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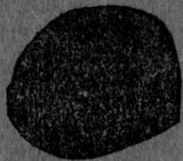
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ANZAC DAY.

On Anzac Day we had no visitors, but, in addition to music from the choir, the programme contained messages to the school.
General Paton wrote as follows:—

Military Forces of the Commonwealth,
2nd Military District,
Newcastle,

22nd April, 1921.

Dear Mr. Saxby.—I am sending at your request a short message to the children of the High School regarding Anzac Day.

Nature has implanted within us all an intense love of our native country, and now that the Great War has ended in victory for us and our Allies we can look back with pride and reverence to that fateful day, the anniversary of which means so much to us in our island Continent, when the flower of Australia's manhood launched themselves with irresistible dash against the Turkish Army calmly awaiting them in their trenches behind a formidable array of wire entanglements, on the bleak and desolate shores of the Gallipoli Peninsula. Undeterred by the difficulties of landing in the surf, undaunted by the heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, they swept aside or dashed through the lines of Turkish soldiers, and forced their way up the precipitous cliffs. It was a noble effort, audacious in its conception, and magnificent in its execution. Australia and New Zealand had entered the war. Their soldiers had faced their baptism of fire under circumstances which sent a thrill throughout the civilised world.

The successful landing was not accomplished without serious sacrifice. As we see it now, we recognise that, apart from its immediate effect, it demonstrated to the world that Australia, though little more than one hundred years old, was determined to take her place in the affairs of nations; to stand beside the mother country in what she conceived to be a noble cause; to fight, and, if needs be, to die in an honest endeavour to live up to the best traditions of that grand old race from which we are all sprung.

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In some respects April 25th represents to us the birth of a nation, and in celebrating its anniversary to-day our sympathies go out to the relatives of those brave fellows who gave their lives then, and subsequently, in the course of the war, that we may be permitted to pursue our daily avocations and educational studies in peace and security.

The bravery and resourcefulness of our sailors and soldiers, and the devotion of our kinsmen and women throughout these stirring and troublous times, provides a noble example for the boys and girls of our great public schools. It is to them that we must look in the future for the solution of those great problems which constantly beset a nation in the making.

From Mr. J. Jeffries, father of Captain C. S. Jeffries, V.C., an ex-pupil of this school, we received the following extract from one of his son's letters, which he thought appropriate to the occasion:—

3rd London General Hospital,

Wandsworth, 21st June, 1917.

"We are fighting in a just and righteous cause. We have the feeling that the Almighty is on our side, and we must get fair reparation for the sacrifices we have made. Out of this war, great, far-reaching benefits will arise if we win. All classes of people will realise that we have not understood each other. The various Colonies of the Empire will be drawn close to each other, and to the motherland, and all our relations will be established on a more humane basis. This war, then, if we win, will be looked upon not so much as a sacrifice, but as a triumph, and the races yet unborn will in years to come be inspired by the feeling that they are the descendants of a race of people who, in the darkest hour of this world's history, saw fit to go forth to fight and die in order that the great principle of equity might remain unchanged. We can hope, then, if success attends our arms, we will be able to live in the future untrammelled and unfettered by the menace of militarism, that nations will be allowed to work out their own destinies, that the supreme result will be—men will be drawn nearer to one another, nearer to God, and better understood."

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

The subjects are shown by the numbers:—(1) English, (2) Latin, (3) French, (4) German, (5) Mathematics I., (6) Mathematics II., (7) Mechanics, (8) Modern History, (9) Ancient History, (10) Physics, (11) Chemistry, (12) Botany, (13) Geology, (14) Geography, (15) Art, (16) Music, (17) Business Principles, (18) Economics, (19) Physiology, (20) Zoology, (21) Greek, (22) Dressmaking, (23) Technical Drawing, (24) Shorthand, (25) English and Geography for Engineering Matriculation.

Bickerton, Louie Mildred, 1B 3B 5B 8A 13B 14B 16B.
Brown, Neil Ballard, 2B 5B 6A 8B.
Cassidy, Frederick William, 2B 3B 5B 6B.
Coles, Ralph Lewis, 2B 5A 6B 7B 10B, 25 pass.
Donaldson, Jean Isabelle, 1B 3A 5B 6B 8B 10A 14B.
Estell, Joseph Horne, 2B 5B 6B 8B.
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Humphris, Olive Madgewick, 1B 3B 5B 8B 13B 18A 17B.
Hunt, Mary Winifred, 1B 5B 8B 13A 17B 18B.
Hyslop, James, 5B 6B 7B 10B.

Jones, Thomas Edward, 5A 6B 7B 10A 14B, 25 pass.
 Kem Yee, Roy Frederick, 5B 6B 17B 18B.
 Lazer, Leah, 1B 5B 6B 8B 13B 14B.
 L'Estrange, Caroline Elizabeth, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B 13B.
 McKenna, Lila Beryl Reece, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 13B.
 Malcomson, Alexander James, 1B 2B 5B 8A 10B.
 Mitchell, Helen Louise, 5A 6A 8B 13A 14B.
 Nelson, Eric Arthur, 1H 3L 5B 6B, 25 pass.
 Newton, Dorothy Teresa, 1B 3B 5B 8B 13B 17B 18B.
 Parker, William Bowen, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B 10L, 25 pass.
 Paterson, Margaret Heather, 1B 2B 3B 5B 8B 13B.
 Rogers, Marion Errol, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B 13B.
 Scoles, Esma Margaret, 1H 2B 3A 5B 6B 8H 13A.
 Sharp, David, 1B 2B 8B 10L.
 Stinson, Jessica Anna, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B 13B.
 Toll, Dora Eileen, 1H 2B 3A 5B 6B 8A 10A.
 Vizzard, Frederick William, 1H 2B 3B 5B 6B 8H 10A.
 Weber, Mona Geraldine, 1B 2B 5B 8B 11B.
 Willings, Florence Faith, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B.
 Wilson, Enid Amelia, 1B 2B 3B 5B 8B 13L.
 Yearby, Joseph Hart, 1B 5B 10B 17B 18B.

Honours:

E. Nelson, English, 2nd Class.
 Esma Scoles, English, 1st; History, 2nd.
 Dora Toll, English, 1st.
 F. W. Vizzard, English, 2nd; History, 2nd.
 Bernard James also obtained a pass as a result of revision of his papers.
 F. W. Cassidy, Mary Hunt, D. Sharp completed their matriculation in March.

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

The subjects are indicated by the following numbers:—English 1, History 2, Geography 3, Mathematics I. 4, Mathematics II. 5, Latin 6, French 7, Chemistry 10, Science 11, Business Principles 14, Shorthand 15, Art 18, Dressmaking 20.

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Benning, Kathleen G., 1B 2B 10B 20B.
 Callen, Ivor P., 1B 4B 5B 10A.
 Charlton, Alfred G., 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Cobbin, Eric W., 1B 5A 6B 7B 11B.
 Cook, Frederick J., 1B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Cook, Grace M., 1A 2A 3A 4B 5B 7B 11A 18A 19A.
 Crowther, David C., 1B 2B 7B 11B.
 Dawkins, Evelyn, 1A 2A 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Firkin, Dorothy, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B 11B.
 Fitzgerald, Edward B., 1A 2B 3B 4B 5A 7B 11B 18B.
 Forrest, Margaret R., 1B 2B 3B 4A 5A 7B 11A 18B.
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 Hitchcock, Raymond J., 1A 2B 3B 4B 5A 11B 14A 15B.
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 Moore, Dorothy M., 1B 4B 6B 7B.
 Quilkey, Leo J., 1A 2B 4A 5A 6A 7B 11A.
 Pearson, Dorothy L., 1A 2A 3A 4B 5B 11B 14A 15A.
 Riley, Clement B., 1A 2B 3B 4A 5A 7B 11B 14A 15A.
 Scorer, Samuel F., 1B 2B 3B 5B 14A 15B.
 Smithers, Emily, 1A 2B 4A 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Sneddon, Andrew, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B.
 Steinbeck, Claire, 1A 2A 4B 6B 7B 11B.
 Vost, Lillian, 1B 5B 6A 7B 11B 19B.
 Williams, Donovan L., 1A 2B 3B 4A 5A 7B 11B 14B 15A.
 Wilson, Robert A., 6B 7B 11B 19B.
 Wood, Charles Bell H., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Young, Bessie M., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.

THE EX-PUPILS' SOCIAL.

Faces old and new to N.H.S. met in friendly assemblage on the occasion of the annual ex-pupils' social. The social has always proved a great success, and accordingly, to agree with tradition, "ours" was no exception.

Several games new to our social evenings were indulged in, all being most interesting and amusing. No speeches bored the gathering, and all were free to give themselves wholly towards the fulfilment of a most enjoyable evening. Towards the close of the social light refreshments were partaken of, and then after "God Save the King" the party dissolved merrily with "Auld Lang Syne."

Great thanks are due to Miss Johnson, who is ever foremost in ensuring enjoyment of others, and to the girls of Fourth Year, as also to all who in any way helped to produce so successful a soiree.

2AC BEACH TEA.

