan Pritchard and a more barbaric name I've yet to hear." Arter this peroration, delivered to sympathetic locals, Mike breathed deeply and wiped his face. "The poet was right when he said, 'Taffy was,,' but what's this about a 'taller outside. Begorrah, if all the sheds sign the pledge, I'll die of starvation before Mr. Evan Pritchard is able to oblige me, if I don't do it voluntarily myself just to spite him." With these courageous words, Mike hurried into the street to persuade this unnatural shearer to provide against the day of Mr. Pritchard's arrival.

The teetotaller was reported to be quiet almost to the point of being unsocial, although it was true no one could remember his exhibiting this last characteristic until that morning. The others had eagerly pushed up to the bar, ready to stand and be stood, until they could, in neither way stand any longer, but this shearer sat down against a withered tree, pulled out a knife and whittled away at a piece of wood.

The publican did his best by offering him a couple on the house, but the teetotaller only looked up with a grin and said that "He was savin' his money for somethin' special and the stuff never agreed with him, anyway, thanks all the same," and so saying he offered Mike a biscuit, Mike decided that it would be more profitable to attend to the paying drinkers rather than try to persuade this lone shearer to accept the two free drinks, so he hurried back inside.

By early afternoon there were already quite a few men "resting" on the verandah. One yelled out to his mate under the nearby trees, 'You must be havin' a cow of a time goin' round and round like that. Come an' have a drink,' but the other took no notice of him.

Then they all started singing the old songs—songs that are so well known and popular that a bushman can sing them even when drunk or half asleep.

And it was about this time (one is sure exactly when that

the whittler took a pipe from his bag and started in to play the tunes. And he played them so well that soon all the shearers left the bar and came outside to join in the singing. And they all sang as one man and even the croakers were in tune. Then, although again no one knows quite how or when, the piper launched into new airs, airs that seized even the drunkest and his feet beat the time, for although the shearers had never heard them before they felt that they had known these tunes all their lives.

And then the piping grew faster and more insistent and each note lifted the feet of those hard, weather bitten shearers, so that they pranced and danced like new-born lambs; and the "Shamrock," itself, such was the nature of the piping, first shook, then rocked, then danced on its four corners and on its verandah posts, but no one heeded or cared.

The piper walked westward past the newly laid foundations, still playing, and the shearers could do nothing but follow, and the "Shamrock" with them. So they left Dublin Creek and its gesticulating publican behind.

But although the spirit was more than willing, there came a limit where the exhaustion of the shearers exceeded the attraction of the music. One by one, in order of sobriety, they were left behind on the track, until even Danny Molloy, the first to enter the hotel that morning, and the last to leave it to obey the summons of the piping, was obliged to watch the "Shamrock," still carrying gallons of liquid refreshment, disappear over the horizon. As he later said, "Oh, the music and the 'Shamrock' drew the soul of me out and away into the sunset which received them. But the weak legs of me drew me down."

When Danny arrived back at Dublin Creek a day and a half later, there was much speculation but that was all. Some said the piper was the devil, some said he was King O'Malley, Mike maintained it was Evan Pritchard (but as he managed his affairs from the city, no one could substantiate this)—but one thing remains certain. To this day there is only one Public House in Dublin Creek, the "Shearers' Arms."

Barry Dyster, 5A.



"THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN-BROWN FINGERS"

This story is true. Only the facts have been changed, in an attempt to create interest.

The scene, is a smoky, dimly lit, dungeon like cellar in New York. The purpose of this room? A gambling den. It is here that we meet the hero of our tale, Cecil Smith.

Cecil is a confirmed addict. At every possible opportunity he retreats to a quiet corner and confers with his little white god. Some claim that it is because of this that he earned his title, "The Man with the Golden-Brown Fingers," but those who play cards with him, claim that it is due to the presence of treacle.

Cecil works for the syndicate. Well up in the rackets, he is allowed to deal for the house, in the penny-poker game. Behind Cecil stands his fellow felon, King Henry IV pt. I (a remarkably good friend of King Henry IV pt. II) His job is to guard the syndicate, and Cecil, from any unauthorised cheating.

At the moment the penny-poker game is in full swing and Cecil is losing the syndicate's money most industriously. He is already two dollars down. He feels the urge for another dose, but checks himself and calls for a drink.

The waitress arrives. She is wearing a gown of black lace. She

looks as though she was poured into the gown, but by misjudgment, badly overflowed from the top of it. She walks with a wiggle as she crosses the floor. To sum up, a typical dumb blonde. She hands Cecil a Coke, and stands behind his chair.

Cecil begins to deal; but the Coke has affected him; he fumbles the cards. Immediately he is accused of dealing off the bottom of the pack. An argument flares; then suddenly.....a gat spat. The slug buzzed past Cecil's brain-box. There was a groan and the waitress sank to the floor, a hole between her ears. She was as dead as vaudeville.

This somewhat inflamed Cecil and Henry. Henry's gat spat once, and one of the card sharps crumpled.....another gun barked and Henry cashed in his chips, too, but he died happy, knowing that Cecil would avenge his death. Meanwhile, Cecil mowed down the other card players.

Then the police began to arrive with shotguns, tear gas and machine guns. But this did not worry our hero, for he was as well supplied as Captain Silver's (of Sea Hound fame) armoury.

Cecil's gat spat in one continuous raspberry, until the red-hot barrels began to sag. By this time, however, the whole of the New York Police Force was formed into a pile outside the door, their corpses surmounted by the cadaver of the Police Chief himself.

Cecil Smith stood silent for a moment, and then he began to speak:

"I don't want a cigarette! I don't want a drink! I'm not afraid of the police! I'm not afraid of anyone! I'm happy! I'm happy! I'm happy! In fact, I'm just too happy to live."

A gat spat.....

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And converge on the trolleys, and the trams, and the buses,
Which convey them to their idle work.

And slowly the day goes by,
Under the sweaty pens of a thousand clerks,
Under the clock which will not tick,
Under the cogs which will not work.

For why work?
For what is behind?
Nothing but antiquity.
And what is in front?
Nothing but eternity.
And what is life, but a dream,
And what is a dream but a nightmare.

And so the day goes by.
Under the pens of a thousand clerks
Under the beat of a thousand dry hearts.

Then like robots,
The doctors, the lawyers and office boys and clerks,
Lift their weary feet
and aching arms,
and slowly return from whence they came,
and vanish into the dust from whence they sprang.

And then the silent night,
Creeps into the graveyard
Where all is now quiet, white
and where a thousand tombstones
Stare upwards to the twinkling stars.

Roger Kinsky, 5A.

"AN INTRODUCTION TO SHORT-WAVE LISTENING"

Probably, few people who own radio receivers realise how much entertainment and education can be derived from short-wave listening. Most people are aware of the fact that overseas broadcasting stations are able to be heard on short-wave, and at one time or another have twiddled the dial of their receivers over the short-wave bands, but have only heard some weird sounds of some person speaking in a strange, incomprehensible, foreign tongue. However, if they imagine that this is all that can be heard on short-wave, they are definitely wrong.

Today, there is at least one station in nearly every country of the world that broadcasts daily on short-wave. In smaller and more backward countries, usually the language used is a local dialect, as these programmes are intended mainly for the benefit of listeners in that part of the world only. However, most other countries broadcast in a great number of different languages, usually including English, and, with the aid of intricate systems of aerials, beam

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programmes to various countries in appropriate languages at different times of the day. Besides this, there are many non-directional broadcasts, and it is impossible to pick these up anywhere in the world. However, even a programme is beamed to a certain country, this does not mean that it is impossible to hear it in any other part of the world at the same time. Indeed, often reception if a station broadcasting to one particular area is just as excellent in a position many thousands of miles away in the opposite direction.

The times of broadcast vary, but when they are beamed to particular areas, a convenient time for listeners in that area is usually chosen. Unlike medium-wave stations (that is the local stations), where reception of more distant country or interstate stations is only possible at night time, short-wave stations can be heard just as well at night time or during the day. However, here in Australia, it is found that reception is best during the daylight hours in the winter months, and at night in the summer months. Because of this, and as various metre-bands offer better reception at different times of the year, consequently times and frequencies of transmissions are constantly being changed to provide the best possible reception for listeners.

The types of programmes that are broadcasted are wide and varied, but usually the emphasis is, on aspects of life and culture of the country from which the broadcasts originate. There are news broadcasts, commentaries in which the various countries' views and opinions on matters of both worldwide and local importance are expressed, informative talks of wide ranges of subjects, while on the lighter side there are numerous musical programmes in which local, as well as dance and classical music, is played, serials, plays, variety shows, descriptions of sports events taking place in each particular country, and so on.

Possibly, you may think that a large and expensive receiving set is necessary to be able to hear these overseas stations. While such a set may provide better reception of the most distant and low-powered stations, nevertheless, any recognised brand of receiver that covers the short-wave bands should be capable of receiving them. A necessary part of the set-up is, however, a good outdoor aerial; the higher and longer it is, the better reception it will provide. Even so, this is not totally indispensable, as an indoor aerial with length of only a few feet will still give quite good reception of the more powerful stations.

Beside short-wave listening itself, there is another very interesting aspect connected with this subject. Most stations are interested in knowing how listeners are receiving their broadcasts, and consequently are very pleased to receive reports of reception conditions of their various transmissions from listeners anywhere in the world. These stations acknowledge authentic reports by sending listeners a Q.S.L. card (or verification card) or replying by letter. These Q.S.L. cards are often very elaborately designed and colourful, sometimes with pictures of the station and its location, photos of the personnel, and many other interesting particulars, and many listeners make a copy of collecting them. On top of this, some stations also send additional very colourful and interesting literature on their countries.

All this, to my mind, affords a very interesting, as well as educational, way of spending one's spare time. Moreover, it enables people to become acquainted with foreign countries and the ways of life in them, and thereby brings the peoples of the world into closer contact, promoting international understanding and goodwill.

Brian Crabbe, 5C.

"THE BUSH"

The silver sprinkled night sky
Is hanging just above.
And all around the bushlands
That I have come to love.

The cold, damp shades of darkness
Go flitting quickly by,
The pleasant scenes of morning
Are showered upon the eye.

The fresh green grass is springing,
The stream is running clear,
The murm'ings of the bushland
Fall softly on the ear.

John Shaw, 4A.

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The old "Boa" was becoming feeble and slow in his great age.

Since the inky blackness of the virgin Amazonian forest had faded to the soft twilight that is day in the jungle, he had been ceaselessly on the prowl. He was very tired and hungry, and a little discouraged. He showed his irritability by the sudden insane attacks on a nearby branch, as if it was the enemy that was stealing his food.

However, the jungle does not spare any of its children who are not constantly alert, no matter what the circumstances. That is why he dodged with a startled hiss when something flashed down upon him. It came from the impenetrable greyness of the leafy sky, to meet the cold, damp ground with a dull thud.

The hunter's black eyes gleamed with anticipation of a coming meal, for the object was a young ocelot—a wounded one at that!

With a flexing of a myriad ribs, he glided swiftly down, a monstrous buttress like flowing, melted butter. A flash of lightning was quicker, however, and the easy prey vanished before his eyes.

He let out an infuriated hiss of rage. Nobody, nothing was going to get away with this! Not even a jaguar. Gone were the the leaves from the trees in far off England. Once more he had the brittle bones, the dimness of eyes, while new blood flowed through his muscular body. The years dropped off as the Autumn wind blows vitality of his prime. It was as if the dying spark of life suddenly flared up to a final flame, coaxed by the bellows of anger.

The terror of the jungle was intent on feasting. He didn't see the challenger till a hot breath caused his lightning reflexes, sprung by jungle instinct, to shoot him into the air. Too late! Fangs of steel clamped on his throat, and as he crashed to the ground, he was imprisoned between irresistible rings of sinew as strong as iron. Round came the massive furry head and snap went the merciless jaws. Missed! The huge snake's deadly tail thrashed wildly for a purchase, crushing undergrowth, uprooting stumps with the astonishing power of this active organ. Through the many dark avenues of trees and gloomy passageways of vines came the deafening roars of a stricken animal, punctuated by sharp reports of snapping jaws. Furious hisses and the crash of crushed undergrowth sent the other inhabitants of this sombre forest scurrying for safety, for none wished to be present when the two Lords of the jungle met in mortal combat.

Again and again the jaguar's fangs closed within a fraction of an inch of the glistening scales of his combatant. All the time those dreaded coils grew tighter and tighter, and even tighter. The jaguar's breath came in horrible gasps which grew fainter and fainter. Then—his ebony marlin-spikes miraculously caught on that scaly neck.

It was now a battle of constitution and determination. The great reptile's coils grew tighter, the powerful jaws of the jaguar closed tighter, but neither beast would admit defeat.

At last the end came. No matter how savagely angry a creature may be, it is no match for a fitter one. The fuel of the boa constrictor's fire of life was soon exhausted, and he suddenly submitted to his fate.

Through those dark and eerie tunnels of jungle foliage, a victorious roar of triumph echoed and re-echoed, reluctant to give way to the brooding silence of the virgin jungle.

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THE INTENTION IS EXCELLENT.

The wind and the rain on their faces,
 Unquenchable fire in their hearts;
 They strive for the high open places,
 Away from the tarnished traces
 Of counterfeit arts.

So they grind what is old underheel
 And laud what is new to the sky;
 Work of past ages they feel
 To be shoddy, outdated, unreal,
 (But fail to ask why).

But theirs prove to be fare remote dreams,
 Nebulous places of sleet,
 Cold castles of unfounded schemes,
 Not supported by well seasoned beams
 Not firm to the feet.

B. Dyster, 5A.

REWARD

5000 microfarads will be paid for the capture of Hopalong Capacity, who escaped from a primary cell late last night. He is armed with a carbon rod and is wanted for the induction of a secondary coil which was burnt out just outside the short circuit. If captured he will offer great resistance which must be neutralised.

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Charges against him are under Ohm's Law.

Allan G. Phillips, 5C.

"MADNESS"—A SONNET.

