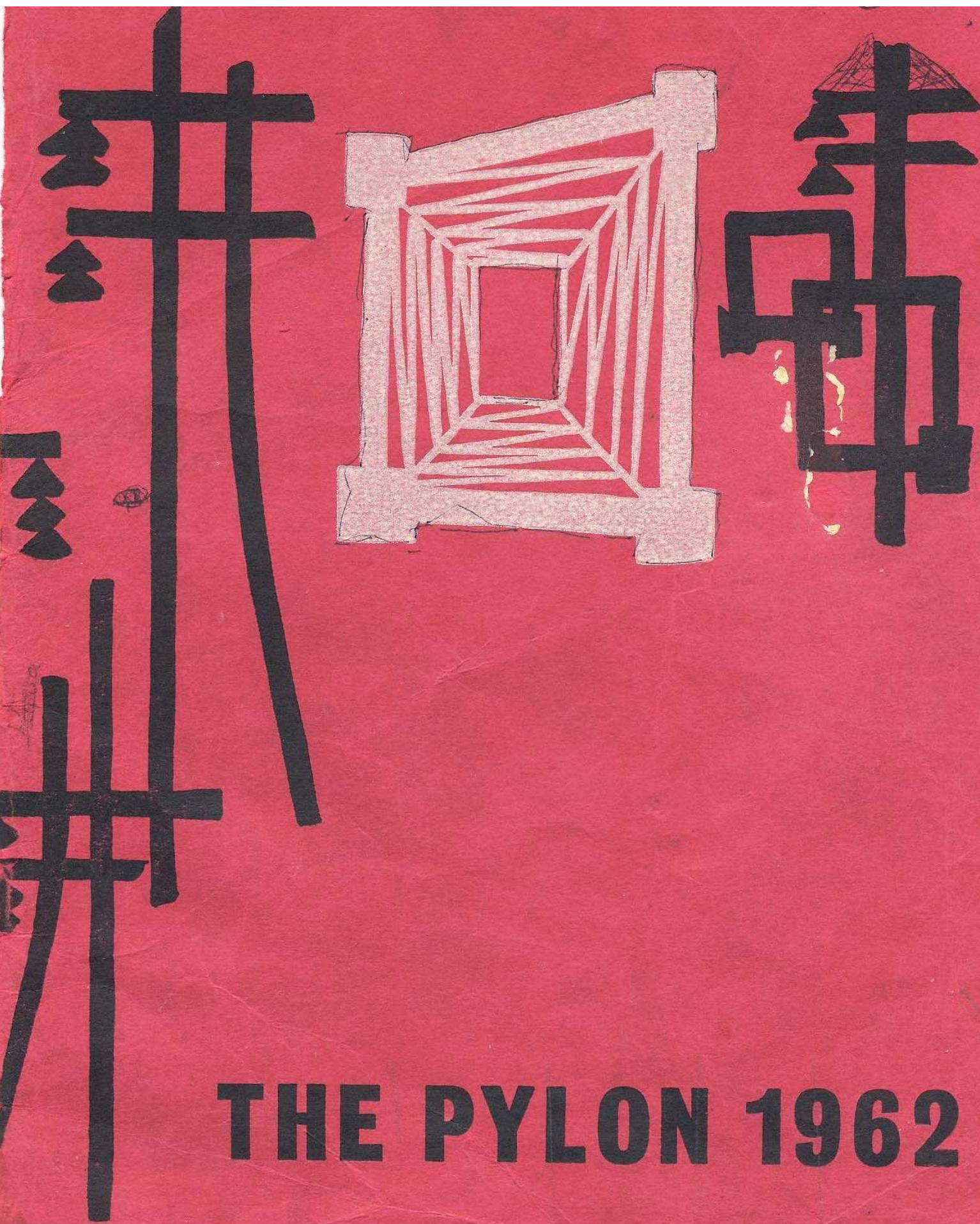




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### Girls:

Susan Wallace (Senior), Lorraine Dupree, Alice Van Staveren, Janice Ipsen, Lynette Maddern, Elizabeth Kempster, Iris Ortolja, Margaret Waterson, Gayle Courtney, Marie Gorman, Merrilyn Murray (left during year).

### Boys:

Stefan Tomasz (Senior), Bruce Garrett, Richard Sullivan, ~~Robert~~ Devers, Peter Gray, Anthony Hoffman, Colin Johnson, John McLaren, Ian Skelton, Ken Scott, Cedric Leathbridge (left during year).

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

### Bass:

Captains: Valerie Humphries, Robert Gunn.  
Vice-Captains: Judy Vincent, Eric Bauman.

### Flinders:

Captains: Diane Stevenson, Ian Brown.  
Vice-Captains: Janice Armstrong, David Grant.

### Mawson:

Captains: Mary Danyluk, Grant McArthur.  
Vice-Captains: Moira Taylor, John Norden.

### Phillip:

Captains: June Morgan, Neville Gorman.  
Vice-Captains: Elizabeth Armstrong, Bruce Davis.

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**Form 6:** Jane McPherson, David Grant.  
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**Form 5B:** Sandra Thompson, Eric Bauman.  
**Form 4A:** Beth Van Staveren, Peter Martin.  
**Form 4B:** Nina Telehus, Malcolm Foy.  
**Form 4C:** Maree Clegg.  
**Form 4D:** Jeanette Gunn.  
**Form 3A:** Mary Van Staveren, John Jacobson.  
**Form 3B:** Dean McArthur.  
**Form 3C:** Susanne Henschell.  
**Form 3D:** Renale Radenkovic, Peter Lock.  
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## HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

A recent Current Affairs Bulletin entitled "The Latrobe Valley — a Regional Study" contains predictions regarding the future of Yallourn which give one much food for thought. It states "Yallourn is exceptional, its population decline reflecting the completion of the building programme, its ageing population and possibly a reduction in the number of constructional workers."

