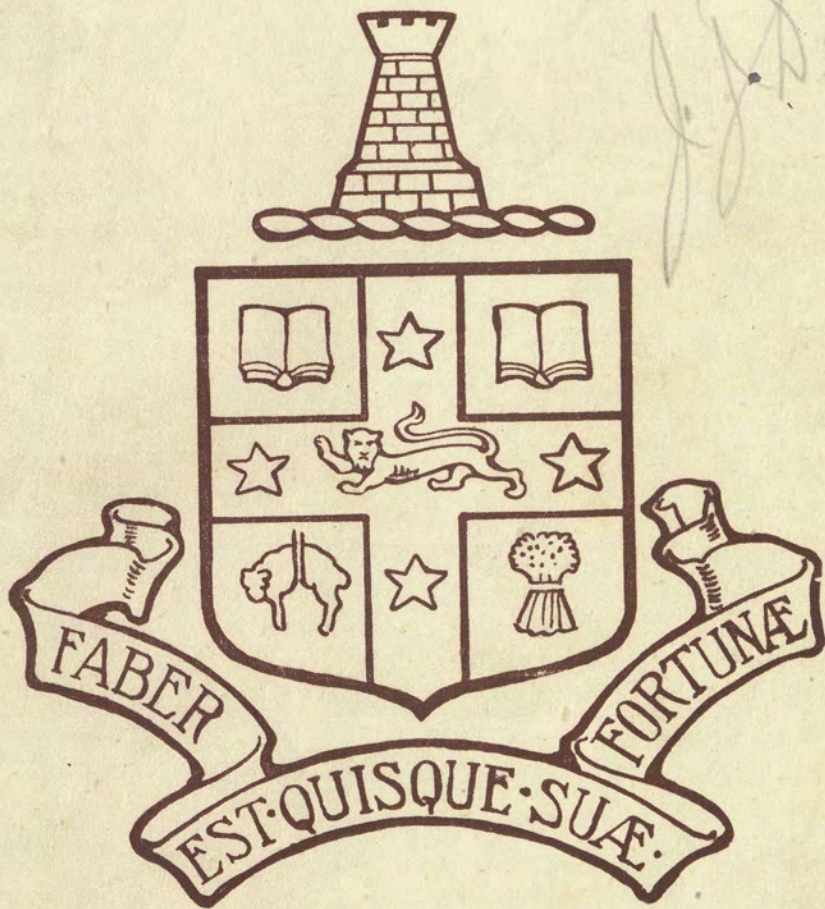


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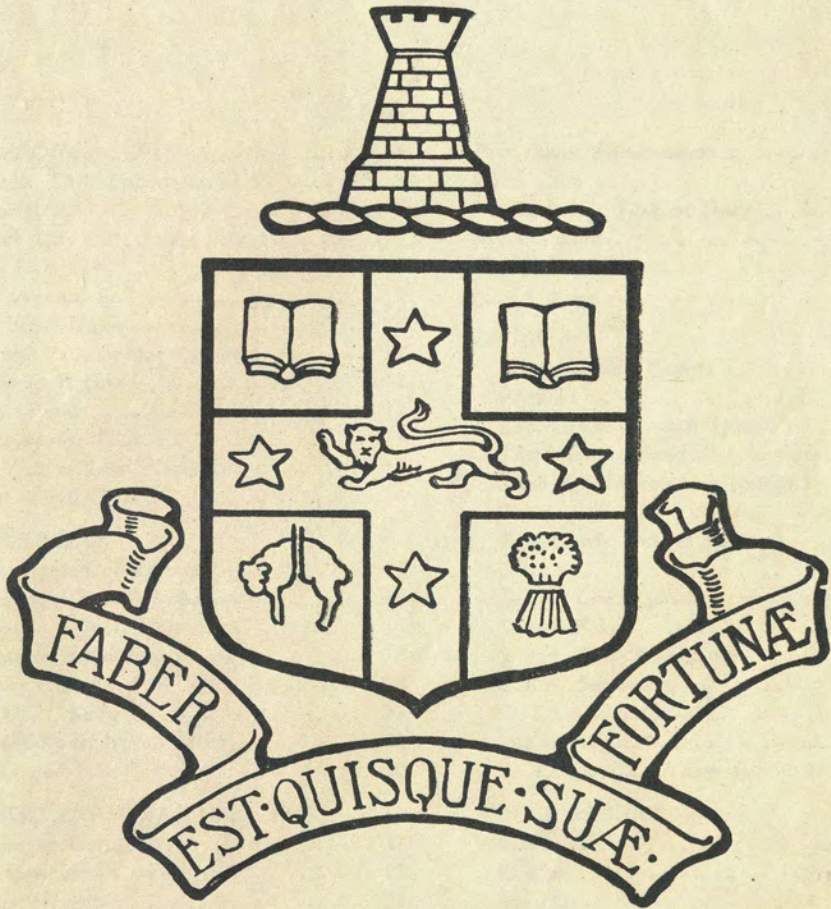


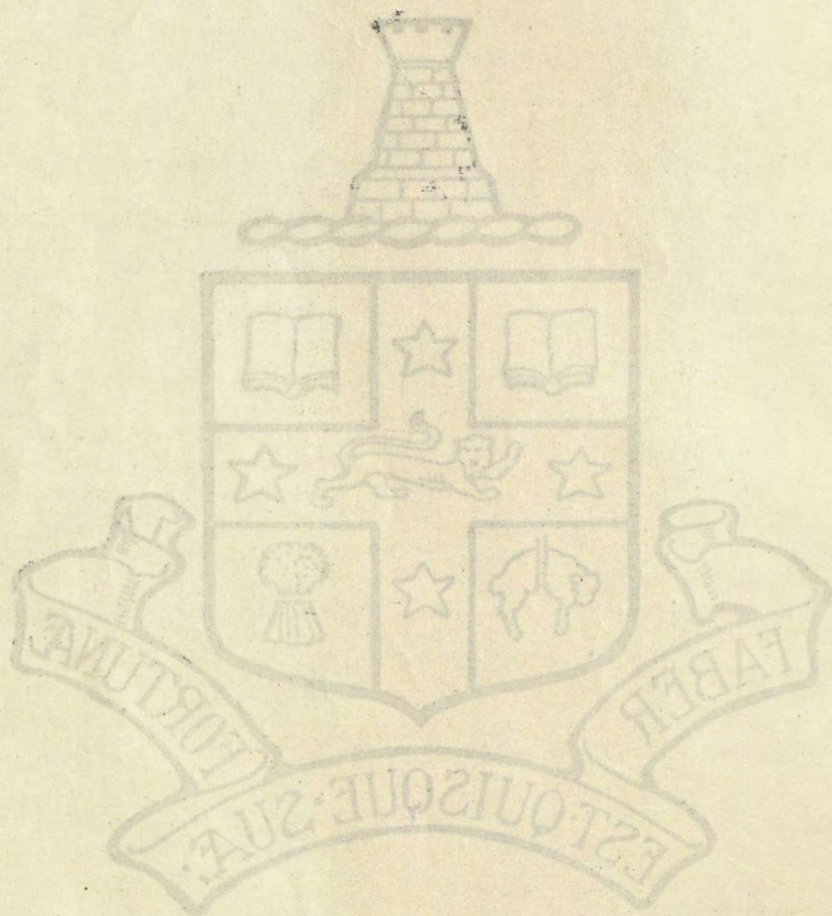
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Deputy Headmaster: Mr. D. J. Austin, B.A.

Secretary: Miss S. Ninness.

## SCHOOL UNION COMMITTEE

President: The Headmaster.

Vice-President: The Deputy Headmaster.

Secretary: F. Fitzpatrick.

Treasurer: B. Goodwin.

Sportsmaster: J. Allen.

Cricket: F. Simpson.

Football: F. Brodie.

Swimming: L. Rose.

Life-Saving: E. Arnold.

Tennis: O. Kelly.

Athletics: J. Wells.

Debating: L. Gent.

"The Fortian": G. Bohman.

The Library: K. Barnard.

Boxing: R. Mobbs.

Chess Club: F. Simpson.

Photography: J. Wells.

Music Club: J. Waters.

House Masters: Christmas, F. Burtenshaw.

Kilgour: H. Bryant

Mearns: B. Roberts.

Williams: A. Stanley.

Captain of School: D. Glenn.

Vice-Captain: B. Gillett.

Student Representatives:

B. Thorby, M. Casimir, G. Barnes, O. Phillips,

H. Merriman, F. Tuynman, P. Meulman,

D. Child, R. Bainton, S. Maizey, P. Charmatz,

W. Hargreave, A. Crow.

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Prefects: W. Adams, L. Burtenshaw, M. Casimir,

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S. Hamley, L. Herbert, R. Jessup, K. Johnson,

R. Johnson, S. Koorey, B. Laidlaw, S. Maizey,

H. Merriman, D. Nicholls, O. Phillips,

B. Rickard, C. Scott, D. Smeaton, B. Stinson,

R. Yeoman, J. Scaife, R. Bainton, R. Baxter.

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Lawler, D. Lette.

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E. Parker.

F. Simpson, B.Sc.

A. W. Stanley, B.A.

## Department of Science:

B. H. Roberts, B.Sc. (Master).

R. G. Cull, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.

H. Marks, A.S.T.C.

J. J. Reid, B.Sc., Agr.

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Sutton, G. R. Wagner.