The clouds boiled like a witch's magic brew,
 As if the sun itself gave forth the heat,
 And bubbling over quickly hid the view
 Of light and fire hidden 'neath their sheet.
 The lightning flashed quite near across the plain
 The thunder like a pistol-shot rang out,
 The sky belched forth its frozen hail and rain,
 And drenched the thirsty ground and growth about.
 Just like the brewing storm his mind is tossed
 About on waves of trouble and distress,
 Of disappointments, troubles, chances lost,
 And edges on despair and bitterness.
 The storm at last bursts in his restless mind,
 The tension snaps and sanity falls behind.

Edward J. Jocelyn, 4A.

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OF THE YEAR.

Perhaps the most important event that will take place in Australia this year is the Olympic Games to be held in November in Melbourne. This city, second in Australia, has a population of one and a half millions and is a thriving metropolis which boasts of the highest wealth per head of any city in the Commonwealth.

The Games are the first ever to be held in Australia. In fact, they are the first to be held in the Southern Hemisphere, and every possible precaution is being taken to ensure their success. The extension of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, which enabled more than 100,000 people to watch the recent Football Final, is one of these precautionary measures. Olympic Park is now second to none in the world as an arena.

The Games are to be opened by the Duke of Edinburgh on Thursday, November 22nd, and will continue for seventeen days. Five thousand athletes from seventy countries will compete in 144 events, and, although the emphasis is on sport, the coming of all these athletes and their attendants will greatly aid Australia's economic progress. Tourist trade will be aided enormously both during and after the Games. Many tourists, who know so little as yet of the attractions of this country, will be so impressed that they and their friends will return in the years to come.

In preparation for the Games the Olympic Village has been built to house the competing athletes. No doubt, the houses so built will be used later as added housing accommodation. In addition, an enormous extension to training tracks have brought them up to world class. Australia has a chance to show the world that she is capable of organising and running an Olympic as efficiently and well as other leading countries of the world.

However, quarantine regulations in this country have meant that the equestrian events have already been held in Sweden. Winter sports, which include spectacular events like skating and skiing, have also been held in countries with more favourable conditions for them. Australia did not gain any major places in any of these events, but she was represented in them.

The coming of the Olympics has definitely accelerated the introduction of television into our country. In anticipation of November's great events, the first television programmes appeared in September. Many people, who would not otherwise have done so, have purchased television sets with a view of getting first hand views of the Games.

Although she is a young country with a small population, Australia will be well represented at the Olympics. We have, probably, the world's best swimmers and we are hoping that our very talented track and field athletes will win us at least a fair share of medals.

Both before and after the Games, athletes will appear at other meetings in the various States. Different sporting teams will undoubtedly compete against our own. In this way valuable experience will be available for athletes of ours who are so far from the rest of the world. Moreover, there will be provided for local residents an excellent opportunity to see the world's champions in action.

Time is now growing very short, and all competing countries are busy selecting their teams and preparing to send them to Melbourne, which temporarily, at any rate, will become the "Mecca" of the South.

Tony Peters, 4A.

An Original Fate

Tom Cairn sat tensely on the circular seat of the Time machine, waiting for his partner to throw the switch which would send him hurtling into the mysterious, unexplored depths of time. Now, as the shimmering platform began to revolve, he flashed a parting smile to his partner who sat at the master controls, and then steadied himself for his gruelling journey into the depths of the unknown.

The shining disc gathered speed, the familiar surroundings gradually faded into an even, impenetrable grey mist, and soon Tom found himself blacking out, although he fought valiantly to retain consciousness. Control of his senses was impossible, however, and at last he succumbed to the overwhelming darkness which completely enveloped mind and body.

He was jolted from this state of forced slumber, by the arrival of the Time Machine at its ordained destination, several thousand years beyond its own time, and he leaped to his feet expectantly.

He was in a small circular, room which had an aperture, not unlike a large glassless porthole, set high in the wall. It was to this "window" that he hastened, strangely aware of the fact that gravity difficulties presented no problem.

The room in which he stood was situated in one of many cylindrical towers which were a feature of the skyline of this strange city. The buildings and streets were all made of a lifeless, brilliant white marble. This gave to everything a sinister hardness.

Floating easily through the window, Tom began his exploration of this town of the future. All was silent and quiet. Apparently, the place was completely deserted. Not a living thing was to be seen anywhere. Tall, slender, cylindrical towers arose on all sides, each the exact replica of the one he had just left. The streets ran in perfect concentric circles around one central building which bore a dome on its top, and was much larger than the others.

But where were the inhabitants? Why had they left this magnificent city? These were inevitable queries that filled Tom's mind as he explored further. But, part of his question was answered with a breathtaking suddenness. On the far side of the city, almost at its outer limits, he perceived a threatening black growth which noticeably advanced towards him as he watched. As he stood there, fascinated by this ominous, insidious fungi, he realised that the time allotted for his stay there was running out, so he turned about to retrace his steps to the Time Machine.

Having arrived back in the room in which he had left the Machine, Tom looked desperately around him. Where was the Machine? Had it returned already, leaving him alone in this terrifying city? Then the horrible answer struck him like a thunderbolt. He had come to the wrong building, because all the towers were identical, and he faced the almost insurmountable difficulty of finding the the right building and the Machine.

A sudden wave of almost uncontrollable fear swept over him. Faced with the stark reality of his precarious position, he panicked. Blindly, he raced outside, searching frantically through one building

after another, but all in vain. Would this, nightmarish, futile, search never end?

At last he recognised a landmark, by which he knew His tower, and almost out of his wits, he flung himself, still floating strangely, up the stairs. From above him came a high-pitched whine, indicating that already the machine was winding up preparatory to returning to the time of its own "age." It was gathering speed, the shining disc rotating swiftly, just as he reached the doorway. In one last super-human effort, Tom dashed forward, but even as his fingers touched the fast-blurring controls, the Machine vanished. He was flung to one side in a crumpled, dejected heap. He made no attempt to rise, out lay there, completely exhausted, weeping hysterically. Physical exertion and mental strain had taken their toll.

After a few minutes his lamentations gradually subsided, as he realised the futility of self-pity, and he dragged himself to a sitting position on the cold, unsympathetic marble floor, to consider his predicament. Here he was, in a strange, deserted city, several thousand years beyond his own age. He had no means of sustenance, no conceivable means of escape. All he could envisage was a slow, painful, lonely death.

He must resign himself to his fate. He must face an unpleasant death, either by starvation or by being suffocatingly overwhelmed by the swiftly advancing black fungi. The deathly, white marble reminded him of a graveyard—a graveyard in which there was a tombstone reserved for one, Thomas Cairn.....

Alan Samin, 2A.

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LORDS OF THE EARTH.

Late one afternoon, I was sitting looking out over the sea. The wind was fresh and cool, chopping up the surface of the water and bringing in long, rolling breakers onto the shore. Breakers stretched right along the coastline. As far as the eye could see there were long lines of foaming, white crests. As these broke over the creamy sand, the wind lifted their spray and carried it far inland.

The sea! The restless, tossing sea! I could sit here for hours and watch it break over the rocks immediately below, watch it surge forward with almost irresistible force to crash against the base of the cliff face, sending clouds of white, salt spray high into the air. I love the ever-changing colours of this monster—the dark and light blues, the greens, the greys and the white of the foam which streaks its restless surface. I like its winds and breezes which blow cool and refreshing, salty to the taste.

This particular day I was startled by a faint, high-pitched hum. I looked around for the source of the sound. The hum grew steadily louder as its pitch became distinctly lower. Instantly, the wind dropped and the sea grew strangely silent. The waves broke less fiercely against the rocks below, and the surface of the ocean grew perceptibly calmer. Then, immediately above my head something attracted my attention. It was a tiny pin-point of blue light.

As the hum became louder, the object became larger, and, as it neared, I saw that it was of spherical shape and glowed with a blue opalescence. Then, quite suddenly the humming faded out. The thing, which I concluded must be from outer space somewhere, hovered above the surface of the water, which now was perfectly calm. Not a ripple marked the surface. A perfect silence prevailed as the "ship" settled with feathery lightness on the sea about three hundred yards out.

Along with my breathless self, all nature seemed to be waiting as the thing pulsed with a steady rhythm. Then, it seemed to become aware of my presence. It became still, as if studying me for a few seconds, then a great booming voice sounded out, clearly and distinctly, saying, "Greetings."

Almost breathless with astonishment, I watched as it neared, and when it was close enough, as I judged, I replied, "Don't be so jolly formal. How'd you be?"

"Be?" came the instant reply.

"Yes," I said. "Be!" "You know, how are you, and who are you, anyway?"

"Who are you?" it asked.

"Who? Me? Oh, I'm Tom. Author by profession, or at least I WAS until people found that they didn't like science-fiction any more. Not the stuff I turn out, anyway."

"Who are you? What are you?" it said.

"I told you," I replied. I thought for a second. "No, I don't suppose you mean that, though. I'm a human being. Adult, male. Is that what you want to know?"

"Where do you live?" Dashed rude of the blighters, thought I. Didn't answer my question. "Back in the town, yonder," I said. I pointed vaguely with my thumb.

Suddenly, I could see the whole town, spread out before my wondering eyes. I guess the space thing did that by telepathy or something. Then, this scene disappeared and I could see in its place the interior of the main bar in the local pub. A few of the locals were very busy at this moment trying to knock the stuffing out of each other.

The space thing seemed to vibrate strangely at this scene. The surface of the sea roughened and the wind moaned eerily through

the trees above my head. Then all was quiet again.

"What are they doing?" came the inquiry.

"Having a brawl, they are," I answered, in an offhand way. I sensed that the space object was shocked and angry at something.

"A brawl? Why are they doing it?"

I gazed at the scene again. I noticed the table at which they had been playing cards. One hand contained five aces and another three jokers. I rubbed my unshaven chin.

"Don't know, quite," I replied. I didn't want the trouble of explaining the card game. Then as I looked at the bar-room scene again, I could see old George quite busy in the process of getting plastered again. Once more the space ship trembled and a slight tremor shook the cliff for a moment.

"Don't get upset," I said. "They are only amusing themselves."

"Amusement? What manner of people are you, who delight in destroying one another?" Then the scene changed and I recognised a battle front in Korea. Jets screamed down on enemy positions, strafing and bombing. Death and destruction prevailed. The space thing shuddered.

The voice said, "Are they amusing themselves, too? Is there any peace and goodwill among you people?"

I replied, laughingly, "It depends on how you look at it. I admit that war is a nasty, messy business, but the boys in the pub..... Well, they're just letting off some surplus. High spirits, you know."

Then a thought struck me. There isn't any real difference between a brawl in the local and a full-scale war. Basically they are the same. The fight is the same whether the point of contention be a game of cards or the possession of an extra island or piece of coveted territory. It was all stupid, petty, I thought. I could see that greed was the basic cause of it all.

"Isn't there any good on this planet?" the Voice asked. I, myself, was beginning to wonder. "What manner of people are you, who wish to destroy and main each other?"

I paused before answering, "Well—the preacher down town is always talking about brotherly love, and all that. He reckons that we are all God's children."

The thing vibrated violently. The wind howled, the sea grew ferocious and lightning flickered. A ruddy crimson glow seemed to pervade the whole sky. The mountains nearby shook as if in an earthquake. I staggered as the ground rocked under my feet. In one last spasm of pain the space man muttered, "Children of God !!!?" and, in a white flash of heat, disappeared seawards.

When all was quiet once more, I found myself lying in a huddled heap, my hands clasped over my head. All was calm. A gentle breeze wafted the scent of the gums across the headland and the taste of the salt spray was once more in my mouth.

Had I been dreaming? I don't know. But, ever since that day on the sea shore, I've had different ideas about the rightness of things. Maybe the preachers knew what they were talking about. Maybe all their talk about brotherly love meant something after all.

Once I thought I heard a voice, from afar off saying, "One day I shall return, Earthman. One day I shall come back, but that day will not be until you and your people learn the true meaning of 'All children of God.'" Hallucination! I really don't know.

Arthur Roy, 4A.



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PUSSY'S DILEMMA

(With apologies to W. Thackeray)

There lived a cat in days of old,
 Whose whiskers were too short to hold.
 In vain he tried each day to grow
 A whisker here and there. And so
 One day a notice could be seen,
 "Cat requires whisker cream.
 One hundred sovereigns will be paid
 If any such potion can be made."
 Next day into the court there came
 A bearded magician who claimed great fame.
 He tried to convince the sceptical cat
 To follow out orders this way and that
 But when poor pussy submitted at last,
 A beard he grew which stuck to him fast
 And from that day, the ad. may be seen
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BLACK FRIDAY.

It was on the night of Friday, the 13th April, when I was walking home from a party that I met "him." The night was exceptionally dark, and it was quite windy, too.

I was just passing under a street light when I noticed a shadow behind me. I spun around and what I saw almost caused me to take to my heels in fright. There was a "man" standing a scant two feet away. He had approached so silently that I was absolutely amazed to see "him" there. After some shaky words of greeting, and these words were very few, we began to walk slowly down the road.

We had not walked far when "he" began to talk quite spiritedly and as I gradually became reassured, I was rather glad of "his" company.

Five minutes later our talk took a surprising turn. "He" told me that the last time "he" had walked down this street "he" had found a dead body in the middle of the road.

"He" claimed that "he" had shaken hands with the dead man because "he" felt that it was most appropriate. Everybody believed in shaking hands with a person on his birthday or on his wedding day. Why not, then, shake hands with a man on his death-day.

Naturally, I became a little suspicious of "him," because his talk, to say the least of it, was queer. I thought that "he" was an escaped lunatic.

Hoping to humour "him," and keep him engaged in conversation, I said, "And when did they let you out?"

"Out?" he said. "Out? I was never liberated. They hanged me for that chap's murder, last Tuesday."

My subsequent flight is not amongst my clearest recollections.

Robert Price, 2A.

BUSHFIRE

The sun rises to reveal the beautiful bushland, swathed in greens, greys and browns. A brilliantly plumed bird bursts into song, followed by another and another. The tall, slender gums seem to tower almost to the fleecy clouds, and they cast long shadows on the rich green grass in the early morning sun. A few cicadas chirrup lazily as the morning wears uneventfully on. The bush is at peace.