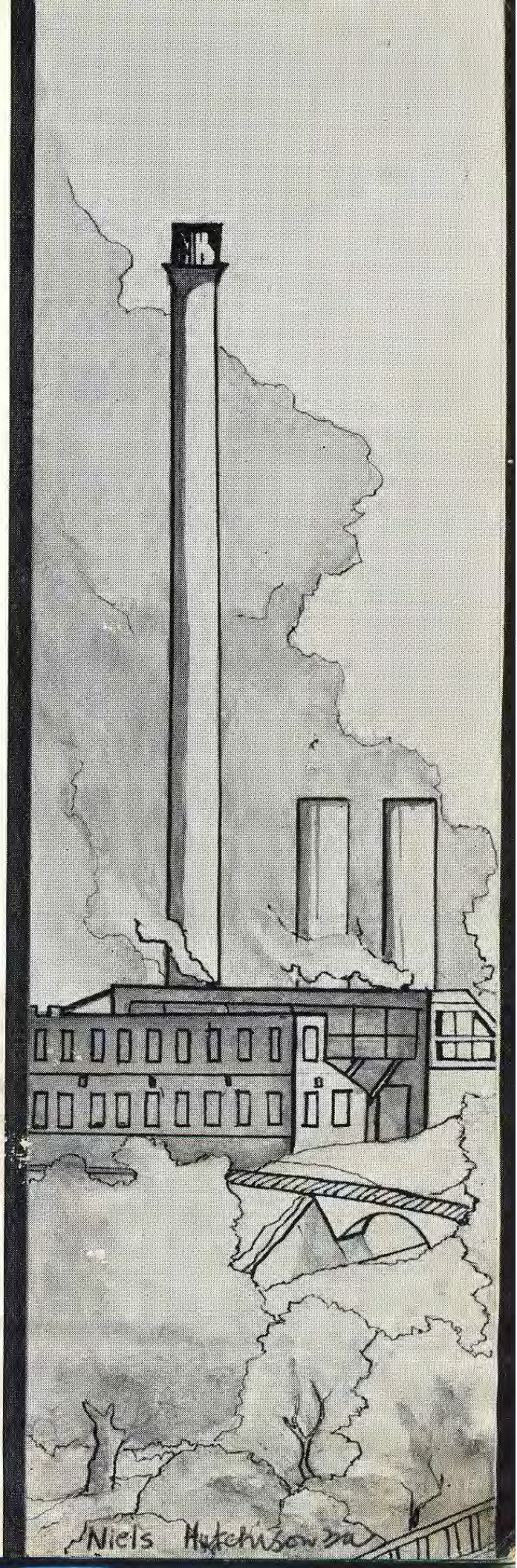
How will this affect Yallourn High School?

**Firstly**, our enrolment will decrease. This in itself will not be a bad thing; there will be fewer desks in each room, there will be rooms available for woodwork and craft, the library will fulfil its proper function, and there will be a separate locker for each pupil.

**Secondly**, our school may have to play second fiddle in sporting competitions against the schools which are growing larger. You have built up a fine reputation in athletics, swimming and team sports, and with enthusiastic training you should be able to prove that quality is better than quantity in this regard.

**Thirdly**, employment for girls, always difficult to find in this area, will become increasingly so. At present "nearly half of the girls leaving school at fourteen or fifteen do not obtain permanent employment. Others are forced to leave home and obtain positions in Melbourne." It is a problem for the civic authorities to establish some avenue of employment for such girls in the area. For those with higher scholastic qualifications, it is to be hoped that something definite will result from the proposals to establish either a University College, Teacher Training College or preferably, a Business College in the district.

*A. Coulson*



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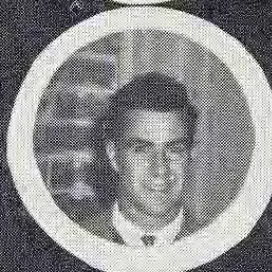
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Mrs. C. Warrell



Mrs. Cadzow

Mrs. Phillips



## STAFF NEWS

### STAFF AT HOME AND ABROAD

Staff news this year mainly concerns people who have come back from overseas, have just gone overseas or are just thinking of going.

Sometimes we wonder if it would be easier if the Department started a branch of Yallourn High in say, Oslo or Rome or Hong-Kong or Moscow or New York, as these are just a few of the places visited by staff or ex-staff members this year.

The Hutchisons, complete with family of three and 3,000,000 colour slides, arrived back at the end of last year just in time to give two months' excited advice to Miss Dorothy Derham and Miss Maree Mitchell who left for Europe at Easter time.

Miss Derham is at present working for the London Electricity Supply, but she has already spent eight weeks touring the Continent — at a cost of ninety pounds for eight weeks. Imagine that!

Miss Mitchell, after having worked in England as a kind of Gallup Poller — if that is what you call people who poll gallups — has returned to Athens where she is now teaching English at a Language Academy.

This week (second week in October) we have welcomed back to school Mrs. Jean Hair who has just finished a five months business trip to England. While away, Mrs. Hair visited the Holy Land, and among places she saw was Petra, an ancient ruined city in South Jordan. The interesting thing about this city, "half as old as time", is that its buildings are carved out of rock — beautiful pink-red sandstone. (We are hoping that it will not be too late for Mrs. Hair to tell us about Petra in a "Pylon" article.)

Four other ex-Y.H.S. teachers who are rapidly becoming world citizens are Miss Jean Birt, Mrs. Laura Robertson, Mrs. Jenny Sanders and Miss Toni Thorne.

Miss Birt, former senior mistress at the school is at present on long-service leave. The most recent report from her tells of her trip to Moscow.

