

HUNTER HOUSE A. GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM — WINTER, 1961
 BACK ROW (l. to r.): G. Marshal, L. McIntosh, K. Virtue,
 FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Mr. R. Judge, G. Gregory, L. Welyczko, A. Stokes.
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On the first Monday of the holidays the school team, comprising the first four boys mentioned above, won the Newcastle Inter-School Championship played at Steelworks Course.

In the qualifying round played at Chatswood, Newcastle Boys' High School performed very creditably, winning the teams event by four strokes. Peter Richardson and Peter Perrett had good rounds in the low seventies, but Tony Mangan's fine round of 69 brought him the honours of the day and also the State runner-up trophy in the under 16 section.

In the finals played on the very testing Avondale course the team came fourth in the State; the winners again being James Cook High School, who went to Melbourne in September to play the winning Victorian School.

This is the first time Newcastle Boys' High School has competed in a competition of this nature and it is hoped that golfers will be forthcoming to make this a yearly event.

BASKETBALL

This year basketball was again played as a House sport, being much improved on last year. Score sheets were introduced and players had to be in correct attire before playing. Here House singlets were of great use, some teams having "numbered" singlets.

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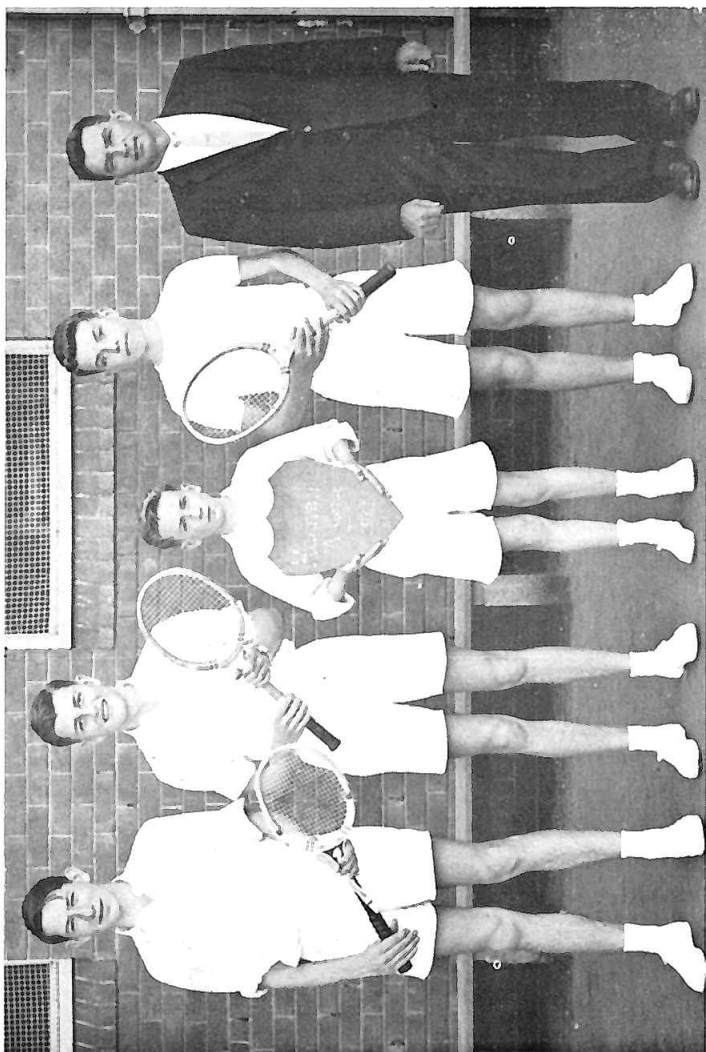
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HANNELL HOUSE A GRADE TENNIS TEAM — WINTER, 1961
 G. Rees, T. Curran, B. Alexander, P. Bragg, Mr. R. Judge.
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As it is a year-round sport, basketball will be continued in the summer season but those who played in winter will not be allowed to play in summer.

Each House has an A. grade and B. grade team. With both courts in use an A. grade and a B. grade game can be played at the same time.

At the end of the winter season the point score was:

Hunter, 25 points, 1st.

Hannell and Shortland, 14 points, equal 2nd.

Smith, 11 points, 4th.

Geoff Gregory of 3A led Hunter to an easy victory. The other members of the winning team were: Virtue 4A, Marshall 3B, Welyckzo, Stokes and McIntosh of 3A.

Shortland, captained by Hure of 5th year, tied with Hannell; both teams having young players.

Although Cummings, Percy and Nowland played for Smith, they did not fare too well.

Our thanks go to Messrs. Page, Andrews and Caillot for their assistance.

JOHN MCINTOSH, 3A.

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1st XI, 1961

BACK ROW (l. to r.): R. Felton, D. Ahrens, G. Richardson, C. Myers, P. Steele.
 FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Mr. R. Judge, J. Hetherington, P. Karpin, R. Perkins, D. Briggs, R. Coulton, Mr.
 R. Haines. Absent: D. Kelso.
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GRADE SPORT

CRICKET

First Grade:

At the time this report was written, the competition had not been completed. At present there are three teams, out of the four, equal in first place. For the first time we did not play against our old rival, Maitland, due to the new Zone system.

All round, this year was more successful than last year. This was emphasised by the fact that six boys from the first grade team were selected in the C.H.S. team as compared with two boys last year. The boys selected were Felton, Perkins, Hetherington, Kelso (C.), Steel and Myers. The team played against Cranbrook and Combined Sydney High Schools.

The 1st grade started the season badly, being defeated by Hamilton. This was our only defeat of the season. We batted first but were dismissed for 83; Felton scoring a solid 32. When Hamilton batted, a quick collapse by their early batsmen raised our hopes, but a fast 44 by Lowe from Hamilton enabled them to pass our total. The Hamilton wickets were divided evenly between our bowlers.

Our most enjoyable game was against our number two team. The match ended in a draw, the second day being washed out by rain. At the end of the first day all our batsmen had scored well and had scored 193 runs for 3 wickets (Felton 47, Karpin 35, Kelso 33, Perkins 57 n.o., Hetherington 18 n.o.).

In our next game against Technical High, we again batted first, scoring 168, of which Colin Myers scored 51 and John Hetherington 46. In reply Tech. could score only 63 due to some good bowling by Steel, 4-21, and Perkins, 3-20.

Our last match of the season was a return match with Hamilton, and we were determined to avenge our defeat of the first round. We batted first and declared at 6 for 185; Paul Karpin scoring a hurricane 67, which included three sixes and six fours. John Hetherington remained 58 not out. When Hamilton batted they were dismissed for 77. Clapham, who had been promoted from the number two team, was the best bowler, obtaining 3 for 25.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Haines for the enthusiasm shown by him towards the team and also for his excellent umpiring.

D. KELSO (Captain).

1st Grade (No. 2):

Although we did not win any matches, the team, which is in the competition mainly to avoid a bye, performed quite reasonably, and some good individual performances resulted.

Our first game was against Tech. at Wickham Oval, and they rattled up 138 for 4 wickets before declaring. Mainly due to inexperience, we were out for a disappointing 70 with only Richardson (21) showing out. Tech. declared for 2-38, but we played out time successfully, being 5-37 at stumps.

We looked forward to the clash with our No. 1 team at Waratan



A GRADE CRICKET, 1961

BACK ROW: P. Merrilees, G. Kane, C. Cooper, M. Turnbull, J. Marshall, L. Evans, Mr. R. Judge
 FRONT ROW: A. Hooker, H. Fryer, J. Devine, Mr. J. Simpson, G. Gregory, R. Heath, P. Nixon
 Photograph by McRae Studios.

but after the first day we were not looking forward to anything. Nothing would go right for us; catch after catch was grassed, with the result that we faced a total of 3-190, which will no doubt be mentioned elsewhere. All the bowlers tried hard, but Clapham and Akehurst especially had absolutely no luck. Our feelings were rather mixed when rain washed out the second day's play.

We were sent in by Hamilton Marist in our next match at Waratah and after a shocking start, 4 being down for 11, we reached the fairly respectable total of 69, due to some attacking batting by the later batsmen. Marist had a few anxious moments before they declared at 6-72 with Jeff Clapham bowling very well, taking 4-23. In our second innings, Graeme Richardson registered the best batting performance of the season in scoring 54 n.o. out of a total of 5-83 declared. Marist batted again and we took five of their wickets for 20.

Tech High batted first and scored 131 in the next match at Waratah, the innings being marked by fine bowling from John Thurlow and Barry Gibson who took 6-39 and 4-33 respectively. Although we did not reach their total the next week, we put up our best performance in scoring 109. Gibson completed a successful debut by scoring 36 n.o. after going in at No. 6 while tailenders Corke and Thurlow surprised everyone by scoring 21 and 17 respectively.

We have been lucky to have the services of an expert coach throughout the season and the team thanks Mr. Maehl for his interest and encouragement.

J. CARRICK, 5th Year (Capt.)

Under 15 Years:

This team, at present, is undefeated. It has recorded two outright victories and two draws.

The first match, against Marist Brothers, ended in a draw after rain had washed out the second day's play. Marist's had compiled 81 and in reply Boys' High had lost one for 57. The second game against Central ended once again in a draw. Rain again interrupted the second day's play. In this game we were not in such a favourable position, having taken three Central wickets for 26 after scoring 69 ourselves. The following match, against St. Pius, saw our team in top form. After dismissing St. Pius for 68, we went in and due to two fine "knocks" by Merrilees (33) and Hooker (32) we ran up a total of 133. The St. Pius' second innings didn't last long as our bowlers soon got on top. In the final match against Junior High, the team maintained its good form to record another outright win. We scored 98 and one for 56.