(E.C.)

The other night—(by the way, am I sure you can keep a secret, Mr. Editor?)—2AC held a Beach Tea. I beg your pardon, they didn't hold it, they ate it, which is more to the point.

The outstanding features were—the tea (especially certain cakes made by the girls), a loss, the search party, the discovery that the loss was a dreadful hoax, and the moon rising over the sea.

This lastmentioned fact made our chaperon rather sentimental.

At tea everyone was squashed, but happy. Some bright youth mixed the drinks when the revellers were busy toasting, which mistake accounted no doubt for a certain poor boy's illusion later on. Anyhow, "Far" is off forfeits for the present.

After tea they all adjourned to the beach, where they ——— well, anyhow, what is usually done at beach teas, Mr. Editor?

As a parting request, would you ask if anyone found a watch, please? It has the initials "M.F." engraved near the alarm bell.



FAREWELL.

- J. H. ESTELL (1915-1920: Football Colours: 1st XI.: 100yds Champion, 1920: 1st XI., Soccer: L.C., 1920: Senior Prefect, 1919-20).
 EFRNARD JAMES (1915-1920: Tennis Four, 1920: Prefect, 1920: L.C., 1920).
 ERIC NELSON (1916-1920: 1st XV.: 1st XI., Soccer: Prefect, 1920: L.C., 1920: Training College, 1921).
 FRED W. CASSIDY (1916-1920: Cricket and Tennis Colours: 1st XI., Soccer: L.C., 1920: Prefect, 1920).
 FRANK HART (1916-1920: 1st XV.: N.C.O., Cadets: L.C., 1920. Now at Hawkesbury College, 3rd in his year, and playing half).
 RALPH COLES (1916-1920: 1st XV.: L.C., 1920. Now in Water Board Office).
 JAMES HYSLOP (1917-1920: 1st XV.: 1st XI., Soccer: L.C., 1920).
 J. H. YEARBY (1917-1920: L.C., 1920. Now at Abattoir Board).
 FRANK W. GRAY (1917-20: Tennis Four, 1920: L.C., 1920: Prefect, 1920: Hon. Sec., School Union).
 ALFRED CHARLTON (1917-20: L.C., 1920. Now in Commonwealth Bank, Newcastle).
 FRED W. VIZZARD (1917-20: L.C., 1920. Now at Premier's Office, attending evening lectures at University).
 ANDREW SNEDDON (1918-20: 2nd XI.: L.C., 1920: Tennis Four, 1920. Now at Scots College).
 PHILIP LUSK (1918-20: L.C., 1920. Now in Bank, Newcastle).
 ROY KEM YEE (1918-20: 1st XV.: 1st XI.: N.C.O., Cadets: L.C., 1920. Now in Steel Works Office).
 ALEX. J. MALCOLMSON (1919-20: 1st XV.: L.C., 1920: Prefect, 1920: University, 1921).
 RUSSELL COLLINS (1919-20. Now at sea).
 DAVID SHARP (1919-20: 1st XV.: 2nd XI.: L.C., 1920. Now at University).
 H. C. LEIFERMANN (1919-1921: 1st XV.).
 JOHN H. LAYTON (1920: 2nd XV. and 2nd XI. Now at Hawkesbury A.C.).
 THOMAS E. JONES (1917-20: 1st XI.: L.C., 1920. Steel Works).
 WILL PARKER (School Orchestra: L.C., 1920).
 H. BARNES (Farming at Inverell).
 R. LOVETT (1918-21: L.C., 1920: 1st XI., Soccer).
 LOUIE BICKERTON (Girls' High School Tennis Champion, 1920: 1st in Girls' Athletic Championship, 1920: Prefect, 1920: School Orchestra: L.C., 1920. Now doing Science at the University).
 JEAN DONALDSON (Prefect, 1920: L.C., 1920. Now at T.C. and University, Science).
 MARY HUNT (Senior Prefect, 1920: L.C., 1920. Now at T.C. and University, Economics).
 ENID WILSON (L.C., 1920. Now at T.C. and University, Arts).
 OLIVE HUMPHRIES (L.C., 1920. Now at T.C. and University, Economics).
 DORA TOLL ("Emily the Kitchenmaid" in the 1920 Concert: L.C., 1920. Now at T.C. and University, Arts).
 JESSIE STINSON (Prefect, 1920: L.C., 1920. Now at T.C. and University, Arts).
 DOROTHY NEWTON (Prefect, 1920: L.C., 1920. Now in Commercial Bank of Sydney, Newcastle).
 LEAH LAZER (L.C., 1920. Now at T.C.).
 HELEN MITCHELL (L.C., 1920).
 BESSIE YOUNG (L.C., 1920. Now in the Harbour Board).
 MARJORIE COOK (L.C., 1920. Removed to Grafton, studying music).
 ESMA SCOLLES (L.C., 1920. Now at T.C. and University, Arts).
 FEATHER PATERSON (L.C., 1920. Now at T.C. and University, Arts).
 CORA L'ESTRANGE (L.C., 1920. Now at T.C. and University, Arts).
 MONA WEBER (L.C., 1920. Now at T.C.).
 MURIEL DENLEY (now at Business College).
 DOROTHY MOORE (L.C., 1920. Now in Australian Bank of Commerce).
 MARJORIE MILLARD (L.C., 1920. Now at Presbyterian Ladies' College).
 The following left before Christmas, but we insert them, to have the names on record:—
 JANIE DAVIES (now at T.C.).
 HENRIETTA SHARPE (now at T.C.).
 BRENDA ROGERS (now at T.C.).
 MARY SMYTH (removed to Sydney).
 BETTY PETHERICK (Clerk in Winn's).
 MYRA MILLER (at T.C.).
 MADGE STEPHENSON (in Water Board Office).

Girls' Sports.

BASKET BALL.

The following girls have been chosen to represent the A team, Basket Ball:—N. Kemp (goal-thrower), C. Lawson, R. Lindsay (attack), G. Wilson, I. Fallon, D. Wrightson (centres); M. Farrell, M. Burden (defence), E. Harkins (goal guard).

Basket Ball has not made much progress yet, as the teams have only been decided upon lately, but play will be in full swing after the mid-winter vacation. Great successes are expected of the present A team.

The A team met with their first defeat on Friday, 3rd June. They were beaten by the ex-pupils' team, the scores being 18-9.

The newly-selected High School "A" teams had their first try out on Friday, June 3, against an ex-pupils' hockey and basketball team. The honours were even, the basketball being won by the past pupils, and the hockey by the present.

The teams in the basketball were:—Old Girls: M. Hunt (captain), J. Stinson, H. Patterson, L. Bickerton, J. Donaldson, J. Short, L. Mitchell, F. Eaton, L. Lazer. The present pupils' team comprised: T. Fallon (captain), N. Kemp, R. Lindsay, G. Wilson, D. Wrightson, E. Harkins, M. Farrell, M. Burden, C. Lawson.

At half-time the scores were 16 to 6, in favour of the Pasts, and they continued in the lead, and eventually won by 18 to 9.

In the hockey the play was closer, the ex-pupils giving the "Presents" a hard tussle. The teams were:—Ex-pupils: L. Bickerton (captain), M. Hunt, J. Stinson, R. Saxby, D. Toll, F. Eaton, L. Mitchell, L. Lazer, A. Carroll, J. Donaldson, M. Stephenson. "Presents": D. Pearson (captain), M. Wood, E. Christianson, L. Layton, A. Grady, J. Breckenridge, E. Mitchell, D. Firkin, H. Thomas, G. Evans, P. Telfer.

At half-time the scores were 5 to 2, in favour of the school. In the second term play was very even, but the presents asserted themselves and won by 6 to 3.

PASTS v. PRESENTS.

Recently the ex-pupils challenged the present pupils to a game of basketball. The movement was taken up with much enthusiasm by both parties, and Friday, 3rd June, was chosen for the day of the match. The majority of the girls took a very pessimistic view as to the hopes of the "Presents." It is generally known that there are some "crack" players among the "Pasts." Evidently the portentousness of the "Pasts" scared the "Presents."

However, the gladsome day soon arrived, and dignified 'Varsity students, office girls, all threw off their businesslike aspects and worried looks and, when attired in their resurrected sports costumes, looked just like their old selves again.

The players arrayed themselves on the field, and from the time the first whistle was blown till the final whistle sounded it was one long, hard struggle for supremacy between the two teams. The "Pasts" did not have it all their own way, as it was generally expected they would, for the "Presents" put up a good defence. The "Pasts" had two important points to their advantage—size and experience.

The game was fast and furious, sometimes the "Pasts" scoring, and sometimes the "Presents." The scores at half-time were ten to six in favour of the "Pasts."

It may be mentioned here that the linesmen had a very strenuous time. Owing to their soft and melodious voices they failed to attract the attention of the referee. One genius, having made her throat hoarse by yelling and screaming, thought to devise some means of making herself heard. Accordingly, by some modern magic, she procured a whistle, and used this to arrest the referee's attention.