Mrs. Jenny Sanders, after successfully crossing Europe from Athens (in spite of earthquakes and the Italian railways) is now living in Bristol where her husband, Mr. Wilbur Sanders, is studying at the University.

Miss Toni Thorne, another ex-pupil and ex-staff member, is married to Mr. S. Chang and is living in Kuala Lumpur where she is teaching at a high school.

Mrs. Laura Robertson, a former art teacher at the school is also travelling in England and Europe. Her letters indicate that she and Mr. Robertson are having an exciting time. Naturally art galleries are high on their list of things to see.

When school resumed at the beginning of the year, we were missing a Ho, Jo, Ge, Ai, Mc and Ch. However, to take their places we found a No, Be, Th, Br, and a Ht. Later a McG, Wl and Gz joined us. We are pleased to say all these new people soon became part of the establishment.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

This year the Advisory Council has been largely responsible for the improved lighting in classrooms, the provision of incinerators and other equipment, the renovation of the Ladies' Staff Room, the repair of the two pianos, the purchase of the new tape recorder, and, in conjunction with the Ladies' Auxiliary, for the provision of more classroom speakers.

Projects in hand include the erection and lettering of school honour boards donated by Mr. H. W. Wilson, and of a school name plate for the front porch. The plate is being made at Yallourn Technical College. It is hoped that shortly Rooms 16 and 17 will be fitted out as Art Rooms with stainless steel sinks. Application has been made for a subsidy to employ a part-time gardener.

The major work this year has been the regrading and asphaltting in the front area, and the channelling of the oval. Shortly the oval will be regraded.

Continuing its pleasant custom of entertaining the cast of the school play, the Council gave a happy supper party to those concerned with the production of "Oliver Twist".

At the triennial elections in July, three new parents' representatives joined the Council. They are Messrs. R. E. McPherson, G. G. Mounter and K. J. Dolphin, who have already given valuable assistance to the school. Of the old Council, Mrs. A. L. Dupree and Mr. A. A. Martin continue as parents' representatives. The municipalities are represented by Cr. J. C. M. Balfour, M.L.A. (Narracan) who enters his 12th year as Chairman, Crs. E. Scott (Moe), W. J. Pettigrew (Morwell) and W. T. Wallace (Yallourn). Nominated representatives are Rev. W. E. Haddrick (Clergy), Messrs A. Lynch (S.E.C.), L. L. Kreitling (A.P.M.), H. W. Wilson (Business), J. Lawson (Gardens), J. N. Roscholler and A. Coulson (Education Department).

"Pylon" Report.

Unfortunately, as always happens, some of our staff members are leaving Y.H.S. at the end of the year. Mr. John Tremain is going to Camperdown High and Mr. and Mrs. Warrell to Traralgon High. We will miss them. Where else will we get a man who can add up three thousand pounds in small change on his fingers, or a man who knows how to open a locker without having to take the door off? Naturally enough Mr. Wa is taking something with him when he goes — Mrs. Wa. Mrs. Wa came here two years ago as Miss Mo. We are sorry to see her go.

I do not think there is much else to be said except that Miss Da, now Mrs. Tm, tries valiantly to maintain her household in Moe while still teaching in Yallourn. We hope she does not give up the struggle.

To all those staff members who seem to have bought shares in G.M.H. we say "Happy Motoring Customers", "Merry Christmas" and "See you in '63" . . . That goes for you, too!

# PREFECTS

Stefan Tomasz (Head)

Susan Wallace (Head), Lynette Maddern



Gayle Courtney, Marilyn Murray

Bruce Garrett



Marie Gorman, Elizabeth Kempster

Ken Scott



Margaret Waterson, Lorraine Dupree

John McLaren



Alice Van Staveren, Tony Hoffman

Ian Skelton



Janice Ipsen, Richard Sullivan

Colin Johnston



Iris Ortolja, Peter Gray, Robert Devers



## PREFECTS' NEWS

The year began with only six of last year's prefects returning so it was necessary to hold an election for another fourteen prefects to make up the required number.

The Investiture Ceremony was held in the Yallourn Theatre on 13th February when the twenty prefects were presented with their badges by the local Member of Parliament, Councillor J. C. Balfour, M.L.A., with the school, the staff, and a few parents in attendance.

Because of the departure of two of our original number, namely Marilyn Murray and Cedric Leathbridge, Iris Ortolja and Robert Devers were later made prefects.

Our thanks are extended to Mrs. Parsons, who, acting as liaison between staff and prefects, has been most patient in listening to our complaints and settling our differences of opinion. Closer co-operation between the prefects has resulted from the regular meetings held in Room 13, and without them, dissension and chaos would have arisen in our midst.

The highlights of this year have been the two afternoon teas held by the prefects to enable both prefects and staff to become conversant with one another. We feel that this link between prefects and staff (particularly the new staff members) has been sadly lacking and we hope that these functions will be continued in the future, as we afterwards found co-operation with the staff easier and more satisfying.

The other bright spots in the year were the two socials we held, and the Nunawading trip. We were rewarded at both socials by excellent crowds and, although examinations may prevent our participation in the final social, we are well pleased with the success of our earlier efforts.

The Nunawading trip, of course, aroused much excitement in the school and many of our number were represented at our sister-school. The Head Prefects were presented with mementos of the trip — two gold-covered briquettes — manufactured, we were told, in Nunawading.

Our activities have ranged from sports and athletics to choirs and the school production "Oliver Twist". Was it any wonder that two or three conspicuous growths appeared on the faces of the prefects-cum-actors in Room 13?

These activities may prove to the ardent critics in the school that our sole occupation is not operating from, and lounging in, "Club 13".

