

SPORTS REPORT.

I present the report of sporting activities of Newcastle Boys' High School for the years 1966 to May, 1967.

In our Annual Swim Carnival in February, 1967, the divisional system, used for the past two years, was continued and again proved successful. Under this scheme each competitor is placed in an event according to his ability and thus competes against others of similar calibre. The day was very enjoyable with strong competition in all age divisions. We extend our congratulations to the members of Smith House on their victory, and to the individual age champions. Their names are listed on page 4 of today's programme.

The School's swimming squad, chosen after the Swimming Carnival, trained enthusiastically. We were placed second to Maitland High in the aggregate point score. It is interesting to record that with only two events of the day's programme to be contested, namely the 16 years and 17+ years relay, we held a two point lead over Maitland. However, our relay teams in these age divisions could manage only 5th and 6th positions whilst Maitland High recorded two fine wins and emerged from the Carnival as Aggregate Champions School. Our congratulations to Maitland High on a well earned victory, and a fine team effort.

I mentioned last year that our Juvenile and Junior competitors of 1966 had performed well in their area Carnival. These same groupings, swimming as Juniors and Seniors this year were again our strongest divisions. In the 12 and 13 years groups we were represented by some wonderful talent but too few boys made themselves available for these teams and we lacked depth of competition. We must ensure that in all future representative meetings we have the competitors and the reserves to sustain a maximum team effort.

In the third term of 1966 and again in term 1 this year we continued our life-saving and swimming policies begun in 1965. Each sports afternoon at the Lambton Memorial Pool was devoted to instruction/examination in life-saving techniques, and practice in learning to swim. During our 16 visits to the pool on Wednesday afternoons, together with the intensive "Learn to Swim" campaign, over a 10 day period from 27th November to 8th December, 90.6% of the boys unable to swim at the start of that summer season had been taught, could manage to swim 50 metres or better and had been passed in to Life Saving groups where they had begun their training in awards. Of the four boys unable to swim 50 metres by March this year, three could swim 20 yards and only one remained unable to manage more than 5 yards. Practice will continue in the third term and we should soon be able to state that every boy in the school can swim.

Examinations in awards for the Royal Life Saving Society, Australia, were conducted in 1966 and 1967. 138 such awards were granted to pupils of the school, awards ranging from Instructor's Certificates to Bronze Medallion and to Elementary Certificates. When one considers that the average of 365 boys attended swimming classes each sports afternoon in these two terms, and that our time and space at the Lambton Pool were shared with another school, the results represent a pleasing return. We have been fortunate also in that many of our senior boys have volunteered as Life Saving instructors and have used their skills to help junior students. The standard of life saving qualifications of the Staff is extremely high, with six examiners and all others holders of at least the Bronze Medallion. The policy of Life Saving and "Learn to Swim" practice will continue in term 3 of this year and will conclude again with an intensive ten day coaching period.

The 61st Annual Athletic Carnival was held in April this year. Again we have planned for a long term training period leading to the Zone and Area meetings in August. In 1966 we followed such a plan to win the Zone and be placed second in the Area meeting. We won all divisions in the Zone Carnival except the 14's and 16's. These we lost through lack

of competition numbers. This year we aim to increase our strength, especially in the 16 and 17+ groupings. Daily training has already begun. Every student is urged to support the school by making himself available each day for practice. In this way, the athletic team chosen in July for our August engagements will be the strongest we can field.

In the summer months, swimming, cricket, tennis, basketball, softball, squash, golf and athletics are available on an inter-house and an inter-school basis, as are rugby league, soccer, Australian rules, basketball, tennis, softball, squash, golf, athletics, gymnastics and weight lifting in winter and each boy is so graded in his chosen sport that he competes with and against others of his own age and comparable ability.

It is expected that every student where physically able, will select his own sport and enjoy it to the full. This year sixth form students enjoy the privilege of engaging in sport or study at school. Many avail themselves of the opportunity to do both; several are still worthy participants in our many representative teams, especially in the winter months.

The effective enrolment of the school in 1966 was 850. 98.8% of this population was actively involved in sport. Those unable to participate spent their hours in study at school during the sports afternoon.

The large number of boys who were chosen in Area and State teams is encouraging. The increase this year and last, in the State representation is particularly pleasing - 9 boys from this school - 5 being selected for N.S.W. for the first time and 4 for their second successive term. This speaks highly of their ability, their devotion to their sport and their willingness to work hard to achieve their ambitions. We congratulate them all.

In my report last year I mentioned the fine record of Gary Gilmour who was chosen in 1965 as a member of the Australian Schoolboys' Under 14 Years Cricket Team. Gary has since gained further distinction, having last season been selected in the Australian Junior Baseball team as pitcher. This indeed is a wonderful sporting record.

The outstanding performances of Scott Derwin in swimming must be recorded here also. The star of this year's N.S.W. Surf Championships at Newport, Scott won the Junior Belt Race and the Open Surf event. At the Surf Life Saving Asscn's Australian Championships in Adelaide, Scott, in winning the Open Surf Race, became the Australian Open Surf Champion for 1967.