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## Department of Commerce:

B. W. Goodwin, M.Ec., Dip. Ed. (Master).

H. Campbell, B.Ec.

## Department of Physical Training:

D. O'Sullivan, Dip. P.E.



**PREFECTS, 1947.**

Back Row (left to right): C. Scott, J. Scaife, R. Bainton, B. Laidlaw, H. Merriman, S. Koorey, B. Jessup, D. Nicholls, K. Johnson, R. Baxter.  
 Middle Row: W. Adams, O. Phillips, S. Maizey, B. Rickard, D. Cull, M. Casimir, B. Stinson, R. Johnson, W. Cleary, L. Herbert, S. Hamley.  
 Front Row: L. Burtenshaw, R. Eadie, P. Richardson, B. Gillett, D. J. Austin, (Deputy Headmaster), N. R. Mearns (Headmaster), R. Mobbs (Teacher in charge of Prefects), D. Glenn, B. Neilson, R. Yeoman, J. Crooks, D. Smeaton.

## Editorial

### “LET US NOW PRAISE FAMOUS MEN.”

It has often been remarked by those who have travelled far and wide how distantly scattered are the sons of Fort Street.

So, too, is the infinite variety of avocations followed by these, and also the high degree of eminence achieved by so many of them. This may be partly explained by our long establishment as an Australian school, but this explanation is not sufficient. As one talks to some of these that one meets on the Road of Life, one is struck by the pride in speech and countenance as they proclaim that they once went to Fort Street. At once these old Fortians want to be helpful. Their warm, gripping right hand is but the first eager earnest of welcome to those they meet who are Fortians in the making. As the School has helped them, so they want to help the School. Theirs is a grateful and gracious gesture of their debt to Fort Street. Their gratitude—in many cases lightly regarded in their schooldays—has deepened with the maturity of years. Like a strong, silken thread of unity throughout their lives has ever been those words, “Each is the maker of his own fortune.” This sturdy message was ever a challenge to them, pointing the way to the highest endeavour. As one, who addressed the School at this year’s Speech day, confessed, “I felt when I left Fort Street that my Headmaster was disappointed with my scholastic achievement. So I resolved that I must make my contribution to the School’s achievements.”

Even in the days of his youth he felt the responsibility the School was putting on his shoulders. So he stepped out, determined to keep the lamp of Fort Street shining brightly, and by developing his own special personality, succeeded in adding something worthy and distinctive to the tapestry still being woven by those who go forth from “this grand old institution.” To describe the beauty of this tapestry and the story woven into it by our illustrious predecessors, to particularise the names of some and to omit the names of others, who have laboured for the glory of Fort Street, because they do not come within the compass of one memory would not be fitting, and so we Fortians of the present School can find no words fitter to salute the Fortians of the past and to express our admiration and gratitude to the makers of modern Fort Street than those immortal words with which we pay our tribute, “Let us now praise famous men . . . such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding and declaring prophecies, leaders of the people by their counsels and by their knowledge of learning, meet for the people, wise and eloquent in their instructions, such as found out musical tunes and recited verses in writing. Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations. All these were honoured in their generation and were the glory of their times. There be of them that have left a name behind them that their praises might be reported. And some there be which have no memorial who are perished as though they had never been born; and their children after them. But these were merciful men whose righteousness hath not been forgotten . . . Their seed shall remain forever and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace and their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.”



## SPEECH DAY

On May 8, 1947, Fort Street pupils and the usual large number of parents and visitors were present at the Annual Speech Day and Prize-giving. The Choir broke the ice with an excellent rendition of "Dance a Cachucha," from "The Gondoliers," by Gilbert and Sullivan.

Mr. Duff, President of the Old Boys' Union, acting as chairman, then spoke concerning the School's tradition and the mark of honour left by its pupils in the world.

Again the Choir sang, this time "The Viking Song," by Coleridge Taylor. Mr. Mearns' report paid homage to the splendid work of the Staff and showed that Fort Street is filling the country's need of those who will do the right, despite the scorn of the mob.

Mr. Hayes, Acting Director-General of Education, in his speech, brought out the point that Fort Street is doing a great deal towards moulding a new community. Fort Street develops the pupils'

minds and leads them out into life with well-trained characters; their debt to its masters can never be repaid.

The Choir's performance in its next item, "A Regular Royal Queen," again from "The Gondoliers," by Gilbert and Sullivan, was to be commended.

Our Sportsmaster last year, Mr. Hamnett, was unfortunately taken from us, so Mr. Allen, who is filling his place, read the Sports Report and showed that Fort Street is still upholding its heritage of honour on the sporting field and in the swimming pool.

Just before the prize-giving the Choir sang "Pro Patria Australia," by Alfred Hill, its best item of the day.

The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

—"ACE."

### EXTRACTS FROM HEADMASTER'S Speech

We hear a great deal these days of Intelligence quotients and vocational abilities. The tests to determine these have been found to give a good measure of a student's potential ability and tendencies.

These are but "potential" abilities—what a student could attain to if he has the character and courage to strive and study earnestly and persistently.

So the most successful students are those who study most purposefully and persistently.

It can truly be said that the best students are those with the best characters.

Examinations do serve a real purpose then in deciding character.

We feel that examinations should not be eliminated, but consider that examinations should be continually improved to be real tests.

A modern school has many duties to fulfil, all to the purpose of making fine men and good citizens.

To this end there are other activities than lessons.

One of the most important of these is the "Current Affairs" period in which all classes participate. In these periods matters of national and international interest are discussed by the students. The aim is to present both sides and so produce citizens who will think wisely and take an active interest in their own country and the world when as democrats they will help to elect governments.

In the Chess Club, Boxing Club, Photographic Club, School Choir and Orchestra we are attempting to give our students interests to take beyond the school and help to make their lives as adults full and interesting.

Sport is compulsory for all, and we expect every physically fit student to take part in team games. The aim is to teach them "To love the game beyond the prize," to learn what true sportsmanship and manliness is, and to learn to respect fine men and have consideration for others.

Our chief aim is to produce courageous positive men and fine gentlemen.

## PRIZE LIST, 1946.

### LEAVING CERTIFICATE. (109 Passes)

#### BURSARIES.

C. Macdonald, J. Britton.

#### UNIVERSITY EXHIBITIONS.

Arts: K. Allen, J. Britton, N. Head, G. Kent, G. Kirby, G. Kolts, C. Maish, B. Neal.

Law: R. Williams.

Medicine: A. McInnes.

Science: B. Triggs, C. Macdonald, H. Skerritt.

#### HONOURS.

Honours (18 1st 25 2nd): English 8, History 5, Latin 2, French 3, German 2, Mathematics 14, Physics 3, Chemistry 5, Geography 11.

English: K. Allen, K. Dufty, G. Kolts, I. McInnes, C. Maish, M. Nolan, R. Williams, T. Williams.

French: J. Britton, C. Maish, N. Head.

German: C. Maish, J. Britton.

Mathematics I.: J. McInnes, G. Kirby, K. Allen, C. Deane, B. Ditchfield, G. Kolts, H. Skerritt.

Mathematics II.: G. Kirby, I. McInnes, K. Allen, C. Deane, B. Ditchfield, G. Kolts, H. Skerritt.

History: D. Bray, G. Kent, R. Williams, R. Block, P. Wishart.

Chemistry: G. Macdonald, B. Figgis, C. Harland, G. Kent, B. Neal.

Geography: L. Kidd, R. Mulray, R. Brooks, A. Darling, K. Jones, B. Maitland, G. Mulray, B. Porter, B. Thorby, N. Hawkins.

### BEST AGGREGATE PASSES AT LEAVING CERTIFICATE.

C. Macdonald, J. Britton, J. McInnes, G. Kirby, G. Kent, C. Maish.

### BEST SUBJECT PASSES AT LEAVING CERTIFICATE.

English: I. McInnes.

Latin: J. Britton.

French: J. Britton.

German: C. Maish.

Mathematics I.: McInnes.

Mathematics II.: G. Kirby.

Modern History: R. Williams.

Physics: C. Macdonald.

Chemistry: B. Neal (1st in State).

Economics: J. Ferguson.

Co-operative Wholesale Society Prize: John Robinson.

Metropolitan Business College Scholarship: John Robinson.

Hemmingway and Robinson Scholarship: John Ferguson.

Royal Empire Society Medal, Public Speaking: P. Wishart.

City of Sydney Eisteddfod Debating F.S.B.H. Team: P. Wishart, F. Williams, W. Grigor.

### INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE (128 PASSES).

#### INTERMEDIATE BURSARIES.

F. Legge, R. Monty, W. Johnson, D. Munns, R. Bligh, H. Marsh, J. Clark, J. Brigg.

### WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES:

#### GOWRIE SCHOLARSHIP.

P. Correy.

Killeen Memorial Prize for Dux of the School.  
C. Macdonald.

#### Lodge Fortian Prize for Proficiency.

J. Britton (Senior).

D. Pegum (Junior).

Sender Memorial Prize for Scholar Displaying  
Finest Spirit in Sport, Studies, and  
General School Activities.

P. Thorpe.

#### Headmaster's Prize for School Service.

L. Gosling.

John Hunter Prize for Best Student entering  
the Faculty of Medicine.

I. McInnes.

#### Merco Prize for Mathematics.

I. McInnes.

Raymond and Frank Evatt Memorial Prize for  
an Essay on an Australian Subject.

P. Wishart.

*Charles H. Harrison Memorial Prize for  
Best Boy in Fifth Year in English.*

I. McInnes.

*John Hills Memorial Prize for Fourth Year  
Scholar displaying Outstanding Qualities.*

D. Glenn.

*Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography.*

B. Neal (L.C.), P. Gressor (I.C.)

*Bertram Stevens Prizes for Economics.*

J. Ferguson, D. Cull.

*Herbert Percival Williams Shakesperean Prize.*

K. Allen.

*Baxendale Memorial Prizes for English.*

I. McInnes (5th Year)

R. Bainton (4th Year).

D. Munns, J. Blackler (3rd Year).

G. Hooper (2nd Year)

F. Sharpe (1st Year)

*Baxendale Prize for Best Lecture on a  
Modern Author.*

R. Johnson.

*Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship.*

R. Barbour (Senior).

F. Johnson (Junior)

*Raymond Sly Memorial Prize for Music.*

A. Short.

*Lt.-Col. Irvine and P. Benson Memorial Prize  
for Leadership and Example in Cadets.*

N. Foldi.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

Dux: O. Phillips, P. Richardson.

