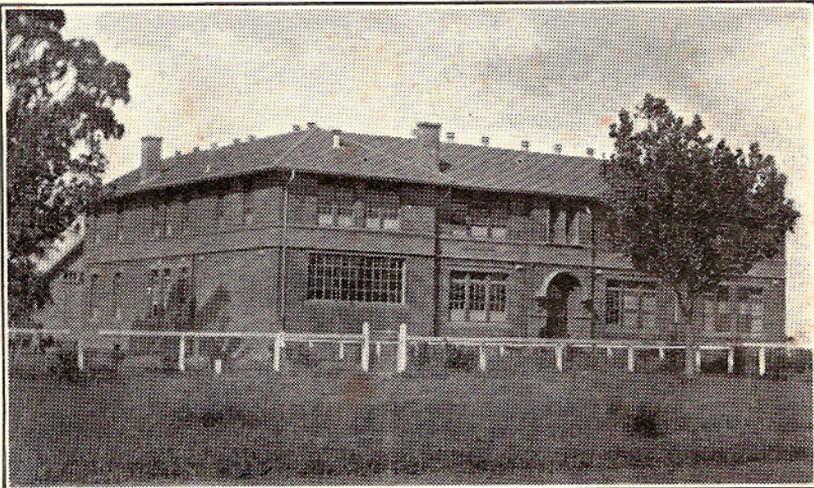


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EDITORIAL.

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This is the second volume of our magazine, "The Gate," and readers will find within an account of the school's activities during 1927-1928, as well as the best of our pupils' attempts at literary composition. In our first publication, this page was devoted to a review of the history of the school to date. With that record made, we leave it to the columns of the magazine to register, year by year, the doings of the school.

We take this opportunity of expressing once again our keen appreciation of the work of the school committee, and all other friends of the school who have in many ways materially assisted its development.

PRIZE FUND.

This year we have enjoyed very practical support in the matter of providing prizes. Cr. E. C. Butler, ex-president of Dandenong Shire, has donated £3/3/. This amount is to be shared in the purchase of prizes for boys and girls. Mr. R. Mitchell also kindly donated £1/1/ for similar purposes. Mr. Mitchell said that he was anxious to show his appreciation of what the school had done for his daughter. Dr. F. E. Langley each year presents two tennis cups, which are keenly competed for and highly treasured

UNIVERSITY RESULTS

December 1927—February 1928.

Leaving Certificate: Passed in six subjects: Edna Hopkins. Passed in five subjects: Henry Drake. Passed in four subjects: Edna Ireland, Annie Manks, Frances Noack. Passed in three subjects: Malcolm Hall, Doréen Herrick, Frank Pocknee. Passed in two subjects: Aubrey Grigg, Alice Hall.

Intermediate Certificate: Passed in nine subjects: Jack McGibbon. Passed in eight subjects: James Duff, Jack Melven, Muriel Schinckel, Roy White, William Worth. Passed in seven subjects: Beryl Stuart. Passed in six subjects: Geoffrey Cox, James Dundas, Margaret Mudge, Alan Neil, James Orr, Una Russell, Marjorie Scoble, Clifford Wynne, Ben. Evans, David Melven.

Part'al passes in intermediate: Seven pupils passed in five subjects, and two in four subjects. These pupils may complete the tests for the certificate later.

Honors: Doris Hopkins, who had previously passed the Leaving Certificate examination, secured second class honors in English and French, and added Algebra to her list of subjects already passed.

DEPARTMENTAL RESULTS.

During 1927, 35 candidates from the school obtained the Merit certificate.

OLD PUPILS' ASSOCIATION.

The name of our magazine, "The Gate," is intended to suggest that Dandenong is the gate of Gippsland, and its high school the gate of learning. We also hope to establish in these pages a medium by which people who have passed through this gate may keep in touch with their comrades on the way. The following information is published with this purpose, and we would be glad to hear of the outstanding achievements of "exies" which have inadvertently escaped our notice.

At the University: Dave Lombard is in 3rd year Engineering, Fred. Searle, B.Sc., is doing Diploma of Education, Keith Gregg, Engineering for Postal Department; Ron. Henshaw, 3rd year Arts; Tom Standish, 2nd year Science; Jack Standish, 2nd year Engineering; Jessie Mitchell, 3rd year Arts; Alan Russell, 3rd year Law,

At Teachers' College: Ella Service, Eric Simpson, Marie Jaboor, Jack Rice, Violet Chapman, Edna Griffiths, Thirza Quinn, Maggie Norris, Marjorie Painter, Agnes Rice, and Mollie Welsh. Several took part in the College play, "Twelfth Night." Mollie Welsh filled the role of Olivia. Ida Hillard is in her second year at Alfred Hospital, and Madge Slater is nearing her finals at the Pharmacy College.

The following are at present teaching: Vern Fleming (Colac), Aileen Griffin (Allambee), Violet Jaboor (Aspendale), Alyn Date and Lou. Gar-

bury), Len. Roberts and Geoff. Cox (Ormond), Marjorie Scoble (Oakleigh), Jean Abbott (Dandenong High School), Reg. Singleton (Essendon High School, 1929), Margaret Harvey (Clarinda), Ivan McAlpin (Reedy Creek), Jack Dobson (Hawksburn), Frank Tacey (Dandenong West).

In the banks we are represented by Arthur Ahern, Alan Anderson, Fritz McKay, Cliff Wynne, Cleve Barr, Jim Sharkie, Alan Kingsbury, Murray Hall, Alan Hillard, Maurice Chambers.



HOCKEY TEAM.—Back row: Helen Henderson, Eunice Vincent, Una Russell, Doris Mathrick, Dora Rate. Front row: Thelma Hocking, Frances Noack, Ruth Beck, Thelma Lindsay, Maisie Corrigan, Lucey Alford.

lick (Cranbourne), Edna Nabb (Springvale), Ethel Vincent (South Oakleigh), Bill Herkes, Eva Brumley, Malcolm Hall, and Dave Melven (Noble Park), Frank Pocknee, Doreen Herrick, Marjorie Butler and Ted Wallace (Dandenong East), Doris Hopkins (Dandenong West), Henry Drake and Ben Evans (Clayton), Alice Hall (Thorn-

Thelma Buchanan, who assures us she does not lick stamps for the T. & G., swings clubs in her leisure hours.

Doris Dartnell is assisting in the production of pictures in the city.

Herbert Smale has completed his course in the Shire Secretary's office,

and has gone to Donald.

Kitty Bloomfield, who has been abroad for about two years since completing her B.A. degree, is on her way home from England.

Marcus Swann has just returned from a six months' holiday in England.

Alan Flett is assisting in his father's business at Bunyip.

Myrtle Lindsay is a clerk in the office of the Commonwealth Air Force.

Amy McKenry is doing similar work in the Victorian Railways.

Lyla Pretty is to be found at the Gippsland Timber Co., Dandenong, and Lott'e Roulston at the local office of the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

Annie Manks is connected with the Independent Church Missionary Society.

Maisie Dobson and Mary Earl are business assistants in city houses.

Phyllis Rice is doing secretarial duties at the Australian Knitting Mills.

Alma Tharlestil shows her love for "Orchids" by unfailing assistance at every school function.

During this year we have heard of the marriage of L. Bailey and Carrie Bullivant, also of the marriages of Eva Buckley, Marie Sims, Eva Wiun, Elvy Neilsen and Esna Anderson, and we expect news shortly of the marriage of Charlie Buckley and Molly Glassborow.

OLD PUPILS' REUNION.

The Old Pupils' Association of the Dandenong High School is developing into a strong organisation, and this year steps have been taken to bring it into greater prominence. A few weeks ago the first annual ball was held, and this proved a bigger success than was hoped for.

Hitherto it has been the custom to hold a reunion of members in the form of a picnic gathering, but there was a departure from the old order of things. The reunion this year was held on Show day, which has been selected as reunion day for succeeding years. Competitive sports were held between old pupils and present pupils of the school, in the High School grounds. The weather was beautifully

fine, and there was a large attendance, at least 150 old pupils being present. The visitors were welcomed by the president of the Association (Mr. Jim Sharkie) and the principal of the school (Mr. P. C. Langford).