Of the batsmen, Cooper, Devine, Hooker, Merrilees and Kane were the most consistent. Bowling honours went to Devine with 17 wickets. He was assisted most capably by Merrilees, Gregory, Hooker, Evans and Marshall. The fielding was first class at all times with Fryer excelling with six magnificent catches. He was backed up by some sound fielding behind the wicket.

The team would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Simpson for his keen interest and enthusiastic coaching.

M. TURNBULL, 4B (Capt.)



UNDER 14 CRICKET, 1961
BACK ROW: Wilson, P. Seale, Goodenough, T. Taylor, T. Mangan, T. Dunnicliff.
FRONT ROW: Mr. R. Judge (Sportsmaster), J. Taylor, J. Archibald, S. Moore, C. Traill (Capt.),
 B. Alexander, Buckton, Mr. A. Smith (Coach).
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Under 14 Years:

Our team at this stage is undefeated and is leading in the competition.

Against Hamilton Marist we won outright (Dunnicliffe 22, M. Taylor 1 for 19 and 5 for 13, Archibald 6 for 8 and 3 for 8).

We also won outright against St. Pius (Goodenough 35, Buckton 37, M. Taylor 5 for 25 and 7 for 12).

The game against Central was drawn because of rain.

We had a comfortable win against Junior High (Dunnicliffe 43, Goodenough 19, Archibald 6 for 26, including a hat trick).

In four games Archibald took 23 wickets for 73, and M. Taylor 21 wickets for 98. Wilson, Alexander and J. Taylor also bowled well when called upon. With the bat Buckton, Moore, Seale, Dunnicliffe, Goodenough and wicket-keeper Mangan were very reliable.

The team thanks Mr. Smith for his enthusiasm and advice.

C. TRAILL, 2B (Capt.)

Under 13 Year (No. 1 Team):

So far this year we have been very successful, our only loss being by one run.

The first game against Hamilton Marist Brothers was won outright. The two openers, Williamson and Mathieson, were top scorers with 47 and 44 respectively. Williamson and Armstrong then routed



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13 YEARS CRICKET, 1961

BACK ROW (L. to R.): J. Cheetham, P. Duncanson, I. Dwyer, R. Ryan, D. Williamson, J. Russell, J. Garvey.
 FRONT ROW (L. to R.): G. Rushton, D. Parker, G. Harrison, B. Mathieson (Capt.), N. George, T. Armstrong, Mr. McRae.
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the Marist Brothers' batsmen. The next game against Newcastle Junior High was stopped by rain on the second day after they had been dismissed for 9 runs. Again Armstrong and Williamson did all the damage. Mathieson and Williamson then put on a century partnership for the first wicket, each getting half-centuries. The next game against Broadmeadow Junior High resulted in our only loss, 138 to 139. While our bowling could not dismiss them cheaply our batting stood up gamely against their good bowling. Good batting by Williamson, Rushton and Harrison produced an exciting finish. The final match, against St. Pius, was a comfortable outright victory.

The team, which is very keen, would like to thank Mr. McRae for his sound advice and expert coaching throughout the season.

B. MATHIESON, 2A.

Under 13 Years (No. 2 Team):

So far this season we have played four games, winning two, losing one and drawing one.

In our first game against Junior High No. 2 team, a brilliant partnership between Stow and Skelly and splendid bowling and batting by Roach enabled us to secure an outright win.

Our next game against Central was drawn owing to rain.

In our next game we narrowly defeated St. Pius; the difference in the scores being three runs. Baiting honours in this match went to Willis and Robson.

Our last match against Junior High No. 1 team ended in our defeat. Halton was easily our best batsman while Roach and Sullivan shared the bowling honours.

Our best batsmen throughout the season were Halton, Roach, Skelly, Stow, Robson and Willis. Best bowlers were Sullivan, Roach and Gray.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Andrews for his excellent coaching and advice.

I. SULLIVAN, 2D.

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UNDER 13 CRICKET, 1961

BACK ROW (l. to r.): P. Eastham, C. Stow, N. Willis, G. Skelly, G. Halton, C. Morrow.
 FRONT ROW (l. to r.): J. Feenan, S. Roach, D. Gray, I. Sullivan (Capt.), G. Robson, K. Corbett, Mr.
 B. Andrews (Coach).
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HOCKEY:

A. Grade:

The A. grade hockey team established a very good record, scoring approximately 60 goals and conceding only two, to finish undefeated premiers at the finish of the season.

The forwards always outpaced the opposition and were very unlucky not to have scored many more goals. Consisting of Stepan, Mack, Kaye, Sellars, Beckenham and Barlow, they played splendidly together.

The halves, Dyjak, Maroszeky, Nelmes and Ainsworth were outstanding, and gave the forwards a great percentage of the ball.

Special congratulations must go to J. Nelmes who gained State honours this year.

The hard hitting back line, Page and Heaston, stopped almost every attempt by the opposing forwards to score and were well backed up by Burt, in goals, who made many good saves.

In conclusion, our utmost appreciation goes to Mr. Buckland, our coach, for all the time he spent with us.

P. PAGE, 3A (Capt.)

B. Grade:

Under the skilful guidance of Mr. Osborne, the B. grade hockey team were runners-up to Broadmeadow Junior High. The team played well and only lost three games.

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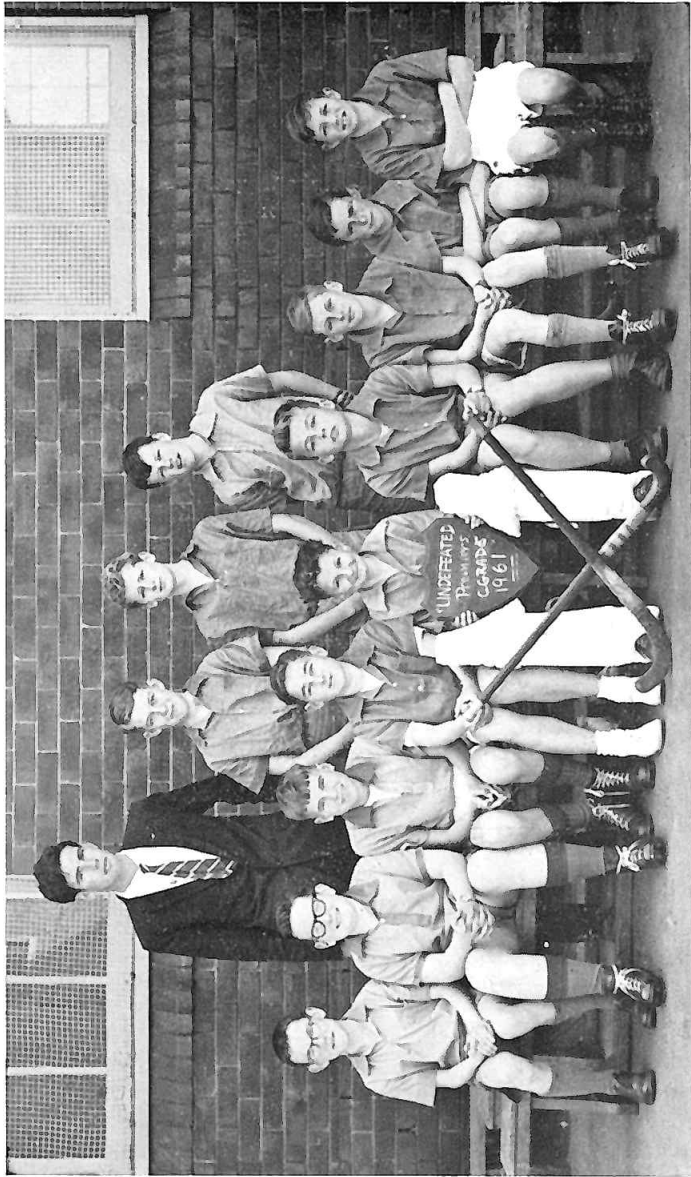
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C. GRADE HOCKEY, 1961

BACK ROW: Mr. E. Willmot, M. Hallett, J. Allison, D. Parker.
 FRONT ROW: J. Bennetts, G. Bell, B. Fisher, B. Hicks, N. Edwards, R. Norton, D. Hawkes, G. Sutton.
 N. Morrison.

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The team lost its right inner, G. Dearing, who netted nearly all the team's goals, during the season. The backline which consisted of R. Alexander, B. Dyjak and Ebrill (in goals), were strong in defence. The half-back line of J. Andrews, J. Hayes and J. Beutemont were always ready to stop movements of the opposition. The forward line, R. Caddy, R. Leech, B. Hudson, J. Pirie and B. Jones were always on the attack.

Congratulations must go to Alexander and Ebrill who gained selection in the Newcastle team to play Sydney. Congratulations also must go to J. Hayes who captained the 2nd Newcastle team.

