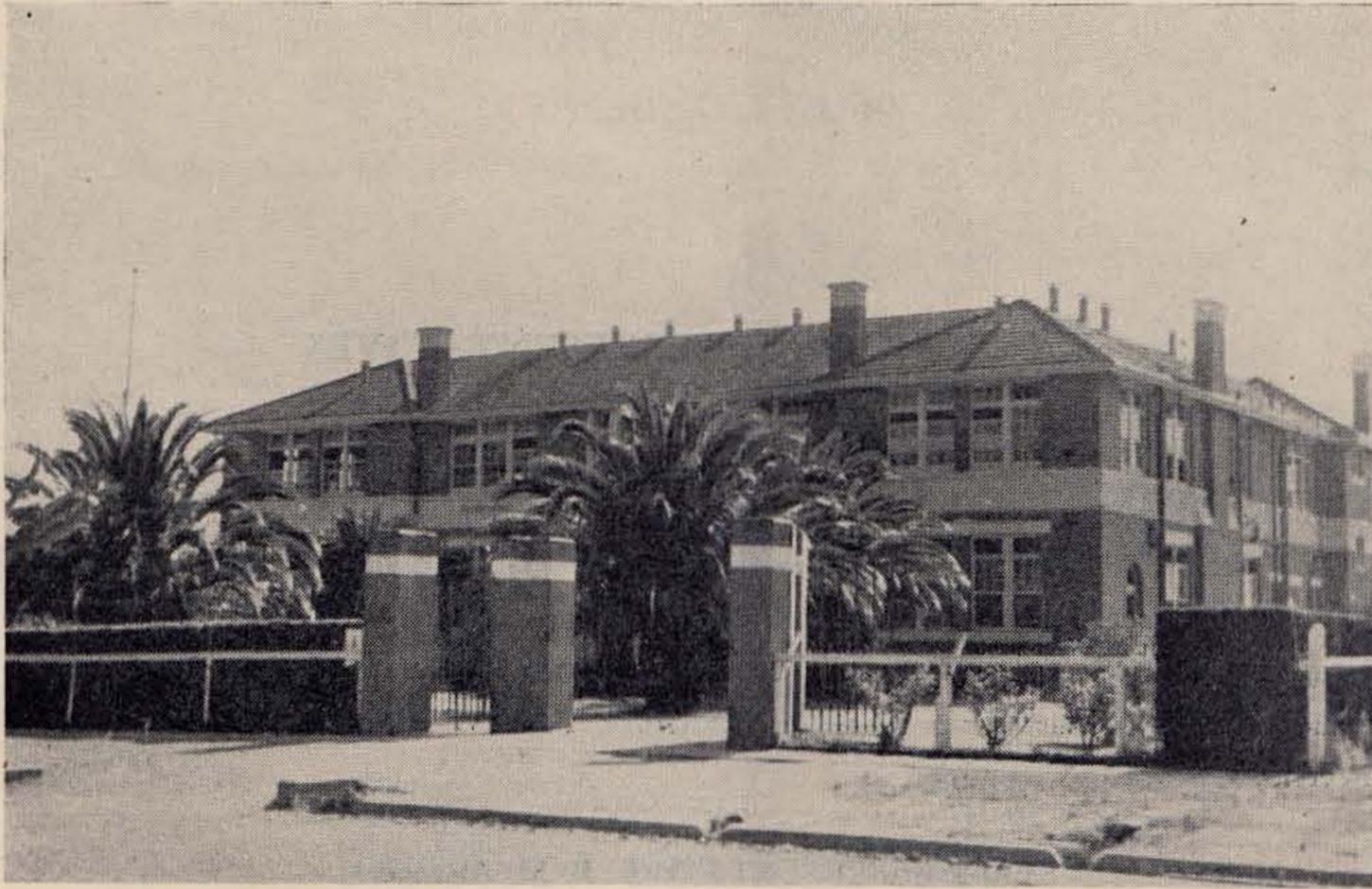


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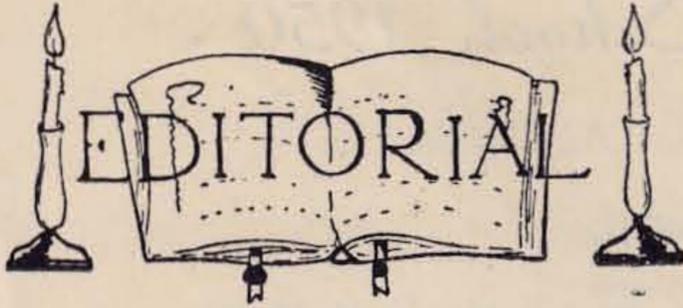
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THE OBJECTIVES OF SCHOOLING AND APPLICATION TO AFTER-SCHOOL LIFE

Publication with this issue of "The Gate" coincides with the conclusion of the 1950 school year. For many pupils of Dandenong High School it marks the end of their school life. A few, having matriculated, will pass on to the University; but these are far outnumbered by those who, having reached Proficiency, Intermediate or Leaving standard, will exchange school days for work-a-day life.

May we once again remind our readers—and particularly those who are saying good-bye to Dandy High—that "every man is the architect of his own fortune." That being so, how best may the boy or girl who graduates from the school-room to the world of affairs apply his acquired knowledge to build his fortune?

There is a danger that, with release from school ties, many will regard themselves as free to follow their chosen trade or profession, or turn to pleasure, with no thought of continuing studies which have for so long been all-important.

The training received at school—no matter what standard has been attained—is incomplete in itself. The most important objectives of primary and secondary education must be to discipline the mind, to teach the student how to acquire knowledge, to instil in him the desire to become an ever more useful member of society.

"Fortune," as expressed in our school motto, means much more than money; it means "wealth" of the mind, and of the spirit; in short, happiness in the fullest sense. To attain this "fortune" the ex-pupil must apply the lessons learnt at school; he must strive unceasingly to add to his knowledge. In the realm of learning, he cannot stand still, but must either go onwards and upwards, or backwards.

Let each one, therefore, continue to strive to excel in what is best in life. In so doing he cannot fail to benefit himself and his fellows and bring credit to the best school of all.

FABER QUISQUE FORTUNAE

On the main gate of Dandenong High School is mounted a replica of the school badge, with the motto: "Faber Quisque Fortunae," engraved under it. There are very few of the present pupils who know the story of the badge, or the motto, or of the school colours.

In 1919, on March 19th, the Dandenong High School was opened in the Temperance Hall, the Church of Christ Hall and the Fire Brigade Station (which was the headquarters), with Mr. Langford as headmaster. It seems strange that a school should be opened without a school building.

The Advisory Council wished to register colours, so as a tribute to Mr. Langford it was suggested that the colours of his regiment, the Fourth Light Horse, be used. These colours were a square of red, with a light blue dot in one corner, and a dark blue one in the opposite corner. The students, under Miss McKinnon, the art mistress (now Mrs. Rooche, of Yarragon), designed various badges, from amongst which the present one was chosen.

Next to come was the motto. Mr. Langford went to the Melbourne Public Library and consulted a book of Latin mottoes. After choosing one, he submitted it to Mr. L. F. Wrigley, the chief inspector of secondary schools. This motto had to be refused to us, as it was that of Melbourne Grammar. Another motto was suggested to the Advisory Council by Mr. John Abott, grandfather of Nell Cussen of 1950 IVa. This motto was also rejected, as it was expressed in obsolete French. After another trip to the Library, Mr. Langford chose and submitted to Mr. Wrigley, "Faber Quisque Fortunae," which after being passed by him, was subsequently passed by the Advisory Council.

"Faber Quisque Fortunae" was then incorporated in the badge. The English translation of the Latin is "Every person is the maker of his own fortune," and this motto should guide and serve as an inspiration to all past, present and future pupils of Dandenong High School.

—Norman C. Whitwell, Form V., Orchid.



STAFF

STAFF NOTES

This year we welcomed to the staff Miss Stainforth, Miss Whelan, Miss Power and Miss Dee. Miss M. McDonnell left during third term to be married, and for a time the cookery classes had no teacher. However, Mrs. Kelley came to our assistance and the cookery classes are now in full swing again. During third term Mrs. Nicholson suffered a serious accident, and had to go to hospital. This was particularly regrettable because Mrs. Nicholson was very interested in training the girls for the Combined Schools' Sports. However, she was well enough to send her congratulations to the school after our meritorious win; and as this magazine goes to press, the latest report was that Mrs. Nicholson is making very satisfactory progress. We wish her a speedy recovery, and hope to welcome her back to school next year.

New members of the men's staff this year are Mr. Carroll, Mr. Shade, Mr. Lake, Mr. Everett, Mr. McBurney, Mr. Traynor and Mr. Langford. Perhaps it is wrong to call Mr.

