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YALLOURN HIGH SCHOOL

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STAFF, 1964

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Front Row: Mrs. J. Hair, Mr. S. Hutchison, Mr. A. Coulson (Head Master), Mrs. P. Parsons, Mrs. N. Hutchison.

STAFF NOTES

This year we welcome to the staff Misses M. T. Mitchell, M. A. Ross, A. Stewart, J. Wallace, Mrs. B. O'Brien, Mrs. P. Elkner and Messrs A. M. Lucas, B. A. Elkner, W. O. Cleland and T. M. Bird. During the year we said goodbye to Mrs. G. Huguenin, Mrs. M. J. Thomson, Mrs. C. M. Cook, Mrs. B. O'Brien and Mrs. A. A. Hayward. At the end of the year we will lose Mrs. M. Ross to Ballarat, Mr. D. Dyall (Wedderburn H.S.), Mr. W. J. Brown (Oberon H.S. at Geelong), Mr. L. R. Waters (Coalville S.S.), Mr. T. M. Bird. Next year's newcomers will be Messrs B. G. Collins (Belmont H.S.), D. Chalmers (Traralgon H.S.), and D. F. Dimsey (Warracknabeal H.S.).

ADVISORY COUNCIL NOTES

New members this year are Messrs F. Meadows, K. J. Dolphin and Cr. H. C. Davis. Members who have resigned are Cr. E. Scott, Rev. W. E. Haddrick, Mr. H. W. Wilson and Mr. G. T. Mounter. It is disappointing to report little progress this year in the matter of erecting the promised new buildings, but the Council continues to press for these, and next year we should see construction.

SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

Several students in Forms I-V submitted entries in the Gippsland Science Talent Search held at Traralgon by the Gippsland Branch of the Science Teachers' Association of Victoria.

The following students won prizes at Traralgon:—

Form I: Anne Grey, £4 Bursary, "Heating Substances in a Closed Retort".

Form II: Pamela Daddo and Barbara Kelly, £1 Bursary, "Bacteria". Valerie Jones, 10/- Bursary, "Blood".

Form IV: John Kimberley, £7 Bursary, "Oecaticus Elongata". This project won the Intermediate Section.

Ross Chittam, £4 Bursary: "A 6in. Reflecting Telescope".

Form V: Ray Loft, "Dissection and Study of Some Bony Fishes".

John Kimberley and Ray Loft entered their projects in the State-wide Talent Search, and both won £15 Bursaries. John Kimberley was third in the intermediate section.

Congratulations are extended to all competitors, and an invitation is extended to all students to enter in next year's Science Talent Search which is to be held at Leongatha.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

July 28th of this year was in many ways a climactic date for all those connected with the school play, "The Admirable Crichton". Judging by the reactions of Mr. Elkner, the producer, in the weeks leading up to the opening (the only) night, the actors weren't doing quite what was required. Some minor faults—including forgotten lines, wrong entrances, failure to enter at all, giggling, weeping and momentary madness—still had to be rectified on the first performance. To add to the troubles of the actors, Mr. Harrison and his stage crew still had the problem of changing each scene in less than half an hour. Mr. Harrison was particularly worried about the synchronization of taped music and sound effects to what went on, on the stage.

A matinee was held in the afternoon, attended by Leaving and Matriculation students from Moe, Morwell and Yallourn High Schools, and suddenly, everything clicked. We hurriedly found Mr. Elkner and told him not to hang himself as the play was going well.

The evening performance was excellent. Members of the audience commented ecstatically on the "adult" acting, the fine voice production, and the brilliant set designs (a product of Mr. Cook's ingenuity).

Christine Vincent showed amazing stage-craft as Lady Mary, while Niels Hutchison was a competent and suitably schizophrenic Crichton. John Humphrey's portrayal of Ernest was indeed masterful, and he and Tina Walsh (as Tweeny) provided some very fine acting. Coral Valli forgot her fears to portray with assurance that terrible battleaxe, Lady Brocklehurst, while Greg Jones had perhaps the hardest job of all, and did the best of it with his portrayal of the insipid "mummy's boy" Brocklehurst. Hettie Swanink and Margaret Nutt as the two sisters, Agatha and Catherine, provided a pleasant contrast to the others, and Doug Kimberley, the Second XI Minister, did very well. Greg McMaster's acting of Lord Loam, the pompous, but rather feeble, aristocrat was a highlight of the show. A huge cast of rather nervous servants provided much amusement in Act I.

The huge audience (about 700) on the night thoroughly enjoyed the performance, which was said to be of the "professional" calibre.

The cast thanks most warmly their producer (and slave-driver) Mr. Elkner, Mr. Cook, who designed the sets; Mr. Harrison (who bullied the stage crew), Miss Ross, Miss Stewart and Mrs. McCaskel (who made us up), and Mrs. Elkner (who tried to remind us of forgotten lines).

Please, Mr. Elkner, can we do it again next year (pending your full mental recovery)?

—PYLON REPORTER

CAREERS ADVISORY CAMPAIGN

The Yallourn Junior Chamber of Commerce, with the help of the High School, the Technical School and Newborough High, organised a Careers Advisory Campaign on October 2nd. It was felt that students in junior forms, as well as those about to leave school, should be informed about prospects for employment in the area.

An evening was spent with various guest speakers who addressed a small audience on apprenticeships, careers in general, nursing, and the need of modern man to choose his career thoughtfully.

The next day students from the three schools visited Kernot Hall to seek interviews with representatives of various trades and professions. Displays from other fields were put up at the hall, and proved most informative and interesting.

Choosing a Career (apart from choosing a wife/husband) is the biggest and most difficult decision which faces a child leaving school. Thanks to the J.C.'s. for helping us to make the decision.