Worthy of mention too are the achievements of four junior swimmers, Richard Cleaver, Gregory Price, John Jenkins and Stephen Bland who as competitors in the Juvenile section of the N.S.W. Surf Carnival swam into the first 20 positions in the Cadet Surf Race in a very large field of competitors.

Our 1st Grade Rugby League team for 1966 enjoyed a fine season, winning the Evans Shield for Inter-zone competition and playing so well in the University Shield, before losing its quarter-final match after a strong bid against Armidale High by six points to eight, at Armidale. Their very respectable total of 130 points with only 16 against them, throughout a full season of play, stamped this team as a good one.

This year we have twelve members of this same squad playing again and already the team is functioning smoothly, having won all its matches to date by convincing margins. Our first match in the current University Shield Challenge competitions is scheduled against Wallsend High School. This will be played in the near future and the entire school wishes the team and its Coach, Mr. Gardner, every success.

Our Tasman Cup Soccer team has played two matches, its first against Cardiff High School in April on Adamstown Rosebud Oval for a first round win, its second against Chester Hill High School at Chester Hill on Wednesday last 24th May, 1967, for another victory. This second match produced fine team spirit. After being behind in goals by 3 to nil just prior to half-time, Newcastle High sustained a strong attacking pattern of play to win the match by 4 goals to 3. The school will watch their next engagement with special interest.

Fourteen students will represent us and the Newcastle Area at Broken Hill from June 1st - 6th in Australian Rules Football, 10 seniors and 4 juniors. Our representative strength is greater than for many years in this code at such an Intra-state carnival.

Eleven students have been awarded "Blues", the school's highest sporting honour. Two of these students receive bars to awards gained in 1965, Scott Derwin in Swimming and Peter Wright in Athletics. Peter's C.H.S.N.S.W. records in High Jumping should stand for many years. In February this year Peter was awarded the "World Sports" magazine Certificate of Merit for his outstanding athletic performances, the only Australian to be so honoured. His fine jumping in this year's Australian Championships brought further credit and recognition to him.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continues to be of real interest to the boys of the school. 38 boys are at present attempting the Bronze, Silver and Gold standards of this Scheme and should soon gain them. This year our Vice-captain, Roger Graham, brought great credit to himself and the school when he was presented with his Gold Medallion by His Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. Roger has since directed his energies toward helping others achieve similar distinction, and has several juniors now in training for various awards. We congratulate him on his achievement and on his efforts to foster the Scheme.

The wide variety of sporting activities available to the boys of the school necessitates the provision of adequate sporting equipment. Such equipment must be constantly maintained and with the purchase of new material at regular intervals the needs of the school are well provided for. Reference material within the library is increased periodically and provision for students' needs in this regard is sound.

The school extends its thanks to the many sporting associations which have assisted us with donations of sporting material. Such equipment has been put to good use and is very much appreciated.

Our thanks also are offered to those officials, umpires and administrators who have helped to foster sport in our school; to the Principal, Staff and students of neighbouring schools and those further afield whom we have engaged in competition.

We are indebted to the many parents and friends of the school who billeted our guests during sporting commitments and to those who offered such warm hospitality to our own students engaged in similar fixtures away from home.

We thank members of Staff who have coached our own teams and prepared them for competition.

The following pages record the achievements of the school in sport during 1966 and 1967 in Area, in State and in Australian representation.

ZONE PENNANTS, 1966.

Grade Cricket. 1st Grade: Runners up.
2nd Grade; Premiers
3rd Grade: Premiers
4th Grade: Premiers

Grade Tennis. 1st Grade: No. 1 team - 3rd
No. 2 team - 4th
2nd Grade: 3rd
3rd Grade: Runners up
4th Grade: Premiers

Grade Golf: Runners up in Zone B Pennant Competition.

Grade Soccer: 1st Grade: Runners up
2nd Grade: 3rd
3rd Grade: 4th
4th Grade: Runners up

Grade Rugby League: 1st Grade: Premiers and Evans Shield Winners
2nd Grade: Premiers
3rd Grade: Runners up
4th Grade: Premiers
5th Grade: Premiers
6th Grade: 3rd
7th Grade: 4th

Grade Australian Rules: 1st Grade: No. 1 team - Premiers of Zone B; Inter-zone Champions.
No. 2 team - Runners up.
Junior Team: 3rd

Grade Basketball (Summer Competition):
1st Grade: Premiers in A team. B Team - Runners up
15 Years Team, A Team: Runners up
14 Years: 4th
13 Years: Runners up.

Grade Basketball (Winter Competition):
1st Grade: Premiers
15 Years: A Team: Runners up
B Team: 4th
14 Years: A Team: 4th
B Team: 5th
13 Years: Runners up

The following boys were outstanding in sport and were chosen in Newcastle Area Representative Teams throughout the year, 1966.

