



**THE PYLON 1963**







# YALLOURN HIGH SCHOOL



Headmaster: Mr. A. Coulson, M.Sc., B.Ed.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL

Cr. J. C. M. Balfour, M.L.A., Mr. J. N. Roscholler, Mrs. A. L. Dupree, Mr. L. L. Kreitling, Rev. W. Haddrick, Mr. J. Lawson, Cr. A. Lynch, Mr. A. A. Martin, Cr. W. J. Pettigrew, Mr. W. W. Wilson, Cr. W. T. Wallace, Mr. K. J. Dolphin, Cr. E. Scott, Mr. G. T. Mounter, Mr. R. E. McPherson.

## STAFF

### Men:

Mr. S. R. Hutchison, B.A., B.Ed., T.P.T.C. (Senior Master).  
Mr. D. F. Dycall, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. B. R. Harrison, B.A. B.Ed.  
Mr. W. J. Brown, B.A., Dip.Ed., A.A.S.A.  
Mr. V. J. Pyers, B.A., L.T.C.L., T.P.T.C.  
Mr. J. Dooley, B.A., Dip.Ed.  
Mr. J. J. R. Hazen, B.Sc., Dip.Ed.  
Mr. N. L. Gerraty, B.Sc., Dip.Ed. (Left during year)  
Mr. E. R. Rooms, T.S.T.C.  
Mr. G. L. Cook, T.S.T.C. (Arts and Craft)  
Mr. L. R. Waters, T.P.T.C.  
Mr. R. B. Place, T.P.T.C.  
Mr. D. F. Croaker, L.D.A.  
Mr. A. Martyn.  
Mr. H. J. Winfield, Trade Certificate (Left during year)

### Women:

Mrs. P. M. Parsons, T.P.T.C. (Senior Mistress)  
Mrs. M. J. Thomson, B.A., Dip.Ed.  
Mrs. A. L. Noble, B.Sc., T.S.T.C.  
Miss A. C. Rocke, B.A., T.S.T.C.  
Miss E. R. Ellis, B.A., Dip.Ed.  
Miss M. E. Bennett, T.S.T.C. (Dom. Arts.)  
Mrs. E. A. Williams, T.S.T.C. (Dom. Arts.)  
Miss J. I. Ohrbom, T.S.T.C. (Art and Craft)  
Mrs. M. K. Gunn, T.P.T.C.  
Mrs. G. S. Smith, P.T.T.C.  
Mrs. J. J. Hair  
Mrs. R. M. Ross  
Miss S. M. Cooper, T.S.T.C. (Left during year)  
Miss L. M. Burchall, T.P.T.C.  
Mrs. G. I. Hugenin  
Mrs. P. Schmidt (Librarian)  
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Mrs. J. M. Phillips  
Mrs. N. W. Hutchison, T.P.T.C.  
Mrs. A. Hayward (Office)  
Miss M. Kennedy (Office)

## PREFECTS

### Girls:

Iris Ortolja (Senior), Jennifer Cuther, Sandra Thompson, Sandra Jackson, Margaret Morrison, Margaret Robertson, Jennifer McNair, Vera Kolomyec, Elizabeth Lewis, Christine Vincent.

### Boys:

Stefan Tomasz (Senior), Kenneth Scott, Ian Skelton, Ian Fleming, Neville Gorman, Ben Thiedeman, Bruce Davis, Janis Gulbis, Chris Myers, Colin Johnson, Lionel Standley.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

### Bass:

Captains: Judy Vincent, George Milojevic.  
Vice-Captains: Carol Hunt, Peter Skelton.  
Junior Captains: D. Stitson, S. Reed.

### Flinders:

Captains: Joan Atkinson, Douglas Kimberley.  
Vice-Captains: Kristine Henry, David Scott.  
Junior Captains: Myra Haddrick, Frank Vella.

### Mawson:

Captains: Joan Vickery, Grant McArthur.  
Vice-Captains: Elizabeth Thompson, John Norden.  
Junior Captains: Valerie Fankhauser, Tony Henson.

### Phillip:

Captains: Gabrielle Sova, Howard Ellis.  
Vice-Captains: Jillian Dolphin, Alan McMaster.  
Junior Captains: Carol Neilson, Paul Taylor.

## FORM CAPTAINS

**Form 6:** Joy Ipsen, Graeme Middlemiss.  
**Form 5A:** Barbara Ferguson, John Humphries.  
**Form 5B:** Beth Van Staveren, Alan Tatlow.  
**Form 4A:** Pauline Douglas, Gary Middlemiss.  
**Form 4B:** Sandra Garret, Bill Udewenko.  
**Form 4C:** Heather Gilchrist, Anton Misiurka.  
**Form 4D:** Suzanne Henschel.  
**Form 4E:** Maureen Curtis, Peter Hannon.  
**Form 3A:** Dianne Hobden, Douglas Tatlow  
**Form 3B:** Ann Whitely, Andrew Vanyai.  
**Form 3C:** Glenda Christie.  
**Form 3D:** Carol French, Gregory Porter.  
**Form 2A:** Janet McKinna, Malcolm Gibson.  
**Form 2B:** Elizabeth Vanyai, Russell Johnston  
**Form 2C:** Karen Salisbury.  
**Form 1A:** Judith McDonald, Ian Smith.  
**Form 1B:** Lynette Lyons, David Lewis.  
**Form 1C:** Pamela Daddo.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Ferguson. Secretary: Mrs. A. L. Dupree  
Treasurer: Mrs. Tomasz.

## PARENTS', TEACHERS', CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

President: Cr. J. C. M. Balfour, M.L.A.  
Secretary: Mrs. Hunt. Treasurer: Mr. M. McCrae.



# HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

As the end of the school year approaches, I find myself writing many character references for pupils intending to leave. It is a sign of the increasing selectiveness of employers that they now ask for more personal details about applicants. A few years ago all they required to know was that the applicant had Intermediate or Leaving Certificate. Now, in addition to being a capable student, reliable and honest, they are looking for people who are fond of sport, who mix well with other people and who show some powers of leadership.

