

Dandenong High School Vacation

CLOSING THE YEAR 1934.

Delight was experienced by those who had assembled at the sixteenth annual break-up of Dandenong High School, which was held on Wednesday, December 19, when there came to address the scholars Dr. Cunningham, with whom also was Mrs. Cunningham, who presented the many awards and prizes to the successful candidates. As is the general custom, seats were provided for the many visitors, and also for the students, who sat at the southern annex. The sun was obscured, and a gentle breeze made the day delightful.

Apologising first for certain absences, Mr. F. A. Singleton, J.P., who presided, on a raised rostrum, spoke of the pleasure of having with them Dr. and Mrs. Cunningham, and of the joy which had been experienced in their recent arts and crafts exhibition. 'He touched upon those principles which had been imbibed therein by the school, and he pronounced them as a marked success.'

There was, he said, for him a duty tinged with regret, and he referred to the approaching departure of the head teacher. Mr. Langford had come to them as a stranger, 16 years ago, and had endeared himself to the boys and girls of the school, and was a force in the community life here, as he had become likewise a brother to each member of his loyal staff; thus of him he could claim with confidence he was a huge factor in the prosperity and success of the school he so dearly loved (Applause). Sorry are we to lose him, although our loss will be another's gain.

To those assurances Mr. Langford replied briefly, and thanked Mr. Singleton for his expressions of regard. That was scarcely wanting, since his years here had been as days

since his years here had been as days of joy. He spoke of his coming, in 1919, since when time had passed quickly, though he had enjoyed each minute, and now he was hoping soon to return and to meet again his friends to whom he must meantime say adieu. His place here will be filled by Mr. James, of the Colac High School, to whom he wished every success.

DR. CUNNINGHAM SPEAKS.

This, to me, said Dr. Cunningham, is an especial privilege in that you have invited me here, and to speak. My pleasure is an outcome of happy associations since it was within this school some of my family received their earlier lessons, which were to be of service to them through all life. Since he had not realised the task which had been set him of writing though he would strive to speak a few thoughts which might serve to fill time how closely important was the matter to so many of the younger ones.

First, that which had impressed him most had been the vast improvement which had been brought about in this school of learning during the last seven years. That, he thought, had been due to their head teacher and his staff's faithfulness (Applause).

From thence he entered for a few minutes into the subject matter of his address to the scholars, saying that for them the school should foster in them the characters of truthfulness, unselfishness and thoroughness. Each quality he illustrated, and claimed the real test of faithfulness would be found in that hope which was in them for the grasping of further knowledge.

A PRESENTATION.

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For 16 years our respected head teacher, said Mr. W. L. Brumley, has been associated with this school, and during that time there have been no fewer than 91 teachers who have passed through as members of the staff. No words could express how sorry were they at losing him now. To the school and to the district Mr. Langford has been as a tower of strength. To all he was most kind; he was ever just, and they for long will have fond recollections of him. (Hear, hear). All now feel that they cannot say farewell without asking his acceptance of a gift from the givers' hearts, and in the hope that he may treasure it in recognition of the happy hours, days and years he has spent with us in the D.H.S.

IN APPRECIATION.

Conscious of his duty—and all which the change will mean to him—Mr. Langford said that first he had to thank Mr. Brumley for the kind words he had spoken. They two had been longer known to each other than possibly to others here, and it was to the boys and girls and to members of the staff he was most thankful. I am in a sense sorry you have made the gift, he said, because I know how loyal you have been in sparing something to aid the flood distress; yet I can assure you it will remind me of many happy years spent with you and others. In our life as teachers there is not a great continuity of service. Years come and go; they bring their changes, and we must move on striving always to do our duty. Thus, briefly, I thank you in all sincerity for your gift, which I shall cherish.

After the awards were distributed, Mr. Field proposed, and Mr. Russell seconded a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Cunningham, when the memorable occasion closed.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Reading his lucid annual report, the head teacher paid compliment to Dr.

and Mrs. Cunningham for their presence. He had known the former for several years, and his educational research work had been ever valuable. Three hundred pupils were in attendance this year, or 86 in excess of 1933; and, due to the introduction of a new course for girls, he claimed there was no lessened desire of parents to give their children the advantages of a higher education. Of the recent exhibition of pupils' work he spoke encouragingly, and of the teachers also.