J. HAYES, 3D.

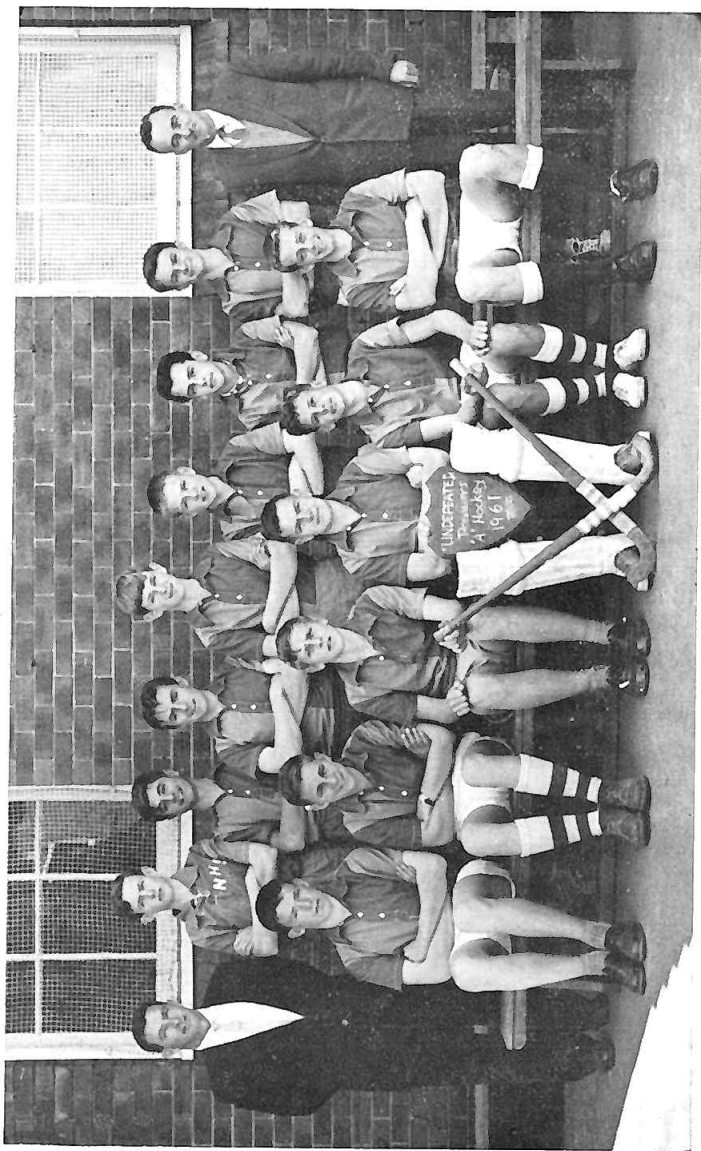
C. Grade:

Many thanks to Mr. Willmot for the skilled management and coaching of our team.

All the team played well right throughout the season with the result that we won the premiership undefeated.

Backed up by the strong defence of Allison and Hallett, the team played well with two draws and fours wins.

NEIL MORRISON, 1B.



A. GRADE HOCKEY, 1961

BACK ROW (from left): Mr. R. Judge (Sportsmaster), D. Kake, M. Mautazeki, J. Nelmes, W. Dijkak, W. Ainsworth, G. Barlow, P. Stapan, Mr. J. Buckland (Coach).
 FRONT ROW: B. Mack, E. Beckenham, R. Sellars, J. Burt, P. Page (Capt.), M. Houston.
 Photograph by McRae Studios.

TENNIS:

First Grade (No. 1):

Only four teams entered the first grade competition this year, three of which were our school teams. The only other team was Tech High.

The firsts, B. Hazel, R. Harrison, G. Richardson and P. Marshall, played consistently and maintained their pleasing form throughout the competition which they completed as undefeated premiers. Runners-up in this competition were Tech. High whose only defeats came from our firsts.

The reason for the small number of teams was that Cessnock and Maitland dropped out of our competition and played in their own zone competition. As a result of this, three rounds were played.

This year it was Sydney's turn to travel to Newcastle and play against our combined High School team at District Park. Among the eight players selected, five came from our school. The players were G. Richardson, J. Carrick, B. Hazell, R. Harrison and P. Marshall. Once again the Sydney Combined High School's team was much too strong for us and won without the loss of a set. Some sets, however, were hard fought and bad luck on our part robbed us of a much more respectable score. In the singles, Richardson led 5-2 against a top State player, Garry Forbes, but could not clinch it. Also P. Marshall held a set point in the second set of his match again Bob Brien, but eventually went down 8-6, 11-9.

The Maitland representative, H. Kerry, fought hard but eventually went down 7-5, 8-6, in a match which could have easily gone his way.

In the doubles there were a number of hard fought matches also, but once again the experience of the Sydney representatives played a major part in their success.

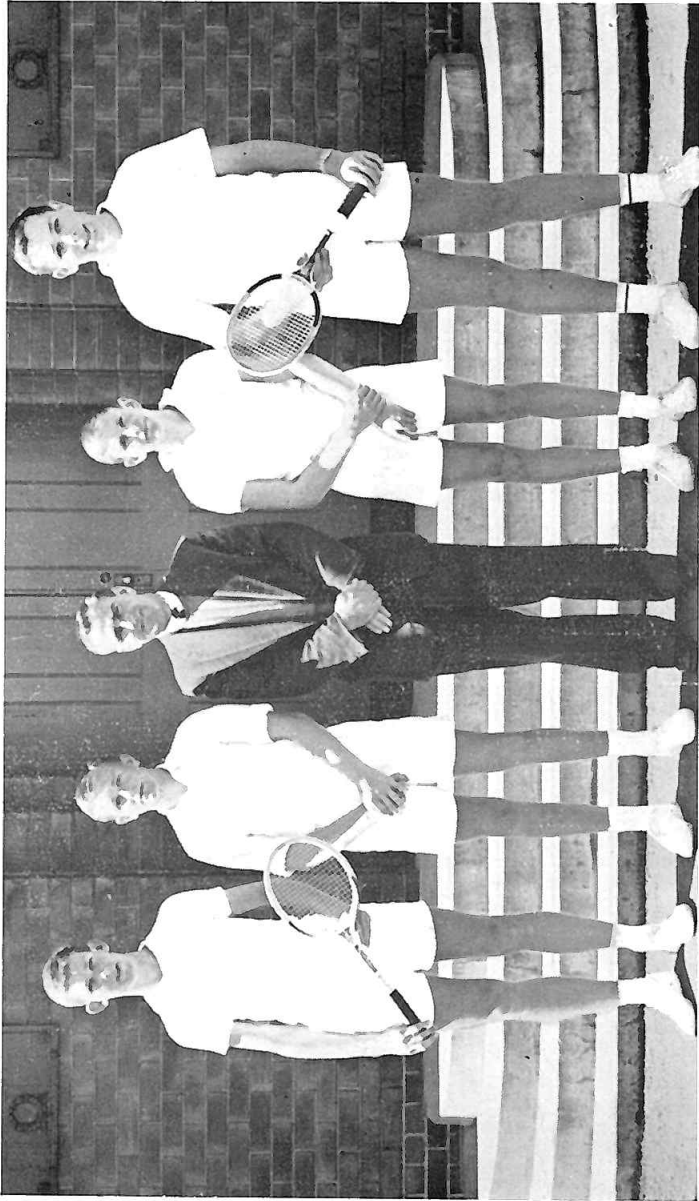
Our success in the competition would certainly not have been as great but for the interest and support of our coaches, Mr. Hodge and Mr. Neilson. The first grade teams appreciate the work of these coaches.

P. MARSHALL, 4D.

1st Grade (No. 2):

In a very disappointing competition this year, the team did as expected and finished third. We had easy wins against the No. 3 side, and did well against the No. 1's, losing 23-41. Our closest games were against Tech. High. We lost the first encounter 24-40, but on the second occasion went down unluckily by 2 games, 31-33. Although often on the losing side, the team, consisting of Don Gilson, John Stewart, John Carrick and Ian Patterson, played the game in fine spirit and can be well satisfied with its efforts. We wish to thank Mr. Hodge for his efficient organisation and his encouragement throughout the season.

J. CARRICK (Capt.)



1st GRADE TENNIS, 1961

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1st Grade (No. 3):

The third grade team from our school consisted of Charlton, Moss, Saxson, Myers, Hobson and Graham. Understandably, since we were selected below the other N.B.H.S. teams, we did not head the points table, but in three rounds we gained one point. Unfortunately for us, there was only one team from an outside school. However, we all played our best.

Our team would like to thank Mr. Neilson and Mr. Hodge for their coaching help throughout the season.

J. GRAHAM (Capt.)

2nd Grade (No. 1):

In the first round, our team was defeated by Tech. High in a close fixture and by Broadmeadow Junior High. But in the second round, we fought back and defeated Tech. High quite easily and drew with Broadmeadow Junior High who won the competition. Our team improved with this competition. The team, consisting of C. Lee, R. Rawson, R. Jones, C. Allen, J. Hooker and B. Penfold, would all like to thank Mr. Simpson for his helpful advice.

B. PENFOLD, 3D.

2nd Grade (No. 2):

Although we had very little success we enjoyed every game and received much experience from them. The members of our team were B. Felton, J. Coleman, M. Meyer, F. Moxey, D. Ugray and I. Parry. Only four boys could play each week so it was taken in turns for two to drop out. In the first round, our team was defeated easily by Broadmeadow Junior High. In the second round we fought back, and although they won, they did not beat us so easily due to the improvement of our team.

On behalf of the players, I would like to thank Mr. Simpson for his helpful advice and encouragement.

I. PARRY, 3D.

Third Grade (No. 1):

Due to the re-zoning, Maitland, our co-premiers of last year, were not an opponent this season. However, Junior High firsts took their place and narrowly defeated us in a hard fought match, thereby winning the premiership.

Our team consisted of Dennis Harvey, Colin East, Bruce Mathieson and myself, and although we were not successful we enjoyed a very good season.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Hill for his advice and encouragement during the season.