Some large firms go much further in the questions they ask. For example. "How does his appearance and manner affect others?" "Does he need constant prodding, or does he go ahead with his work without being told?" "Can he get others to do what he wishes?" "How does he control his emotions?" "What are his out-of-school interests and activities?"

The obvious point of the above is that you should endeavour now to develop not only your scholastic ability, but also your ability at games, and your ease in social affairs. When opportunities occur, never refuse a place in a choir or the cast of a play, nor neglect a nomination to be a captain or official of a club or team.

*A. Coulson*



## STAFF NEWS

This year we say goodbye to two members of staff, who, throughout their years here, have been associated closely with the cultural life of the school.

Mr. Pyers, after eight years at Yallourn, is identified with many features of school life. His energy, resource and talent have enriched the lives of many students and he has been responsible for memorable achievements in music and theatrical production. Activities associated with music have included singing for assemblies and Religious Instruction, the training of Speech Night and Dandenong Choirs which have achieved considerable annual success.

For many years he has been responsible for the annual school production and we shall not easily forget "Pinafore", "Princess Ida", "Toad", "Oliver Twist" and "Music Theatre", nor Mr. Pyers' own parts as Jack Point, Koko, and Lord Mount-Ararat.

When we realise that Public speaking activities have been part of his responsibilities, too, it is surprising to find that he has found time to teach English and History to Matriculation students and there is little need to state that we envy Korumburra High School, to which he will be going next year.

Mr. Dooley has worked with Mr. Pyers during the past six years in many of the activities mentioned. His hard work and interest have helped ensure the success of productions. He will be remembered for his good-humoured, energetic assistance and for his performances as Gama, Dead Eye Dick and the Lord Chancellor. Croydon High School will benefit next year.

We thank Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Ross for their services and wish them, and Miss Ellis, Miss Ohrbom and Mr. Croaker, good fortune.

"Pylon" Report.

## STAFF, 1963

Left to Right:

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Mr. S. R. Hutchison  
Mrs. P. M. Parsons

Mr. D. F. Dyll  
Mr. B. R. Harrison  
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Mr. L. R. Waters

Mr. D. F. Croaker  
Mr. A. Martyn  
Miss L. M. Burchell  
Mrs. J. J. Hair  
Mrs. R. M. Ross

Mrs. E. L. Bisset  
Mrs. A. Hayward  
Miss M. Kennedy







# ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Meet the Members . . .

## (a) Municipal Representatives

Cr. J. C. M. Balfour, M.L.A., has been Chairman since 1955, and a member since 1947, representing Narracan Shire. He lives at Willow Grove on his dairy farm, but spends much of his time in Melbourne as Secretary of the State Cabinet.

Cr. W. J. Pettigrew represents the Shire of Morwell (Herne's Oak area); this year he is President of the Shire. He is a principal of Garden Motors Ltd. and his daughters are ex-students of the school. He joined the Advisory Council in 1958.

Cr. G. E. Scott of Newborough has represented the Borough of Moe since 1958.

Cr. W. T. Wallace joined the Advisory Council in 1953 as representative of Yallourn Town Advisory Council. Judith and Sue Wallace have been senior prefects of the school.

## (b) Parents' Representatives

Mrs. A. L. Dupree joined the Council in 1959. She is well known for her work in the Swimming Club, Thespians, C.W.A. and other bodies. Philip, Lorraine and Geoff Dupree have attended the school.

Mr. K. J. Dolphin joined in 1962. He runs Dolphin's Bookshop, is an ex-Squadron Leader of the R.A.A.F., and has Jillian and Trevor at the school.

Mr. A. A. Martin joined in 1959. His son Peter is now at the Tech., and Sheila is in Teachers' College. Mr. Martin is on the Yallourn Library Committee.

Mr. G. T. Mounter is a new member, his daughter Jill is in Form 2. He is a leading figure in the Astronomical Society and the Yallourn Library.

Mr. R. E. McPherson, father of Jane, Ewan and Lachlan, was an Army officer and is now an S.E.C. engineer.

## (c) District Interests Representatives

Rev. W. E. Haddrick, of the Presbyterian Church, Yallourn is the father of Laurie and Myra.

Mr. J. Lawson, curator of the S.E.C. Nursery, has been responsible for the planting of many of the trees and shrubs in our grounds. He is Treasurer of the Council.

Mr. A. Lynch is the official S.E.C. representative on the Council, and also our delegate to meetings of the Advisory Councils' Association in Melbourne.

Mr. H. W. Wilson is a new member, representing business interests as a principal of the large butcher organization. His firm donated the school honour boards and a scholarship this year.

## (d) Departmental Representatives

Mr. J. N. Roscholler, B.A., B.Ed., is District Inspector of Schools for the Traralgon inspectorate. By virtue of his position, he is ex-officio member of the Councils of all schools in the area.

Mr. A. Coulson, M.Sc., B.Ed., as headmaster is honorary secretary of the Advisory Council.

## What has the Advisory Council done lately?

It has arranged for the erection of the Honour Boards, and paid for the lettering. It arranged the installation of stainless steel sinks in Rooms 16 and 17, and paid for the sewerage extensions there. It sponsored the formation of the Parent-Teacher-Citizen Association. It repaired the wire netting of the tennis court and the cricket nets. It plays a big part in "Operation Teacher Relief" and the organisation of Speech Night.

Its immediate objective is the provision of hot water showers and wash-basins in the two shelter sheds.

# LADIES' AUXILIARY NOTES

This year the Ladies' Auxiliary has been as busy as ever.

This year's activities began in March when we catered for the official lunch at the Inter-School Swimming Sports.

A jumble sale of used clothing realised a profit of £68.

This year the Auxiliary paid all the expenses in connection with the social held at Kernot Hall during the visit from Nunawading High School. We also catered for lunch for the students on the day they left Yallourn.