The onlookers witnessed some queer and comical sights. Some players insisted on having a scrum every now and again, while others twisted their bodies into snake-like shapes, and, by balancing on the tips of their toes on the boundary line, would have convinced one that they were practicing Oriental dancing.

A goal thrown by one of the "Pasts" players other than the goal-thrower was loudly applauded by the spectators. At last, however, the game drew to a close, and at the sound of the final whistle loud sighs and exclamations were heard all round. The "Pasts" came off victorious, having beaten the "Presents" by nine points, the final scores being 18 to 9. The "Presents" were quick to get in with three cheers for the winning team, and the latter responded. Consequently the "Presents" neither won or died, but took the defeat in a sportsman-like manner.

Taking into consideration that the "Pasts" have not had an opportunity of playing basketball for some considerable time, they must be congratulated on the splendid form shown. The methodical way in which they played was very noticeable. They seemed to know each other's manoeuvres, and they worked in conjunction with one another.

The "Presents" hope to meet the "Pasts" at a later date, when they will have had more practice, and then the results will be astounding.

TENNIS.

The girls' tennis teams of this year have not played any matches against other schools up to the present time, but hope when they do enter into any matches that they will be most successful.

At the beginning of the year a series of competitions were held, and from the players showing the best form in these games the A and B teams were chosen. The A team consists of Enid Mitchell (captain), Marjorie Mulvey, Leonie Richards, and Alice Gordon, while the B team is composed of Marie Foy, Kitty Bowie, Jean Breckenridge, and Leslie Clarke.

Great results should be expected from these players, because the practice which is gained on the most magnificent turf tennis court, surrounded by its countless shady trees, is sufficient to convert quite an ordinary player into a tennis genius!

The games played against St. George High School, Kogarah, last year, were most successful. The Newcastle High School, in addition to upholding its reputation of being good sports, had a most enjoyable time. It is hoped that next time games are played against this school, that in tennis, in common with all other branches of sport, the name of the Newcastle High School will be kept at the high standard in sport that it has already attained.

Louie Bickerton, our tennis captain of last year, has reflected much distinction upon our school, for as a First Year student at the Varsity she was chosen for the A team to represent the University at matches played against both Melbourne and Adelaide Universities.

BASEBALL.

As baseball has only been recently introduced into the school, we spent most of our time last winter in learning the principles of the game. It was rather

monotonous, but we are repaid this year by having a team anxious to become good players. Annie Owen has been chosen captain, and we are looking forward to years of good combination, which we hope will make us the winners of many matches, as we will know each other's play better.

HOCKEY.

It is very gratifying to note the wonderful enthusiasm displayed this year by all lovers of hockey. Though the weather has interfered with our practises, it has not damped our spirits.

Many of our newcomers show remarkably well, three of them being in the provisional A team, which consists of D. Pearson (captain), L. Layton, M. Wood, H. Thomas, E. Mitchell, E. Christianson, P. Telfer, J. Breckenridge, G. Evans, A. Grady, D. Firkin.

We have already played one match this season against the ex-pupils. We won by four goals, the score being 6-2. The game was a fast one, both sides playing well. We say we won by a horseshoe, and a lucky halfpenny, but we must have played well to support our luck.

Mrs. Castleden had us for hockey. We are very, very sorry to lose such an efficient trainer. We hope she will be very happy, and that she will keep her promise and use the serviette rings we gave her every day.

Miss Segart and Miss Brewin have charge of hockey at present. Under their guidance we mean to be as successful, or even more successful if possible than ever we have been before.

We hope we are given the opportunity to play St. George again. Their team is a very strong one, but it does not matter very much, because our team in the future is going to be stronger.

Only four girls are left from last year's A team. Those that are gone are Louie (Captain), Lella Mitchell, Leah Lazer, Dora Toll, Ada Carroll, Dorothy Newton, Jean Donaldson. We wish them every success in their future careers.

SWIMMING.

The girls held their yearly swimming carnival on Wednesday, March 23, at the ocean baths. Much enthusiasm was displayed, especially among the senior girls. The girls who were most successful in the races were Jessie Beresford, Lizzie Einsaar, Elsie Buxton, Enid Mitchell, and Marjorie Kinder. A pleasing feature of the races was the good form displayed by two of the junior girls, Elsie Buxton and Nellie Taylor. The school championship (100yds) was won by Lizzie Dickinson, with Elsie Buxton second and Lizzie Einsaar third. The senior relay was won by Fourth Year, and the 50 yards handicap (age limit) by Lizzie Einsaar, Doris Marks, Marjorie Kinder, Elsie Buxton, and Nellie Taylor. The sports shield is to be held by the class gaining the highest average of points. Fourth Year led by 41 points, Third Year gained 25, and 2A gained 20 points. The officials included:—Judges, Mr. Saxby, Misses Segart and Martin; starters, Misses Whiteoak and Johnson; recorder, Mary Hunt.

ODE TO MISS X.

Oh! dear, Miss X, remember, please,
When our mistakes run high,
We are but weak and timid boys,
And painfully small fry.

Please let us keep our shaky seats;
Perhaps we'll grow in grace;
Oh, send us not out in the cold—
We are a tender race.

Boys' Sports.

CRICKET.

THE SEASON'S AVERAGES.

Name.	Batting.				H.S.	Average.
	Runs.	Innings.	Not-outs.			
	193	11	2	51	21.4	
*F. Cassidy	122	6	0	45	20.3	
Mr. Yarwood	199	10	0	50	19.9	
*R. Kem Yee	232	18	2	44	14.5	
R. J. Cochrane	138	13	1	24	11.5	
R. C. Huntley	64	8	2	17	10.6	
L. McManus	95	9	0	23	10.5	
*E. Fitzgerald	73	8	0	25	9.1	
H. Bryant	140	19	3	21	8.7	
S. Scorer	120	15	1	23	8.5	
J. Sneddon						

Name.	Bowling.			Average.
	Wickets.	Runs.	Overs.	
D. Stirling	28	75	28	2.6
L. McManus	21	76	28	3.6
H. Bryant	34	194	48	3.7
J. Alexander	14	52	17	3.7
R. H. Brooks	86	402	107	4.6
*F. Cassidy	45	222	52	5.02
Mr. Mearns	32	165	38	5.1
J. Burke	15	88	18	5.1
*R. Hayman	40	218	46	5.4
Mr. Yarwood	17	102	28	6
G. R. Johnstone	13	86	20	6
*R. Kem Yee	35	225	40	6.04
W. T. Bradford	63	391	91	6.2

* Played before the holidays only.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

The season just completed has been a very successful one in all departments. The batting is not as good as it might be, but the school has no lack of bowlers, as the averages show. During the season matches were played with the Old Boys and Maitland High. The school was beaten by the Old Boys and by the Maitland and Maitland High. The school's 2nd XI. won their match. F. Cassidy's score of 199 put up prior to the Xmas holidays was not beaten this year. R. Cochrane has 51 put up prior to the Xmas holidays was not beaten this year. R. Cochrane has the best batting aggregate, with 232 runs. R. Brooks secured the most number of wickets, 86. D. Rodgers, wicket-keeper for the Firsts, stumped 6 and caught 13, while out of 859 runs scored against his side only 50 were byes.

COMPETITION TABLE.

Owing to several prominent players leaving during the Xmas vacation, the teams were changed somewhat. The Second team became the First team under K. Brooks, and the First became the Second team under Mr. Mearns. The Third and Fourth teams were changed similarly, the former team being under H. Bryant, and the latter under Mr. Henderson. The First team won the final match, and also the premiership by one point.

Teams.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points.
Firsts	8	4	4	11
Second	8	4	4	10
Thirds	8	3	5	9
Fourths	8	2	6	6

THIRD ROUND.

Played on February 9, at the Showground.

Seconds beat Firsts by 25 runs outright. Seconds, 1st Innings, 52. Bowling: Brooks 6 for 26, Bradford 5 for 24. 2nd Innings, 23. Bowling: Brooks 7 for 7, Bradford 0 for 6, Cochrane 3 for 8. First, 1st Innings, 30. Bowling: Mearns 5 for 10, Burke 2 for 8, Lindus 1 for 8, Riley 1 for 1. 2nd Innings, 20. Bowling: Mearns 3 for 5, Burke 5 for 12, Riley 1 for 0.

Fourth defeated Thirds by 26 runs on the first innings. Fourth, 1st Innings, 34 (Mr. Yarwood 45, J. Sneddon 14). Bowling: Bryant 8 for 28, Johnstone 2 for 37, Barnes 0 for 10. 2nd Innings, 2 wickets for 53 (J. Sneddon 23, Stirling 13 not out). Thirds, 1st Innings, 58 (Huntley 22). Bowling: Yarwood 6 for 25, McManus 1 for 24, Stirling 2 for 8.

FOURTH ROUND.

Played on February 23rd, at West End Park.

Firsts beat Thirds by 29 runs on the first innings. Firsts, 1st Innings, 70 (Cochrane 13, Brooks 11, Rodgers 10). Bowling: Bryant 4 for 20, Smith 4 for 10, Johnstone 3 for 30. 2nd Innings, 8 wickets for 64 (Cochrane 28, Carter 11). Bowling: Alexander 5 for 26, Campbell 1 for 6, Bryant 1 for 18. Thirds, 1st Innings, 41. Bowling: Brooks 4 for 14, Bradford 5 for 18. 2nd Innings, 4 wickets for 24.