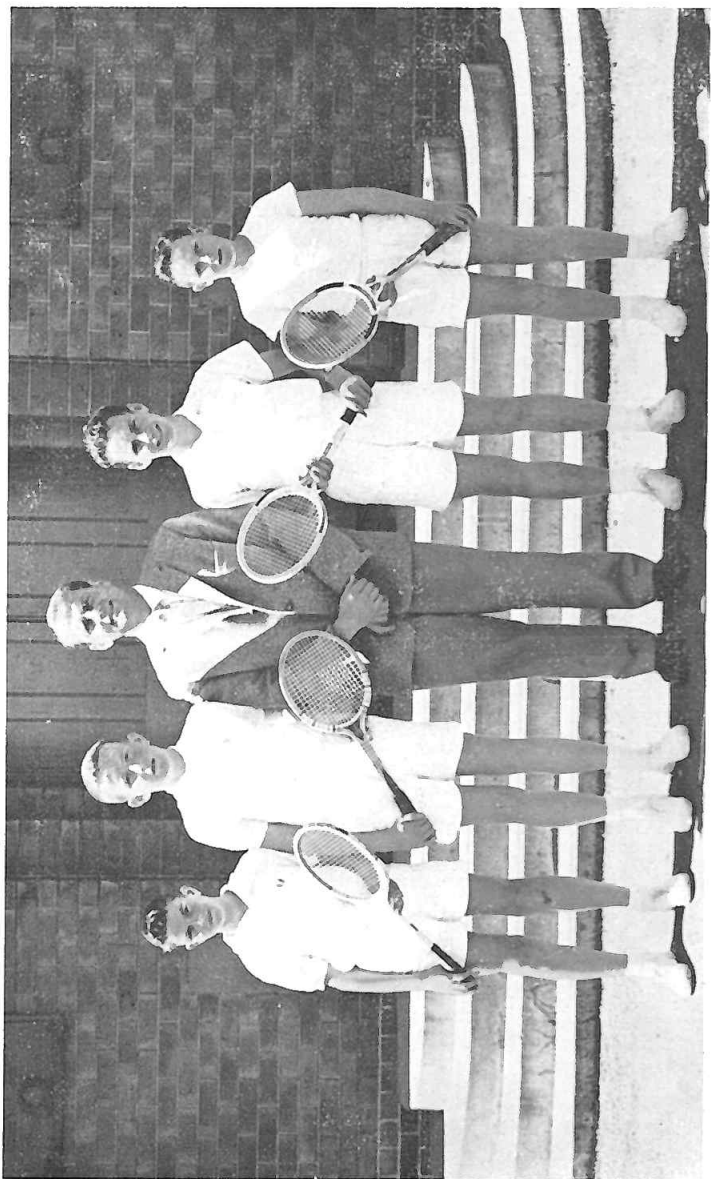
G. HARRISON, 3A (Capt.)

Third Grade (No. 2):

The 2nd under 14 team consisting of Wilson, Davies, Thursby and Horton, played creditably in the competition, losing only to the strong Junior High No. 1 and Newcastle No. 1 teams.

On behalf of the members of the team I wish to thank Mr. Hill for his advice, encouragement and management during the competition.

COLIN THURSBY, 3A.



4th GRADE TENNIS TEAM, 1961
 G. Kentish, N. Willis, Mr. H. J. Shield (Coach), P. Knox, J. Stace.
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Third Grade (No. 3):

The No. 3 team of I. Mordue, C. Henderson, N. Perkins, G. Morris, W. Kurtin, O. Jones and P. Withers, played well to gain fourth place in the competition. After gaining experience by playing the stronger teams at the start of the round we closely defeated Technical High and Junior Tech. No. 2 and drew with Central.

Appreciation is given to Mr. Hill for his friendly and helpful advice.

IAN MORDUE, 3A.

Fourth Grade (No. 1):

The members of the team were N. Wills, P. Knox, G. Kentish and J. Stace. The team finished the competition as undefeated premiers. The success of the team was due to their consistent standard of play and on many occasions won their matches in the last sets.

Fourth Grade (No. 2):

There were nine boys from whom this team was chosen, each taking it in turn to play. The team was A. Allan, D. Hetherington, P. Gower, I. Henderson, R. Semple, L. Maher, N. George, K. Corbett and G. Brien.

Although they were successful only on one occasion, all showed improvement during the competition.

SOCCER, 1961

A. Grade:

This team was never at full strength during the season due to injuries sustained in club games on Saturdays. The team members, however, played above themselves as far as positional play was concerned and there was very little individualism in the team.

In the first round a team member kept full-back Darryl Collins out for two weeks. This and other injuries weakened the team considerably. We scored nine goals in this round and conceded seventeen.

In the second round we scored six goals and conceded seven, bringing up the tally of 15 goals for and 24 goals against. At the end of the season we were in fourth position.

The best players of the season were Devine, Collins (who was selected to play for Newcastle) and Pointon.

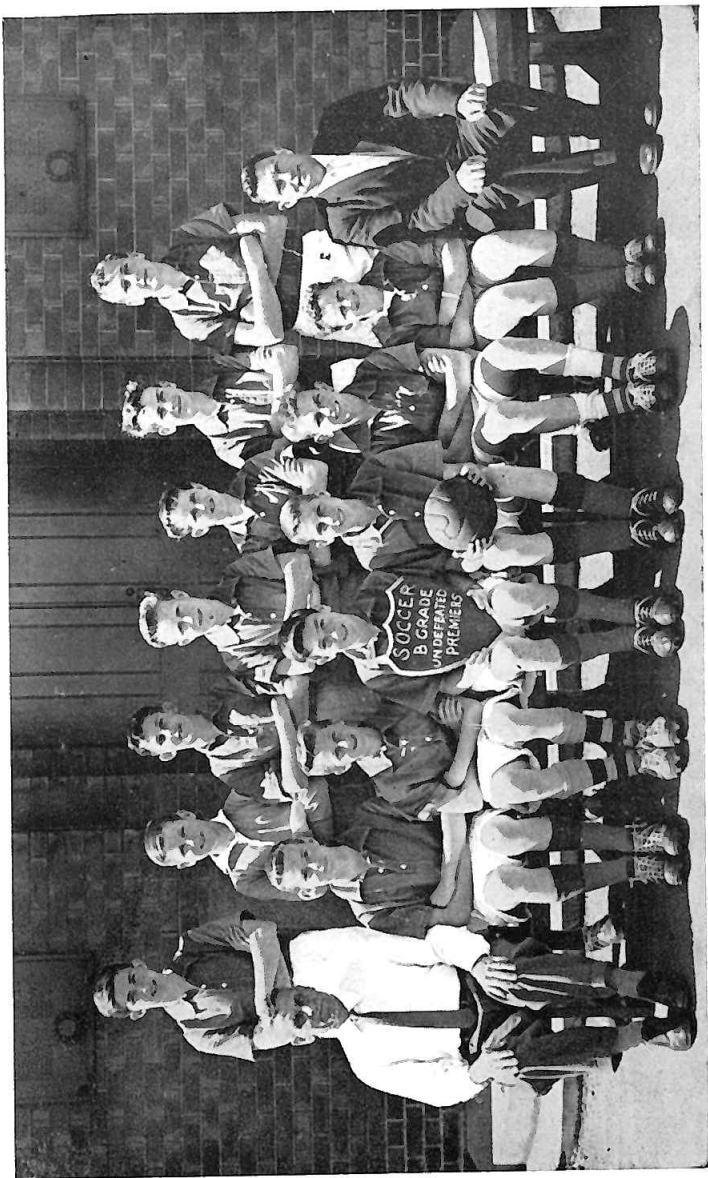
Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Abell, our coach, who showed great interest in the team during the season and for his efforts to weld us together as a team.

W. BURT, 4F.

Under 14 Soccer:

It is with much pleasure that I am able to state that the under 14 soccer team successfully emerged undefeated premiers this season.

Our success is mainly due to C. Traill, who splendid goalkeeping often saved us from possible defeats, and Paul Seale, who was a tower of defence as centre-half.



B. GRADE SOCCER, 1961

BACK ROW: M. Taylor, C. Traill, A. Briggs, J. Hillier, R. Conn, G. Jones, D. Wicks,
 FRONT ROW: Mr. C. McKenzie, R. Jarvie, G. Stewart, J. Archibald, P. Seale, I. Tonks, K. Tripot, Mr
 R. Judge.
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Although we have several talented players in the team, Michael Taylor and Jim Hillier were the only selections for the Newcastle team which went to Sydney to compete in the State Championship. Unfortunately Jim had to withdraw because of illness.

On behalf of the team I would like to convey to Mr. McKenzie's big "Thank You" for his interest throughout the season.

J. ARCHIBALD (Capt.)

C. Grade Soccer:

The team had a successful season and were runners-up to a very strong Central team. At one stage of the competition we were joint leaders, but in the last game of the season we were defeated by the Central team by 3 goals to nil.

It was a credit to have two members from the team selected to play in the State Championship in Sydney. These players were G. Harrison and J. Threlfo.

All the team combined well to play good football throughout and were a credit to the school with their sportsmanship.

On behalf of the team I would like to extend thanks to Mr. Blunden for his interest and his advice to the team.

G. RUSHTON, 2A (Capt.)

RUGBY LEAGUE:

1st Grade:

This year the 1st XIII won the Evans Shield (local competition) and reached the finals in the country division of the University Shield.

Our first "Uni Shield" game, which was won easily, was against Belmont at Belmont. This game was highlighted by Paul Moore's punishing runs which earned him three tries.

For the next game we travelled to Gosford and won by the narrow margin of 8-6. Owing to a lack of the ball the team was forced to defend for most of the match. During the last fifteen minutes Gosford attacked strongly but our defence held and we ran out winners.

Spiro Anthony was one of the heroes of the match with an intercept try just after half-time.

Before our "home crowd" at Waratah Oval we defeated Muswellbrook by 39-3. The team played well and particularly in the closing stages proved too strong for our visitors. It was thus, with high hopes we looked forward to our trip to Tamworth and the clash with the strong Tamworth team.

And a clash it certainly was. In a game before a record crowd for a match of this nature and with a re-shuffled side (David Southern injured) we were defeated by 23-0. Early in the game we lost winger Michael Cashman and a little later I had to leave the field. In a depleted side Spiro Anthony and Paul Moore were outstanding for their keenness. The Tamworth boys, excellent footballers and excellent hosts, were too good for us and thoroughly deserved to go on and win the coveted shield.