Last year candidates for the University examination had maintained a good standard set by previous years. In technical examination results had been excellent, and that was so as regards proficiency in arts and home-crafts.

For the I.O.R. examination 53 candidates sat. Fanny Amor and Margaret Brumley obtained 93 and 91 per cent. respectively, and they divide the prize. John Lang has been accepted for the Hemingway and Robertson coaching college. Ex-students who had been doing excellent work were also mentioned.

SPORT.

The school had done well in sportsmanship in every department. In many, in contest with other clubs, they had shown to advantage, and had frequently been successful. Hockey, basketball, cricket, football, tennis and foot-racing had been the attractions. They also have been associated with several school activities, and had raised £6/13/ for the Dandenong Hospital, besides money to purchase garments and materials for Babies' Homes, and have collected 73 dozen eggs for the metropolitan hospitals, and have been generous in other ways. They raised £78/8/10 by aid of a bazaar, and they desire to thank Mrs. W. Hopkins (president) and Mrs. I.

W. Hopkins (president) and Mrs. I. G. Smith (secretary), who with others had worked so unselfishly.

Miss Anderson's cookery class had made an annual contribution to the Talbot Home, at Clayton, and the work of the gardener, Mr. Wines, is immensely appreciated, as is likewise—in another direction—the efforts put forth by the High School Council.

In the work of religious instruction he thanked Pastor Atkin, Mr. Chambers, Rev. A. Craig, Capt. J. Faulds, Father Little, Rev. J. Meers and Rev. E. J. Semmens and Mr. J. Albert.

As for the staff, there will be good changes this year by the departure of Miss Corbett, Miss Kelly, Miss Hamilton and myself (said Mr. Langford).

HONOUR LIST.

Form F3: Lorna James, Pass (12): English, history, geography, science, needlework, drawing, cookery, hygiene and writing; First in form. Jean Shaw, Pass (10): English, history, maths., geography, housewifery, needlework, drawing, cookery, hygiene and writing; second in form.

One Honour: Norma Williams (Needlework). Helen Fletcher (Needlework). Beryl Johnston (Cookery). Jean Stuart (Needlework).

Form F2: Dorothy Amor (Honours 9): English, history, maths., geography, science, drawing, cookery, housewifery and hygiene; first in form. Beryl Koetsveld (Honours 8): History, maths., geography, science, cookery, housewifery, needlework and hygiene; second in form.

One Honour: Esther Adams (Needlework). Elaine Beck (Housewifery).

Two Honours: Beryl Zeuschner (Needlework, housewifery). Vera Kerr (Hygiene, cookery).

Four Honours: Marion Dawson (English, history, housewifery, hygiene.) Patsy Riley (History, cookery, housewifery, hygiene.)

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Form F1: Ronald Kingston (Honours 8): English, history, algebra, geometry, science, geography, drawing, hygiene and writing; first in form. Kelman Semmens (Honours 8): English, history, algebra, geometry, science, geography, drawing, hygiene and writing; second in form.

One Honour: Colin McLeod (Algebra). Gordon Mussett (Sloyd). Betty Head (Algebra). James Dobson (Hygiene and writing).

Two Honours: Marjorie McCahon (Algebra, drawing). Russell Keeble (Geometry, hygiene and writing). Robert Titcher (Algebra, sloyd). Harry Dobson (Algebra, hygiene and writing).

Three Honours: Laurence Flett (History, algebra, hygiene and writing).

Four Honours: Peter Wagstaff (Algebra, geometry, sloyd, hygiene and writing.)

Form E3: Jean James (Honours 5): Hygiene, geography, cookery, housewifery and drawing; first in form.

One Honour: Mabel Housen (Needlework).

Two Honours: Thelma Thomas (Cookery, needlework). Alva Burton (Cookery, craft). Yexly Hawk (History, needlework). Peggy Allen (English, history).