Played on April 13th at the Showground.

Fourth defeated Seconds by an innings and 23 runs. Seconds, 1st Innings, 10. Bowling: McManus 5 for 6, Stirling 4 for 3. 2nd Innings, 12. Stirling 4 for 7, McManus 5 for 5. Fourth, 1st Innings, 45 (McManus 17). Bowling: Mearns 2 for 22, Burke 4 for 23.

FIFTH ROUND.

Played on March 16th, 1921, at the Showground.

Fourth defeated Firsts by 5 runs outright. Fourth, 1st Innings, 47 (McManus 16). Bowling: Brooks 7 for 25, Bradford 1 for 9. 2nd Innings, 54 (Yarwood 19, J. Sneddon 11, McManus 10). Bowling: Brooks 4 for 20, Bradford 2 for 30. Firsts, 1st Innings, 60 (Brooks 23, Rodgers 10). Bowling: Stirling 4 for 23, Yarwood 2 for 28, McManus 4 for 6. 2nd Innings, 36 (Scorer 21). Bowling: Stirling 7 for 10, Yarwood 3 for 24.

Thirds beat Seconds by 47 runs outright. Thirds, 1st Innings, 97 (Smith 54, Bryant 25). Bowling: Mearns 3 for 30, Burke 4 for 45, Campbell 3 for 20. Seconds, 1st Innings, 25. Bowling: Bryant 0 for 10, Alexander 4 for 11, Johnstone 3 for 2. 2nd Innings, 25 (Riley 10). Bowling: Alexander 5 for 15, Johnstone 4 for 5.

FINAL MATCH.

First defeated Fourth by 4 wickets and 4 runs. Fourth, 1st Innings, 76 (J. Sneddon 14, Mr. Yarwood 39, Stirling 14). Bowling: Brooks 5 for 42, Bradford 2 for 32. 2nd Innings, 27 (Mr. Yarwood 10). Bowling: Brooks 4 for 12, Bradford 2 for 11. Firsts, 1st Innings, 60 (Cochrane 25, Richer 15). Bowling: McManus 4 for 18, Stirling 2 for 20, Mr. Yarwood 3 for 22. 2nd Innings, 6 for 47 (Bradford 26). Bowling: McManus 2 for 17, Mr. Yarwood 3 for 22, Stirling 1 for 4.

ATHLETICS.

The quarterly sports meeting was held on the Showground, Broadmeadow, on Friday, May 7. The events resulted:—

Age Championships.—12 and over, Brown and Prender, 1; Mitchell, 3; time, 14 4-5sec. 13 and over: Riley, 1; Evans, 2; Pickles, 3; time, 14 3-5sec. 14 and over: Malcolmson, 1; Owens, 2; Johnson, 3. 15 and over: Sowerby, 1; D. Wil-

liams, 2; Owens, 3; time, 12sec. 16 and over: G. Johnston, 1; H. Williams, 2; Blomfield, 3; time, 11 1-5sec. 17 and over: O. Oakley, 1; McManus, 2; Alexander, 3; time, 12 1-5sec.

Broad Jump.—Senior Handicap: Johnston (hdcp. 15in), 19ft 6in, 1; McManus (20ft), 18ft 3in, and Sneddon, scr., 18ft 3in, 2. Championship: Johnston, 18ft 3in, 1; Sneddon, 18ft 3in, 2; McManus, 16ft 7in, 3. Junior Handicap: McKay and Williams, 1; Bryant, 3. Championship: D. Williams, 16ft 9in, 1; H. Bryant, 16ft 4in, 2; McKay, 16ft 1in, 3. Under 14 Championship: Thompson, 14ft 5in, 1; Riley, 14ft 5in, 2; Pickles, 13ft 4in, 3. Handicap: Riley, 1; Thompson, 2; Pickles, 3.

220 Yards Handicap.—Senior: Brooks, 15yds, 1; Sneddon, scr., 2; McManus, 10yds, 3; time, 25 4-5. Junior: McKay, 1; Malcolmson, 2; D. Williams, scr., 3; time, 26 4-5sec. Under 14: Thompson, 1; Riley, 2; Evans, 3; time, 29sec.

Year Relay Races.—Second Year, 1; Fourth Year, 2; Remove, 3. Time, 48sec.

440 Yards Championships.—Senior: Cochrane, 1; Howard, 2; Bloomfield, 3; time, 65 1-5. Junior: Sowerby, 1; McKay, 2; Arthur, 3. Under 14: Thompson, 1; Canter, 2; Riley, 3; time, 70 4-5sec.

High Jump.—Senior Handicap: Helmore, 1; D. Williams, 2; H. Williams, 3. Championship: D. Williams, 4ft 6in, 1; H. Williams, 4ft 5in, 2; Helmore, 4ft 3in, 3. Junior Handicap: McKay and Arthur, 1; Williams, 3. Championship: D. Williams, 4ft 7in, 1; McKay, 4ft 6in, 2; Arthur, 4ft 5in, 3. Under 14: Pickles, 3ft 10in, 1; Thompson, 2.

880 Yards Handicap.—Senior: Cochrane, 1; Howard, 2; Bloomfield, 3. Junior: Sowerby, 1; Johnson, 2; Arthur, 3. Under 14: Pickles, 1; Carter, 2.

Appended are the points gained by the respective classes. As was expected, Fourth Year came out on top with 72 points, and hold the athletics shield for the ensuing quarter. The next class was 2B, in which are several promising athletes. This class gained 37 points, and were one point ahead of 1A, the members of which class have only been in the school five months. Third Year, with 34 points, were close handy. The rest, notably the first year classes, did not do so well. The details are:—

Athletics Shield.

Fourth Year, 72; 2B, 37; 1A, 36; Third Year, 34; 2A, 23; RB, 22½; 2AC, 17; RAC, 6½; RA, 6; 1B, 4; 1C, 0; 1AC, 0.

The best in their respective grades were:—

Senior: G. Johnston, 16 points; H. Williams and R. Cochrane, 9 each (all of Fourth Year).

Junior: D. Williams (Third Year), 28 points; S. McKay, 17; J. Sowerby, 15 (both of 2B).

Under 14: B. Thompson (1A), B. Riley (RB), and H. Pickles (2AC), all gained 17 points.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The school has seven Rugby teams—three senior and four junior. The enthusiasm of the junior teams is the most pleasing feature of the season. They conduct their competition in a most businesslike way, their players are regular, and their matches are played punctual to time.

The point scores in the Junior Competition are:—2nd Team (R. Taylor, captain), 4 points; 4th Team (C. Martin, captain), 3 points; 1st Team (J. Dick, captain), 2 points; 3rd Team (K. Hopper, captain), 1 point.

Through this competition many clever players have been discovered, and we look forward to the time when they will be our representatives in our senior teams.

The Second Team is the best in the competition. It owes much of its success to Taylor and Ryan. Ryan is a splendid full-back, very safe and heady. Aus is the best forward, and Engle the fastest three-quarter. Taylor and Richardson are an excellent and aggressive pair behind the scrum, and in the open, giving their three-quarters many opportunities to use their speed.

The Fourth Team is also a good combination. Smallman and Clack are never off the ball. Their weight is always used to advantage in scrum or ruck. Martin is the best of the backs.

The First Team is composed wholly of First Year boys, and although not at the head of the table, will be near it by the end of the season. In Baber the team has one of the best of halves, whilst Dick, Quinlan, Patey, and Evans are fast, reliable three-quarters. Erown is a diminutive but extremely safe full-back.

Hopper's team, although the lowest in the table, has one or two of the best of the juniors. Hale is the best forward in the competition. He is a great hustler, and very hard worker. Hopper has his full share of the ball in every game.

In the Senior Competition the Fourth Team is made up with boys drawn from Cook's Hill Intermediate High School and Wickham Junior Technical School.

In this competition the First Fifteen easily overpowers the other teams. The First Fifteen is practically the school's first team. It is especially strong in the backs. Bryant, the captain, has been adding to his reputation as a full-back. He is a very successful captain. Campbell, behind the scrum, is as heady and gritty a player as the school has had for years. Miller, at five-eighth, is showing good form, while the three-quarters are very solid in defence and good in attack. Thomas shining in defence. Sneddon and D. Williams are the best try-getters. Riley, Howard, Oakley, and Cochrane are the pick of a fine pack.

In the other teams the best forwards are McKay, Bradford, Richer, and King. Amongst the backs Stevens (Cook's Hill), Herbert (Wickham), Walker, H. Williams, Huntley and Hughes are worthy of mention.

The most important match played this year was against the Old Boys on 8th. After a very close, fast game the school XV. were victorious by 16-6. For the school Thomas, Miller, Sneddon and Howard scored tries, Riley and Williams converting one each. Sharpe and Hayman crossed the line for the Old Boys. A return match will be played later in the season.