In the morning a tennis tournament, in charge of Messrs. M. Hall and W. Brodie, was commenced at a quarter to 11 o'clock, and both courts were occupied all day long, the last game concluding at a quarter past 6 o'clock. About 40 couples competed in the mixed doubles. After some interesting tennis, the final set proved a good contest between Miss Doris Dartnell and Mr. H. Ackland and Miss Gwen. Wilson and Mr. W. Brodie, the former winning by nine games to five.

The secretary, Mr. Malcolm Hall, spent a very busy time organising a cricket match, which resulted in a win for the old pupils against present scholars. The latter put up a score of 159 runs, to which their opponents replied with 173 runs, the innings not being completed.

There was a keen contest in the hockey match, the present pupils winning by one goal to nil.

The basketball match resulted in a victory for the old pupils, by 17 goals to 9 goals.

The afternoon was happily spent by all present. Pupils (old and new) were pleased to see present their old teacher, Mr. Leslie Brooks, who came down from Horsham to join in the festivities.

The sports over, all looked forward to the social arranged to be held in the school at night. Dancing was the most popular pastime, and old and present pupils "frolicked" in a manner expected of kindergarten "kids." Everyone went back to childhood for the night, and a jolly time was spent by the 200 present. The music for the dancing was provided by Miss Rice and Miss Verey, who took turns at the piano, assisted by Mr. V. Fleming on the drums.

During the evening Mr. J. Sharkie presented the cups (generously donated by Messrs. J. Sharkie, A. E. Kingsbury, M. Hall, and W. Brodie) to those who had been successful

at the sports during the afternoon. Later, Mr. Sharkie conducted community singing, all the old school songs being lustily rendered. Mr. M. Hall and Mr. Alan Kingsbury gave a duet, "Glory, Glory Hallelujah," all present joining in the chorus. A mock wedding, with "M'iss" J. Sharkie as the blushing bride, caused roars of laughter.

An excellent supper was provided, and the merriment continued until about half-past 1 o'clock, when all joined hands in singing "Auld Lang Syne," thus concluding the most pleasant reunion ever held by the Association.

TEACHER ON EXCHANGE.

Miss E. E. Pope, who has been on the staff of our school since 1924, secured an exchange this year with a teacher in the Penarth Girls' School, South Wales. Letters to several members of our present staff give interesting accounts of many trips to Edinburgh and the continent; we gather that Miss Pope has enjoyed every moment of her trip abroad. She spent the summer vacation in France, boarding with a French family at Tours, in the Loire valley. This family could not speak English, and Miss Pope selected them as her new companions for that very reason. She found that under the circumstances she was obliged constantly to speak French, and so give herself added control of that language. We are expecting her to speak French and Welsh on return, but cannot look forward to more than a passing visit from her, as she has been appointed to Maryborough for 1929.

HOSPITAL EFFORT.

It has been arranged that each year the Dandenong schools put forward an effort to assist the hospital. Each school took a turn to supply the goods for a stall in Lonsdale-street, in connection with the Dandenong market. Our effort, on the first Tuesday in August, realised the sum of £7/10/.

IN MEMORIAM.

During the year the school has mourned the deaths of three ex-students who were well-liked popular comrades of other days.

Margaret Campbell entered the school in April, 1919, and after completing the course for intermediate certificate in 1920, was appointed junior teacher shortly after at Springvale. Three years later she was promoted to the charge of a country school, and in the midst of a very active and promising career she contracted the illness which caused her death in June.

Jack Monkhouse and Sidney Bailey were both entrants to F. Form in 1923. "Monkey" was very popular in the cricket field, and soon won a place in the school team. Ill health forced him to leave school in 1925, and though he recovered somewhat his former vigor, the disease from which he suffered was not eradicated, and he died in March, at the age of 16.

Sid. remained with us till 1926, and then passed on to Melbourne Grammar School. He obtained his intermediate certificate last year, and was studying for his leaving certificate when an attack of appendicitis caused his death in August.

FORM NOTES.

FORMS A.B.

Last year A.B. form occupied No. 13 room, supposed to be unlucky; but this year we have been even less fortunate, for we do not possess any form room whatsoever. Because our form, which comprises two girls in A, and six girls and eight boys in B, was too small for No. 13, we had to evacuate that haven of refuge for the Cc form, who are unworthy of it! At the beginning of the year our abode was the entrance hall, a draughty, public room—if it can be called a

room—and this nearly caused the teachers to go out of their minds, for every few seconds we were interrupted by somebody bound for the office. Again, one week every member of the form caught a cold, and nearly every one was confined to his bed. Consequently, every girl contributed a half-penny to the purchasing of a sandbag to keep out the draught. This failing to do its duty, things had reached a climax. A staff conference was held, with the result that we are now residing in the Head Master's Office. We were very grateful to Mr. Langford, but several rules were laid down concerning our residence in that honorable room, the chief being that the occupants must make their exit immediately after lessons. The other day the overworked minds of some of our members quite forgot this restriction, with the result that two girls had to pay for a broken window pane. That might appear as if they did not want to remain there any longer. Anyhow, they almost caused us to be moved back to our former establishment. This incident brought us to our senses, and now we make ourselves scarce during recess. We are well represented in the various teams, having three girls in the hockey team, three in the tennis, two in the basket ball, and three boys in the football team, while the best cricketer at D.H.S., James Duff, belongs to our form, which is captained by Edna Hopkins and Lindsay Ahern. The reader will be quite surprised when he studies this, for he will see how necessary are more funds, and he will, I hope, contribute to our funds, and so enable the poor roomless AB form to have a sanctuary for themselves, instead of depending on the Office.

FORM C.

"C form? The best in the school? Of course we've heard of it!" everyone says; so you must hear more about this wonderful form. "C" is short for the French word "cerveau," and we all know C is the brainy form of the school. We have, as our form

teacher, Mr. Tonkin, who is very popular with everybody, partly owing to the immense amount of home work which he inflicts on the poor unfortunates. Our group, which is ably captained by Betty Gillies and Frank Asling, is well represented in each of the school teams—basket ball, hockey, rounders, cricket and football. It has been our aim throughout the year to keep the form room brighter than the others. Unfortunately, three of our vases met with a sad accident, and the remains were buried in the incinerator. We clubbed together, boys and girls, and commenced to bring three-penny bits until enough was collected to buy some unbreakable vases which now adorn the room. During last month Mr. Tonkin took us for a geography excursion along the Dandenong Creek. The examples of geographical features were very good, and, as well as gaining knowledge, we enjoyed ourselves immensely. We are now drawing near to our exams., with the shadow of the Intermediate hanging over us. We all hope to pass; and are resolved to do so.

FORM Cc.

It is a matter of common knowledge to the initiated that we occupy Room 13, but to those unlucky ones, not numbered amongst the elect, we shall be more explicit. Mount the stairs, and turn to the right along the balcony, then turn right again, and, lo, you are in the Enchanted Regions. We are fortunate in having Miss Banks for our form teacher, and she is ably assisted by our two captains—Mary Hayward and Brian Russell. Although few may suspect it, we have amongst us some very good actors and actresses, debaters, gymnasts, and athletes. We are a very small form, being fifteen in number, but we are well represented in every branch of sport. We contribute, on the boys' side, three members of the football, and two of the cricket teams; and on the girls' side, three members of the hockey and two of the senior basket ball teams. Three house captains

and two vice-captains are to be found in our ranks, and we also boast of four prefects (terror of the evil doers!) of whom we are very proud. Is not this sufficient reason why we should be the best form in the school?

FORM D.