Slowly, a thin column of smoke mounts upwards. The smoke grows more dense and soon, dark, drifting clouds of it billow through the trees. Small animals, with upturned noses, inhale the warning scent—then they turn and flee from the dreaded terror of the bushland—Fire!

Already, the roar of flames is heard, and the crash of a falling tree resounds. The air is filled with life as birds, in frantic haste, wing their way to safety. Without warning, the flames are upon us. Huge, age-old gums burst into pillars of flame, and all around is black, pungent smoke. The fire sweeps swiftly across the grass, leaving in their wake discoloured, smouldering earth. The blinding crimsons and yellows of the crackling flames leaps higher and higher.....

The sun sinks to reveal the blackened bushland, a charred ruin of its former glory. Silence reigns. No merry songs fill the air. The trees, silent sentinels, grey and gaunt, alone remain. All else is gone, except the miles and miles of scarred earth. The fearful destruction of Fire has laid waste the bush and all its beauty. Only desolation and ruin remain.

Robert Ferguson, 3A.

OASIS.

(Awarded the John Tierney Literary Prize, Junior Section.)

Stinging spray of sand and rubble,
Incensed sky, with rays that stifle
Cloudless roof of Earth's inferno,
Deathly quiet, devoid of life,
A loveless land of sizzling torment,
All alone.

Over floors of grating surface,
Crawling now in desperation,
Nostalgic thoughts of his survival,
Spurring hope of life abundant,
Determination always present,
A man alone.

His final chapter now approaching,
Sand in hour glass slowly falling,
Life now from his body ebbing,
His parched mouth for moisture longing,
His aching limbs for rest are craving,
So alone.

Bless'd horizon shows a refuge,
Promised place of food and water,
Swaying palm trees watching over,
From God-sent gift of man's uplifting
From angry thirst and slow starvation.
It stands alone.

Mental anguish now forgotten,
Here's one mortal who's not smitten,
By the weapons of the Desert,
Sword of heat and spear of hunger,
He holds the shield of faith and courage,
He's not alone.

Everlasting water bubbling,
From the hidden spring cascading,
Into the traveller's mouth now pouring,
Downfallen courage now uplifting,
Up goes the prayer of thanksgiving.
Angels high above him hov'ring,
Of each other shrewdly asking,
"Was he alone?"

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(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If all the sea was made of beer
And all the land of cheese,
And crayfish grew (already cooked)
Like leaves upon the trees,
And bank notes fell instead of rain
And all the grass was gold,
And summer days were not too hot
Nor winter ones too cold.

If houses sprouted in the night
And motor cars cost nil,
And everyone was full of vim
And no one ever ill;
If fowls laid ninety eggs a day
And work was said to be
A crime, and everybody lived
Three hundred years and three.

If every man had thirty wives
And all of them were dumb
And diamonds grew like hazel nuts
And cows provided rum;
And cigarettes were three feet long,
And politics were barred,
And loaves of bread were thick as logs
And measured by the yard.

And everything was free,
And all the girls wore crepe de chine,
If every horse we backed romped home,
And smiled at you and me;
And—well—'twould be a merry world,
But some perverted owl,
Some pessimistic blanky cow,
Would find a cause to growl.

Ken Hughes, 5C.

THE ENIGMA.

(With grateful thanks to "Robert Standish")

The man walked slowly along the street. It was a dark night and the silence was broken only by the low whine of an approaching car. The car pulled alongside the pedestrian and a man clad in light grey tuxedo stepped out. The pedestrian, sensing the danger, reached quickly into his pocket, but he was too late. The notorious Johnny Achilles fired only two shots, and the other man lay dead on the pavement.

A perfect murder. Or so it appeared to Johnny until he noticed another man standing in the shadows but a few yards from the dead man. He turned, levelled his gun to kill a second time, but lowered it again. A few words were exchanged between the two, and then Johnny reached into his pocket and handed something to the other. Then, turning on his heel, Johnny re-entered his car and drove off into the night.

A few days later, Jerry Holland, the man with whom Johnny had talked on that fateful night, turned over to the police evidence which led to the latter's arrest. In fact, it resulted in his trial and subsequent execution. Such a callous, cold blooded killing deserved such a punishment.

But, here was an enigma that confounded the public of a whole nation. "Why did Johnny Achilles refrain from killing Jerry Holland? What words did the two exchange?"

This question remained unanswered for months and for my part I was as baffled as anyone else. It was purely by chance that I stumbled on the answer and it has left me dumbfounded at the presence of mind, almost amounting to genius, of one Jerry Holland.

I was dining at a small cafe in town one evening when I noticed a gentleman sitting at a table almost opposite mine. It was Jerry Holland. I moved over to him, introduced myself and asked the question, "What did you say to Johnny Achilles that night?"

To my amazement the ready reply came back, "I merely said, 'Could you spare a blind man the price of a meal, sir?'"

Robert Gribble, 5C.

A TRIP TO JENOLAN CAVES.

In the early morning of Sunday, 29th July, a party of Homebush Boys, under the able control of Mr. H— and Mr. J—, left Central Station by train for Mt. Victoria on the way to Jenolan Caves. Expecting three teachers to be accompanying us and hearing that the original third was unable to come, we were wondering who the new arrival would be. We were all surprised to hear that a certain Mr. G— would be coming and would join the train at Strathfield. As we pulled into the platform at Strathfield he was given a rousing reception in true Homebush style (legs and arms out of doors and windows), but once he was on board and in our carriage, a quieter atmosphere prevailed.

Off we went again and after passing through Penrith, began the steady climb up the mountains. At Valley Heights an extra engine was taken on, and going now at perhaps 4 or 5 m.p.h. we eventually reached Mt. Victoria several days later (hours of course, but even that was fast for our railways).

After a brief glance at a deserted railway station on a cold windy morning, we left Mt. Victoria in two buses for the Caves. After the steep descent of Victoria Pass we came into the pleasant Hartley Valley and stopped here while the teachers had lunch at a roadhouse. (I did hear that certain persons thought the meat a little tough.) Off again along the highway and we soon came to the turn-off to Jenolan Caves.

We passed through the Kanimbla Valley and then up on to the ridges of the main dividing range. This, we were told, was the watershed between east and west flowing rivers. About ten miles before reaching our destination we passed the Jenolan State forest and then began the gradual descent. The last few miles of road were considerably narrower and owing to recent rains rather slippery; but it was only a drop of a few hundred feet down to the valley floor and the driver lightheartedly swung the bus around the last part of the winding road.

Rounding the final bend, we came in sight of the impressive Grand Arch and passing through emerged into daylight in picturesque surroundings at the Caves House, glad to arrive in one piece. We were shown to our rooms and told to be in the ballroom for a lecture at 3.15 p.m.

In the hour or so we had to spare most of the boys went for a walk to explore. The Grand Arch is a complete natural arch and was worn by the underground river which now disappears under the floor at one place and comes out again near the Blue Lake. The blue in this lake comes from the limestone which the underground river brings down from inside the caves. The Devil's Coach House, another cavern, is now more in the form of a high wide arch. We crossed the creek running through the Coach House and went up to the Carlotta Arch. This is thought to be an early cave but has been worn away to a high arch. It is higher up than the Grand Arch, between it and the Devil's Coach House.

Returning to the Caves House a little late for the lecture; we were told how the caves were formed and how the wearing action of the creek and the seeping of rain water down through the limestone have made the formations in the caves. After this talk we went on an inspection of the Right Imperial Cave. The size of the party is not limited in this cave, so the whole group of about 60 of us went together. The caves are all electrically illuminated and the guide switches on a section of lights at a time. Once we were all inside and the door shut it seemed as if we were cut off from the outside world.

We were all amazed by the wonderful formations brilliantly and effectively lit. The seeping of rainwater through the limestone caused the desposition of limestone particles on the cavern roof after the evaporation of the water, and the gradual building up of these deposits down from the roof has resulted in formations called stalactites. Then some drops of the lime water fall down on the floor and formations called stalagmites grow up. Some of these have joined making columns. We were shown the main features of the Imperial Cave and then returned to the Caves House for dinner.

After a fine meal we met again at 7.15 p.m. for the inspection of a second cave. This time we saw the Lucas Cave. There are a good many steps and narrow passages to follow before entering the main cave sections and the damp, quiet tunnels seem very eerie. The first main cavern was the Cathedral; a spacious high place, wonderfully lit to give the impression of the inside of a cathedral. The guide was frequently asked "Where do those steps go?" His reply was they go nowhere; they just stay there!" Next we went into a huge cavern with an unsupported roof area of about two-thirds of an acre. Some of the gigantic boulders which had broken off the roof were of incredible size. Further on we saw a most beautiful shawl made by a long line of limestone particles building down from a sloping roof. The limewater drops ran down in an irregular line, thus the shawl is in folds. Perhaps the most impressive feature in this cave was the Broken Column, so named because through a landslide in the floor the bottom foot or so of the column broke off and shifted down and sideways about nine feet.

We next looked at the Mafeking Section and then the Exhibition Chamber with its quaint figures of people made by nature. Then we went back to Caves House and supper and so to bed.

Early before breakfast a group of us went for a walk up to the Lucas Rocks, and although it turned out to be quite a climb, we were rewarded with a splendid view and took some photographs to prove our ascent.

As it was too wet to go to see the farm and power station, we had another cave inspection. This time we saw the Chifley Cave. After this inspection we had some spare time so I tried hunting rock wallabies in the Grand Arch. I found one and succeeded in getting close enough to take a photograph. Soon after lunch we were able to set off for the power station after all, where enough hydro-electricity is generated for the complete Caves system. The water is taken in pipes from near the Blue Lake to the generating house. One interesting feature near the power station was an old fish escalator whereby the trout used to go up and around the weir and then to the creek to their spawning grounds. We walked back to the Caves House and then boarded the buses which were to take us back to Mt. Victoria. Our last glimpse of the Grand Arch was our final reminder of a most enjoyable two days.

We had an uneventful trip back to Mt. Victoria where light refreshments awaited us at the railway station and soon a tired but contented band of boys was on the train, singing the time away back to Sydney. Perhaps our singing was a little disturbing to our escorting teachers, but all were in good spirits and our Mr. G— was demonstrating card tricks in the next compartment. It was a most enjoyable and instructive weekend and I am sure thoroughly appreciated by all concerned.

R. Blunden, 4C.

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A NOW-DESCRIPTIVE OF A RAINY DAY.

(With humble apologies to Mr. Leigh Hunt, and sympathy to all bike riders.)

Now the moment you are awakened by the rain splashing on the window sill, you shiver and retreat under the pillow. First you consider disobeying the truant officer, and then you think of remaining in your cosy bed. Now you are dressed, this Friday morning, and having threatened that overcast sky through the rain you take out your bicycle preparatory to riding to school. Now as you face the wet, that inevitable spray from the wheels sends a sharp, penetrating blast through to your back. Now you approach a smouldering castle, out of which protrudes an array of broomsticks, and you hastily dismount. Having towelled yourself to a reasonable state of dampness, now you shiver cheerfully as you lean back in your luxuriously comfortable desk.

Now the first lesson is interrupted by the "Blower" which registers the statement that all notes explaining absences of any kind must be handed in no later than the day before the Athletic Carnival. Now, after this lesson, you leave the room through a maze of wet boots, coats and dripping umbrellas and emerge into an icy corridor. Now you dive into another room, gracefully colliding with an out-bound teacher, whose arms previously supported books, whose temper was erstwhile calm and unruffled.

Now stray orange peel and apple cores seem to dart mysteriously across the room behind the unwary teacher's back. An enquiry as to how your earhole is filled with apple pulp does not elicit a reply designed to restore the teacher's mental equilibrium. Now you find you must place the nib of your pen in your mouth to thaw the ink thereon.

Now the afternoon drags wearily on, and at last thoughts of a warm drink and dry clothes begin to tantalise your mental processes. Finally education surrenders to the inevitable passage of time. Now bike riders (like me) reluctantly return to their machines and the grubs return to the lockers. Now the handlebars are freezing to the touch and redouching through the back garments recommences. Now you return home eagerly anticipating a repetition of today's fun and games on the morrow.

B. Moore, 5B.

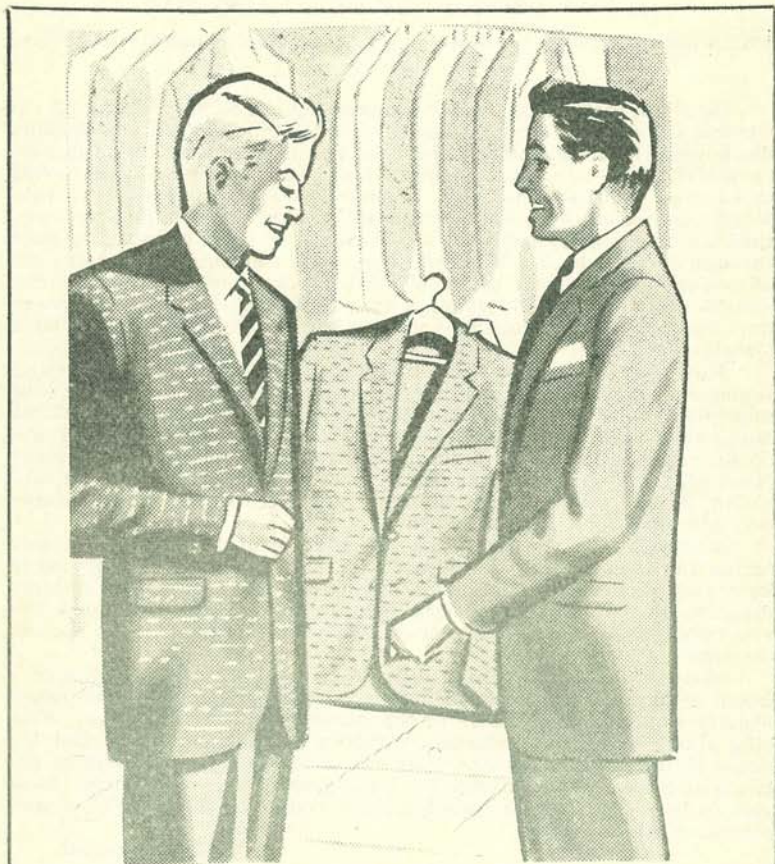
CITY AN SUNSET.