Langford a new member, because he was in fact the first Head Master of Dandenong High School, which he opened in 1919 in various halls, as there was no school building at the time. Mr. Langford is welcome for his long experience and kindly nature.

ABORIGINE

Child of the Dark People, what do you see,
Gazing out to the distance far?
Your forefathers' spirits, do they speak,
Or are you thinking of legends strange?

Do you ponder the white man's coming here
To this vast land of rolling plains?
The waterholes, spinifex, gnarled trees,
Do you dream they are yours again?

Do you dream of the days when a warrior gaunt,
You stalked the plains in quest of food,
Or looking ahead are you an old man,
Spinning tales 'neath the mia-mia's shade?

But no! your future is unforeseen,
Your life is lived from day to day;
Child of the Dark People, what do you see
Gazing out to the distant range?

—Margaret Carroll, V, Bluegum.

House Notes

ORCHID HOUSE NOTES

Orchid members (those rare and beautiful flowers!) have had a very successful year during 1950. At the beginning they did very well indeed in rounders—winning every match; quite well in softball and were pretty good at tennis. Basketball and hockey were not quite as successful but we are in high hopes for next year.

In the athletics the female species of Orchid

All members did an excellent job on the Egg Appeal. They should be proud of themselves. With Palais, a scrumptious fruit-salad stall, and the thorough collecting from their various districts—702 dozen was a smashing total. (Records, not eggs, being smashed!)

So look out all other Houses. These flowers will blossom even better next year.

WATTLE HOUSE NOTES, 1950

With a stronger all-round combination than in the previous two or three years, Wattle was most successful this year in winning the Aggregate Cup for 1950.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

came second to Wattle after a really grand effort. The male section did not do quite as well. However, they did splendidly to come first in football, and did very well indeed in the tennis and cricket, coming second in the former and equal second in the latter, thus helping to uphold the Orchid bloom.

Our senior cricket team had the honour of being unbeaten, while in football the boys fielded a small team and were satisfied when they filled third place on the football ladder.

Our juniors also performed with good spirit to win the football and take third place in the cricket.

The girls helped us immensely in the aggregate by showing their undaunted enthusiasm in winning the aggregate (both seniors and juniors combined), in hockey, basketball, softball, tennis; and being runners-up in the rounders. Congratulations, girls!

As usual, the yearly Egg Appeal was conducted with much house rivalry. It would be such a grave sin to find out how much money Orchid *did* have; however we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Orchid house on its splendid effort in not only winning the Egg Appeal, but also in gathering a record number of eggs for one house.

The Inter-House sporting events terminated as usual with athletics. Here the "Wattle-ites" performed with the renowned Wattle spirit, and on the day, Wattle came equal first with Bluegum. There were excellent individual performances by both girls and boys.

Finally, we wish to thank the members of the staff attached to our House, for their continued interest throughout the year.

BLUEGUM HOUSE NOTES

Although we have not been successful in all branches of sport, we have been able to carry off a few of the honours. The swimming sports were not held this year, due to the polio epidemic. The first competitive matches were in tennis, rounders and cricket. Our girls' tennis and rounders both gained third place. The boys played first-class tennis, and carried off the honours, whilst the cricket team came a very creditable second. In the winter term, we did not do so well—girls, senior hockey, coming third, and basketball also filling third position. The junior girls triumphed in basketball, thus avenging the seniors' defeat a little. The boys had a strong football team, but the opposing teams were slightly better, and we filled third position. The next important event was the Egg Appeal, closely followed by the Athletic Sports. This year, Orchid proved superior in the egg appeal, creating a new

record. Bluegum collected a creditable amount, but ran fourth.

Then came the athletic sports, for which everyone trained energetically. Our training bore fruit, however, as in the Grand Aggregate, Bluegum came equal first with Wattle. The girls came a close third, and the boys pulled up the grand aggregate by having an easy win.

In conclusion, we would like to congratulate Wattle on gaining the Cup, and the other Houses for their fine sportsmanship. Also we would like to thank our house masters and mistresses for the help they have given during the year.

CLEMATIS HOUSE NOTES

This year Clematis failed to maintain its record of previous years, just being beaten for first place by Wattle, Orchid and Bluegum! The cancellation of the Swimming Sports proved a disappointment, as we lost a chance of gaining valuable points. In the summer sports, the boys occupied third position in cricket and fourth position in tennis. The girls showed their superiority over at least two other Houses as they were second in both basketball and hockey. The boys seem to like last position as they remained there in the football. Although they did have some good individual players they were displaced from third position by Dennis Read and his Wattle cronies. We improved our position somewhat at athletics, as we finished third instead of last. (Look out next year, all other Houses!) Several of our members represented the school in the Combined Schools' Sports, and performed very well.

However, Clematis achieved some success in the Egg Appeal, winning second place (Hurrah!) We would like to thank the teachers who helped the House this year, particularly Mr. Carroll, who had very persuasive means of extracting money from student pockets during the Egg Appeal.

In conclusion, we congratulate the other Houses on their success throughout the year, and wish Clematis success in 1951.

Form Notes

FORM VI

What is the SIXTH FORM? The highest form in the school? Yes. The form without which the school would be unable to carry on? But definitely, yes!

Could anyone deny that we are the highest and most intelligent form after seeing two bedraggled girls, or rather to coin a phrase, "wretched women," chewing their pens over French dictee or several equally bedraggled boys wondering who invented pure Maths., and thinking of some suitable fate for that person when they find him out? And no one will bother denying that without us the school would undoubtedly collapse. Could we do without the prefects, the house captains, the highest high jumper, the longest shot putter, the most dependable "lad" in the school, and the boy whose nose is turned up more than anyone else's, the only aeroplane-bringer-to-school and flyer-round-the-oval, the chutney by another name, the boy with the longest eyelashes, the one with the nicest nose, Boncle, and the two girls, the player-in-chief-for palais and the editor of this magazine?

This year, as in all others, the 6th form has done its duty by the school. We have run palais, contributed to all worthy appeals, played our part in the sports, but perhaps our most valued contribution to the school is that most of us have finally decided upon teaching as a career or a stop-gap. Geology excursions have been "gone on" by some of us, while the rest stayed at school and wished they could go to Silvan or Heyington in Mr. Barnes' car. In addition we have gone to lectures, and we know why they make the seats at the lecture theatre so uncomfortable. And this year we have learnt that if a girl looks helpless enough, someone will put her desk up on 17 platform or someone will get her an extra stool in 21.

As this year reaches its end we realise that the life of a sixth former at school is wonderful—until the last six weeks; and from then on any of us would happily change with a first former. The sixth form should be honoured and looked up to, for their dignity, good looks

and intelligence, but more so for their courage in facing—no, not the exams., but leaving school. This is our last year, and for many of us our best. We do want to thank Miss Armstrong, our form teacher, for her guidance and help, and all the other teachers who have striven to impart some of their apparently boundless knowledge to us. We hope you will miss us and wish us luck; but who knows, we may be back!

FORM V BOYS

("So good, but so modest")

The 28 boys in Form V are unanimously of the opinion that this is the best class in the school (judged by all the standards that really count), but we have heard some (whose judgment we would not dream of trusting) describe it as the worst in D.H.S. and students as "no class" at all. These same ill-informed people have also been known to ask in pained voices, "How can their teachers put up with them!" Such goings on! The mysterious appearance of rats and thistles on tables, the murder on the high C's in singing class, the reprehensible habit of "chorussing" at every unfortunate incident; the boys' custom of congregating on the balcony and in other places where they should not be, the disgusting odours which follow their use of the Chem. Room, the But we will not weary the reader with any more of such biased comments. With Fifth Form big-heartedness we ignore it all.

To be serious, the Form has done a good years' work, and we heartily thank our teachers (particularly our form teacher, Mr. Alexander) for their understanding and co-operation. The Form has been well led by Gordon ("Mo") Young, captain; and Len Robinson, vice-captain. Scholastic achievements have been worth while (just how good—or—bad—the Leaving results will be) and on the sporting arena we have been well represented, our star performers being our two leaders. The Art Students enjoyed a visit to the National Gallery, and the geography class benefitted from excursions to Studley Park, Heyington and two factories. Palais, with all the latest hits, has brightened many, many wet days. Good support has been given to the Menzies Boys' Hame.

Some of us will be with you again next year, but for most it is "Au Revoir" to D.H.S. as we take our places in the "big, wide, wonderful world." We cannot bid farewell to the best school of all without saying "Thank You" to all—teachers and students alike—for their splendid co-operation during the past years.

FORM V GIRLS

We have many celebrities in our form this year—prefects, house-captains, members of sporting teams, and such. Our prefects delight in saying, "Single file, please," "Hundred lines by nine o'clock" (I believe one prefect received a piece of paper with a hundred strokes on it (such insolence!).

