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THE SCHOOL PLEDGE

"I promise to be loyal to my Queen, my country, and the wider commonwealth of mankind; to do all in my power to uphold the good name of my school; and to strive to be just and honourable in all that I do."

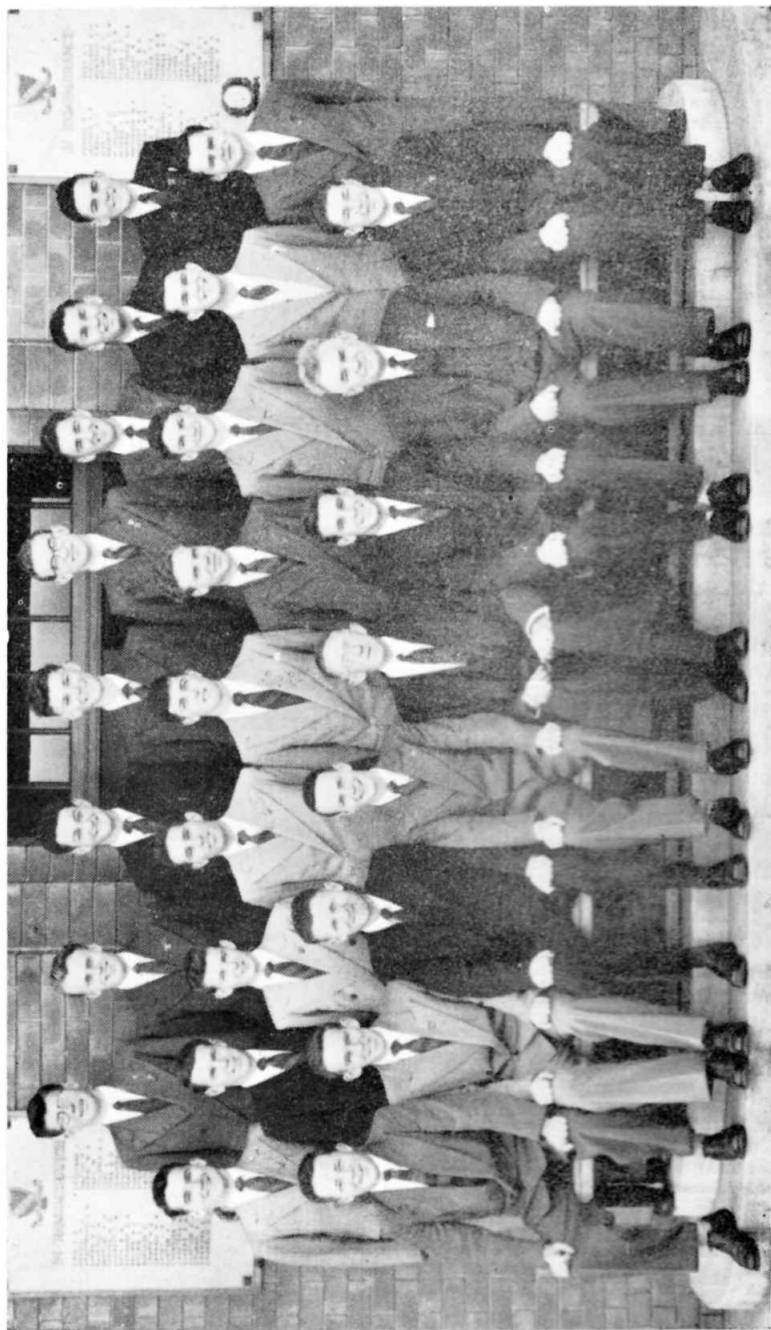
THE HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Early next year, when we are visited by our Queen, there will be a great wave of enthusiastic loyalty sweeping the country. In this Message, I want to say something to you about this important subject of loyalty.

As you know, we have introduced a Loyalty Pledge into the School. You have all promised "to be loyal to your Queen, your Country, and the wider Commonwealth of Mankind; to do all in your power to uphold the good name of your School; and to strive to be just and honourable in all that you do."

Loyalty implies devotion. You can't be really loyal to something unless you care about it. Just pause and ask yourself how much you care about all that is included in your Pledge.

It should be easy for you to feel devotion to Her Majesty. Not only is she head of our British peoples and the unifying principles of our way of life, but she is a very attractive woman, who has won affection wherever she has gone. I know that you are eagerly looking forward to her visit here.



THE PREFECTS — 1953.

FRONT ROW: D. Keith, T. Smith (Senior Prefect), Mr. T. Plummer (Master in Charge of Prefects), J. McKenzie (Captain), Mr. F. H. Beard (Headmaster), A. Charlton (Vice-Captain), Mr. A. W. Milne (Deputy-Headmaster), B. Nicklison.

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BACK ROW: D. Bowden, R. Fielding, H. Burwell, T. Hyland, K. Barratt, J. Gill, M. Cotterill, D. Martyn.

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You have a great and specially favoured country and devotion to it should be easy, too. Just think of all the good things that you enjoy in a land of plenty, with equality and freedom of opportunity for all. I hope you will never forget that privileges bring responsibilities. It is your task in the future to make our country better still, and as good sports—which Australians pride themselves on being—you should feel that you have a duty towards the people of the world not nearly so fortunate as you.

That leads to the next point—devotion to Mankind. Whether you look at it from the religious or the scientific or the economic angle, we are all one family. The world is a very small place now, when men can fly across it in twenty-four hours. Your future well-being and happiness — probably the survival of mankind on the earth—depends on your generation learning that all men are brothers and that they can live together in lasting peace.

Your last promise is to be just and honourable in all that you do. This is to be loyal to yourself. Your most precious possession is your integrity, your ability to look the world in the face because you are an honest man trying your best to play a worthy part in life. If you have this loyalty, all the others should follow. You remember Shakespeare's great words—

“To thine own self be true
And it will follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.”

THE CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

This year, our new School Pledge has set for us the greatest of democratic ideals on which to base our actions. It takes on a broad aspect, so deep and significant that you, as the school, have been asked not to repeat it if you have felt incapable of obeying its promises. To my mind, however, no boy should interpret the pledge in such a way as to feel incapable of carrying it out, for in it the word “strive” is used. Thus, a common human failing has been recognised and it should not be too hard for any boy to try, at least, to say:

“I promise . . . to strive to be just and honourable in all that I do.”

If you strive, then, apart from carrying out one of the conditions of a fine pledge, you will be living up to the driving force of our school's ideals—the motto “Remis Velisque.” You will be doing all in your power to forge ahead and, in doing your best, there is nothing else you can do. Striving is the reason for human advancement and, except for those who are completely inert, we are striving all our lives. It is the extent of our efforts and the ultimate goal to which our striving is directed that determine our success as men, and the way of life which we shall lead.

This idea of always trying brings me to that wonderful and wide-spread ideal of sportsmanship. To my mind the boy who tries to help his House succeed by entering many events for the fun of the sport is more a sportsman than he who grudgingly enters one or two events for no other reason than to gain selection in the school team. Even if he never succeeds, if he participates for the love of the game, if he tries his best, loses graciously and plays cleanly, then a boy may consider himself as good a sport as any.

Remember this as you go through our great school: the school is judged on the type of boy it sends out into the world and by the behaviour of its students. Up till now, men such as those whose names appear on our Memorial Entrance have made the name of our school great and honourable. It is up to all of us to keep it so. To do this, try to live up to the pledge, and as you go through life remember to take things in your stride, and yet to be prepared for them.

Lastly, I thank all of the many friends of the school. In doing this, I include our parents, who work tirelessly in the Parents and Citizens' Association, for the betterment of the school and the improvement of school facilities. I also thank Alan, Terry and the prefects for their splendid co-operation. Without them, my task as Captain would have been insurmountable. On their behalf I thank you boys for your co-operation, and ask you to extend the same willingness to next year's prefects. To these as yet unchosen prefects I echo Kevin Gosper's words: "Remember you were once in first year yourselves."

— JOHN McKENZIE.

SPEECH NIGHT

On Speech Night at the City Hall, 28th May, the speeches included the Chairman's address by the Lord Mayor, Alderman F. J. Purdue, the Headmaster's report, its adoption (moved by Mr. J. J. Fyfe and seconded by Mr. B. A. Helmore), the address by D. Drake, Esq., B.A., Area Director of Education, and the vote of thanks by Schol Captain J. McKenzie.

Area Director of Education, and the vote of thanks by School Captain the senior and junior choirs, and a flute duet by J. Lloyd and G. Kalmykoff.

The Kenneth Sanderson Memorial Prize was presented by Mrs. W. Sanderson, the Meikle Memorial Prizes by Mrs. A. Chichester, the Ross Mearns and Basil Helmore Prizes by Mrs. B. Helmore, the Finlay Donald McLeod Memorial Prize for Captain by the Headmaster, the W. V. Cochrane Memorial Prize by Mrs. Cochrane, the Captain John Cleary Memorial Prizes by Mrs. Cleary, the Allan J. Way Prizes by Dr. Enid Way, B.Sc., Ph.D., the James William Armstrong Memorial Prize by Mrs. Armstrong, the Waratah Auxiliary Proficiency Prize and the Second Year Improvement Prize by Mrs. W. A. Hannaford.

School prizes were presented by the Lady Mayoress, and sport prizes by Mrs. J. J. Fyfe.

Reviewing the academic and sporting activities, the Headmaster said that he doubted if the school had previously had such a year of achievements as 1952. His two comments on this fine academic year were, firstly, that the results reflected the best qualities of character the school was striving to produce in its students, and secondly, that it was a tragedy for Newcastle that so many of the best of our seniors were lost to this community because of the lack of an academic university here. "The problems of a troubled world are theirs to solve," he said. "They will be fitted for this task only when they have been put in touch with all the great minds of the past who have striven selflessly after truth. This contact can be gained in its fullest form only within a university. A university is needed not only to train our young people to be doctors and lawyers, scientists and teachers, but also to give the community that cultural leavening which a university will bring. The force that must remodel society and build a new world is true education, and in that true education the church, the home and the academic institutions must all take their part."

THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

The association continues to grow in numbers and financial strength. In 1952, which was a record year, there were 258 life and 688 annual members. The net income was £826, of which £60 represented members' subscriptions. In 1953 there are 320 life and 909 annual members. The net income will be £900, of which £76 is represented by members' subscriptions.

The following are some of the items provided, or passed for payment this year:—quadrangle flood-lighting, £30; materials and equipment for repairs to text books, £100; donation towards purchase of text books, £200; 2 memorial chairs for office, £23; gymnasium mats, £50; tape recorder for speech training, £120; coronation film, £10; improvements to school grounds, £50; 15 jerseys for football teams, £35; travelling expenses for school teams, £50; donation to school library, £100; donation towards annual prizes, £50; china and glass-ware, £35.

The association is ably supported by the Waratah and Bar Beach Ladies' Auxiliaries. These ladies conduct their own functions and raise a considerable amount of the annual income. The Waratah Auxiliary have a working party at the school every fortnight for the purpose of re-covering and repairing text-books. Both the auxiliaries take charge of all the catering for social and sports events. The grateful thanks of the association and of all parents are due to them for their fine efforts and the excellent results they always obtain.

The association has been in communication with the Honourable the Minister for Education seeking to improve the position concerning the present tuck-shop, gymnasium and assembly hall. The unsatis-

factory state of these three important adjuncts has been reported over a number of years. Continued representations will be made until this urgent matter receives just consideration.

The appreciation and thanks of the association are extended to Mr. F. H. Beard; much of our success is due to his co-operation and enthusiastic support. Our thanks also to all the teachers for the high standard maintained, and to those who give time and energy in coaching and managing the various sports teams, the cadets, the choir and the orchestra.

The association's monthly meeting is held in the school assembly hall on the third Tuesday in every month. All parents are urged to give their active support. Come and assist us to spend £900 for the benefit of the school's students, who are your sons.

G. KEITH (Hon. Secretary).

WARATAH LADIES' AUXILIARY

The aim of Waratah Auxiliary for this year has been to save money rather than to make money, and also to benefit the school and the pupils by the formation of a Text Book Repair Group. The ladies have met together at the school under the able supervision of Mrs. A. Hannaford to reinforce and strengthen new text books before issue to boys, and to renovate worn text books. Altogether about 5,000 books have been dealt with by an enthusiastic band of consistent workers. By the way, recruits are always welcome.

School activities began early this year with the fete held in April. A varied programme of activities has followed, resulting in a most satisfactory financial statement, £252 being raised. The auxiliary has donated prizes to be presented to boys on Speech Night for general improvement in the lower classes, and has undertaken the cost of text book repair and the purchase of necessary equipment for school functions.