During the run of this year's School Production, "Music Theatre", we had a successful foyer stall for sweets and drinks. On that occasion we also worked in conjunction with the Advisory Council to provide supper for the cast after the final performance.

September saw us catering again. This time for lunches at the Inter-House Athletics Meeting.

Of course September is our busy time. It is then that we hold our Annual Debutante Ball. This year's Ball — a social as well as a financial success — was held at Kernot Hall, on Friday, 13th September. Eleven debutantes, trained by Miss Heather Stewart — an ex-pupil of the School — were presented to the Chairman of the State Electricity Commission, Mr. W. H. Connolly and Mrs. Connolly.

Money raising is the main reason for our existence. This year the Yallourn Little Theatre helped us in this regard by donating to us the proceeds of their production "The Amorous Prawn."

The money raised has to be spent. We have again been able this year to donate £60 to the School library and we are giving five £10 Scholarships to students who will be in senior forms in 1964.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Headmaster, Mr. Coulson, and members of the staff for their help during the year.

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# **PARENTS', TEACHERS' AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION**

## **A NEW ASSOCIATION**

This year saw the beginning of a new association in the life of the School. The Parents', Teachers' and Citizens' Association was formed in May of this year.

Its aim as laid down in its constitution is to serve the pupils of the School. It has set about doing this by attempting to form a liaison between teachers, parents and citizens and by working for the overall development of the School.

Since May the Association has held monthly meetings at which a variety of syllabus items have been presented. For example, talks and discussion on such topics as Educational Psychology, Vocational Guidance and The Improvement of Reading Techniques have been given.

One of the most successful evenings was the "Any Questions" sessions held during Education Week.

The Committee of the Association has tried hard to interest parents and teachers in this new organisation but the financial membership which at present stands at eighty would seem to indicate a certain apathy on the part of many of those people whose vital concern it should be — namely the parents.

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# **STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

## **INAUGURAL YEAR**

In March of this year, the majority of Yallourn High School pupils affirmed their support for a Students' Representative Council, whose function was to be to air grievances and request improvements.

During the weeks that followed form representatives were elected, and, from these, office bearers. The first meeting was then held.

The S.R.C. is a representative body with advisory powers. It functions like a miniature House of Commons, complete with speaker, Hansard, and even a fluctuating government and opposition, two small cliques. But here any resemblance ends, for the S.R.C. cannot impose its judgement on others.

For this reason, the Council has incurred the displeasure of those who caused its creation. Formed to serve the entire school, it does. The representatives do not execute the will of individuals.

Although lacking in student support, the S.R.C. has fulfilled its function. It has voiced, accurately, the opinion of the school in many differing fields, it has effected several improvements in school life, both at school and at its social functions, and it has given the school a practical example of how a democratic assembly works.

Its first year, from birth to today, has been the growth of the Council into an effective institution which materially benefits the school it serves. Having fulfilled all this, it must be continued into the next year, to equal, and then exceed the feats of 1963.

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## PREFECTS' NOTES

The Prefects' year began with their investiture at Kernot Hall and the presentation of their badges by Councillor J. C. Balfour, M.L.A., the local Member of Parliament. Four of last year's prefects returned and another seventeen were elected for the current year.

Early in the year, the prefects held an afternoon tea for the staff. Last year it had been found that the informal atmosphere of these occasions had made it easier for prefects and, particularly, new members of staff, to meet and come to know one another better than normal school conditions would allow, and so promote greater co-operation and understanding between the two bodies. We hope that this has been the case this year and we also hope that our successors will continue this newly established tradition.

The highlights of our year's activities have been our two socials. Our hard work and feelings of frustration in the hectic job of getting the hall ready were rewarded by excellent crowds on both occasions. Our thanks are extended to St. John's Church of England, for the use of the Sunday School Hall at a liberal charge, which has made our socials economically possible.

Once again, Mrs. Parsons has acted as liaison between the staff and the prefects. We would like to thank her most sincerely for her patience, help and guidance in many contentious incidents that have arisen. Our thanks are also extended to Mr. Hutchison and to Mr. Coulson and to all members of staff who have made our tasks, if at least not easier, more purposeful.

Prefects have taken part in most, if not all, school activities. These ranged from sports teams to "Music Theatre". To our usual duties have been added another two. The first has been to raise the flag at Monday morning assemblies. Despite a broken and rotten halyard, when the dismayed prefect watched the flag slip slowly into the muddy gutter (much to the amusement of the school) twisted halyards and missing the cue (namely the first drum-roll of the National Anthem) the job has been an uneventful one.

The second has been the chairmanship of the Students' Representative Council. The Senior Prefects have taken it in turns to act as Chairman on the newly founded body. They both wish it success in the future.

Finally, remember that if you are made a prefect in the future it is not a job for the faint-hearted and the weak-willed. Your job is a challenge. Often, what you ask people to do will be displayed, and although you may not like asking people, particularly your friends, to abide by the rules of the school, remember that a prefect's job is to work for the good of the greatest number. With this in mind, your apparent straight, narrow and stony way will prove to be a year of new experience and happiness, not to mention the sense of achievement you will gain from a job well done.

The Prefects.

## PREFECTS, 1963

Left to Right:

Stefan Tomasz (Head)

Ben Thiedeman

Ken Scott

Colin Johnston

Lionel Standley

Bruce Davis

Janis Gulbis

Chris Myers

Neville Gorman

Ian Fleming

Ian Skelton

Iris Ortolja (Head)

Jennifer McNair

Sandra Jackson

Christine Vincent

Margaret Morrison

Elizabeth Lewis

Jennifer Cutter

Sandra Thompson

Margaret Robertson

Vera Kolomyec







## HOUSE CAPTAINS



George Milojevic



Judy Vincent



Douglas Kimberley



Joan Atkinson

### *Bass House*

#### BOYS' HOUSE NOTES

This year the Grand Aggregate will be won by either Bass or Flinders, with the odds slightly in Flinders favour. Bass boys are the leading house in sport except in swimming and athletics, but Flinders are earning valuable points in yard duty, inspections and various charity appeals. Although we won the Choral competition and came second in the Public Speaking, Flinders nullified our efforts by winning the Public Speaking and coming second in the Choral Competition.