English: R. Bainton.

History: S. Hamley.

Latin: P. Richardson.

French: J. Crooks.

German: J. Crooks.

General Mathematics: J. Crooks.

Mathematics I.: D. B. Cull, P. Richardson.

Mathematics II.: O. Phillips, W. Cleary, G.

Hinds.

Geography: C. Spice.

#### THIRD YEAR.

Dux: D. Pegum.

Second: G. Richardson.

English: J. Blackler, D. Munns.

History: J. Blackler.

Latin: G. Richardson, D. Pegum.

French: G. Richardson.

German: M. Lamond.

Mathematics I.: R. Monty.

Mathematics II.: P. Correy.

Elementary Science: R. Bligh.

Geography: P. Gressor.

Business Principles: K. Riding.

First in Class: 3B, R. Bentley; 3C, G. Brooke;  
3D, N. McCarthy.

#### SECOND YEAR.

Dux: F. Hinde.

Second: R. Morgan, M. St. Clair.

English: I. Hooper.

History: C. Tendt.

Latin: F. Hinde.

French: T. Fraser.

German: W. Bussman.

Mathematics I.: K. Gardner, F. Hinde.

Mathematics II.: F. Hinde.

Elementary Science: M. St. Clair.

Business Principles: R. Johnson.

Geography: K. Newton.

Social Studies: R. Morgan.

First in Class: 2B, J. Terry; 2C, H. Copeland;  
2D, T. Fraser.

#### FIRST YEAR.

Dux: B. Hunt.

Second: F. Sharpe.

English: F. Sharpe.

Social Studies: A. Mason.

Latin: S. Heape.

French: E. Williams.

Mathematics I.: B. Hunt.

Mathematics II.: B. Hunt.

Elementary Science: F. Sharpe.

First in Class: 1B, V. Baxter; 1C, C. Pringle;  
1D, D. Runcie.

## First Annual Ball

On July 19th, Fort St. held its first Annual Ball, which was socially and financially a tremendous success.

This ball is one feature of the School's social life that we hope to see become an institution. The next will be eagerly awaited by the large crowd which attended this year. The orchestra did a splendid job in keeping the 250 couples on their feet all night, until the Ladies' Committee led the

pleasantly tired people off to an excellent buffet supper in the staff room.

In connection with the ball, there are numerous people without whose freely given assistance this function could not have enjoyed such good fortune: Messrs. Arnold and Bohman, the organisers, Messrs. Glenn, Richardson and Gillett, the Committee; the Petersham Municipal Council; Messrs. Wrigglesworth and Kelly, and above all, the Ladies' Committee.

## OLD BOYS' UNION

Ever since its revival in 1945, the Old Boys' Union has progressed steadily and at the present time is more prosperous than ever before. However, the Union still need many more members, and without these it will be very difficult to accomplish all that it hopes to at the present time.

The aim of the Union is primarily to keep Old Boys of the School in touch with one another and to maintain those firm friendships which were established as schoolmates. It is endeavoured to do this by means of social functions and sporting activities, and in this respect the Union has been highly successful. The Union also endeavours to assist the School and pupils as far as possible and has always followed School activities with a keen interest. All the business of the Union is handled by the Executive Committee, which meets monthly and is elected at the Annual General Meeting. Below is a list of the Committee for 1947 and their present occupations:—

Dr. H. V. EVATT (Patron): One of the most outstanding Australians of our time. As Minister for External Affairs and one of the most brilliant men ever to be produced by Fort Street, he needs no introduction.

Messrs. J. A. WILLIAMS and C. H. CHRISTMAS (Patrons): As former Headmasters of the School, they will always be remembered for the great work they did.

Ald. L. E. DUFF (President): Is now the Municipal Council's representative on the Fire Commission.

Mr. W. J. HASTIE (Vice-President): At present is Town Clerk of Petersham. One of our returned servicemen.

Mr. D. BARR (Vice-President): Another returned serviceman who is at present in 3rd Year Law at the University.

Mr. R. ROPER (Treasurer): Left school 1943. Also in 3rd Year Law at the University.

Mr. B. NEAL (Secretary): Left school 1946. Studying 1st Year Arts at the University.

Mr. R. BROUNE: Left school 1945. In his 2nd year as an articled clerk and in 1st Year Law at the University.

Mr. D. CAMPBELL: Left school 1945. At present studying Pharmacy at the University.

Mr. I. CATHELS: Left school 1943. Studying Science at the University, where he was tennis doubles champion this year.

Mr. T. HERBERT: Left school 1946. Employed by a commercial firm in the city.

Mr. B. LAWSON: At present a student of Architecture.

Mr. J. MULFORD: Left school 1945 when he was Senior Prefect. Now in 2nd Year Economics at the University.

Mr. K. REW: Left school 1945. Now in his 2nd year of Medicine.

Mr. J. ROBINSON: Left school 1946. Employed by a city commercial firm.

Mr. G. ROPER: Left school 1945. Now in 2nd Year Medicine.

Mr. R. SMITH: Left school 1945, when he was School Captain. Now in 2nd Year Dentistry.

Mr. K. TUCKWELL: Now employed as an officer in the Commonwealth Bank.

Mr. D. WEINBERG: Left school 1914. Now has an electrical contracting business in the city.

Mr. H. WESTALL: Another articled clerk studying Law.

Unfortunately, Mr. R. Broune, our former Secretary, had to resign the position during the year because of his studies. Mr. B. Neal was elected to fill the vacant position.

We also regret to announce that during the year Mr. Broune's father passed away suddenly, and we extend to him our most sincere sympathy.

During 1947 two dances were held in the School Memorial Hall in conjunction with the Fort Street Old Girls' Union, and both proved highly successful. By far the most successful function, however, was the Combined Annual Ball held at Petersham Town Hall. This proved a huge success, and April 1st has already been set aside for the 1948 Annual Ball. A Theatre Party to the Minerva and also a Christmas Dance in conjunction with the Fort Street Old Girls' Union are to be held later in the year. It was arranged to hold an Athletic Carnival and a Football Match against the School, but the School declined both because of their inability to find a suitable ground. A debate was also cancelled because of the interference of school examinations. However, it is hoped to hold these functions earlier in 1948, if possible, in order to overcome these difficulties.

It is hoped to hold a greater number of social and sporting activities in 1948. Perhaps the most attractive innovation is the establishment of an Old Boys' Rugby Union Football Club. This Club will definitely field a number of teams in 1948 in the Western Districts Junior Rugby Union competition. It was decided to form the Club because of the large number of Old Boys playing for district clubs in that competition. We are particularly interested in the boys just leaving

school, and we ask anybody who is interested to write to the Secretary stating weight, age, and grade played at school. As there are several grades with age and weight limits, it will be seen that there is ample scope for everybody.

An Old Boys' Swimming Club is also in existence and has done extremely well in 1947. This club was formed by Mr. E. T. Arnold (who needs no introduction), and we urge any intending members to contact him.

At all times it must be remembered that the Old Boys' Union can do little without your support. If the membership increases sufficiently in the near future, other sporting clubs will almost certainly be formed. Many Old Boys are keen to form cricket and tennis clubs, but in the past we have received too little support from the retiring 5th Year. By giving us your support, not only do you make these things possible, but you also make it possible for the Old Boys' Union to assist the School and so in part repay the debt which every Old Boy owes to it. At present the Union hopes to assist boys leaving School in obtaining

suitable positions, and a list of positions which are known to be open will be supplied to the School Counsellor from time to time. Any boy who finds difficulty in obtaining a suitable position is urged to contact the Secretary without delay, as there are many Old Fortians in various walks of life who would be only too pleased to assist them.

Membership forms may be obtained from Mr. Arnold, the Secretary, or any other members of the Committee. The subscription is extremely small and by joining you will be able to at least partly repay your debt to the School. Remember, the School's Centenary is drawing very close, and we need your support in order to give a suitable gift to the School to mark that memorable occasion. Are you going to leave the memories of your School life behind you as you go out into the world, or are you going to maintain those lasting friendships made in the classroom and on the playing fields? Are you going to remember just what you owe to your school? We are confident that no true Fortian will fail us.



#### "FORTIAN" COMMITTEE.

J. Cabot, E. Ellison, G. Wagner, I. Blackler, V. Eldridge, D. Pegum, E. Sutton.  
T. Elliget, P. Correy, D. Child (Editor), G. Bohman (Master-in-Charge), P. Southcombe  
(Business Manager), H. Bull, A. Allan.

## DEBATING REPORT

Once again Fort Street failed to bring home the coveted Hume Barbour Shield, being beaten by one point in the semi-finals at Cessnock by what many regarded as an inferior team. Our first debate in this competition was against Sydney Technical High School, the subject being "That the salaries of members of Parliament should be raised to £1500 per annum." Fort Street successfully affirmed the motion.

In the second round we met and narrowly defeated Sydney High, opposing the motion "That freedom to form political parties is essential to democracy."

In the final round of the zone we managed to convince the adjudicator that North Sydney Technical High was wrong in maintaining that "The working hours should be reduced from forty-four to forty per week."

The subject which we were to maintain in the semi-finals was that "Men of thought have done more for the world than men of action." The adjudicator did not agree.