—“PYLON” REPORTER

LADIES' AUXILIARY NOTES

The Ladies' Auxiliary, with Mrs. C. Ferguson as President, Mrs. W. Dupree as Secretary, and Mrs. K. Tomasz as Treasurer, has had a happy and successful year working on behalf of the school.

In March we catered for the official luncheon at the Combined Swimming Carnival. Our Jumble Sale in June broke records, the profit being £96. We thank all parents who contributed items for this effort.

Moved forward to August, our glittering Debutante Ball was a social and financial success. We were honoured by the presence of the Hon. John Bloomfield, Minister for Education, and Mrs. Bloomfield, who received the eleven debutantes. The debutantes were Kristine Henry, Vivienne King, Margaret Withell, Margaret Cullen, Susan Duxbury, Linda Lennox, Carol Ely, Jill Bremner, Cheryl Smith, Alison Taylor, Diane McAuliffe. It was pleasing to see so many of the staff and the Sixth Form at this function, which yielded £82 for our funds.

At the House Athletic Sports we conducted our usual lunch stalls. Another effort at which we gladly assisted was the School Fair run by Mr. Cook. We helped on most of the stalls, as well as donating goods for sale. To the junior forms raising the most money we gave a prize of £10 to have a party.

The Auxiliary has given £198 towards our share of the proposed changing rooms and showers, £77 towards the T.V. set, £60 for library funds and new rugs for the headmaster's office.

Unfortunately, nine of our best workers will be retiring at the end of the year as their children will be leaving. We do hope that new members will join up next year. We meet at the school on the second Wednesday in the month, at 2 p.m. Please come along and help keep the Ladies' Auxiliary going.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The subjects chosen by the candidates showed a startling diversity of interest. With a fresh enthusiasm for discovery Peter Skelton spoke on “Thomas Alva Edison” and showed him to be a lively questioning character ever ready to seize on an idea and develop it, continually thrusting into the unknown.

June Morgan also explored unknown territory in discussing “Manifestations”. She gave a hair-raising account (excepting to Mr. Harrison) of many of the mysterious happenings that plague some people on a dark night. Her humorous descriptions won many laughs from the audience.

The third speaker was Bill Thiedeman who chose the fearsome subject, “The Effect of Film Violence on the Adolescent”. This topical subject won much support from the T.V. addicts in the audience.

Roslyn Hallworth was the last speaker, and in discussing “Euthanasia” took as her text “Thou shalt not kill”. This was a very sincere and somewhat emotional address which showed Roslyn as a firm believer in the sacred inviolability of human life.

All speakers had planned their speeches very carefully, and all were effectively presented. The final results were:—

- 1st June Morgan (Phillip);
- 2nd Peter Skelton (Bass);
- 3rd Roslyn Hallworth (Mawson);
- 4th William Thiedeman (Flinders).

LIBRARY NOTES

As the library plays such an important part in the life of school we have this year spent £353/13/-, and have added a wide range of books, bringing the total to 6,353 volumes.

Each year we receive substantial sums from the S.E.C. and the Ladies' Auxiliary, and their help is much appreciated.

The library is open at every recess period and at lunchtime, so that a great many pupils are able to use the library and borrowing is extensive in all fields. The sixth form students are able to use the room for private study periods.

At various times, such as Open Day and Book Week, the library has been used for display purposes.

Library lessons have been extended to Form IV, but overcrowding has limited adequate library practice for some classes.

David Drane and Graeme Sneddon, library monitors, have worked most efficiently.

“Many Hands Make Light Work”

There was once a concert and suddenly the lights went out. Then the manager said: “Is there an electrician in the hall?” A Chinaman came up on stage and said, “Raise your hands above your heads.” All of a sudden the lights went on. The manager said to him, “How did you do it?” The Chinaman replied, “MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.”

—By E. ROGOWSKI and D. JASINSKI

TOUR OF TASMANIA

SUNDAY, 23rd AUGUST.—Looking to see if the tooth-brush was in. (Alas! It was.)

MONDAY, 24th AUGUST.—After many instructions and goodbyes, we left the Moe Station. On the train were many excited conversations, but above the normal drone could be heard Glenda Christie and Co. singing and "Three aces. I beat yah!" Reached Flinders Street Station and some buses took our luggage. Took a train and arrived at the Shrine. We were taken by it. For dinner we had soggy sandwiches in the soggy, wet Botanical Gardens. After dinner the girls went to "The Herald" newspaper offices. All met at the Melbourne University cafeteria for tea. We embarked on the "Princess of Tasmania" after taking a mixture of "Kwells" and "Aspros". The boat left the dock at 7.30 p.m., and a few hours later, amongst many sea-sick bags and green faces, we all knew the boat from top to bottom. I began to realize that many of the "Kwells" weren't working. Poor Mrs. Parsons. It was a very rough trip over and some of us felt it badly.

TUESDAY, 25th.—We arrived at Devonport at 9.30 a.m., and from then on we did our traveling by two Pioneer buses. For dinner we stopped at the Metropole Hotel, Launceston, and then went sight-seeing for half-an-hour and bought souvenirs. We travelled down the Midland Highway, I believe—I didn't see anything as I was catching up on some lost sleep from the previous night. When we did arrive at Hobart, we booked in to the Imperial Hotel. After tea many of us went for a run with Mrs. Parsons to do a bit of sight-seeing by night. We never realized that Mrs. Parsons was so agile.

WEDNESDAY, 26th.—After a huge breakfast we started off on our tour of Port Arthur, a one-time penal settlement. On the way we stopped at the Blowhole, Tasman's Arch and Devil's Kitchen. We stopped at the Lufra Hotel at Eaglehawk Neck for lunch. The guide at Port Arthur conducted a very interesting inspection, which included the tower, the penitentiary, the cells and a church. Many rolls of film were taken on this day. Most intelligent Y.H.S. students found themselves locked in cells and guard houses. On the way back to Hobart, Mr. Lucas and his candid camera could not be trusted. Again heard Glenda Christie and Co. singing and an extraordinary sound from Mr. Brown, whose solo of "The Flower-Boat Song" was almost tuneful. When we arrived back at Hobart there was half-an-hour left to go shopping. After tea some of us went to the pictures to see "Jessica". Boy, am I glad Mr. Lucas didn't bring his camera!