Our form-teacher is Miss Smith and our form-captain, Rosemary Ellett. Our headquarters are room 30, where we gather every Monday morning, for the purpose of receiving iodine pills (the only reason I know), and also on Friday mornings (for no obvious reason, except perhaps to talk). During second term it was decided to while away the time in Monday morning form assemblies by each girl in turn giving a talk on anything of interest. This scheme was abandoned after six girls had stammered their way through a more or less interesting talk. I was one of the unfortunate ones.

At the end of first term, the members of this illustrious form journeyed into Melbourne to see that thrilling romance "The Forsyte Saga." Rosemary made a beautiful little speech thanking Miss Smith for the trip.

We have been energetically knitting woollen garments for some orphanage or other. We knitted the garments before Miss Smith decided on the orphanage. I hope that does not imply anything. We also did our share for the Menzies Boys' Home and Yooralla. We would like to thank all our teachers for persevering in their struggle to teach us and hope that they won't have to spend all the holidays recuperating. (If you cannot understand the big words you may use a dictionary.)

FORM IVa

A is for All of us in form IVa,
With Miss Armstrong and Alex., who strive every day,
To teach Barlee and Broughton, Bursell and Bruce.

B's also for Barnes, whose "fix it" sometimes comes loose.

C is for Cussen, Nell of that name,
Who, as our Vice-Captain, has brought the form fame.

Dandrea (Roy) and Dudley are D's,
While Egan and Evans we find in the E's.
Our Form teacher Shade is a very good scout,

But if this were the Navy, he'd no doubt kick us out;

Particularly Finnegan, who's never at muster,

Although to the form he often lends lustre.
In the G's we've Kathleen Gribble and also Shirley Guest,

One is good at hockey; one at basket ball is best.

H for Harris, Hill, Harvey, Hewson and Hicks,
Good at their work and not up to tricks.

I's for I'anson, tops at Maths. A and B,
Which reminds us of Beaumont, who comes in with he!

J's for Pat Jennings and K's for Kinsella,
The first is away and the last's a good fella.

L's for Shirley Lightfoot, who lives up to her name,

In the M's we find McCubbin whose art has brought him fame,

M also stands for Menzies, the Boys' Home, not the P.M.;

We've sent them lots of tucker and one day we'll go and see 'em.

N's for fiddler Mary Nemet, and also Mrs. Nich—

Who got rolled on by a horse and now is very sick.

O's the exclamation we uttered when we knew,
And we hope she's getting better and will soon be good as new.

P's for Geoffrey Pentland and the Planes he flies Perchance.

And also Judith Painter and the Palais where we dance.

P also stands for Photographs of us when under five;

From the funny look of some of us it's a wonder we're alive!

Q's for the Quiz which we've never completed,

R's for Gail Russell, who sometimes gets heated,

When debating on subjects in "current events,"

And also for Rodber, who likes the young gents.

S is a letter that starts many names:

First of all Barry Simon, who's tops at all games.

He's also form Captain and a darned good one, too,

With a yell you can hear in far Timbuctoo.

Miss Smith, Miss Stainforth and Stuart finish the S's,

Except for Erica Schlesinger with the raven tresses.

In T, we've Noela Thomas, captain of the girls,

She's as good at games as Simon and has much prettier curls.

With Tonks, Taylor and Turner (Don),

We finish the T's and rashly press on

To the letter U—where we find U.N.O.,

For which we raised £6 in just a day or so.

V's for the valiant efforts we put into French and Latin;

"Nil nisi desperandum" and cauliflower "au gratin."

W's for Elaine Waters and also our Wool Appeal,

In which we did quite well, or so at least we feel.

X can only stand for Xmas, and glorious holidays,

With weeks of doing nothing in so many different ways.

Y is for "Yooralla"—see "Wool Appeal" above,

And Z's the end of many of the things we've learned to love.

Z's also the end of a jolly good year,

With everyone happy and full of good cheer!

On a more serious note, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to the teachers who have helped us through a very successful year. We hope they recover sufficiently during the holidays to take us all again next year.

FORM IVb

Here are a few words of wit and wisdom from IVb. Under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Carroll, our form teacher, we have spent our time at form assemblies in an interesting and profitable way. With Bill I'Anson we explored the mysteries of bicycle racing. Helene

Buck took us on a trip to the Grampians. Lorraine Threlfall led us into folly (The Ice Follies, to be exact), and Michael Egan played the Joker.

Form members are proud of the form's sporting prowess. Jill Ellis is to be congratulated on winning the open high jump at the Combined Sports.

Our form was well represented in the annual concert. Alan Stephenson ably played Carlo in the "Ugly Duckling," while other members of the form were in the Jugoslavian dance, the choirs, and the physical culture display.

Our social service activities during the year led us to hold a stall, and conduct several palais in aid of the United Nations' Appeal and the Menzies Boys' Home.

Our form captains, Jill Ellis and Graeme Neck are supported (sometimes) by their able Lieutenants, Lorraine Threlfall and Brian Mogg. However, their positions are sinecures in such a well-behaved form!

FORM IVc

Introducing form IVc of 1950, with Miss O'Keefe as our form teacher, Merle Ackland our form captain. The year began with Shirley Perry as vice-captain, but after her departure from these precincts in the second term, Elaine Berry became second in command.

We began the year with twenty-four girls in our commercial form, but many have left at various stages of the course, leaving sixteen to finish the year.

During the year our form has taken its place in school activities, and in supporting charitable appeals. We were well represented in the school tennis, hockey and softball teams, also in the diamond throw and hockey dribbling teams that competed in the inter-school sports. We were proud to have many of our girls taking part in the dancing, singing and acting at the school's annual entertainment.

During the year we made donations to the Blind Babies and U.N.O. appeals, the money being raised by contributions in form assemblies, and two very successful cocoa stalls. We have made an effort this year in helping the Menzies Boys' Home by donating foodstuffs and money when our form was called upon.

In our form assemblies the girls have carried out a series of interesting discussions on their

experiences. Last term Miss O'Keefe escorted us to an exhibition of office equipment at the Exhibition Buildings, which we found very interesting and educational.

We all join in thanking Miss O'Keefe for her unfailing assistance during our Intermediate year.

FORM IVd

Under the supervision of Mr. McCubbin, and the two form captains, Melva Burgess and Les. Beard, form IVd has made progress during the year. Money has been raised to aid appeals for Menzies Boys' Home, also towards the decoration of our form room, room 5. During the year we held cocoa and fruit salad stalls, making a good profit from both. We held "hot dog" stalls through the winter months, with the aid of form IIIc. Form IVd was well represented in both the school and house sports, Janice Tharle making a notable record. We are also an industrious form, most of us gaining an average above 70 per cent. Besides being an intelligent form, there are quite a few characters; the farmyard being represented by "Rooster" the vegetable patch by "Onions," and the fish pond by "Tadpole."

FORM IIIa

There are 36 students in form 3a,
With Miss Dawson ruling our room;
She helps us in both work and play,
But in tests watches in gloom.
Our Captain is Shirley, with Glenys the vice;
Lionel and Max are the boys,
Form room 25 always looks quite nice,
But alack and alas for the noise!
We supported several appeals this year:
For U.N.A.C. our efforts were good,
The Menzies Boys' Home didn't have to fear,
We bought them all we could.
To study Latin and French is absurd,
"Parler francais" is not our wish;
We all can write 500 words—
Even if only in English.
Miss Dawson just despairs at Maths A.
"How many hours in a week?"
Up spoke a brain which works every day,
"Forty!" said Ken, the meek.
We shine very brightly in sports teams;
Some captains and vices too,
Just look in the "The Gate" and see by our
beams,
We're proud to be among you.

Good luck to the students of next year's IIIa,
Play the game and you'll have some fun,
While we slave as Inters. in Form IVa,
Thanks to teachers whose task is done.

FORM IIIb.

This is Farm IIIb. calling from Room 28, with Mr. McBurney as chief engineer. This is a small form, consisting of 10 girls and 19 boys. We lost six members during the year and gained Beverley Winter and Bill Smith towards the end. The latter, we might add, came from England.

In sport, we had two girls in the junior and one in the senior basketball teams. Four of our boys were in the junior football team. We also had representatives in the athletics; Margaret Russell in the flat races, and Mackay, Stewart and Colla in the jumps. Eileen Buckland and Margaret Russell were in the crossball, and Marie Rickard in the diamond throw.

We held a palais for the Menzies Boys' Home, which was very successful. We are now planning something for the Women's Hospital appeal.

FORM IIIc

This year there are thirty-four girls in the Junior Commercial Form. We are all very sorry to hear that we are losing our Commercial Teacher, Miss O'Keefe. We all sincerely hope she will be happy in her new surroundings.