To our successors we bequeath our palace, Room 13, with its dust in summer and its running water in winter. You will find your new position a challenge. It is sometimes very difficult to have to discipline your non-prefect friends. This is only one of the problems you will be faced with. There are a multitude of others to be met every day. But allow yourself to be just and understanding, and you should win through.

Stefan Tomasz, Sue Wallace.



## LADIES' AUXILIARY

If the Ladies' Auxiliary of Yallourn High School had a motto it would be just one word — work. That is what the Auxiliary exists for and that is what it does. With Mrs. Jack Robertson as President, Mrs. Ron McPherson as Secretary and Mrs. O. Gobius as Treasurer, the Auxiliary has again this year provided the school and its pupils with outstanding service. This has included the running of jumble sales, the provision of luncheons for officials and competitors at inter-house and inter-school sports, and the making of costumes for the school's production of "Oliver Twist".

However, the ladies of the Auxiliary probably worked hardest in connection with their Tenth Annual Debutante Ball. The Ball — a most successful occasion socially and financially — was held at Kernot Hall, on Friday, 14th September. Ten debutantes, trained by Mrs. S. Ellis, were presented to Brigadier Field, General Superintendent S.E.C. Yallourn, and Mrs. Field.

Altogether the sum of two hundred pounds has been donated by the Auxiliary to the school this year. This money has been spent on new sound equipment, the sick room, library books and the provision of scholarships.

We, as members of the school are deeply appreciative of the work done by the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and we wish them to know this.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

### BASS

Valerie Humphreys

Robert Gunn

Judy Vincent

Eric Bauman



### FLINDERS

Diane Stevenson

Ian Brown

Janice Armstrong

David Grant



### MAWSON

Mary Danyluk

Grant McArthur

Moiria Taylor

John Norden



### PHILLIP

June Morgan

Neville Gorman

Elizabeth Armstrong

Bruce Davis



# HOUSE NEWS

## BASS BOYS

The prospects of Bass winning the Grand Aggregate for 1962 are indeed bright. We started the year rather badly, by coming only third in the Swimming Sports. However we were not daunted; this merely roused our fighting spirit. We worked and trained hard, and our efforts were rewarded when we came first in winter sport. As for wood chopping and yard duty, these we took in our stride, coming equal first in the former and so far, first in the latter.

Due mainly to the efforts of Mr. Pyers, public speaking was added to the House Competition this year, and the Choir Competition was renewed. In both these events we came a creditable second.

Athletics, unfortunately is not our strong point, but we did come first in the cross country event. What we lack in the athletic field, we certainly make up in our scholastic abilities, as we have more than kept pace with the other houses.

Up to date we have been most successful in the Social Service Section; Boys and Girls combined brilliantly in collecting eggs and money for the Hospital egg appeal, and we won by a very comfortable margin in both. Judging by the huge pile of clothes now taking up the whole of the platform in Room Eight, we cannot help but win this appeal also.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. Tremain for his help during the year; I would also like to congratulate the other Houses on their fine sportsmanship, and to thank Val Humphreys, Girl Captain of Bass House, for her ceaseless work with the girls. Finally my thanks go to all the boys who have worked so hard to try to make Bass House come out on top, and take away once again the Grand Aggregate.

Robert Gunn.



## BASS GIRLS

This year the girls' house has been divided into two. The junior section has Form I and II and is taken by Judy Vincent (Vice-Captain), and the Senior section is for girls in Forms III, IV, V and VI.

The first house activity this year was the Swimming Sports. Although many of the girls trained hard, the competition of other houses was too strong and we gained third place.

During the second term our girls and boys worked hard practising for the House Choral Competition. Throughout this competition the girls co-operated wonderfully and we gained second position. Run in conjunction was the Public Speaking Competition. Lesley Brymner, who represented the girls' section, came third and Bass, on the whole, came second.

Third term so far has proved very busy. It began with the Athletics Sports on 17th September. This time we came third. Elin Taig was the only girl successful in gaining a championship.

The following week the Egg Appeal started. In this event Bass was successful. We won with seventy dozen and nine eggs. We also collected £32/17/3. My special thanks go to the girls for their brilliant

effort. At the moment (October), the Rag Appeal has just been completed with Bass gaining second place.

Apart from these competitions Bass girls have maintained a steady result with duty, inspection and summer and winter sport. I wish to offer my special thanks to Judy Vincent and Jeanette Winning and the House teachers, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Williams, for their assistance throughout the year.

Lastly I would like to thank the girls for all their assistance and co-operation, and to wish them the best in the future.

Valerie Humphreys.



## MAWSON BOYS

My thanks to all those boys who have in one way or another helped in the struggle for House supremacy. That we have not obtained our goal, is I feel, to some extent due to the lack of senior students, and therefore the results we have achieved are all the more meritorious. Our substantial win in the Athletics Sports augurs well for the future in this field. I am disappointed in my effort to exhort the boys of the house to greater efforts in yard duty, for my failure was made only too evident by the place attained.

As our results in sport generally throughout the year were excellent, I hope our physical powers will be matched by our mental attainments in the coming examinations. Although defeated in both the Egg and Rag Appeals, we were not disgraced because there was little between houses. Congratulations to our house representatives who played such major roles in the school production "Oliver Twist". Special thanks to John Norden for his able assistance as Vice-Captain and to Mr. Dooley, our House Master for help and advice.

Grant McArthur.



## MAWSON GIRLS

Our aim this year was to again reach the top of the ladder of success and restore the banner in its rightful place. But unfortunately, first and second terms were not the best in disclosing our capabilities, because we only came fourth in the Inter-House Swimming Sports, House Choral and Public Speaking Competition, Yard Duty and Inspections.

However, surprises never cease, for in third term we won the Inter-House Athletic Sports, and we came third in both the Egg and Rag Appeals. Yard Duty has improved considerably and not as many points have been lost on the Friday inspections.

