

Dandenong High School's Successful Year

Record Attendance: Fine Scholastic Achievements

DURING the past year there was a record attendance of 520 pupils at the Dandenong High School. Most of them, together with their parents, attended the annual Speech night, held in the Boomerang Theatre last night, and a most successful wind-up to a year of excellent scholastic achievements it proved. The 23rd annual report, presented by the Headmaster (Mr J. L. Griffiths) was one of which both staff and pupils could be justifiably proud.

MR F. A. SINGLETON, J.P., presided, and the Honor Certificates were presented by Mr C. R. Badger, M.A., Director of University Extension, who later on delivered a thoughtful address on this democracy of ours which we are prepared to fight to the death to preserve. He touched on its seeming contradictions, compared life under it with the lack of freedom under dictatorships but asserted that our democracy is still far from perfect and that there many anomalies that needed revision.

AFTER the certificates had been presented, the pupils of the school provided a capital concert program.

23rd ANNUAL REPORT

Presenting the 23rd Annual Report, the Head Master (Mr J. L. Griffiths, B.A., Dip.Ed.) said:—

The School enrolment continues to show an increase, the total being about 520, an increase of 20 over that of last year. The necessary extra accommodation was provided for by the addition of a pavilion class-room. The boys locker room was also re-floored, and the two rooms have provided suitable shelter for pupils at physical culture periods, especially during the winter months.

At the Public Examinations in December, 1940, 66 pupils gained the Intermediate Certificate, while 6 others passed in four or more subjects at the Higher Standard. Thirty-eight gained the Leaving Certificate, 36 of these qualifying for Matriculation.

EXAMINATIONS NOT EVERYTHING

I have previously deplored the tendency in our educational system to regard examinations as the be all and end all of the school course. Unfor-

end all of the school course. Unfortunately this tendency is shared by most pupils. Until examinations can be viewed as mere incidents in the year's work we shall not make satisfactory progress in education.

Further, I am convinced that real study, undertaken for the sake of the subject rather than for examination success, inevitably leads to such success. We have much to achieve in this direction.

It has been necessary to provide further shelf space in the library, and next year we hope to increase considerably the number of books. The reading and appreciation of suitable literature has a marked effect on the pupils' power of expression, and the library properly used is a most valuable adjunct to, is indeed an integral part of the teaching of English.

PUPILS' WAR EFFORTS

During the year we have devoted much of our energy to the War Effort. The School War Savings Group numbers approximately 170 members, and the

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From verandah stalls and socials, school funds have benefited to the extent of nearly £54, while contributions to the School Improvement Fund have amounted to £48.

The Bursaries provided by the Municipal Councils of Dandenong, Berwick and Malgrave have again been most useful in assisting pupils proceeding to the higher forms to continue their school career, and the combined Friendly Societies have also made a generous contribution. I desire to thank these bodies for making the money available, and to assure them that what they have done has been of great assistance to the cause of Education in this district.

The two acres in Ann St., purchased by the Dandenong Council for High School girls' sport, has been of great benefit, especially in view of the large number of girls in the school—more than 300.

In Inter-School sports our boys were not as successful as in recent years, but the girls retained their supremacy in hockey, again being undefeated.

STAFF CHANGES

As usual, we are to lose valued members of staff. Mr Richards, whose work as Senior Science Master has been so outstanding, is to join the staff of the Mordialloc-Chelsea High School, gaining thereby well-earned promotion, while Mr Travis, who during his short stay with us has proved a most energetic and able teacher, is to gain promotion at Murtoa Higher Elementary School. Miss Robertson, who came to us from University High School during the first term, has received promotion to Brunswick Girls'

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EDUCATION MUST GO ON

The present time is fraught with peril and anxiety, and the work of the schools must inevitably be affected. Staffs will be difficult to maintain, but the education of the children must go on. I have faith that teachers and pupils will co-operate to ensure that the high standard previously achieved will be maintained. It well may be that the added responsibility thrown on the pupils will have a salutary effect in making them realise that after all, it is they who must strive to obtain the maximum benefit from their school career.

EX-PUPILS RESPOND TO THE CALL

Old pupils of the school have responded worthily to the Empire's call. It is difficult to obtain a complete list of those who have volunteered, but we know of 30, including one old girl of the school, and there are certainly many more who are in the ranks of our fighting forces. Several are boys who were at school two years ago. Three old boys have made the supreme sacrifice: Frederick Bishop, Cyril Aumann, and Austin Lewin. The sincere sympathy of all connected with the school is extended to their relatives. "The School will not forget."