I would like to congratulate all House Captains for the wonderful job they have done throughout the year. Thanking people is something that every House Captain has the pleasure to do. To Mr. Cook and Mr. Hazen, our House Masters, Peter Skelton our Vice-Captain, Steven Reed, our Junior House Captain, and to Judy Vincent and the girls, I say "Thank You" for your assistance throughout the year.

Lastly I would like to thank all the boys for making my job an easier one by their response and co-operation and I wish them the best in future years.

George Milojevic.

#### GIRLS' HOUSE NOTES

The Houses were split up into both Senior and Junior this year, and for the first time there are Junior House Captains. Penny Stitson has held her position well and the juniors have co-operated with her — many thus bringing credit to the House.

Hard work done by the girls in the House Competitions has been impressive. Our fitness seemed to stride us out ahead in the cross country, but when it comes to duty, Bassites lose their fitness. Yes, I think it happens to every house, and if it isn't duty it is incorrect uniform.

Fun has been had by all sometime this year, despite grizzles and the fact that we have not always reached top peg on the ladder.

Good luck for a grand future Bass and keep up that high spirit.

My sincere thanks go to Mrs. Ross who has stuck to Bass for yet another year (although certain members of her family probably don't approve); to Carol Hunt (Vice-Captain) and to Penny who have both done wonderful jobs. Thank you.

Judith Vincent.

## HOUSE NOTES

### *Flinders House*

#### BOYS' HOUSE NOTES

From the beginning of the year Flinders boys have shown great fighting spirit and carried out duties for the House very enthusiastically.

On winning the swimming sports, enthusiasm continued to grow and we went on to gain good results in yard duty and inspection. Early in third term, together with the girls, we contributed to the egg and rag appeal in the social service activities of the school and won both by fairly large margins. Then, for the first time in many years Flinders fought on to win the House Athletic Sports. This was a great surprise to all houses.

The hopes of all the boys are rapidly being fulfilled as we are improving all the time and are fighting hard to win the Grand Aggregate and will continue to do so up till the very last day.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. Waters our House Master for his fine work in helping and guiding us in all fields, David Scott our Vice-Captain for his help, especially for his mastery of the House Choir, Frank Vella our Junior House Captain for the guidance of the junior boys of the House, and to the girls thanks for their help and support. Thanks must also go to all other houses for their competition in sport and duty.

Good luck to the House in coming years.

Douglas Kimberley.

#### GIRLS' HOUSE NOTES

During first term, Flinders won the first house competition for the year — The Swimming Sports. This win was gained mainly through the efforts of the boys. At the end of the term we were first in yard duty and sport and second in inspection.

In second term we were equally successful, coming first again in aggregate points. Although we were beaten in the House Choral Competition, coming second, it made us more determined to win the Public Speaking and we succeeded in doing so.

This term we won both the Egg and Rag Appeals, and are at least sure of receiving the Social Service Cup. At least for the first time in many years, Flinders won the Athletic Sports and the girls won the shield for the girls' aggregate.

My sincerest thanks go to all Flinders girls and boys for the wonderful effort they have put into everything this year. I would like to thank our Junior House Captain, Myra Haddrick for help during the year, and also Kristine Henry and Vera Kolomyec for their assistance. On behalf of all the girls I would like to thank Mrs. Hutchison and Miss Ellis for their patience and co-operation during this year.

Good luck in the future Flinders, and keep the good standard that you have set.

Joan Atkinson.



## HOUSE CAPTAINS



Grant McArthur



Joan Vickery



Howard Ellis



Gaby Sova

### **Mawson House**

#### **BOYS' HOUSE NOTES**

This, my second report as Mawson House Captain, can hardly be considered an inspiring one. Once again we have achieved more in the sporting field than in Citizenship. We were very jubilant over our win in the swimming sports, the first for some years, and it was most disappointing to lose to Flinders on protest. However, my congratulations to John Norden for winning the Senior Swimming Cup. We were second in the Athletic Sports, we won the Boys' Aggregate. We were successful in winning three out of five of the boys' individual trophies. We may also feel satisfied with our effort in the winter sports.

As previously stated, we did not excel at Citizenship and gained only third and fourth place respectively in the Clothing and Egg Appeals. It is to be hoped that next year Mawson students will pull their weight a lot more in this field, and also in yard duty, which again was particularly poor. A few laggards in this field can spoil the good effort of the rest of the house. While not noted for our choral achievements, we maintained our third position in the House Choral Competition.

Many thanks to our wood choppers and carters who did a fine job. My special thanks to Mr. Dooley our House Master, to Joan Vickery, Mawson Girls' Captain, and to John Norden (Vice-Captain) whose efforts have helped very much to make my job as House Captain a most pleasant one.

Grant McArthur.

#### **GIRLS' HOUSE NOTES**

In sporting events, Mawson's future looked bright, when after three years of coming last in the Swimming Sports we were only beaten by two points for first place. A similar fate overtook us in the Athletic Sports where Mawson were ahead until the last few events.

The same thing happened, when we were beaten again by two points for first place in the House Public Speaking Competition. Because of the high standard of singing, we only gained third place in the House Choral Competition this year.

At the beginning of third term the Egg and Rag Appeal were run. In spite of a great effort by the girls we only gained fourth and third places respectively.

Although yard duty is disliked by everyone the marks have been very good, even though a few girls have tried many methods of avoiding their work.

The house for the first time this year has had a junior House Captain. I sincerely thank Val and Renata, the two junior House Captains, Beth, Mrs. Smith, Miss Burchell and Miss Bennett for their great assistance throughout the year.

On the whole, however, I can say that the Mawson girls have worked throughout the year with great enthusiasm. I am sorry I cannot mention all those girls who have willingly helped in all house com-

## HOUSE NOTES

### **Phillip House**

#### **BOYS' HOUSE NOTES**

Another year dotted with thirds and fourths was spent by Phillip boys.