My sincerest thanks go to the girls, for their co-operation and eagerness in house activities throughout the year. I have enjoyed my last year at school very much. Especially have I enjoyed being captain of such a wonderful house, which deserves only to be on top.

A special thanks from the girls to Miss Bennett, our House Mistress and Miss Thompson for their strong support and encouragement throughout the year. I should like to thank Moira (Vice-Captain), Jacky (House Representative) and all others who helped during the year.

Congratulations to the winning house. The best of luck Mawson, in 1963 — Climb that mountain!

Mary Danyluk

## FLINDERS BOYS

Flinders again started the year with great success in winning the Swimming Sports, and with help from the girls we gained first place in the House Choral Competition and House Public Speaking. We came second in the Egg Appeal and Athletics Sports, and with the Rag Appeal to come we hope to keep up the good work.

Throughout the year Flinders House Boys have been very keen and have their eyes on the Grand Aggregate, in which we are coming a close second. Even though it is late in the year, we are still improving, and this will bring us closer to victory. No matter which house wins I would like to congratulate its members and all House Captains for the wonderful job they have done.

In conclusion I would like to thank all Flinders House Boys for their support through the year. To Mr. Finnigan, our House Master, David Grant, our Vice-Captain, Neil Ashmead, our Representative, Diane Stevenson and her girls, I would like to say "Thank You". Your valuable assistance and co-operation during the year has been most welcome and greatly appreciated.

Ian Brown.



## FLINDERS GIRLS

To be House Captain of Flinders' girls has been a job which required much patience but I have thoroughly enjoyed my term of office and I sincerely hope my successor does the same.

I must thank all Flinders' girls for their efforts and assistance throughout the year. As a result of their co-operation and keenness we have quite a list of successes which includes the House Choral and Public Speaking Competitions and the Swimming Sports. During Term 3 in our social service effort we came second to our worthy rivals Bass, in the Egg Appeal. Congratulations to them! But we retaliated by defeating them in the Rag Appeal. Here I must thank those girls who helped to pack both the rags and the eggs.

Duty and sport this year have been carried out moderately well. Thanks go to both Janice Armstrong and Lynne Maddern, our Vice-Captain and Lieutenant for their help and advice.

This year there has been close co-operation between girls and boys in the Social Service Appeals. The strength of the boys' efforts were also very noticeable during the Swimming Sports which we won, and the Athletics' Sports. The only other competition which I have not mentioned is Scholarship. I hope that everyone is working hard in a final effort to win the Aggregate.

During the year Miss Derham left us to go to England on a much deserved holiday. We extend our sincere thanks to her for her untiring work for Flinders and the support which she gave to me and my predecessors. To replace Miss Derham we received the

services of both Miss Wilson and Mrs. Hutchison. We thank them for their advice, their help in house assemblies and their efforts to strengthen the house.

In concluding I must thank everyone for giving me the privilege of leading Flinders' girls this year. I am proud to have been Flinders' House Captain during 1962.

Diane Stevenson.



## PHILLIP BOYS

A bright year was had by all Phillipites even if only in house assemblies, as our string of third and fourth places indicate. Phillip's present is not as bright as it might be, but with a little elbow grease and polishing the future might well become something to look forward to. Our boys have capabilities for great things and the thanks of house officials go to those few who have used theirs willingly during the year.

Mr. Pyers, our House Master, has also been a great help to me in my capacity as House Captain and an inspiration to the boys. However even with the lead set by these willing people, the majority of Phillip Boys still seem to hold wood chopping and yard duty in aversion and in this direction we let ourselves and the Phillip House girls down horribly.

However I do feel able to predict a happier future for Phillip House if they are willing to earn it, and I hope some day to see "Phillip 1962" on the Aggregate Cup.

Neville Gorman.



## PHILLIP GIRLS

At the start of 1962 Phillip Girls had that incentive to win which is said to be peculiar to a winning house. Our hopes began to blossom when we started the year off well by gaining first place in the Girls' Aggregate at the Swimming Sports, passing Bass Girls by one point.

As the year progressed our hopes began to dwindle a little, and were generally summed up in the by now well-known phrase — "We'll do better next time;" The combined effort of the boys and girls in the House Choral Competition was not entirely successful although third place wasn't quite as bad as the fourth place in which we were placed at the conclusion of the Egg and Rag Appeals. In the Athletics' Sports we gained second position in the Girls' Aggregate which helped, together with our success in yard duty and dress inspection, to inflate our ego.

This has been quite a successful year for Phillip girls, due mostly to their co-operation. I have enjoyed captaining this house and wish its success in the future.

Lastly I would like to thank sincerely, Mrs. Warrell and Mrs. Noble for their patronage, help and patience this year. Elizabeth (Vice-Captain) had a mammoth job this year in looking after the Junior House and my thanks go out to her and to Iris (House Representative) who willingly assisted in the Senior House.

There is one question I would like to ask the other houses. "Winner takes all?"

June Morgan.

# EXAMINATION AND SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS FOR 1961

## MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE

Ann Clark in five subjects with three second honours, Lit., Geog., Mod. Marjorie Gray in five subjects with three second honours, Mod., Geog., Fr. Kenneth Hannon, in five subjects with two second honours, P. Maths., Calc. Appl. Brian Kilday, in five subjects. Lynette Maddern, in four subjects. Sheila Martin, in five subjects, second honours in Lit., Br. Hist. Janina Perechoden, in five subjects, second honour in Lit. Spencer Sandilands, in four subjects, second honour in Br. Hist. Andrew Smith, in five subjects. Marguerite Teasdale, in three subjects (comp.).



## LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Gilio Barbara, in five subjects. James Carlisle, in six subjects. Bruce Davis, in six subjects. Robert Devers, in six subjects. Ian Dudley, in six subjects. David Grant, in six subjects. Peter Gray, in six subjects. Robert Gunn, in six subjects. Alan Guy, in five subjects. Anthony Hoffman, in six subjects. Colin Johnston, in six subjects. Bruce Lewis, in six subjects. David Lewis, in six subjects. Graeme Middlemiss, in five subjects. David North, in six subjects. David Schmidt, in four subjects. Sylvia Vincent, in seven subjects. Susan Wallace, in six subjects. Jeltje Wybenga, in seven subjects. Anna Niezgochkiy, in six subjects.



## INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE

Ann Brymner, Margaret Cain, Susanne Fewster, Lucy Ciunelis, Janice Cuff, Carol Forbes, Carol Gorman, Morag Grant, Jaqueline Henson, Valerie Humphreys, Sandra Jackson, Jill Kitney, Vera Kolomyec, Mira Kostic, Veronica Lacey, Sandra Lucas, Jennifer McNair, Patricia Mitchell, Margaret Morrison, Iris Ortolja, Ruby Patterson, Christine Sambell, Janet Smith, Alison Taylor, Dianne Terry, Sandra Thompson, Alida van Staveren, Jeanette Winning, Shirley Wolfenden, Mary Zarb, Neil Ashmead, Eric Bauman, Robin Bavington, Stuart Delahay, Ian Fleming, Brian Francis, James Fuller, Neville Gorman, Janis Gulbis, Lawrence Haddrick, Geoffrey Hannon, Cedric Leathbridge, Alan McMaster, Christopher Myers, John Norden, Kenneth Scott, Roger Stitson, Lionel Standley, Elizabeth Armstrong, Thelma Daniel, Jillian Dolphin, Elizabeth Goold, Penelope Heath, Eunice Hill, Monika Karpinski, Giraite Kunca, Barbara Malek, June Morgan, Janise McCoy, Judith Vincent, Alexander Bainrot, Edward Blythe, Ian Brown, Richard Christie, Maurice English, Peter Ganz, Neil Clancy, David Hebb, Ryszard Kurek, Allen Le Lievre, Svetislav Petrovic, Brian Shaw, Terence Sullivan, John Thorpe, Roger Vale, John Walsh, Walter Zajarski, Louise Ardern, Janice

Beasley, Carol Benson, Norma Bremner, Valerie Brydson, Christine Buntin, Sandra Cunningham, Mary Danyluk, Joan Downey, Lynette Ford, Marie Goodwin, Joy Ipsen, Shirley Keenan, Zofia Kurek, Robin Mooney, Janice Newton, Mary O'Brien, Judith Sprigge, Sandra Vogel, Jennifer Watson, Shirley Brown, Jennifer Cutter.



## TEACHING BURSARIES

Matriculation: Gayle Courtney (L), Marie Gorman (L), Marilyn Murray (L), Dianne Stevenson (L), Margaret J. Robertson (L), Margaret A. Waterson (L).

Leaving Certificate: Maureen A. Cowles, Janis Gulbis, Mira Kostic, Valerie H. Humphreys, Jennifer A. McNair, Iris Ortolja, Dianne Terry, Sandra Thompson, Alice A. van Staveren, Shirley Lorraine Wolfenden.



## COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Margery Gray, Sheila Martin, Ann Clark, Ken Hannon.



## JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Albert W. Kenny, Mary M. J. van Staveren, Karen Johnson, Gordon V. Lewis, Margaret Tullis, George Kivlins, Gregory J. Carter, Henry K. F. Laszczyk, Stephen C. Power, Robert J. Lowe.



## FREE PLACES, 1962

Aileen J. Meikle, Mary Green, Diana M. Garrett, Martin Hill.



## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A.P.M. Scholarships: Lorraine Wolfenden, Jennifer Cutter.

S.E.C. Scholarships: Hettie Swanink, John Alexander. Ladies' Auxiliary: Valerie Humphreys, Muriel Kennedy, Alice van Staveren, Christine Vincent. Michael Guss: Kenneth Hollands.

Yallourn Chamber of Commerce: Beth van Staveren. S.E.C.O.A.: Florence Ham, Robert Castelow.



## NURSING BURSARIES

Ann Lesley Brymner, Janice Armstrong.

# SCHOOL DIARY, 1962

## February:

- 6.—Staff and Forms V and VI returned to school.
- 7.—The remaining forms returned. Total enrolment, 684.
- 13.—Prefects' investiture.
- 28.—Inter-House Swimming Sports.
- 28.—Forms V and VI English Literature classes went to the Union Theatre, Melbourne, to see "Macbeth".

## March:

- 12.—Labour Day and school holiday.
- 14.—Inter-School Swimming Sports.
- 30.—Miss Mitchell left for overseas.

## April:

- 2.—Miss Daniel arrived back, as Mrs. Thompson.
- 7.—Teams from Presentation College, Moe, visited Yallourn.
- 12.—Miss Derham left school for overseas.
- 16.—School visited by inspectors.
- 19.—Start of Easter Holidays.
- 25.—Anzac Day. Two senior prefects attended wreath laying ceremony in town square.
- 30.—Examinations commenced for the senior school.

## May:

- 4.—Girls' Choir went to Dandenong.
- 9.—First Prefects' Social.
- 11.—Boys' Choir and the Mixed Ensemble visited Dandenong.
- 18.—End of Term 1. Start of holidays.
- 29.—Resumption of school.

## June:

- 1.—Mrs. Hair left for overseas.
- 20.—Teams from Traralgon visited Yallourn.
- 25.—Junior School's examinations commenced.
- 27.—Two trainee teachers visited Yallourn High. Mrs. Oddoye, Miss King.
- 28.—Yallourn High School teams visited Nuna-wading High School.