Waratah Auxiliary has combined with Bar Beach to dispense hospitality at school functions. This is always a successful arrangement.

We wish to thank the "new" mothers who have taken their places so well in auxiliary doings throughout the year, and to say a special "thank you" to the faithful band who carry on year after year.

For the information of any mother who would like to join, our meetings are held at the school on the second Tuesday in each month. You will be very welcome, you will enjoy the friendly atmosphere and help your son by your interest in his school and its welfare and advancement.

J. MARQUET (Hon. Secretary)



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BAR BEACH LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Bar Beach Ladies' Auxiliary is now in its sixth year of existence, and the members have again shown the co-operation and willingness of past years to make 1953 a year of outstanding financial success.

Twenty new names were added to the roll. This brings our membership total to seventy-five. We would very much like this number doubled, and we promise any prospective member a cordial welcome to our ranks.

Our social programme was arranged in such a manner as to provide for at least one function each month, and this was adhered to.

As a departure from the usual card parties, a pleasant social evening, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner, Grandview Road, New Lambton, exceeded all expectations. Another innovation, a car drive to the Maconite Corporation, was made possible by the generosity of the General Manager, Mr. Morgan.

At each of our functions generous support was given by the public, whose attendance assisted in making each one a financial and social success. To all our supporters we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation. It is most gratifying to see the realisation of our aim, which is the provision of amenities for our boys at the school. May the forthcoming year inspire our members to even greater efforts for this purpose.

Our meetings, convened for the first Thursday of each month at 10.30 a.m., are held at the home of Mrs. F. L. Griffiths, 158 Parkway Avenue, Hamilton South, where it is also proposed to hold our annual garden fete in October of this year.

E. WHITEHEAD (Hon. Sec.)

SCHOOL WELFARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1953

President, School Captain; Secretary, A. R. Winn; Committee: School Captain, A. Winn, I. Williams, K. Mahoney, L. Roberts.

The year 1953 has been a satisfying one for the Newcastle Boys' High School Welfare and Social Service Committee. At the annual meeting of the committee in February an amendment was made to the constitution. Meetings, formerly held fortnightly, are now held on the second Tuesday of each month, or whenever the secretary considers a meeting necessary.

It was pleasing to note that the credit balance for 1952 was just under twenty pounds. This enabled us to proceed immediately in making donations.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 14/9/'53

Receipts:	£	s	d	£	s	d
Carried over from 1952	19	4	5			
Weekly Collections	97	15	0			
Donations:						
U.N.I.C.E.F.				14	7	0
European Flood Relief				10	0	0
Pupil of School				4	0	0
Benevolent Society				10	0	0
Stewart House				20	0	0
Greek Earthquake Victims				10	0	0
Legacy				15	0	0
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				£116	19	5
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Balance				£33	12	5

A. R. WINN (Secretary)

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day was commemorated this year by a very impressive ceremony in the school hall. The school is once again indebted to Mr. Ray Perkins for sounding the Last Post and the Reveille.

E. V. CAMPBELL
CHEMIST



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EMPIRE DAY

Our student-speakers at this year's Empire Day ceremony merit congratulations on two counts. They gave fine addresses at our function in the school hall and were successful in the Royal Empire Society's Public Speaking Competition. In the under 16 section J. Marquet came first, and B. Wilson tied for third. In the senior section, J. McKenzie came second, and J. Kilpatrick fourth.

THE ANNUAL FETE

The success of the Annual Fete, held on the afternoon and evening of Friday, April 17, and officially opened by the Lord Mayor, was another fine tribute to the splendid work of our P. & C. Association and the Ladies' Auxiliaries. The school expresses its deep thanks to these organisations, to the many other willing workers, and to the visitors.

OUR BENEFACTORS

We welcome the opportunity of expressing in the Novocastrian our deep gratitude to all individuals and organisations who have contributed to the welfare of our school.

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We draw the attention of our readers to the advertisements and to the names of the donors of blocks in this issue of the Novocastrian.

PLAYS

This year's "Play Day" took the form of two sessions in the school hall—one session for Fourth Year plays on Friday morning, August 15th, and the other for First and Second Year plays on Monday, August 18th. Messrs. G. Kerr, F. Smith, R. McFarlane and D. Watchorn were in charge of the make-up department.

The school congratulates all those who were concerned in the preparation and presentation of the following plays, all of which were very creditably performed:—"Two Gentlemen of Soho" (4A), "The Boy Comes Home" (4B), "The Dear Departed" (4C), "The Crimson Coconut" (4D), "Rory Aforesaid" (4E), "Sum Class" (2A), "Pyramus and Thisbe" (2B), "Diamond Cut Diamond" (2C), "The Miracle of Watling Street" (2D), "The Crimson Coconut" (2E), "The Amateur Astrologer" (1A), "The Knave of Hearts" (1B), "The Disappearing Schoolboy" (1C), "The Spirit" (1D), "Robin Hood and the Pedlar" (1E).

We record here, too, our appreciation of the work of the Fifth Year boys and members of the Dramatic Club who, under the direction of Mr. F. Smith and Mr. F. Symes, presented several sketches in the form of a review on the day of the fete—April 17th.

THE INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(I.S.C.F.)

This movement seeks to promote fellowship amongst Christian boys and to present the truth of the Gospel to others. It is organised on a purely inter-denominational basis.

We wish to thank our headmaster, Mr. F. H. Beard, for his help during the year, and also Mr. R. J. Cochrane and the science staff for the use of the physics rooms.

Many fine messages were given to us by our speakers and to them we extend our heartfelt thanks. Attendances have grown gradually, and on one occasion over one hundred attended the meeting, but the average has been in the vicinity of sixty boys. At the various functions such as the annual picnic at Maitland Park, the missionary tea, and leaders' meetings, we have been represented. Interest in I.S.C.F. this year has been quickened, but we feel that much more is to be accomplished in the future.

I should like to express my thanks to Miss F. Patterson, B.A., our principal staff worker in this district, for her wise leadership and kindly assistance.

HUGH VARNES, 4th Year (President)

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THE CADET UNIT

Do we hear echoes of "Look at that small, undisciplined and useless group of cadets," and "They enjoy playing soldiers?" Such remarks as these are unjustifiable slurs and may easily be discredited.

One should attend any of our camps before condemning. It appears that the drill we do at school and the rumour concerning the 1951 annual camp at Gan-Gan have caused our numbers to drop. If that is the reason, then we are very glad to have a small unit. The discipline and knowledge of our unit are always shown to be superior to those of other schools in camp. Our speed and discipline in manoeuvres, firing of all weapons and on marches have enabled us to defeat all other schools and draw favourable comment. This speaks volumes for the teamwork, initiative, leadership and self-confidence of the unit.

Yes, we enjoy being cadets! We know it aids self-development and is a very interesting change, even though the drill at school may seem a little tedious. We are interested in our weapons and training in the same way as an amateur chemist is interested in his hobby. In the ominous future we may look on our training in a different way, but at the moment we are interested in it for interest's sake.

The cadet is trained in drill, in the use of the rifle, the Bren LMG, the grenade, in fieldcraft, in tactics and in map-reading. The 3" mortar, Vickers MMG, 6 pdr. tank-attack gun, regimental signals and medical training offer further scope for the trained cadet. The cadet fires all his weapons on the miniature (30 yards) range, the open range and the field firing range. Bivouacs, week-end exercises, specialist camps and the annual camp afford good opportunities for intensive training. The Potential N.C.O. and Officers' Course at the end of the year is the goal of every cadet.

We have the best equipped unit in the state. This was shown at the recent annual camp where our gear was borrowed by schools from all over the camp, even by some G.P.S. schools. This equipment is a memorial to the times when our unit was 180 strong. The whole school should hope that next year our equipment will no longer be a memorial.

Capt. Fountain, our O.C., Lt. Watchorn and Capt. Marquet must be warmly thanked for the job they are doing and the interest they take in us. We also thank our friend, Capt. Dellow, the instructors of 11 Cadet Battalion, and Mr. Beard for their help and interest.

— D. KEITH.

THE CADET BAND

This year the band had eight drummers, seven buglers, a bass drummer and a cymbal player. We had many engagements including the Anzac Day parade through Hunter Street, the Coronation march, and parades on Empire Day and Wattle Day. We also played at our



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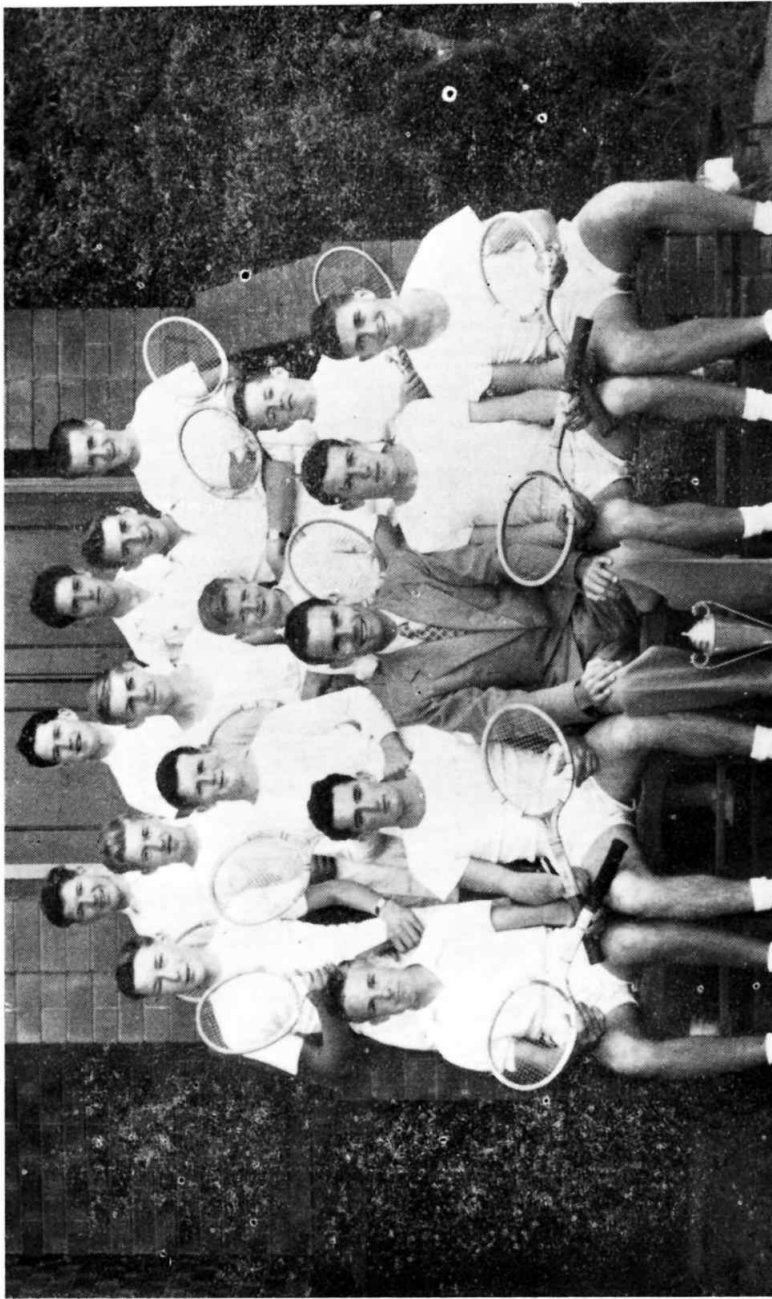
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FRONT ROW (1st Grade): J. Gray, P. Dickson (capt.), Mr. A. Clark (coach), F. Myers, G. Shearman.
SECOND ROW (Under 14): F. Topham (capt.), E. Brock, J. Turner, J. Allen.
THIRD ROW (2nd grade, undefeated): A. Nelmes, D. Wood, G. Ryan, G.W. Kirkby, capt., absent).
BACK ROW: (P.S.A.A.) J. Waters, J. Hamonet (capt.), E. Cooper, W. Hall.

school fete and at Girls' High sports and fete. Because of illness only eight members attended the annual camp and we had to join with other bands in the march-past. The good standard of the band was upheld by the interest and enthusiasm the boys showed in their playing.

Drum Major G. WIWLLIAMS.

No. 21 FLIGHT, A.T.C.

The A.T.C. Flight, now in its second year, has progressed very rapidly under the capable command of F/Lt. F. S. Smith, who took over after F/Lt. A. H. Hodge's departure. He is being ably assisted by F/O H. H. Beveridge and F/Sgt. F. Sheriff.