THURSDAY, 27th.—After a large breakfast and cases had been packed, we set off back to Devonport. This time we travelled up the Derwent River and saw many apple and hop farms. We inspected both the Tarraleah and Wayatinah Hydro-Electric Power Stations, and had dinner at the Tarraleah Chalet. Noticed that there were only four or five men who worked these stations. Then we started ascending further the Western Tiers, and at the top we stopped for a while in the snow. Everyone was caught in a snow fight, and we all ganged up on Mr. Brown and Mr. Lucas. I wonder why? We stopped at Deloraine for afternoon tea, and

HOUSE CHOIRS

House choirs again provided an important part of the cultural aspect of the school curriculum this year. They have become a tradition at Yallourn High School.

The standard of the four choirs' singing was of the same high standard as that of the past and this year was adjudicated by Mr. Foster.

Each choir, trained, conducted and accompanied by students, was allowed from twenty to twenty-five members, and had to sing three songs.

The three-part song, "The Gundremar", was set and the choirs also had to sing a song from Gilbert and Sullivan and a song of their own choosing.

Final placings were:—

1st: Bass. Conductor, Neils Hutchison; guitar accompaniment, John Humphreys. "The Gundremar", "Blowing in the Wind", "Poor Wand'ring One".

Equal 2nd: Mawson. Conductor, Michael Kotiw; pianist, E. Bisset. "The Gundremar", "Old Black Joe", "With Cat-like Tread".

Equal 2nd: Phillip. Conductor, Christine Vincent; pianist, John Waterson. "The Gundremar", "Go, Tell It On the Mountain", "The Policeman's Song".

4th: Flinders. Conductor, Kristine Henry; pianist, E. Bisset. "The Gundremar", "The Keeper", "Tit Willow".

The enjoyment of the competing singers and audience of both students and teachers undoubtedly justifies the work put into the choir by the leaders. All members of the house choirs, conductors and pianists are to be congratulated for the hours of rehearsal they put in before their performances.

Special mention must go to the Bass Choir and Neils Hutchison for presenting an almost flawless performance.

Mad Y'Ox

V! No wife of mine is going to wear a dress like that in public.

½ Sometimes, George, you act like you're not all there.

.!! To stay ahead you've got to be on the ball every minute.

L Size 14½ Wow, you'll have to get those made special for you.

zzzz Private Wrigley, you're supposed to be at attention.

p They say he's a bit backward in some ways!

then went straight through to Devonport where we boarded the "Princess of Tasmania". There were no green faces at all coming back as it was very smooth and everyone began to realise that the trip was nearly over.

FRIDAY, 28th.—After having docked at Williamstown at about 9.30 a.m., we went straight to the city to go shopping in Myers, and to also have dinner in their cafeteria. After dinner we walked up to the Museum and Art Gallery and spent the afternoon there.

And so ended a wonderful trip that will remain in our memory for a long time, thanks to Mrs. Parsons, Miss Stewart, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lucas.

—PENNY STITSON (IVa)

1963 FORM HAPPENINGS

SIXTH FORM REPORT

At Yallourn High School on February 4th, 1964, thirty-one optimistic young students assembled for the honour of attempting Matriculation. During the year we found all the warnings about the hard work, trials and denials of Matric. were justified, to our mounting dismay.

There are really two sixth forms—there are those students doing sciences and those doing humanities. The only class these two groups have in common is English Expression. Being separated most of the day necessitates a catching-up on news between students, which accounts for Expression's resemblance to a bargain basement on Saturday morning.

The key posts of form captains were given those dedicated students and solid citizens, Margaret Nutt and Ken Hollands. Because of their efforts, cleaning windows and all the tiresome rest of it have been done diligently, and the roll has been occasionally marked.

A newcomer this year is Peter Nunan. He has already passed Matric, but seemed to like it and came back for more. A notable hard-worker, he is from a family of eight—all education department employees!

An era ended when Peter Ganz left in May. After having been a "household word" about the school for six years, it is sad to realize we will never see his distinctive figure and his name in the late-book again.

The noisy elements in Form Six are 'Nuff, Nevery, Log, Roy, June, and for a distinctive style of laugh you can choose between Humph. and Skel. The persistent rumbling noise at the back of the class is Matches talking to himself.

The Sixth Form surpassed itself (not to mention anybody else), when it raised nearly £150 for the School Fair. For this monumental effort we won ourselves a free party after the exams. Wendy Black did a fine job in the "Popular Pets" competition, winning this section for the form. We also thank the prefects (all from sixers) for arranging the "Coffee Lounge" during the Fair.

An innovation this year has been supervised private-study classes in set rooms. These private study sessions have been chief noise-makers, disturbing such noted toilers as Stit, Peter, Peter and Peter.

I won't say "it has been a successful year" because the results aren't out yet. Good luck to all from Form Six in the exams, and as for the school, we hope we never see the inside of it again!

—G. DUPREE

Path of Learning

Education is man's going forward from cocksure ignorance to thoughtful uncertainty.—"The Educational Magazine", October, 1964.

Conventional people are roused to fury by departure from convention, largely because they regard such a departure as a criticism of themselves—Bertrand Russell ("The Educational Magazine", June, 1964)

Va REPORT

Date: Friday, . . . September, 1964.

Time: 12.45.

Place: Room 7.

Situation: General riot.