Another interesting and enjoyable match was Second Year v. Rest of School. Second Year won by 6-3.

Both Juniors and Seniors are looking forward to matches with other High Schools. In the near future conclusions are to be tried with Boys' High School, Maitland.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 8, a team selected from the Newcastle High School played a representative Old Boys' team at the Showground. The match resulted in a win for the school by 16 points to 6. The Old Boys kicked off, but were placed on the defence, and the play was rather close in the first half. A try was scored for the school by Thomas, which was converted by Riley, while Sharp scored for the ex-pupils, but Weir failed to convert. The scores at half-time were 5 points to 3 in favour of the school. On resuming, lack of condition told on the past pupils, and the school had the better of the game. Tries were scored by Miller, Howard, and Sneddon, and Williams converted the last try. Hayman scored for the ex-pupils, but Lackey failed. The school's best were Bryant, Campbell, Riley, Miller, Cochrane, and Sneddon, while Weir, Coles, Palmer, and Hayman were prominent for the ex-pupils.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

A Grade Competition.

The Under 15 Team, after slight friction at the beginning of the season, started their campaign with a "tail." But notwithstanding this fact, they started off successfully, and have since won the cup of victory, the supposed "tail" proving better than estimated. The following is a description of the players:—

"Arbuckle" Walton, the goal-keeper, is a good and able man in the sticks, despite his fatness. He generally performs his clearances with credit, placing the leather far up the field.

Benny Partridge, the left back, is a very good kick with either foot, and is quite worthy of the trust placed in him at full-back. He rightly deserved his place in the "rep" team against Queensland. His clearing and attacking are excellent.

Don Cameron, who hails from Westy, made his first appearance in competition football this season. He is quite worthy of his position in the team, his attacking and clearing being perfect. Along with Benny, he helps to make our defence very strong.

V. Turnbull, the Adamstown star of last year, ably fills and carries out the duties of centre-half. Although he is small his game and his well-placed kicks often are the means of the forwards scoring.

W. Fraser, the right-half, also hails from Adamstown, and though he has not shone out before in the art, he is playing fair football.

W. Sutton discharges the duties of left-half with credit. His main object is to feed his winger, which he successfully carries out.

Norman Joseph Sowerby, otherwise known as "Banger," plays centre-forward. He is a very good trier, an excellent runner, and also very fast with the ball.

Divy Sterling, the inside right, is a very tricky and heady player, and a brilliant shot. He was picked "rep" against Queensland, and acquitted himself very well.

J. Arthur, the right-winger, is very fast with the ball. He is often seen to run through the opposition and then centre well. He played "rep" against Queensland as goal-keeper, and played very well.

A. Boa, the inside-left, is a very strong kick (when he gets it), and is a source of amusement to the onlookers owing to his fatness.

Stumpy Riley, the outside-left, although he is a League player, is a very good and fast winger.

The following are games played:—

Newcastle High School v. Cook's Hill. Scores 2-1 in favour of High School, Sterling and Arthur scoring. This was a very even game, and was played at the Showground.

N.H.S. v. Hamilton, at the Tramway Ground, resulted in a draw, 1-1, Sowerby scoring for High School. Hamilton and High School were leading in the competition, but this game did not make any difference, and was very evenly fought out.

N.H.S. v. Wickham, at the Showground, was a one-sided game, High School winning by 4-0. The scorers were Sterling, Arthur, Sowerby, and Boa.

N.H.S. v. Cook's Hill resulted in an easy win for H.S. for 4-0. The scorers were Puntton 2, Arthur 1, and Riley 1.

N.H.S. have scored eleven goals, and have had only two goals scored against them.

SOME NOTES ON SOCCER.

1BG had a representative to play Queensland thus surpassing 1A, 1C, or 1AC, though I think Talbot might have been picked had he turned up. Some day I suppose the latter will be playing for Australia against England. *Errol Miles

is not a bad reserve, for he turns up every time, and sometimes gets a game. He is better than some of the No. 2 under 15 team.

Rozby, Williams, Turnbull, Blakemore, and Patterson are very good. Mathews is the best goalie in the school, after Jack Johanson, but sometimes he miskicks the ball and gets a bit of the captain's mind.

I think that is all, with the exception of Seedy Ferguson, who is undoubtedly the worst Soccer player in 1BG.

OBSERVER.

Senior Soccer has not started in earnest yet, but when it does something may be expected.

We have got together a formidable combination, all ready to proceed on its victorious journey, as usual.

We were to play the Teachers' College on Friday, 3rd June, but at the last minute they decided to postpone the treat till next vac.

We have received a challenge from Maitland, and hope to meet them before the holidays.

The Queensland school footballers had a try out on Friday, June 3, against a team from Newcastle High School, at the Showground. The whole seventeen Queenslanders had a turn in the team, while the High School team was as follows:—Arthur (goal), Elphick and Veitcher (half-backs), Firkin, McKay, and Sowerby (full-backs), Gray, Turnbull, Ramshaw, Stirling, and Campbell (forwards). After a good game the result was one goal all.

SWIMMING.

During the year it has been noticed with much satisfaction that the number of swimmers has increased.

Our annual school carnival was held on Monday, 21st March, in the Ocean Baths, under most favourable weather conditions. Competition was keen, and several close finishes were witnessed. The shield was won by Third and Second Years, each having an aggregate of 38 points. Fourth Year were runners-up with 36. During the day the school record for the 100 yards was broken by Ross Miller in the Senior Championship in 66 3-5sec. S. McKay's breast stroke and back stroke has decidedly improved. He won the 50 Yards Senior Breast Stroke Championship in 43sec—very creditable. In the inter-schools' races Newcastle gained 24 points to Maitland's 22. Newcastle did best in senior races, Maitland in junior races.

For the Combined Schools' Carnival in December at Sydney we should present a good team with S. McKay in the breast stroke, back stroke, and diving championships, and O. Oakley in the long distances, and R. Miller in the sprints.

Following are the results of the carnival:—

50 Yards Junior Breast Stroke Championship.—S. McKay, 1; F. Helmore, 2; H. Aus and C. Wood, 3. 43sec.

50 Yards Senior Breast Stroke Championship.—S. McKay, 1; J. Alexander, 2; F. Helmore, 3. 46sec.

33 Yards Breast Stroke Handicap.—J. Alexander, 3sec, 1; R. Jones, scr., 2; F. Helmore, scr., 3. 52sec.

25 Yards Novice Handicap.—Johnston, 9sec, 1; Lovett, 5sec, 2; Richer, 5sec, 3. 22 2-5sec.

33 Yards Junior Cadet Handicap.—H. Baber, scr., 1; A. Hunt, scr., 2; R. Clark, 3sec, 3. 35 2-5sec.

100 Yards Championship, Under 15.—A. Owens, 1; E. Lambert, 2; A. Gray, 3. 82sec.

100 Yards Senior Championship and Inter-School Championship.—R. Miller (N.H.S.), 1; Scobie (M.H.S.), 2; F. Helmore (N.H.S.), 3; R. Thomas (N.H.S.), 4. 66 3-5sec.

50 Yards Junior Cadet Championship—Wilks (M.H.S.), 1; A. Hunt (N.H.S.), 2; MacMullen (M.H.S.), 3. 40sec.

50 Yards Open Handicap.—J. Walker, 7sec, 1; R. Lovett, 9sec, 2; R. Thomas, 4sec, 3. 38 2-5sec.

25 Yards Junior Cadet Breast Stroke Championship.—Pickles, 1; L. Riley, 2. 44sec.

Diving Championship.—S. McKay, 1; H. Williams, 2; R. Miller and E. Lambert, 3.

50 Yards Junior Championship and Inter-School Race.—R. Miller (N.H.S.), 1; Pilgrim (M.H.S.), 2; Edmunds (M.H.S.), 3; F. Helmore (N.H.S.), 4; McKay (N.H.S.), 5. 29 2-5sec.

Inter-School Relay Race.—N.H.S. (Oakley, Miller, Helmore, Thomas), 1; M.H.S. (Scobie, Hildebrandt, Johnston, Heugh), 2. 2min 24 3-5sec.

Duck Hunt (Under 15).—L. Pryor. 2min 24 3-5sec.

50 Yards Senior Championship.—R. Miller, 1; R. Thomas, 2; J. Alexander, 3. 29sec.

Year Relay.—4th Year (Oakley, Thomas, Helmore, Brown, 1; 2nd Year, 2; 3rd Year, 3. 2min 45 2-5sec.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—R. Miller, 1; S. McKay, 2; F. Helmore, 3. 93sec.

200 Yards Open Handicap.—R. Miller, 3sec, 1; R. Thomas, 15sec, 2; S. McKay, 10sec, 3. 3min 1 2-5sec.

Senior Duck Race.—D. Williams

Junior Duck Race.—L. Pryor.

Points.—4th. Year, 36; 3rd Year, 38; 2nd Year, 38; Remove, 19; 1st Year, 10.

The Bushrangers.—Causes: The class had been overworking. Principal Events: (a) Alarm of bush fire: found to be a certain head projecting from a bush. (b) Two persons lost: scouts sent out: found again: excuse, gathering flowers. (c) Red flag hoisted, but removed by loyalists. Results: Happiness, fatigue, intellectual renaissance, revival of nature-study (especially flowers).