Several camps have been held at Rathmines, where both senior and junior N.C.O. courses were available. During December, 1952, L.A.C. D. M. Geddes topped the junior N.C.O. course, while in May Sgt. J. Natress repeated the feat in the senior N.C.O. course. A recent trip to Williamstown, where the flight was welcomed, was very instructive and afforded an excellent opportunity of seeing some of Australia's air defences.

Throughout the year the concentration has been on giving experience in instructing. Drill has been handled by Sgt. Cater and Sgt. Thornton; service knowledge was given by Cpl. Simpson; while Cpl. Jenkins and L.A.C. Cooper dealt with armaments.

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THE ANNUAL CONCERT

Our congratulations go to all who contributed to the success of the very enjoyable Annual Concert presented at the City Hall on September 22nd.

The first part of the programme consisted of an item by the school orchestra, solos by flautist G. Kalmykoff, a mime "O Soldier, Soldier," with S. Park and G. Williams, solos by pianist J. Lloyd, another mime "The Three Drummers," with P. Stocker, B. Wolfenden, L. Clarke, E. Scott and J. Helman; songs by the choir, solos by violinist R. Millington; "The Borgia Orgy," with J. Jowett, R. Gordon, J. Farrell, J. McKenzie and B. Howe, and a very fine gymnastics display by the first year play squad and the senior vaulting squad.

After interval two plays chosen from those performed on Play Day were very capably presented: one by 4A, "Two Gentlemen of Soho," with K. Trezise, M. Bailey, A. Winn, D. Horsfield, N. Harnson, L. Gledhill, B. Proudfoot; the other by 4C, "The Dear Departed," with G. Holmes, G. Robbins, W. Cater, B. Larkin, B. Suters, J. McNaughton.

The producers of plays were Messrs. A. Judd and R. McFarlane, the conductor of choir and orchestra Mr. D. Watchorn, the Physical Education instructors Messrs. R. Judge and M. Smith, and the house managers Messrs. C. McFarlane and H. Abrahams.

HONOUR POCKETS

At a ceremony in the hall on Friday, September 25th, the school witnessed the presentation of Honour Pockets provided by the Parents and Citizens' Association. These pockets, awarded by the School Union to boys who have played a specified number of games in a 1st grade team, are intended as a recognition of service to the school in sport and as a stimulus to school spirit.

After the Headmaster had welcomed the President of the P. & C., Mr. J. J. Fyfe, the Secretary, Capt. G. Keith, and visiting parents, Mr. Fyfe addressed the students on the significance of the pockets and then made the presentations. School Captain John McKenzie thanked the P. & C. on behalf of the students, and Mr. T. Brown, coach of the 1st grade Rugby team, spoke on behalf of the coaches.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS, 1952

1, English; 2, Latin; 3, French; 4, German; 5, Mathematics I; 6, Mathematics II; 7, General Mathematics; 9, Modern History; 11, Combined Physics and Chemistry; 12, Physics; 13, Chemistry; 17, Geography; 18, Economics; 35, Descriptive Geometry and Drawing.

The letters H(1) signify first-class honours; H(2) second-class honours; A first-class pass; B second-class pass. The sign (o) denotes those who have passed in the oral tests in French and German.

Alcorn, B. L., 1A, 7B, 9B, 11A, 18A.	Davies, D. M., 1B, 2B, 3B, 9B.
Apitz, N., 1B, 6B, 12B, 13B.	Davies, K. A., 1B, 2B, 3A(o), 7B, 9B, 11B.
Atkins, A. S., 1A, 3B, 5B, 6B, 13A, 18B.	Davis, B. M., 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A, 35A.
Barnes, D. W., 1B, 3A(o), 5H(1), 6H(1), 12A, 13A.	Deans, D. F., 1B, 7B, 9B, 13A, 17A, 18B.
Beck, M. M., 1B, 3B, 7B, 9A, 11A, 18B.	Evans, D. A., 1B, 5A, 6B, 12A, 13A.
Body, P. B., 1B, 7B, 17B, 18B, 35B.	Ferguson, J. N., 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.
Bradford, R. G., 1B, 9B, 17B, 18B.	Flanagan, R. A., 1B, 3A(o), 5A, 6A, 12A, 13H(1).
Clulow, K. J., 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 11A, 18B.	Fyfe, I. J., 1B, 3B(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 13H(2).
Cowan, D. J., 1B, 3B(o), 5B, 12B, 13A.	Gibbins, I. D., 1B, 9B, 17A, 18B.
Cowen, W. J., 1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13A, 17B.	Goninan, P. K., 1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.
Crozier, H. C., 1A, 7A, 9A, 11A, 17H(1), 18B.	Green, H. J., 1B, 2A, 3A(o), 7B, 9H(2), 13A.
Cummings, P. R., 1B, 3B(o), 7B, 9B.	Hall, W. A., 1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.
Cunningham, R. A., 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.	Healy, P. A., 1A, 5H(1), 6H(1), 12H(1), 13A.

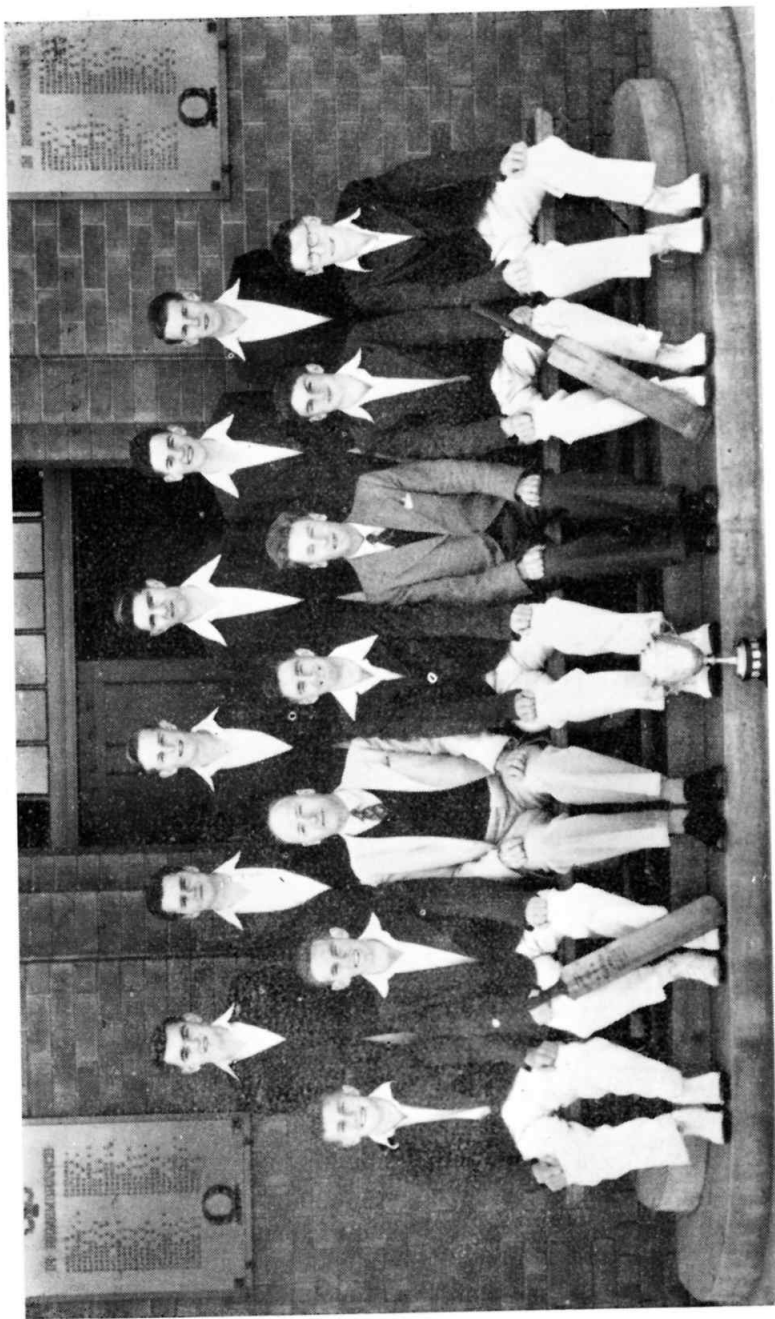
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- Hodge, R. E., 1H(2), 7A, 9B, 13B, 17H(2) 18A.
 Hughes, G., 1B, 3A, 5H(1), 6A, 12H(2), 13A.
 Hutchinson, A., 1H(2), 2B, 3B(o), 9B, 13B.
 Imrie, K. S., 1B, 3B(o), 5H(1), 6A, 12A, 13H(1).
 Jackson, B. A., 1B, 2B, 3A(o), 4B(o), 7B, 9A.
 Jenkins, G. A., 1B, 3A(o), 4A(o), 5H(1), 6A, 12A.
 Jones, R. G., 7B, 9B, 17B, 18B.
 Kafer, N., 1B, 7B, 9B, 11B.
 Kelso, S. J., 1B, 12A, 13B, 17B.
 Kemple, B. J., 1B, 2B, 3A(o), 5H(2) CA, 11A.
 Kirkby, P. S., 1B, 7B, 9B, 11A, 17B, 18A.
 Layt, J. E., 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.
 McDonald, K., 1B, 3A(o), 6B, 12B, 13A.
 Madew, D. M., 1B, 3B(o), 5A, 6B, 12A, 13H(2).
 Marshall, J. W., 1A, 3A(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.
 Matthews, W. A., 1B, 5H(2), 6A, 12A, 13A.
 Maughan, R. C., 3B(o), 5B, 6B, 12B, 13A.
 Miller, B. R., 1A, 3B, 7B, 9A, 13A, 18B.
 Mingay, J. W., 1B, 7B, 9B, 11B, 17H(2), 18B.
 Mitchell, J. T., 1B, 3B, 7B, 9B, 11B, 18B.
 Mitchel, R. J., 1A, 3A(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.
 Moore, H. G., 1B, 5H(2), 6A, 12A, 13B, 17B.
 Morgan, D. E., 1B, 7B, 9A, 13B, 17A, 18B.
 Morgan, T. O., 1B, 5H(1), 6A, 12H(2), 13H(1).
 Nelson, G. D., 1B, 3A(o), 5B, 6A, 12A, 13A.
 Piggford, G. S., 1B, 3B(o), 7B, 9A, 18B.
 Renton, D. T., 1B, 5B, 6B, 13B, 18B.
 Roach, J., 1A, 3B(o), 7B, 9H(1), 11A, 18B.
 Scott, K., 1A, 3B, 5B, 6B, 18A.
 Sharpe, R. B., 1B, 2B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 11A.
 Smith, B. G., 1B, 3B(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 13H(2).
 Spitzkowsky, C. W., 1B, 3B(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.
 Stevenson, R. G., 1B, 3B(o), 7B, 9A, 13B.
 Tate, J. W., 1B, 2B, 3B(o), 7B, 9B, 13B.
 Thomas, J. P., 1B, 2B, 3A(o), 7B, 9A, 13A.
 Tressider, W. D., 1B, 9B, 17H(2), 18A.
 Whitton, J., 1B, 3B, 5H(1), CH(1), 12A, 13A.
 Williams, J. F., 1B, 3B(o), 5H(2), 6B, 12A, 13A.
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 Mathematics II: D. W. Barnes (1st in State), P. A. Healey, J. Whitton.
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 Chemistry: R. A. Flanagan, I. J. Fyfe, K. S. Imrie, D. M. Madew, T. O. Morgan, B. G. Smith.
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Geddes, D. M.; Geddes, R.; Gledhill, L. R.; Gorton, I. J.; Gray, J. C.; Gray, J. W.; Hann, W. J.; Harborne, F. J.; Harris, S. W.; Harrison, N. J.; Hawkins, J. K.; Hay, G. C.; Haynes, W. F.; Hearn, J. A.; Holcolme, R. F.; Hole, G. R.; Holmes, L. G.; Horne, J. R.; Horsfield, D.; Jackson, R. J.; Jenkins, T. B.; Joass, A. J.; Johnson, E. D.; Jones, W. G.; Karpin, G. D.; Kelly, G. D.; Kirkby, W. H.; Lean, R. G.; Leopold, W. C.; Lewis, A.; Lloyd, J. S.; Lobb, V. A.; Long, R. W.; McDougall, D. A.; McNaughton, J. E.; Mackie, E. B.; Manning, R. J.; Marquet, J. W.; Marsh, C. W.; Melville, C. J.; Millington, R. L.; Moore, C.; Morley, G. B.; Morrison, R. A.; Muldoon, R. J.; Myers, B. J. F.; Nelmes, A. P.; Nichols, M. D. S.; Osborne, K. E.; Osmond, G. H.; Owens, R. J.; Park, D. A.; Payne, K. N.; Perry, D. E.; Phillips, M. C.; Phillips, R. B.; Proudfoot, B. W. G.; Read, H. W.; Redden, W. J.; Robbins, E. G.; Rolfe, I.; Roxby, P. A.