Whizz!!! A chalk-laden duster flies across the room and just misses Miss Mitchell, who is endeavouring to make herself heard above the hub-bub. "5a!" she screams, "Be quiet! Tony and Mary, are the rolls up-to-date?" "No, Miss Mitchell." "Why not?" No answer. Instead, another duster flies across the room and rebounds off the blackboard. "Ray!" screeches Miss M., "If you do that again you will stand in the corner." Everyone roars with laughter, and Jill starts passing out the pills. Next minute, Neils screams at the top of his voice, "Jill won't give me a pill!" (sob, sob). "Well, for Pete's sake, give him one!" pants Miss M., slowly turning a delicate shade of scarlet. "John and Robert! Stop flicking those pills around the room," she shrieks hoarsely, and sits down, having given up the battle.

Suddenly, "Boss!" yells someone, and next minute Mr. Coulson puts his head around the door. He sees everyone sitting quietly, and is puzzled as to where the noise is coming from. Then Miss M. says, "What about the fair 5a?"

"What fair, Miss M.?"

Oh, really, Robert B. How is the revue coming, John?"

"No worries, Miss M. It's a cinch! We start practice next Saturday."

"What! But the fair is on Friday!" Her voice is gradually drowned by the rising level of noise in the room.

A few minutes later another duster flies across the room, this time going out of the window.

"Ray! Go and stand in the corner!" He makes a face and everyone laughs. Then Bill pipes up. "Miss M., do you really think that-er-making Ray stand in a-er-corner will-er-improve his character?" Before Miss M. has time to answer, a fight develops between Neils and Aileen. Miss Mitchell looks at her watch. Five minutes to go. Will this form assembly never end? Then above the din the faint sound of a siren is heard and everyone scrambles through the door.

So ends a typical Va form assembly, and Miss Mitchell has a full week to recover 'till the next one. Good luck to her, 'cause she is going to need it.

—MARGARET MITCHELL

(Editor's Note.—Family licence allowed here.)

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Definition

Paint: Stuff that will not dry until every child in the school has touched it.—"Teachers' World" ("The Educational Magazine", April, 1964).

Vb FORM REPORT

For a report I can think of naught,
But for a line I have the time.

While Mr. Brown wears a worried frown,
And his hair is turning to grey,
Vb wears their teachers down,
And tells corny jokes all day.

On the day of the fair, all forms were there,
But faded with the light,
As Vb came through with all their might,
With £58 for both day and night.

Aprons by the dozen we had,
Millions of clothes both old and new,
An old-fashioned tie for your Dad,
And a pair of braces, too.

But as for luck we have had none,
The form-room vase we've never won,
But if we did we'd put it on
The school's new tele-vis-i-on.

First term we had a form so large,
But it has slowly shrunk,
On the departure of many of our girls,
So full of zest and spunk.

Nevertheless, the boys so large (in number only)
Don't appear to be very lonely,
They are made of such brawn and brain,
Their knowledge won't go down the drain.

As study comes there goes our time,
And that's the excuse for this short rhyme,
But to end, just one more line:

A special thanks to Mr. Brown for all his work
and help, which was much appreciated in the
organisation of our form functions.

—ELIZABETH ENTWISTLE

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IVa's FORM NOTES

First term saw IVa mould itself into a potential menace. However, as events of interest did not come quickly enough IVa resorted to sabotage and terrorism. When members of the fraternity and sorority reached Nunawading they left their impact on all the suburbanites they encountered. Much worse was Tasmania where countless nervous systems were broken down (mainly teachers), and many members had the honour of being able to play "Poker a la Bass Strait."

A crushing blow hit us at the end of second term when we lost our symbol of human endurance and understanding, Mrs. O'Brien.

However, the name of the great IVa will still be held aloft as a symbol of hard work and studious attainments.

—GRAEME APPS

IVb FORM REPORT

Our form comprises twenty-four boys, twelve girls and one clown. In the heavyweight division we have Paul Taylor, Greg Jones, Vlad Samson and Ian McMaster.

In the Romeo division, Lover-boy Irving, Rob Melvin (The Leader), Andrew Vanyai and Ray Misiurka.

In the Juliet division, Linda Nutt, Win Lacey, Rhonda McAuliffe, Carol Orme and Stanny Szulc.

In the gambling (gambolling?) casino we have Graeme Gallagher (The Punter's Friend), Vic Berquez (The Two-up Kid), and Wayne Lock (The Terror of the Tote).

Our cricket stars are Alan (Slogger) Huntley, David (King of the Kids) Glover, Barry (Reg) Stevens, Arnold (When—he's-padded-up-and-got-his-cap-on-you-can't-see-him) Sambell, and Ron Hannon and Mervyn Graham (Two Pokers).

During the pre-fair activities our champ, John (The Canvas Kid) Kimberley shared the wrestling championship, with the help of his right arm, Slav Demczuk, and Ray Claxton (The Towel Boy).

Our two strong-arm boys are Greg Fox (The Queensland Kid), and Steve (Fat) Martin. Phillip Waite (The Brain), John (Leading Seaman) Wall, and Robert Menner are our baseball champs.

In the Miss IVb Quest, held recently in conjunction with the Miss Australia Quest, we have Anne Whiteley (Miss Moofin, 1964), and the runners-up, Robyn Hoyune, Susan Abei, Judith Stearman and ever-lovable Ann Holmes (no relation to Sherlock).

We must not forget our fearless leader, Mr. "Elvis" Elkner, whose activities include squash, golf, French and arguing.

IVb's amazing actors, headed by the above-mentioned leader, won first prize in the School Film Competition, and IVb takes great delight in trying to win the weekly "Nicest Form-Room Competition".

It took hours of painstaking work for the author to find out our favourite subjects, which are Holidays, Lunch, Recess and Arguing (with Mr. Elkner).