The senior house, deficient in members began the year with a couldn't care less outlook. To many the house meant a jolly little get-together on Mondays and a bit of fun on Wednesday afternoons. There were very few boys who did care, and those who tried found their efforts hindered by the hangers-on. Mr. Pyers, Senior House Master, and Alan McMaster, Vice-House Captain, helped try to lift Phillip from its state of depression.

It was evident in the junior house, led by Paul Taylor and John Lambert, that no efforts could break through the lax attitude that was beginning to develop and thrive. Again the very few staunch house members could not fight the trend. Numerous changes in Junior House Master during the year also hindered progression and it was soon visible throughout the house that the same members were performing all the duties.

At times faint glimpses of hope emerged and other members joined the could care group. Third term has begun with a bright spot with Phillip leading in "Inspection" honours. This is a meagre foundation but it is something to build on; and our new Junior House Master, Mr. Martin, might be just what the junior house needs. If the juniors begin to fight, the house will begin to fight and Phillip will begin to win; but to you improving house members — don't wait for your boat to come, row out to meet it.

Howard Ellis.

#### **GIRLS' HOUSE NOTES**

This year, Phillip has dropped to an all time low, due mainly, I think, to the division between the junior and senior halves of the school. Co-operation is unheard of; the word simply does not come into the vocabulary of about eighty per cent. of the girls. Our string of thirds and fourths seem to indicate this.

During second term, we surprised ourselves by gaining second placing in yard duty and winning the hockey premiership in Inter-House Winter Sport.

My thanks go to all those girls who helped me so willingly during the year and to Mrs. Noble, Miss Cooper (who left during the year), and Miss Rocke for their assistance and guidance.

I wish Phillip luck in the years to come and hope to see the banner restored to its rightful place. Perhaps 1964 will be Phillip's year. Who knows?

Gaby Sova.

petitions. I only wish house points were gained by effort, I am sure Mawson girls would rate highly.

You have been a grand house, and to those coming back next year, the best of luck, and may Mawson be the top house.

Joan Vickery.



# EXAMINATION AND SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS - 1962

## MATRICULATION:

Janice Armstrong in five subjects. Gayle Courtney in four subjects with one second honour (Brit. Hist.). Francis Cove, in five subjects with one second honour (Brit. Hist.). Lorraine DuPree, in four subjects. Anne Jensen, in four subjects. Elizabeth Kempster, in five subjects. Lynette Maddern, in five subjects with four second honours (Pure M. Calc. and Applied, Phys., Chem.). Moira Taylor, in three subjects (comp.). Susan Wallace in three subjects (comp.) with one second honour (Eng. Lit.). Margaret Waterson, in six subjects with one second honour (Geog.). Bruce Garrett, in four subjects. Peter Gray, in four subjects (comp.) with two second honours (Phys., Chem.) and two first honours (Pure M., Calc. and Applied). Colin Johnston, in five subjects with two second honours (Pure M., Calc. and Applied). John McLaren in three subjects (comp.) with one second honour (Calc. and Applied). Ian Skelton, in four subjects. Richard Sullivan, in five subjects with one second honour (Calc. and Applied). Stefan Tomaz, in five subjects.



## LEAVING:

Elizabeth Armstrong in five subjects. Lesley Brymner, in six subjects. Margaret Cain, in six subjects. Lucy Ciunelis, in six subjects. Maureen Cowles, in six subjects. Jennifer Cutter, in five subjects. Jillian Dolphin, in five subjects. Suzanne Fewster, in four subjects. Carol Gorman, in six subjects. Penelope Heath, in four subjects. Jacqueline Henson, in four subjects. Valerie Humphries, in five subjects. Joy Ipsen, in six subjects. Sandra Jackson, in five subjects. Mira Kostic, in five subjects. Sandra Lucas, in four subjects. Janice McCoy, in four subjects. Jennifer McNair, in five subjects. Patricia Mitchell, in five subjects. Margaret Morrison, in five subjects. Iris Ortolja, in five subjects. Christine Sambell, in six subjects. Janet Smith, in five subjects. Dianne Terry, in six subjects. Sandra Thompson, in five subjects. Alida Van Staveren, in six subjects. Lorraine Wolfenden, in six subjects. Robin Bavington, in five subjects. Ian Fleming, in six subjects. Brian Francis, in six subjects. Peter Ganz, in four subjects. Janis Gulbis, in six subjects. Geoffrey Hannon, in six subjects. Alan McMaster, in six subjects. Robert Parr, in six subjects. Lionel Stanley, in six subjects. Kenneth Scott, in six subjects. Christopher Myers, in five subjects. Benjamin Thiedeman, in six subjects.



## INTERMEDIATE:

Robyn Adams, Joan Atkinson, Wendy Black, Margaret Brisco, Janet Catherwood, Patricia Cave, Wendy Claxton, Maree Clegg, Merrilyn Cook, Margaret Cove, Susan Duxbury, Diana Garrett, Janina Forbal, Peggy Greenlees, Stefka Fural, Florence Ham, Roslyn Hallworth, Valerie Helmuth, Carol Hunt, Iris Jones, Svetlana Karadzic, Mary Jamroz, Muriel Kennedy, Elizabeth Lewis, Anne Luettgau, Ruth Lynn, Elizabeth Mallee, Trena Nielsen, Margaret Nutt, Lorraine Parr, Deidre Pearless, Marilyn Rodgers, Gabrielle Sova, Henriette Swanink, Sheila Shaw, Diana Simic, Olga Tabaczynska, Elizabeth Thomson, Margaret Tullis,

Dianne Westbrook, Coral Valli, Joan Vickery, Christine Vincent, Beth Van Staveren, Theresa Zarb, Zofia Zelenewicz, John Alexander, Alan Ashmore, Robert Castelow, Murray Champion, Ron Cook, Ian Charlesworth, John Davies, Geoffrey DuPree, Howard Ellis, Kipp Ely, Stanley Emmerson, Malcom Foy, Andre Gater, Rodney Grant, Ken Hollands, John Humphreys, Peter Huntley, Ken Hutchison, Peter Jenkinson, Charles Karpinski, Douglas Kimberley, Michael Kotiw, Peter Lakeman, Winton McColl, Raymond McInnes, Gregory McMaster, Peter Martin, Geoffrey Morgan, Robin Morgan, George Milojevic, Rein Munlberg, Linton Planner, Frank Ashton, Geoffrey Smith, Wayne Smith, Brendan Schmidt, David Scott, Peter Scott, Peter Skelton, Richard Snape, David Stones, Alan Tatlow, Donald Vandersteen, Joseph Vanyai, Edward Wissmer.