At the end of first term we journeyed to Fort Street Girls' High for the first of our traditional annual debates. We were soundly defeated over the subject "That the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

However, as a rap to our vanity, they provided us with an excellent afternoon tea and showed us around the school. At the end of second term we returned the compliment. The subject was "That the industrial revolution has done more harm than good." The afternoon tea was very enjoyable, for which we would like to tender our sincere thanks to the Ladies' Committee.

This year our team, comprising B. Laidlaw, P. Richardson and R. Bainton, also entered for the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. In the first round we persuaded Lewisham Christian Brothers "C" to believe "That reading is a greater education than travel," but in the second round Canterbury Boys' High managed to convince the adjudicator, if not us that "The voting age should be reduced from twenty-one to eighteen" was not desirable.

We would like to offer our thanks to Mr. Gent for the advice and assistance he has given us throughout the year, and also for his encouragement and attendance at all our debates!

In conclusion, we would like to convey our best wishes to the 1948 team. May you have better luck than us and bring home the Hume Barbour Shield.

—R. BAINTON.

## MUSIC NOTES

### "RAYMOND SLY MEMORIAL PRIZE."

This year marked the first award of the "Raymond Sly Memorial Prize" for Music, presented to the School by Mrs. Sly, in memory of her son, the late Flight-Lieutenant Raymond Sly. Competition for the prize took the form of a General Musical Knowledge contest, which created a great deal of interest and brought forth many excellent entries. The winner of the prize was Allan Short, of 5A.

### CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA.

Both Choir and Orchestra have performed at various functions during the year, including the Father and Son Evening, Speech Day and Play Nights. Keen interest in choral work has been

shown by a number of senior boys who have formed the tenor and bass sections of the Choir. A few newcomers to the School have shown their instrumental ability, and the Orchestra has numbered sixteen players.

### GRAMOPHONE RECITALS.

Lunch-time recitals of recorded music have been held throughout the year, although the use of the Assembly Hall for other purposes has interfered somewhat with their regularity. These recitals have been in the hands of the small but earnest band of music-lovers who comprise the Music Club, which has also been meeting once a week after school.

—J. R. W.

## Photographic Club

The present Fortians have, this year, seen the birth of a number of new social, sporting and hobby activities within the School. Among these is our Photographic Club, with an official membership of thirty.

We owe our birth and survival through infancy to three gentlemen, Mr. Wells, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Burtenshaw. For the interest these three have shown in the Club we give our heartiest "thank you."

The Club has opened the door of photography to its members. It has shown them that there is more to taking a "good snap" than merely operating the shutter. Mr. Robertson, in his interesting talks, has shown us the secrets of a good snap; the estimation of distance, aperture, composition of speed and the values of lighting.

The art of successful developing and printing has been shown to us, whilst Mr. Burtenshaw has given us an inner glimpse to the realm of enlarging.

Practical demonstrations have opened to us a new world of after-printing treatment. The once mystical word *sepia-tone* is now a common conversational word with us.

We have shown the joy that abounds in photography, and our members have now had that intimate pleasure of seeing before them a really good photograph solely of their own handiwork.

The Club is not yet a 100 per cent. frictionless association. This will come with experience—experience gained this year by the junior members of the Club. It is to these members that the departing 5th Year hands the job of "oiling" and wishes them all the best in photography in the years to come.  
— W. HARGREAVES.



## MY VISIT TO LORD HOWE ISLAND

During the vacation I left the port of Sydney on the 1900-ton steamship "Morinda," bound for Lord Howe Island, which is situated N.W. of Sydney, in the calm waters of the Pacific Ocean.

This enjoyable trip, which can be spent playing deck quoits and other provided games, takes about two days.

Many of the sea birds followed the ship until we were in sight of the island. Two sharks and many small porpoises were also seen.

I was very sick the first day, but I soon gained my sea legs. We were met at the island by a 25-foot launch which took us to the shore at Wilson's Landing Place.

I was much impressed by the beautiful clear water and the two mountains which are situated at the south end of the island. Soon we were settled in our weatherboard cottage which was situated almost in the middle of the island.

Every morning at about 7.30, Dad, Ross and I went swimming in the wonderful lagoon, which was about 20 yards from our home. Every week-end the islanders took us for trips to the picnic spots of the island, which include North Bay, Ned's Beach, Salmon Beach and Blinky Beach.

The main island and the many small groups of islands are a paradise for millions of sea birds who nest on the islands every year. The most noted of these birds is the Mutton Bird. This bird builds its nest in the ground and hatches young during

the months of March and April. Its colour is black, and most nests are to be found on Mutton Bird Island.

Another bird is the Gannet, who usually lays two eggs in a slight depression in the ground. Its colour is white.

Another common sea bird is the Wide Awake or Sooty Tern. This bird lays an egg similar in size to that of a fowl.

The Bosun Bird is also common around the cliffs of the Malabar Ridge. It is white, with two beautiful red feathers in its tail.

Many wild goats are also to be found on Mt. Eliza and Malabar Ridge.

Wild pigs roam about Mt. Lidgbird (2,000 feet) and Mt. Glower (2,500 feet).

Rats are also numerous on the island. They were introduced to the island by the S.S. "Makambo," when she ran aground at a headland near Ned's Beach, many years ago.

Kentia palms grow well on the island and every year seeds are collected and exported all over the world.

People earn their living fishing for kingfish and shark. Every six weeks about five tons of this fish is sent to Sydney, where it is sold at the markets.

After a very happy three months holiday, it was with sad hearts that we bade farewell to our kind island friends, when the "Morinda" arrived to take us back to Sydney.

— MAX JONES, 1A.

## MORE ABOUT CRICKET

Good afternoon, listeners! This is Station U.R.N.S. with Bill Matthews at the microphone to give you a description of the First Test match between England and Australia. Before I commence, I have an urgent message to broadcast from a distracted listener. "Lost between six o'clock and the Central Station, a piece of chewy, mint flavour. The finder may keep the chewy if he returns the attached teeth, as the owner is waiting to have his supper. That is all!"

Now back to the cricket. Actually it started half an hour ago, but up to now nothing of any importance has happened. One or two players came out of the pavilion from time to time, carrying bats, but they didn't seem to stay long. One of the team arrived with a ball, would knock the wicket down, and they just couldn't be bothered putting them up again. They left it to the umpires and walked off. Childish, I call it!

Oh! Here's a bit of activity now. Bradman has the ball and he's just about to throw it at the batsman fellow. Or is it O'Reilly? Might even be Fingleton. There it goes—he's thrown the ball now, and my word, that was close. The batsman

had to use his bat to prevent it from striking him. Blest if I know why these Englishmen and Australians can't find some better way than this to settle their differences. Now Bradman, or Brown, or McCabe, or whoever it is, has the ball again and he's going to throw it a second time. There will be murder here. I don't know what these umpire fellows are for. They may as well have UNO umpiring. There! The batsman had to defend himself again, and just in the nick of time, too! The ball strikes his bat and careers off towards the grandstand. And now the batsman fellow has had enough. Yes, he's tearing up the pitch straight for this fellow who threw the thing at him. He's holding his bat in a threatening manner and it looks like the bowler feller passing in his checks. Oh, no, he seems to think better of it, and now he's running back to his own end of the wicket again. Anyhow, I do hope this will be a lesson to that bomber-bowler. After all, there is a whole paddock to throw the ball around in—if they must do it, and . . .

Station U.R.N.S. We shall continue with the cricket when the conditions become more favourable.  
— R. HUGHES, 2B.



## ATOMIC ENERGY

The world is in doubt at the present time as to the future of the atom bomb, as yet the deadliest of all war weapons. So far, atomic energy has only been employed in bombs and other destructive machines. The politicians and scientists who know its secrets are continually staving off the smaller nations who are alarmed at the evolution of the atomic cloud, a deadlier weapon than the atomic bomb. These people who know the secrets of the atom are always stating that atomic energy will be used for the advancement of industrial prosperity. It is interesting to note that this

argument was forwarded a year and a half ago and so far nothing has eventuated.

Among the common people, who obtain their knowledge from the newspaper, scepticism is never seen. After Hiroshima had been obliterated by an atom bomb, belief in its powers were high, but this was greatly reduced when the action of the atomic bomb on navy craft was reported.

It will be a long time before an agreement is reached by the world powers, and, in my opinion, the sooner the world is rid of this destructive weapon the sooner we shall attain world peace.  
— R. HINDE, 3A.



## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

No matter what part of the globe the Australian eucalyptus tree is transplanted it always conforms to its Australian time-table. In Alaska, amid snow and ice, it flowers at the same period as its brethren in Australia.

The most widely transplanted tree in the world, the Australian Eucalyptus, is now flourishing in millions in seventy-three different countries.

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Moreton Bay fig trees on Observatory Hill, Sydney, have "swallowed" an entire set of iron railings.

fifty-three years ago the young trees were pro-

tected by massive railings, but to-day the trees have completely absorbed them into their trunks.

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Peter Dawson holds the world's record for gramophone recordings. This famous Australian singer has recorded more than 2,500 songs, and over 13 million of his records have been sold.

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The Ballarat Cup in 1867 was won by a dead horse, Exile. He crashed dead at the post, winning by three lengths. He had been poisoned, but the poison was slow, and the horse was fast.

— BRIAN BARTHOLOMAEUS, 2B.



## EMPIRE DAY, 1947.

As is the custom of the School, on May 24th four boys each delivered a short talk on a subject connected with Empire.

Before handing proceedings over to the School Captain and the four speakers, Mr. Mearns spoke on the greatness and influence of Empire. He emphasised that greatness is characterised, not by

force, but by the spirit, ideals and courage of a people. Britain was never beaten because she neither knew nor felt she was beaten. Britain was greatest at the battle of Britain and will emerge the greatest nation.