The city skyline stretches wide in orange skies,
The harbour shadows creep up to the street;
Small windows gleam like tiny, silver eyes,
And ponderously the day and life retreat.

Across the bay a stuttering launch is heard,
The arching Bridge is topped by blinking red,
Westward wings a silver- droning bird,
And on the bridge move pin-prick lights ahead.

And now the sky is pearl to darkest blue,
The flags are ruffling on clock towers high,
And soon the cooling ev'ning breeze will sigh,
Then comes the peace of night's vast, purple hue.

John Delahunty, 5A.



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A MEMORABLE DAY IN THE SOUTHERN ALPS.

While in the Southern Alps of New South Wales during a recent touring holiday, I traversed the highway which passed through Jindabyne—one of the "doomed towns" of the vast Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric scheme—over the Snowy River and then on to the higher reaches of the Alps, in the vicinity of Mount Kosciusko. The way is interesting.

A few miles out of Jindabyne, a noticeboard directs the tourist to a look out where he can obtain a commanding view of the deep, steep-sided valley of the Snowy River, the town of Jindabyne nestling far below among willows on the river banks. A conveniently-placed map of the area gives the elevation of this picturesque spot to be some 3650 feet above sea level; yet it seems incredible that we are only half way to the top, when the snow-capped hills seem not far above us.

However, we pass on, gradually climbing along the dusty road, till we come upon the huts of an Alpine Club. Here there are brightly painted log cabins, while several caravans are parked nearby. Then, when six or seven miles from the site of the old Hotel Kosciusko, we see the first signs of snow by the roadside. It is in the shade under trees, banked up behind logs, and melting in pools in hollows. Of course we have to "get out and have a look" and handle, perhaps for the first time, the icy crystals.

But the sight of an unbroken blanket of snow on the higher slopes urges us on, and ten minutes later we are surrounded by drifts of snow, white and sparkling in the sunlight, but dirty and muddy where it has been ploughed from the road. The road becomes slushy with the streamlets formed by the melting snow, and tall orange posts appear on the side of the road to guide the snow-plough when the road is covered. Changes are also noticed in the vegetation; the trees, mostly snow-gums, have lost all verdure, and are grey, stunted, twisted forms, silhouetted against the snow. We mount a small rise between two hills and there a really picturesquely, breath-taking scene is laid out before us.

There is a flat, unbroken plain of snow ahead; beyond there is a ridge, half-way up which stands out the solitary remaining building of Hotel Kosciusko. On either side of the smooth blanket of snow, undulating hills and ridges stand aside, with dark "sticks" of trees protruding through the endless cover of glaring, but soft, snow. Through the centre of this scene the road winds its way, flanked by snow that in some places is much higher than the vehicles that are continually passing along the road. Pine trees growing in majestic avenues mark the spot where the original Hotel Kosciusko stood. Skiers and tourists dot the snow on all sides.

On reaching this spot we find a hive of activity. Cars, buses, jeeps and two "snowmobiles" are moving about the slushy roads, trying to find a suitable place in which to park, while people in all types of clothing are hurrying about. We left our car and walked around to the front of the Hotel, where skiers, mostly inexperienced, were moving with uncertainty on the smooth unbroken snow. In front of the Hotel there is a steep slope (known as the "Grand Slam") that comes down from the ridge behind the Hotel, and down a path cleared of trees, more experienced skiers sped, the snow spraying from their skis as they turned and stopped in a smart "snow-plough," on the level stretch in front of the Hotel. The scene had inexorably lured me on, and fifteen minutes later I had equipped myself with boots, skis and stocks ready to join in the fun that fellow tourists were enjoying.

After putting on the boots, I sat down to attach the skis to the

boots. I attached one by twisting my leg awkwardly to one side, but then I had to get the other one on. I found that this could not be done while sitting down, so I stood up, to find that the ski immediately slipped from beneath me, and I consequently sat down again. However, after difficult manoeuvring I attached both skis to the boots, but had to keep both stocks securely planted in the snow in front of me to stand up successfully. I took one out, and to my surprise I began to gather speed as I moved off down the slope. Because my legs seemed to be spreading, and I knew no orthodox method of stopping, I instinctively found the most effective method of stopping—simply falling over backwards.

Surprisingly, falling over in the snow has no ill effects, unless one's legs are twisted at awkward angles beneath one, and adds to the fun. Now being at the bottom of the hill, I had to climb to the top again, so I stood up, turned around carefully, and went to take a step forward. This had the reverse effect, for the skis began to slide backwards, and I found myself sailing gingerly backwards down the slope. After capsizing near the bottom, I stood up and tried again. After several mishaps and a little experimenting, I found that the way to walk up the hill is to take heavy steps, and dig the skis into the snow, or to use the "herringbone" method of climbing. So I had had a first attempt at ski-ing.

All my attempts were not as unsuccessful as the first, however, for I slowly learned the art, and when the sun was setting later in the afternoon I had experienced the thrill and exhilaration of ski-ing down a steep slope, with stocks in the air and the breeze whistling past my ears. I returned the equipment, determined to return again the next day.

Ian Dance, 4A.



**HITS
THE
SPOT!**

THE BEACH.

*Mighty waves of water crash,
Water, sand and seaweed thrash,
Breakers o'er the ocean dash
Majestically*

*Crowds of people quietly laze,
Others in their deck-chairs daze,
Children in the rock pools gaze
Peacefully.*

*Oysters, crabs, and fish galore
Around the rocks quite close to shore,
Turtles roam the ocean floor
Blissfully.*

*Rocky headland veiled in spray
Gives shelter to a placid bay—
Here the fisher spends his day
Happily.*

*Seagulls give a noisy cry
Then quickly o'er the water fly .
Then up, and up into the sky,
Gracefully.*

*At night the beach is cool and quiet;
Moon and stars give ample light
To marvel at this glorious sight
Solemnly*

*As mighty waves of water crash,
Water, sand and seaweed thrash,
Breakers o'er the ocean dash
Eternally.*

J. Tremain, 4A.

Sport Section

SPORTSMASTER'S FOREWORD

Discipline—horrible word! But where would we be without it? Our whole lives are disciplined, either by some outside laws or rules, or by some self imposed rules, these latter the results of our Education at Home, at School in our Club and even in the street, where we learn by experience. But what, you will ask, has all this to do with Sport? It is my very firm opinion that the most important lessons of self discipline, which is, incidentally, the most important form of discipline, are learned on the Sports fields. Here you learn that you have responsibilities to your Club (the School in your case), as well as responsibilities to your team-mates. Don't you heartily despise the fellow who lets his team dawn?? How you despise the fellow who doesn't turn up for the vital match! What a poor type he is who won't pass the ball to his team-mate but hangs on hoping to gain limelight for himself! How much admiration we have for the player of limited ability who always gives of his best, who is always to be counted on! We at Homebush pride ourselves that we have succeeded to a marked degree in building up our standards through self discipline until our sport, even at the lowest level, measures up to the very best. We are not all experts, but with very few exceptions we are "good sports," who will make very useful members of outside clubs when our schooling is finished. Could we hope for more?

Many parents and boys have often wondered how the Sports fees are expended. Some will, of course, get better value for their fees than will others. Some sports are cheap, while others are very costly. These (approximate) figures will give some indication of where the money goes. Every time a boy goes to sport, apart from any fares he may pay, the school pays as follows:

Swimming, 3.6 pence; Football, 7.5 pence; Tennis, 11 pence; Cricket, 3.2 pence. These are average figures, and taking into account the number of boys, and the number of Sport days, they aggregate a tidy sum. In addition there are, of course, incidental expenses connected with the administration which help to boost the overall cost. We pride ourselves on the standard of equipment we provide, and the provision made for all boys, and feel sure that most get good value for their investment.

SPORTS AWARDS

Class Competitions:

Cricket: Unfinished.

Rugby: Senior, 4C! Third Year, 3F; Second Year, 2A; First Year, 1F.

Tennis: Senior, 5B; Third Year, 3A; Second Year, 2A.

Athletics: 2F.

Swimming: 5A.

A.A.A. of C.H.S. Blues:

Cricket: J. Hickey.

Rugby: R. Dayman.

Soccer: G. Beard, P. Vassella, A. Peters, R. Freeman, L. Szczucki.

Tennis: D. Whittaker.

School Blues:

Cricket: K. Myles, J. Hickey, A. Gray, D. Stewart, I. Bloom.

Rugby: K. Myles, C. Carrig, D. Reid, R. Lockhart.

Soccer: D. Stewart, G. Beard, P. Vassella, R. Freeman, A. Peters, L. Szczucki.

Tennis: G. Hayes, D. Whittaker.

Athletics: R. Dayman, R. Newey.

Championship Pennants:

Swimming: Senior, B. Elliot; Junior Under 16, R. Macindoe; Junior Under 15, J. Elliott; Juvenile Under 14, K. onsen; Juvenile Under 13, D. Black.

Athletics: Senior, R. Newey, Under 16, W. Martin; Under 15, D. Burns; Under 14, R. Webb; Under 13, B. Connors.

Tennis: Singles Champion, G. Hayes.

Doubles Champions, R. Smith and D. Shaw.

Referees (Officially recognised by Head Bodies)

Rugby: Philip Matthews, Burland Pomery.

Soccer: D. Baldock, A. Jones, W. Knapp, J. Edwards, J. Brimley.

TENNIS

Our Tennis teams met with a very fair measure of success during the year. First and second grades were undefeated in their zone. Third grade lost only one match, while the fourths lost four times. A synopsis of results is as follows:

Grade	Matches			
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
First	8	8	—	1 (wet)
Second	9	9	—	—
Third	8	7	1	1 (wet)
Fourth	9	4	4	1

In the aggregate points which determine the Champion School we were runners up to Canterbury in our zone.

In the interzone finals, played at Canterbury, the Firsts met Randwick and the seconds, North Sydney. Both matches were very keenly contested, but our teams were both defeated. We hasten to congratulate the winners, and look forward to greater success next year.



Back Row: P. Lorsch, R. Higgins, D. Shaw, W. Lackey, K. Hughes.
 Middle Row: R. Conway, M. Barnes, J. Ringrose, J. Stewart, G. Peters,
 K. Furniss. Front Row: A. Healey, B. Thompson, G. Hayes, Mr. H.
 Quail, D. Whittaker, R. Smith, J. Sutton.

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A. R. STAFFORD,
Secretary

Dave Whittaker, of our First Grade team, gained selection in the C.H.S. team which met and defeated the Northern High Schools team. He, therefore, gains a C.H.S. Tennis Blue, and awards of School Blues were made to Dave, and to Gordon Hayes.

Teams representing the School were as follow:

First and Second Grades: D. Whittaker, G. Hayes, R. Smith, D. Shaw, R. Reniamin, B. Thompson, K. Hughes, W. Lackey, J. Stewart, A. Healey, R. Phelan.

Third Grade: J. Ringrose, G. Peters, M. Barnes, K. Furniss, R. Higgins, P. Lorschv.

Fourth Grade: C. Ryman, R. Conway, D. Dunn, J. Carol, A. Jackson.

The Annual Tennis Tournament provided some keenly contested matches and some tennis of a very high standard. The new Senior Singles Champion is Gordon Hayes, who defeated Dave Whittaker in the final. The Senior Doubles was won by Roger Smith and David Shaw, who beat John Stewart and Barry Thompson. John Ringrose won the Junior Singles from Geoff Peters, and these two defeated M. Barnes and C. Ryan in the Junior Doubles.

Scores: G. Hayes d. D. Whittaker 6-1, 6-4.

R. Smith-D. Shaw d. J. Stewart-B. Thompson 6-4, 5-7, 8-6.

J. Ringrose d. G. Peters 6-3, 4-5, 6-1.

J. Ringrose-G. Peters d. M. Barnes-C. Ryman 6-3, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION

	Points for and Against					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Hurlstone	6-8	3-0	3-3	0-11	3-3	6-9
Fairfield	—	—	21-0	11-8	22-0	20-5
Fort St.	8-9	8-0	11-3	6-8	8-11	6-3
Parramatta	6-8	14-3	11-3	15-3	18-5	17-3
Canterbury.....	13-31	14-3	3-6	21-3	14-3	3-5
Liverpool.....	—	—	24-0	17-3	12-13	3-0
Penrith	12-0	—	16-0	3-3	28-0	9-6
Macquarie	24-8	29-0	42-0	11-5	3-6	6-3
Punchbowl	—	—	51-0	20-11	17-8	29-0
Drummoyne.....	15-6	—	33-0	6-0	6-6	15-0
Totals	84-70	68-6	185-15	110-55	131-55	114-34

FIRST GRADE

The First Grade side was not as successful as was anticipated at the beginning of the Season. Nevertheless we provided all teams with stiff opposition—indeed, Canterbury was the only team to beat us convincingly. Injuries to Captain Ken Myles and to Arthur Gray prevented the backs from developing a real combination.

The forwards gave some excellent displays during the Season, and more than held their own against all teams. Ron Dayman and Doug Reid, both forwards, gained representative honors with C.H.S. firsts and seconds respectively.

The match against the old boys was keenly contested, the School losing by the odd point. The barbecue and social following the game were most enjoyable, and we hope that both will be continued in the years to come.

Now for some of the players:

K. Myles, Captain. Brilliant half or five-eigh in both attack and defence. Injuries cost Ken a place in the C.H.S. teams.