Our form is the only one in the school which does Musical Appreciation as a subject.

Miss Rofe arranged two very pleasant outings for us, one to hear our Boys' Choir sing in the Melbourne Town Hall; the other, a performance of "Peasant Cantata," in honour of the great musician, Bach, who wrote the music. We felt very honoured to be present at this concert as it was given on the two-hundredth anniversary of his death. After the concert we were very fortunate in being able to see the workings of a harpsichord which was taken to the hall especially for this occasion.

Seven members of the form—Helen Plant, Betty Sturge, June Viggers, Joyce Breasley, Elaine Joseph, Pat Mapleson, and Joan Loveland—were chosen to compete for our school in the Combined Schools' Sports. Many of our girls were in the teams which went to Warragul. The form was also well represented in the annual school entertainment when several

girls sang in the choir and one took part in the ballet, while another had a part in the play.

Also we would like to thank our form captains for the work they have done for us, and Miss Rofe for the time and work she has spent with our form, and we all hope we may have her for our Form Mistress again next year, although we hope we go to IVc.

FORM IIIc

Attention, IIIc calling! We have completed a very happy year with help from Elaine Barnett and Ron Savory as form captains, Pam Harden and Toby Adams as vice-captains. At the ending of first and second terms a number of pupils left, leaving a total of seventeen girls and twenty-two boys. The girls were very sorry to see Miss McDonnell leave at the beginning of third term. Several stalls were conducted and a total of £5 was collected. Nineteen shillings was spent on form-room vases and four guineas were given to deserving appeals. The boys held a palais recently and raised £2/2/- for the Menzies Boys' Home. This promising form has produced many budding athletes, among whom are Ron Savory and Bill Noblet, representing the senior football team. In the junior teams, Bob Ashe, Colin Ibbot.

FORM IIa

At home in room 23 with Mr. McCarthy as form teacher we have had a very pleasant year. We were indeed fortunate to have Margaret Marshall and Graeme Ellis as form captains. We contributed well toward the annual entertainment at the town hall, many members of the form appearing in three different items. By combining with IIb for entertainment, form assemblies have been brightened considerably. (Of course you can guess which items were the best). We have also played our part in school appeals. A very successful stall was held in aid of the Menzies Boys' Home, for which we collected £3/2/-; also for the Improvement Fund we collected £15, and for the United Nations we raised £3/8/6. Many members of the form have been keenly interested in sporting activities. But it is in the scholastic field that IIa really shines. At Term 2 exams, eleven people average 80 per cent. or over. The highest was the magnificent average of 91.1

per cent., which was achieved by Rosemary McKenery. We feel that with the help of Mr. McCarthy we have completed a very good year's work.

FORM IIb

"Atten' shun'! everywhere." This is IIb calling from Room 24. We have been a very happy group this year with Mr. Everett as our leader. We have had several stalls which proved to be very successful. The funds that we received went towards the appeal for the Menzies Boys' Home. We began the year with 21 girls and boys. During the year several girls came and some left; leaving us with 20 girls. As for sport there are five keen young athletes among us who represented us in the Combined Sports here on the oval. Each term we had different form captains who all were very helpful and understanding throughout their terms. Our third term captains are June Scott and Barry Burke. We all thank Mr. Everett for helping us so much during the year.

FORM IIc

They call us the infamous IIc, but what do you know about us? Do you know that the form captains are Riia Keys and Ian Gardiner? We collected £1/18/- at a stall for the Menzies Boys' Home and raised £2 in donations for the United Nations Appeal for children. At the annual sports meeting Ron Hickmott won the broad jump, the distance being 14ft. 10½in. At the Festival of Music held in the Melbourne Town Hall boys from the form who went were David MacLean, Ken (fat) Masters, Brian (Sambo) Sangwell, Bob James and Herb Detez. Three members were also in the orchestra. They were Anne Wallace, Bob Jones and Herb Detez. We can beat Mr. Langford at problems. This was proved when we worked out a sum and the class had a majority right, but Mr. Langford was wrong. The Magazine Representative, IIc, is Herbert Detez, who, with excellent co-operation from the form, handed in many entries.

FORM IIc

This is Form IIc saying "Hello, everyone," from our form room Hut D (D standing for Dismal), which we have endeavoured to make

attractive by the addition of a green tablecloth, pictures and flowers. This year we have been very happy under the leadership of Miss Dee as form mistress. Pam Longmuir and Aileen Meyer as captains, and Beryl Forster and Marlene Lawless as vice-captains. Ours is only a small form of girls, thirty in number, but we are sure of having earned a place in the school by playing an active part in supporting any worthy cause which the school has undertaken. Throughout the year we have raised, in aid of the Menzies Boys' Home, the United Nations' Appeal and the Women's Hospital Appeal, approximately £8, by organizing a stall, a Curio Display, by selling toffees and cocoa and by direct contribution. We are proud of the fact that we are so well represented in the sporting sphere. Two of the Junior House Captains, Eda Dandrea (Clematis) and Marlene Lawless (Wattle) have been chosen from our members, while four of us have been chosen to compete in the combined sports—Joy Anderson in the running, Jennifer Bursill in the basketball passing, Beryl Forster and Marlene Lawless in the hockey dribble. Vocally, too, we have won recognition, seven in the Choir and most of us in our periods. Several of the girls have entered for scholarships, and to them we wish the best of luck. We have had an excellent year in every way and all thank Miss Dee for the unlimited aid she has given us during the year.

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EARLY MORNING AT SCHOOL

I stood at the gate and looked in. How quiet everything was! It seemed almost as though the school was sleeping. So still was it, that I was quite startled to hear a whirring sound behind me, but it proved to be only a passing motorist on the Highway. Then from the school itself, came the first signs of movement and faint sound, so that I was not surprised when I caught a glimpse of the caretaker as he moved through the school with his bunch of keys.

rattling of keys. People were running up and down the stairs, in and out of rooms, dropping books and tripping over one another. Some boys had found a ball and they started running on the oval playing with it. Then those who travelled on the train came hurrying in as they knew they did not have much time.

A shrill whistle sounded above the din. Everyone began rushing into rooms trying to get the seat he or she wanted, and calling out to one another. Soon all was quiet, but it was



PREFECTS

Over the hill came the first bus, carrying boys and girls in their school uniforms. As they poured out of the vehicle, laughing and talking, a change seemed to come over the atmosphere of the school. Even the trees surrounding it appeared different. As I looked at them I could almost imagine that they stretched out their arms, yawned and rubbed their eyes. Then the scene was changed. As bus after bus arrived, the children all swarmed up the path calling and waving to their friends who walked or came on bikes. From then on there was a continual banging of locker doors and

not the same quietness that had been earlier, for some children were still running about. A sound of singing came from the singing-room. The school was awake.

—Beth Davis, Ila, Bluegum.

HONEY SONG

Honey hidden in the flowers,
Shining golden sweet;
Honey on my morning toast,
Smooth and good to eat.
Honey from the honey comb,
Honey from the bee;
"Honey child, give me a kiss,"
My daddy said to me.

Dawn Clarkson, Ie, Orchid.



SENIOR GIRLS ATHLETICS



MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

Inter-House Athletics

On Wednesday, 4th October, the students, ex-students and parents gathered round the Oval to watch the Houses compete in the Annual Athletic Sports. Although there was a strong breeze, the weather was fine and the track good.

In all, nine records were broken on the day, with another three equal records. The outstanding performers were:—Dorothy Rose (C) (two records), June Viggers (C), Doug. Morley (B), R. Diggins (B) and G. Maughan (O), and Gordon Young, Wattle House Captain, who starred by winning four open titles.

Bluegum and Wattle battled against each other all day but neither House gained an appreciable lead from the other. Clematis and Orchid followed closely behind in that order.

Excitement became more intense among the spectators when the final event, the mile run,



SENIOR FOOTBALL

The sports were conducted in an excellent fashion, and there were few delays in the programme, which was a credit to the officials.

During the afternoon the Mother's Club provided a most enjoyable afternoon tea and is to be congratulated on its fine effort.

The Standards were, as usual, decided before the day, the points being:

Bluegum, 52; Wattle, 52;
Clematis, 52; Orchid, 44.

With three Houses equal on Standards the excitement was on from the start, and seemed to become more intense as the day went on.

took place. It was this event which decided the day. Len Robinson (B) won in this event, closely followed by Wes. Graham (C). The sports resulted in a tie between Bluegum and Wattle Houses, the final House points being:

Bluegum	265 points
Wattle	265 points
Clematis	236 points
Orchid	211 points

SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAMS

A successful year has been experienced by our team, the general standard of football being good, enabling us to win our way through to

take an equal premiership with Hampton and Mordialloc.