## July:

- 5.—Fifth Form Geography class from Yea High School visited Yallourn and together with fifth form geography students from Yallourn they visited the Power Station, Briquette Factory and Open Cut. In the evening they were billeted by Y.H.S. students.
- 10.—House Choir competition.  
House Public Speaking Competition.
- 12.—Visit to Archaeological Exhibition.
- 18.—Some senior pupils started attending dancing classes.
- 25.—Two teacher recruiting officers visited the school.

## August:

- 1.—"Macbeth" and "Julius Caesar" — produced by Young Elizabethans.
- 3.—Second term examination for the senior school.
- 6.—C.A.E. Ballet.
- 10.—Second Prefects' Social.
- 13.—Sixty pupils left for Tasmania.
- 21.—Education week began.
- 27, 28, 29—"Oliver Twist".
- 31.—Second term holidays commenced.

## September:

- 11.—Start of Term III.
- 14.—Debutante Ball.
- 19.—Inter-House Athletic Sports.
- 24.—Holiday granted by the Advisory Council.
- 25.—Egg Appeal opened. Army Recruiting Officers visited the school.

## October:

- 2.—Rag Appeal opened.
- 6.—Schoolgirl Championships.
- 17.—Inter-School Athletic Sports.

## November:

- 19.—Examinations commenced for Forms I to V.
- 26.—Examinations form Form VI.

## December:

- 13.—Speech Night.
- 18.—Final Social.
- 19.—End of school year.

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## EDITORIAL

**Earlier this year the future of the Yallourn Town Area was revealed. It seems certain that, after another thirty years, the town will be demolished to allow the rich coal deposits under it to be won.**

We are prompted to ask what effect this decision will have on the future of Yallourn High School. Will we be required to use our already out-dated, and in some cases, dilapidated buildings for a further thirty years?

According to the Education Department's present view, the life expectancy of a new high school — such as the one being built at Newborough — should be thirty years. Economic and practical reasons may well make it unrealistic to imagine that a new school could be built in Yallourn. But surely the present school deserves some major alterations and improvements.

We have had to use the ugly temporary army huts for the last fifteen years. The removal of these three buildings would allow more class rooms to be built.

With an enrolment of nearly seven hundred pupils, the Yallourn High School has one of the smallest playing areas of any high school in the State. This fact makes it impossible for many more separate buildings to be constructed. But, a large two or three-storeyed building would solve accommodation problems and it could also contain badly needed locker, wash and study rooms. It may even create more playing area.

With a new building of the kind mentioned above, the lack of adequate accommodation for the Library, which at present doubles as a class-room, could be remedied. The Library could be transferred to rooms eight and nine, thus releasing room three for class lessons.

Using a little imagination to direct the worthwhile expenditure of money, our present problems could be eliminated satisfactorily. Why should Yallourn High School be forgotten and made to exist on its present resources for the remaining thirty years of its life?

## SUB-EDITORIAL

Are we living in a "space age", an "atom age" or a "scientific age"? The name is of no real significance, the implication is. We are living in an age of great scientific development and conquest — one which is showering us with its inventions. What do most of these discoveries mean to us? The splitting of the atom, the venture into space and the discoveries of new isotopes, as far as daily life is concerned, merely provide a topic for discussion at school, or over the tea table.

However, science has provided us with inventions which are directly related to everyday life. Among them is television. Television was primarily designed as a substitute for the public picture theatre. In fact it was to provide a picture theatre in the privacy of your home. Today we find it has fulfilled its purpose and more. Its popularity has risen so quickly, that it is seriously challenging other social entertainments and activities. We need only look at the increasing sales of television sets and the decreasing attendance at picture theatres to gauge its grip on the Australian public.

What is the reason for its success? Most importantly, it provides a large variety of programmes from which to choose. This at least ensures that the viewers will be satisfied by watching a programme of their choice. Secondly, television is ultimately cheaper than going out. A third contributing factor is convenience. Since television provides entertainment in the comfort of our homes, we become lazy; we cannot be bothered going out.

We therefore discover, as in this case, that not all scientific discoveries are ultimately beneficial to us. The increasing popularity of television leaves us wondering. Will the time come when the one-eyed wombat, the idiot box, mothers' delight, or whatever you like to call it, becomes the only source of entertainment known to millions of Australians? Time will tell.

# INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

## 24 RECORDS BROKEN

The high standard of swimming of the Yallourn High students was clearly indicated when 24 records were broken at their Annual Inter-House Swimming Sports, held at the Yallourn Olympic pool on the 21st February.

An overcast sky, cold breeze and even colder water may have had a strong influence on the competitors who turned in very good times for all events. Outstanding performers were Gabriel Sova and Neil Ashmead who broke four records each. Introduced this year were two new events — the open 50 yards Butterfly for girls and boys. In all, fifty-two events were contested.

Mr. Arthur Brogan of the Yallourn Swimming Club was referee. He stated that the standard of swimming was quite high, but he also said, "Probably, a lot of you were dissappointed about being disqualified in the breaststroke events." Mr. Brogan added that it was important to use correct strokes because swimmers with unorthodox styles would be penalised in open competition and would be throwing points away.

The standard of diving however was weak. Only two competitors, both girls, would be capable of competing in open competition because only they could do more than one dive well.

Of the events, the relays in particular were of high standard, five records being broken. The winner of the Swimming Aggregate was Flinders House which won seventeen events and gained two hundred and sixty-two points. They were followed by Phillip, two hundred and sixteen, Bass, two hundred and fourteen, and Mawson with one hundred and eighty-one points.