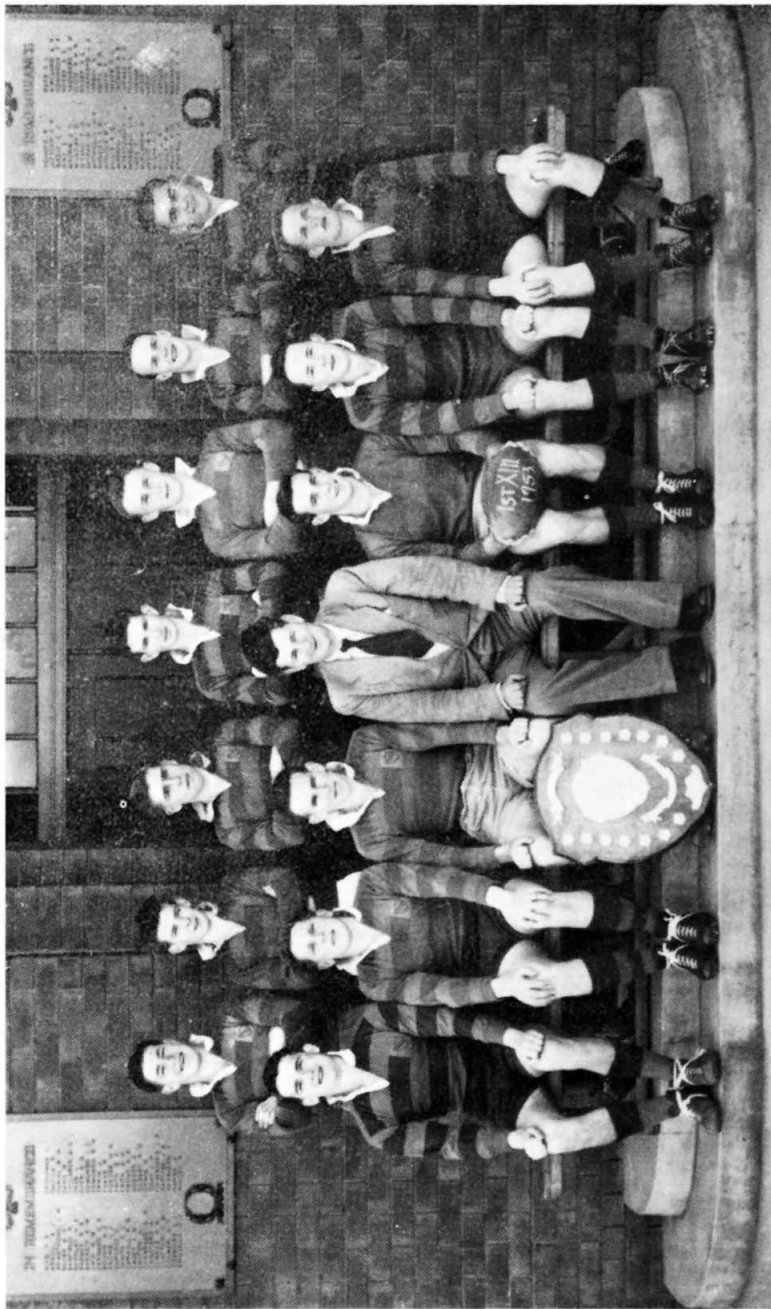
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Intermediate Bursaries:

G. Brown, A. Coates, V. Carroll, L. Gledhill, D. Horsfield, B. Proudfoot.

PRIZE LIST, 1952

Specials.—Kenneth Sanderson Memorial Prize: Don Barnes; James Meikle Memorial Prize: Trefor Morgan; Elizabeth Meikle Memorial Prize: Joan McKenzie; Finlay Donald McLeod Memorial Prize for Captain: Ken Scott; Waratah Auxiliary Prize for Special Proficiency: Patrick Healy; Ross Mearns Prize: Ken Scott; Besil Helmores Prize: Colyn Whitehead; Capt. John Cleary Memorial Prizes: L.C. English—Athol Hutchinson; L.C. History—John Roach; W. V. Cochrane Memorial



FIRST GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERS, 1953.
 FRONT ROW: G. Burns, C. Chapman, T. Smith (Capt.), Mr. T. Brown (Coach), A. Charlton, D. Keith, J. Luke.
 BACK ROW: B. Nicklsson, K. Maloney, J. Perkins, R. Roberts, K. Miller, J. McKenzie, B. Daly.
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Prize: L.C. Chemistry—Richard Flanagan, Keith Imrie, Trefor Morgan; Allan J. Way Prizes: L.C. Physics, Patrick Healy; 4th Year Physics, Mervyn Cotterill; 4th Year Chemistry, Peter Cole; James William Armstrong Memorial Prize: 4th Year Economics, Terence Hyland; Special Improvement Prize for 2nd Year: Robert Atcheson; Current Affairs Prizes: Junior, Alan Thomas, Ken Hamilton; Senior, Mervyn Cotterill, Michael Nichols; Contributions to School Magazine: Best Verse, John McKenzie; Best Report, Donald Keith; Best Drawing, Colyn Whitehead; Best Original Prose Composition, John McKenzie (4th Year), Colyn Whitehead (3rd Year), William Hall (2nd Year), George Hutchison (1st Year).

BEST PASSES AT LEAVING

1st, Donald Barnes; 2nd, Trefor Morgan; 3rd, Patrick Healy; 4th Gareth Hughes; 5th Keith Imrie; 6th, Richard Flanagan.

SUBJECT PRIZES

English, Athol Hutchinson; Latin, Cyril Green; French, Don Barnes; German, Geoffrey Jenkins; Maths I, Don Barnes; Maths II, Don Barnes; Gen. Maths, Howard Crozier; Modern History, John Roach; Comb. Physics and Chemistry, Barry Kemple; Physics, Patrick Healy; Chemistry, Richard Flanagan, Keith Imrie, Trefor Morgan; Geography, Howard Crozier; Economics, Brian Alcorn; Descr. Geom. and Drawing, Bruce Davis.



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P. & C. Prizes for Firsts in English, Ray Cooper; Latin, Donald Laycock; French, Donald Laycock; German, Donald Laycock; Maths I, Mervyn Cotterill, Peter Cole; Maths II, Mervyn Cotterill; General Maths, Donald Martin; Modern History, Terence Hyland; Combined Physics and Chemistry, Philip Bolte; Physics, Mervyn Cotterill; Chemistry, Peter Cole; Geography, Philip Bolte; Economics, Terence Hyland; Descr. Geom. and Drawing, Vincent Forwood.

Third Year: Dux, Alan Findlay, Michael Nichols; 3rd, John Marquet; 4th, Colyn Whitehead; 5th, David Beach; 6th, Victor Carroll, Neville Harrison.

P. & C. Prizes for First in English, Colyn Whitehead; Latin, Michael Nichols; French, Colyn Whitehead, Lloyd Gledhill; German, Colin Whitehead, John Thompson; Maths I, David Beach, Alan Findlay; Maths II, David Beach, Alan Findlay, Lloyd Williams; Mod. History, Michael Nichols, Kevin Osborne; Elementary Science, Barry Myers; Geography, Colin Anderson; Social Studies, Graeme Hay; Business Principles, John Wrightson; Description Geometry and Drawing, Trevor Dunn, Colin Melville.

Waratah Auxiliary Prizes for First in 3A, Michael Nichols, Alan Findlay; 3B, Kevin Osborne; 3C, Brian Suters; 3D, William Jones; 3E, John Wrightson.

Second Year: Dux, Grahame Jones, 2nd, Philip Schofield; 3rd, Warren Atkins; 4th, James Stephens; 5th, Ronald Parsons; 6th, Douglas Mills.

P. & C. Prizes for First in English, Grahame Jones, Philip Schofield; Latin, Grahame Jones; French, Philip Snelson, Peter Cox; German, Phillip Schofield; Maths I, Warren Atkins; Maths II, Terry Wood, Neil Whitton; Modern History, George Stefanoff; Elementary Science, Douglas Mills; Social Studies, Reg Wilson; Business Principles, Kevin Towler; Descr. Geom. and Drawing, Robert Chadban.

Waratah Auxiliary Prizes for First in 2A, Grahame Jones; 2B, Carl Christie; 2C, Terry Wood; 2D, Reg Wilson; 2E, Broughton Stephenson.

First Year: Dux, Bruce Abrahams; 2nd, Frank Firkin; 3rd, Douglas Miles; 4th, Allen Andrews; 5th, Brian Sommers; 6th, Peter Pappas.

P. & C. Prizes for First in English, Peter Hardie; Latin, Bruce Abrahams; French, Bruce Abrahams; Maths I, Peter Hardie; Maths II, Allen Andrews; History, Francis Topham; Elementary Science, Neil Sellers; Geography, Robert Hubbuck; Social Studies, Ross Elliott; Descr. Geom. Drawing and Woodwork, Buddy Cooper.

Waratah Auxiliary Prizes for First in 1A, Bruce Abrahams; 1B, Phillip Thomas; 1C, Allen Andrews; 1D, Robert Hubbuck; 1E, Ross Hynes.

CLUB REPORTS

Senior Debating: Owing to the keenness and ability of our members the club has progressed very favourably during the year. The addition of many fourth year members has provided for some pleasing and interesting debates, the new members displaying eloquence and versatility. The highlight of the year was a visit by Fort Street High to contest with us the semi-final of the Hume Barbour Debating Competition. Our team, led by John McKenzie and including Ian Ford and Rodney Cotterill, although inexperienced, provided worthy opponents for Fort Street but were narrowly defeated in a very fine and interesting debate. We thank Miss Sneddon for her adjudication of this debate. The club supervisor is Mr. Hyland and it is through his helpful advice and coaching that our team debates so well. His adjudication is particularly helpful. The introduction of an Inter-House Competition has stimulated interest in the debates held weekly. At present Hunter House is leading but the competition, on a point score basis, is very open. Throughout the year practice has been gained by debates held before fourth or fifth year audiences. These provide practical experience in public speaking and an insight into debating conditions. We are anticipating a keenly fought struggle in the House Competition as a climax to a successful year.

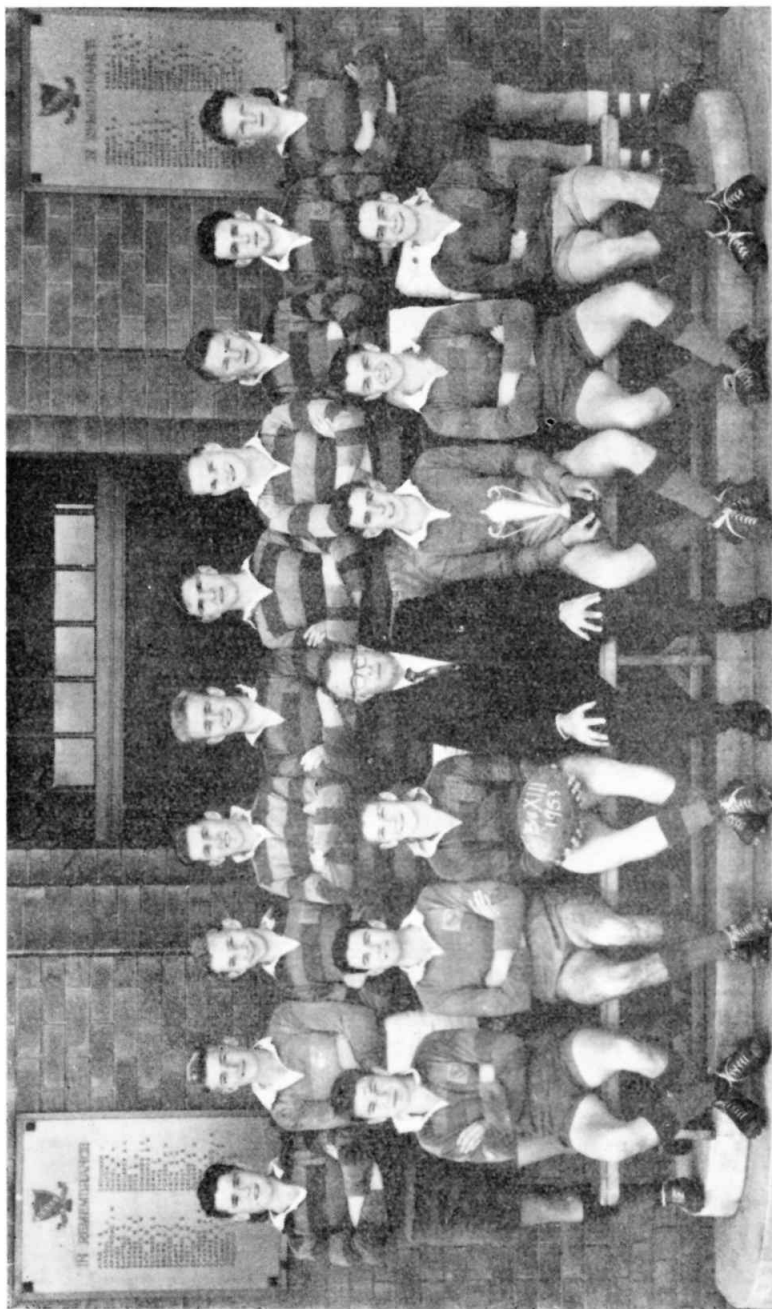
B. WILSON (4th Year)

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 BACK ROW: R. Hynes, G. Doyle, T. Dunn, B. Ross, B. Moran, F. Sutcliffe, V. Forwood, I. Gorton, A. Walmsley, R. Holcombe.