The D form of 1928 is a most remarkable institution. Among the motley crew which inhabits Room II. we have the distinguished company of the school whistle blower, and also some of the lesser lights in our school firmament. Only two terminal examinations have broken on the bulwarks of our knowledge and left their mark in the various ailments caused by overwork. As the advertisement says, "Every picture tells a story." Our dramatic talent was emphasised in the school play, "Quality Street," in which two members of our form took part. We are not left out in the sporting side of school life, for in rounders D form contributes only one member, as the two other rounder stars are required in the basket ball team, in which we boast of two members. This constitutes quite a record. Our room is always well kept, scraps of paper are never to be seen on our floor, and we put fresh flowers in the vases, once a month at least. We have managed to pull well together, as a rule, and now look forward to a successful winding up of a very good school year—a year which in after years we may well look back to as one of the best in our school career.

FORM Dc.

At the beginning of the year our form numbered about twenty-eight, but since then several of our pupils have left. Muriel Tomlinson and Arthur O'Donoghue were elected form captains. We are installed in Room 8, which is small and cosy, but it has one great fault, and that is it lacks a fire-place. When weary of our lessons we sometimes gaze at the weather-beaten D.S. form out on the balcony. Thanks to our room monitors, the

room is made to look more cheerful by the aid of floral decorations. We are well represented in all the school sports by both girls and boys; on the girls' side by Gertie Chippindall in the rounders; Lyla Wilson, junior basket ball; Muriel Tomlinson, senior basket ball; and Agnes Bachous, hockey. On the boys' side we are represented in the junior football by G. Jarvie, D. Hooper, J. Bignell, H. Stanistreet, R. Loftus and K. Mitchell. In the senior football team we have A. O'Donoghue and D. Hooper. Robb Brown is wicket-keeper in the school cricket team. We also include several promising dramatists and essay writers.

FORM Ds.

Our noted form resides on the balcony in a very picturesque setting. It is in a very healthy spot, being in the fresh air, and within smelling range of the chemistry room. This important form was established only this year, because of our ambition to gain scholarships. (We are quite sure of getting 100 per cent.). Our form is gradually diminishing. We started the year with twenty-one students, and now have only sixteen. Our much respected captains are Gwenda Bush and Wesley Henshaw. Besides brain capacity, we have athletic and dramatic abilities. Half our population are in various teams, while a quarter of us took important parts in the play, "Quality Street." There are only four in our little form who cannot swim. One of the girls has her white medallion, and the rest their junior certificates. More than half of the boys hold the senior certificate, and every one who can swim has his junior. Only one third of us learn Latin, and the rest French. On the whole, we are a fairly good form and work very hard, though the worry of winning scholarships has not yet turned us grey.

CONCERNING D.S.

D.S. live on the balcony,

A jovial clan are they;

They gaze at all the falconry,

That chance to wheel that way.

The sights are not as good as some,
 They please US very much;
 But dear Miss Schneider sighs "Come,
 come!"
 And wishes they weren't such.

We battle on through sun and rain,
 Nor do we flinch in storm;
 In muscle power and in brain
 We're a temperamental form.

In Algebra we love to roam,
 In English we delight;
 Sometimes we learn "Geom" at home,
 Miss Taylor calls us bright!

At Drawing we excel ourselves,
 At Pastels we don't fail;
 And everyone just digs and delves
 In History that's stale.

In Geography our maps, though few,
 All please our master so!
 Arith. and French, and Science, too,
 We try to learn, you know.

We're not all angels, you may guess,
 But still we can be good;
 We do our best, we must confess—
 Behave, when told we should.

We are a happy family,
 Although we number few;
 We are as good as we can be,
 Although our form is new.

N.H.

FORM E.1.

Hello! What's this we've been hearing about E.1. being the worst form in the school? Oh, no! We're not saying that we are not, for who would not be, if their abode were the science room. Visiting forms do not appreciate our form room, judging by the chemical atmosphere they leave behind when they depart. Although being in this atmosphere, we are specially noted for our cleverness at mathematics, in fact, some of us are too clever, and this generally results in our form being well represented in the Detention class. As regards social functions, we have been rather lucky this year. Apparently the Wireless club have for their motto "The more

the merrier," for we were invited to a social given by them in aid of their club. Under the supervision of Miss Axford, our form mistress, we ourselves gave a social in aid of the library funds. We are fairly well represented in the sports teams. We have four girls in the hockey team, three girls in the rounders, and one boy in the football. Our girls go cooking each Tuesday, while the boys go to Sloyd. At least this will be helpful in future years, even if our lessons are not. Despite all, the form is progressing favorably under the captaincy of Jean Rogers and Arthur Bugg.

FORM E2.

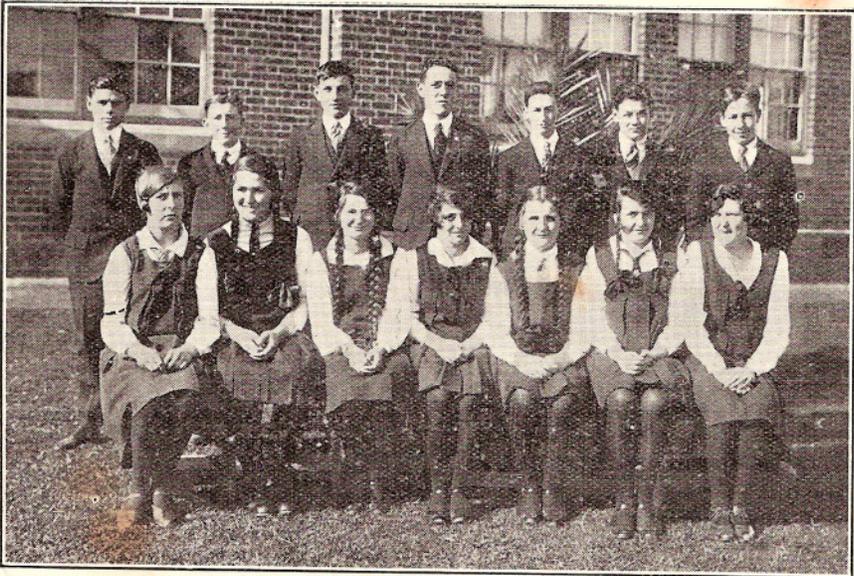
Oh, E2? Last room on your right as you arrive on the balcony! In the Chem. room? Yes! Why not? What matters it if we do have to move out every second lesson? It is written that a change is as good as a holiday. This being true, WE have many holidays. The art students in the room below move their pencils artistically over their paper, to the music of our stools banging on the chemistry room floor. Lenie Latham finds it tedious work trying to keep our girls in order, but Allen McCahon, the boy captain, seldom needs to exercise his powers. The boys are perfect models (see dictionary, "MODEL—an imitation of the real thing."). We live in luxury—no common dual desks for E2. Instead, we have green linoleum-covered tables (commonly known as benches), which shine like the noon-day sun. (It took a tin of lino. polish to produce that shine). And though we cannot decorate with flowers, our vases being mysteriously shattered at regular intervals, the dust-powdered shelves are quite gay with glittering beam balances, colored liquids in shining jars, and all the apparatus necessary for a room like ours.

FORM E3.

Our form, E3, consists of 40 pupils, all of whom entered the school this year. Early in the first term Alan Rice and Mattie Burhop were elected



HOUSE CAPTAINS.—Back row: K. Hopkins, B. Russell, I. Nicholas, A. Butler, A. O'Donoghue, P. Healy. Front row: Mary Hayward, Kathleen Tivendale, Betty Gillies, Frances Noack, Evelyne Blick, Edna Hopkins.



PREFECTS.—K. Hopkins, J. Melven, R. White, A. Butler, L. Ahern, B. Russell, J. Duff. Front row: Margaret Mudge, Una Russell, Edna Hopkins, Frances Noack, Kathleen Tivendale, Mary Hayward, Phyllis McCahon.

captains, but as Mattie left school at the end of July, Mollie Funston was elected in her place. We have members in both the senior and junior football teams, also in the junior basketball team, but our crowning glory is the fact that the heroine in "Quality Street" was a member of the form. Shortly after the beginning of the year a popular member of our form, Jack Sloss, contracted rheumatic fever, and we are sorry to say he is still an invalid. We clubbed together to send him a book, which, we hope, has helped him through the tedious days of convalescence. Eighteen of our girls look forward each week to cookery day, where, under the expert supervision of Miss Denton, some very fine results are achieved. Our room has been tastefully decorated with good pictures, and it contains the school piano. The prosecution of high ideals by our physically and mentally active pupils must bring renown to the D.H.S.