## TEACHING BURSARIES:

Margaret Cain, Maureen Cowles, Carol Gorman, Geoffrey Hannon, Joy Ipsen, Iris Ortolja, Dianne Terry, Sandra Thompson, Lorraine Wolfenden. Roslyn Hallworth, John Humphreys, Margaret Nutt, Sheila Shaw, Peter Skelton, Hettie Swanink, Elizabeth Thomson, Margaret Tullis, Joan Vickery.



## NURSING BURSARIES

Diana Garret, Robyn Kempster, Margaret Morrison, Beth Van Staveren.



## JUNIOR GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Niels Hutchison, Stephen Reid, Donald Waddington, Jacqueline Shearer, Zdenko Elinger, Heather Gilchrist, Vera Leiper, Kristine Skinner, Cheryl Wright, John Jacobson.



## FREE PLACES:

Julie Kirchner, Ewen McPherson, Karen Pontin, Barbara McKellar.



## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

S.E.C.—Terry Sullivan, Jennifer Terry. A.P.M.—Bernard Ritzer, Soya Kurtschenko. Yallourn Chamber of Commerce—Elizabeth Entwistle. S.E.C.O.A.—Edna Rushton, Trevor Ellis. Michael Guss—Pat Barrons. Morwell Shire—Marie Larkin. Special—John McDill, Sandra Thompson, Sandra Garret. Ladies' Auxiliary—Lionel Stanley, Janet Smith, Ben Thiedeman, Christine Vincent. Power House Social Club—Pat Barrons, Marie Clegg, Martin Hill, Karen Pontin.



# SCHOOL DIARY, 1963

## February:

- 5.—School re-opened.
- 6.—Pupils returned to school.
- 20.—Inter-House Swimming Sports.
- 22.—New pupils were photographed.
- 22.—House and Form captains were elected.
- 28.—Prefects, House Captains and Form Captains were invested.

## March:

- 4.—Parents of first form students met the staff.
- 7.—Brian Hansford and his wife gave a recital.
- 12.—The first meeting of the year for the Ladies' Auxiliary.
- 13.—Combined Schools' Swimming Sports.
- 24.—The Advisory Council's Annual Appeal.

## April:

- 22.—The School's Anzac Service.
- 26.—Term One examinations commence.

## May:

- 1.—Freedom from Hunger Campaign.
- 3 & 10.—Yallourn High's Choir went to the Dandenong Choral Competition.
- 9.—The first meeting of the Parents', Teachers' and Citizens' Association.
- 13.—The Senior Social.
- 16.—Dr. Waters gave the school a talk on Australian Ballads and Folksongs.

## June:

- 6.—Yallourn's first "Students' Representative Council" was formed.

## July:

- 4-5.—Nunawading High School visited Yallourn.
- 10.—Parents of sixth formers met and talked with the staff.
- 16.—The House choirs and public speaking competitions were held.

## August:

- 14-17.—Sixty Form 4 students went to Tasmania.
- 20.—The School held its Open Day.
- 21.—An 'Any Questions?' night was held at the school.
- 24, 26, 27.—Music Theatre was presented at Kernot Hall.
- 29.—The Governor visited Yallourn.

## September:

- 13.—The School's Debutante Ball.
- 16.—The Egg and Rag Appeal commenced.
- 25.—The Inter-House Athletic Sports.
- 26.—The C.A.E. entertained us with a ballet.

## October:

- 16.—The Inter-School Athletic Sports.
- 27.—Yallourn High's Debating Team fought a debate on GLV 10.
- 28.—The Schools' Medical Team examined Form 3.

## November:

- 9.—"Songs We Sing" tapes cut.
- 13.—Staff return Afternoon Tea to Prefects.
- 13.—Staff versus Pupils Softball Match.
- 15.—Matriculation Swot. Vac. started.
- 22.—School examinations began.

## December:

- 12.—The Annual Speech Night.
- 17.—The end of year social.
- 19.—School closed for the Christmas Holidays.



# ***EDITORIAL . . .***

A year has passed since last year's editorial raised the question of improvements to our poorly-equipped school. At last the Education Department has acknowledged our needs and has taken steps towards our gaining new rooms.

After inspection of the school by Public Works and Education department officers, the Minister of Education, Mr. Bloomfield in a letter to Mr. Balfour, M.L.A., Chairman of the School Advisory Council, wrote this:

" . . . we have decided to erect a new block containing two science rooms and preparation room, two art rooms and stores, two geography - history rooms and stores, a large staff room, a woodwork room and timber store and four general classrooms, two of which will be provided with stores. The double room in the brick building is to be converted into a library and the present art room will be converted to a dining room and demonstration room. The army huts and the wooden classroom building will be demolished.

. . . I am not in a position at present to give any indication as to when tenders can be invited."

This passage needs some qualification and explanation. Firstly, the plans are not final. The letter was dated 28th December, 1962. Since then shower rooms and toilet facilities have also been included in the project. The double room alluded to is rooms eight and nine. The "present art room" referred to is room one, adjacent to the cookery centre and therefore the ideal room to be converted to "a dining room and demonstration room."