D. Reid, Vice-captain. Took over captaincy during Ken's absence. Played consistently fine football as breakaway.

R. Dayman. Best forward in the Competition. Made use of his weight by vigorous play.

C. Carrig. Slightly built lock who made up for his lack of weight by his dash. The most punishing tackler in the team.

R. Lockhart. The team's utility back, who gave some very good displays. Noted for his speed off the mark.

T. George, I. Bloom, B. Connett, V. French and B. Elliott were forwards whose hard rucking and general play made the pack the best in the Competition.

A. Gray. Very capable half or centre. Throws an excellent pass. Injuries kept him from higher honours.

A. Ashton, R. Elvey and B. Bilinsky when called up from the lower grades filled places in the team very satisfactorily.

C. McRae, centre, and R. Newey, winger, both improved as the season progressed and were responsible for some fine games.

A. Roy, centre and wing, and J. Hickey, fullback, are both fourth years who next year are tipped to gain representative honours.

The team is indebted to Mr. Golding for his interest and support during the season, to coach Mr. Mason and to Mr. Johnson, who took over during Mr. Mason's illness.

Our hearty congratulations to our Second XV for gaining premiership honours for the School.

Blues awarded: R. Dayman (C.H.S. and School), D. Reid, K. Myles, R. Lockhart and C. Carrig.



Back: A. Ashton, T. George, V. French, B. Connett, B. Bilinsky, A. Roy.
Centre: R. Dayman, C. McRae, I. Bloom, J. Hickey, A. Gray, R. Newey,
C. Carrig. Front: Mr. G. Brown, B. Elliott, K. Myles (Capt.), Mr. R.
Golding, D. Reid (Vice-Capt.), B. Lockhart, Mr. J. Mason.

SECOND GRADE

Having no stars, and no real weaknesses, the Seconds earned their success because they were a well wrought team which developed good combination and a high degree of understanding among all members, both backs and forwards.

Trevor Baker, breakaway and captain, was able to size up the opposition and develop his team's play and tactics accordingly. With Gordon deGroen and Bob Young, he formed a fast back row which was always there in attack yet defended soundly.

Bohdan Bilinski, Peter Lake and Ken Bock provided a sturdy front row. Along with Brian Hine, Barry Ferguson and Darry Marriott, second row, they formed a fast hard-rucking pack which gained a good share of the ball from all phases of the forward play. Marriott became the goal kicker.

Alan Ashton, at half, provided excellent service, was always in position, and combined well with Ross Elvy at five-eight, who gave penetration and variety to the attack.

The speed, hard running and ability to get out of a tackle shown by Rodney Weiss made him one of the best wingers in the competition. David Austin played well in all positions in the back line as the occasion demanded, being sound in defence, yet adept at supporting others in penetrating or in finishing off a movement.

Jim Saunders and Barry Barnes, the centres, showed their speed in putting Homebush on the attack or in stifling the opposition back line with solid tackling.

Dennis Warner delighted in running the ball up-field from full-back while catching or kicking well. It speaks volumes for the defence of the rest of the team that he felt he had too little to do.

The first match of the season, against Hurlstone, and the final against Sydney, were the hardest games played, against teams whose sportsmanship Homebush well appreciated.



RUGBY GRADE 2

Back Row: A. Ashton, D. Austin, P. Lake, R. Elvy. Second Row: R. Weiss, G. de Groen, G. Farrell, D. Warner, B. Bilinsky, J. Saunders. Front Row: Mr. C. Johnson, D. Marriott, K. Bock, T. Baker, B. Hine, R. Young, Mr. G. Brown.

THIRD GRADE

The Team: J. Spinks (Captain), G. Farrell (Vice Captain), R. Ashby, G. Burgoyne, S. Fletcher, F. Hansen, B. Moore, A. Vesperman, P. Driksna, P. Joyce, J. Kelly, R. Liddle, V. Parkins, R. Ralph, C. Russell, B. Smallbone, R. Turner, V. Winterfelt, A. Volcov.

The team made its Competition debut by forcing a draw with Hurlstone, the ultimate premiers. A run of wins followed until the team was defeated 6-3 by Canterbury in a match that all will remember. The remainder of the season was played with a reshuffled backline which proved to be more successful. It was with this line that the team, over the last five matches, totalled 166 points without a point being scored against it.

Perhaps if this backline had been functioning earlier the competition result could have been different—who knows? Although the forwards lacked "tiger" in their earlier matches under the leadership of Graham Farrell and Vic Parkins they finished the competition with the reputation of a strong pack very ready to mix it. The backs were, on the whole, speedy and reliable. Richard Ashby and Stephen Fletcher, the centres, played very attractively throughout the season, the former scoring 79 points. Individuals had no place in the team, each relying on the other to do his share of the work.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Tester for his invaluable coaching and general interest in the welfare of the group, and to Mr. Brown for arranging a very happy trip to Katoomba.

FOURTH GRADE

This team, although it finished only third in its division proved itself the equal of any team in the competition. We made a bad start with a disjointed team, and lost the first two matches, but from this stage we were never outplayed, and did not lose another game. We must be considered unlucky not to have contested the final.

The strength lay in a strong bustling pack of forwards who gained fire and vigour with every game. Chilvers, coming into the pack from the backs proved an excellent leader of the forwards, and a natural hard hitting breakaway. Hinckman and Ross—particularly the latter—were a tower of strength in the tight play, whilst Eldridge, Plaude, Palmer, Elliott, Cashman and Horne made up the remainder of a continually improving pack.

The backs started off as a set of "spare parts" but as the season progressed they showed marked improvement and settled down to a smooth moving combination, although rather brittle in defence. Half Bissaker gave good service to his fire-eight Freckleton, who proved himself a great tryer, and an outstanding team man, exceptionally strong as a tackler. Birrell, who came into the centre late in the game and showed marked improvement, and Schwarzer, filled the centre positions well.

Wingers Brown and Poulton, on occasions, showed good scoring potential, and were sound in defence. Fullbacks Hough and Firth served the team well, as did utility players Sylvester and Pollock.

All round the season was a most satisfactory one. The competition was not won, but there is little doubt that the Rugger of each member progressed quite considerably. Moreover the spirit and attitude of the team was a credit to every member.

FIFTH GRADE

The Team: R. McGuiness (Captain), J. Pickering, D. Burns, B. Gray, L. Munro, B. Alpen, K. Jonsen, H. Kimble, G. Yates, P. Elphinstone, G. Aiken, W. Hughes, H. Page, R. Hansford, B. Aylett, K. Brown.

The fifths did not do as well as expected this season. Although



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they gave some good exhibitions, weak tackling led to three close defeats.

The forwards generally played too loosely, but Aylett, Yates, Alpen and Jonsen, were very good in the open. The inside backs tended to be too slow off the mark, and, as a result, lacked thrust. Outside centre Thomas was the outstanding player among them, scoring 12 tries.

Of the other backs Munro, Burns and Elphinstone were consistent and the cover defence of McGuinness was always solid.

SIXTH GRADE

The members of the Homebush Boys' High School Sixth Rugby Team were as follows: A. Farnsworth (Capt.), D. Moylan, B. Connors, E. Barnett, C. Deegan, J. Hird, W. Wilson, I. McLean, R. Hay, B. Oringlass, A. Bilinsky, V. Margin, D. Black.

The Team came second in the competition and gave a very good account of itself, especially on the dry grounds. It was a very evenly balanced group with no weak links. The forwards were a very vigorous, tireless pack and worked hard in all games. In the backs, J. Hird played well, while the wingers, B. Connors and E. Barnett, scored many points. Errol Barnett played extremely well in every game and the Captain, Alan Farnsworth, was an inspiration to his side. In the forwards Bilinsky, Hay and Oringlass were the most consistent. McLean and Margin, with a season of grade experience behind them, should be stars next year.

We would like to thank Mr. Quinlan, our coach, for his interest in us during the season.

SOCCER

The School is particularly grateful to the firm of William Arnott, of Homebush, for the loan of playing facilities, which have been of immense benefit to the School generally, and particularly to the Soccer and Tennis teams.

FIRST GRADE

Team: D. Stewart (Captain), G. Beard (Vice-Captain), P. Vassella, S. Rakuns, K. Fitzpatrick, G. Marr, R. Freeman, H. Spinks, L. Szczucki, V. Hagens, R. Squires, D. Johnson, P. Middleton, D. McIntosh.

Homebush made an auspicious entry into the C.H.S. 1st Grade Soccer this year by becoming undefeated premiers, scoring 43 goals and having only one goal scored against them in the eight matches.

A smoothly combining forward line, a half back line always capable of setting the forwards in motion, and a consistently tight defence made for an outstanding team which proved itself superior to any other in the competition. Our brilliant team-work and ball-control often bewildered the opposition, and on occasions we were almost irresistible, as some of the results (10 nil v East Hills, 10 nil v Crows Nest, 9 nil v Drummoyne) showed.

Centre forward Tony Peters was the spearhead of a prolific forward line, he alone notching 17 goals during the season. Inside forwards S. Rakuns and K. Fitzpatrick, both clever players, combined well with Peters and speedy wingers G. Marr and P. Vassella, the latter being exceptional in both speed and elusiveness.

The half-backs were D. Stewart, R. Freeman, H. Spinks and the robust G. Beard. Their domination of the centre of the field and their ability to keep the forwards on the attack were important in the team's success. When David Stewart was injured part way through the season Geoff Beard took over the Captaincy and ably led the team during the remaining matches.

V. Szczucki and V. Hagens were two very solid full-backs whose defence was always too strong for the opposing forwards. P. Lucas

kept goals very efficiently throughout the season, as the results indicate. D. Johnson, R. Squires, P. Middleton and D. McIntosh, all performed creditably when required to play.

Finally we pay our tribute to, and offer thanks to, our coach, Mr. Broome, whose advice was invaluable, and who seemed always to be able to get the best out of the team, and offer our congratulations to the C.H.S. representatives Geoff Beard, Tony Peters, Peter Vassella, Richard Freeman and Lou Szczocki.

SECOND GRADE

The team played well, but did not have the ball control and combination necessary to win matches. However, our congratulations go to D. Freeman and D. McIntosh, who were selected by the C.H.S. to play against Wollongong.

THIRD GRADE

Team: E. Hampton, E. Miller, T. Rolfe, G. Penn, R. Craft (Capt.), R. Walker, P. Duffy, J. Clark, J. Millington, K. Myatt, P. Cannon, N. Sage. Reserves: P. Davis, R. Kup-Feroth, W. Falfour, N. Pike.

Despite the fact that we finished well down the competition table the team enjoyed its season of football. We were well beaten in early matches, but at that time in particular we showed that we could take it, and came back for more. Later in the season we were able to offer much stiffer opposition.

Captain Roger Craft could always be relied on to play a good game, and others who did well were P. Millington, as a utility player, and P. Duffy, on the wing. The team looks forward to a more successful run next season.



SOCCER — GRADE 1

Standing: P. Lucas, G. Beard, R. Freeman, A. Hagens, P. Middleton, S. Rakuns, K. Fitzpatrick, Mr. S. Broom (Coach). Seated: A. Peters, H. Spinks, Mr. R. Golding (Headmaster), D. Stewart (Capt.), Mr. G. Brown (Sportsmaster), L. Szczucki, P. Vassella. In Front: G. Marr, D. Johnson, D. MacIntosh. (Absent: R. Squires).

FOURTH GRADE

Team: B. Maxwell, R. Walker, K. Robb, A. Swinfield, T. Gillmore, N. Brisby (Captain), L. Bath, C. Yuan, J. Smith, K. McIntyre, R. Manning and J. Emmas. Reserves: R. Rathgeber, M. Hare, R. Yablesley, K. Stapley.

This team had a very successful season, finishing second to Punchbowl in its division. Many chances were missed which resulted in the loss of vital points, and the team must be considered unlucky not to have won.

In the semi-finals between the two divisions, Drummoyne, the ultimate winners, were held to a draw after extra time had been taken, and in the play-off we lost by only one goal. Congratulations to Drummoyne on their success!

Captain Neil Brisby led the team ably at all times, showing skill at centre-half, keeping his forwards on the attack, and, when needed, showing sound defence. He was ably supported by T. Gillmore and L. Bath, the halves. Bath, as left half, was chosen to represent C.H.S. at Wollongong. C. Yuan, on the right wing, was the inspiration of the forward line, but his work was not always finished off to advantage.

Taken all round, the team played good, clean football, and with the strengthening of one or two positions, we are hopeful of doing even better in next year's competition.

CRICKET

FIRST GRADE

The First Grade side has had mixed luck this season. We managed to win our zone, but could only draw a virtual inter-zone semi-final against Parramatta. The Second inter-zone match against Hurlstone resulted in a first innings win, but this will not be good enough for a place in the final.

Brilliant fielding was responsible for an outright win against Drummoyne, which was followed by a drawn game against Canterbury, and an excitingly close first innings win against Fort St.

We would like to thank Mr. Brown for arranging the match against Orange High School, who proved too good for us, incidentally, and express our appreciation also of the interest shown by Mr. Marshall, who has since gone to Canada, and the excellent coaching of Mr. Philpott.

The 1956 team was as follows:

K. Myles (Captain): Medium pace opening bowler, and leading wicket taker with 4 for 13 and 6 for 22 against Drummoyne and 3 for 38 against Fort St.

R. Lockhart: Solid opening batsman, safe even if a bit slow. Bob contributed a handy 20 against Fort St.

I. Bloom: Has kept wickets safely and economically through the season. Ian is also a bright right hand batsman, scoring an aggressive 50 against Fort St.

A. Gray: Arthur is the most successful all-rounder in the team. He is a stylish left hand bat, and his medium right hand bowling has earned for him the bowling honors. He is also a very safe slip fielder.

J. Hickey: The best bowling prospect for some years. His fast attack won for him a place in the C.H.S. team against Northern High Schools. As Jeff is in Fourth Year we expect much of him next year. His 2 for 2 against Drummoyne was his best effort.

D. Shaw: Slow medium left hand spin bowler who has been very successful this season. His best figures were 3 for 22 and 2 for 10 against Drummoyne, and 2 for 29 against Fort St.

D. Whittaker: A forceful right hand batsman with 24 n.o. against Drummoyne to his credit. Dave has also proved useful as a change bowler with his big right hand leg breaks.