1st XIII, 1961

BACK ROW: J. Duncan, J. Bear, P. Bentley, I. Andrews, C. Calkin, C. Elvidge, K. Traise, M. Cashman.
 FRONT ROW: D. Southern, B. Robinson, K. McMillan, Mr. V. P. Rooney (Coach), R. Perkins (Capt.), J. Brown-Parker, W. Symes, S. Anthony, P. Moore.
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In our local competition after some very hard-fought matches, we tied with Marist Brothers for first place. A play-off was therefore necessary.

At No. 1 Sportsground in our final match of the year we narrowly won the premiership from Hamilton Marists with the score of 6-5. The forwards performed extremely well and the backs quickly capitalised on all opportunities.

The team, lighter than those of previous years, combined speed and accurate tackling to produce sound and safe football from a side of thirteen team men.

Spiro Anthony at full-back proved to be a sound tackler and his devastating burst of speed when he came into the backline resulted in many tries.

Mick Cashman, a determined, hard-running left-winger, was the ideal man to finish off a movement.

Phil Bentley, the other winger, played well and his goalkicking was a handy asset to any team.

David Southern, centre and an elusive runner, was safe in all departments of the game.

His partner, Barry Calkin, was a strong runner and sound defender.

Five-eight Ken McMillan, who joined the team in the later stages proved his ability in his position.

Paul Moore, the half, was the brains behind the scrum. His good passes and sound defence earned him praise. Though the shy and retiring type, Paul possessed an extremely pleasant baritone voice.

Lock forward, Ian Duncan, was noted for his punishing tackles and powerful runs.

Warwick Symes, second-rower, always gave a tireless display and was excellent in defence.

Our front row consisted of Ian Andrews, John Bear and Bruce Robinson as hooker.

Ian Andrews defended well and his long bursting runs from the rucks gained us much ground.

John Bear gave able support to Ian and his defensive tackling was well worth noting.

Bruce always gave a constructive display and he won more than his share of the ball.

John Brown-Parker was called upon often during the season and filled positions strange to him with much distinction.

Players such as Gerry Koutts, Colin Elvidge and Ken Traise always acquitted themselves well whenever they were called upon.

The team is indebted to its coach and friend, Mr. V. P. Rooney, who guided us and inspired us on many occasions. Many thanks to Mr. Rooney.

R. PERKINS (Captain).

Congratulations to the team on its performances this year. The boys were indeed fortunate to have as captain, Richard Perkins. His non-stop play and outstanding leadership contributed much towards the team's successes.

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2nd XIII:

The 2nd XIII had an excellent season, being undefeated and scoring 190 points to 38 against.

Owing to the new zoning the field was narrowed to three teams, Hamilton Marist Brothers, Technical High and Newcastle High. This enabled two teams to be close on the points table. Marist Brothers offered the best opposition and almost toppled us from our supremacy halfway through the season.

The commencing game of the season gave us a close victory 8-5 over the Marist Brothers. But on our second meeting Marists proved a stronger side. They took advantage of our loss of key forward Karpin in the first minute owing to injuries. With strong backs Marist set us a half-time lead of 10-3 to catch. Philip Bentley spear-headed the attack in the second half, scoring a try and kicking three fine goals to make us the victors 14-10. The success of this match was also due to the faultless and tireless tackling of prop John Bear. Bentley and Bear left us after this match to fill well deserved positions in the 1st XIII. By winning this match we obtained an unbeatable four point lead. The Brothers offered little resistance on our third encounter to lose 24-4 to us.

Technical High, the weakest of the field, were no barrier for the 2nd's and the first two matches resulted in wins well over the 20 mark. On our third encounter almost every member of the team scored points in a triumphant 43-5 victory.

The seconds played three matches against visiting teams; two games against Gosford and one against Muswellbrook. Gosford proved to be strong opposition and held our team to a 13-5 victory on our first meeting. The second match resulted in a 10-5 win for the 2nd's. Muswellbrook were easy prey for our side and allowed us to tally up our second highest score of the season, 33-0.

Every player in the team played sound football. Members were: Sokolowski, Threlfo, Fehlberg, Pile, Karpin, Cowan, Davis, George, Sheedy, Traise, Elvidge, McKenzie, Stansfield, Williams, Parke, Felton, Peate.

Undoubtedly the tireless running and the sound football displayed by the 2nd's was due to the careful and intensive training supplied by Mr. Smith. The members of the team wish to thank Mr. Smith for his enthusiasm and for his interest and confidence in the team.

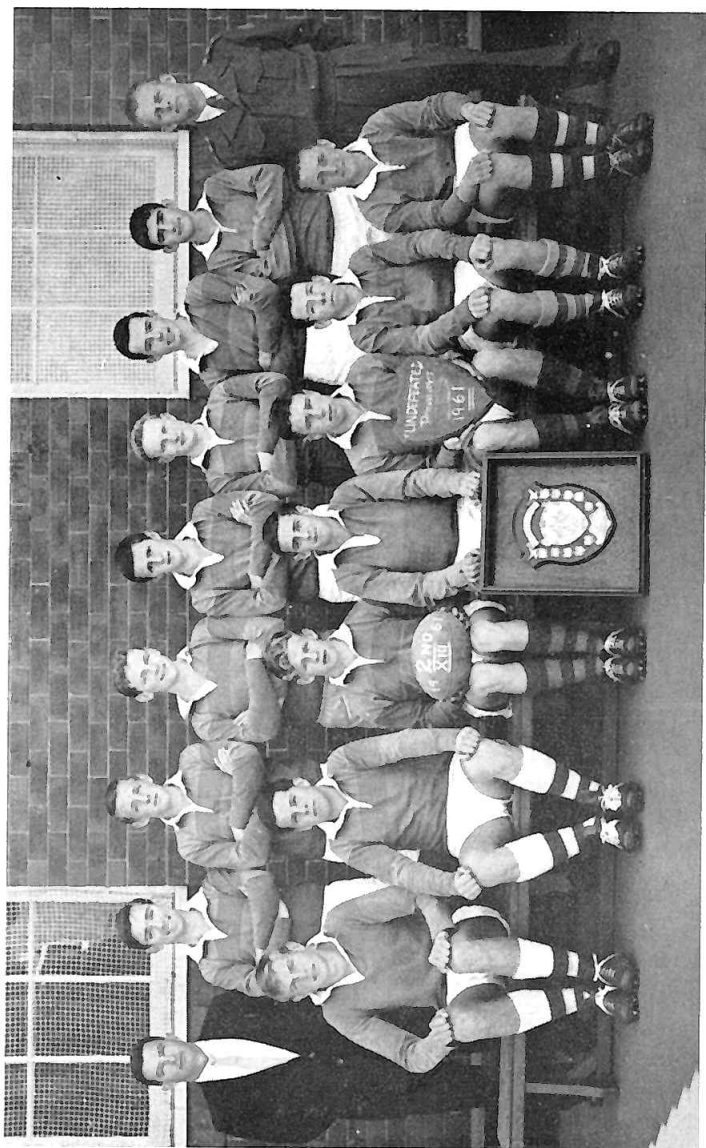
I wish to congratulate the members and to thank them for their co-operation in regard to the general running of the team.

P. SHEEDY (4th Year).

3rd Grade:

Third Grade this year did not have a particularly inspiring or hard fought competition and were runners-up to Tech. High. Because of the new school zone only four teams were in the competition. Of these Central and St. Pius gave little competition and we defeated these teams with such scores as 50-6, 38-4, 28-0.

Tech. High defeated us in the first two rounds, mainly due to penalty goal kicking. In the last round match the best football of the season was played and a scoreless draw resulted. "Chester" Wines



2nd GRADE LEAGUE, 1961

BACK ROW: Mr. R. Judge (Sportsmaster), K. Trause, D. Cowan, R. Fehlborg, M. Williams, D. Pile, R. Parkes, J. Koutis, Mr. A. Smith (Coach).
 FRONT ROW: S. Davis, J. Karpin, P. Sheedy, R. Felton (Capt.), L. Stanfield, G. Threlfo, B. George.
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at right-wing was unlucky not to have scored when forced into touch on the try line. Max Turnbull who missed a few early matches, proved to be an outstanding goalkicker and three-quarter back.

The team of Watson, Marsden, Handell, Ball and O'Hara in the forwards, and Long, Coulton, Laman, Turnbull, Wines, Beveridge and Cave in the backs. Thanks go to Mr. Milne for his interest and management.

D. O'HARA, 5A (Capt.)

4th Grade:

The 8.7 league team finished third in the competition, but was clearly outplayed by the premiers (Tech. High) and the runners-up (Marist Brothers). Although we held our own against Tech. during the first half of the match, penetrating backline movements and consistent "backing up" clinched an easy win for our opponents during the second half. Hamilton Marist Brothers left no doubt as to their superior combination, team-work and general play by defeating High convincingly both times we met.

Central Junior Tech. was the team to which we were most closely matched. At each meeting the scores were very close and at no time did one team seem certain of a win. High narrowly defeated Central in the first match, but the position was reversed in the second.

The team combined well and played fine football against St. Pius X and Junior High to prove clearly superior to both.

John Wood, playing at half-back, was the backbone of the team and played consistent football throughout the season. Darrell Williamson and Wayne Jackson were the basis of the forwards while Clarry Lions, "Spirit" Crawford and Frank Wilson penetrated well. Geoff Bell was a great loss at inside centre when injured during the season, and Tony Lee provided the necessary speed for our attack.

Many thanks to Mr. McMinn for his coaching and organisation.

HAYDEN RAYSMITH, 5th Year.

5th Grade:

Our play was loose at the beginning of the season as tackling was poor in the forwards and passing and combination poor in the backs. However, the team tightened up as the season progressed.

The competition proved to be very open as most games were close. On one occasion we had an 11-all draw with Junior High and games with Tech. and Central were hard and close. The team had its share of wins and losses, most losses being only small.