Tram Games.—Australia's principal outdoor sport. Small entrance fee, good exercise, everybody plays. Under Government control. A tram consists of a series of boxes, and the game is to get each box as full as possible. The people are supposed to get on between the stops, and the driver speeds up to throw them off. If he does, he scores a point for each. When inside each person thinks of a place to get out; the others, especially the tram guard, try to stop him. Then he pays another entrance fee or falls off. The capacity of a car is not known, for even when one is full other players get in. Newcastle holds all championships in this game.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

First impressions are more interesting; second thoughts more discreet.

N.H.S.—Near Heaven's Stars.

N.A.—Forever.

W.A.B.—Willy's Always Babbling.

"That Shining Strand."—That's our objection; it's too bright.

"Beauties of N.Z."—They're too sunburnt.

Private Study.—General nuisance.

"How doth the little busy B?"—Well, thanks, but won't be busy long.

"The Forsaken Merman"—Cherub, thy name is Mud."

R.J.C.—Radiates Joy Continuously.

C.B.R.—The Venerable Bede.

League Rules.—Not at N.H.S. Union does.

Women Js.P.—Our Girl Junior Prefects.

"2B or —."—No wonder Hamlet thought of suicide.

A "NOW" DESCRIPTION OF A WET DAY.

(IMITATION OF LEIGH HUNT.)

Now the rain beats on the roof. Now it eases, and again comes as heavily as before. Now people come out of doors wrapped in heavy coats, and with umbrellas up. Now they hurry from one side of the street to the other. Now a motor car rushes along the street, and in endeavouring to turn a corner skids into the gutter. Now horses, cramped with the cold, stand with lowered heads to prevent the rain beating in their faces. Now a man, splashed with mud, rides along on a bicycle. Now trams, with their human loads, hurry along, splashing water in all directions. Now people hurry to help a driver whose horse has fallen in the street. Now a postman, with dripping hands, delivers the letters. Now people stand in groups under shop colonnades, waiting for the rain to cease. Now lights in the shops are switched on owing to the dullness of the day. Now children, unable to attend school owing to the rain, press their faces against windowpanes, and watch the rain drops trickle down on the outside. Now a train has difficulty in starting from the station, as the rails are very slippery on account of the rain. Now smoke comes out of chimneys, and hangs like a cloud close to the ground. Now fowls, with drooping wings and wet feathers, stand around the yard. Now horses stand in the fields behind trees with their backs to the rain. Now as the rain eases little children run out of doors to play in the water which lies about. Now the clouds gather thicker as night creeps on, and now people return home, thankful that the inconvenience and unpleasantness of a wet day are over.

WITH SIR ROGER DE COVERLEY AT THE MOVING PICTURES.

An old-fashioned gentleman was Sir Roger, far behind his time. But in spite of that fact he was a very charitable old soul, always giving money or gifts of some kind to the poor.

The other day I received a note from him requesting me to accompany him to the Pictures. Needless to say I readily accepted the invitation.

I called at Sir Roger's home precisely at the hour appointed, and as he desired to go by car he had one waiting in front of the house. Sir Roger thought cars were wonderful contrivances.

When we arrived at the Pictures, Sir Roger purchased the tickets, and we proceeded to our seats. The old Knight told me he was very anxious for the Pictures to commence, and when they did begin he was delighted.

The first picture was an exciting serial. The good old man was so animated that he jumped out of his chair several times, and warned the heroine to be careful or the villain would get her. He was astounded when a car went over a cliff, the occupant just jumping out in time to save himself. He asked me if I thought the motor car would be recovered, and on my answering in the negative he exclaimed, "Shameful waste! What a deal of money is spent badly now-a-days that ought to be given to the poor."

Sir Roger was silent nearly all through the star picture, but on seeing a man about to be robbed he jumped up and sang out at the top of his voice, "Look out! He'll get you! Go the other way!" Upon that everyone laughed, and Sir Roger was quite indignant. He said that he saw no harm in warning a man of danger. But on my assuring him the man would escape he sat down, and did not cause further disturbance.

After we had left the Pictures he informed me that he had had an enjoyable night, and he invited me to accompany him again at a later period.

FORM REPORTS.

4th YEAR.

Teachers, fellow students, Mr. Editor, long live the King, and happy be the Prince. This report must be submitted by us and endured by you. Therefore, attend! For four and a-half weary years have we laboured here, and, behold! we are complete. But, soft! we speak too soon. In the distance looms a giant —! But to leave this merry theme, we come up smiling after the exam. and still have spirit left to congratulate our newly-elected captains. May we also take the liberty of commiserating with those of our year whose hearts have wandered below. Our activities are everywhere apparent—the two sports shields adorn our walls, and will continue to do so. In class we are diligent, efficient, attentive, studious, intelligent, obedient, silent, speedy, capable, and altogether satisfactory. From our numbers we contribute to every branch of sport, from football to cinematographics. Those of us who wish to excel in the former branch take daily calisthenics under suitable supervision. Those who wish to excel in the latter study the lore of Mr. Kelly, and pray continually for moisture from above.

We could continue ad infinitum to extol our virtues, but that we have some little consideration for our readers, and a much greater consideration for ourselves, so, with final wishes for the well-being of all Novocastrians, we lay down our quill, and remain

THE EVER-SHINING FOURTHS.

3rd YEAR.

3A, 3AC were our names,
Separate were our stations;
Happy be the noble "Head"
Who made the alterations.

One thing mars our complete satisfaction, namely, we have no room to join in.

We wish to confirm the rumour which is prevalent among the school children that whatever 3rd Year does, it does well.

The commercial portion of our class wish to know if they can apply for compensation for the loss of shoe leather. They are doubtful, as it is only the third year of their wandering. The boy class prefect (R) was so careful of the remains of his shoe leather that he begged to be excused from chasing chalk. Seeing a storm brewing, he ran for shelter.

We condescendingly accepted the hot brain-clouding dem. to do our exam. in. The first morning we quietly (or otherwise) watched for the appearance of the lady with the exam. papers. At the first glimpse of her a whisper low and ominous could be heard: "By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes."

Since we have been united we have had three picnics, in all of which we refused to be troubled by the "hemale" section. The first picnic took place at Glenrock, our visitors being Mrs. Toohey, Miss Whiteoak, and Miss Johnson. The second also took place at Glenrock, but a different route was followed. Mr. Saxby also accompanied us this time. A presentation of a box of first quality cigars was made to him at Merewether Beach. A water melon was readily disposed of. Our last trip was to Sugarloaf. We were accompanied by Miss Johnson, ex-captain Mary, Miss Whiteoak, and Miss Perrin, of St. George. It was a great success, despite the mud, the slush, the wet. Frank Gray acted as guide.

We wish to heartily thank the teachers who worked so hard with us to help us secure the passes we did in the last Intermediate. In one subject half of us got A's. We are sure this 2nd Year will not do so well as we did, but we wish them every success.

We also wish to express our regret at the departure of Mrs. Toohey and Mrs. Castleden. We sincerely hope their future life will be one of continued happiness. We extend a hearty welcome to the new members of the staff, Miss Lewis, Miss Nicoll, Miss Crisford, Miss Campbell, and Mr. Yarwood.

Our numbers are still diminishing. It breaks our hearts to find it necessary to add another "In Memoriam."

In Memoriam.—In loving memory of Marjorie Grace Cook, Ada Gertrude Carroll, Bessie May Young, Andrew Algernon Sneddon (Laddie).

Although we loved them dearly,
We could not make them stay;
Oh, how our hearts were breaking,
To see them go away.

Above all, everybody, remember that whatever 3rd Year does, it does well. Adieu. We are

THE CLASS WHOSE RECORD-BREAKING RESULTS WERE FACT, NOT FICTION.

2A.

Since last you heard our words of wisdom, our members have been increased by the coming of some "strangers from afar," one of whom, Drake, taking advantage of the fact that "the genius" is enjoying a deep sleep from which he will be somewhat roughly awakened, has started for his second "hat trick."

One day during an entertaining French lesson a youth entered unannounced, and took up his abode in the corner, where he has remained.

Our girls are to be congratulated on having so many reps. in A teams, whilst some of our boys are becoming famous at football.

The exams. have passed like "a spirit in the night," as have some of the erstwhile prominent members of our happy band.

Wishing our colleagues success in the Inter.,

THE HEADS OF SECOND YEAR.

2B.

We have many peculiar specimens of boys in our class.

Can anybody suggest a cure for B—a's cold? It has caused him a lot of trouble lately, and ourselves, too.

Two young ladies in our class have been "going it" lately, and are not too well pleased with the results.

The dreaded exam. is over—(How we wish it was the Inter.)—and we are breathing freely once again. The Latin paper caused many of us to faint. Our horseshoe did not bring us any luck.

One member of our class has been moved into another. He was too good for us (at making a row).

The boys gained the swimming shield this year, but lost it at athletics. The girls are going to do their best in the sports.