Final points scored were:—

Dandenong	16
Hampton	16
Mordialloc	16
Frankston	—

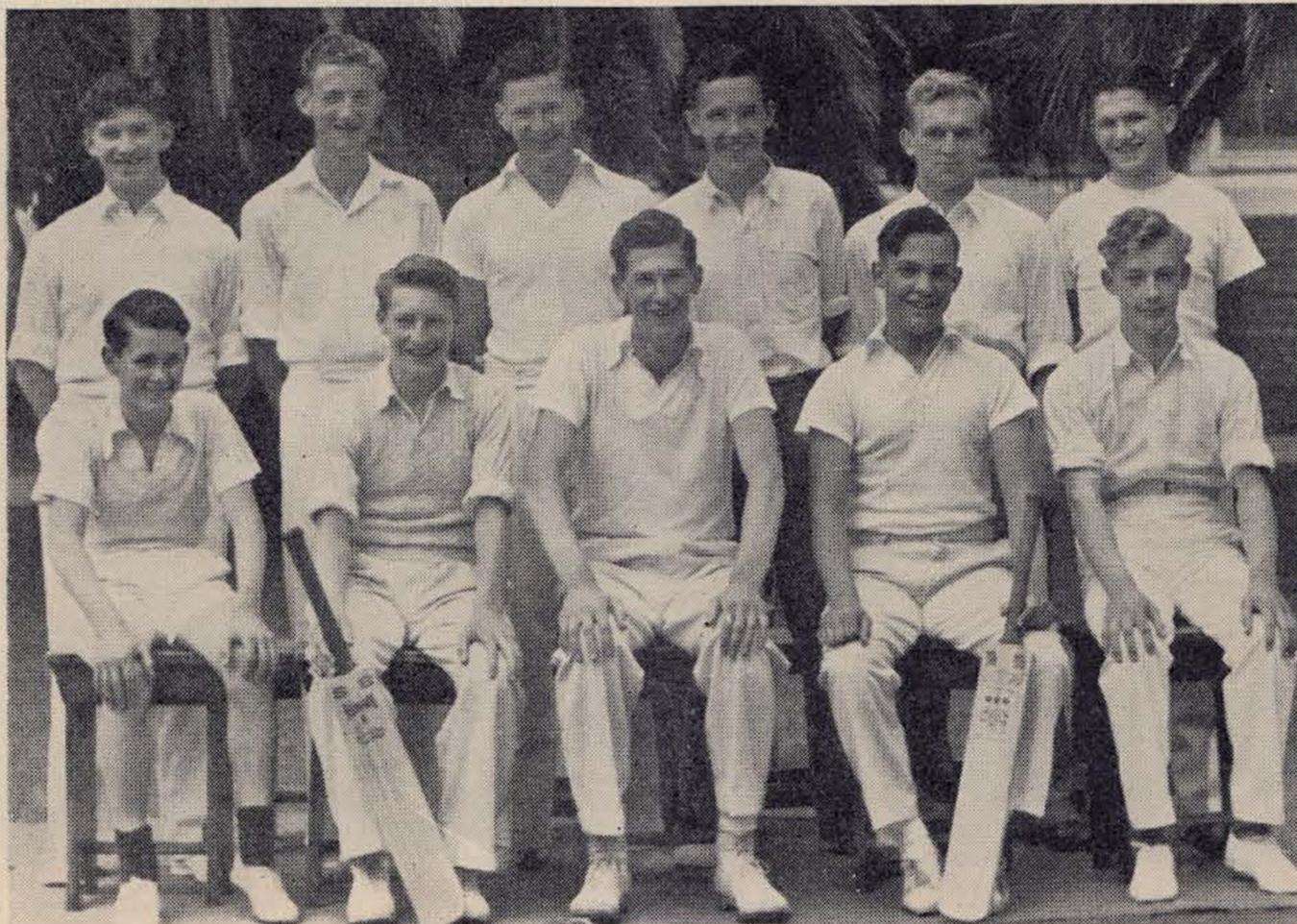
We were ably captained by Ralph Biddington, assisted by Len Robinson. Matches played were vigorous and rugged, most being close and hard-fought, particularly those against Mordialloc.

Dandenong 9-15, defeated Hampton 8-4.
Frankston 8-4, lost to Dandenong 18-11.
Dandenong 5-8, defeated Mordialloc 4-9.

Non-competitive matches, both played at Dandenong:

Dandenong 10-14, defeated M.B.H.S. 5-4.
Dandenong 5-7, defeated Warragul 2-5.

Before finishing this summary a mention must be given to the object on the left of our photograph. It is not a printer's error wearing a school tie, nor is it a photographic defect wearing trousers; it is Noel Alfred Stone, the team's



SENIOR CRICKET

We desire to thank Mr. Barnes for his services as coach during the season. His useful hints have, on many occasions enabled us to turn a losing score into a winning score. Our thanks are also extended to Mr. Everett, who umpired all our home matches, to goal-umpires, boundary-umpires, timekeeper and to all others who helped the team in any way during the year.

Results (matches played on first-named grounds):

- Hampton 17-12, defeated Dandenong 10-3.
- Dandenong 15-8, defeated Frankston 6-5.
- Mordialloc 5-9, defeated Dandenong 4-6.

honorary member, its zealous and hard-working manager-orange boy. But for his eagle eye and careful placement of the field, the team would have become disorganised and fallen to pieces long ago.

SENIOR CRICKET

Although we did not have any interschool contests this year owing to the polio, we played our usual match against Warragul on their home ground.

We left early in the morning, travelling by steam-train. On arriving at the station we were

taken to the school by bus, and then played part of the match in the morning. We had a break for lunch, then continued until about 4.30 p.m., when we had afternoon tea before departing. Most of us visited the township and had tea before catching the train at 6 o'clock for Dandenong. Although we did not win, the high spirits of the boys on their way home proved that they had enjoyed themselves.

Warragul 118, defeated Dandenong 99. The successful batsmen for Dandenong were Read 23, Noblet 14; and the bowlers, Owen, 4 for 20, and Robinson 5 for 49.

were beaten 6-4. Ian at times must have imagined himself fielding on the boundary in a cricket match by the manner in which he often caught the ball at the sacrifice of a point.

Peter Bruce and Rob Mac partnered well, forming a strong second pair which successfully defeated their opponents, 6-3, 6-4.

Wes. Graham and Ian Thomas formed the third pair. They made a valiant effort, but their opponents were too strong, and defeated them 6-0, 6-4.

The fourth pair, consisting of Geoff Brindle and Graeme Stork were rewarded for their



TENNIS

BOYS' TENNIS NOTES

The trip to Warragul was quite eventful for the tennis team, as it was the first and only inter-school match to be played for the year. The 1949 tennis team was sadly depleted, for only three of the team returned this year. Amongst the enthusiasts trying for a position in the team, talent was discovered and a satisfactory team was chosen.

Our first pair, E. Perkins and I. Russell, made a good start by taking a 5-0 lead in the first set, but the seemingly impossible occurred when they were defeated 6-5. The cause of this is still a mystery. In the second set they

determined efforts in the first set by winning 6-3. Perhaps they exhausted all their energy during the first set for they lost the second set 6-1.

At the conclusion of the day the scores were: Warragul 40 games, defeated Dandenong 32 games.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Tennis fared rather badly this year because of the polio epidemic. The only match we played was against Warragul on the 13th April, when we beat them by 38 games to 26. Judith Russell was captain of the team.

SENIOR BASKETBALL

This year the basketballers set out very enthusiastically as they were determined to carry off the premiership. The first match, played at Hampton, was not quite so closely contested as the scores might suggest. Dandenong defeated Hampton with the scores at 21-19. This win gave us confidence, and from then on we never looked back. The scores were:

Dandenong 27, d. Frankston 10.
 Dandenong 31, d. Mordialloc 13.
 Dandenong 29, d. Hampton 14.
 Dandenong 28, d. Frankston 12.
 Dandenong 36, d. Mordialloc 15.

Those players successful in the match were: G. Neck, who took 6 for 22 and 5 for 27, and I. Gardiner 2 for 14. K. Jose batted splendidly. The final scores were: Dandenong 79 and Warragul 36 and 38.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

This season we were not so fortunate to gain the premiership, as Hampton received it. Our first match was played against Hampton. The final score was:

Hampton, 12 goals; Dandenong, 7 goals.

Although our first match wasn't very heart-



SENIOR BASKETBALL

At the end of the season Warragul visited us for their annual friendly match. Warragul won (16-14) in a very hard match played under very wet conditions. Throughout the season Mrs. Nicholson very generously conceded her lunch hour to coach us, and we thank her very much indeed, as it was her untiring efforts that gave us the title of undefeated premiers.