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Junior Debating: This club has continued its successful work. Membership this year is thirty and interest has been keen. Subjects discussed ranged from the serious (such as matters of political or local or general import) to the humorous. One particularly interesting topic was: "Should school examinations be abolished?" Many viewpoints were expressed, none of which the Education Department would be likely to adopt. A steady improvement has been noticeable in logical debate and in rhetoric. Sincere appreciation is offered to Mr. Ingram, whose interest and guidance have been a great factor in the club's success.

R. McLUCKIE (3A)

Film Club: The Film Club this year was as attractive as ever. The omission of First Year made the average attendance about 150, a suitable number for the teacher in charge, Mr. Clarke. The majority of films shown were documentaries obtained from the recently formed Newcastle Film Council of which Mr. Clarke and Mr. Shield are the school delegates. Some of these films concerned plastic, and how it is made, the atom, an exhibition of the latest jet aircraft, civil aircraft and helicopters at Farnborough, travel, and various sports. A full-length feature film, "The Beginning or The End," which was shown to the school, explained the atomic bomb and showed its destruction of Hiroshima. An admission fee of 3d. was sometimes charged to cover the cost of the freight of films being returned. Thanks are due to Mr. S. Alley of the Newcastle Technical College, who occasionally lent a film for the afternoon upon the non-arrival of a regular one. Stephenson and Marks of 3E, and Williams and Jones of 2B, did fine work by volunteering to return these films after school, and also by collecting others lent by the Public Library. With the assistance of Mr. Clarke, the projectionists, J. Arnold, R. Grady and N. Cocking, did notable work by screening the films for the club.

R. GRADY (4th Year)

Photography Club: This club continues to go from strength to strength and this year we were particularly pleased at the number of junior members taking an active part in our work. With the money received from the members, a large amount of chemicals and general equipment was purchased along with literature and prizes for our competitions. For those not engaged in the dark room making use of the club's enlarger and other facilities, Mr. Simpson gave an excellent series of lectures on topics of interest to members and illustrated these with test tube and chemicals. At the fete this year the Photography Club maintained a candid photographer in the grounds as well as running an indoor studio for portraits. The club display included a copied portrait of the Queen hand-painted by club members. Special thanks are due to club member R. Hitchen for the loan of some valuable equipment for these undertakings. As well as thanking Mr. Simpson for his excellent and conscientious work for

the club we thank Mr. Cochrane and the science staff for allowing us the use of the physics store-room.—(I. SYMES).

The Library Club under the instruction of Mr. Rigby has been doing some very fine work this year. The membership has increased from 20 in 1952 to 28 in 1953. On Thursdays the members meet to carry out repairs to books and help to maintain the excellent standard of the library. Books are reconditioned with new linen and spines. One group of boys is compiling a new catalogue for the periodicals. A special effort made by the club during Book Week resulted in the purchase of two books for the library. Our sincerest appreciation goes to Mr. Rigby for his supervision.—(B. YEE, Pres.; P. HARWIN, Sec.).

The Stamp Club: The Stamp Club has had a very successful year, which commenced with the election of officers. R. Ferguson was re-elected President, B. Suters was elected Secretary and S. Birchall Treasurer. The membership showed a marked increase on the previous year, being between seventy and eighty. Our biggest success was the exhibition held at the school fete where about one hundred and fifty sheets were exhibited. The takings exceeded those of the last two years. Quizzes were held during the year and many prizes were given away. Mr. Whalen supervised the meetings and gave very interesting lecturettes on stamps and philatelic terms. We thank Mr. Whalen for the time he has spent in preparing these talks.

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Sketch Club: The Sketch Club began this year with much new talent to replace those members who left school. M. Scott and C. Whitehead were re-elected to their respective offices of President and Treasurer, while J. Lupish was elected Secretary. The policy of using club time for the completion of members' work and for experiments under the guidance of Mr. Holmes, was adopted once more. Here I must pay tribute to Mrs. Holmes' aid and guidance, which have proved invaluable. With his experience and knowledge of art he has directed the talent of several of our members into fields to which their gifts are best suited, while in encouraging experimentation he has widened the choice of the aspects of art open to us. Thus our work touches almost every aspect of graphic art. Members' work was shown in one major exhibition, in which the prominent artists were E. Erikson, R. Hines, C. Whitehead and J. Morley. These and other members were also successful exhibitors in the Newcastle Sun Art Show.

—M. SCOTT.

Chess: The point-score tournament conducted to maintain interest in the Chess Club may not be completed owing to the short time remaining for play. Many members played too slowly. There was a large number of entrants and occasionally there was a shortage of sets. The present scores are: D. Laycock 6 (all games), T. Jones 5½ (6 games), P. Allen 3 (5 games), C. Bay 2 (5 games), T. Walker 2 (5 games), R. Evans 1 (4 games), B. Williams 1 (3 games), L. Williams ½ (3 games), D. Hitchcock, former champion 0 (3 games). It seems likely that the brilliant young player Jones will be champion for 1953.

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Cricket: K. Scott, G. Marshall, R. Freeman, T. Smith, J. Gill, B. Wellham.

Rugby: J. Ferguson, K. Clulow, E. Roach, A. Charlton, T. Smith.

Soccer: K. Scott, D. Renton, G. Hughes, C. Moore, K. Clarke, L. Carter, W. Sheehan, J. Lloyd.

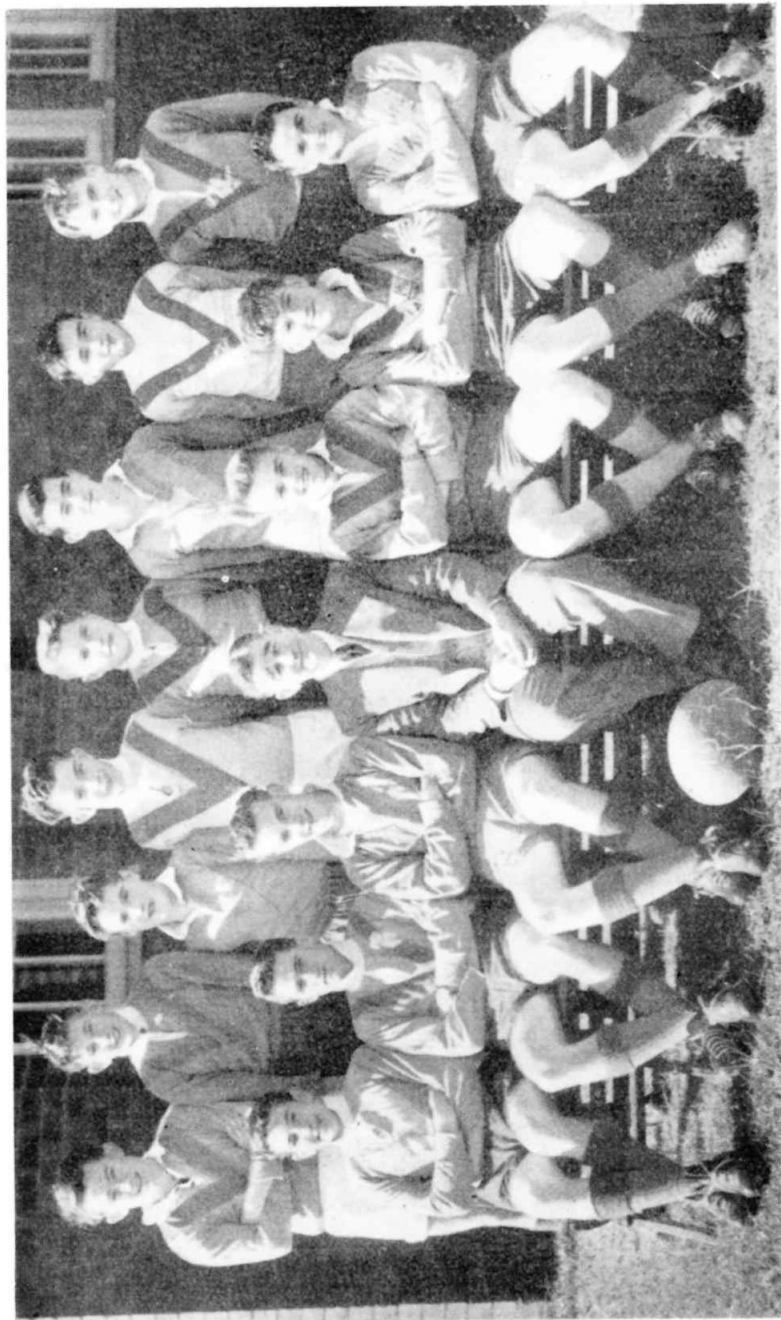
Tennis: J. Layt, R. Flanagan, S. Kelso, P. Dickson, P. Myers, G. Shearman.

Athletics: K. Scott, D. Madew, B. Alcorn, J. Farrell.

Swimming: J. Barr, A. Charlton, G. Burns, J. McKenzie, B. Nickisson, R. Williams.

Tennis

Once again the tennis season was quite successful and it is pleasing to see more boys becoming tennis-minded. There was a large entry in all age groups of the school championships and 32 boys played grade tennis. This year courts at National Park, as well as the school courts, were used by grade teams and the school championships were played at District Park.



FRONT ROW: R. Webb, D. Owens, W. Haines, Mr. G. Kerr (coach), B. Coxshell, R. Digby, G. Hodgson, R. McIntyre, C. Felton, T. Street, J. Kilpatrick.
BACK ROW: V. Carrol, R. Brownsmith, L. Roberts, A. Jones, (Block donated by H. Chadwick & Son, Contractors.)

FOURTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, PREMIERS, 1953.

In first grade the school team won the premiership. However, the first match of the season was lost to Maitland, as all members of our team—Peter Myors, Geoff Shearman, John Gray and Paul Dickson—were competing in the state age-titles in Sydney. This loss was avenged later as Maitland was defeated comfortably in the remaining two clashes.

Three second grade teams were entered, thus strengthening the competition considerably. The No. 1 second grade team won the premiership without losing a match. The team, Warren Kirkby (capt.), Adrian Nelmes, David Wood and Graham Ryan, played consistently throughout the season. The No. 2 second grade team was third in the competition.

The under 14 team, F. Topham, J. Allan, J. Turner and E. Brock, played well to gain the premiership. Topham and Allan have developed into a good pair. Their performances in the school's doubles tournament, which they won in the under 14 division, indicate the grand improvement the boys have made during the past four months.

Two teams were entered in P.S.A.A.A. competition against district schools. The A Grade team, consisting of Hamonet, Cooper, Hall and Waters, gained the premiership honours.

The Combined High Schools' match this year was played at District Park, Newcastle. Four boys, P. Myors, G. Shearman, J. Gray and P. Dickson (Capt.), were elected in the northern districts' team of eight players. Although Sydney won the match, the northern

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team gave quite a creditable performance, our boys featuring in many hard-fought matches against the Sydney lads.

We should like to thank the Newcastle Lawn Tennis Association for the generous donation towards the cost of trophies presented at school by the President, Mr. R. Davies, for the school's doubles tournament, and for the use of courts at District Park for the tournament and the Combined High Schools' match.

From a large number of entries in the doubles tournament the winners were: under 14—F. Topham and J. Allan; under 15—W. Turner and G. Ryan; under 16—C. Whitehead and W. Turner; open—P. Myers and P. Dickson.