In conclusion, Mr. Mearns stressed the importance of our loyalty and duty towards this splendid Empire..

### CONCEPTION OF EMPIRE."

"When Britain first, at heaven's command,  
Arose from out the azure main,"

she was not that mighty nation we know to-day. As with all things great and permanent, she has been slow in the forging and tried in many fires.

In the early sixteenth century, in common with other great European countries, she began to expand abroad and to found an overseas Empire. The system by which these colonies were then pioneered and governed was known as the Old Colonial System, a system in which the colony existed only for the benefit of the Mother Country; a place where surplus population could be sent, a market for surplus goods, and a source of raw materials and goods which could not be made at home. As can be seen from the fact that many other nations, notably Spain, France and Portugal, embarked on similar ventures, this system was a sign of the times. They were all awakening from their long sleep during the middle ages and were endeavouring to expand, as an increase in territory meant an increase in wealth, power and prestige.

The benefits accruing from this system were few, except in the very early stages, and to Britain herself. The colonies were afforded the advantage of military protection and the assistance of the British Navy, and their goods were given slight preference in the home market. But the defects were far more glaring. They were governed by the Imperial Parliament in practically all matters, a constant source of grievance being that the Parliament knew nothing of the conditions for which it was legislating and cared less.

A little thought will enable us to realise the absurdity of a body of men in Sydney who have never been in the country making laws for the government of Indonesia. Yet this was what did happen, and it was made worse by the slowness of communications. By the time a ship sailed from America to England, the Parliament, a notoriously slow body, passed the requisite laws, and the ship returned, the conditions necessitating those laws might have changed entirely. What is more, no

notice whatever was taken of the political aspirations of the people: that a body of men might wish to govern itself was altogether beyond their comprehension.

This system was rapidly falling under onslaughts from Home by distinguished and liberal-minded men such as Charles James Fox and William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, long before the War of Independence, which, however, dealt the death blow. This war can be directly attributed to the Old Colonial System, exercised with a maximum of stupidity, obstinacy and lack of foresight by George III.

After the loss of three valuable colonies, British politicians realised that the system was outmoded and outworn. Hence this war inaugurated a new era of colonial administration. Politicians now, for the first time, began to realise that the colonies were peopled by human beings like themselves, with human feelings, human aspirations and antipathies, and that they themselves were rapidly becoming one of the latter. They now began to realise that the colonists wished to govern themselves, and, unless they were given the opportunity so to do, they would emulate the example of the American colonies and would also throw off the imperial yoke altogether.

Hence self-government was gradually conceded to those fit to exercise it, and the colonies were henceforth on more of an equality with the Motherland. They acknowledged the same King, but no longer did the Imperial Government legislate for them. This system also mirrored the thoughts of the time, of enlightened Europe. This was the age of self-determination and all the liberal thinkers, both of England and the rest of Europe, insisted that self-government was the only safe and sure method and that the link with the Mother Country must be forged, not with blood and iron, but in fellowship, common aim and affinity of spirit.

The Great War was an excellent example of the Empire's unity. When war was declared on the Central Powers in 1914 the Empire was unanimous and immediate in its assistance to the Mother Country. There was no grumbling, no objection,

no slack; everything was wholehearted and keen. We were just as determined as was Britain that the Germans should be beaten. Australia and New Zealand sent forth the immortal Anzacs to rebound to our glory. The Union of South Africa raised an army and drove the Germans from the Continent. Canada raised her contingent to fight on the battlefields of France. And all this was done with a harmony amazing to countries which cannot understand the basic unity of the British Empire.

The present state of the Empire dates from the Statute of Westminster, 1931. By this it was legally acknowledged that each of the six colonies, henceforth to be called Dominions, were, in effect, separate nations and the Imperial Parliament no longer exercised any direct control.

Thus, at the beginning of the Second World War, none of the Dominions was forced to enter the titanic struggle and come to Britain's assistance, but they did, one and all, and in why they did this lies the secret of the strength and coherence of our Empire.

Our conception of Empire is a vast brotherhood of nations not united by force or by fear, but in spirit, united in common origin and aims, in common customs and desires; in short, one nation living in different parts of the world. It is this entire loyalty to our common being, this closeness

of spirit and our common British tenacity which holds this Empire together to-day.

Several nations have slipped from the fold; Eire has gained her independence and separated entirely from the Empire; Egypt, too, is gone, and India is on the way. But these countries are separated from us by a gulf so wide as to prove unbridgeable. They are different in origin, aims, customs, habits; in short, all those things which go to make an Empire strong, so their ultimate defection was inevitable. But the real British Empire stands firm. It has stood the test of two world wars and an equally gruelling peace. It has surmounted objects impossible to other nations, such as the general strike of 1926, and more especially the abdication of Edward VIII. This had the assent of all the Dominions, and that it was unanimously given speaks volumes for the unity of the Empire.

And so let us work and pray that the British Empire may always stand firm and present a united front to the rest of the world; that she will ever remain the champion of justice and the avenger of inequity; that she will never lower her high ideals and become a slave to the tyrants' petty power; that she will always be the traditional bond of freedom and refuge from tyranny. Let us pray that she will rise to yet greater heights in the annals of the world and by her shining example light the way to other less fortunate peoples.

—R. BAINTON, 5A.

### THE BENEFITS OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM.

The world has known many great Empires, but we of the British Empire truly believe that ours is the greatest the world has known or ever will know. As such, it came into being in 1877, when the arch-flatterer Disraeli proclaimed Victoria Empress of India.

However, for the past three hundred years, adventurous Englishmen had carried the flag of England far beyond the furthest bounds of civilisation.

To the Indies, where Britain vied with Spain, Portugal, Holland and France, trade wars were fought to determine who should be master of the vast potential wealth of this region.

In Africa, the Dutch were only subdued after years of conflict by the bitterly fought Boer Wars of the turn of the century. In America, the Dutch, Spaniards, English and French once more strove for supremacy. Spain succeeded in annexing the hitherto untapped riches of the South; in the North, the Dutch gave up the struggle, leaving the field to Bri-

tain and France. After the Battle of Heights of Abraham in 1759, Britain's claim to Canada was undisputed. The other North American Colonies flourished, but were lost in 1775 because of the blunderings of a hopelessly incompetent politician. The loss of the Americas was compensated for by the discovery of Australia, which was settled in 1788.

For some years after the settlement of Australia, the colony was used as a dumping ground for the overflow of the British prisons. These were in this deplorable condition due to the stringent penal code of the time.

Britain's Indian colonies, strengthened by the work of Clive Hastings and Wellesley, were a source of revenue and pride to the Homeland. Under a series of wise and honourable Viceroys, the natives waxed content.

Meanwhile, the Government had in 1847 granted to the Canadians the right to govern themselves;

this privilege was in 1854 extended to N.S.W., later to Cape Colony and New Zealand. The Indian princes and potentates, however, began to be imbued with a fervent spirit of latent patriotism—religious and civil strife threatened the land, and blood flowed freely in clashes with the representatives of the British Raj, which had for over two hundred years governed that land of many creeds and races well and wisely. The Homeland realised that the Indians, a turbulent race influenced by religious fanaticism, were unfit to govern themselves, but in the interests of peace agreed to quit the country by June, 1948.

Among the benefits attached to British Imperialism are these:—

1. *British Justice*, which has the finest code of laws in existence. As a Roman could command respect with "I am a Roman citizen," and English citizen can be sure that the long arm of British justice will guard him—even to the ends of the earth.

2. *The Military and Naval might of Britain*, which tumbled to the dust such glorious Caesars as

Napoleon and Wilhelm II. Previous to the 1914-18 war it was customary for the Motherland's naval squadrons to patrol the coasts of the Dominions and Colonies for their protection; furthermore, the Colonial Governments were safe in the knowledge that a call to arms would result in the placing of a million men in the field. Now the Dominions have their own defence, but they know that, should they ever be menaced by warring nations, the Homeland will spring to their aid.

England's treatment of her subjects compares favourably with that meted out to other Colonies, by other nations.

To the New World, Spain brought the horrors of the Inquisition.

To Africa, Leopold II. of the Belgians brought not peace, but a sword.

But to her Colonies, the British Empire brought ideals, justice, and methods of government that lift them high above other nations in strength, outlook, and democracy.

— TREVOR ELLIGETT, 4A.

## BRITAIN'S FINEST HOUR

On this Empire Day, 1947, it is indeed fitting that we should think of Britain, the Mother country, and head of this vast Empire of ours. More especially do we think of her unparalleled effort in World War II—her finest hour.

When Germany marched into defenceless Poland, Britain did not hesitate to declare war on her. She knew the path she chose was fraught with danger, but it was the path of honour.

Britain was ill equipped to fight the oncoming German war machine, which had been gradually prepared for this terrible conflict for many years, and when the Axis hordes had vanquished Europe, Britain stood alone. The greater part of her defence forces had been broken and needed reorganising after Dunkirk, while her air force was well nigh non-existent. She had always relied on her mighty sea power to carry her through with but a small army to assist the more powerful continental forces, but now she stood alone.

The Axis powers attempted to crush the morale of the British people and to break her spirit with a ceaseless aerial bombardment. Day and night, Goering's murderers swept over the sea-girt little isle, but the mighty courage and indomitable spirit of those hardy people withstood all these brutal attacks.

At the same time, the German raiders and U-boats endeavoured to maintain the blockade in an effort to beat Britain into submission and to break the backbone of her citizens. However, so resolute was the British bull-dog determination that not only did this effort fail, but a counter blockade was established against Germany itself.