In conclusion, I wish to express my personal thanks to the staff of the school for the very fine work they have done under difficult conditions, and I also thank the members of the Advisory Council of the school for the interest they have shown in everything relating to the welfare of the school.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Id. — Dorothy Ashton (Hygiene), Vola Robertson (Dom. Science, Geog., Needlework).

1b.—Shirley Watson (Latin), Dawn Williams (Lat.), Joyce Dear (N'work, Hyg.), Wilma Johnson (Science, Geog.,

Williams (Lat.). Joyce Dear (N'work, Hyg.). Wilma Jeffers (Science, Geog., Hist.). William Williams (Lat., Science, Geog., Hist.).

Ia.—Patricia Kirkpatrick (Gen Sc.). Frank O'Shea (Gen. Science). Marion Black (Lat., N'work). Donald Jackson (Latin, Maths.). Dorothy Jarvis (Geography, Hygiene). Marion Moore (Mathematics, Needlework). Elizabeth Trevorrow (English, Lat.). Eric Collins (Math., Gen. Science, Hyg.). David Fowler (Math., Gen. Science, Hyg.). Dorothy Griffiths (Lat., Gen. Science, Hyg.). John Finlayson (Lat., Math, Gen. Science, Hyg.). John Garner (Math., Gen Science, Geog., Hy.). Helen McCrae (Eng. Lat., Math., Hyg.) Norma Murphy (Eng., Lat., Gen. Science, N'work). William Stanhope (Lat., Math, Gen. Science, Hist.). Kenneth Dickenson (Eng., Lat., Math., Gen. Science, Hyg.). Wilma Trewern (Eng., Lat., Math, Gen. Science Hyg.). Diana Dow (Eng., Lat., Math., Gen. Science, Geog., Hist., N'work, Hyg.). Shirley de Graaff (Eng., Lat., Math., Gen. Science, Geog., Hist., N'work, Hyg.). Lucy Keys (Eng. Lat., Math., Gen. Science, Geog., Hist., N'work, Hyg.).

IId.—Dorothy Detez (Dressmaking). Ethel Hamilton (Arithmetic). Phyllis Longmuir (Needlework). Heather McPherson (Arith., Geog.). Mary Roberts (Arith., Dressmaking).

Iic.—Margaret Cooper (Gen. Science). Margaret McQueen (Algebra). Barbara Pearce (Eng., Drawing).

IId.—Gwenyth Bush (Eng.). Ruth Price (French). Norma Witham (Arith.). Iris Aisbett (Arith., Hist.). Noel Courtney (Geog., Hist.). Betty Fisher (Algebra, Geom.).

Ia.—Audrey Kent (Eng.). John Perrin (Woodwork). Lorna Pink (Arith.). Robert Bowman (Lat., W'work). Noel Fletcher (Eng., Lat.). Eric Mitchell (Eng., Geom.). Dorothy Walker (Eng., Hist.). Norma Wood (Eng., Hist.). Ada Males (Eng., Arith, Hist.). Joyce Little (Eng., Lat., Arith, Hist.). Shirley Ward (Eng., Lat., French., Hist.). Hazel Gascoigne (Eng., Lat., Arith., Hist., Drawing). Betty Beavis (Eng., Lat., French,

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IIId.—Mavis Burnley (Dressmaking).

IIIc.—Ann Bicket (Comm. Principles & Practice). Brenda Bloch (Comm. Principles and Prac.). June Edwards (Comm. Prin. and Prac.). Joyce Hadden (French). Roma Little (Arith.). Joan McCallum (Comm. Prin and Prac.). Joan Singleton (Alg.). Mary Biffen (Alg., Comm. Prin and Prac.). Gwen Fowler (Arith., Comm. Prin. & Prac.). Vera Harkness (Alg., Comm. Prin. & Prac.). Marjorie McLennan (Comm. Prin & Prac., Shorthand). June Blundell (Alg., Hist., Comm. Prin. & Prac.). Jean Falloon (French, Comm. Prin. and Prac., Shorthand), Monica Ferguson (French, Arith., Comm. Prin. & Prac.). Valerie Hicks (Arith., Com. Prin. & Prac., Shorthand). Nancy McAuliffe (Arith., Alg., Comm. Prin. & Prac.). Mellis Baines (Arith., Alg., Comm. Prin. & Prac., Shorthand). Annie Fitzpatrick (French., Arith., Alg., Comm. Prin. and Practice). Ailsa Quince (Alg., Hist., Comm. Prin. and Prac., Shorthand). Ivy Smart (French, Arith., Geog., Comm. Prin. & Prac., Shorthand). Dawn Jamieson (Eng., French, Alg., Comm. Prin. and Prac., Shorthand). Isabella McQueen (Eng., French, Arith., Alg., Comm. Prin. & Prac., Shorthand). Nancy Gardiner (French, Arith., Alg., Geog., Hist., Comm. Principles & Prac., Shorthand). Betty Green (Eng., French, Arith., Alg., Geog., Hist., Comm. Prin. and Prac., Shorthand).