I wish to express the thanks of all tennis enthusiasts in the school to Mr. Clarke for the splendid work he has put into all tennis activities, and also to Messrs. Davies, Ingram and Simpson.

PAUL DICKSON (4th Year)

Hockey

This year was a reasonably good one for hockey. We had four teams—A1, A2, B and C.

The A1 came second in its section, having been beaten twice by Cook's Hill. A few of our best players left half-way through the season and, although we had plenty of reserves, we were considerably handicapped. The A2 put the A1 to shame by winning the minor competition. Only four goals were scored against it and it lost only one game (1-0). B grade did very well to come third as the team consisted mostly of new members. The coach, Mr. Symes, was transferred and Mr. Osborne took charge. C grade was beaten by Cook's Hill and Central and drew with Junior High.

Our coaches, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Symes and ~~Mr. Osborne~~, were very conscientious in training us and we thank them for their keen interest.—(D. FRY, 5B).

Australian Rules

The past season has been by far the most successful for the school team for some time. We were undefeated premiers, our hardest match being the first of the season against Junior High (45-15). Our captain was B. Howe and the vice-captain C. Bisson. This year's representative on the Schol Union was C. Bisson.

Nine boys from our school, J. Bates, C. Bisson, A. Carroll, B. Collins, G. Fielding, B. Larkin, B. Phillips, B. Williams and G. Morley, were selected to play in the Newcastle team in the annual game against Sydney. At Sydney the Newcastle team won for the first time on record. The scores were 5-5 (35) to 4-1 (25). J. Bates and C. Bisson were equal for the award donated by the umpire (Mr. V. Batchelor) for the best and fairest player. In the return game at Newcastle we again defeated Sydney 5-6 (36) to 1-6 (12).

Of the eight boys selected from Newcastle to play in the State team at Brisbane, four were from our school. They were J. Bates, C. Bisson, A. Carroll and B. Williams. However, only Bisson and Carroll accepted the offer. At the Brisbane carnival, N.S.W. had only one success, defeating Queensland 46-14 in the final game.

In the competition for the distinction of best and fairest players for the season, C. Bisson tied for second place. The top goal-kicker was J. Bates with 15 goals to his credit.

Our thanks go to our coach, Mr. Judd, for the help he has given us and for the consideration he has shown us. We are also greatly indebted to Waratah Australian National Football Club for their coaching and for the other assistance they have given us.—(C. BISSON, 4A).

Rugby League

1st Grade: This year the 1st XIII played exceptionally good football and out of the twelve matches played suffered only two defeats, one in the Evans Shield and the other at the hands of Bathurst in the knock-out competition for the University Shield. Throughout the Evans Shield the team allowed its opponents no room to move, tackling low and hard. This vigorous type of football paid dividends, for with a quickly breaking pack and a smart backline the team looked good in both attack and defence. "A team is only as good as its forwards are." In our team this remark was particularly apt, for, although

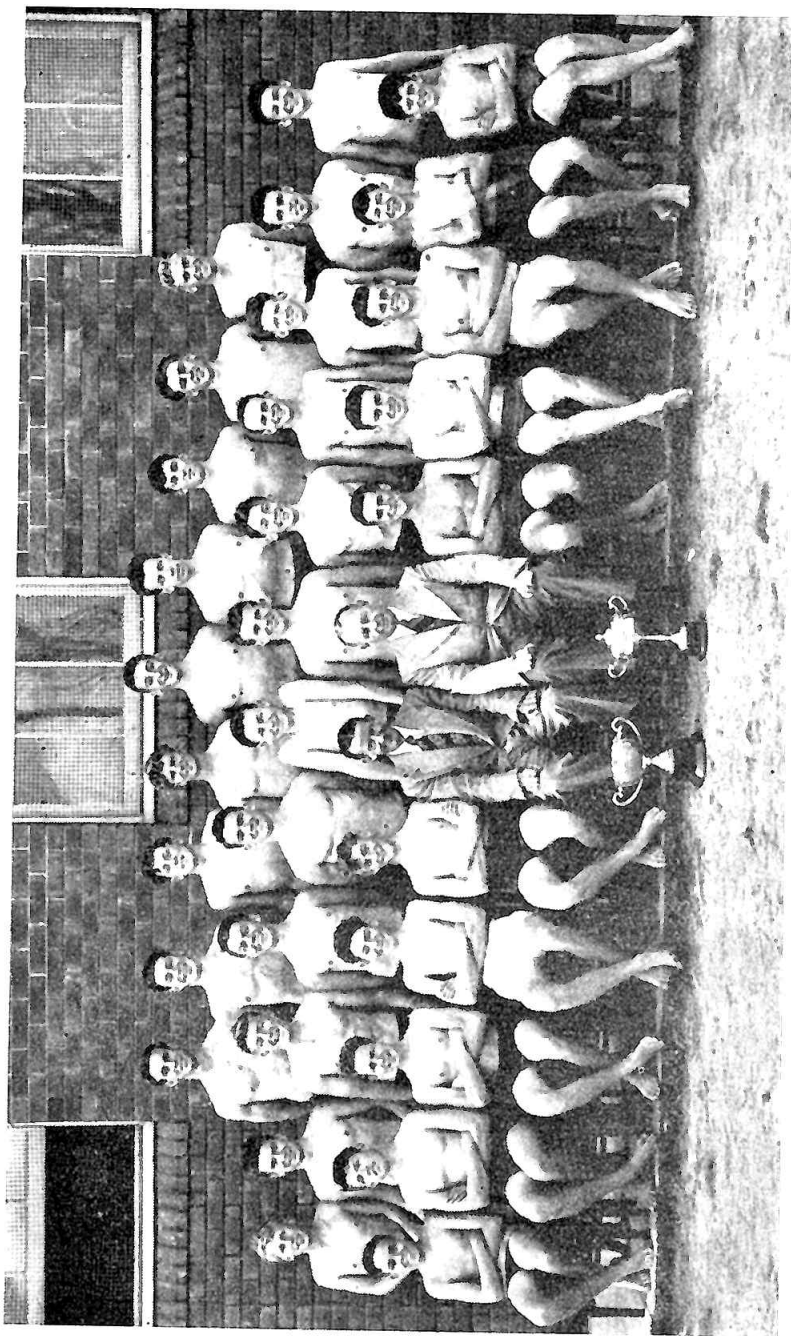
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SWIMMING TEAM, WINNERS C.N.H.S. CARNIVAL.
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 SECOND ROW: J. Helman, P. Sheldson, G. Doyle, R. Wilson, G. Burns, G. Edwards, I. Carling, D. Gordon, J. McKenzie, A. Darroch, A. Waldmole, R. Chapman.

beaten for the ball in the scrums, the six forwards made up for this in the rucks and gained the loose ball when we were hard pressed.

A most pleasing feature was the sportsmanlike manner with which the team took victory or defeat. Also prevalent was the true team spirit, and every member of the XIII was playing for the team all the time and was always willing to receive advice from our many admirers and assistant coaches. The boys showed their keenness in their attendance at training. This could be a guide to all teams: train hard and you can beat the stars who think they are too good to train. The F.T. period was given up by every member of the team during the season and so a little extra could be done each week.

The team had a large following of teachers, parents and supporters and from them I have gathered pen-pictures. Bruce Nickisson headed the points table with 70 points from 2 tries and 32 goals. It was a welcome change to have a goal-kicker this year. Alan Charlton showed his ability by scoring 13 tries and making possible many more. Key Miller was the only player who did not break his duck, but he played good football in all games. Chapman and Perkins were outstanding in the rucks and in the loose. They played hard football and with John McKenzie, our hard-tackling lock, gave opposing halves no respite. Burns, our other stalwart of the forwards, although lacking experience early in the season in the role of hooker, improved so much that he boasted he would like to compete with Ken Kearney, the "Aussie hooker." Blue Keith, as custodian, also improved, particularly in his tackling and positional play, and his try against Marist Brothers at the Sportsground was a gem. The two flank men, Mahoney and Roberts, made up for lack of weight by excess of zeal and energy. They combined smoothly with their inside-backs. Gordon Johnson, a newcomer to the school, proved a great asset to the team. His hard running and speed off the mark made him a prolific try-scorer and a morale-builder. Brian Daly at half combined splendidly with Charlton and Smith. The big pack did not deter him in the least, and his side-step was classed by all who were victims of it as a classic. Mention must be made of our reserves, Fowell, Thompson and Farrell, and of John Lea, who played grand football when promoted to the team. He made the opposing five-eighths his object every game and saved our inside-backs much hard work.

Not enough thanks and praise could be given to our coach, Mr. T. Brown. His keenness was so great that on losing the match against Bathurst the boys felt sorrier for the forlorn Mr. Brown than they did for themselves, dejected as they were. Thank you, Mr. Brown. All the boys wish you success next season. —(T. SMITH).

2nd Grade: This team included many players who had not previously played together. However, under the coaching of Mr. R. Judge it suffered only one defeat in the first round. This was against Maitland Marist, who won the premiership. In the second round we were dogged by bad luck. The team was often disorganised by injuries and by the borrowing of players by the firsts. Thus we were

without the services of some of our best players; lost three games and finished third in the competition. This is no reflection on the ability of individual players such as J. Lea, G. Lindus and W. Spence in the forwards, and M. Fowell, R. Thompson, J. Farrell, J. Attwater and B. Thornton in the backs. —(M. SCOTT).

3rd Grade: The third grade once again had a good season and became co-premiers with Tech, and Maitland. In the first round the backline could not combine smoothly owing to changes and also to boys going up into higher grades, but the forwards played excellent football. In the second round the team played better as a unit and so suffered only one defeat, whereas we were beaten twice in the first round. The defeats were rather unlucky and were by a small margin each time. Two of the teams who beat us in the first round were beaten by 14-0 and 17-2 in the second round. The team scored 100 points and had 32 scored against it. We thank our coach, Mr. Storer, who spent much time with the team and contributed greatly to its success. —(J. SIMMONS, Capt.).

4th Grade: This team won the competition with only one defeat—against Maitland in the first game. We lost 10-5 but later avenged the defeat by beating Maitland 10-3. The closest game was against Hamilton Marist. We won 3-0. Our best wins were against Maitland Marist (35-0) and Cessnock (23-0). The team combined well. The most outstanding players were Coxhell and Street in the backs and Roberts.



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Webb, Carrol and Jones in the forwards. Jones hooked well throughout the season. Street, who played on the wing, scored 59 points and Coxhell scored 46. The team scored 155 points and owing to sound defence only 18 points were scored against it in ten games. A visit to Gosford with the 1st grade team resulted in a double victory for our school. We congratulate 1st grade on its win over Gosford. We thank Mr. Kerr for the keen interest he showed in coaching the team. —(W. HAYNES).

5th Grade: Although our games were closely fought, the team did not have a successful season and finished sixth in the competition. Unfortunately the services of G. Jones, our captain, were lost and our defence suffered as a result. One player, G. Wood, represented Newcastle and with J. Whittacker, R. Wood and Oswald formed a strong attacking backline. The forwards, led by Miles, Cooksey and Sellors, developed into a good combination, but there were too many changes owing to illness. Our thanks go to Mr. Cochrane for his helpful encouragement as coach. —(B. WILSON, Capt.).