The entry of the Russians into the war, though providing a new and valuable ally, and shifting much of the burden to the eastern front, was, at the same time, a drain on Britain's resources, which were already being heavily taxed.

By the efforts of Mr. Winston Churchill, that great leader, and President Roosevelt, the marvellous statesman, America's aid was best used to help Britain and the world and to enable a second front to be launched, eventually leading up to the defeat of Nazi Germany.

Meanwhile, Britain had been giving support, which she could ill-afford, to her allies and Empire in the Pacific. She did this, not because she could spare the men and materials, but because she had such a fighting spirit, and such indomitable bull-dog like tenacity. So it was that the Pacific war was seen to a successful conclusion, thus ending what may rightly be called—Britain's Finest Hour.

— A MASON, 2A.

## EMPIRE PREFERENCE

As far back as 1863, at a Premier's conference in London, a policy of Free Empire Trade was advocated, but little progress was made.

In 1903, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain urged the self-governing colonies to adopt Empire Preference. They were asked to lower their tariff on British goods, and in return Britain would allow Colonial products to enter on a quota basis. Again, little progress was made.

Lord Beaverbrook was a champion of Empire Preference. He advocated a British Empire, an Empire self-contained, economically.

Great advancement was made at the Ottawa Conference in 1932, when Britain and the Dominions made a mutual agreement whereby each country would purchase goods to a certain value from the others.

While this benefited the British Commonwealth

of Nations, foreign countries viewed it with alarm. Then came World War II.

Britain has not yet recovered from the blows it received during the war. As yet she is dependent upon America for her finance. Empire Preference is a mere skeleton. Its days seem numbered. Even Britain seems doomed.

History is full of stories of Empires which have risen to greatness only to fall into decay or crash in ruin. Yet I believe that fate can never overcome the British Empire, which constantly grows in strength, as its peoples are trained to become self-governing peoples, independent in all but love for the Mother Country and their allegiance to the British Crown. There is nothing in all history to compare with the wonderful story of the British Commonwealth of Nations. It is unique.

—M. PACEY, 3A.

## LIBRARY REPORT

Though unobtrusive, the Library is one of the most important organs of the School. Junior students depend on their fortnightly borrowings for reading materials to while away the spare evenings, and the Seniors find it indispensable for procuring the books they need for their studies. Both these functions it has performed most successfully during the past year. It has been impracticable to keep an exact check on the number of books borrowed during the year, but I would estimate it to be in the vicinity of 12,000.

The innovation began last year of removing from general circulation those books which are in keen demand by Fifth Year students, was found to work most successfully. It is now possible for a student to obtain the book he may be requiring with a minimum of delay. Unfortunately, our other innovation, the Magazine Library, has had to be discontinued on the grounds of the expense involved.

During the past year the Library has acquired about 220 new books, of which nearly 70 were donated by pupils. To these we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation, and to any others who may have books at home which they no longer require we would request that they bring them along to us. In addition to our purchases of new books, we have had some forty books repaired at a cost of about £5, and this, together with our expenditure on the above new

books, has made our outlay for the year £54. However, with the present exorbitant price of books, this has not gone as far as we would have liked it. Next year we hope that our allowance may be increased, as on this small income it is impossible to maintain the Library at a standard consonant with the rest of the School.

In accordance with the usual practice, each class has one library period a week and manages its own borrowing with the aid of its own librarians. By this method the young students are trained in library organisation and procedure, so that, by the time they are in Fifth Year they are able to manage the library quite satisfactorily, thus relieving Mr. Barnard of a considerable amount of work which would otherwise fall on his shoulders.

This year Mr. Barnard (the Master in Charge of the Library) was assisted by a staff of three Prefects—R. Bainton, R. Baxter and J. Scaife—and Fifth Year students D. Evans, A. Johnstone, A. Short, B. Simpson and D. Butter, each of whom was willing to sacrifice the major portion of his lunch hour once or twice a week to assist in the efficient running of the Library. For this we must render them our thanks, and particularly to Mr. Barnard himself, without whose knowledge and experience the Library would not have been able to serve its purpose.

—R. BAINTON, 5A.



## MR. O. N. KELLY

At the end of second term we learned regretfully that we were about to lose the services of our Classics Master, whose words of wisdom as an orator we shall miss very much. Whenever Mr. Kelly could be tempted to diverge from declensions and conjugations and focus his conversation around some more palatable topic, he invariably held our whole-hearted interest. We feel that we have benefited as much from the learning and culture which he has conveyed to us through the wide variety of his conversation as from his unquestionable capability as our Classics master.

Although of British nationality, Mr. Kelly was born in Gottenberg, Sweden, in 1888, and came to Tasmania when only 18 months old. Most of his education was done privately, and after matriculating in Tasmania as a private student, he went to Melbourne University, where he received his B.A. degree in 1911. The following year he went to England, where he received his Teacher's

Diploma of London University. He returned to Victoria, where he gained his M.A. degree, and began his teaching career at the Melbourne Church of England Grammar School. Next he came to Sydney, and after teaching for a period at The King's School entered the State Education Department. He taught at Parramatta, Newcastle, North Newtown and Sydney Boys' High Schools, and finally was appointed Classics Master at Fort Street, which position he has filled for eight years. During the latter years of his service he lectured to graduates at the Teachers' College, and wrote five Latin text-books. He is married and has five children.

So we wish Mr. Kelly a regretful farewell. Our sincere regard and best wishes go with him as he goes into retirement, and we trust that he may live long to enjoy a well-earned rest.

—HEDLEY BULL, 4A.

### LIEUT.-COLONEL IRVINE, O.B.E.

For several years before the War Arthur Harold Irvine, an ex-pupil of Fort Street Boys' High, was a member of the 30th Bat. Scottish Regiment. Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities he enlisted as a Lieutenant in the A.I.F. He was immediately promoted to Captain and sailed in 1940 aboard the Queen Mary as O.C. 50 L.A.D. attached to the 7th Division Cavalry. He spent several months in Egypt and the island of Cyprus. Whilst serving in Syria he was promoted to Major and 2 I.C. of the 2nd 1st Field Workshop. Due to his determined efforts, the unit earned a wonderful name and was with the famous 9th Division and played a major part in their historic break-through at El Alamein. For this he was mentioned in despatches.

On returning to Australia in 1943 he was promoted to Lieut.-Colonel and C.O. of the unit. After four months in Queensland he went to New Guinea with the gallant flying 7th Division and was C.E.M.G. 7th Division H.Q. and took part in the battle for Lae and the Ramu Valley. He returned to Australia in 1944, where he commanded a unit to Toowoomba. In June, 1945, he went to Bougainville and administered command of the 2/12 Advanced Workshop, until he was flown back to Australia, dangerously ill. After six weeks

he succumbed to his illness and so ended the life of a very gallant soldier.

The following is an extract from a letter from Brig. C. A. Geyton, Chief of the A.E.M.E. Corps, received just before the Colonel passed away:—

"I must, on behalf of the Corps and myself, express sincere gratitude and thanks for all you have done, for all your stout and solid work and your unflinching loyalty; your willingness to serve at any time, anywhere, in any capacity. The Corps will miss you very much, as the number of capable officers we had who could do both staff and workshop jobs was not too plentiful. For that reason the few had to bear the burden of the load.

"Again, many thanks for the excellent job you did for the A.E.M.E. over many years."

The Colonel's son, Terry, is now in 2nd year and hopes to be a soldier like his father.

This year the King awarded the posthumous award of the O.B.E. to Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Irvine.

## FATHER AND SON EVENING

A "Father and Son" Evening was held on the 22nd February in the Memorial Hall. The function was well attended and proved a success in every way.

Our Headmaster, Mr. Mearns, took the chair. The President of the energetic Ladies' Committee, Mrs. C. W. Harland, was the first speaker, and proposed a welcome to the visitors. Mr. Mearns then seconded Mrs. Harland's welcome, and stressed that if the School was to have the much-talked-about alterations, the interest of the parents was imperative.

Our talented third year pianist, Ken Hardwick, then rendered "The Cuckoo" (Carquin) and "Study" (Czerny).

Outlining Fort Street's history, the School Captain, David Glenn, was supported by Peter Richardson, who spoke inspiringly of the School's future.

Mr. Selle, Registrar of the University of Sydney, then gave us an interesting address in which he spoke of the days of Fort Street Model School, where he was a teacher for some years.

The response to the toast, "The School," was given by our Deputy Headmaster, Mr. D. J. Austin, who dismissed the theory that Fort Street was living on past achievements, quoting our School's success in the 1946 Leaving Certificate Examination, from which we obtained thirteen University Exhibitions. The School Choir gave a

delightful rendition of "Creation's Hymn" (Beethoven) and "Nocturne" (Canza).

In proposing the toast to the Old Boys, the School's Vice-captain, Brian Gillett, supported by B. Neilsen, urged the building of a swimming pool, and called to mind the School's weakness in this sport. Mr. Duff, President of the Old Boys' Union, responded, and agreed that something should be done towards this project.

A flute solo was given by Allan Short, of Fifth Year, who played "Moment Musicale" (Schubert) and "Summer Afternoon" (Coates). R. Bainton and G. Tasker proposed the toast to the Fathers, which was responded to by Mr. E. Bowden, who gave a very amusing oration. John Reddie then sang for us two songs, "Hark, Hark, the Lark" (Schubert) and "Linden Lea" (Vaughan Williams). The School Choir gave us "Tales from Vienna Woods" (Strauss). At last came the much appreciated refreshments, for which the Ladies' Committee deserves much praise.

Finally, much credit is due to Mr. Waters and the members of the School Choir, whose singing was, to say the least, magnificent. When one takes into consideration the fact that Mr. Waters had barely three weeks in which to prepare his choir, his effort was most meritorious.