FORM F1.

F1. is one of the lowest forms in the school. We occupy room No. 7 on the ground floor. Our room generally presents a pleasing aspect. Several pictures have been presented by F's in past years, and flowers are brought along at frequent intervals by the girl monitors. One of the girls of our form gave us a pair of vases, and we have others as well. We are saving up to buy a clock, as the previous F's did not have one. Our form captains are Sylvia Harmer and Lloyd Edwards. The girls elected Martha Burden as sports captain. There is keen competition between us and F.2., our rivals. The girls met F2's at rounders and basketball, and the boys played football and tennis. In both cases the results were fairly even. We are proud to have Gwen Parker and Violet Burns, who are representatives in school teams, and we take an interest in all school affairs.

FORM F2.

There are 41 pupils in our form, and the form captains are Joyce

Taylor and Ronald McClerie. Our room, which is in a handy position on the ground floor, commands a good view of the Prince's Highway and the school garden. We still have frosted windows, but, luckily, a girl broke one for us; so now we have a hole through which we may see the beautiful garden and Prince's Highway, but we may not have the pleasure for long. We try to make the inside of the room beautiful by bringing flowers along, but vases are continually being broken. The walls of our room are adorned by six beautiful pictures. The form has started a library, and it is very popular, especially with the girls. The books were brought by different pupils, and added to those left from last year. Norma Anderson and Alan Lugg are sports captains. Recently one girl and five boys obtained the junior swimming certificate. We are well represented in various sporting activities, two boys being in the junior football team and three girls in the first rounder team. Just lately we played our formidable rivals, F1, at football, and carried off a victory. The first term exam. showed a great improvement on the early school work, so the average was fairly high. We are keen rivals of F1, both at sport and school work, and hope our standard of work will be maintained.

OUR LITERARY PAGE

OUR SCHOOL.

On a broad thoroughfare, down Dandenong way,
 Stands the best little school in the world, so they say.
 Though not so pretentious as some we have seen,
 It has its own charms, for those who are keen.
 We have our full share of both learning and sport.
 And keep up our end, for the head's a good sort.
 When leaving time comes, as the years hurry by,
 We'll take off our hats to the Dandenong High.

THE WILD WIND.

The wind sprang up from bed one morning,
 To stir the world without a warning;
 The birds dreamed drowsily under the sun,
 And the dry leaves rusted down, one by one.

But all were soon awake from sleep,
 As the wind blew up from out of the deep;
 And scattered the birds who were idly dreaming,
 And set the smoke from the chimneys streaming.

The washing that hung so straight on the line,
 Was blown about from time to time;
 And the autumn leaves of gold and brown,
 Were twisted, twirled, and thrown down.

The children's hats were whirled away,
 As out they came from school to play;
 Then thought the wind, "I'll settle down,"
 And all was peace once more in the town.

—L. Harris, Form Cc.

SUNRISE.

Behind the rugged ranges,
 The rosy hand of dawn
 From grey to purple changes
 The misty August morn.

A flush across the sky, and then
 A ball of molten gold;
 Which as it mounts on high
 With light the landscape folds.

The golden-tufted wattle,
 The happy tidings bring;
 And also show the beauty,
 Of Australia's magic Spring.

—F. Asling.

THE SCHOOL PICTURES.

Among the pictures on the walls of our class rooms are several representations of some of the famous pictures of the world.

"The Angelus" depicts a scene in peasant life in France. A man and a woman with bowed heads are praying at mid-day, while the Angelus bell peals forth from the village church, whose spire may be seen in the distance. The Angelus prayer commemorates incidents connected with the coming of Christ. The value of the picture lies in the faithful representation of the surroundings of the peasants, their dress, and the simple earnestness of their faith. It was painted by Jean Millet, who was the son of a peasant. He was a close observer of Nature, and of all the beautiful pictures that Nature presents. He could see beauty in the simplest of situations and scenes, and became their interpreter to mankind. He received only £40 for this picture, which was afterwards sold for £30,000.

"The Return of Persephone" is a well-known picture, and tells a story from classical mythology. Pluto, the king of the lower regions, appeared in Sicily driving an iron chariot across the plains near Mount Etna. A beautiful maiden named Persephone was playing in the flowery fields, when she was seen by Pluto. He fell in love with her, and in the struggle to free herself from this hideous lover, she dropped her garland of violets and lilac. With his trident, an iron forked spear, Pluto struck the ground which opened to admit them to a dark chasm leading to the lower regions. Her mother, Demeter, hearing of her daughter's fate, rushed to the scene, but to her cries she heard only the mighty rumblings of the earthquake that accompanied Persephone and Pluto. In despair she appealed to Zeus, chief of the gods, and he sent Hermes, the messenger of the gods, to bring back Persephone, but only on condition that she had eaten nothing in the lower world. But Persephone had that day eaten a pomegranate; so Hermes could not restore her. However, Demeter again appealed to Zeus to use his powers. On condition that she should return to Pluto to spend part of the year with him, Zeus

agreed that Hermes should bring her back. The picture represents Hermes with Persephone in his arms emerging from the chasm. On her return the whole land burst forth in beautiful green lawns and lovely flowers. Hence this picture is also known as the "Return of Spring." The original painting is by Lord Leighton, and stands in the Leeds Art Gallery.

Jean Herbert, Form Cc.

MY COUNTRY.

Down by the creek I wandered,
Away from the sun's hot glare;
On Nature's works I pondered—
How beautiful! How fair!

I watched the speckled sunlight
On the sparkling waters play;
I marvelled at the soothing sight,
On that December day.

I saw the gnarled gum trees,
With ferns and flowers entwined;
I saw the mossy fern trees,
Towards the sun inclined.

I love this dear wild country,
With its creeks and pretty flowers;
I heard its voices call to me,
Australia, she is ours.

Jean Davidson.

HOWLERS.

The following have been encountered on examination papers or in class at Dandenong High School during the year:

"After a lot of trouble, Pitt died."

"Wellington won the battle of Salammoniac in Spain."

"Wolsey had an ambiguous youth."

"A Hoxagon has ten sides."

"This desk is made of 'origin.'"

The Latin class recites its verbs aloud, thus "Voveo, vovere, vovi votum, to wow."

"Bisect the angle ABC eternally."

"Somaliland is noted for trouble."

Towards the end of one examination a boy was heard speaking—an utterly unpardonable act, which straightway was followed by strict enquiry by the supervisor. The boy confessed to

speaking—he was speaking to himself. Well, what did he say? Please, sir, he just said, "Finished, thank God!"

"Fuji San is the name of a volcano in Japan."

"Thomas a'Beckett was Archbishop of Canberra."

"Penda was King of Mercury."

Answering the question, "How would you distinguish between oxygen and carbon monoxide," one boy wrote, "Smell each. Carbon monoxide is deadly poison, oxygen is not."

"Dew is formed on moonlight nights—it is caused by dark objects drawing the clouds to them."

"The bill went up before the House of Lords and the Boers rejected the whole budget."

We may be allowed to conclude with one which occurred some time ago in another school. In the course of an answer in a History test one pupil described the court paid by Philip of Spain to England's queen thus, "Philip wanted to marry Elizabeth, but she wouldn't marry Philip, because Philip was a Catholic, whereas Queen Elizabeth was a Christian."

SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS.

"QUALITY STREET."

SUCCESSFUL DRAMATIC CLUB PERFORMANCE.