During the year, Irene Anderson and Kathy Breen couldn't stand it any more, so they left. Lucky things!

Another of our favourite activities is called Side-tracking Teacher. Some of our brighter French enthusiasts, having failed in their efforts to rise above 20 per cent., reluctantly dropped the subject. The rest of us envy them and slave on.

Oh yes, the Tasmanian Trip—a riot (?).

For obvious reasons the author wishes to remain anonymous (mainly because he can't spell anonymous).

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STOP PRESS.—November 20th, 1964: The first pine-tree came down to make way for the new buildings near Strzelecki Road.

FORM REPORT ON IVc FOR 1964

On the whole, the year started off well for IVc in two ways: Firstly, we were given a most enthusiastic form teacher, Mr. Hazen; and secondly, we were granted the absences of distracting, talkative females (but see my next sentence).

For some periods our form was combined with IVe, which amongst other things has seven very charming girls. Even though our form was all boys we did all right amongst ourselves and kept on friendly terms with each other for most of the year and naturally, of course, there were always a few different characters who stood out from all of the others, and of all the forms we have quite a few. Firstly, our Form Captain, Jan Jasinski, alias "arry" Smith, who does his best sometimes, has wrapped himself up in amusing others with his far-fetched stories connected with girls; and secondly, Robert Vivian, who represents a practically pure-born comedian nicknamed "Stubble-nut". There is also another funny person in our form who is Doug Tatlow, who cracks jokes every minute, and has the form rolling all over the floor with laughter. In every form there is always a quiet person, and even though this person scares everyone with his strength, he is modest and a faithful friend. Peter Trkulja (Cheyenne) filled that position very well. Because he towered over every boy in the form, and he scared the day-lights out of us, we are all nice to him (now).

Don Armstrong, who is called "Quack", is Peter's friend, is also pretty strong, but every now and then he wiggles his ear and sends the whole form into hysterics trying to do it. The obvious rockers in our form are Dinny, Jan and Gerry Mallee, who disobeys nearly all of the school rules.

There are so many other boys in our form that we haven't got the time to discuss them individually.

After a fairly poor start with our form pet—a ferret—we managed to raise £34 at the school fair this year. The "white elephant" stall, aided by the shooting gallery, organised by several of boys from the form, raised a fair (pardon my pun) amount of money, due mainly to the backing of Mr. Hazen, who helped so much in both.

Although IVc did not rate a mention about the form banner for cleanliness, our room was always clean (oh, well, nearly all the time).

So IVc portrayed quite a unique form for 1964, and we have got to see it through and get it over with. Most of our success rests in the hands of Mr. Hazen, who did such a good job training us and straightening us out whenever problems arose amongst us.

—Form Representative, PHILLIP B. MILNE

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A Frenchman, in relating his experience in studying the English language, said: "When I discovered that if I was quick I was 'fast', that if I was tied up I was 'fast', and that not to eat was 'to fast', I was discouraged. But when I came across the sentence, 'The first one won one one-dollar prize', I gave up."—Gertrude Hildreth in *Learning the Three R's*. ("The Educational Magazine", September, 1964).

IVd REPORT

Well, our year in IVd is almost at an end, and may I say on behalf of the form what a pleasant year it has been with Mrs. Elkner as our form teacher, and who has always been willing to help us with our problems. I would also like to say "Thank You" to Margaret, our capable Form Captain.

As we are such a talkative form it's no wonder the teachers sometimes moan and groan when they find they have us for their next period. But who has ever heard of a group of girls being silent for a whole period?

This year is the last of school days for many of our fellow students. Those who are continuing on to fifth form will miss some familiar faces, but we wish them success in their chosen careers.

Wishing all teachers and fellow students the best for the coming year.

—KAY MEWETT

FORM IVe—GIRLS

SHONA (Soapy): Ambition—To live down her nickname.

Biggest mistake—Putting Rinso in gem scones.

RENATE (Butch): Ambition—Too numerous to mention.

Occupation—Male watching, stalking and catching.

NORMA (Bat-wings): Ambition—To clobber yours-very-truly.

Biggest mistake—She tried once!

Pat (Patsy): Ambition—To get a good stove in the C.C.

Occupation(s)—Varied.

MAGGIE (Magurcle): Ambition—To ensnare?

Biggest mistake—Being born.

SUSAN (Crowey): Ambition—To date Beatle-Paul.

Occupation—Active choir member.

TINA (Teensy): Ambition—To write poetry.

Biggest mistake—Ever trying.

FORM IVe—BOYS

Ken, John, Danny, Greg, Roddy, Frank, Graham and Phillip. Well, what more can I say?

—TINA WALSH

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Schools in the Round

School buildings in the round are coming off the drawing boards in the United States. A two-storey circular unit houses part of a school in San Leandro, California. In Fairbanks, Alaska, a circular elementary school building has a folded plate roof to provide more light; in Detroit, an elementary school has a circular centre with seventeen hexagon-shaped class-rooms; and, in Maryland, a circular elementary school is soon to be built. Reported advantages of these circular schools include better use of space, more programme flexibility, and more efficient movement by pupils.—Unesco Features ("The Educational Magazine", March, 1964).