— HEDLEY BULL, 4A.

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 Bird, G. A.—1B 3A 5B 6A 14B 15A.  
 Booth, B. E.—1A 2B 3A(o) 7B 10B 19A.  
 Block, R. O.—1B 2B 3B 7B 10H2 15B.  
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 Brooks, R. B.—1B 3L 7B 10B 15B 19H1.

Carr, K. G.—1B 7B 10A 19A 20A.  
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 Deane, C. K.—1B 3L 5A 6A(x2) 14B 15B.  
 Deller, L. D.—1A, 3A (o), 5B, 6B, 14B, 15B.  
 Denning, M. J.—1B 3B 8L 19A 20B.  
 Dicker, G. S.—1A 3A 5A 6A 14B 15A.  
 Ditchfield, B. F.—1B 3A 5A 6A(x2) 14A 15A.  
 Dufty, K. H.—1H2 2A 3A(o) 5B 6A 14B.

Ferguson, J. R.—1B 3B 7B 10B 15B 20A.  
 Figgis, B. N.—1B 3B 5A 6A 14H2 15H2.  
 Flanagan, J. F.—1B 3B(o) 5B 6B 15B 20B.  
 Flood, F. J.—1B 3B 7B 10B 15B 20B.  
 Foldi, N.S.—1B 3B 5B 15B.  
 Fraser, I. S. A.—1B 2A 3B 7B 10B.

Gempton, J. W.—1B 2B 3A 5b 6B 15B.  
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 Gosling, L. T.—1B 7B 19A 20B.  
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 Hansen, B. B.—1B 5B 6B 19A.  
 Hart, C. A.—1B 3B 5B 6B 14A 15B.

Harland, C. W. E.—1B 3B 5B 6B 14B 15H2.  
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 Holz, B. J.—1B 5B 6B 20B.  
 Hutton, I. A.—1B 2B 3B 6B 14L.

Jackson, B. W.—1B 3L 5A 6B 14B 15A.  
 Jones, K. R.—1B 3B 5B 6B 14B 19H2.

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 Lukins, W. E.—2B 3A 6B 14B.

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### CELLAR TRAGEDY

Night. A cold wind moaned around an old sombre mansion, banging the shutters and rattling the windows. In the cold, dank cellar a lantern's yellow flame burnt fitfully, throwing a reflection of a crouching man into the dark, stagnant pools.

The man was squatting on his haunches, gazing at something on the stone-paved floor. His eyes smouldered with hate as he gazed at the body of his enemy. The very attitude of the hairy, stiffened legs and arms was mute testimony of the agonised way life had fled. Terror was loud in the staring, beady eyes, and in the open mouth, which displayed yellow, broken teeth. The body

lay in a sticky pool of crimson, which had flowed from a gaping wound over the heart.

Suddenly a horrible thing crawled across the floor. The man threw a blood-stained riding-crop at it, and squeaking, the bat rolled into a pool with a sullen splash. Overcome with sudden revulsion, the man dropped the pen-knife which he had used to good effect and stumbled up the worn steps and through the door. There he met his servant, and, grasping his arm, said, "James, be a good fellow! Go down the cellar and take that dead rat outside and bury it in the garden!"

— EVAN SUTTON, 4A.

## PLAY DAY, 1947

Fort Street's twenty-seventh annual Play Day maintained the high standard of its predecessors. Compared with last year's great number of comedies, this year's plays were more varied in scope.

The plays chosen for the two Play Nights—15th and 16th August—were selected by Mr. Austin and Mr. Waters. These were "Babes in the Wood" (1B), "Little Gipsy Gay" (1C), "The Recail" (4A), "And So to War" (4C), "Birds of a Feather" (4D).

It is to Mr. Barnard, whose untiring work was behind the production of Play Day, as well as to the Staff, who produced the plays, and to Mr. Waters, who conducted the School Choir and Orchestra, that our thanks and gratitude are due for the success of this, one of the School's most important activities.

Special mention is also due to the "men behind the scenes," Messrs. Wells, Reid, Simpson, the electrician and scene-shifters, the stage managers and promoters, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Eddy and the make-up men, whose work, though inconspicuous, was essential to the presentation of the plays.

As has been done in former years, Mr. Waters and the School Choir and Orchestra gave some musical items on the Play Nights. We wish to convey to them the thanks and appreciation of the School.

A brief comment on the individual plays and a criticism of Play Night from the "Australian Quarterly" are given below:—

### 1A.—"SLUMBERLAND"

This pleasant fantasy had more appeal to the juvenile than the adult audience, but was well acted. There was little of the stiffness and stilted dialogue usually characteristic of 1st Year plays. Acting honours went to Harper and Apps, both of whom handled their parts with some skill.

### 1B.—"BABES IN THE WOOD"

A delightful comedy, very creditably handled. It was selected for Play Night and well merited the distinction. Best acting came from Ashwood (as the wicked Uncle), and Cook, as the colloquially spoken rascal, "Filthy Fred." The other members of this cast showed talents above the ordinary, diction and acting being of a very high calibre throughout.

### 1C.—"LITTLE GIPSY GAY"

A bright, colourful production, "Little Gipsy Gay" was among those selected for Play Night. What it lacked in diction, plot and acting, was made up for by the musical accompaniment, provided by Mr. Waters and the School Orchestra. Acting laurels went to Hooper, who as Gay was both wistful and appealing.

### 1D.—"THE APPLE TREE"

A morality play is rather unsuitable for a 1st Year production, and although the actors did their best, the presentation was not impressive. The keenness of the youthful actors and their good diction gave interest to an otherwise weak production. Benson, as Misery, gave a spirited performance.

### 2A.—"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE"

The trial scene was well enacted by the large cast. Best performance came from Kench, as Portia, who had both poise and clear enunciation in the leading role. The other principals gave talented performances, and this presentation was both colourful and dignified.

### 2B.—"THE WILL OF GOD"

This was good drama, but the acting was only average, with the exception of Taylor, who gave a fine performance as Father Simon. Unfortunately the most dramatic moment of the play could not be successfully enacted, owing to insurmountable technical difficulties.

### 2C.—"THE GRAND CHAM'S DIAMOND"

A good performance from a second year class. Despite occasional repetition and pauses, this comedy drama was a credit to its cast. Clifford, as Mrs. Perkins, gave a notable performance. Diction was clear and acting above average.

### 2D.—"THE SPILL"

This rather juvenile comedy had little appeal, but was characterised by zeal on the part of its players. It was rescued from mediocrity by Gooley's performance as Uncle Tom. The actors, all of whom spoke up well, were labouring with a weak plot throughout.

### 3A.—"THE DEAR DEPARTED"

This domestic comedy was competently handled by its enthusiastic cast. Although the acting was fair, only more naturalness than usually displayed compensated for any deficiencies. Morgan, as Abel Merryweather, was impressive; Mills, as Amelia, shrewish; and Lockley, as Elizabeth, vicious enough to make the play a very fair effort, though at times the dialogue was inaudible.

### 3B.—"THE LAST WAR"

This prophecy was apparently not understood by the audience; the animal masks assumed by the actors made diction muffled, and it was hard to discern who was talking. However, the moral of the story was well-pointed, and the actors, under the circumstances, put up quite a creditable performance.



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**3C.—“SPREADING THE NEWS”**

The misfortunes and misadventurtes of Bartley Fallon (a part into which Thomas put all the necessary feeling), provided inadequate material for a play. The weak plot was compensated for by the zest of the actors, whose diction was clear and whose acting was very fair.

**3D.—“HOW HE LIED TO HER HUSBAND”**

This sophisticated Shavian comedy was handled with great skill and polish, and was unlucky in not securing the distinction of appearing on Play Night. Its only drawback was its considerable length; the swift dialogue lost nothing at the hands of Fraser and O'Brien. Fraser, as Bompus, was suave and incredibly Oxonian; while O'Brien, as Apjohn, combined courtliness and hot-headedness admirably. Weston, as the winsome cause of it all, displayed the correct amount of appeal and coyness.

**4A.—“THE RECOIL”**

This was Play Day's best tragedy, well deserving its selection for Play Night. Bull, as the neurotic Denny, gave an excellent performance, receiving splendid support from Southcombe, as Frith; Blackler, as Malone; and Allan, as Wilks. The dramatic tension was well sustained. When the climax was reached, the audience was keyed up to a pitch of nervous expectancy. The diction was clear and the acting almost flawless.

**4B.—“THE DENTIST'S CHAIR”**

Labouring with a poor plot, the cast of this drama gave a fair performance. At times the actors were hampered by laughter at inappropriate moments, but on the whole did well. Best acting came from Le Huray, as the dentist.

**4C.—“AND SO TO WAR”**

This farce was a most creditable effort. Its theme, apparently, has not yet become old, and the antics of the heads of Digniana provoked great amusement. Nancq, as Ben Bolt (leader of the Trade Unions) played exceptionally well, while Giddey, as Lord Otterburn, portrayed the forceful newspaper magnate with considerable ability. Fraser, as Fancacci, was most effective. This play earned its inclusion in the Play Night programme.

**4D.—“BIRDS OF A FEATHER”**

Though oft-repeated, this play does not appear to have lost its savour, it being also selected for Play Night. The cast was uniformly good; Grant, as Bach Dwl, giving a most talented performance in a difficult role. Taylor, as the Bishop, gave one of the best performances of Play Day. Diction and acting were of the highest quality throughout.

— The Fortian Dramatic Critics.

## FORT STREET PLAY NIGHT

Extract from Leslie Rees' "Drama in Sydney," Australian Quarterly.