Three Honours: Joyce Loftus (Hygiene, history, cookery).

Four Honours: Valerie Wilcock (History, English, cookery, needlework).

Form E2: Joyce Dunne (Honours 2): English and history; first in form.

One Honour: Peggy King (Cookery). Olive Taylor (Cookery). Eileen Radburn (Cookery). Margery Taylor (Hygiene).

Form E1: Elaine Brumley (Honours 5): English, French, geometry, science and cookery; first in form.

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One Honour: Arthur Brookes (Sloyd). Alf. Caremon (Sloyd). Dulcie Riley (Cookery). Lorna Dark (Cookery). Raymond Rennick (Sloyd). Leo Shinnars (Sloyd). Jack Cox (Geometry). Ivan Lewis (Geometry).

Two Honours: Keith Enderby (Geometry, sloyd). Wilbur Naylor (Geometry, sloyd). Ron Dawson (English, sloyd). Henry Fleisner (French, geometry).

Three Honours: Alf Chandler (Geometry, geography, sloyd).

Form Es.: Edna Dawson (Honours 6): English, history, French, algebra, geometry and geography; first in form.

One Honour: Alan Whyte (Algebra).

Three Honours: Dorothy Whitworth (English, algebra, geography).

Five Honours: Fanny Amor (English, history, French, algebra, geography). Noel Corbel: (English, French, algebra, geometry, geography) Robert O'Shea (English, history, geometry, algebra, geography).

Forms D2. and D3.: Dorothy Williams (Honours 4): Cookery, needlework, home management, and domestic science; first in form. Myrtle Luxford (Honours 2): Arithmetic and cookery; second in form.

One Honour: Sheila Kirkham (English).

Two Honours: Betty Bowman (Cookery, home management).

Three Honours: Estelle Hansen (English, arithmetic, art).

Four Honours: Moya Bydder (English, cookery, needlework, home management).

Five Honours: Mavis Ward (English, cookery, needlework, home management, art).

Form D1.: Morrison McLaren (Honours 1): Arithmetic; first in form.

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Three Honours: Norma Mortensen (French, arithmetic, algebra).

Form Dc.: Allie Berryman (Honours 5): English, French, geometry, book-keeping, shorthand; first in form. John Page (Honours 2): Arithmetic, geometry; second in form.

One Honour: John Herbert (Book-keeping). Gilbert Davies (History). John Park (Algebra). Marjorie Black (English).

Two Honours: Winnie Vincent (Arithmetic, algebra). Joyce McPhee (History, French).

Three Honours: John Simpson (Algebra, geometry, book-keeping).

Form Ce: Betsy Stephenson (Honours 2): History, book-keeping; first in form.

One Honour: Fred Field (Book-keeping).

Form C.: Eric Renfree (Honours 3): French, algebra, physics; first in form.

One Honour: Frank Storan (Geometry). Phyllis Kirkham (Arithmetic).

Two Honours: James Radburn (English, arithmetic).

Three Honours: Dorothy Jukes (English, history, physics).

Form B.: Eva Baird (Honours 2): French, mathematics; first in form and Dux of the school.

One Honour: Margaret Douglas (Drawing). Reg. Brinsmead (Geography). John Lang (Commercial practice).

Two Honours: Molly Colvin (Commercial practice, shorthand). Agnes Donaldson (English, French). Ruby Hopkins (English, French). Eric Taylor (English, commercial practice).

I.O.R. Prizes: Fanny Amor 1, Margaret Brumley 2.

O.P.A. Prizes: (Girl), Ruby Hopkins; (Boy), Charles Bloch.

Hemingway and Robertson Scholarship: John Lang.

SPORTS PRIZES (Championships).

Junior Girls: Valerie Wilcock. Junior Boys: Keith Enderby. Intermediate Girls: Yexley Hawk. Intermediate Boys: Frederick Kay. Senior Girls: Margaret Colvin. Senior Boys: Gordon Graham.

Tennis Championship.—Girls: Yexley Hawk. Boys: Graham Westaway.

Swimming Championship.—Girls: Nola Cornish. Boys: Jack Beswicke.