We played a hard match against Gosford High in one of the supporting matches of the University Shield, played at Gosford, but were unfortunate to lose narrowly. The forwards attacked well and the backs combined well also. A brilliant try was scored by Dunnycliffe.

Widgery and Marshall defended and attacked well all season, while Bear (five-eight) and Dunnycliffe combined well in the backs.

Dunnycliffe and R. Brown scored well during the season while Tonks kicked well.

Our thanks go to Mr. Haines for his fine coaching and interest in the team throughout the season.

R. BROWN, 3D (Capt.)

6th Grade:

This was rather a successful season for the 6.7 rugby league team, with the team gaining third place in the competition. During the year we won 4 games, drew 2 and lost 4 games. The main scorers for the team were Solomon who scored 6 tries, McLennon who scored 4 tries. and O'Neill who scored 1 try and kicked 6 goals.

The team defeated St. Pius X College twice, the scores being 21-0 and 26-0; and had a win and a draw against Technical High. Throughout the season the outstanding players were Solomon, McLennon, Robinson, Askey, Fry, Ramage and Sullivan. All the members of the team played very well, but unfortunately some players did not get a game every week.

We were very successful at Muswellbrook, in the knock-out competition, winning 2 out of 3 games. The scores were 10-0 against Quirindi A's, 3-0 against Raymond Terrace and 0-14 against Hamilton Marist Brothers.

During the season we either defeated or drew with every team in the competition except Hamilton Marist Brothers who won the competition undefeated.

On behalf of all the boys I express thanks to the coach. Mr. Sheedy, for his help and encouragement.

S. O'NEILL (Capt.)

7th Grade:

This year the 6-stone team had only 15 players.

Our defeats numbered more than our victories. We defeated St. Pius 9-3 and 5-0 and had close games with Central and Tech. High.

The team lost many games with bad defence and after winning a great deal of the ball from the scrums our bad handling lost the ball to the opposition.

Some players, namely D. Attwater, G. Armstrong, J. Feenan, P. Nichol森, N. Valentine and J. Browne played well in many games. John Russell, who was new to the game, improved greatly in defence.

I would like to thank J. Russell, D. Attwater, J. Feenan, R. Wingett, D. Marrow and S. Roach who attended practice regularly.

Although the team was not successful we enjoyed every game we played.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank our coach, Mr. Rigby, for his interest and the encouragement he gave us throughout the season.

STUART MOORE, 2C (Capt.)

AUSTRALIAN RULES

This season the Australian Rules team finished third in the Newcastle Zone competition. Congratulations go to the small, fast Junior High team on their win in the competition.

As in the preceding two seasons we were handicapped six points for every player over fifteen in the team and this stopped us from winning the premiership.

The team started the season with only six players with any previous Rules experience. Throughout the season the newcomers, especially Steel, Rogers, N. Davies, Hampton, Patterson and Marsh, showed improvement with every game. It is hoped that those players who were introduced to the game this year will form the basis of a strong team next year.

The rucks were the force of the team and here Arnold was outstanding, providing the thrust necessary to give the rovers Dickeson and Rogers a feast of the ball. Arnold's brilliance was backed by consistent hard play in the rucks by N. Davies, Eltis and the two rovers. Steel, playing at centre-half forward, was the best forward and Eltis at centre-half back the best back.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Judd for his advice and coaching, especially to those with little knowledge of National Football.

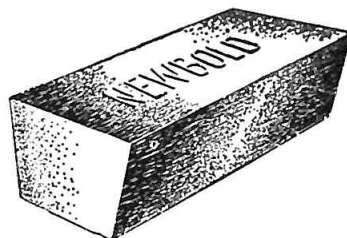
I personally thank J. Arnold for his assistance in leading the team.

P. DAVIES, 5A (Capt.)



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Art:

D. Shoesmith.

AFTER THE FIRE

The weary sun slips almost thankfully
 behind the blackened mountain ridge,
 Its angry glow diffused by heedless smoke,
 from many stumps that smoulder still.
 Gaunt, blackened sentinels of trees, devoid now
 of their clustered hanging crescents,
 Pitifully point into the dark'ning skies,
 which soon shall mask them from all eyes.

A figure sweating, sweating, homeward tramps
 his effort wasted; his battle lost.
 His look is angry and his strength is gone,
 but he'll return to fight the next.
 Beside the track a furry body lies,
 sing'd and sear'd by the ruthless flame,
 While unscath'd insects about it crawl,
 the only life in this forest tall.

PETER WHITFORD, 5A.

ON MUSHROOM GROWING

(Advice from a disillusioned speculator)

"Grow Mushrooms Galore" ran the advertisement in the gardening magazine. "For as little as 10/- you can plant 35 square feet of ground with our Special Pure Culture Mushroom Spawn. Results are phenomenal."

I harkened back to an article I had read entitled, "World Mushroom Record Broken." The colossal yield of nine pounds of mushrooms to the square foot had been achieved in Denmark by a new method. With this knowledge I made the following arithmetical calculation:

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Now this calculation gives a net profit of £157/0/0 or a 31.400% increase on the original investment. Needless to say I was in on the racket.

"Such foolishness! A good investment? Huh! Son, when I was your age . . ." I expected that. I turned to mother.

"Well," she said with a patronising smile, "I guess its a sixteen-year-old stage. You'll get over it." I drew pictures of feasts of fried mushrooms; offered to do the dishes for a month; clean the windows for years; look after the . . . She finally weakened.

The next day I went to the library to find out about mushroom growing. Instead I found a book entitled, "How to Make a Good Investment." Finally, however, I did find the right book. The first few illustrations showed what a healthy mushroom looks like: the last few showed oozing, rotting, hideously deformed monsters. I felt sick. Further research disclosed that the earliest description of mushroom growing was published by a Frenchman in Paris called de Tournefort, in the year 1707. Mushrooms were not cultivated commercially until about 1880 when the French began using the quarries around Paris. They stacked horse manure in heaps and innoculated it with spawn growing in milltracks that were used by horses. If they were lucky the spawn turned out to be mushroom spawn and if they were really luck they eventually picked mushrooms. Unfortunately conditions are still much the same today, or at least I found it so.

Two weeks later I received that ill-fated package of mushroom spawn. Now the mushroom spawn grows in a specially prepared compost of straw and animal manure thus obliging me to buy straw and scour the countryside for manure. 80 pounds of straw was easily ordered, but it was the bill that knocked me. A few vital connections in the Newcastle Abattoirs enabled me to get two big bags of well urinated and highly smelling 'manure' from the slaughter yards.

Likewise I obtained a bag of horse manure from the stables of the Newcastle Co-operative Society. "Fowl manure gives the compost heat," advised a friend. The advice was taken.

Meanwhile the bales of straw had been undergoing pre-decomposition on the back lawn with the aid of a hose and a hot sun. But alas! The wheat in the straw had sprouted and my beautiful golden heaps of straw had become miniature fields of grain. Then it rained. The wheat grew: the bales got smaller; and my parents' patience broke.

"Don't think you are going to put those wretched mushrooms in my shed," anticipated my father.

"Whatever you do, get rid of that abominable heap of manure," groaned my mother. I secretly inspected the manure heap. She was right. The rain had got in and the manure heap was a sodden, crawling mass of maggots! Relying on the advice of the friend I have told you about, I mixed the straw with the 'manure' and waited

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for it to 'burn' the maggots out. Three days later the temperature of the compost heap had risen to 150°F. The maggots were gone but in their place appeared the high temperature fungi. In another two days the compost heap was covered with white cup-shaped fungi — but they were not mushrooms.

The fight was now on between me and the rain. I covered the compost heap with plastic sheeting, bags and old boxes, but still the rain seeped into the heap. The temperature began to fall. In three days it was zero and the heap was once again a soggy mass. Now mushroom spawn grows in a damp but NOT wet compost and consequently my hopes of ever raising mushrooms sank indeed to a very low level. But in no time at all nature was on my side. The very next day was a 'roaster'. I spread the compost over the back lawn and in a few days it was in perfect condition.

It then dawned on me that it would be convenient if I had some shallow boxes to put the compost in. A survey of the backyard revealed that boxes nine inches deep and having a large surface area were practically non-existent. Hammer and saw then became responsible for the sacrifice of many a tea chest and the bending of many a nail. At last the day arrived when I had seven gleaming 'trays' ready for the compost. With much ceremony the compost was tightly packed into the 'trays' and the spawn 'planted'. The members of my family still did not seem impressed and advised me not to be too disappointed if . . . Well, I had been thinking along those lines too and already had a string of excuses for my impending failure.