For us then, there is a task. Firstly we must see that these plans are implemented. Secondly, we must try to improve what no Education Department can improve. We must improve our attitude towards school equipment and school affairs. How many people noticed that this year's Advisory Council appeal raised £90, from 450 families as against £200 raised from 470 families two years ago? Who is dismayed by the lack of support that the P.T.C.A. and S.R.C. have encountered? Now is the time to act and really make our motto mean something.

Consilio et Animis.

David Scott.



# SUB-EDITORIAL

By the end of the century Yallourn will have disappeared — a result of Australia's and Victoria's great development over the past ten years.

In these ten years Australia's population has increased and increased, its industries have expanded and expanded, and to feed these industries Australia's undiscovered mineral wealth has to be uncovered and converted into products to serve our needs.

Australia's greatest secondary industry, the steel industry has developed into a fantastic enterprise covering all of the continent and affecting every one of its inhabitants. In the past decade it has become apparent that the iron ore resources in the Middle-back Ranges, and the Yampi Sound will not last indefinitely. The Broken Hill Pty. Ltd., has had to cover Australia, probing for Laematite deposits, and it is now apparent that our iron ore resources are almost inexhaustible or at least will last until steel production is an uneconomic enterprise. This period will come with the development of the now rare minerals.

Aluminium has forced its way into society and is now quickly displacing steel as the prime building material. Australia has large deposits of bauxite, the aluminium ore, at Weipa, in Queensland, and the

full uses of other minerals, titanium and zirconium for example — little known minerals — are yet to be discovered.

By 1st January, 1964, the pipeline to carry crude oil from Moonie to Brisbane will be complete and Australia will enter into the production of petroleum products from its own resources. This is the newest development of our countries wealth — a result of over thirty years research. The full extent of the Moonie field is not yet known, but it is obviously not big enough to supply Australia's need for petroleum products, therefore the search for oil in other parts of the country must continue.

This is the case with our town which must be demolished due to the need for brown coal.

The industries of Melbourne, Australia's second largest city, and of all Victoria, depend on the Latrobe Valley. When the Hazelwood project is completed ninety per cent. of the state's electricity will be produced in the Valley. To do this the brown coal must be taken from beneath our town and at the end of the century Yallourn, the heart of the industries of Victoria, will cease to beat.

Howard Ellis.



## PYLON COMMITTEE, 1963



Back Row, left to right: John Waterson, John Humphries, Manfred Krautschneider, Rodney Grant, Martin Hill, Ken Hutchison  
Geoffrey Hannon, Howard Ellis, Geoffrey Dupree

Front Row: Robyne Adams, Neils Hutchison, David Scott, Ken Hollands, Peter Skelton, Coral Valli, Christine Vincent  
Karen Johnston.

Staff Advisor: Mr. Pyers



# THIS YEAR'S SWIMMING

## INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

On 20th February the Yallourn High held its annual Inter-House Swimming Sports. The weather was hot and there is not a doubt that the kiosk was the most popular spot in the grounds of Yallourn's Olympic pool. This year, as last year, a high standard was attained in most events, with improvements in many.

Outstanding performances came from the three members of the Kimberley family, all of Flinders House. Erna won the under 13 girls' championship and also won the open girls' 220 yards event. Her brothers, John and Douglas, won the under 15 and under 16 trophies, respectively. John won every event in his age group except the breaststroke.

One of the judges from the Yallourn Swimming Club, Mr. Arthur Brogan, commented that the standard of swimming was high and improved on that of last year.

The winner of the Grand Aggregate was Flinders House, in a very close finish. Mawson House was the runner-up only one point behind. Bass House came third, and Phillip House fourth.

### Individual Champions:

E. Kimberley, under 13; P. Stitson, under 14; K. Henry, under 15; J. Vickery, under 16; G. Sova, Open.

Boys: T. Dolphin, under 13; J. Lambert, under 14; J. Kimberley, under 15; D. Kimberley, under 16; J. Norden, Open.

## INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

For the fourth time in succession, the Yallourn High School swimmers won the Dickson-Brown Cup for the Grand Aggregate at the Yallourn pool on the 13th of March. However, the margin by which we won is less than last year's. This is probably due to the fact that swimming pools have been built in other towns, providing opportunities for training. The school to gain second place was Morwell High. We won the shields for the Junior and Senior Girls and Junior Boys Section and shared the Intermediate Boys Shield with Morwell.

## SWIMMING TRIP TO MELBOURNE

Kristine Henry, the under 15 champion and winner of the Open diving at the House Sports, proved herself to be of State standard when, on the 22nd March, gained second place in the under 16 diving at the All Schools' Swimming Championships in Melbourne Olympic Pool. She was presented with a silver medal and was the only one of a group of Yallourn High swimmers to gain a place in an individual event. However, the girls' under 21 relay, consisting of Gaby Sova, Carol Hunt, Erna Kimberley and Jillian Dolphin came third in the final. Our under 14 relay were beaten by a touch into fourth place in its heat, breaking the current Gippsland record, but failed to qualify for the final.

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# TRIUMPH AT DANDENONG

## OUR BOY CHAMPIONS

At last! Years of patient effort paid off, when on Friday, 3rd May, a Yallourn High School choir of thirty boys was the most successful this school has ever sent to the Dandenong Festival.

The choir came first in its section, and, not content with this, was the champion choir of the twenty-six choirs which competed this year. It won the Westminster Cup for its first place, and the coveted Gartside Cup for the championship. This was the first time since the Festival began in 1948, that the cup had gone to a senior boys' choir.

The adjudicator, Mr. Logie-Smith, who is music master at Scotch College, was surprised when he knew the boys were going to sing "Carnival" by Kodaly. He was even more surprised when he heard how well they sang it, for Kodaly is notoriously difficult. The other song which the boys sang was "Shortnin' Bread".

The Boys' Choir made the trip with the Mixed Ensemble, a smaller group of mixed voices, which did well to come second in their section, adding yet another success to our list. The Ensemble sang "Searching for Lambs" and "Good News".