Good luck to 1951 basketballers!

JUNIOR CRICKET

This year the Junior Cricket team, under the supervision of Mr. Everett, was successful in the one match that they played, against Warragul. Starting this match early in the morning, we were able to play two innings each.

ening we still practised with great zeal, for our next match was to be played against Frankston, who, we heard, had a very good team, but we topped the score. The final score was:

Frankston, 14 goals; Dandenong, 16 goals.

The next match was played at Mordialloc. The score was:

Mordialloc, 11 goals; Dandenong, 7 goals.

Our next match was against Hampton. This time we drew. The score was:

Hampton, 8 goals; Dandenong, 8 goals.

The next match was against Frankston. This time the score was:

Frankston, 16 goals; Dandenong, 25 goals.

Next was against Mordialloc, the score being:

Mordialloc, 11 goals; Dandenong, 12 goals.

The final match of the season to which every player looked forward, was played against Warragul in August. Although the weather was very miserable, we were victorious. The final scores were:

Warragul, 9 goals; Dandenong, 14 goals.

We wish to thank Miss Stainforth for taking such great interest in us. Best of luck to next year's team.

The first team, which was very ably captained by Erica Tabor, defeated Hampton, Frankston and Mordialloc in the first round of matches, and began the second round well by defeating Hampton. However, Frankston, the team which has been our greatest rival every year, defeated our team in the second round. Dandenong went on to defeat Mordialloc the next week, and thus shared the premiership with Frankston, both teams being defeated only once. The first team also played a social match against Warragul during second term, which resulted in a draw.



JUNIOR BASKETBALL

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Bob Ashe was the captain, and Lindsay Green the vice-captain of the Junior Football team this year. This team played through the season undefeated, beating Hampton, Frankston and Mordialloc each twice. In the annual match against Warragul, Dandenong won 6-9 to 2-3.

HOCKEY NOTES

This year, as a result of a great deal of patience and much-appreciated assistance from Miss Dawson, and hard work on the part of the girls, both first and second teams achieved great success on the hockey field.

The second team defeated Hampton, Frankston and Mordialloc in the first round, and kept up the good work in the second round by defeating Hampton and Frankston outright, and playing a draw with Mordialloc. Thus we had the honour of being undefeated throughout the season. We would especially like to thank Miss Dawson for the time she gave to coaching both teams, and for the valuable assistance and advice she gave to us.

JUNIOR ROUNDERS

On April 13th, the Junior Rounder Team went to Warragul. This was the only match

the Rounder Team played because of the polio epidemic.

We played the match at 2.20 p.m.. We won the toss and decided to field, Mrs. Skinner, our coach, umpiring during the first half. The first innings found us 1 round to Warragul's none. Both teams were hitting into the air. The next four innings were fairly even, two rounds separating us from Warragul.

Then the excitement started; only four innings left, and we started to forge ahead. After

House matches in softball were played during the second term, and the premiership easily won by Wattle.

To wind up the season Warragul visited us for a social game.

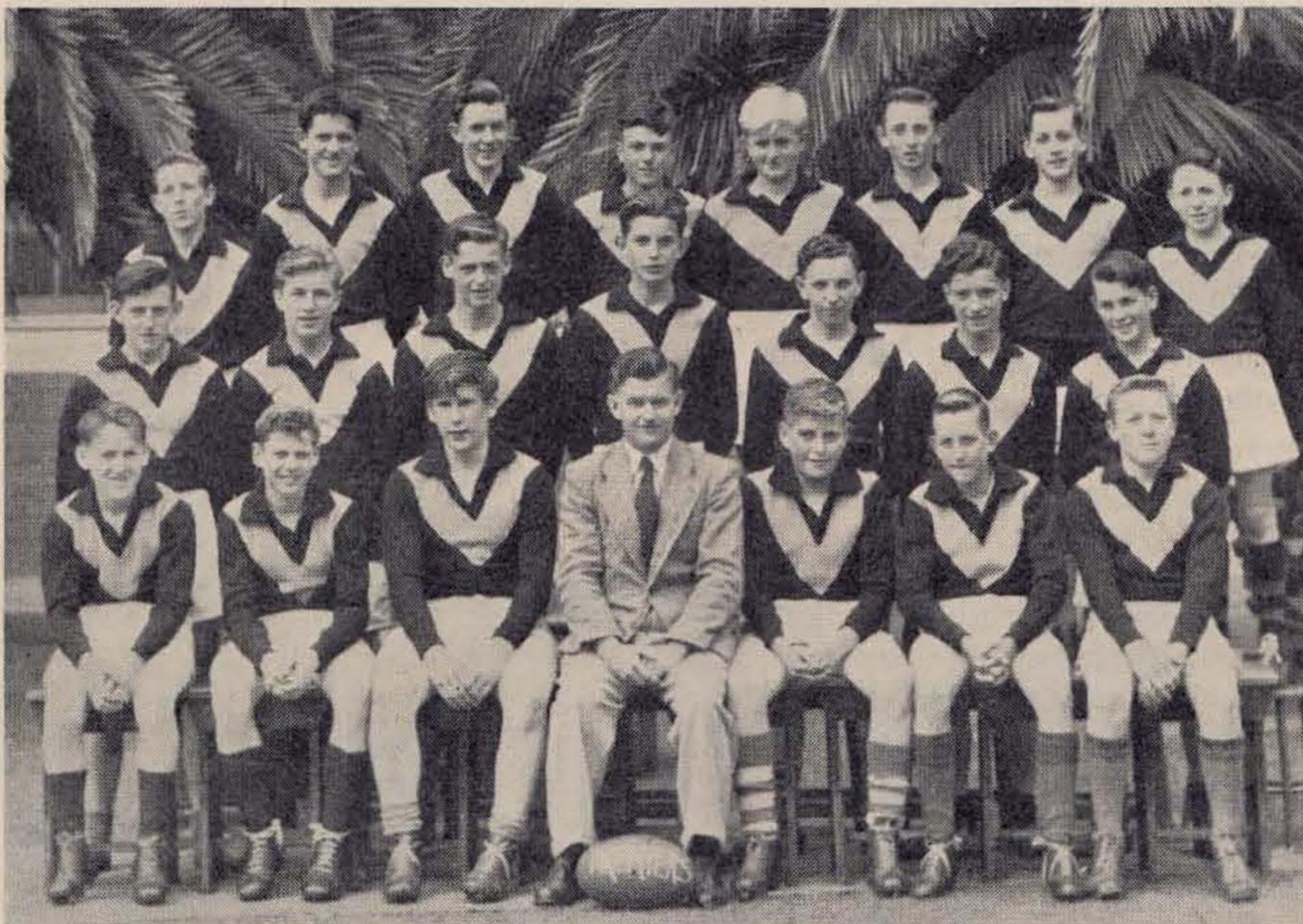
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Dandenong 7, lost to Mordialloc 21.

Dandenong 4, lost to Hampton 33.

Dandenong 17, lost to Frankston 28.



JUNIOR FOOTBALL

nine innings the match ended, Dandenong winning 19 rounds to 12. Our thanks go to Mrs. Skinner for coaching us.

SOFTBALL

Softball, although still in its infancy at this school is becoming more popular in schools throughout the state. After last year's poor performance we have made a marked improvement; although still a little behind our opponents, as the scores indicate. The premiership was won convincingly by Hampton.

Dandenong 19, defeated Mordialloc 10.

Dandenong 10, lost to Warragul 13.

We would like to thank Mrs. Skinner for coming to our assistance as coach and wish her and the softballers a more successful season next year.

NIGHT

Grey shadows are creeping through the trees,
The leaves are rustling in the breeze;
The fox steals after some hidden prey,
And all the night creatures begin their play.

—Margaret Smith, Ic, Orchid.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

History was made at Dandenong on Thursday, November 2nd, when the 30th Annual Sports Carnival of the Metropolitan High Schools' Association, C Section, was held on the Dandenong High School oval.

It was a day of "firsts" for Dandenong—the first time the sports had been held on any school oval, the first occasion, too, that they had been decided in Dandenong, and most important of all, D.H.S. finished at the top of the ladder in the athletics despite strong competition.

Originally arranged to be held at Essendon Recreation Reserve the athletic carnival was switched to Dandenong because of the rail strike. Competitors, supporters and teachers arrived by all buses and vans. Although the crowd was somewhat smaller than in former years, Camberwell, Frankston, Upwey, Mordialloc and, of course, Dandenong Schools were well represented.