The "wee gal" from Wakefield has been delayed several mornings for a few minutes, owing to sheep on the line.

Our jazz member, James Clement, has joined the Brushbackers' Brigade.

Brier has begun to play football, and is now one of the most prominent figures in the Rugby world. He is known as the "burly centre-forward."

Slip Alexander still heads the punctuality list.

Wishing all a pleasant holiday, we remain

2AC.

Are we downhearted? No! we say, and hope to always say. We have still five months to think how many A's we want. We will take all we can get, but, oh! they take some getting.

2AC wants a sound-proof room. Last year the noise was Third Year; this year—ting-a-ling—slam—tramp—"hallo!"

Our French is improving by leaps and bounds. Talking of mouse traps—a mouse trap is an object used for catching mice, made of wood, en bois—pause—"et wire!"

Then there is the girl who draws quite a passable circle on the board, and starts off by calling it a triangle.

Room 4 has rightly been dubbed "the dungeon" by H—s. The air here during most lessons becomes rather heated and, er—electric. Ask Johnny.

We must not forget the Art section. Several of the girls, 'tis said, study a branch of Art other than Black and White. It is practised elsewhere.

We all want a very successful pass, and we wish all others who are going for exams. good luck.

We give a hearty welcome to the new members of the staff and all newcomers.

We are,

THE INVINCIBLE 2AC.

REMOVE A.

Here we are again, still alive, but very weak after the exam.

Sport is very popular in our class, the girls taking hockey and basketball, while the boys football.

We all wish that our room was not used for a public thoroughfare, for in the morning we are about five minutes after the second bell in starting our lessons.

One of our boys delights in coming after the second period, and generally has no excuse.

Our Prefect tried to start a library, but it fell through, as there was only one contributor, who gave about a dozen magazines. The girls were really the cause of the downfall.

We have in our class a person who arrives in a manner characteristic of the object which is his namesake, viz., "Thump!"

We are very proud to say that a girl in our class, Iris Fallon, has been appointed captain of the basketball team; also three captains of the junior football teams are amongst our boys. The representative for Remove Year Tennis on general committee is in our midst. This is indeed a great honour for R.A.

Our total for the Anzac Memorial was the fine sum of £2 17s. Everybody contributed, which is a record for the Removes.

Another name for our room is "Look-out Point." Ask the teachers—they know.

Sore fingers appeared some days ago amongst the girls, but one of the girls was seen to put red ink on the rag.

One boy and girl left us this half-year, but we received a new boy to make up for the one who left. It is up to the girls to get a new member to equalise with the boys.

Wishing everybody a fine holiday, as we mean to have ourselves, we draw down the curtain over our knowledge, and remain

THE CLASSICAL R.A.

REMOVE B.

The 1B of last year have taken up their abode in room 8 as Remove B.

We like our new room much better, although we are often disturbed by travellers.

The boys, some of whom would be great actors if they had a little more practice, are the same as last year, with two new ones in addition.

There are few girls in our class, compared with the boys, although we have also welcomed two new ones.

We are glad to say our dreaded half-yearly examination has just finished, but the worst is the results. We have received a few, some of which were not too encouraging, but a girl distinguished herself in Science by coming top of all the Removes, with a very creditable result, of which we are very proud.

A certain person, fearing she would not be able to stand the strain of the examination, made her will, but you will be pleased to hear she survived the test.

The genius of our class was unable to attend the examination, owing to illness, but we hope to have her back with us again very soon.

A few girls, with the help of two boys, are becoming quite renowned for decorating our room on special occasions.

The girls of our class are represented in each sport this season. We have a few in the A teams.

We are no longer 1B angels, but Remove B parrots.

REMOVE AC.

Our pupils are at last becoming acquainted with the tree of knowledge, especially in the Science branch, but, alas! we have cause to regret the marks that we received in the French results, but marks throughout the half-year show our good work in the subject.

Our class is gradually decreasing, much to our sorrow. One of our personalities—the one with the melodious laugh—has lately left us. We have only received one new pupil—a girl. Another girl is leaving after the result of the exam.

Some of our girls are very good sports, especially in basketball, thanks to the teachers.

Baseball is not as well represented in the class as basketball, but what there is includes some A team players.

We were all very sorry to lose most of our prefects, but we know that this further course is only going to bring them along in the better side of the world.

We all welcomed the new prefects to their positions, and hoped that they will carry out their duties like the former ones.

In conclusion, we would hope that the tree of knowledge will still bear some fruit for us.

1A.

Although 1A has started out with a bad reputation, I have no doubt that there are some good workers among the pupils. Most of the wranglers being boys—most, I say, but not all—it is very difficult to check their wilful misbehaviour. It is beyond the power of the prefect—perhaps it is beyond the power of anyone!

But with the advent of the examination, even the most careless ones commenced to think a little. No one likes to fail, no matter what kind of a worker he is. So out came study books, and a few tongues ceased to prattle.

Even the little "knitting bee," which was annoying the teachers so much, was broken up. The "klickety klack" of needles was heard no more. Whether

the famous 1A knitting bee will continue its work next term we do not know. We sincerely hope not!

As certain persons who formerly were very late in arriving at school each morning have appeared punctually at 9.15, we suspect the buses are running earlier; or perhaps a new bus has been purchased to drive their pals up Perkin-street hill.

Many boys, on seeing a class prefect with the record book, come up and ask: "Is my name down in the misconduct column yet?" They must have guilty consciences! The girls never bother to ask—not because they have not reason to! Some have more reasons than most.

But the class is improving. By next year it will be a perfect example of good behaviour—perhaps!

1B.

It has been proved in 1B beyond doubt that the two subjects of hairdressing and French do not go together well. Certainly some shine in the latter.

Of course the teachers think the class is brilliant in the first-mentioned subject. We are now speculating on the results of the approaching examination. The whole class is working zealously, but the work of one in particular stands out in a marked degree. If he persists in his present hard work it is feared that his devotions to his lessons will have an impairing effect on his health.

It is anticipated that if the class continues in the future to apply themselves so assiduously to their Science studies as in the past more than one Sir Oliver Lodge will be the result.

Visitors to our room have possibly remarked the neatness and care with which the same is kept. Strict attention to every detail is a strong point with 1B.

In comparison with other class rooms, the floor of 1B is as a highly-polished table to a sawmill bench.

We hope to be always true to the motto of our school, to which we add as well, "Onward."

1C.

The exam. is over, and some of the pupils are glad, but others (the majority) are sad.

Our worthy vegetarian has given up grass diet, except when out of school, although he considers it good (to his taste!), as the teachers are not partial to pupils eating grass.

Our two vases have disappeared mysteriously. We would be glad if the pilferer would return them, or take the consequences.

We have been informed lately by our genius that 2 plus 2 equals 5. We are very glad to know this, as it will help us in future.

One of the heroes of the back seat has been trying to hang himself on the window cord. We hope he will not succeed in our presence.

THE UNSURPASSED 1C.

1AC.

This is the first time the "Novocastrian" has had the honour of hearing from us, but better late than never.

We are sorry to say that the crackers failed to go off behind G—T—, so he is still as slow as ever.

The exams. are over, and we all did fairly well, so we need not enlarge the gas bills, or break the springs of the alarm clocks again for quite a long while.

Our baby has now taken to composing poetry, and we hope soon to see some of her choice work in the "Novo."

We are all good sports members, most of the girls taking basketball.

We will now draw to a close, with kindest regards. Yours truly,

THE HAPPY 1AC.

EX-PUPILS.

Our smiling friend, Jimmy Purcell, has been moved from the Newcastle Commonwealth Bank to a Queensland branch. His colleagues gave him a "farewell" function before his departure.

We notice in the Sydney High School Magazine, "The Record," that Mr. Murphy and Mr. Killip figured with distinction in a cricket match against the boys. The same issue records the regret of the school at Arthur Foote's removal to East Maitland High.

We have been given the addresses of some of our ex-pupils who are teaching in the "backblocks":—Maggie Buxton and Grace Cowell at Forbes, Muriel Davis fifteen miles from there, Doris Chadwick at Cowra, Esme Jeffery at Young, Victoria Drinnan 34 miles from Armidale. Mary Fairless is now at Cessnock, and Lurline McLoskey at New Lambton.

In the University lists of honours we notice Stan Carver, second-class honours in English, and now on his way through Law; also Mr. H. L. Harris, who used to be on our staff. Harold Sweetapple halved the Hinder Memorial Prize for Clinical Surgery, H. R. McGill obtained credit for Engineering Drawing and Design; Rene Saxby is top of her year in English, and won Professor MacCallum's Prize for English Essays, credit in French, and the Women's College Prize. Ken Gollan obtained high distinction in Economics, the first for several years, and was given very high praise for a thesis on an educational subject. J. Kem Yee and H. Sweetapple, second-class honours in Final Medicine; F. J. Pearson, third-class honours in Mathematics. There were twelve ex-Novocastrian graduates in the recent Commemoration, viz.:—B.A., Stan Carver, D. Short, Julia Einsaar; M.B., Ch.M., H. A. Sweetapple, J. Kem Yee, N. Goldsworthy, Muriel Lane, C. F. Pettinger; B.Sc., F. J. Pearson, W. A. Atwood; B.E., A. T. Jones; B.Sc., Agr., E. H. Harvey.