The spawn is an interesting "seed" to plant for it is without parallel. It consists of compost in which there are little white threads or mycellium. These threads multiply and spread through the compost in the trays. Finally there becomes so many threads that they fuse together and in so doing form a mushroom root. This root then grows and finally sends up a flower, or mushroom. It takes twenty-six days for the mycellium to spread throughout the compost and about two months for it to flower. After the first twenty-six days the beds are 'based' or covered to the depth of one inch with a light, porous, sterilised sub-soil. This soil is kept damp by using a fine garden sprayer from the time the beds are cased until the last crop is picked. The big catch is that enough water has to be sprayed on the beds so as to dampen the soil down to the juncture between it and the compost. But NO further, for water kills the mycellium. Thus it was that before the beds were cased I noticed that the tops of them were covered with mycellium, but the tops were so dry that I was sure that the mycellium would die. I charitably gave the beds a drink that night. In the morning there was not a sign of mycellium. I started counting my twenty-six days over again. This experience made me more cautious in future, but my conservatism again led to my downfall. Two months passed and I was watching for those first precious mushrooms. I must admit that I was curious about what was going on under the

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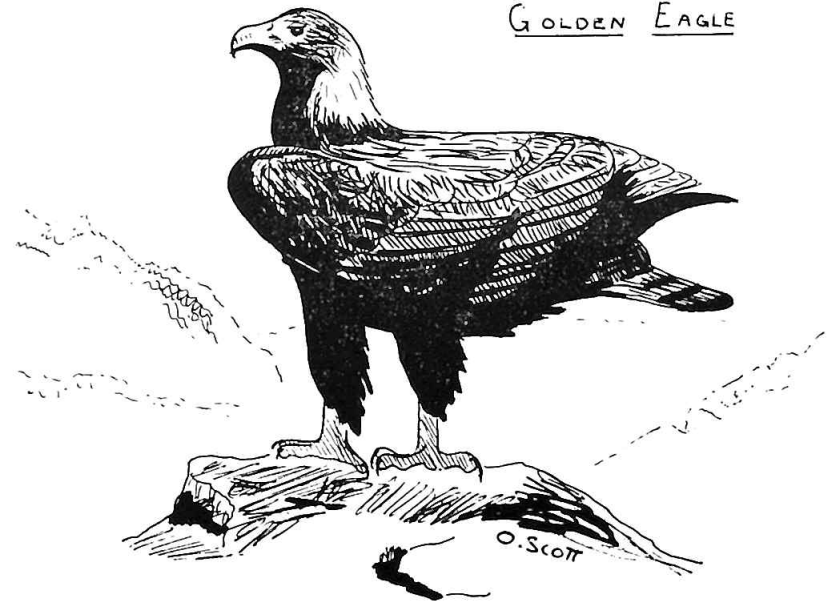
casing. I made a hole: broke through a damp layer and scooped out a handful of dry sand. I began counting two months over again. (Meanwhile my friends were picking wild mushrooms by the bucketful at Minmi).

Once more I scanned the pages of "How to Make a Good Investment" and decided to make my investment secure. Those hideous malformations and hairy bugs were not going to visit my mushroom beds. But insurance is costly: it cose twice as much to buy the minimum of fungicides and insecticides as the original mushroom spawn! The sea of personal finances were experiencing an ebb tide. About this time I had an inspiration. I floated a Mushroom Company on the household stock exchange. There are still no investors. The second two month period passed and share prices began to fall. I petitioned my mates at school: then wished I had not. The world is indeed a cold, cold place.

Then it happened. Three months have passed and first mushroom appears. Share prices soar. Mushrooms come up in powers of ten: customers are enthusiastic; promise to pay on time payment; order by the . . . Then the bubble bursts. Prices fall, demand slackens and I go out of business. But now — oh misery — the mushroom population rises, jumps, soars, cannot be counted. The eight-eyed fungi appear, the emperor insects fly in, the viruses with a planning staff and an ultimatum take over . . . and I join J. B. Priesley in saying "there are just too many — er mushrooms!"

KELVIN WOOLLER, 5A.

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spilling over
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into the boiling stream
of the bloody ocean

great showers of blood splash
against my face
my hands
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and I marvel
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of blood
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than the bloody grains of sand
caked fulgid layers plastered
on my lips

for your bloody sensual passionate love
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Swish! Swish! Swish!
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Glory if he gets 'im won't he make 'im run a mile,
So good luck to the feller with a grin upon his "dial."
H. GRUGEON, 1A.

THE Y.M.C.A.

Y.M.C.A. means Young Men's Christian Association. The Newcastle Y.M.C.A., in King Street, has a membership of over one thousand boys from eight years of age upwards. I joined when I was eight and have remained a member for over five years. There are many clubs in the Y.M.C.A., some of which meet on Saturday mornings.

The clubs meet in a special room. The announcements are read and the club programme begins. The programmes consist of cricket, football, baseball, to mention some outdoor games; or table tennis, quoits, billiards, basketball, to mention a few indoor games. When the club programme is completed the clubs go to the gymnasium where gymnastics, basketball, dodge ball and other ball games are played.

I am in the Shadows Club. We specialise in gymnastics but we do not go without our club programme. We are often asked to do gymnastic displays for Y.M.C.A. functions or for the public. The last display was for the Mattara Festival and other Y.M.C.A. Clubs took part also.

In the May and August holidays trips are arranged to various firms and industries, such as the B.H.P., Rylands', Lysaghts', Stewart and Lloyds', Bradford Cotton Mills Cardiff Railway Workshops, Wiliamtown R.A.A.F. Base and Peters' Ice Cream Factory to mention a few. There are some day tours such as a Circular Tour of Lake Macquarie with an inspection of Wangi Power Station, an inspection of Channel 2 T.V. Station, or a trip to G.M.H. at Pagewood.

These are some of the most interesting things which concern Y.M.C.A. activities but I haven't mentioned the films yet. Every few months the "Y" hires good films and these are shown in the "Y's" own theatre (admission only 6d.).

The Y.M.C.A. has over one thousand members at present but they always welcome new members.

ERIC GIBBONS.



FUN IN THE SNOW

Being one of those boys fortunate enough to go on the last Snowy Mountains Scheme Trip I was very thrilled at my first sight of snow. To a person who has never seen snow, the drifts of it which lined the roadside as the bus went up into the snow country looked like a lot of white fluffy foam. Almost everyone in the bus rushed out when we made our first stop in snow country at Kiandra. This tiny town was the scene of a great gold rush late last century. Two men still work a gold claim near Kiandra during their spare time. Getting back to the snow, soon everybody was throwing snow balls and soon there were boys picking snow out of their ears or from their backs. Woollen "beanies" were stretched down to ear level as a safety measure. Many boys tried digging snow without gloves but found this far too cold for the hands. Nice thick socks and strong shoes were a blessing for stepping in deep drifts of snow where one could sink up to the knees. When it was time to go everyone was either thoroughly wet or exhausted.

Topoggan riding is another wonderful way to have fun in the snow. It is a wonderful sensation to go speeding down a snowy slope. Everyone in our group tried this, even the teachers, one of whom missed out on an icy dip in a small creek by a matter of a few feet. The drawback in toboggan riding is getting back up the slope for trudging through great drifts of snow two feet deep or more is no easy matter.

Soon it was that dreaded moment, the time to leave, and as the bus pulled out of the snow country I knew that this would be where I would spend my future holidays if it were possible.

S. CLAPHAM, 2D.

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General Bridges died a few weeks later on the Gallipoli shores, but the calibre of Duntroon's graduates, which inspired his remark, was maintained in France, Flanders, Palestine, in the first World War; the Middle East and Pacific in 1939-45 War, and also in Korea and Malaya.

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Now to learn a few facts about life at the college as history tends to become monotonous.

The course, divided up into four years, consists equally of military and academic studies.

Military studies begin with the basic skills and techniques which any soldier must possess. Subjects of wider scope are introduced as the cadet's area of knowledge broadens beyond the recruit stage of training. Thus, the graduate is a junior officer who is well instructed in tactics and the organisation, characteristics and employment of the various arms of the service and who has an understanding of modern warfare. He also studies other subjects such as Military History, Current Affairs and Military Geography to give depth to his Military education.

The purpose of Academic studies at the college is to give all Cadets a broad grounding in Humanities and Science as a basis for their military education, and to prepare some Cadets for later training at a University or Institute of Technology. There are three different courses open to cadets. They are the Arts Course; the Science of Engineering Course (Institute of Technology) and the Science of Engineering Course at University standard.

Apart from Military and Academic studies there is also Physical Education. The aims of this course are the improvement of physique; the promotion of physical alertness conducive to successful studies and the production of health and powers of endurance necessary in army leaders in peace and war. The training itself is strenuous and exacting, introducing a certain amount of danger in some of the practices.

Many types of sports are also available to the Cadets; the major sports being Rugby, Australian Football, Cricket, Hockey, Swimming and Athletics, whilst Tennis, Golf and Basketball are also played. Each Cadet is expected to play a major sport throughout the year and he may engage in as many minor sports as he wishes. There are five cricket grounds with turf wickets and two others, as well as a turf practice wicket. Among other sports areas are a cinder track, a modern swimming pool, an indoor and outdoor basketball court and nine tennis courts.

Don't for a moment entertain the thought that the life of Duntroon Cadets is all "spit and polish parades" because there are extra-curricular activities planned to enable cadets to enjoy practically the same type of recreation as any university student. An amateur radio station (VKIRM), a dance band, sailing, fencing, photography and their own ski lodge on Mount Ginini are among the extra-curricular activities.

During my visit there this year I met many of the Cadets and saw them all at work driving their sixty-ton Centurion tanks and

their armoured cars, practising on the latest artillery and field equipment and studying hard behind their English books. They are hard-working, eager young men, the pick of Australian youth. After graduation they will lead men who will depend on them for guidance and advice. R.M.C. Duntroon has fitted them for this job and for many others that they will encounter along the road to success.

IAN SAVAGE, 4C.

I STOOD ALONE

There they were to the left, the right and behind me, and, as I looked at them with their grim, relentless faces. I remembered that I was standing alone. I looked straight ahead, and yes, there it came! A man was running with long strides towards me. I clutched my weapon, my only weapon, and waited. Then the man stopped running and a missile whizzed towards me. I lashed out and heard a loud "Crack," then saw the figures around me break away and run. Then someone patted me on the shoulder and said, "A beautiful six, old man — well hit!" I tucked my bat under my arm and walked proudly towards the pavilion.

R. RAWSON, 3E.

DROVING

Along the dusty plains we ride,
With throats and clothes all parched and dry,
The salt bush looms along our side,
And then a 'roo hops by,
Until at last the evening comes
With its brilliant flaming red,
But then the cold and darkness falls
And all the world is dead.

We wake next morning before the dawn,
And pack the horses up.
We call the dogs around the fire
And gently wake the pup.
The stockmen crack their whips o'erhead
The ranges ring like bells;
The cattle rise to meet us then,
And trek to distant hills.