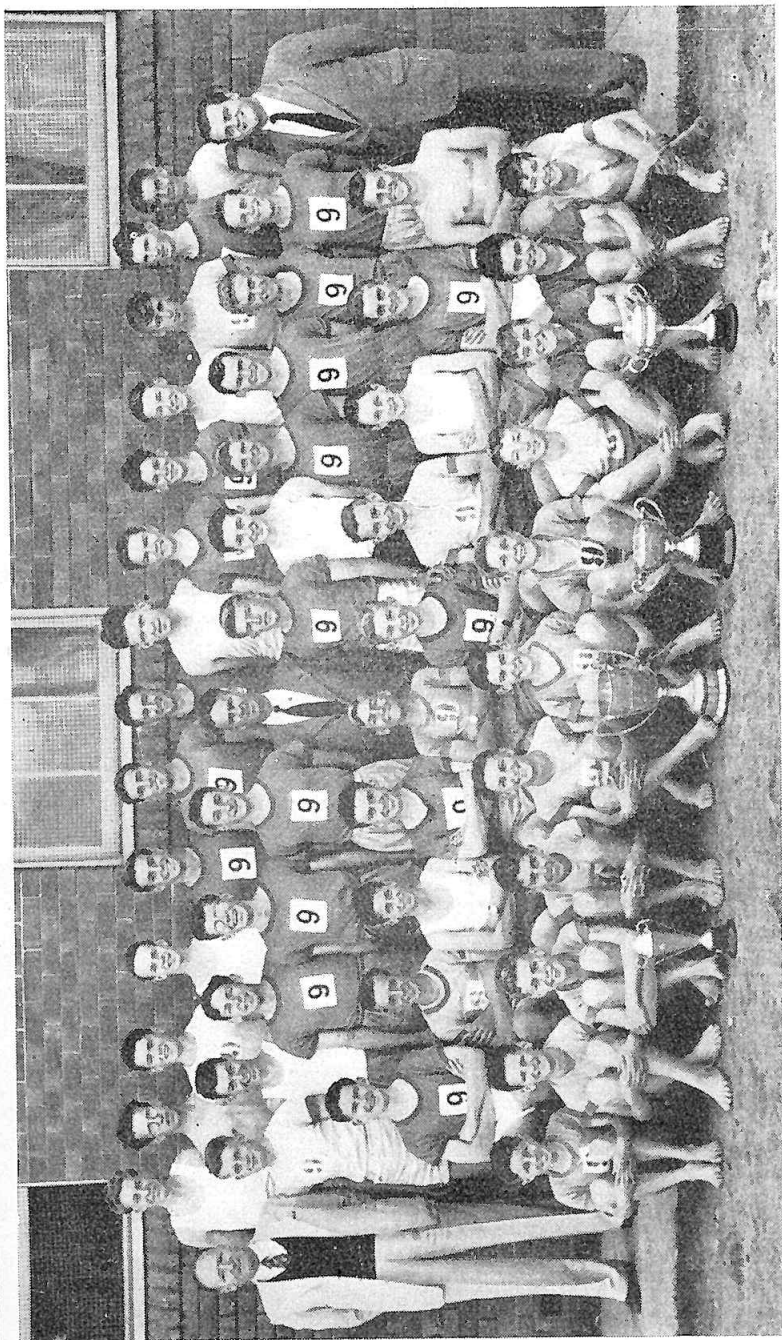
7th Grade: Our team had a successful season, finishing fifth in the competition. The team played much better football in the second round, in which only two losses were recorded. The forwards played well throughout the season and gave the backs a large share of the ball from scrums and rucks. The back-line functioned smoothly, being sound in attack, but unfortunately the defence was unreliable. E. Snelson, at half-back, played constructive football, and his goal-kicking ability proved an asset to the team. Our thanks go to Mr. Murray Smith for his good work as coach. —(R. HUBBUCK, 2D).

8th Grade: This team was a good combination. The forwards did their job well and got the ball for the backs, who were very fast and whose handling was almost faultless. Our best game was against Maitland Marist whom we defeated 10-8. In the second encounter they defeated us 6-3, after our best back and goal-kicker, Allan Coates, had been taken off just before half-time with a dislocated arm. The best players were Duncan and Orton in the forwards and Andrews and Fellows in the backs. —(NEIL HINCKS).

Cricket

First Eleven: At the time of the writing of this report, the cricket season is not finished, there being one match to play against Tech. High, our keenest rivals. Newcastle High has established a good point-score lead with Tech. High occupying second place.

The object of this year's team was to try to play entertaining cricket in order to raise the general standard of play in the competition. With this in mind the team has excelled in all its matches. From last year's team there remained only three players, Wellham, Smith and Gill, and around these has been formed the present successful combination.



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 K. Latis, L. Maghin.
SECOND ROW: J. Hamonet, R. Harper, B. Abrahams, M. Scott, R. Griffiths, A. Duffell, T. Dunn, T. Wood, L. Gledhill,
 C. Calvert.
THIRD ROW: Mr. L. McRae (Sportsmaster), G. Fielding, J. Anderson, R. Bender, D. Bowden, R. Williams, Mr. C. Goffet
 (Coach), G. Dwyer, R. Brough, A. Garrell, J. Thompson, B. Beach, B. Veitch, Mr. H. J. Ireland (Coach).

The first match of the season, against Maitland, resulted in an outright victory in our favour. The climax came when the last batsman was dismissed in the last over of play. Winning the toss we elected to bat on a very easy wicket and scored 142 in less than two hours. Ian Fauchon gave an aggressive display at the crease with a chanceless 56. Maitland were unfortunate to have to "pad-up" on a sticky wicket the following week and scored 39, with 75 for the follow-on.

The match against Hamilton Marist was drawn owing to bad weather on both days.

The next match, a home game, was played on Waratah Oval against Cessnock, and it was in this match that Boys' High showed great keenness in fielding, which was a feature of the game and largely responsible for our outright win. Cessnock was sent in to bat against the hostile bowling of Myers and Fauchon, and scored only 40 runs. We were given a fine start by a grand opening partnership of 92 by Sutcliffe and Martyn, and our total was declared at 121 for three wickets. Cessnock fared better in the second innings, scoring 75, but the accurate bowling and excellent fielding kept the runs to a minimum. This match did not rise to any great standard but it did prove that the many hours spent at fielding practice were not in vain.

We journeyed to Gosford for the last match before winter, and were sent in to bat on what appeared to be a fairly sound wicket. However, the game was studded with excitement and shocks from the outset, as our first five batsmen were soon back in the pavilion with

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a meagre total on the board. This was the result of a very fine effort from Gosford's fast bowler, Alan Benson. Anyway, what's a tail for but "to wag?" and how our tail wagged in this match! Attwater and Wellham gamely mastered the bowling to make our total at lunch 9 wickets for 117 declared. Gosford's opening batsmen proved very stubborn, but, when they were separated, wickets began to fall quickly, owing to Wellham's accurate spin bowling (6 for 17). The game ended in our favour with a few minutes to spare, prior to a deluge from a storm that had been threatening for some time.

Manifestly Boys' High has a sound method in the raising of talented boys from the minor grades to fill the breach caused by boys' leaving at the end of each year, and it is a source of great satisfaction to us all to see such keenness for consistent practice as is shown by those who aspire to join the 1st eleven.

The team is indebted once more to Mr. N. Gill for the donation of a fine trophy for the "Most Improved Player." Robert Taylor, our wicket-keeper, was the player chosen to receive the award for 1953. We also express our appreciation to the Parents and Citizens' Association for supplying Honour Badges for players selected to represent the 1st eleven and also for the monetary assistance made available to subsidise the team's travelling expenses on long journeys.

Heartly congratulations are due to Barry Wellham, Terry Smith and John Gill, our representatives in the Combined Northern High Schools' team which played Metropolitan High Schools at Waratah Oval earlier in the year. John Gill was Vice-Captain of the northern team.

We now look forward to the coming season with confidence and the sincere hope that the 1st eleven's efforts, whether we win or lose, will be in the best interests of cricket, and in accordance with the fine sporting tradition of the school.—(J. GILL, Capt.).

A Grade: So far our team has played two matches, the first against Newcastle Tech. whom we defeated on the first innings, the second won by us, outright, against Tighe's Hill. This win gave us co-leadership with Junior High, whom we have yet to meet. The most successful bowlers were I. Symes, M. Farrell and C. Christie, while the best batsmen were I. Chatfield, M. Bailey, M. Farrell, I. Symes and W. Todd. The wicket-keeping was shared by B. Chapman and D. Bowden, both of whom performed capably. The most pleasing feature of the team has been its fielding. We feel that without the capable coaching of Mr. Simpson the team would not have achieved the high position it now has.—(W. TODD, Capt.).

B Grade Local: This team is leading in the competition with two outright wins out of two games. We dismissed Tighe's Hill for 13, G. Sutcliffe taking 5 for 8, Harvey 2 for 0, Ryan 2 for 1. In reply Boys' High scored a quick 2 for 49 declared (Sutcliffe 40 not out). In their second innings Tighe's Hill scored 14. Sutcliffe completed a remarkable double by taking 7 for 1 and Ryan took 2 for 6. In the

next match against Belmont N.B.H. scored 102 (Thomas 27, Allan 14, Andrews 21, Sutcliffe 17 and Harvey 11). When Belmont batted they scored 24. Robertson took 7 for 6. In the second innings they scored 53. Nine players bowled, each taking a wicket. Abrahams took 2 for 6. Five members of the team were chosen in the Newcastle team, Sutcliffe, Ryan, Andrews, Harvey and Thomas. Sutcliffe was rewarded with a well-deserved place in the N.S.W. team. We are fortunate in having a reliable wicket-keeper, K. Eltis. The team is smart when fielding. The outstanding fieldsmen are A. Andrews and A. Thomas. G. Cocking deserves special mention for his brilliant returns from the outfield. The batting and bowling of the side are very good. The team is very grateful to Mr. Abrahams for his active interest and guidance and is looking forward to another successful season with him during the 3rd term.—(J. ROBERTSON, Capt.).

C. Grade: After the first match and half of the second match had been washed out by rain, we played the last day's play of the match against Belmont. We lost the toss and were sent in to bat. Our innings closed at 7 for 63, Turner making 26 and Rodgers 15. When the game ended Belmont were 4 for 18, Dawson taking 3 for 4. Our next match was against Junior High. We won the toss and sent them in to bat. They were all out for 65, Turner taking 6 for 27. We were 0 for 11 at the end of the day's play. The next day we started very badly and were 4 for 17 until Winsor joined Turner to carry the score to 5 for 79. We were all out for 93, Turner making a very good 42

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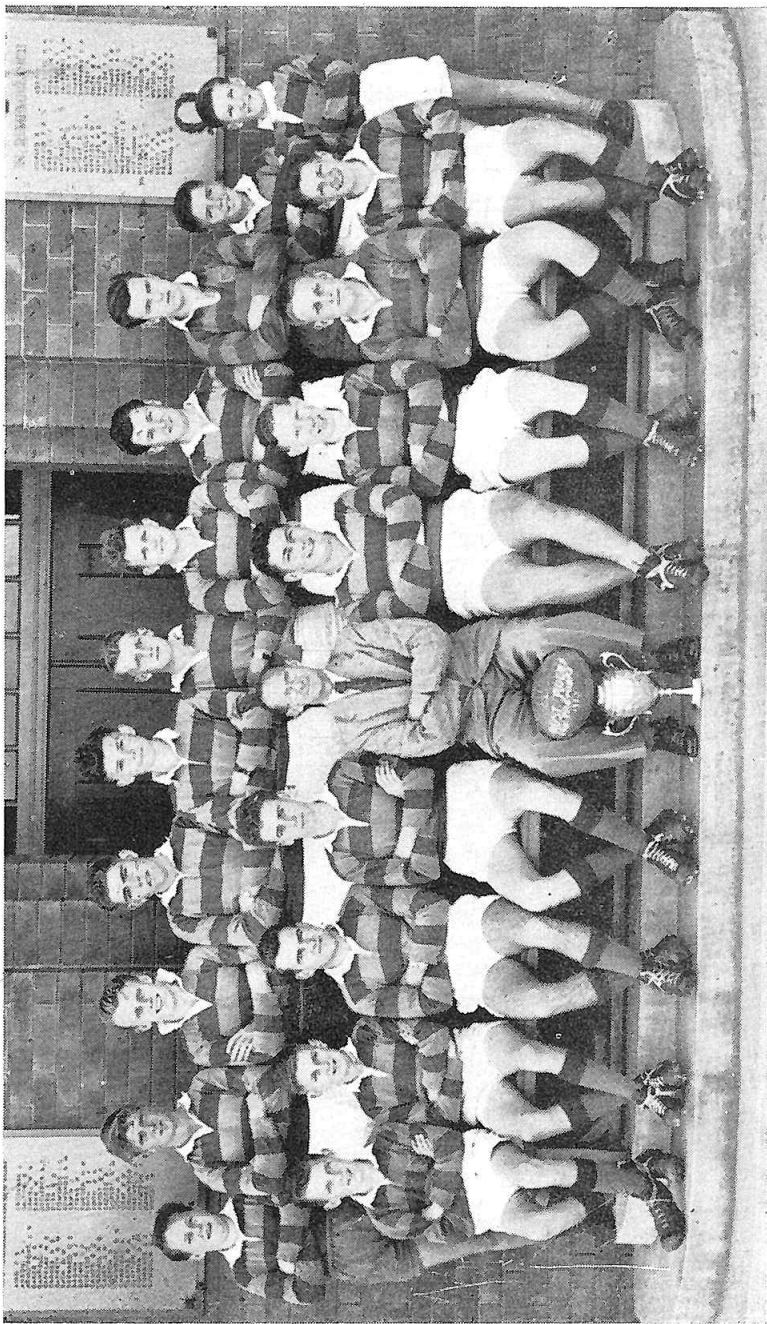
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 BACK ROW: R. Bruce, A. Carroll, R. Fielding, B. Williams, T. Hyland, G. Fielding, C. Gurite, C. Archeson, J. Jeps, K. Walters, M. Boardie.