Individual champions were —

|            | GIRLS        | BOYS         |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Under 13 — | S. Hilditch  | M. Lambert   |
| Under 14 — | G. Christie  | J. Kimberley |
| Under 15 — | J. Vickery   | L. Planner   |
| Under 16 — | G. Sova      | I. James     |
| Under 19 — | J. Armstrong | N. Ashmead   |

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## DANDENONG CHOIRS

Moira Taylor  
Elizabeth Kempster  
Christine Vincent  
Janice Armstrong  
Alice van Staveren  
Lynette Maddern  
Heather Norden  
Ruth Lynn  
Francis Cove  
Annie Swanink  
Mary Zarb  
Margaret Waterson  
Barbara Ferguson  
Roslyn McArthur  
Denise Cox  
Margaret Robertson  
Zofia Kurek  
Suzanne Fewster  
June Morgan  
Jane McPherson  
Wendy Black  
Svetlana Karadzic  
Elizabeth Armstrong  
Margaret Nutt  
Sandra Thompson  
Maureen Cowles  
Beverley Greenlees  
Iris Jones  
Hettie Swanink  
Lorraine Dupree  
Merrilyn Murray  
Judith Vincent  
Valerie Humphreys  
Janice Ipsen

Robin Bavington  
Geoff Hannon  
Malcom Foy  
Kenneth Hutchison  
Brendon Schmidt  
Michael Kotiw  
Ian Brown  
Tony Hoffman  
Roger Vale  
Edward Wissmer  
Peter Ganz  
Janis Gulbis  
Weird Tyben  
Chris Myers  
Albert Gobius  
Ken Scott  
David Scott  
Robert Devers  
Richard Snape  
Albin Piorkowski  
David Stones  
Rodney Grant  
Robert Gunn  
Stefan Tomasz  
George Milojevic  
Svetislav Petrovic  
Ian Charlesworth

### Ensemble —

Robin Bavington  
Janice Armstrong  
Alice van Staveren  
Francis Cove  
Annie Swanink  
Zofia Kurek  
Geoff Hannon  
June Morgan  
Elizabeth Armstrong  
Chris Myers  
Robert Devers  
Ken Scott  
Maureen Cowles  
Judith Vincent  
Stefan Tomasz  
Carol Gorman



# DANDENONG CHOIR SUCCESSSES!

## Y.H.S. CHOIRS PROVE THEIR WORTH

Again this year, Yallourn High School sent three choirs to the Dandenong Festival. Each came home with a second place. The Dandenong Festival, one of the most eagerly awaited events of Term I, attracts many entries from over a very wide area, so the Yallourn High School effort was very good indeed.

The choirs, a Girls' Choir, Boys' Choir and Mixed Ensemble were trained and conducted by Mr. Pyers. The girls were accompanied by Mrs. Horman, while the boys and Mixed Ensemble were accompanied by Mr. Sanders.

The girls, singing "Youth and Love", and "Joshua Fit de Battle ob Jericho", went to the Festival on Friday the 4th May. They were narrowly beaten by Santa Maria Convent, Northcote. The adjudicator, Mr. B. M. Carrigg, was highly pleased with the singing he heard, and he said that our girls and the winners were good enough to represent Australia in any youth contest. To complete a very successful piece of work the girls won second place in the Festival Choral Championship where they were again beaten by Santa Maria Convent.

On Friday, 11th May, the Boys' Choir came second to De la Salle College Senior Choir. The adjudicator commented on their very good blending of voices, which, he said, was probably the best he had heard at this year's Festival. They sang "Devon, Oh Devon" and "Gentle Annie".

The sixteen members of the Mixed Ensemble performed very creditably, being beaten by Dandenong High School. They sang two folk songs "Ground Hog" and "Lament".

Although Yallourn High School gained no first place, our effort can be called most successful. Competition was very keen, the singing generally of a high standard, and so the reputation our school choirs have built up over the last eight years has been upheld.

However, what about three Firsts next year?

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# NUNAWADING TRIP WE WERE TROUNCED

This year we went to Nunawading to regain the K. W. Yon Shield but . . .

We arrived at Nunawading station with our hopes so high that we couldn't even reach them.

After being taken to the school we met our billiters and were taken by bus, car or under our own steam to our billiter's where we settled down and relaxed. Some of us, who were lucky enough, didn't spend the afternoon at home — we went to such places as the pictures, on a tour of Melbourne, a factory or the Hawthorn Bowl.

After returning home and satisfying our hunger with a terrific meal — and most of them were terrific, we began our journey to the new Box Hill High School Hall where we were to have a social.

We danced and dined all night. Yes, we dined — on so many cakes, sandwiches and drinks that each of us swore never to touch food again. During the social each of Yallourn's teachers and head prefects were presented with a genuine gold briquette from Nunawading.

While our food was settling we were provided with a floor show by Nunawading students.

This social, as usual, was not just an ordinary social. It was a Nunawading-Yallourn social and these are so good that they can't be surpassed by anything, except the next year's. After having slept off our fullness we were refilled by our overnight mothers and sent on our way to school where we were to fight out the main events — the sports.

We only half listened to our billiters when they told us they had excellent teams — they were trying to get us scared. After the sports we found what they were talking about. They had thrashed us. Only a few winning Yallourn teams remained, and those that did were pretty leg weary.

Our hopes were dashed.

At a general assembly we were told that they had beaten us by ten games to five with two drawn.

Our Headmaster, Mr. Coulson, presented Nunawading's Headmaster, Mr. Hobba, with a memento to thank them for the wonderful time we had had.

Another presentation which was made was that of the Senior Football's "Yallourn's Best". The presentation, the idea of the Nunawading Football team, was made by their captain to Yallourn High player, Neville Gorman.

We returned home — beaten.

But it's not like Yallourn High to be second rate. Our hopes are building up again. We're waiting for next year when we will regain that elusive shield.

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