Too much credit cannot be given to those responsible for the organizing done for the meeting, particularly in view of the fact that so little time was allowed for preparations. Our thanks are extended to Mr. Barnes, who, as sports master, had the responsibility for the arrangements; to Mr. Randall, the caretaker, who did a great job in preparing the tracks for the carnival; and to the Dandenong Shire Council, who mowed and rolled the oval. Whilst on this subject, we extend our congratulations to the members of the team who won the coveted honour for Dandenong High School.

The points scored by the competing teams were as follows:—

Dandenong	214½ points
Camberwell	171½ points
Frankston	145½ points
Mordialloc	117½ points
Upwey	86 points

Perhaps the most outstanding individual performance of the day was that of Denis Hutton (Frankston), who won the 100, 220 and 440 yards events over 15 years.

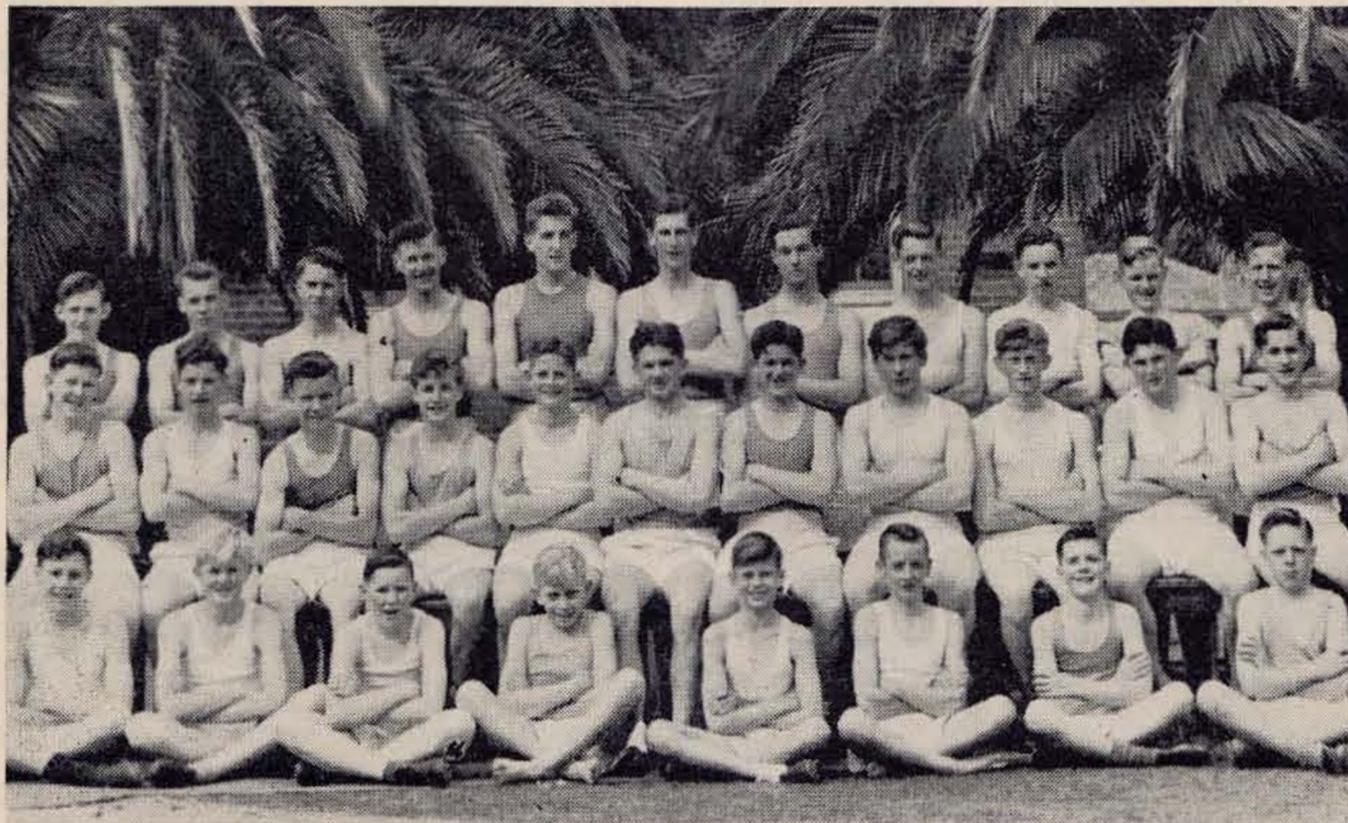
Following is a list of the various records broken and the school to which the student belonged: Geoff. Maughan (D.) 12.6 secs for 100 yards (11 years and under); D. Rose (D.), equal record, 9.0 secs. for 75 yards (girls 16 years and under 19), and T. Dobson (U.) 37 feet 9¼ inches (shot putt, 16 years and under 19 years). Also records in basketball passing events were broken by the Upwey and Camberwell girls in the under 19 years, and 13 years age groups respectively.



Dandenong's representatives to win their events were: M. Smith, girls 12 years, 75 yards skipping; R. Diggins, boys 13 years, 75 yards; B. Ridd, boys 12 years, 75 yards; G. Maughan, boys 11 years and under, 75 yards; D. Rose, girls 16 years and under 19, 75 yards; J. Ellis, girls open high jump; R. Diggins, boys 13 years, 100 yards; D. Rose, girls 16 years and under 19, 100 yards; G. Young, boys senior hop, step and jump; D. Biles, boys senior high jump, and G. Maughan, boys 11 years and under, 100 yards.



JUNIOR GIRLS ATHLETICS



BOYS ATHLETICS

The School Concert

This year the school concert was a great success. The first performance was held on Tuesday, 22nd August, at the Town Hall, and as it proved so successful, the concert was repeated on Tuesday, 12th September—after the holidays.

The senior boys' choir gave a rousing beginning, singing "Yeomen of England" by Edward German, "On the Road to Mandalay" (Oley Speaks), and an amusing presentation of the "Gendarmes Duet" (Offenbach), which they made very realistic with flowers and pistols and a notice which read "Please Laugh."

The newly-formed school orchestra played "Three English Melodies," (arrangement by Woodhouse) and the lively tune, "March from Carmen." The pianist was Mary Whiteside. The conductor, Mr. McCubbin, and leading violinist and accompanist, Miss L. Rofe, must be congratulated on the successful training of these musicians.

For the third item, Mr. Alexander produced a one-act play entitled "The Ugly Duckling," by A. A. Milne. This proved a very amusing and well-acted production.

The boys' physical culture squad then gave a demonstration of their ability to perform somersaults and vaulting and other athletic feats, under the direction of Mr. E. Shade. Before the main item of the evening, the orchestra played Haydn's "Minuet" No. 1. Then, as the curtain rose on the very effective scene of "The Blue Danube," the audience gasped with delight. The ballet girls were crouched over the floor, their blue frocks representing the waters of the Danube. The choir girls in green on either side represented the banks of the river. Blue lighting effects created

a shimmering atmosphere, and with the violins' quivering notes, and a lovely backdrop, designed by Mr. McCubbin and painted by two Vth form girls under his directions, the effect was complete. The continuity between the dances of the different countries which the Danube flows through, was written and spoken by Judith Russell. The first country dance was from Germany, and was called "The Generous Fiddler." It was very colorful and pretty. The accompanists were Gerald Begg, who was the Fiddler; pianists—Graham Ellis and Lorna Brown, and Jeanette Orr played the piano accordeon. "Tales from the Vienna Woods," from Austria, was sung by Barbara Scott as soloist, and the choir. In Czeckoslovakia, a dance called, "Walking at Night," was performed by a section of the girls' dancing club, with boy-partners, in very bright costumes. Mary Nemet played "Hungarian Dance No. 2," by Brahms. She played this beautifully. Unfortunately, on the night of the first performance, she was unable to be there owing to illness, but her place was admirably taken by Joan Ashton. Mary also accompanied Shirley Lightfoot and Pat Simpson in their dance called "Czardas." "Kolo" was then performed by members of the dancing club. This was a dance from Yugoslavia.

In the Waltz Finale, the choir, conducted by Miss Rofe, and all the dancers presented a lively, colorful, and very picturesque tableau, representing the "Danube Calling the Nations." The pianist for this performance—with the orchestra—was Noel Carroll. Mrs. E. Nicholson presented this excellent performance and deserves the heartiest of congratulations. The pupils would like to thank the teachers who helped so much in the production of this concert.



JUNIOR HOCKEY



ROUNDERS

AN ENGLISH CHRISTMAS

Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings a wealth of good feeling and kindness.