Open Area Cricket Team: Greg Gilmour
Gary Gilmour
P. Briggs
R. Wilkinson
W. Hardy
M. Simpson.

14 Years Area Cricket Team: G. Cousins
B. Luck

9 stone Area Rugby League Team: C. Young
P. Hawkins
D. George
B. Adams
M. Curry

and the Combined North-West and Newcastle Area 9 stone Team:
P. Hawkins
D. George

8 stone Area Team: P. Clarke
 C. Young
 B. Williamson
 R. Worth
 C. Hogg
 M. Fay

Australian Rules Open Area Team: S. Fleming
 J. Strickland
 E. Craney
 B. Baker
 A. Brady
 P. McCormack
 D. Bewley
 J. Moore
 R. Cruickshank
 G. Dann
 B. Dann

Australian Rules Junior Area Team: P. Graham.

The following boys were chosen in New South Wales teams in 1966:-

Peter Clark - Captain of the 8 stone N.S.W. Schoolboys' Rugby League team for the second year in succession. Peter played in all three "Tests" against the visiting Papua-New Guinea as Five-eight and Captain.

Peter Hawkins - N.S.W. 9 stone Team - played in all "tests" against Queensland as winger.

Geoffrey Cousins,)
 Bill Luck) Members of 14 Years N.S.W. Cricket Team which toured to Melbourne in March.

Bruce Tate,)
 Gregory Valentine) Members of Under 15 Years Cricket Team (chosen December, 1965) played in Perth, March, 1966.

Gregory Gilmour, Gary Gilmour, Peter Briggs: Members of Open Cricket Team chosen in December, 1966.

The following represented both the Newcastle Area and Newcastle Boys' High School at the N.S.W. Schoolboys' Basketball Championships:-

V. Topic, B. Hogan, P. Sweeney, P. Jory, S. Goodbar, C. Goodbar, J. Myers played in Sydney, December, 1966, representing the Newcastle Area as Newcastle Boys' High School First Grade Team.

Area Teams chosen in 1967.

The following have been selected to represent the Newcastle Area in Open and Junior Australian Rules Football team in Broken Hill from 1st to 6th June:-

<u>Open Team</u>	<u>Junior Team</u>
J. Peady,	J. Strickland
P. Jessop,	C. Gregory
E. Craney,	G. Flynn
J. Moore,	G. Honson
A. Whiteside,	P. Graham
	G. Duggan
	G. Puxty
	R. Cleaver
	T. Cooper

The following have shown outstanding ability and have won representative honour in activities outside the direction of the school:-

Gary Gilmour: Member of 1966 Under 16 Australian Junior Baseball Team as pitcher in the Australian Carnival in Melbourne.

Scott Derwin: 1967 - N.S.W. Junior Belt Champion, N.S.W. Senior Surf Champion, Australian Senior Surf Champion.

Philip Idstein: Chosen 14th May this year as a member of the N.S.W. Under 16 years Basketball squad of 13 players.

Douglas Kibble: Selected 21st May as Member of Under 18 years N.S.W. Basketball squad of 14 players.

Joseph Drzyzga, Neil Allen, Stavros Narris - who represented Newcastle in the 1966 N.S.W. and Australian Weight Lifting Championships to win the following:-

Joe Drzyzga: won Sub-junior Middleweight Championship; 2nd in Junior.

Neil Allen: Runner up in Sub-junior N.S.W. and Australian Championships.
 Runner up in Junior, N.S.W. and Australian Championships.

Stavros Narris: won Australian Sub-junior Lightweight Championship.
 won N.S.W. Sub-junior Lightweight Championship.
 won N.S.W. Junior Championship.

This year, 1967:

Joe Drzyzga: won N.S.W. Junior Middleweight Title.
won Light-heavyweight Championship of Newcastle.

Neil Allen: won N.S.W. Junior Lightweight title.
won Newcastle Lightweight Championship.

Stavros Narris: 2nd to Neil Allen in the Newcastle Lightweight Championships.

John Hawkins: N.S.W. 200 metres Hurdles Champion and
2nd in the State, 110 metres event.
Placed 2nd and 3rd in the Inter-state Hurdles match races against
Queensland and Victoria as a member of the N.S.W. team.

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SCHOOL SONG.

"Remis Velisque".

Smith House Boys, here's a song for you,
Hunter and Hannell and Shortland too,
Sing it as our fathers sang it, loud and true,
When they climbed up the hill in the morning.

Chorus: Yes, when we're gone in the years far ahead,
When the last game's played and the last lesson's said,
The name of the school will awake from the dead
The memories of many a morning.

Serving straight in a hard-fought match,
Sprinting for the tape or puzzling catch
The "blues", from the limit man to the scratch,
Will still do their best, night and morning.

Chorus: Yes, when we're gone, etc.

Remis Velisque's the motto for all,
And our hearts once again will still hear its call,
When the muscles are stiff that once toed the ball,
Or climbed up the hill in the morning.

Chorus: Yes, when we're gone, etc.