The Boomerang theatre was well filled on the evening of August 23, when the school dramatic club presented J. M. Barrie's "Quality Street." Long and earnest preparation of the young players by Misses Schneider, Tassell and Abbott was responsible for the very high standard, which won hearty applause. The principal characters were admirably sustained by Enid Keddie as Miss Phoebe Throssel, A. O'Donoghue as Valentine Brown, and Gwenda Bush as Miss Susan Throssel. The artists were well supported by Rita Cowen (Miss Fanny Willoughby), Kathleen Brumley (Miss Willoughby), May Ferguson (Miss

Henriette Turnbull), Alma Tharle (Patty), Nancy Butler (Isabella), May King (Miss Charlotte Parratt), Ruth Lade (Harriett), E. Nabb (recruiting sergeant), A. Lewin (Arthur Wellesley Thomson), J. Palmer (William Smith), W. Henshaw (Ensign Blades), D. Brodie (Lieutenant Spicer), E. Robertson (old soldier), M. Callard (a gallant). The unenvied lot of the wallflower card players fell lightly upon Rose Butcher, Lyla Wilson, Evelyne Blick, Gertie Chippindall and G. Sedzman. The school children who suffered Phoebe's heart-rending boast that she was proud that she taught Latin were Dorothy Lanyon, Edith Le Fevre, Margrethe Christensen, Marjorie Glover, Norma Anderson, Rita Curtis, Doris Melgaard, Dorothy Ingram, Tessie Chapman, Joyce Taylor, Marjorie Ahern, Thelma Price, Ronald Vincent, Mervyn Brumley. Musical accompaniments were nicely rendered by Kathleen Tivendale, and one of the many pleasing features was the school children's minuet. The atmosphere of the period of the Napoleonic Wars, in which the action was set, was fittingly maintained by the presence of the more or less august military dignitaries, and of the captivating tresses of those days. Most appropriate scenery, furnishings and decorations helped considerably to heighten the effect. The girls, under the direction of Misses McKinnon, Denton and Axford, made their own costumes; and these with the boys' uniforms, hired from Mrs. Leadbeater, left nothing to be desired. The net proceeds amounted to £32/10/7.

THE WIRELESS CLUB.

The Wireless Club has continued its successes of the previous year. Many new enthusiasts came along with the hope of being converted into expert wireless operators. The wireless set which was purchased last year was again operated by James Duff. At the first attempt, after a long holiday, weird noises were heard. We all listened intently while "a peaceful look passed o'er the master's tranquil

face," so then we prepared for the worst. Suddenly, when all was quiet, from the next room the voice of the singing mistress sonorously rang out, "Now, children, we will have 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' once more; a little louder, please!" Poor us. Nevertheless, before lesson was over, the wireless was working superbly, and we heard the race results broadcast.

That was the first and last time we heard it, for some small outside boys probably knowing the value of the set, borrowed (?) it, and, as we have no Sexton Blake or Sherlock Holmes in our school, the boys are probably still enjoying it.

In order to purchase a new set, the Wireless Club gave a social, which realised £5/9/5. Once more Duff came to the rescue, and built the set, but as sports have been taking up the Wednesday afternoons lately, we have not heard it working properly, but it is to be hoped that many new members will join up next year and enjoy the various programmes.

ACCIDENT FUND.

The institution of the Accident Fund last year has provided the pupils of the school with a very practical lesson in the matter of insurance. The receipts for 1927 amounted to £8/14/, in subscriptions of one shilling. Several pupils met with more or less serious accidents during the year, and their expenses were defrayed by the fund. Only a very small balance remained for 1928, but subscriptions for this year have produced a credit balance of £7/9/, and fortunately no accidents have occurred.

SINGING CLASS.

Those who can but faintly hear the efforts of the singing class on Wednesday afternoons are not wholly to be envied, as they imagine they are. Though only amateurs, we pride ourselves, not unjustly, on being able to produce a little music. We have a very good accompanist in Kathleen Tivendale, an excellent conductress in Miss Jukes, and some good voices among ourselves! We also have a

good room, grand model piano, and have mastered quite a number of songs in great style. If the Wireless Club owned a broadcasting station, we know they would value our assistance.

"NEW GIRL."

GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO THE DANDENONG CREEK.

Along the small meand'ring creek,
The teacher took his students;
Some were bold and some were meek,
But all approached with prudence.

"Now, do take care," we all were told,
"Beware a sad immersion;
For I can't swim and it's too cold
To meet with such diversion."

And so we studied small cascades,
Quartz-veins, and banks eroded;
Streams young and old, and rock
facades,
Deltas with silt much loaded.

At length the pleasant trip was o'er,
To home our thoughts now tending;
Our minds full s'eept in notes galore,
Homewards our footsteps wending.
—May Ferguson.

SPORT.

HONOR BOARD.

Clematis House has gained the honor of being the first house to gain the premiership under the system of contests established last year. Its representatives won the hockey and rounders, were runners-up in athletics, cricket and football, and gained third places in swimming and service. Orchid had more firsts to its credit, winning the athletics, basketball, and swimming, but it could manage only one second, "service," and one third, tennis. Bluegum won the cricket and tennis, Wattle the football. Boronia did not secure a first, and Waratah, which had but poor results in everything else, won the "service" section, which in many respects compensates for much. The premiership points gained are shown in the following table:

ATHLETICS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Our third annual sports meeting was held on November 26, in showery weather. Nevertheless the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and the programme passed off without a hitch. There was a good attendance of parents and friends.

The officials of the sports attended to their duties in their usual careful manner, and to them much of the success of the meeting was due. They were: President, Mr. P. Langford (head master); starters, Mr. E. Blain and Mr. W. L. Brumley; marksman, Mr. C. Brook; judges, Messrs. F. Singleton, A. E. Chandler, M.L.C., H. R. Edwards, A. Butler and C. Moore; timekeeper, Mr. C. W. Russell; scorers, Messrs. Slater and Hill; refreshments, Miss Denton; secretaries, Miss Jukes and Mr. H. F. Tonkin; recorder, Mr. A. Butler.

House	Athletics	B'ball	Cricket	Football	Hockey	Rounders	Swimming	Service	Tennis	Aggregate	Place
Clematis	5	2	5	5	6	6	4	4	3	40	1
Orchid	6	6	3	3	3	2	6	5	4	38	2
Bluegum	3	4½	6	4	4	5	1	3	6	36½	3
Wattle	4	4½	3	6	5	3½	5	2	1	34	4
Boronia	2	3	1	2	2	3½	3	1	5	22½	5
Waratah	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	6	2	13	6



CAST OF "QUALITY STREET."



FORM CAPTAINS.—Boys: L. Edwards, R. McLerie, A. McCahon, A. Rice, B. Russell, R. Sedsman, F. Asling, L. Ahern, A. O'Donoghue, A. Bugg. Girls: Mary Hayward, Molly Funston, Lenie Latham, Gwenda Bush, Edna Hopkins, Jean Rogers, Gertie Walden, Muriel Tomlinson, Betty Gillies. Sitting: Joyce Taylor, Sylvia Harmer.

A dainty afternoon tea was prepared by the girls in the cookery department, under the superintendence of Miss Denton, cookery mistress. It was nicely set out on snowy linen, with Iceland poppies on the tables, adding a galaxy of beauty to the scene. Mr. F. A. Singleton, president of the school council, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Denton for the fine refreshments provided, and Mr. J. Sharkie, president of the Old Pupils' Association, responded on her behalf. Results:

Boys' Events.

Senior Championship:

100 Yards: Hopkins 1, Sedsman 2, Russell 3. 440 Yards: Hopkins 1, Russell 2, Sedsman 3. 880 Yards: Hopkins 1, Russell 2, Asling 3. Long Jump: Hopkins 1, Russell 2, Sedsman 3. High Jump: Sedsman 1, Asling 2.

Points for Championship: Hopkins 12, Sedsman and Russell 7, Asling 3.

Intermediate Championship:

100 Yards: White 1, Cahill 2, Cleary 3. 220 Yards: Cleary 1, White 2, Cahill 3. 440 Yards: Cleary 1, White 2, Cahill 3. Long Jump: Cahill 1, White 2, Croskell 3. High Jump: Croskell 1, Cahill 2, Malcolm and Brown 3.

Points for Intermediate Championship: White and Cahill 9 each, Cleary 7, Croskell 4.

Junior Championship:

75 Yards: Bugg 1, Evans 2, Williams 3. 100 Yards: Bugg 1, Williams 2, Evans 3. 220 Yards: Bugg 1, Williams 2, Evans 3. Long Jump: Evans 1, Williams 2, Hillard 3. High Jump: Lamb, Lugg and Edwards 1.