PERSONAL GLIMPSSES OF 4E

- PAT BROWN:** Quiet type usually.
Nick-name: Patsy. Say: Hi!
Pastime: Beatle recordings.
Aspiration: Get married.
Probable end: Remaining a spinster.
- MARGARET CANOVAN:** Censored.
Nick-name: Maqurcle. Saying: I dunno.
Pastime: Males.
Aspiration: Marry George the Beatle.
Probable end: Selling salt in Siberia.
- SUSAN CROWE:** Quiet, if talking isn't counted.
Nick-name: Crowey. Saying: Shut up!
Pastime: Paul (Beatle).
Aspiration: Nurse.
Probable end: Sad.
- RENATE RADENKOVIC:** Has spasms.
Nick-name: Butch. Saying: Crowey!
Pastime: Ian.
Aspiration: Typist.
Probable end: Harry Johnkins.
- SHONA STEWART:** Um . . . !
Nick-name: Soapy Bubbles. Saying:
Pastime: Putting soap in gem scones.
Aspiration: Loose reputation as "soapy".
Probable end: MURDER!
- TINA WALSH:** Dictionary.
Nick-name: Teensy. Saying: Rave!
Pastime: Writing poetry.
Aspiration: Pass needlework.
Probable end: Failure.
- NORMA YULE:** (. . . .)?
Nick-name: Agatha Maqurcle. Saying: You'll go.
Pastime: Well . . . !
Aspiration: Dunno.
Probable end: Digging ditches in Afghanistan.
—TINA WALSH

4E BOYS—PERSONAL GLIMPSSES

- JOHN VOGEL—**
Nick-name: "Flossikins".
Favourite pastime: "Bird" watching.
Ambition: To stop certain people powdering his nose.
Probable destiny: Beauty consultant.
- KEN BATTY—**
Nick-name: Cuddles (?).
Favourite pastime: Well . . . !
Ambition: W-E-L-L!
Probable destiny: Sweeping sand off the Sahara.
- FRANK KEMPSTER—**
Nick-name: "Kem".
Favourite pastime: Girls.
Ambition: To catch one.
Probable destiny: Dying of cancer.
- RODNEY SMITH—**
Nick-name: "Romeo" (???).
Favourite pastime: Digging up flowers and growing weeds.
Ambition: Bank clerk.
Probable destiny: Robbing piggy banks.

- DANNY WALSH—**
Nick-name: "Useless".
Favourite pastime: Motor cycles (?).
Ambition: Motor mechanic.
Probable destiny: (?).
- PHILLIP POOLE—**
Nick-name: "Pooly".
Favourite pastime: "Smashing" kids (?).
Ambition: Electrical fitter.
Probable destiny: Having fits in padded cell.
- GRAHAM HYDE—**Censored.
- GREGORY PORTER—**
Nick-name: "Porky".
Favourite pastime: Helping to mentally incapacitate a certain girl.
Ambition: Public servant.
Probable destiny: Doing the public a service—
in gaol!
- RODNEY SMITH

FORM 3A NOTES

As I write this report I look back on a very successful year. Our form master, Mr. Cook, has had a lot to do with this. During the second term, the time of the fair, he helped us organize many things in our effort to raise money. As a result of this we came a close second to Form VI and raised a large amount of money. Our form captains, Robyn Kenny and Malcolm Gibson, have also done a lot of work to help us and we extend to them our sincere thanks. Thanks to our teachers for their help and understanding that they have given us throughout this year. I am sure that at least some of us have learnt something. It must have been very difficult to put up with us this long. Thanks to those members of the form who have co-operated to make us one of the best forms, and next year I am sure that 4A will be the best form in the school.

—KERRY FRENCH

FORM REPORT, FORM 3B

In our form there are fifteen boys and ten girls. Our form captains are John Lambert and Wendy Le Lievre. Our form teachers are Miss Wallace and Mr. Waters.

Tove Lerche has come top each term so far. Our marks are on the average about sixty-five per cent, excepting for Art—it is fairly good—but we aren't all artists. We have no great records although at our school fair we raised approximately £60, which we worked hard for. Another great record which is likely to stand for the next few years, is Alex Vajler, who in the first term of this year missed about sixty-five half-days due to unexpected illnesses (Ha-Ha!).

John Lambert is the first clown of the form, and next is Greg Church (we can't do without them).

During the year three people have left from our form. They are Carol Cullen, Ron Daniel, who joined the army, and Graham Edmunds.

All in all, we are very proud of our hectic form.

—Written by CHRISTINE ATKINSON and
JOHN LAMBERT

FORM 3C NOTES

This year began as we see 3c (fit as ever) and willing to jump to a hard year's work. Our form teacher, Mrs. Smith, also takes us for shorthand and typewriting. This year 3c consists of 21 girls who are taking the Commercial course. In our form we have a few students who represent our form in the school activities. Leanne Johnstone is our form captain, Pat Dearman is our vice-captain, and Anne McInnes is our form representative for the S.R.C. meetings.

Through the help of these girls and the rest of the form, we have been able to win the form competition frequently, and for this we are awarded a vase which was specially chosen by Mrs. Parsons for the winning form to keep for a week. Our favourite subject is English. We like English as it is interesting and full of fun. We are allowed to dress up when we have plays, and we always seem to have interesting topics to write about for essays. Of our twenty-one girls we have two girls, Josie Vella and Leanne Johnstone, who mostly seem to obtain the highest marks for Exams. Deanna Pinal and Beverley Walton also succeeded in obtaining high marks for typewriting. Deanna obtained 100 per cent., while Beverley obtained 99 per cent.

But by most teachers 3c is usually described as a bunch of cabbages.

FORM 3c's EPITAPH . . .

Here lieth the 21 bodies of 3c, who died from the shock of studying for the exams . . .

—JUDY STEVENS

FORM 2A

THE FAIR

In this year of 1964, Form 2a has raised £47/8/2 in the pre-fair activities and on Fair Day.

For pre-fair activities we sold numerous pikelets (thanks mainly to our form mistress, Mrs. Hutchison) and held small sweet stalls from time to time. The "Guess-the-number-of-pins-in-the-jar" competition was a good idea, but could have gained more money if the members of the form had remembered to bring the jar back after their turn of "hawking guesses".

Snip, Judy McDonald's dog, was our entrant for the Pet Parade, in which we made £3/14/5.