IIIb.—Esma Black (French). Roy Duffin (Arith.). Joan Watson (Arith.). Joan Bailey (French, Hist.). Arthur Cann (Arith., Alg.). Eric Grant (Science, Geog.). Shirley Warfe (Geog., Hist.). George Middleton (Arith., Alg., Geom.). Brian Motton (Arith., Alg., Geog.). David Thomson (Eng., French, Arith., Geom., Geog., Science, Hist.).

IIIa.—Mary Ferguson (Drawing). Norman Russell (Geom.). Noel Turner (Arith.). Alan Dean (Arith., Geom.). Russell Hill (Geom., Hist.).

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IVc.—Hazel Dennis (Hist., Comm. Principles & Practice). Kathleen Wadleton (French, Arith., Alg., Comm. Prin. & Prac.). Norma Foster (Arith., Alg., Hist., Comm. Prin. & Prac., S'hand). Lesley McKay (Arith., Alg., Geog., Comm. Prin. & Prac., S'hand, Typewriting). Marjorie Pierrehumbert (French, Arith., Alg., Geog., Hist., Comm. Prin. & Prac.). Elizabeth Gardiner (Eng., French, Arith., Alg., Geog., Hist., Comm. Prin. and Prac., S'hand, Typewriting).

IVb.—Frank Spooner (Arith.). William Ferguson (Arith., Geom.). Morris Masters (French, Arith., Alg., Geom., Science). Edward Reedy (French, Arith., Alg., Geom., Science, Geog.).

IVa.—Bernard Beeforth (Eng.). Graham Brown (Eng.). Shirley Gray-Masters (French). Kenneth Smethurst (Geog.). Robert Crabtree (Arith., Alg.). Valerie Kirkham (Science, Drawing). Frances Miles (Eng., Arith.). Freda Dawson (Eng., Alg., Geom.). Pasqual Ginevra (Arith., Alg., Science). Gerald Campbell (Lat., French, Alg., Geom.). Joyce Oliphant (Eng., Lat., French, Science). Neil Rosser (Alg., Geom., Science, Geog.). Marie Hill (Eng., Lat., French, Geom., Sci.). John McPherson (Eng., French, Arith., Geom., Sci.). Patricia Roberts (Eng., Lat., French, Scie., Hist.). Patricia Valentine (Eng., French, Lat., Alg., Hist.). Kathleen Beavis (Eng., French, Alg., Geog., Scie., Hist.).

French, Alg., Geog., Scie., Hist.). Shella Cameron (Eng., French, Alg., Geog., Scie., Hist.). Ivy Mitchell (Eng., Lat., French, Arith., Alg., Scie.). Ronald Wilkinson (Eng., Lat., French, Arith., Alg., Scie.). William Young (Eng., Arith., Alg., Geog., Scie., Drawing). Gillian Ward (Eng., Lat., French, Arith., Alg., Geom., Science, Drawing).

V.—Kenneth Child (Math. II). Patricia Johns (French). Alison McKenzie (Eng.). Kathleen Murphy (French). Alan Pedder (Physics). Ira Stooke (Drawing). Raymond Westmoreland (Math. III). Nancy Young (French). Bryan Coulthard (Math. II and III). Betty Crump (Brit. Hist., Drawing). Lois de Graaff (Eng., Drawing). Stuart McDowell (Math II and III). Marie Perry (French, Drawing). Shirley Pierrehumbert (Math II and III, Drawing). Elaine Russell (French, Geog., Brit. Hist.). William Scott (Math. II and III, Physics, Chem.).

VI.—Doris Banfield (Brit. Hist.). Edna Gascoigne (Drawing). Frank Adamson (Eng., Drawing). Jean Sinclair (Eng., Brit. Hist.). Joan Trevern (Lat., French). Thelma Whitehead (Geog., Brit. Hist.). Doris Crockett (Eng., French, Geog., British History).