Points for Junior Championship: Bugg 9, Evans and Williams 7, Lamb, Lugg and Edwards 2, Hillard 1.

Girls' Events.

Senior Championship:

75 Yards: Thelma Lindsay 1, Dorothy Mills 2, Ronnie Ryan 3. 100 Yards: T. Lindsay 1, D. Mills 2, R. Ryan 3.

Points for Championship: T. Lindsay 6, D. Mills 4, R. Ryan 3.

Intermediate Championship:

75 Yards: Thelma Hocking 1, Betty Gillies 2, Lyla Wilson 3. 100 Yards: T. Hocking 1, L. Wilson 2, B. Gilles 3.

Points for Intermediate Championship: T. Hocking 6, B. Gillies and L. Wilson 3.

Junior Championship:

50 Yards: Martha Burden 1, Edna Harrison 2, Gertie Chippindall 3. 75 Yards: G. Chippindall 1, E. Harrison 2, M. Burden 3.

Points for Junior Championship: M. Purden, E. Harrison and G. Chippindall 4 each.

Basketball Passing: Clematis 1, Wattle 2, Boronia 3.

Flag Races:

Senior boys: Bluegum 1, Wattle 2, Waratah 3. Intermediate boys: Bluegum 1, Wattle 2, Boronia 3. Junior boys: Orchid 1, Waratah 2, Bluegum 3. Senior girls: Clematis 1, Wattle 2, Bluegum 3. Intermediate girls: Clematis 1, Wattle 2, Waratah 3. Junior girls: Boronia 1, Orchid 2, Clematis 3.

Points in House contest: 1. Bluegum, 52½; 2. Wattle, 48½; 3. Clematis, 39; 4. Boronia, 30; 5. Waratah, 23; 6. Orchid, 16 points.

Novelty Events:

Slow Bicycle Races—Boys: Vincent 1, Scott 2, Farrant 3. Girls: Dora Rate 1, Thelma Hocking 2. Boys' Sack Race: Hurley 1, McKay 2, G. Turner 3. Girls' Sack Race: Joyce Sorenson 1, D. Rate 2, J. Martin 3. Goal Throwing (girls): Evelyne Blick 1, Gwenda Push 2, D. Rate 3. Wheelbarrow Race: Mitchell and Loftus 1, Simpson and Kerr 2. Thread the Needle Race: Lyla Wilson and Glassborough 1, Agnes Bachous and Brown 2, Lucey Alford and McKay 3. Tie Race: Mitchell 1, Bishop 2, Henshaw 3.

BASKET-BALL.

Both basket-ball teams have improved considerably this year, although neither won the Association cup.

The senior team, captained by Edna Hopkins, and seconded by Margaret Mudge, seemed to be pursued by ill luck through the whole of the season. The first match, against Frankston, resulted in a comfortable win for our team by 12 goals, the scores being 25 to 13. The next match was a much faster game, Mordialloc winning by

the narrow margin of one goal—24-25. The third game, against Coburg, was to determine whether our team would be playing off for the cup, but we lost the match by two goals, 20-18. The season ended well with a very good game against Warragul, on our own ground. The match resulted in a win for us by 24-15.

The junior team, captained by Gwenda Bush, did better than the senior this year. Out of the three matches played, they lost one, won one, and the other was a draw. The game against Mordialloc was very one-sided, our team winning by 36 to 4. That against Frankston was a more even game, resulting in a draw, 22 goals each. The last match, against Coburg, was played on a very windy day, and after a strenuous game, Coburg won by one goal, 5-4.

One very amusing game was played against the staff during the term. The seniors won by 14 goals to 4.

House matches are progressing, and keen interest is aroused in the efforts of each house to come top in the basket-ball contests.

CRICKET NOTES.

This year we have been fortunate enough to have five of last year's First XI. back with us, but we have greatly missed such stalwarts as Hall and Roberts. The duty of captain has fallen upon K. Hopkins, and a good XI. has been formed, openings having been filled by promising juniors. Our first match was against Essendon, and the rawness of some of the new men was in evidence. We compiled a total of 85, Duff getting 43, and Essendon replied with one for 87. Little improvement was shown the following week against Coburg. The visitors closed with three for 156, and we answered with 74, of which Hopkins 33 not out and Asling 19 were the principal scorers. We enjoyed our first victory at the expense of Frankston. Frankston were all out for 76, and our innings was closed at eight for 82. Hopkins and Duff had batted well for 30 and 19 respectively. We had found our feet now, and followed up with a win over

Melbourne "Z." Melbourne were dismissed for 125, and we replied with 8 for 129. Duff made top score of the season with a fine 69. He was well helped by Brown 16 and K. Rice 15, when runs were badly needed. Our next encounter was with University High School. U.H.S. are looked upon as our rivals, and we are always particularly keen to defeat them. But victory was not for us. U.H.S. made 139 (Wilson 34, Carrol 28), and we were all out for 98. The first wicket put on 40, but after that there was a collapse, due to the fast bowling of Wilson, who finished with 8 for 27. Hopkins was top scorer with 53, and Duff next with 22.

The form shown by junior members was very gratifying, and promises well for the future of the school cricket. Brown's wicket keeping was excellent throughout the year, and very few byes were scored. The batting average is held by K. Hopkins with 25.1 runs per innings. Duff heads the bowling average with 12 wickets at a cost of 8.7 runs each.

The batting and bowling averages of the leading players are as follow:

Batting.

Batsman	In.	N.O.	R.S.	Avge.
K. Hopkins ..	7	1	151	25.1
J. Duff	7	—	163	23.1
K. Rice	3	1	23	11.5

Bowling.

Bowler	Wkts.	Runs.	Avge.
J. Duff	12	104	8.7
E. Rice	11	120	10.9
E. Robertson ..	8	95	11.8
F. Asling	9	128	14.1

The annual match between the school and the staff was won comfortably by the school.

SENIOR FOOTBALL.

Although our enrolment for 1928 included 185 boys, we claimed very few over 16 during the winter season. The senior football competition, being open to boys under 18½ years, includes many boys in opposing schools who are much bigger than our representatives. Despite this, nearly every match was closely contested. Several visiting teams acknowledged that en-

counters with us were among the best and hardest for the year. The team played very strongly and determinedly. Our first match found us less prepared than Melbourne A, and we suffered a severe defeat. The next attempt showed much improvement. We held Coburg till half time, after which, in the rain, our opponents proved too strong. After this match, we struck top form, and Melbourne Z found us very difficult to beat. Our accuracy before goal nearly turned the scales. University High School were glad to hear the final bell, when we were strenuously endeavouring to wipe off a deficiency of two points. Again our kicking was a bright feature of the match. Our visit to Geelong, where we tasted the fruits of victory, is regarded as of such importance as to warrant a special article. The last match was against Essendon, the premier team, and we were level with them at three-quarter time. A particularly fine effort in the last quarter helped them to secure a meritorious win. The football displayed throughout the year has been of a very high standard, and revealed a decided improvement upon last season's performance. The outstanding players were Russell, (captain), whose efforts across the centre initiated many of the movements successfully crowned by the forward division. Here Hooper gave uniformly excellent exhibitions of high marking and accurate shooting. Hooper was vice-captain of the junior team. Morrison rendered useful service with speedy footwork half forward. The half back line, led by Hopkins (vice-captain), was the strongest section of our team. The centre half-back player, Hopkins, was the most consistent player for the year, and the team was saved as often as not before the ball reached the back line through his elusive dash. He received constant support from Cahill and Sedsman—the former noted for his ability to bump, the latter for his swiftness of foot. White revealed marked improvement on last year's form, while Pelling, captain of the juniors, was one of the stalwarts of

the team, and Cleary defended with consistent success. Scores:

Melbourne A., 18 goals 19 behinds v. Dandenong, one point.

Coburg 12 goals 10 behinds v. Dandenong 4 goals 3 behinds.

Melbourne Z. 6 goals 16 behinds v. Dandenong 7 goals 3 behinds.