G. Hayes: A right hand batsman with terrific concentration. He reaped a due reward when he put together an excellent 99 against Hurlstone in the last match.

G. Marr: Right hand batsman who has yet to strike his true form, although he made a good 21 against Drummoyne. His excellent running between wickets, and bright fielding have been an object lesson.

R. Benjamin: Although hampered by a lack of height, Ron has shown himself to be a stylish batsman, and to have a safe pair of hands.

SECOND GRADE

A. Healey (Capt.), J. Stewart, L. Stevens, P. Miller, J. Pennicook, R. Freeman, A. Peters, B. Smallbone, R. Rayman, J. Sutton, R. Smith, R. James.

Wet weather curtailed the first part of the season to such an extent that in only one game was a result reached—Homebush losing to Drummoyne on the first innings.

Peter Muller, Jim Stewart and Ian Stevens have shown promise as batsmen. Second Grade is well equipped with bowlers—Jack Pennicook, Bruce Smallbone, Tony Peters, Dick Freeman and John Sutton have all caused some concern among opposing batsmen. These bowlers, assisted by keen fielding, dismissed Canterbury (a strong batting side) for 98.

The team was ably led by Alex. Healey, a thoughtful captain. Ray Dayman has given good service as wicketkeeper.

Congratulations are due to the team for the way in which keenness has been maintained despite the early lack of success.



FIRST GRADE CRICKET

Standing: D. Stewart, D. Whittaker, J. Hickey, A. Gray, I. Bloom, G. Marr. Seated: G. Hayes, D. Shaw, Mr. P. Philpott, K. Myles (Capt.), Mr. T. Marshall, R. Lockhart, A. Peters.

THIRD GRADE

Team: J. Kelly (Capt.), B. Dyster, D. McIntosh, R. Swinfield, E. Rourke, D. Neilson, M. Matsin, G. Stafford, B. Hine, S. Fletcher, E. Jocelyn, R. Young, P. Martin, F. Hansen, W. Bailey.

The results of the season's games so far have been:

v. Canterbury, Lost by 1 run

v. Fort St.—Abandoned (Fort St. 66, H.B.H.S. 2 for 28)

v. Drummoyne—Won by 14 runs (4 wickets in hand)

v. Punchbowl—Won by 58 runs (2 wickets in hand)

The team has shaped well and, despite some patchiness, shown alertness and enthusiasm. The best performers were McIntosh, Neilson, Kelly and Rourke with the ball, McIntosh, Stafford, Young, Hansen and Kelly with the bat. Hine was effective behind the stumps and every man was keen in the field.

FOURTH GRADE

Team: David Cathro, Graham Sylvester, Allen Bloom, John Mitchell, Brian Thompson, Malcolm Somerville, David Healey, John Ringrose, Keith Furniss, Ross Higgins, David Ryan, John Briscoe.

Except for the addition of John Ringrose and Malcolm Somerville, the team remained the same as last year's.

Our first match of the season was a oneday fixture against Canterbury. This we won with 3 for 93 against 33 scored by our opponents. Our principal performances were those of Allan Bloom (30 n.o.), David Cathro (27), John Ringrose (4 for 3) and John Mitchell (4 for 93). In John Mitchell's first over he took a hat trick.

The second round match was against Fort St. Good bowling performances by John Briscoe 3 for 13, John Mitchell (2 for 8), John Ringrose (2 for 14) and David Cathro (2 for 33) kept the Fort St. score down to 65, but our performance with the bat was equally bad, and at the close of the first day we had lost 5 for 24. Rain on the next day saved us from very probable defeat.

Against newcomers Drummoyne, our bowling was again very devastating, Graham Sylvester (3 for 4) and David Cathro (2 for 3) being the destroyers. The same two boys scored freely in our innings, which we declared closed at 8 for 138. David made 86 n.o. and Graham 24. John Briscoe helped with 16 runs.

Our last match was against our then co-leaders, Punchbowl, who collapsed in their first innings for only 20, thanks to Brian Thompson (5 for 9) and David Cathro (4 for 11). When time ran out we had scored 62 for 4 wickets, giving us a first innings win.

All told, the season has been a very successful one, and as winners of our division we look forward to the semi-finals. Congratulations to David Cathro for very successful and efficient captaincy.

Homebush plays Fairfield, and North Sydney plays Enmore in the semi-finals as this goes to press.—Ed.)

FIFTH GRADE

Team: G. Peters (Captain), K. Thomas, J. Millington, K. Kimble, R. Lovell, R. Clark, B. Gray, R. McGuinness, P. Brockett, G. Aitken, B. Yabsley, B. McFarland, G. Liddle.

The team has had a mixed season, as wet weather interfered with most of our matches. We have also been handicapped in the one-day matches, because most of our batsmen are of the defensive type. We won one match, lost one, and drew two.

Geoff Peters has had marked success as Captain, as batsman, and fast bowler. Kevin Thomas (fast), Peter Brockett (fast), and Graham Liddle (slow), were consistently good bowlers. Liddle had the best individual effort with 5 for 21 against Drummoyne.

Brian Gray has been outstanding as keeper, and has also had

success as an opening batsman, his defence being exceptionally solid. John Millington was always solid with the bat, and could be relied on for a good share of runs.

It is an enthusiastic team, the members playing the game in the correct spirit, each giving of his best at all times.

SIXTH GRADE

Team: V. Margan (Captain), D. Moylan, J. Kernick, B. Maxwell, D. Collard, R. Marlow, J. Birmingham, H. Dearing, B. Connors, R. Herbert, R. Meyer, C. Yuan, N. Brisby, P. Lewis.

Sixth Grade began well in the first match against Canterbury. Play was restricted to only one day. In reply to Canterbury's 52 we declared with 4 for 54, and then had Canterbury 5 for 27 in their second innings when stumps were drawn. Neil Brisby contributed a fine knock of 25 not out, while Vic Margan made 17 runs and took 5 for 16 and 2 for 4.

Against Fort St. we made 104 on a very heavy ground, Yuan contributing a very forceful 28 and Maxwell 21. At the close of the day Fort St. had lost 4 for 30, Brisby having taken 3 for 7. Play was abandoned on the second day because of rain.

Rain also interfered with the first day's play against Drummoyno, who scored 86 and 6 for 15 against our score of 6 for 91 declared. Meyer made 27 n.o. and Margan again had a good double of 31 runs and 3 for 7.

Against Punchbowl all play was washed out by rain on the first day. Time was divided on the second day, and after we had made 82 for the loss of two wickets (Brisby 42 n.o.), Punchbowl batted out time with the score at 5 for 50. This was our second drawn game, and having won our other two matches, we go to the semi-final stage undefeated. All teams in the group have had similar weather troubles, and we seem certain to contest at least a semi-final.

Vic Margan has proved a very reliable captain with the complete respect of his team-mates. All have shown enthusiasm in their approach to the game, and the fielding has been smart. Ross Marlow, the baby of the team, will still be eligible for this grade next year, and should prove an outstanding player.

(Homebush plays Liverpool, and Sydney Tech, plays North Sydney in semi-finals in this grade.—Ed.)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Six new records were set at the school's thirteenth annual swimming carnival held at Bankstown Olympic Pool on 8th March.

Despite bad weather, the carnival was a success and, apart from the record breakers, many boys swam good times to win their respective sections.

The six new records were set by Brian Elliott (senior 110 yards freestyle, senior 110 yards butterfly and senior 220 yards freestyle); Jeff Elliott (under 15 years 55 yards butterfly); Alex Ozolins (under 14 years 55 yards breaststroke); John Kirk (under 13 years 55 yards breaststroke).

Complete details of results are as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior: B. Elliott 1, R. Newey 2, A. Vesperman 3.

Under 16: R. Macindoe 1, R. Kinsky 2, . . . 3.

Under 15: J. Elliott 1, S. Burley 2, J. Charlwood 3.

Under 14: K. Jonsen 1, A. Ozolins 2, L. Munro 3.

Under 13: D. Black 1, J. Kirk 2, T. Pearson 3.

Class point score: 5A 1, 1C 2, 2F 3.

SENIOR

55 yards Freestyle: B. Elliott 1, R. Newey 2, A. Vesperman 3.
 110 yards Freestyle: B. Elliott 1, R. Newey 2, A. Vesperman 3.
 220 yards Freestyle: B. Elliott 1, R. Newey 2, A. Hughes 3.
 440 yards Freestyle: B. Elliott 1, R. Newey 2, A. Vesperman 3.
 880 yards Freestyle: B. Elliott 1, J. Elliott 2, R. Kinsky 3.
 110 yards Breaststroke: B. Elliott 1, R. Newey 2, A. Vesperman 2.
 110 yards Butterfly: B. Elliott 1, R. Newey 2, D. Stewart 3.
 55 yards Backstroke: B. Elliott 1, A. Vesperman 2, T. Baker 3.
 Senior Dive: A. Hutchinson 1, R. Newey 2, T. Baker 3.

UNDER 16 YEARS

55 yards Freestyle: A. Roy 1, B. Barnes 2, R. Macindoe 3.
 110 yards Freestyle: A. Roy 1, R. Macindoe 2, R. Kinsey and B. Barnes dead heat 3.
 220 yards Freestyle: A. Roy 1, R. Kinsky 2, B. Barnes 3.
 440 yards Freestyle: R. Kinsky 1, B. Barnes 2, R. Macindoe 3.
 55 yards Breaststroke: R. Macindoe 1, B. Bilinsky 2, R. Kinsky 3.
 55 yards Butterfly: R. Macindoe 1, R. Kinsky 2, B. French 3.
 55 yards Backstroke: A. Jones 1, J. McKeever 2, R. Macindoe 3.
 Junior Dive: J. Hough 2, R. Macindoe 2, G. Gittins 3.

UNDER 15 YEARS

55 yards Freestyle: J. Elliott 1, S. Burley 2, G. Gittins 3.
 110 yards Freestyle: J. Elliott 1, S. Burley 2, D. Cashman 3.
 220 yards Freestyle: J. Elliott 1, S. Burley 2, J. Charlwood 3.
 440 yards Freestyle: J. Elliott 1, S. Burley 2, B. Barber 3.
 55 yards Breaststroke: J. Elliott 1, G. Gittins 2, P. Lorschly 3.
 55 yards Butterfly: J. Elliott 1, D. Cashman 2, S. Burley 3.
 55 yards Backstroke: J. Elliott 1, S. Burley 2, B. Barber 3.

UNDER 14 YEARS

55 yards Freestyle: A. Ozolins 1, K. Jonsen 2, T. Mackay 3.
 110 yards Freestyle: A. Ozolins 1, K. Jonsen 2, L. Munro 3.
 220 yards Freestyle: A. Ozolins 1, K. Jonsen 2, L. Munro 3.
 55 yards Breaststroke: A. Ozolins 1, K. Jonsen 2, J. Pickering 3.
 55 yards Butterfly: K. Jonsen 1, A. Ozolins 2, J. Pickering 3.
 55 yards Backstroke: P. Kennedy 1, A. Ozolins 2, K. Jonsen 3.
 Juvenile Dive: K. Jonsen 1, D. Black 2, B. Gray 3.

UNDER 13 YEARS

55 yards Freestyle: D. Black 1, T. Pearson 2, D. Jamieson 3.
 110 yards Freestyle: B. Black 1, T. Pearson 2, D. Jamieson 3.
 55 yards Breaststroke: J. Kirk 1, J. Origlass 2, D. Black 3.
 55 yards Butterfly: J. Kirk 1, B. Pettit 2, D. Black 3.
 55 yards Backstroke: D. Black 1, J. Kirk 2, T. Pearson 3.

NOVICE 55 YARDS FREESTYLE

Senior: R. Mills 1, R. Phelan 2, R. Godden 3.
 Under 16: W. Smith 1, K. Wilkinson 2, G. Burgoyne 3.
 Under 15: K. Brown 1, P. Eldridge 2, T. Hall 3.
 Under 14: D. Bath 1, J. Blackwood 2, J. Liddle 3.
 Under 13: R. Weatherburn 1,
 Beginners' Race: L. Bath 1, R. Yabsley 2, B. Atkins 3.

CLASS RELAY RACES

Fifth Year: 5A 1, 5D 2, 5C 3.
 Fourth Year: 4E 1, 4B 2, 4C 3.
 Third Year: 3F 1, 3A 2, 3C 3.
 Second Year: 2F 1, 2E 2, 2A 3.
 First Year: 1C 1, 1E 2, 1F 3.

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Homebush had a successful day at the Carnival, winning the Senior Division and coming third in the Aggregate Point Score. Two of our boys set new C.H.S. records, Jeff Elliott in the Under 15 Years, 55 yards Butterfly and John Kirk in the Under 13 Years, 55 yards Breaststroke. Brian Elliott was our outstanding performer, as will be seen from the results below, his winning of the Rawson Challenge Cup being most popular and well deserved. Placegetters in Finals were as follows:—

Brian Elliott: 1st in Senior 880 yards Freestyle (Rawson Challenge Cup).

1st in Senior 440 yards Freestyle.

1st in Senior 220 yards Freestyle.

1st in Senior 55 yards Freestyle.

1st in Senior 110 yards Butterfly.

2nd in Senior 110 yards Freestyle.

Robert Newey: 3rd in Senior 110 yards Breaststroke.

Jeff Elliott: 1st in under 15 Years 55 yards Butterfly.

3rd in Under 15 Years 220 yards Freestyle.

3rd in Under 15 Years 440 yards Freestyle.

4th in Under 15 Years 110 yards Freestyle.

5th in Under 15 Years 44 yards Freestyle.

John Kirk: 1st in Under 13 years Breaststroke.

Keith Jonsen: 4th in Juvenile Dive.

Senior Relay Team (B. Elliott, R. Newey, A. Vesperman, A. Hughes):

3rd in Senior Relay.