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and Winsor 27. We won this match on the first innings. We hope to do much better next season so that we may have a chance of winning the competition.—(P. WINSOR, 1C).

Under 13 Travelling: This team so far has played three games resulting in one outright win and two first innings wins. Against Maitland High the whole team played well and some excellent catches were taken. Our openers batted well, Gofftt scoring 45 not out and McIntyre 15. We were 1 for 74. Our next game was against Cessnock. We batted for 90 minutes, scoring 9 for 133. Cessnock scored 39. McIntyre took 2 wickets for 7, Jackson 6 for 5, and there was a fine stumping by our keeper, Lee. In Cessnock's second innings Goffett bowled well to capture 8 wickets for 6.—(W. JACKSON, Capt.).

Soccer

A1: This year the A1 team completed the season as premiers of the competition. It was beaten on only one occasion. In the twelve matches played the team scored over seventy goals and conceded only seven. Three boys gained representative honours with the Newcastle schoolboys' under 16 team, which competed in an inter-city carnival at Wollongong. They were R. Morrison, R. Manning and J. Lloyd. Throughout the year the team was coached by Mr. Grierson, for whose able assistance we are grateful.—(W. Sheehan).

A2: This team did not show any promise at first but, as the season progressed, the players settled down to a good combination. Our hardest games were against our A1, and Central 1. We were beaten by these teams after a hard struggle. The chief goal-kickers during the season were Waters, Cocking and Gledhill. The team was unbalanced at times, as some players were required to play for our A1 team, which had no reserves. We ended a successful season not far behind the leaders.—(N. COCKING, Capt.).

B1: This team finished second last in the competition. In the first game of the season we beat Tech. High II convincingly, but unluckily in our next game our full-back (Sweet) had his arm broken and we were without him until the last game of the season. In the next two rounds we were beaten twice by Cessnock and twice by Tech. High I. Throughout the season the team failed to play as a unit, although it contained many good players. The defence was very strong but the attack lacked power. Ross was the team's chief goal scorer. One of our players, R. Phillips, was chosen for the Newcastle representative team and had a wonderful trip down south. Our coach was Mr. Watchorn, whom we thank for his interest and encouragement.

(G. PATERSON, Capt.).

B2: This team was not as successful as we thought it would be, but occasionally it showed brilliance. In the second round, for instance, it beat the co-leaders of the competition 3-1. In the competition we

came fourth with three wins, two draws and six defeats. Roberts, the outstanding player of the team, was dependable in both defence and attack. We thank Mr. Beveridge for the interest he took in our activities.—(G. ADCOCK, Capt.).

Under 15 Travelling: This team played very well throughout the season and was rewarded by becoming co-premiers with Tech. High. We suffered one defeat, that being by Tech. High No. 1. The most outstanding players were Ken Hamilton, goalkeeper, Adrian Williams, full-back, and John Sheehan, inside-left. Doug Mills, our centre-forward, was the main goal-scorer. We were fortunate in having Alan Thomas, John Sheehan and Adrian Williams selected in the Newcastle representative team to tour Wollongong. The team thanks Mr. Hyland for his supervision.—(A. THOMAS, Capt.).

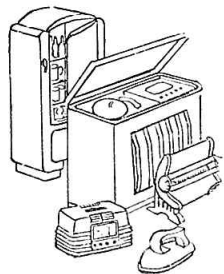
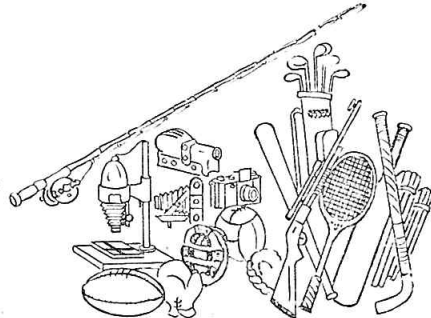
C1: The C1 soccer team coached by Mr. McKenzie had a successful season without the loss of a game, and won the premiership. Full-backs Kile and Perry did an excellent job. Halves played well, especially in defence. The forwards, whose combination was good, always managed to score a few goals. The goalkeeper, Winsor, was not always called upon because of the good work of the full-backs, but, when needed, he displayed brilliant form. The reserves were always present before the start of the game, and thus they deserve credit.—(R. BERGHOFER, Capt.).

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C2: This team played twelve games, of which it won three, drew one and lost eight. Its victories were gained against Raymond Terrace (6-0 and 5-0) and Tighe's Hill (9-0), but its best game was that in which it drew (0-0) in the second round with the leaders of the competition, Plattsburg. The team's goal-scorers were I. Williams (7), M. Brookes (5), J. Graham (4), J. McClure (3), W. Smith (2), B. Pilcher (1). The same total of goals (22) was scored against the team during the season.—(M. BROOKES).

Old Boy's Matches

The Rugby League match, School versus Old Boys, played on Waratah Oval on Wednesday, August 19th, was a three all draw. Old Boys who played were K. Clulow, J. Ferguson, G. Jones, D. Davies, K. Davies, R. Wilson and C. Moore. In the Soccer match, won by the school team 2-0 (R. Taylor and L. Gledhill scoring goals) the Old Boys' team of two (K. Davies and C. Moore) was supplemented by A1 and A2 players from the school.

UNDEFEATED CRICKET PREMIERS, 1952

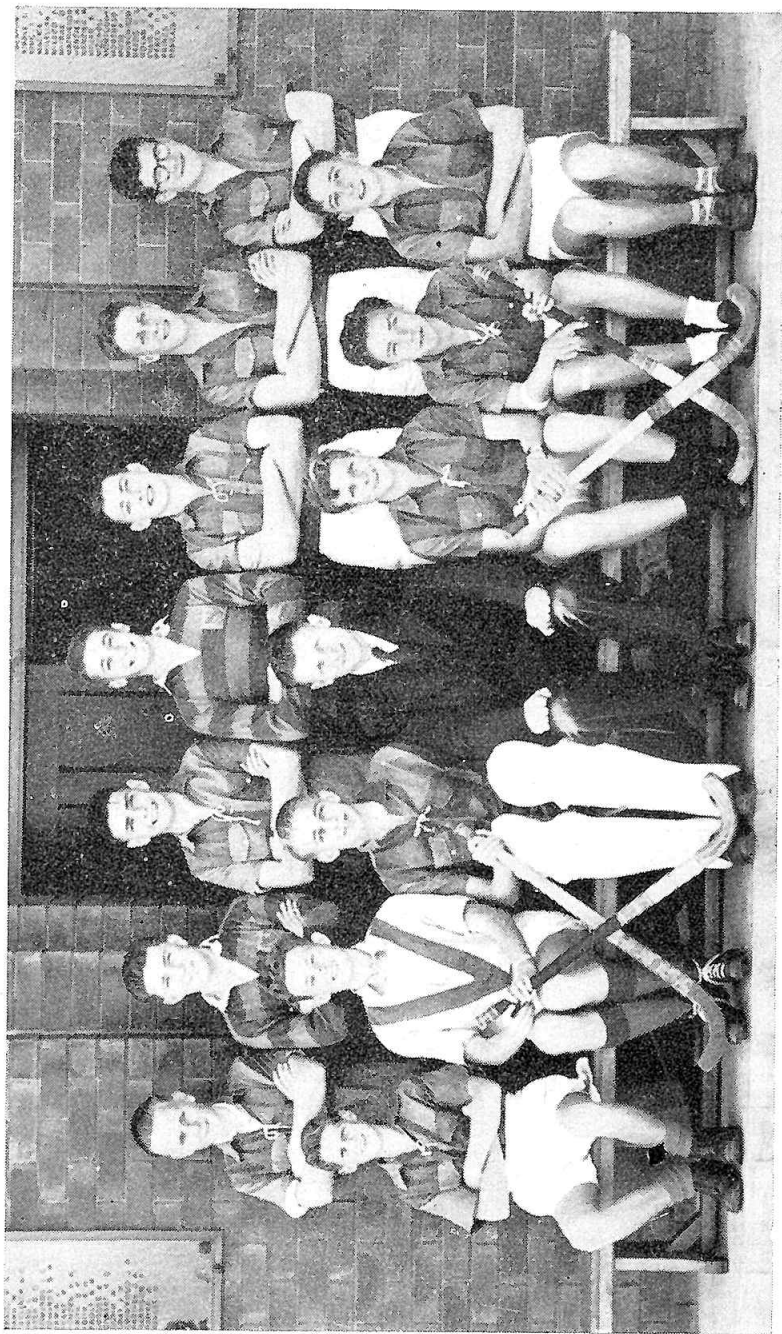
Congratulations to the B grade local cricket team (J. Gray, Capt., W. Burrows, V.-Capt., J. Hamonet, A. Thomas, C. Calvert, W. Haynes, A. Chapman, R. Morris, I. Symes, G. Sutcliffe, B. Yeomens, G. Hinds, D. Mills, D. Park) and the under 13 local cricket team (J. Robertson, Capt.), G. Ryan, V.-Capt., A. Andrews, J. Harvey, J. Allen, K. Eltis, J. Wilkinson, R. Hinde, J. Hinde, F. Topham, B. Abrahams, G. Cocking, D. Garrard, J. Robinson) both of which were undefeated premiers last year.

THE DEATH OF Mr. N. R. MEARNS

On Friday morning, October 16th, an assembly was held to pay respect to the memory of Mr. N. R. Mearns, who was Headmaster of this school from 1935 to 1945.

IN MEMORY OF Mr. ORME CARRICK

In the library on Friday morning, October 16th, in the presence of Mrs. I. Carrick, members of the P. and C. Association, and the staff, two chairs presented by the P. and C. Association were unveiled in memory of a former member of the staff, Mr. Orme Carrick, who died in 1949. Speeches in tribute to Mr. Carrick were made by the Headmaster, Mr. F. H. Beard, by the President of the P. and C., Mr. J. J. Fyfe, and by Mr. F. Hyland, the last of whom performed the unveiling ceremony.



A2 HOCKEY PREMIERS, 1953.
FRONT ROW: I. Watkins, J. Hawkins (Capt.), J. Heath, Mr. T. Plummer (Coach), J. McNaughton, S. Birchall, R. Parsons.
BACK ROW: J. Home, R. Whitehead, I. Twemlow, R. Williams, D. Parkes, R. Geddes, J. Marquet.
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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE GREEN BUSH

In our yard, in the middle of a lawn that seemed mottled like a field shadowed with clouds, there used to be a bush. It was, like most back-lawn bushes, poorly clipped, and I used to think it looked, in a ragged sort of way, like half a tennis ball that had grown out of the lawn. It was dark green in colour and used to have little purple-black berries that stung when they weren't ripe and squished when they were.

These berries were the only useful part of the tree, although Mum often spread some of her washing on it to dry, and we used to have quite an exciting time pelting them, when not at one another, at the old black rooster down in the fowl yard. It was, however, an amusement that soon palled, for the old rooster couldn't take the joke or fall into the general sporting nature of the game and used to bite and scratch us when we went down to get bamboo arrows from the little grove near the bottom fence. He would hide behind a thick clump and watch us and, when he considered we had no chance of hitting him with a lump of clay, would rush out, fearsome and squawking. He was a fearless old devil and not even the cat could intimidate him. I often used to see him looking contemptuously at this immense cat of ours as it crouched on the fence, watching for the rats that made their nests among the bamboo roots. Whenever one of these rats emerged to do battle, the old rooster would gather his hens about him. The cat, with its eye on him, would then drag the rat up to the dark-green bush.

It was not till Christmas, or nearly Christmas, that I became really aware of the great possibilities of this bush. We were playing cricket, some of my friends and I, in the place next door, when someone lofted the ball right over the garage—a stupendous feat—and into our back yard. In rushed the outfielder to gather it up and, with a magnificent sweeping, under-arm action, throw it back. It was nowhere to be seen. We looked and looked while the batsman built up a secure total of fifty-nine runs. He had to stop then because he couldn't count any further. Exasperated, we started to argue. A glorious fight ensued and the game broke up. A more important issue was at stake—the ball.

Eventually someone, looking into the bush, saw it lying alongside a dead rat. The rat itself was romantic enough, but as we looked we realised that it was possible to crawl right in under the bush, climp up the middle and actually sit on the top. What glorious, unlimited possibilities! Another argument took place to see which one, Dick or Brian, should go in first. At last, seeing after all that I owned the tree, I crawled in myself, taking sacred care not to disturb the rat. When I reached the top they were fighting about what to do