U.H.S. 9 goals 12 behinds v. Dandenong 10 goals 4 behinds.

Dandenong 7 goals 7 behinds v. Geelong 5 goals 8 behinds.

Essendon 12 goals 11 behinds v. Dandenong 5 goals 6 behinds.

The annual match, School v. Staff, this year resulted in a win for the Staff by 2.7 to 2.5.

Another exciting contest occurred when Warragul visited us. They had several impressive victories to their credit, and we hoped to enhance our own reputation, but they were too strong for us, and won by 9.22 to 7.4.

A VISIT TO GEELONG.

On Wednesday, 18th July, our senior football team, accompanied by Mr. Langford and Mr. Moore, paid a visit to Geelong to play a match against the Geelong High School. The team travelled by the Geelong Flier, and were met at the station by a contingent of boys from the Geelong High School. The whole party then boarded a tram, which ran a special trip on the various lines around the city and suburbs. After this excursion each of our boys accompanied a Geelong boy home to lunch, where he was very well treated. Early in the afternoon the teams met on the Geelong oval. The game was very close and interesting, though somewhat spoiled by the boisterous wind. Our team gained its first senior win for the season, scoring 7 goals 7 behinds to 5 goals 8 behinds.

After the match the team was entertained at dinner by the representatives of the Geelong High School, who included the Headmaster, several teachers, and captain and vice-captain of the Geelong team. Several short speeches were made after the dinner by the respective Headmasters and others, who one and all agreed that the trip had been very successful and

enjoyable. Such meetings served to bring the schools in closer touch with one another. It was heartily agreed by all of those who took part in the trip that the Geelong school had treated them excellently and enabled them to have a day which will long be a pleasant memory.

Roy White.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

Provided with an excellent competition, the junior footballers of 1928 maintained the high standard of enthusiasm which had marked their performances of the previous year. We were fortunate in that several of our best juniors of last year managed to just come within the age limit; while many juniors new in the school displayed an unusual degree of ability. Regular attendance at practice helped considerably to raise the standard, and the selectors were invariably confronted with difficulty in their final choices. All this augurs well for the game in the higher competitions in later years. Edwin Pelling was elected captain, with Donald Hooper second in command. These boys set their team an admirable example throughout the year in sportsmanship and ability, and their influence produced many highly beneficial results. The conduct of the team on its trips to other schools left nothing to be desired, and the school is proud of its boys for this, as well as for their excellent exhibitions on the field. We began by losing at Mordialloc, where a well balanced team scored 11 goals 12 behinds to 6 goals 5 behinds. After that, we enjoyed a long list of successes, scoring 12.7 to 3.2 against Coburg, 7.10 to nil against Frankston, 5.5 to 5.4 against Melbourne A., and 5.5 to 4.8 against Melbourne Z. At that stage we were equal second to Essendon, who had not lost a game. Our match with this team on our own ground on a gusty day was really the deciding contest. Essendon proved too good for us, by 4.8 to 3.7. They left no doubt in our minds as to the premier team, and we heartily congratulate them. Despite the fact that

our hopes of premiership were jettisoned, our zest for football suffered little. Our subsequent engagement with Northcote was one of the most exacting of the series. The teams took the lead alternately and we happened to be 6.5 to 5.5 when the bell rang. We acknowledge we had quite a fair measure of luck in this match. Our boys excelled themselves at Williamstown, scoring 13.8 to one point in their last encounter. Quite a number of our juniors were prominent members of the senior team, and we expect to see some fine football from them in coming years. Our record for the season reads: Matches played, 8; won 6, lost 2, percentage 170.

THE JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM.

The High School junior football team,
Is surely one of high esteem.
And gamely fighting up the list,
The premiership they've twice just
missed.

See Pelling running everywhere,
And Hooper marking in the air.
We see him taking marks galore,
Adding goals to the Dandy score.

Our full-back, Jarvie, shows much
skill,
His coach, by name is Mister Hill.
And Bishop, on the forward line,
With constant practice soon will shine.

We hope that in the years to come,
Of premierships we will have some;
And then the D.H. girls will beam
Upon the junior football team.

—Jan. Angus.

HOCKEY.

The hockey team this year included the following girls: Thelma Lindsay, Dora Rate, Frances Noack, Una Russell, Helen Henderson, Eunice Vincent, Ruth Beck, Maisie Corrigan, Thelma Hocking, Lucy Alford, and Doris Mathrick.

The matches played against Frankston, Mordialloc and Coburg resulted in victories for Dandenong, who scored against Frankston one goal to

absence. Next season we anticipate that very many more will learn to swim. The number of new swimmers may be regarded as the outstanding evidence of the good work done at the baths.

Further striking results are demonstrated in the increasing number of successes in examinations. Mr. A. P. Newey, of the Royal Life Saving Society, with which the school is affiliated, examined our candidates on March 22, 1928. At the baths Kathleen Brumley, John Melven and Les. Mac-

Besides the successes obtained in the higher examinations, 35 boys and 88 girls gained the junior certificate, the first step in the direction of the higher awards. Throughout the school there is a keen ambition to qualify for the best awards available. Probably the most outstanding case was that of Una Russell, who at the beginning of this year was unable to swim a stroke. One day Messrs. Brumley and Moore were plunging about near the diving board, when Una asked if they would pull her out



CRICKET TEAM.—Back: E. Rice, K. Malcolm, F. Asling, R. Sedsman, E. Felling, E. Robertson. Front: R. Brown, I. Nicholas, K. Hopkins, B. Russell, K. Rice.

pherson completed satisfactory tests for the white medallion; while the following gained the senior certificate: Henry Bishop, Herbert Blay, David Brodie, Reg. Brooks, Lionel Elmore, Wesley Henshaw, Henry Jordan, Gertrude Walden and Hazel Walker. During the afternoon, Mr. Newey came to the school and gave to the assembled pupils a most interesting lecture upon swimming, and particularly upon life-saving. His remarks were interspersed with copious demonstrations, and his humorous explanations and exhibitions went far to establish him in the favor of the children.

were she to dive in. Unaware of Una's inability to swim, and manifestly unconscious of what they were bringing on themselves, the teachers jokingly agreed. Sure enough, in dived Una. When she, through sheer buoyancy, reappeared, a desperate struggle ensued. We are pleased to record that no lives were lost, though Mr. Moore's bathing suit suffered considerable damage, and that gentleman himself some embarrassment. As he escaped, he heard Una's scornful assertion that "if they had only left her alone she'd have got out all right by herself!" However, it was no time till Una was

swimming around the baths, and a couple of weeks later she was among the group who succeeded in the junior certificate tests.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

On Thursday, March 1, 1928, our second annual swimming carnival was held at the baths. A programme of 22 events, followed by a hair-raising demonstration of escapology by Mr. C. Quist, was successfully negotiated. The six houses competed most keenly in each event, and the barrackers were provided with numerous thrilling finishes. Results: Junior Boys' events: Free style: Blay 1, Rice and Griffin equal 2. Breast stroke: Brooks 1, Brodie 2, McKay 3. Back stroke: Brooks 1, Bishop 2, Green 3. Relay: Orchid 1, Waratah 2, Wattle 3. Intermediate Boys' events: Free style: Green 1, Blay 2, Rice 3. Breast stroke: Green 1, Elmore 2, Hill 3. Back stroke: Cleary 1, Brooks 2, Morrison 3. Relay: Waratah 1, Bluegum 2, Clematis 3. Senior Boys' events: Free style: Williams 1, E. Rice 2, Russell 3. Breast stroke: Melven 1, Rice 2, Nicholas 3. Back stroke: Russell 1, Melven 2, Brooks 3. Relay: Bluegum 1, Waratah 2, Clematis 3. Open Dive: Worth 1, Cleary 2, Hopkins 3. Junior Girls' events: Free style: G. Bush 1, N. Butler 2, K. Brumley 3. Breast stroke: M. Ferguson 1, K. Brumley 2, G. Bush 3. Intermediate Girls' events: Free style: H. Walker 1, G. Walden 2, J. Cornish 3. Breast stroke: H. Walker 1, M. Ferguson 2, J. Cornish 3. Senior Girls' events: Free style: H. Walker 1, G. Groom 2, J. Keys 3. Breast stroke: H. Walker 1, G. Groom 2, K. Brumley 3. Open Dive: Bluegum 1, Orchid 2, Clematis 3. Open Relay: Orchid 1, Bluegum 2, Clematis 3.