On the day of the Fair the girls ran a sweet stall. We did a roaring trade, with only occasional lulls in the flow of customers. Mrs. Hutchison went tirelessly back and forth between the boys' dart competition and the sweet stall. She did a marvellous job. The girls were helped with the sweets by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Peters, who remained on the stall for most of the day.

We were very grateful to the many ladies who donated sweets to the stall, but by the end of the day we declared that we did not wish to see another sweet in our lives.

MEMBERS OF THE FORM

We have a number of outstanding individuals in our form. Perhaps one day D.W. may be able to find all the desks in the school with her name written there by an anonymous person.

Let us hope that in her next reincarnation,

R.F. will become a horse, or if Mother Nature is cruel, a centaur would be second best.

Santa Claus will have a big task at Christmas this year. He will be occupied in filling a number of stockings and pillow-cases with black bubble gums. Certain boys would prefer Saint Nicholas to leave them effective sling-shots.

Congratulations to Judy and Alan for making such co-operative and popular form captains.

How many sides has a loaded dice besides the six outer sides?

According to our reckoning, in 1966 there should be a surplus of gutter sweepers and ditch diggers in Yallourn.

We look forward to a successful year in 1965.

—MICHELLE PETERS

FORM 2B

This year was quite a successful one for the girls of Form 2b, who had Room 5 as their form room. For the pre-fair activities we sold sweets, hot dogs and hot soup. The Ladies' Auxiliary kindly offered a form room party for the junior form which raised the most money before and during the fair. We were lucky enough to share this prize with Form 1a. The fair itself was quite a good effort as we sold hot dogs and balloons, and we organized a quoits stall. Unluckily we only won the form room vase once or twice, although a few girls in our form regularly worked at lunch-time to make our room clean and tidy. It is felt that if all members of the form had made the same effort we would have won the vase more often. We would like to give special thanks to our Form Mistress, Miss Bennett, and to our Form Captain, Pamela Daddo.

—I. RICKMAN

1B FORM NOTES

One Bee is the best,
Even when we're at rest.
After sport on a Wednesday,
Or maths on a Friday,
Our Jenny's the works,
And our Gayle's hot stuff,
Yet others are better at sport.
We're dressed to the test,
And we're in conduct proved best.
Although we can talk
The leg off a stork,
But it bores us at times
This chalk and the whines,
With holidays looming before us.

—MILICA MILENTIJEVIC

The girls of 1b would like to thank Miss Ross and the other teachers who have taught them this year, and we are looking forward to meeting next year as Form 2.

1A FORM NOTES

In our form there are fifteen boys and twenty-four girls. Our form is lucky to have a good form mistress such as Miss Stewart. The form captains are Graham Dowers and Patricia Dudley and both are doing a very good job.

At the beginning of the year, John Linabury won a swimming trophy for winning the under 13 swimming championship.

Later on in the year we had a sweet stall which was quite successful. On the 25th September, the School Fair was held. So our form chose the lucky dip, the treasure chest and a toy stall to help raise money for showers and dressing-rooms which will be installed in a few years.

At the Fair, Merlene Wilkinson won a microscope set. The treasure chest was won by Susan Stott.

Our form and 2b came a draw for raising the most money in the junior forms at the Fair. So our form and 2b will have to share the form party at the end of the year.

We are grateful to Miss Stewart for all the assistance she gave us to win the form party.

—B. KELAVA

SPORT

This year we have had varied results in the sporting field. As our numbers decrease so do our chances of breaking even with the other schools. In swimming we won the grand aggregate for the fifth successive year, but in athletics we came fifth out of six. In the thirty different team games we play during the year we were well below our average of expected successes.

On the home front we had our swimming, athletic and decathlon events, and the results are to be seen below.

SWIMMING

Boys

Under 13: J. Gray, J. Linabury.
Under 14: T. Dolphin.
Under 15: K. Gray.
Under 16: J. Kimberley.
Under 21: N. Hutchison.

Girls

Under 13: J. McDonald.
Under 14: E. Kimberley.
Under 15: P. Stinson.
Under 16: S. Hildtich.
Under 21: J. Vickery.

ATHLETICS

Boys

Under 13: S. Harvey.
Under 14: J. Crane.
Under 15: J. Udowenko.
Under 16: J. Lambert.
Under 21: G. McArthur.

Girls

Under 13: J. McDonald.
Under 14: S. Cone and J. Abbott.
Under 15: L. Cooper.
Under 16: V. Fankhauser.
Under 21: C. Hunt.

DECATHLON

Boys: G. McArthur.
Girls: V. Fankhauser.

—“PYLON” REPORTER

BASS BOYS' HOUSE NOTES

At the commencement of this year the prospects of success for Bass House looked bright. Our initial victory in the swimming sports acted as a morale booster, and spurred us on to an early lead at the end of Term 1.

The first major competition for Term II, the public speaking, went to Phillip House, but Peter Skelton, the Bass representative, gained a creditable second place. This event was followed by the House Choral Competition. After a tense struggle, Bass once more emerged the victors to reclaim the cup which we won last year. By the end of Term II we had increased our lead with top marks in citizenship, scholarship and sport, and both girls and boys were leading in their individual aggregates.

The third term began with 3 main competitions—the Egg Appeal, the Rag Appeal, and the Athletic Sports. In the Egg Appeal, Bass won by nearly doubling the amount of eggs collected by the second place-getter, Mawson, and won by a nose (or a handkerchief) in the Rag Appeal. However, Flinders shot to the front in the athletics to win by a comfortable margin; Bass being second.

The Athletic Sports was the last major competition for the year, and with only sport, scholarship and citizenship points to be allotted, Bass appears to be in front with the grand aggregate for 1964 within its reach.