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SWIMMING

Back Row: L. Munro, J. Hutchison, R. Macindoe, A. Ozolins, G. Gittens, K. Jonsen. Middle Row: D. Jamieson, S. Burley, A. Roy, J. Hough, T. MacKay, P. Kennedy, D. Black. Seated: R. Kinksy, J. Elliott, B. Elliott, Mr. K. Dyet, Bilinsky, A. Vesperman, R. Newey. In front: R. Frost.



Brian Elliott

The School has produced a number of outstanding athletes in recent years, but few stand out like Brian. He started a long list of successes in 1951 at a Schoolboy's Jubilee Swimming Carnival in Melbourne by winning the under 12 years championship. His first C.H.S. success came in his first year at the School, when he won the under 13 years freestyle 110 yards. Each year he has gone from success to success, the details requiring more space than we can afford. He has excelled in events both short and long, freestyle and butterfly, capping all as far as the School is concerned with a sequence of wins (5 in all) in the C.H.S. Carnival this year. Details of these wins appear in the Swimming report.

Congratulations, Brian!

You have been a credit always to School! Sport.

Homebush Boys' High School Life Saving Club

Affiliated with A.L.S.S. and R.L.S.S. (Aust.)

The School Life-saving Club was formed at an open meeting of the boys held at school on 1st November, 1955. The membership is open to all who hold the Bronze Medallion and higher awards. The inaugural meeting elected Brian Elliott as President, Robert Newey as Vice-president, Paul Maloney as Hon. Secretary and Malcolm Lough as Hon. Treasurer.

The affairs of the club are run by the members in meetings held in the "Chem-Dem" in a democratic manner. The Club Patron (Mr. Cullen) has then to implement the business. In the coming season we hope all eligible boys will join. The membership fee is small (2/6) and is fixed by the meeting each season. A new executive will be elected at the beginning of the 1956-57 season.

During the 1955-56 season the awards of the Australian Life Saving Society included:

- 2 Bars to Award of Merit
- 19 Awards of Merit
- 19 Bars to Bronze Medallion.
- 91 Bronze Medallions
- 86 Intermediate Stars
- 300 Proficiency Certificates
- 300 Elementary Certificates
- 350 Water Safety Certificates as well as numerous Trainee Instructors' Certificates, Instructor's Certificates, and two Examiner's Certificates.

This gave us third place in the points competition of the A.L.S.S. Crows Nest was first, Randwick second. We congratulate them. Magazine space will only permit publishing the names of top-ranking award winners as under:

BAR TO AWARD OF MERIT: Brian James, Robert Newey.

AWARD OF MERIT: G. Gittins, D. Air, B. Bilinsky, P. Jack, B. Hine, R. Galagher, W. Comans, D. Burrows, R. Macindoe, P. Maloney, M. Lough, V. French, J. Elliott, A. Loquet, J. McKeever, K. Johnson, R. Long, R. Gage, P. Murray.

BAR TO BRONZE MEDALLION: Colin Croker, Brian Hine, Graham Gittins, Anthony Loquet, Barry Leonard and B. M. Bohdan, Bilinsky, Jeffrey Elliott, Malcolm Lough, Robert Newey, Rodney Galagher, Barry Barber, Robert Macindoe, Keith Johnson, John Charlwood, Paul Maloney, John Pickering, B. Watt, G. Nelson.

BRONZE MEDALLION: D. Liggins, L. Craig, R. James, N. Kelly, R. Chapman, R. Stuart, D. Thompson, R. Scharter, J. Bierling, A. Brown, R. Watkins, T. Murdoch, B. Blake, J. Delahunty, R. Clarke, N. Sage, P. Read, G. Kolakauskas, G. Burgoyne, G. Talbot, N. Gooly, B. Pollock, R. Mann, G. Ingram, B. Morgan, B. Moore, S. Burley, G. Durie, T. Pill, R. Dayman, R. Sutton, T. Hall, R. Glover, P. Kavanagh, G. Russell, N. Elliott, J. Dowling, S. King, D. Sieber, G. Alpen, P. Lorsch, G. Hughes, Malcolm Chambers, M. Somerville, J. Hough, D. Mullen, K. Brown, L. Craig, L.

Singleton, D. Thomas, P. Joyce, P. Maddock, B. Stevenson, R. Hales, A. Huckstep, A. Read, W. Shackleton, G. Grainger, J. Ryder, I. Ezzy, L. Hogan, R. Menzies, A. Stanton, R. Braddock, G. Robinson, D. Johnson, L. Walsh, S. Hird, P. Kelly, R. Shoebridge, S. Mumford, C. Marschall, M. McDougall, D. Dilley, G. Farrel, J. Harlum, B. Gray, R. Smith, P. Buckman, J. Read, R. Barber, G. Chesterfield, L. Butler, G. McEachran, R. Aitkins, P. Buddle, P. Ozalins, . Shaw, M. Bernstein, R. Price, P. Eldridge. Apologies are offered for errors and omissions.

LIFESAVING SCHOOL AT CABARITA, DECEMBER, 1955.

Once again some 400 Homebush Boys' High School boys attended and fourteen of the teachers volunteered to assist. Never was held such a happy quiet and peaceful school. The work went on smoothly under chief instructor Paul Maloney and his panel of instructors and trainee instructors. The work was inspected by the Acting Headmaster, Mr. E. T. Wallace, who expressed his approval. A strange rite from old Biblical days was performed each morning as the backs of the multitude were anointed with oil. At last they said it was oil. (Linseed, peanut and olive oils shaken with limewater, acriflavine and "Kwit" detergent—what a brew!) Mr. Kevin J. Ford, M.P.S., of Castle Hill, supplied about a gallon of this "Super plus carron oil" gratis. Thanks, Mr. Ford, it eliminated loss of time due to sunburn cases, even if yellow jaundice seemed to be prevalent.



LIFE SAVING

Standing: J. Elliott, B. Bilinsky, P. Maloney, A. Vesperman,
R. Macindoe.

Seated: B. Hine, B. Elliott, Mr. M. W. A. Cullen, R. Newey, A. Roy.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. England took Kodachromes of the work which are now nicely boxed up for teaching purposes. The Club is most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. England for hours of toil to make this possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lorenz, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Pendlebury and Miss Valerie Green, of Cabarita Baths, were most co-operative and generous to the club and helped in every way possible. We offer them thanks for kindness and service.

Mr. Dave Sanders, of Sanders Bros. Boatshed, Cabarita, once again helped the club with a boat and landing stage for teaching boat drill. Thank you, Mr. Sanders.

HONOURS.

The A.L.S.S. called for interview some six of our lads for Examiner's Certificates. All were accepted, subject to attaining the age of eighteen. Brian James and David Thomas have been appointed as examiners by the Society.

The President of the A.L.S.S., Mr. Acting Justice J. Harvey Prior, pinned a life member's badge on Mr. Cullen one evening at an Executive Council meeting in Sydney. In this way the Society acknowledges the outstanding work of the boys, staff and headmaster of Homebush Boys' High School. The recipient was the Society's Chief Examiner for the 1955-56 season and was re-elected to the position in R.L.S.S. Aust. for the coming season. Mr. Colley also holds an examiner's certificate and it looks as though Mr. John Faehrman will replace Mr. Stewart at the December Life Saving School. The club is most grateful to the teachers who conduct this school of instruction each year. Thank you, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Stewart (now in Laos), Mr. Marshall (now in Canada), Mr. Anderson, Mr. Pound (now down the South Coast), Mr. Rassack (now at Fort Street), Mr. Neal (now at Parramatta) and Mr. Harrison.

INTEGRATION OF A.L.S.S. AND ROYAL L.S.S.

During 1956, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, asked Lord Louis Mountbatten to try and effect a reconciliation between the two life-saving societies in N.S.W. Success, as usual, crowned Lord Louis's efforts, as on September 28th, 1956, the vital vote was taken, in a democratic manner at the A.L.S.S. Annual Meeting to decide the matter. We are now members of the new "Royal Life Saving Society—Australia, N.S.W. Branch" in which is also incorporated the old R.L.S.S. N.S.W. Branch.

Our aim is to be called "The Royal Australian Life Saving Society," but these things take time.

"SAVE-A-LIFE-WEEK," 1956

Robert Sutton organised a team of himself, Robert Jennings, Keith Miller and John Watt, to demonstrate "Water Safety" at Eastwood and Ryde district halls at night. Mr. Colley piloted the venture and the boys put on a good show in conjunction with the St. John Ambulance Association, the Eastwood Apex Club and Ryde Rotary Club.

DECEMBER LIFE-SAVING SCHOOL, 1956

The usual week's school at Cabarita will be held 3rd to 7th inc. December, 1956. Here is a chance to become better acquainted with the aims and methods of the Life Saving Societies. It costs about ten shillings for fares, baths entrance, etc. Be in it.

BRIAN ELLIOTT,
President.

PAUL MALONEY,
Hon. Secretary.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Thirteenth Annual Athletic Carnival of the Homebush Boys' High School was held on August 8th, on the Concord Oval. The weather was perfect, and the groundsman and his assistants had, as usual, co-operated to the full to have the ground in excellent condition, notwithstanding the very difficult weather experienced this winter.

Outstanding performer of the Carnival was young Barry Connors, who scooped the pool in the Under 13 Years events, creating new records in the Hurdles and Broad Jump. We certainly will hear more of him as he progresses through the School.

Apart from Barry's performances the most pleasing features of the day were the greatly increased number of competitors, especially among the not-so-top-class athletes, and the increased spectator interest which naturally followed.

The officials who so ably handled the Carnival also merit a word of praise. The programme ran more smoothly than even the most ardent organiser could have hoped.



THEY HAVE REASON TO SMILE

Arthur Roy and Peter Vassella and team manager Mr. Colley exchange congratulations after the boys had covered themselves with glory by winning between them the Under 16 Sprint Double in both divisions at the Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival. They were also members of the victorious relay team.

RESULTS

SENIOR DIVISION: Champion, R. Newey.

100 yards: R. Newey, 5D, 1; B. Moore, 5B, 2; R. Weiss, 5D, 3; R. Lockhart, 4. Time 11.3 secs.
 220 yards: R. Weiss, 5D, R. Lockhart, 5A, equal 1; G. Marr, 5B, 3; C. McRae, 5B, 5. Time 25.4 secs.
 440 yards: R. Weiss 5D, 1; R. Lockhart 5A, 2; G. Marr 5B, 3; G. Burgoyne, 4B, 4. Time 56.5 secs.
 880 yards: R. Weiss, 5D, 1; B. Elliott, 5A, 2; V. Hagens, 5E, 3; D. Warner, 4D, 4. Time 2 mins. 14.7 secs.
 Mile: B. Elliott 5A, 1; T. George 5B, 2; R. Phelan 4D 3; J. Sutton, 5B, 4. Time 4 mins. 58.9 secs.
 Hurdles: R. Newey, 5D, 1; D. Warner, 4D, 2; J. Spinks, 5C, 3; F. Kleinig, 5D, 4. Time 17.9 secs.
 Broad Jump: D. Shaw 5D 1, D. Warner 5D 2; R. Newey 5D 3; J. Hickey, 4C, 4. Distance 19ft. 6in.
 Hop, Step and Jump: D. Shaw, 5D, 1; D. Warner, 4D, 2; S. Rakuns, 5E, 3; R. Weiss, 5D, 4. Distance 41ft. 7in.
 High Jump: D. Warner, 4D, 1; F. Kleinig, 5D, 2; R. Newey, 5D 3; D. Shaw 5D 4. Height 5ft. 4in.
 Shot Put: R. Dayman 5B, 1; R. Newey 5D, 2; R. Ashby 5C, 3; S. Rakuns 5E 4. Distance 39ft.

UNDER 16 Division: Champion, W. Martin.

100 yards: A. Roy 4A, 1; W. Martin 4C, 2; A. Taylor 3A, 3; L. Turley, 4A, 4. Time 11.3 secs.
 220 yards: P. Vassella, 4D, 1; A. Roy, 4A, 2; W. Martin, 4C, 3; L. Turley, 4A, 4. Time 25 secs.
 440 yards: P. Vassella, 4D, 1; B. Morey, 4C, 2; C. Russell, 4C, 3; B. Elliott 4D, 4. Time, 56.4 secs.
 880 yards: B. Morey 4C 1, J. Sutton 5B 2, P. Vassella 4D 3, B. Elliott 4D 4. Time 2 min. 15.1 secs.
 Hurdles: L. Turley, 4A, 1; W. Martin, 4C, 2; R. Hincksman, 2C, 3; C. Russell, 4C, 4. Time 13.4 secs.
 Broad Jump: A. Roy, 4A, 1; W. Martin, 4C, 2; R. Schwartzler, 3C, 3; C. Russell, P. Vassella, 4D, equal 4. Distance 19ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 Hop, Step and Jump: W. Martin, 4C, 1; R. Hincksman, 2C, 2; P. Vassella 4D, A. Roy 4A, 4. Distance 37ft. 6in.
 High Jump: C. Russell, 4C, 1; R. Schwartzler, 3C, 2; G. Kolauskas, 3F, J. Sutton, 5B, 4. Height 5ft. 1in.
 Shot Put: V. Driksna, 4A, 1; J. Shaw, 4A, 2; A. Roy, 4A, 3; R. Smith, 4A, 4. Distance 38ft.

UNDER 15 DIVISION: Champion, D. Burns.

100 yards: D. Burns, 2B, 1; P. Debeuzeville, 3A, 2; R. Allen, 3B, 3; A. Chilvers, 3D, 4. Time 12.1 secs.
 220 yards: P. Debeuzeville, 3A, 1; D. Burns, 2B, 2; R. Allen, 3B, 3; A. Chilvers, 3D, 4. Time 27.5 secs.
 440 yards: D. Thomas 3A, 1; D. Burns 2B, 2; A. Chilvers 3D, 3; P. Debeuzeville, 3A, P. Steele, 3E, equal 4. Time 63.6 secs.
 880 yards: D. Burns, 2B, 1; P. Debeuzeville, 3A, 2; D. Thomas, 3A, 3; J. Elliott, 3A, 4. Time 2 mins. 32.2 secs.
 Hurdles: A. Chilvers, 3D, 1; D. Thomas, 3A, 2; P. Steele, 3E, 3; P. Debeuzeville, 3A, 4. Time 15.8 secs.
 Broad Jump: P. Debeuzeville, 3A, 1; D. Burns, 2B, 2; M. Celinskis, 3C, J. Ringrose, 3D, 4. Distance, 16ft. 1in.
 High Jump: J. Hughes 2G 1; D. Burns 2B, 2; P. Debeuzeville, 3A, 3; D. Cull, 3B, 4. Height 4ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 Shot Put: A. Chilvers, 3D, 1; J. Elliott, 3A, 2; A. Ozolins, 3C, 3; B. Ricketts, 3E, 4. Distance 38ft. 2in.