Analysis of Competition.

House.	C'val points	Cert. pts.	Total	Position
Orchid	91	16	107	1
Bluegum	73½	14	87½	2
Clematis	64	13	77	3
Waratah	62½	12	74½	4
Wattle	36	17	53	5
Boronia	38	8	46	6

TENNIS.

The tennis team for this year comprised Frances Noack (captain), Helen Henderson, Kittie le Fevre, and Thelma Lindsay, the emergencies being Margaret Mudge and Lyla Wilson.

The first match played against Mordialloc resulted in an exciting draw, the scores being 19 games each. The next match, was against Frankston, at Frankston, when Mr. Brook kindly took the team, and Miss McKinnon, the coach, over to Frankston in his car. This game was not so evenly contested as the first, Frankston winning by four games. The last match, and the most important, perhaps, was played against Coburg, who were premiers of their section. This was the most exciting match of all, the result being uncertain until the last game, which, unfortunately, we lost, and so Coburg won by the narrow margin of two games.

At the beginning of the second term, one of the girls, Irene Kingston, from the first tennis pair at Mordialloc, transferred to our school. She should strengthen our team for 1929. House matches are now progressing, and Orchid and Bluegum are holding top position.



SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM.—Back row: Muriel Tomlinson, Dorothy Mills, Mary Hayward, Ronnie Ryan. Front row: Margaret Mudge, Edna Hopkins, Betty Gillies.



JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAM.—Back row: Oliva Wilcock, Kathleen Brumley, Muriel Harris, Joyce Sorenson. Front row: Lyla Wilson, Gwenda Bush, Clare Ryan.

ROUND THE YEAR.

As many events, so many articles! This we would like to give our readers; but space forbids. In this paragraph we shall endeavor to supply a comprehensive account of those important events not classified elsewhere.

Quite early in the first term we realised that we were soon to sustain a tremendous loss. For a long time we had expected it—yet when it did come, like most events of its kind, it seemed very sudden. However, we suffered in a cause which people tell is most lightly commendable—and so our regrets at the severance on February 17 of Miss E. R. Little's connection with the school were somewhat allayed. For that lady had chosen a new sphere of existence, strongly influenced, no doubt, by the persuasions of a certain Mr. E. Fisher. A pleasant little function marked our farewell, and with presentations we wished our colleague and teacher good luck and happiness in her married life. That blissful existence is now occurring at Warrnambool.

Another function occurred in the course of a few days—a most solemn and impressive affair, when Mr. Langford presented the prefects of the year with their badges. The honored pupils were Frances Noack (senior prefect), Edna Hopkins, Phyllis McCahon, Kath. Tivendale, Una Russell, Margaret Mudge, Mary Heyward, A. Butler (senior), K. Hopkins, B. Russell, L. Ahern, J. Melven, J. Duff, and R. White. The school and staff have had good reason to be pleased with their work for the year.

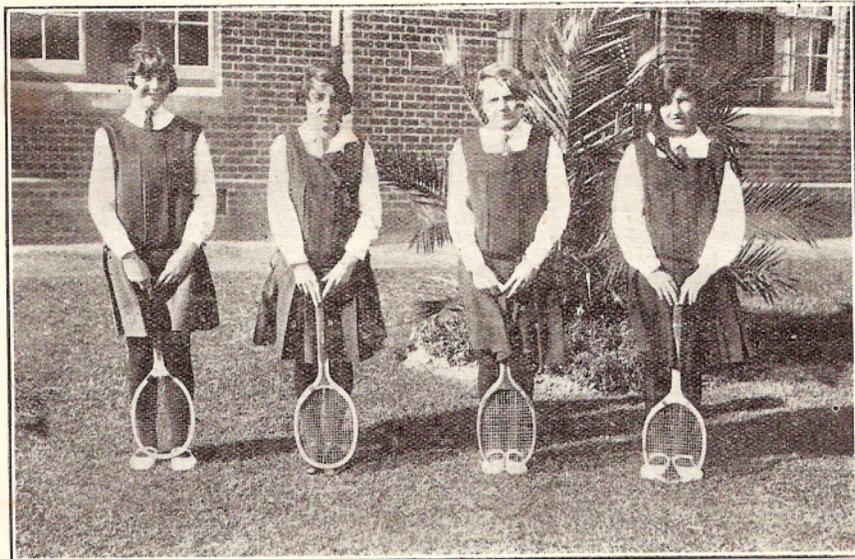
On March 30, we were fortunate enough to receive a visit from Mr. Krone, of the Agricultural Department. Mr. Langford had witnessed his demonstration of apple packing at the Pakenham Horticultural show, and the happy idea occurred to him of inviting Mr. Krone to the school. Packing apples into a case seemed a

matter in which there was little or nothing to learn—until Mr. Krone gave his exhibition! The school assembled on the verandah and balcony, and enjoyed an excellent view of the proceedings. All the simple devices for securing perfect grading, stability while packing, and tightness without injury proved highly interesting to both staff and students. The apples, kindly donated by Mr. J. J. Ahern, were of beautiful quality. Mr. Krone answered questions at the end of his address, and the queries revealed a surprising degree of thought about the subject. After the demonstration the school declared it had never before tasted such delicious apples.

Shakespeare Day was celebrated on April 6. Readings of well-known passages were suitably given by senior pupils; and selections were enacted by junior troubadours. Anzac Day followed on April 24, and we were assisted in our observance of Australia's day of remembrance by Major Sharp, who is in charge of the staff corps, Dandenong. The assembled school, conducted by Miss Jukes, rendered the hymns, "O, God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "The Recessional," and appropriate addresses were delivered.

The week ending May 5 was marked by the appearance in the school of numbers of boys in their scout uniforms. It transpired that Boys' Week was in progress, and the display of regalia was in keeping with that fact. On May 17, we remembered Empire Day, and Mr. Langford took the opportunity to draw the school's attention to the many sterling qualities which had been possessed by the founders and builders of our Empire.

On June 12 the ascent of our headmaster to take the morning assembly was heralded with applause. It reminded the writer of a couple of lines in Julius Caesar. On the occasion the bard describes, "Great Caesar swooned." This time, the head was celebrating his birthday.



GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM.—Helen Henderson, Frances Noack, Thelma Lindsay, Kittie Le Fevre.



ROUNDER TEAM.—Back row: Helen Denman, Gwen Parker, Rana Ekberg, Gertie Chippindall. Front row: Lenie Latham, Jill Sloss, Gertie Walden, Tessie Chapman, May Ferguson.

A month later, the whole school visited the Boomerang theatre, at the kind invitation of the management. Mr. Tonkin, the geography teacher, having realised the educational influence of the screen, negotiated with Mr. A. E. Temple, and our visit was the result. Pictures of industries in different parts of the Commonwealth were very instructive, as well as picturesque; and the pupils must have gained many lasting impressions, which would prove useful from many scholastic points of view. And a sparkling comic sent us all home in excellent good humor.

For weeks before the end of the second term, the school experienced the whirlwind approach of a bazaar in aid of the general funds. Each house assumed responsibility for a

stall, and strenuous endeavors were exerted by each house to raise the most towards the total. At the close of the function on September 19, it was revealed that Orchid house had topped the list by raising the sum of £10/1/9 in its fancy stall. Clematis raised £8/8/8, Bluegum £7/19/6, Wattle £7/15/, Boronia £6/6/, and Waratah £5/15/. A social in the evening added £1 to the proceeds, and the nett result was £47/5/11.

We have recently received the results of the Temperance examination conducted by the I.O.R. for 1928. Our best essays were written by Wesley Henshaw and Albert Bishop, who scored 94 per cent. Lionel Elmore wrote a good essay also, and gained 92 per cent.