This year most of the House has co-operated to make these successes possible, and with the help of Barry Planner, the Senior Vice-Captain, and Mr. Hazen and Mr. Cook, chaos at house assemblies has usually been averted. This year the seniors and juniors haven't, as a rule, separated for House Assembly, as the decrease in numbers has made this impracticable, but I would like to thank Bruce Betts, the Junior House Captain, for the help he has provided when called upon. And I would sincerely like to thank Carol Hunt and the girls for the way in which they have worked with us, making this year's successes a result of the combined house.

As for the boys, many of them deserve highest praise for the effort they have somehow made. However, if this house is to continue in its winning vein next year, there must be greater co-operation between all members. This year's success is mainly due to a hard core of followers, instilled with house spirit, which does the bulk of the work. With keener competition, which I am sure will come next year, it is up to the rest of the boys to lend their support to them and to the privileged person who will be Bass House Captain for 1965.

N. HUTCHISON

BASS GIRLS' HOUSE NOTES

This year, though small in number, Bass girls seem to “crop up” everywhere. With the other half of the house we gained a first in the swimming sports. This achievement was not easy as competition was (as ever) so keen from the other houses.

The Choral Competition in second term was just as keenly contested, and our first place was due to the hard work done by Niels, who arranged, conducted and “bullied” the choir, the

pianist Rodney Smith, guitarist John Humphreys, and house members who participated.

When this article went to press Bass girls were studying hard for the forthcoming exams, but they can look back with pride. Though we gained second place in the athletics two junior house-members, Sylvia Lowe and Jean Abbott, shared the under 14 championship, and the boys were also represented. We redeemed ourselves by winning both the egg and rag appeals.

Apart from all the competitions throughout the year, Bass girls have maintained a high standard in duty, winter and summer sport, inspections and scholastic achievements.

I sincerely thank Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hutchison, Linda Smith (Junior Captain), and Coral Valli (Vice-Captain) for their support, encouragement and enthusiasm. Also, thanks must go to the members of the house who have co-operated so willingly. To the other houses, I offer congratulations and thanks for your keen and well-fought competition.

Finally, to every member no matter to what house your loyalties lie with, it's not winning, but cheerful participation that offers everybody the greatest enjoyment. I know everybody wants to win, but to be a better sport one must take disappointments cheerfully and not spitefully.

I sincerely hope Bass can carry on with its fine work throughout the long and difficult years ahead.

—CAROL HUNT, Captain 1964

FLINDERS GIRLS' NOTES

House spirit shown by Flinders girls in previous years seems to have lapsed this year. Even so, we have gained considerable success in our activities.

Swimming was our first performance and the girls competed well to help the house gain second place. We then completely collapsed in the house choir competition and the egg and rag appeals. The house, however, redeemed itself by winning the athletics, and the girls lost their section by only one-half of a point.

Duty and inspection gained Flinders' girls first place in Term I, but they slipped back in the second term, and we hope to regain first position in Term III.

I would like to thank Miss Mitchell and Miss Ross for their guidance and encouragement throughout the year, and Vice-Captain Wendy Black, and Junior House Captain Diane Atkinson for their able assistance and support in all our activities.

In conclusion, I thank Flinders' girls for giving me this opportunity to be their captain, and for the enjoyment I have gained from it.

I sincerely wish you every success in the future.

—KRISTINE HENRY

FLINDERS BOYS

Flinders' boys this year have done quite well in regards to house competition.

The house has done quite well in yard duty, social service activities and in weekly sport. We also gained first place in the House Athletic Sports, and a second in the House Swimming Sports.

Overall, the boys here had a quite successful year.

For their help during the year I would like to thank on behalf of the boys and girls and the house, their House Mistresses, Mr. Waters and Mr. Lucas, our House Masters, and Andrew McInnes, my Vice-Captain.

I would like to wish the house all the best in future years.

—D. KIMBERLEY

MAWSON BOYS' NOTES

The year 1964 has been a year of "seconds" for Mawson. Both in the sporting field and in citizenship we lack that little zest to be winners.

In both the egg and rag appeals we had to be content with second place. In the choir also we were equal second. The yard duty for the early part of the year was done efficiently and willingly, but for the last few months the house spirit has been sadly lacking in this field. The clothing and locker inspection has been reasonably good.

Both in the summer and winter sports we gained second position and were second also in the boys' athletics. However, brighter days may be ahead for Mawson as John Linabury drew for the under 13 cup for swimming, and John Udowenko the under 15 trophy for athletics. My thanks to both these boys for their sterling efforts and for the little ray of hope they give Mawson for the future.

My sincere thanks to Mr. Bird and Mr. Cleland, our House Masters, for their help and advice, and to Aileen Meikle, Mawson's Girls' Captain, and to Gary Middlemiss, Vice-Captain, who have always been most willing to assist in all matters.

Best wishes to Mawson boys for 1965, and I hope that in the coming year this year's "seconds" will be converted into "firsts".

—G. McARTHUR

PHILLIP GIRLS' NOTES

This year we have improved little on third and fourth places of last year. The house spirit in the junior girls was not enough to make up for the unco-operative attitude of the seniors. We started the year badly with a third in the swimming sports, but later in first term we gained first place in the public speaking, for which I would like to thank June Morgan very much. I would also like to thank Chris Vincent and John Waterson for their help with the house choir, which came equal second with Mawson.

Enthusiasm returned briefly during the rag and egg appeal, and although we only gained third place in both we were close behind Bass and Mawson. Our fourth place in the athletic sports showed more lack of co-operation than ability. Duty has been very badly done all the year, with the same four girls helping every month, and this is typical of all other house activities.

I would like to thank Dianne Robertson, who has been very keen in her leadership of the juniors. Thanks also go to Mrs. Elkner and Miss Stewart for their assistance during the year.

Good luck in the future, Phillip. If the house spirit in the junior girls continues the cup could be back where it belongs in the near future.

—MARGARET TULLIS