UNDER 14 DIVISION: Champion, R. Webb

100 yards: R. Webb 2F 1; K. Thomas 2F 2; A. Evans 2B 3; A. Bilinsky, 1B, 4. Time 11.9 secs.

220 yards: R. Webb, 2F, 1; W. Yeomans, 2A, 2; D. Evans, 2B, 3; K. Thomas, 2F, 4. Time 28.1 secs.

Hurdles: R. Webb, 2F, 1; D. Evans, 2B, 2; J. Hamilton, 2B, 3; G. Foster, 2F, 4. Time 9.7 secs.

Broad Jump R. Webb, 2F, 1; G. Greening, 2D, 2; D. Evans, 2B, 3; N. Cooper, 2F, 4. Distance 16ft. 5in.

High Jump: K. Thomas, 2F, 1; P. Davidson, 2F, 2; A. Culshaw, 2G, 3; P. Guest, 1B, 4. Height 4ft. 6in.

Shot Put: K. Thomas, 2F, 1; R. Hansford, 2A, 2; R. Lovell, 2A, 3; J. Christie, 1B, 4. Distance 41ft. 5in.

UNDER 13 DIVISION: Champion, B. Connors.

100 yards: B. Connors, 1D, 1; E. Barnett, 1D, 2; C. Davies, 1B, 3; P. McIntyre, 1B, 4. Time 12.9 secs.

220 yards: B. Connors, 1D, 1; E. Barnett, 1D, 2; J. Bailey, 1A, 3; J. Filmer, 1E, 4. Time 29.5 secs.

Hurdles: B. Connors, 1D, 1; P. McIntyre, 1F, 2; D. Jamieson, 1D, 3; R. Meyenn, 1A, 4. Time 10.3 secs. (Record)

Broad Jump: B. Connors, 1D, 1; B. Schwartzler, 1D, 2; R. Marlow, 1D, 3; D. Matthews, 1B, 4. Distance 16ft. (Record)

High Jump: B. Connors, 1D, 1; B. Schwartzler, 1D, 2; D. Jamieson, 1D, 3; R. Meyenn, 1A, 4. Height 4ft. 4in.

*CLASS COMPETITIONS**Champion Class, 2F.**FIFTH YEAR EVENTS**Winning Class, 5D.*

100 yards: A. Vesperman 5A 1, J. Hutchison 5C 2, K. Hughes 5C 3, A. Priestley 5B 4. Time 11.6 secs.

220 yards: F. Kleinig 5D 1, A. Vesperman 5A 2, J. Spinks 5C 3, R. Newey 5D 4. Time 26.2 secs.

440 yards: A. Vesperman 5A 1, P. Lunsman 5E 2, K. Hughes 5C 3, B. Moore 5B 4. Time 60.8 secs.

Four Lap (Fourth and Fifth Year): V. Parkins 4C 1, B. Davis 4E 2, J. Shaw 4A 3, R. Godden 5B 4. Time 4 mins. 44.4 secs.

Relay: 5A, 5B equal 1, 5D 3, 5C 4. Time 50 secs.

*FOURTH YEAR EVENTS**Winning Class, 4C.*

110 yards: J. Saunders 4C 1, B. Bilinsky 4C 2, J. Hickey 4C 3, J. Pennicook 4C 4. Time 11.4 secs.

220 yards: G. Burgoyne 4B 1, J. Saunders 4C 2, J. Hickey 4C 3, I. Cooper 4E 4. Time 26.1 secs.

440 yards: J. Hickey 4C 1, R. Phelan 4D 2, B. Hine 4C 3, P. Read 4C 4. Time 61.5 secs.

Relay: 4C 1, 4A 2, 4D 3, 4B 4. Time 50.7 secs.

*THIRD YEAR EVENTS**Winning Class, 3A.*

100 yards, A Division: D. Thompson 3D 1, W. Bailey 3B, G. deGroen 3F, equal 2, R. Thomas 3D 4. Time 11.8 secs.

B. Division: D. Kelaher 3B 1, H. Kimble 3A 2, G. Robinson 3D 3, R. Young 3B 4. Time 12.7 secs.

220 yards, A Division: D. Thompson 3C 1, G. deGroen 3F 2, R. Schwartzler 3C 3, F. Birrell 3B 4. Time 27.2 secs.

B Division: L. Hogan 3A 1, D. Pate 3C 2, D. McFarland 3D 3, R. Stuart 3A 4. Time 29.2 secs.

440 yards: F. Birrell 3B 1, G. deGroen 3F 2, D. Healey 3A 3, L. Hogan 3A 4. Time 63.2 secs.

Four Lap: J. Favelle 3E 1, P. Jack 3F 2, J. Elliott 3A 3, B. Barber

3B 4. Time 4 mins. 54 secs.

Relay: 3D 1, 3A 2, 3B 3, 3C 4. Time 52.3 secs.

SECOND YEAR EVENTS

Winning Class, 2F.

100 yards, A Division: K. Sherman 2D 1, G. Bartlett 2A 2, R. Jones 2A 3, B. Long 2B 4. Time 12.5 secs.

B Division: R. Duffy 2E 1, V. Margan 2C 2, R. Kerr 2B 3, K. Smith 2E 4. Time 13.4 secs.

220 yards, A Division: B. Pogson 2G 1, R. Sherman 2D 2, R. McGuinness 2G 3, S. Tweedie 2G 4. Time 27.8 secs.

B Division: B. Long 2B 1, V. Margan 2C 2, R. Duffy 2E 3, D. Dunn 2A 4. Time 29.8 secs.

Two Lap: K. Thomas 2F 1, K. Jonsen 2F 2, A. Barnes 2D 3, S. Tweedie 2G 4. Time 2 mins. 19 secs.

Relay: 2F 1, 2G 2, 2C 3, 2A 4. Time 56.1 secs.

FIRST YEAR EVENTS

Winning Class, 1D

100 yards, A Division. P. Hamilton 1F 1, K. Menzies 1B 2, N. Deegan 1C 3, C. Yuan 1A 4. Time 12.9 secs.

B Division: I. Bailey 1A 1, G. Watson 1D 2, K. Robb 1D, C.

Liebens 1A equal 3. Time 13.2 secs.

220 yards, A Division: P. Hamilton 1F 1, C. Yuan 1A 2, D. Kingston 1B 3, B. Schwartz 1D 4. Time 30 secs.

B Division: N. Jamieson 1G 1, G. Olsen 1F 2, G. Kingston 1D 3, G. Rhodes 1C 4. Time 31.6 secs.

Two Lap: J. Filmer 1E 1, A. Bilinsky 1B 2, G. Herps 1A 3, D. Matthews 1B 4.

Relay: 1D 1, 1B 2, 1A 3, 1E 4. Time 57.7 secs.

The Combined High Schools' Carnival

26th-27th SEPTEMBER, 1956

Our team met with only moderate success. The school was represented in 25 finals in four of the five age groups, winning seven events in all.

The team stars were: A. Roy and P. Vassella, who won between them both divisions of the Under 16 Years, 100 and 220 yards sprints and with T. Moore and W. Martin won the relay.

Next year we hope to be able to train the team on our own oval at Airey Park, which should improve our results.

Our sincere thanks must go to the members of the Western Suburbs A.R. Club who conducted training sessions for schoolboys on three Saturday mornings.

Our congratulations go to Newcastle High for winning the Senior Cup and to Enmore High for winning the point score of the carnival.

HOMEBUSH RESULTS

SENIOR:

220 yards, Division 2: R. Weiss, finalist

440 yards, Division 2: D. Warner, 4th

880 yards: B. Elliott, finalist

Mile: B. Elliott, finalist.

120 yards Hurdles, Division 1: R. Newey, 4th.

Division 2. R. Ashby, finalist.

Broad Jump, Division 2: D. Warner, 5th.

Hop, Step and Jump, Division 2: D. Warner, 1st.

Shot Put, Division 1: R. Dayman, 1st.

Division 2: R. Newey, 5th.

JUNIOR—UNDER 16:

100 yards, Division 1: A. Roy 1st

Division 2, P. Vassella, 1st.

220 yards, Division 1: P. Vassella, 1st.
 Division 2: A. Roy, 1st.

110 yards Relay: Won.
 Broad Jump, Division 2: W. Martin, 5th.

UNDER 15:
 Shot Put, Division 2; J. Elliott, 4th.

UNDER 14:
 100 yards, Division 2: W. Yeomans, finalist.
 220 yards, Division 2: W. Yeomans, finalist.
 90 yards Hurdles, Division 1: R. Webb, 5th.
 Division 2: D. Evans, finalist.

UNDER 14:
 100 yards, Division 2: E. Barnett, finalist.
 90 yards Hurdles, Division 1: B. Connors, 3rd.
 Broad Jump, Division 1: B. Connors, 2nd.
 Division 2: B. Schwarzer, 3rd.

Water Polo

Results of Competition to date:

	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade
Homebush v Fort Street	3-0	4-0	1-2
v Hurlstone	3-0	4-0	0-2
v Manly	0-8	1-7	1-3
v North Sydney	2-5	3-4	1-4
v Parramatta	4-1	3-2	3-1
v Sydney	1-2	2-0	1-7
v Sydney Tech.	0-7	0-4	1-4
v Enmore	—	6-2	4-0

Homebush Analysis..... Won 3 Lost 4 Won 5 Lost 3 Won 2 Lost 6

Water Polo in the High Schools is a well established Summer sport and the competition is conducted in three grades and thirteen schools compete.

Each year the standard improves and this year the competition is very closely contested, the leading teams being Manly, Sydney Technical High and Randwick, the latter challenging Manly, the present premiers, for the 1956 honours.

Homebush is doing best in the Second Grade where we have won five matches and lost three. First Grade are improving each match and have won the last three matches in succession, a good sign for the remainder of the season.

We congratulate Hurlstone Agricultural High School on the acquisition of a very fine pool in the school grounds. This pool is tiled, filtered and chlorinated and is a type that could well be standard equipment in all High Schools, to serve the needs of the students.

This year being the Olympic Year, it is pleasing to see a number of ex-High School boys selected for the training squad in Water Polo.

Congratulations are due to our School Captain elect, Arthur Roy, who has served the team well and has also been a very capable and efficient player. Bohdan Bilinsky, our goalkeeper, has played well for the school and Homebush was honoured by his selection in the Combined High School team to play Sydney Teachers' College, thus following the standard set by great players Frank Jordan and David Johnstone, who also gained representative honours, Frank as you probably know, went on to the highest honour, that of an Olympic representative.

New players are sought, particularly from second and third years and any boy who wishes to try out should apply to the Sportsmaster in the first instance.



ATHLETICS

Back Row: B. Yeomans, R. Webb, D. Burns, A. Bilinsky, D. Thomas, B. Schwarzer, G. Greening, B. Connors. Third Row: A. Culchaw, P. Vassella, G. Marr, D. Shaw, R. Allen, R. Hansford, J. Sutton, A. Roy, A. Taylor. Second Row: W. Martin, B. Morey, R. Dayman, B. Moore, D. Cull, K. Thomas, L. Turley, R. Schwarzer, T. George, C. Russell. Seated: R. Newey, F. Kleinig, D. Warner, J. Shaw, Mr. K. Colley, R. Ashby, R. Weiss, B. Elliott, R. Lockhart. In Front: K. McIntyre, A. Evans, R. Marlow.

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HEADMASTER REVIEWS PAST FIVE YEARS

"The Fifth years just passing out have participated in great character forming events," the Headmaster, Mr. R. H. Golding, B.A., remarked in his reply to the toast of The School, "In the five years since you were enrolled in this School the highlights are the splendid responses to charity appeals and the unselfish training in Life Saving. Excellent parent co-operation has enabled great things to be done," Mr. Golding remarked.

Details include:—

Charity Donations—

Stewart House	£774	
Flood Relief	£295	
Other appeals	£164	
		£1233

Life Saving Awards gained—

Award of Merit and bars	79	
Senior Awards (bronze and higher)	598	
Junior Awards	1346	
		2018

Sport—

Sport fees paid	£16000	
Oval Fund donations, etc.	£1219	
Practise wickets erected	£308	
Football gear bought	£650	
Cricket gear bought	£650	
15,000 Rail tickets	£1000	
		£20327

The Sportsmaster is allowed four hours a week to administer

Sport.

Library Additions:

Reference Books	£708	
Fiction, etc.	£930	
		£1638

Classroom Picture Gallery — 23 prints

Textbook expenditure

Amenities added:

Typewriters	£293	
Mowers	£193	
Electric Gestetner and duoscope	£400	
		£886

Furniture and Furnishings:

Stage Curtains	£143	
Prefects' furniture	£35	
Lino. tiles, Vestibule, etc.	£84	
Furniture, Headmaster's room	£56	
		£238

Academic returns in £.s.d.

156 Commonwealth Scholarships at £500	£78,000	
1 Liversidge Scholarship	£500	
74 Teachers' Coll. Scholarships at £50 avge.	£18,500	
40 Bursaries at £35 p.a. for five year	£7,000	
		£104,000

Think that last item over. There's money in studying. 271 boys won prizes valued at over £100,000 in the five years under review. This is going on all the time, indeed, it is improving.

In this period, the Honorary Treasurers, Messrs. R. Stacey and S. Moore who are allowed three hours a week for the Treasury, handled £50,000 in connection with your fees, donations, etc., over the five years.

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