On Friday, 26th April, the Girls' Choir went to Dandenong. Unfortunately this year they did not gain a place, but they did well, nevertheless (nineteen of the girls who had sung in 1962, had left school). The girls section is one of the largest, and competition is of a high standard. The girls sang "Fear no more the Heat o' the Sun" and "Carol of the Bells." Mr. Logie-Smith said of them that their work was expressive, well-balanced and exceedingly well disciplined.

The choirs were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Wadelton and were trained and conducted by Mr. Pyers.

Congratulations to all concerned. "This was their finest hour!"

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# BOYS' DANDENONG CHOIR

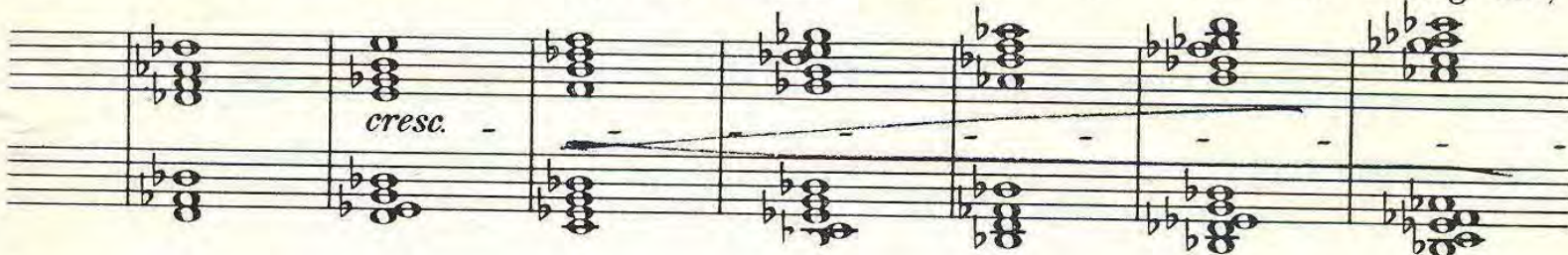
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Peter Huntley  
Chris Myers  
Brendan Schmidt  
Malcolm Foy

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Robin Bavington  
Barry Goode  
David Stones  
Joe Vanyai

Ian Charlesworth  
Ken Hutchison  
David Scott  
Geoff Hannon  
Janis Gulbis  
Peter Ganz  
Svetislav Petrovic  
John Humphreys  
Michael Hamilton

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# NUNAWADING VISIT

## Our Dream Realized

A change in programme also brought a change in result for the Nunawading visit this year. The change in programme was that the visitors stayed with us for two nights instead of one. The change in result — WE WON.

Our opponents arrived at Moe station, a tired lot, expecting to repeat their former successes. We went to meet them, a not-so-tired lot, expecting to give them a shock.

When they were safely behind the doors of our homes we applied all the tricks we had learnt from them. We ran them, we walked them, we questioned them, we talked them, we did everything we could to fatigue every cell in their bodies, then we let them rest, and try to recuperate.

They awoke next morning and pretended to be fit. They ran, they walked, they talked, and if there was anything else to be asked, they questioned.

After a morning meal they followed us to school, met their friends, and planned their strategy for the day.

The morning sports began well for us — and for them. Our efforts had been to no avail. We became expectant of another defeat — then our school spirit came into play. Our on-the-field enemies could not contend with this weapon and a bedraggled, forlorn Nunawading sports team wended its way home that night, in the hands of its victors.

Another outstanding Nunawading-Yallourn social ended the day of our joy, but no hatred remained (they even let us dance with their girls) and their sorrow was drowned in music and soft-drink, and buried under a pile of cakes.

The day of departure arrived and even though we were unable to give our new-made friends the send-off they deserved they knew that they would see us again next year when they could try to wrench the K. W. Yon shield from the powerful grip of Yallourn High School.

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# HOUSE CHORAL CONTEST

## CLOSE CONTEST

This year's House Choral Competition was held in Kernot Hall on 16th July. The high standard of singing reached by last year's choirs was maintained, although it was thought by some, that there was a lessening of interest in the choirs and that the singing would deteriorate. However, the four choirs treated us to some very good choral work, and the school enjoyed its morning at Kernot Hall listening to them.

The success of the choirs was largely due to their conductors who spent many weeks training the choirs. They did an excellent job in both the training and the responsible task of conducting. These conductors were Christine Vincent (Phillip), Christopher Myers (Mawson), David Scott (Flinders), and Neil Hutchison (Bass).

This year Mr. Pyers kindly offered his services as pianist to any choir, and Flinders and Mawson made use of this offer. The other pianists were Valda O'Neill (Bass) and John Waterson (Phillip). All the choirs and conductors wish to thank Mr. Pyers for the valuable hints he gave them during their training.

The songs the choirs had to sing were the compulsory part song "Down Low in the Valley" which is a Brahms composition, any folksong and a song of the choir's own choice.

The choirs sang —

Phillip:

"Go Down Moses" — a Negro spiritual.

"Moon River" — a song from a recent film.

"Down Low in the Valley" — Brahms.

Mawson:

"Sit Down Sister" — a Negro spiritual.

"The Wandering Miller" — a song by Schubert.

"Down Low in the Valley" — Brahms.

Flinders:

"Go Tell it on the Mountain" — a Negro spiritual.

"My Boy You May Take it from Me" —

an extract from "Ruddigore", Gilbert and Sullivan.

"Down Low in the Valley" — Brahms.

Bass:

"John Peel" — an English Folk Song.

"Nobody Knows de Trouble I Seen" —

a Negro spiritual.

"Down Low in the Valley" — Brahms.

Mr. Lynch, of the Yallourn Madrigal Singers, graciously adjudicated for us and he decided that Bass was the winning choir with Flinders a very close runner-up. Mawson was third and Phillip fourth. The cup was then presented to Neil Hutchison, the Bass conductor.

It is to be hoped that next year's competition will prove as stimulating.

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