GREG KENTISH, 1A.

THE HOUSE BREAKER

A shadowy figure slipped stealthily across the front lawn of Bert Brown's house. Quietly he moved towards the side window which he tried in vain to open. Window after window the man tried to open. Finally he came to the small bathroom window. Success at last! The window was jerked open.

However, the man found his hardest task was not over. The

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window he had succeeded in opening was by no means large and when he was half way in he became stuck. Despite his frantic actions he could neither get in nor out.

Grunts and groans woke Harry Smith, Bert Brown's neighbour. Peering out of his bedroom window he was amazed to see a man's rear protruding from his neighbour's window. His first action was to telephone the police who responded immediately by directing a patrol car to the house. Mr. Smith kept watch from his bedroom window to see that the man didn't escape.

Two policemen emerged from the patrol car as it screeched to a stop in front of Bert's house. It took these two policemen's combined efforts to release the man from the window.

When they finally extracted the man Harry Smith let out a cry of amazement. There before his eyes was his neighbour! After that experience Bert Brown will never go out without his door key again.
R. JARVIE, 2B.

ON TELEVISION

I wish I knew why the world seems now
So dull and foolish,
So pointless and lacking in the wisdom and sparkling
wit of yore.

It seems almost as though
The freshness,
The beauty,
The allure,
The friendship and love,
Have disappeared into the void of the inane,
And no more than vacuum remains.
Even Dickens is now more than
Flickering,
Crackling,
Dull
And foolish,
Fuzzy images upon a fading screen.

P. J. DAVIS, 3E.

THE WHALE-WAY'S THE SAFE WAY

"Tick, tick, tick, tick—"
The minutes pass and the "old faithful train" pauses in Hamilton Station.

"Tick, tick, tick — Ten to nine — Five to nine" The hopes of the unhappy students who haven't done their homework rise.

"Tick, tick, tick — Nine O'clock."

"Just as well we didn't waste time over our Latin homework!" comes the cries of joy from the younger school-boys. "We'll miss the Latin period now, it's 'first'."

Every school-boy in the train feels happy, and the time passes

happily, jokes being exchanged, chess "battles" being fought and friendly wrestles held.

"Tick, tick, tick — Twenty to Ten!"

"No period with 'Spooks' on your tail either!" cry excited junior lads.

The fellows run to the engine to ask the driver the trouble, but, as the driver is equally ignorant, the boys return to their various occupations mystified.

The chess champions crow over their fallen foes, but the joke exchangers, growing tired of laughing, sit quietly in their seats, occasionally passing comments about the weather. The battered wrestlers return to their seats and proudly show off their cuts and bruises.

"Tick, tick, tick — Quarter past ten."

The "old faithful" train, having been given the "all-clear" signal, gives a happy "toot-toot" and chugs off at top speed, using all its long-stored-up energy.

A senior who is occasionally peering through the window is heard to remark: "We'll be just in time for third period."

"Hurrah!" Shouts of joy come from juniors. "Third period is P.E."

Waratah appears at last.

The wrestlers descend straightening their ties, the jokers descend with smiles on their faces as they think reflectively of the last story, while the defeated chess-players descend calling their opponents "Cheats."

The river of boys surges through the barrier and across the pedestrian crossing causing the traffic to bank up on both sides. This continues until one conscientious prefect stops the flow of boys.

The vehicles pass and the flow is resumed as the boy wanders slowly, very slowly, up the hill. The school is eventually reached.

The juniors enter their room to find it isn't P.E. The disgusted looks on their faces change to looks of horror as they realize it is the inevitable Latin Period.

Thus another school day (finally) begins.

H. GRUGEON, 1A.

BID FOR FREEDOM

He lay as he had fallen. Disbelief and fear still clouded his mind. Then, as if in a dream he raised his head. A green meadow stretched all around him, and he could see wooden copses and farmed fields not far away, while in the dim, distorted distance craggy, blue robed mountain peaks formed a jagged line along the horizon. The country seemed serene and placid, without any of the imagined menace of an enemy land.

Reality returned to him as the old familiar sounds of battle in the sky, though heard from a different position than usual, brought

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memories flooding back. He cut the harness of his parachute and let its white silken folds settle on the ground. He stood up, finding it strange that his memory of the drop to earth was not at all clear, although he did remember that it had seemed to last an eternity. After glancing at the burnt, twisted wreckage of his fighter he looked upwards.

The azure brilliance of the virgin sky was defiled by the black evil pall of smoke spreading across it, the shroud of the burning city upon which the squat, ugly bombers had delivered their cargo of death.

The pilot's thoughts turned to the possibility of escape from the enemy-occupied territory, for the border of the neutral land lay quite near, and the region nearby was sparsely populated.

He set off towards the wood, where he would rest and stay hidden during the day. That evening when it was dark enough to travel safely, the pilot started his long walk in the direction of the border.

He travelled by night and rested, as much as he could, while constantly on his guard, by day. Eating whatever he could find in the fields, he lived, exposed to the mercy of the element, and fate.

Starving, his clothes torn, and exhausted to the point where only his will power and instinct of self-preservation kept him moving, one night the airman finally glimpsed ahead of him the line of barbed wire and the sentry boxes, looming up, evil and menacing against the night sky. He crept on hands and knees to the edge of the wire. The cold, probing finger of the searchlight beam swung to and fro with calm regularity. Quietly, with the utmost care the flier began to wriggle under the wire. He lifted the bottom strand with one hand, and crawled under it. He moved forward with his heart beating wildly and the blood pounding in his head, flattening himself each time the beam of the searchlight swung over him. Just as he was about to move from under the cut strand of the wire he felt a sharp, tearing pain in his shoulder. A barb had caught the flesh. He turned to free himself from the hindrance and pain, when the cone of white light, which brought a breath of the grave with it, swept towards him. He pushed himself flat against the ground, biting his tongue to stifle the cry of pain welling up in his throat, as the barb ripped his flesh. The beam passed on, and, freeing himself from the wire, he rose to his feet and sprinted forward.

He was almost clear when the searchlight beam caught him, and the sentry's voice called on him to stop and surrender. He hesitated as icy fingers of fear gripped his heart with much force as though to squeeze the life blood from it. But freedom was too near, and he decided that for him it would be liberty or death. He dashed forward in a last, desperate effort, and a machine-gun burst echoed through the stillness of the forest night. The pilot staggered a few paces, and with a drying goan, pitched forward — dead on neutral ground.

A. SVIRSKIS, 3A.

BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

With an impatient expression the pilot of the rocket looked at his instrument panel as the last few second before take off were counted out by the ground staff over the radio. Nameless fear crept into his heart when the giant three-stage rocket gave a jolt as the different chambers of the ship began to work and force the rocket slowly to accelerate into the upper atmosphere of the earth.

Suddenly to the pilot all the outlines of the cabin became blurred and confused and then blackened out as the brutal and merciless force of gravitation and acceleration increased his weight more than three times. This acceleration, now at its worst, pressed the pilot down into his seat until his muscles and flesh were almost crushed against his bones.

Throughout the next hundred seconds the rocket reached a height of about thirty miles, the force of gravitation now beginning to lose its influence on the pilot and gradually diminishing to almost nothing.

Coming back into a queer and mysterious sense of weightlessness, the pilot gave a steady but rather anxious gaze through one of the two port holes in his cabin at the world's great globe. The earth seemed to be wrapped up in a deep sleep and scattered clouds, torn into fantastic shapes around the earth, gave off a whitish brilliance. The earth itself presented a delightful scale of colours, being surrounded by a delicate blue halo merging into dark blue and black.

Then, as if by a profound and disquietening mystery, everything became pitch dark almost instantaneously as the ship entered the earth's shadow. In the gloomy silence the pilot began his arduous job of working out elaborate information that he was to have before returning to earth. His long months of training now had their effect as neither the silence nor the want of companionship affected him. Any other man would have long ago been mentally exasperated by these conditions.

Exactly three hours after take off an automatic device switched on the retarding system and the spaceship slowed down and dropped from its orbit. The pilot took his last look at outer-space, its impene-trable gloom, the extra brilliance of the sun which could not be looked at even with closed eyes.

Checking himself abruptly, the pilot prepared himself for his fall back to earth. Minutes later he was dazzled by the unexpected sight of his own ship burning in the heat caused by friction. The pilot remained motionless as a huge force once again pushed him deep into his seat and he felt himself being horribly disfigured.

As if in answer to the pilot's hopes the space ship's systems worked without a flaw and the ship landed safely. The pilot stepped from his ship. As memory returned to him he jumped in the air for joy. He had been the first man in space!

STEFAN, 4A.

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1A CLASS REPORT

This is our first contribution to the school magazine and we hope to make many more throughout the following years.

Congratulations must go to Ian Wood (1A) who was top of the year and also to all other boys of our class who did well in the half-yearly. I would like to express my congratulations to the class in sharing first place with 2A in our fete effort and my thanks also to the boys who worked so industriously.

In August we performed four plays for 1st and 2nd years. They were a mixture of drama and humour. In the field of music John Ross obtained two scholarships with the piano and trumpet. He is also proud to be a member of the school band.

In Sport, Grant Harrison represented Newcastle in the Under 13 soccer and many good games of Rugby League and Soccer were played in our inter-class matches. In League we defeated 1B 3-0, but on a return match they defeated us 0-3. Against 1D we were defeated 11-0, though the team put up a good but vain fight. In soccer we surprisingly drew with 1B, 1-1, in a hard-fought match, and defeated 1C 1-0.

On behalf of our class I would sincerely like to thank all our teachers for what they have done for us in the field of education, especially Mr. Carter who helped us in many things, such as our fete effort.

GRANT HARRISON, Class Captain.