Stan Riley was one of a Botany athletic team that competed at Maitland. Unfortunately for him he was confused with another Riley, a champion, and was accordingly given a champion's handicap. He accordingly played up to the part given him, and made the best time for the three miles. He is to get a medal for it.

We must not forget to mention the success of W. J. Cooksey in the recent Leaving Certificate Examination, as a result of private study. He obtained honours in English and Maths., A's in French and Physics, and thereby won a University bursary, and is now doing Science. Considering he was at the Steel Works every day, such a result shows a good deal of determination.

In the awards of various scholarships at the Training College, at the beginning of the year, the following names are of interest:—Robert D. Hopper, James N. Rawling (on L.C., 1919), F. W. Vizzard (who went into the Civil Service instead), Eric Nelson, Esma Scoles, Dora Toll, Jean Donaldson, Louie Bickerton, Margaret Breckenridge, Mary L. Dixon, Annie Dransfield, Clara Gellately, Phoebe Miller, J. H. Yearby (not accepted), Jessie Stinson, Caroline L'Estrange, Enid Wilson, Mary Hunt, Olive Humphris, Lila McKenna (not accepted), Helen Mitchell (not accepted).

Of our new doctors, Muriel Lane and H. A. Sweetapple have received appointments at Prince Alfred Hospital, J. Kem Yee and N. E. Goldsworthy at Sydney, and C. F. Pettinger at North Shore.

SENIOR PREFECTS OF N.H.S.

- 1912.—Keith Garrett.
- 1913.—Aileen Mitchell, R. W. Howard.
- 1914.—Ruth Saunders, D. Shearman.
- 1915.—Ruth Saunders, J. Nicholson.
- 1916.—Doris Chadwick, J. Henery.
- 1917.—Gladys Corrigan, R. Newton.

1918.—Evelyn James, C. Massey.
 1919.—Molly Walker, J. H. Estell.
 1920.—Mary Hunt, J. H. Estell.
 1921.—Peggy Telfer, R. J. Cochrane.
 Aileen Mitchell was the first girl Senior Prefect appointed.

Of the above, Dick Howard died at the front, after distinguishing himself in the A.F.C., and Jack Nicholson, with equal self-sacrifice and nobility, while doing relief work in the influenza epidemic. Dr. Aileen Mitchell is now on her way to Europe. Ruth Saunders, B.A., is now teaching at West Kempsey, Don Shearman, B.A., at Cowra, and Doris Chadwick, B.A., also. Gladys Corrigan, Evelyn James, Mary Hunt, J. Henery, and C. Massey are all at the University; Reg Newton and Joe Estell, we believe, at the Steel Works. As for the last two, may their reign here be equally glorious.

HOCKEY?

[Editorial Note.—The reporter we sent to the match against the "Old Girls" had more enthusiasm than knowledge of the game, so we hope any inaccuracies in the following account will be pardoned. Another peculiarity is explained by the fact that he promised to mention the umpire every two lines.]

There was a good attendance on Friday, June 3rd, to witness the games between the N.S. and the ex-N.S. Miss Segart umpired the hockey, owing to the retirement of Miss Bootle and the illness of Miss Brewin. School played from the pavilion end, and opened with a Guoco Piano, but the game soon became very fast, the umpire showing great discretion with the whistle. The Old Girls began to lead trumps almost at once, but School faced the bowling very determinedly. But the attack could not be checked, in spite of a free kick for School. The referee was wearing a natty sage green costume. Ex-pupils were now putting on the pace, rowing 38 to the minute, Louie Bickerton and Jean Donaldson being conspicuous at cover point and scrum-half respectively, and School's defence was broken through. They got off again to an excellent start, although the umpire was suffering from a heavy cold. School were soon in difficulties, through a discovered check, and were euchred for the second time, Lella Mitchell being mainly responsible with a series of neat nursery cannons. However, the present pupils now worked up a counter attack, and Enid Mitchell's sideline shots were very effective. The umpire, at this stage, began to think despondently of the dance that evening. Coming down the straight, School began to show some good combined work, especially Marjory Wood's left hooks. Jessie Stinson, at full-back, was doing her best against heavy odds; it must be remembered that this was her first game. The umpire being somewhat fatigued, half-time and oranges were now enjoyed. In the second half School had it all their own way, and finally won by half a head, 2 sets and three wickets. Cheers for one another, and the referee, concluded a most enjoyable contest.

NURSERY RHYMES (POST-INTERMEDIATE).

The Juvenile John Herner, occupying, in a sedentary position, an angle of the room, was masticating some pastry, peculiar to the festive season of Noel.

Inserting a prehensile thumb into his oral cavity, he drew therefrom a specimen of deciduous fruit, simultaneously exclaiming: "Indubitably I am a youth of exemplary behaviour."

[We are afraid our correspondent has been studying Mr. Nesbitt's letters too carefully. Surely Jack took the plum from the pie!]

SCHOOL NOTES.

Speech Night took place in the C.M.M. Hall on December 16, 1920. Mr. Saxby's report gave details of our doings in 1920 in class and in the sports field. He spoke strongly of the difficulties under which the teachers and pupils work, and went on to some of the educational problems. The Mayor reminded the pupils of what they too often forget, their good fortune in being able to attend a school of such high standing. General Paton urged them to do as well in study and civil life as their men had done at the front. Inspector Telfer gave us amusing reminiscences of his school days, especially cricket. Prizes were awarded as follows:—

Fourth Year.—Girls: Dora Toll. Boys: F. W. Vizzard. *Leaving Class*
 Intermediate (2nd) Year.—Girls: Alexa Grady. Boys: L. Quilkey.
 (In each case the girl was top of the year.)
 Ex-Pupils' Prize, "for character, work, and service."—Frank Gray.

There have been several changes on the staff. We have lost Miss Blacklock and Miss Bootle, now Mrs. Toohey and Mrs. Castleden. Each of these ladies was an ex-pupil of the school, and on coming back to it as teachers filled a conspicuous place in the classroom and in the girls' sport. Presentations from staff and pupils showed the regret we felt at their going. Fortunately they will still be living in Newcastle, so they will not be entirely lost to us. The best wishes of the whole school go with them. Mr. Geddes has been removed to Fort-street Boys' High School. By his untiring energy and unselfishness, and his keen interest in his work, he had won great respect from his pupils, and popularity among the staff. We wish him every good fortune.

Miss Brewin has returned after her trip to England, and we are all very glad to have her back. Miss Hurst, an ex-pupil of the school, filled her place for a week, and then a hard-hearted Department sent her elsewhere.

We were very sorry to lose Miss Black, who in the holidays received notice to go to Parramatta. Miss Black's keen interest in literature and the teaching of it made her a very valuable member of the staff, and we wish we had had the opportunity of telling her how much we lost by her departure.

We wish to offer a hearty welcome to Mr. Yarwood, Miss Crisford, Miss Campbell, Miss Nicholls, and Miss Lewis. The two latter are ex-pupils. "And so the whirligig of time brings its revenges."

We wish to congratulate Miss Johnson on her well-earned appointment as girls' warden.

Additional Details re 3rd Year Excursion to Sugarloaf.—E. lost a shoe in the mud, A cut sticks for the visitors. Marvellous powers of vision were shown when they reached the summit. Musical Note.—Miss Dorothy Verbrugghen led the choir. (We must have her in the concert.)

Notes for an Essay on the School Desks.—Purpose of Desks: To write on. (This has been done with great energy. Aspects of Desk Inscriptions: (1) Historical. Many great names figure thereon, e.g., Harry Williams, M. Croft, A. Gray, N. Brown, A. McKay, D. Sharp, J. Sneddon (these in a panel, headed "The Great Four"), F. Hart. (2) Artistic: Various styles, (a) primitive, (b) classical, (c) romantic. (3) Sentimental. Some are enclosed in hearts or other symbols. Conclusion: (1) Need for School Museum. (2) Why not charge a fee for permission to make an inscription? Double tickets, 10 per cent. reduction.

For the Honour Roll the school's total is £35 11s 6d; ex-pupils' contributions, £3 14s. It is proposed to add to this £18 13s 11d, from the last concert's proceeds, which would make the total £57 19s 5d.

An interesting historical document has just been found, reading as follows:—
 "We, the undersigned, promise to behave better in class in future, to get the class a better reputation. N.B.—Don't sign unless you mean to keep it." The signatures are all girls' names! The document must belong to last year, as they are now in a class higher than the one named. We have reason to think that they are succeeding in their attempt.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C.W.—Used one.

E.H.—Metre a bit rough, and needs a little more vigour.

M. C.—"Swaggy" not quite good enough. Try again.

E.H.—Too long. Have used parts.

Various Contributors—Many contributions are unsigned, so how can we answer? Verse must be metrical, and all pieces inserted should have some point and bear on school life from some angle. But we are grateful for your attempts, and hope you'll try again.

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