Christmas Eve is a very busy time. Perhaps outside the snow is softly and gently falling, or maybe it has not yet come, and the surrounding countryside seems to be holding its breath as it waits for the soft, white blanket to cover its greenness. But inside much merry-making and laughter are to be heard. Mysterious parcels and packages of all shapes and sizes are hidden about the house, and a cheerful log fire is blazing away in the hearth, gleaming upon bright decorations clustered about the walls. The dark green leaves and blood red berries of the holly bush show from the tops of pictures and any other possible place where holly can be perched. Christmas Day dawns bright and clear, with a watery winter sun shining upon the dazzling whiteness of everything. Stockings are inspected, and with cries of "Oh, look what Santa Claus has brought me!" The household wakes up. Breakfast is disposed of in a great hurry, for everyone must be at Church early. After Church the Christmas dinner (the highlight of every Christmas) is eaten. In the afternoon the whole family sit round a blazing fire, roasting chestnuts, singing carols, and engaging in all the other delightful activities one associates with Christmas. During the evening the candles of the Christmas tree are lit, shining out from the dark green foliage, and on the topmost branch a glittering fairy doll stands proudly, whilst the flickering lights sparkle on her bright clothes.

When the day has ended and the sounds of revelry have ceased, the thought in everyone's mind is, What a glorious Christmas this has been!

—Janet Hartrup, Ila, Clematis.

"SOLITUDE"

From my closely hidden nook,
Nestling 'mongst the grass and trees;
I can hear the magpies calling,
And the constant hum of bees.
I can see the gleaming waters,
Of the river rushing by;
And the tall and ghostly gum trees,
That clamber to the sky.

—Beryl Smith, V, Wattle.

THE SOCIALS

This year a very progressive step was made when the senior socials were held in the Scout Hall, after years of stumbling and pushing in our own cramped rooms 23 and 24. We are deeply indebted to the scouts for this gracious gesture.

The junior socials, which were held in the morning and afternoon, maintained the high standard for which they are famous. It was truly heart-warming to see the Pride of Erin executed by these dear, young children, as they kicked and pushed in a determined effort to do or die. Yes, they were a little crowded in Rooms 23 and 24, but a good time was had by all, especially the announcer.

It is usual to thank various individuals for the work they have done in organising the socials. So this year we offer our sincere appreciation of services rendered to Mr. McCubbin, Gordon Young, Len Robinson, Gwen Lloyd, Bob Watt, Erica Tabor . . . old Uncle Tom Cobley and all, old Uncle Tom Cobley and all! Seriously, it is generally conceded that the socials this year were the best ever, which does reflect high praise on the organizers.

. . . THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW AGAINST—

Last prod on Friday and first on Monday.
Egg gas!! (hydrogen sulphide). Form V please note.
Inspections (hat, cap, locker and toenail).
Prefects.
All those with an average above 45 per cent.
Examinations.
Home-work (in fact, *all* work).
Swats, "black scars," and "wretched 'kids.'"
Punctuality.
Huts on wet days.
Subjunctive Moods.
Walking dictionaries.
All appeals (Remember Egg Week, Orchidians??)
Report books.
The author of this stuff.
"A Prefect, who is a believer in traffic lights on the girls' stairs."

—J. Cravino, V, Orchid.



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SENIOR HOCKEY



SOFTBALL

ABOUT THOSE EGGS

After many disappointments and setbacks, a good number of our keen and energetic students finally, after a week's solid toil, saw the record broken for the greatest number of eggs ever collected by this or any other school (as far as we could find out) in the State.

Many optimistic egg collectors set out from school, without permission, much to Miss Armstrong's and Mr. Alexander's disgust, with cheerful hearts, thinking of how they would carry all the money and eggs back, but were soon disheartened when they heard the so depressing "No thanks, not to-day," or "I have only one egg in the house, and I must keep that for my husband in case he dies of poliogegitis." Angry and footsore they returned, only to be laughed at by those fools who do not take the opportunity of missing a couple of periods and be scolded by Mr. Alexander for missing the so important boys' assembly.

Nevertheless the hospitals must have been quite pleased with our colossal effort of 1759 dozen eggs. The winning house, Orchid, collected 701 dozen, an all time inter-house record, and was closely followed by Clematis with 414 dozen, Wattle with 340 dozen and Bluegum with 300 dozen. This total for Clematis is a record for that House. Financially, this was also a record year with over £110 being collected in cash donations. Of this Orchid raised £46.

We take this opportunity of thanking sincerely, each and every person who contributed to our Hospitals' Egg Appeal. Without your generosity and co-operation we could not have achieved the honour. We want you to feel that you all did your part in the grand effort that was made. We would also like to thank members of the staff who assisted us greatly, especially Mr. Randles, who so capably disposed of the eggs (to the hospitals, of course).

So, forgetting such hardships as having to climb fences, ride through floods, get bogged in the mud, be bitten by dogs and sworn at by cockatoos, we thank you all for the effort and wish all those who follow us, every success in attempting to break this year's record appeal.

—A.M., V.

SPRING TIME

As the trees all burst into blossom,
And the birds so sweetly sing;
The beautiful flowers in the garden,
All give us the sign of spring.
The wild flowers bloom in the meadow,
The cattle roam on the plain;
All just seems to tell us
That spring is here again.

—Joan Staff, Ie, Bluegum.

TIPS ON TIES

A bright green splash, a little yellow
On a tie just makes a fellow;
Not dark blue and dull red stripe—
Something with a little life!
Bright red, orange, a little blue,
Colours of the sweetest hue,
Makes a boy's appearance change,
Brings girls within the ten-foot range!

—S.A.T., IIIa, Orchid.

LAMENT

Mr. Traynor teaches English and History,
How we learn it is a mystery;
Adverbial Phrases and the Old Stone Age,
No wonder I get a blot on my page!
Mr. Traynor tells us to be good,
Like the proverbial babes in the wood,
But when we talk and make a noise,
He says it's girls, but not the boys.

—M. Bates, Ic, Clematis.

A NIGHTMARE

Flying kidneys and saucers
And barn-doors on hausers,
Covered the ground like a shroud,
The event of a day—
A control line display
By the Dandenong High School crowd.
One flew a floater
With deeply-finned motor.
Which whirred with a musical scream.
The next flew a "combat,"
Which wailed like a tomcat,
And finished up Whang!! on its beam.
Then the third man appeared
And we all were afear'd
Of his jet-propelled kettle
In excellent fettle with oodles of frizzle and steam,
I ran,—but it followed
It hit,—and I hollered—
And awoke from this horrible dream.

—Geoff. Pentland, IVa, Wattle.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1949

MATRICULATION

Geoffrey Hayes
Kenneth Lee
Colin Pierrehumbert,
Francis Smith
John Cook

LEAVING CERTIFICATE:

David Biles
Eric Burchett
Geoffrey Cochrane
John Harris
David Hughes
William Jamieson
Stanley Jebb
Denis Read
Stanley Shears
Graeme Simon
Robert Smith

William Spinks
Graham Stork
Grahame Wilkie
John Russell
15 Patricia Ahern
Ruth Bradford
Beatrice Carr
Beverley Crouch
June Evans
Dorothy Fink
Vera Fraser
Barbara Gay

Mary Latham
Ida McKaskill
Joan Macreadie
Isabelle Mitchinson
Gwen Nason
Yvonne Newton
Marion Pearce
Lorna Perkins
Judith Russell
Eileen Way
Maisie Weaven

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE:

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Geoffrey Davidson
Brian Hosking
Robert McIntosh
Noel Paroissien
Ernest Perkins
Glenthorne Prior
Leonard Robinson
Ian Russell
John Smith
Richard Speed
John Stallery
Ian Thomas
Edgar Whitbourn
Gordon Young
Gordon Barnard
Donald Darbyshire
Ian Dusting
Noel Dwyer
Gordon Hill
Bruce Ritchie
Graham Watson
Norman Whitwell
Geoffrey Wigg
William Owen
Ronald Anderson
John Bourke

Arnold Bryant
Barrie Cruickshank
John Favero
Trevor Grigg
Lesley Barnes
Marion Barraclough
Marilla Bird
Helen Bonar
Anne Buckland
Janice Cravino
Rosemary Ellett
Mae Griffin
Patricia Harmer
Margaret Kiddell
Gwenyth Lloyd
Barbara McKay
Elsie Mellords
Carlyn Nettlebeck
Valerie Parker
Joan Rickey
Kathleen Smith
Erica Tabor
Dorothy Taffs
Mary Whiteside
Beryl Bolch
Mary Carter
Carmel O'Dowd
Zelda Pobjoy

Shirley Watson
Lorraine Campbell.
Wendy Bidwell
Judith Copping
Jean Crawford
Marion Cuff
Joyce Davidson
Peggy Dickson
Violet Dines
Elsie Fisher
Frederick Hughes
William McCutcheon
James Thompson
Alfred Thorne
Robert Watt
Elsie Fisher
Phyllis Graham
Elsie Hill
Jessie Johnson
Joan Le Griffon
Mary McDonald
Myra Mills
Coral Oakes
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