"Every boy that attends Fort St. Boys' High School is will-nilly made aware of the excitement, fun and ro-operative enterprise of theatre-in-little, for each class has its play assignment, and at the recent annual festival there were no less than sixteen productions. What a great thing it is that a school should take so seriously the important job of kindling its charges dramatic and theatrical imagination instead of concentrating exclusively (as my School did when lessons were over) on winning the football and cricket premierships! There are no half measures about Fort Street's tackling of the job. A proper stage, with elaborate light set-up, costumes that in freshness and completeness make the latest commercial musical comedy look sick, carefully chosen wigs for the boys playing girls' parts—some of the appearances of femininity were quite amazing—and practised stage management!! Pick of the five plays I saw one evening was 'Birds of a Feather,' J. O. Francis well-known Welsh comedy. Here the acting of the Bishop was remark-

ably good. This was by 4D. No doubt a lot depends on the luck of a class having a good teacher-producer. Bad choice of play gave 4A a handicap. "The Recoil" is a turgid and antiquated melodrama. "Little Gipsy Gay" by 1C was a musical play in small—pretty to look at and hear, if the groupings were stilted. 4C had more than they could manage with the very adult and actionless "And So To War," by Joe Corrie—though I'm all for students of the fourth year being introduced to the realities of the modern sociopolitical world. This play, for instance, diagnoses why it is that industrial magnates, bankers, church leaders, Press barons, and even some trade union leaders, preach peace but support war. Such shocking cynicism was unheard of in my school-days. But Festival Director Kenneth Barnard evidently believes in taking off the blinkers early. A pity that this play was not rehearsed to the degree necessary to put over its thesis."



Because it is two years since the war ended, it was deemed unnecessary to reprint the previous Roll of Honour. Instead, we have printed additions

only, which for various reasons were not included in previous rolls.

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Year of leaving School</i>
W/O	Edgar, A., D.F.C.	1939
Flt.-Lt.	Edgar, A.	1940
	Goulberg, N.	1918
	Ingledeu, T.	
	Viney, A.	

## SENIOR CADET DETACHMENT

The year has been a very successful one; the strength has been maintained at just the required level, varying between 80 and 90, and the efficiency of the work carried out during the year has been up to the Detachment's traditionally high standard. The officers and N.C.O.'s who qualified at the January Courses held at Singleton have been of great service to the Detachment; commissions are held at present by Cdt/Lt. B. Laidlaw, Cdt/Lt. S. Maizey, and Cdt/Lt. T. Davies, all of whom have devoted themselves to their work, while the work of the C.S.M. is being very capably handled by W.O.II. P. Roberts. These men have been responsible for the organisation and control of the N.C.O.'s Parade on Tuesday afternoons; also for the drawing-up of the Syllabus of Training for the General Detachment Parade on Thursdays.

One very pleasing feature of the year's work has been the development of the Sig. Section, which has been the strongest the Detachment has ever had; it has been capably commanded by Sgt. Coote, ably supported by Cpl. Cason and L/Cpls. Wallace and Clatworthy.

Another very interesting and satisfactory innova-

tion has been the introduction of a 3in. mortar section.

The Detachment, at practically full strength, went into Annual Camp at Ingleburn. The improvement in the standard of work following the Camp period was very noticeable, thus proving the beneficial effect of a continuous period of training.

At the end of October the Detachment held a week-end Bivouac at South Head, which was well attended, and very much enjoyed by all Cadets in attendance. The importance of these Camps and Bivouacs in fostering a spirit of pride in the Detachment and in improving the efficiency of the training cannot be over-emphasised.

The thanks and appreciation of the O.C. are due to Lieut. O'Sullivan, who has had charge of the Q Store; he has done a splendid job, and has been ably assisted by S/Sgt. Pacey and Cpl. Hendrie; to the Cadet Lieutenants for their unflagging interest; to the Instructors from S.O.S.C. who have been very helpful; to the N.C.O.s for their solid work, and to all members of the Detachment for their continued loyalty to the ideals and high standard of the Fort St. Senior Cadet Detachment.

# Inter - Schools' Christian Fellowship

Each Monday at 12.50 p.m. sharp, in Room 21, a meeting has been held. This is the meeting of the Fort St. branch of the Inter-Schools' Christian Fellowship or I.S.C.F.

Most people seem to regard religion as something comfortably dead or for the old folks to take up as a hobby. It is nothing of the kind; it is full and vital. Livingstone, Father Damien, William Booth and countless others who have served their Master faithfully and well, have shown this. This great life is free to all who will take it. It is for us to pass it on to others.

Each week a member of the I.S.C.F gives a talk, naturally not "sermonical," but one that is helpful in everyday life. About once a month, a visiting speaker from the C.S.S.M. gives a talk in place of one of the members.

Our meetings have been changed during the year

from two a week to one, starting early—12.50 p.m. sharp in Room 21, on the top floor, each Monday.

Last year, and the beginning of this, our attendance was small, but our work has been blessed and our attendance has almost trebled itself.

Apart from our weekly meetings, there are "drawing room meetings" in various homes in the suburbs on Saturday nights. These meetings are a great opportunity for Christian fellowship with chaps of other schools. Also during the year, hikes were arranged, as well as camps at Bundanoon and Mt. Victoria, over the holidays.

There are still many boys who have not yet attended any of our meetings. Some, because it never occurred to them to do so; others feel they might be asked to take part in some way. To you we say, all you have to do is sit, and listen.

We extend an invitation to all, to come and listen.



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## THE RT. HON. DR. HERBERT EVATT

Herbert Evatt was born at East Maitland on 30th April 1894. He began his education at Fort Street, from which he matriculated to enter Sydney University with a bursary and a scholarship to St. Andrew's College. Here he won numerous prizes in mathematics, philosophy, English literature and law, and twice won the University Medal. His University career was marked not only by academical success, but also by achievement in various other spheres. He was editor of the *Hermes Magazine*, first undergraduate President of the University Union, and was made a life member of the University Sports Union for services rendered to University sport. In 1917 he gained his B.A. degree with triple first, and his M.A. with first, and in 1924 his University course came to a close with his receiving his L.L.D. degree with the University Medal. For a period he tutored in philosophy at St. Andrew's College, and was Challis Lecturer in Legal Interpretation at the University. 1925 saw his admittance to the N.S.W. Bar, and his entry into politics. He became the Labor member for Balmain in the Legislative Assembly, which post he held till 1929. His politics, however, did not interfere with his progress as a barrister. In 1929 he became a K.C., and the following year a Justice of the High Court of Australia. He had filled this position for ten years, when in 1940 he resigned to

contest the Federal elections. He met with success, being elected Labor member for Barton. The following year he was appointed Attorney-General, and Minister for External Affairs. He was a member of the Advisory War Council, the Australian War Cabinet, and the United Kingdom War Cabinet. He led war-time missions to Washington, London and New Zealand, and initiated the establishment of the Pacific War Council. He was selected as the Australian delegate to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, London and Paris, and now represents his country on the Security Council, Atomic Energy Commission, and Conventional Armaments Commission. For his invaluable work at U.N.O., particularly for his defence of the rights of small nations, honorary titles have been heaped upon him. He has honorary L.L.D. degrees of the Universities of Leeds, California, and South California; Scroll of Honour of the City of New York, and is a Freeman of the cities of Leeds and Athens. In 1946 he became Deputy Prime Minister. He has also written many books on political, legal and historical topics.

It is to men of the calibre of Herbert Evatt that Fort Street owes its name. As he read the motto of his School—"Faber est suae, quisque fortunae"—"Every man is the architect of his own fortune,"

he did not interpret it selfishly. The fortune for which he strove, and is still striving, was the good of his country.

Dr. Evatt is only one of the great citizens which have come from within the walls of "this grand old institution," as a former headmaster call-

ed it,—perhaps the greatest has yet to come. So, as we salute Herbert Evatt, and all those others whose deeds during the past century have helped make Fort Street what it is, let us remember that—  
" . . . . In the future lies . . . ."

—HEDLEY BULL, 4A.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY

Once again the Ladies' Auxiliary have carried on their noble work, under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Harland and her committee.

The membership totals 128, but we would be very happy to have all the mothers as members of the Auxiliary.

Many profitable functions were held during the year, the nett profit amounting to £166.19.10. The end of term dances were well attended and proved very successful and enjoyable.

The Auxiliary also sold sweets and provided refreshment at the school on play day.

The thanks of the Auxiliary are due to the Headmaster and staff for their wonderful assistance, and loyal support and interest in the Auxiliary.

The annual meeting was well attended. Mrs. Harland was re-elected unopposed; Mrs. Drayton resigned her position as Secretary, and Mrs. Irvine was elected in her place. Mrs. Rutherford was elected Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Cullen as Treasurer. Mrs. Allen, who had been a wonderful Treasurer for several years, was elected a Vice-President, together with Mesdames Sly, Stockman and Selle.

Mrs. Smith was re-elected as Catering Convener, and we trust she will carry on with her wonderful work once more, and we hope that all the mothers will be behind her and help her in every way they can.

— Mrs. D. IRVINE, Hon. Secretary.



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## Fort Street Headmasters

Fort Street is a School rich in tradition. The original building at Observatory Hill was built in 1815 by Governor Macquarie as a hospital. It was not until January 4, 1849, that the Education Department took over. The necessary adjustments were not completed until the middle of the year.

There were three headmasters in 1850, probably an unequalled feat in headmastership of Australian schools. The first one was Mr. Farrell, the second Mr. O'Driscoll, and the third—the first one actually appointed by the Education Department—Mr. W. Wilkins, who until 1853 was the headmaster.

Following him were J. Gardiner, 1853-59; T. Harris, 1859-62; J. Allpass, 1862-66. Following Mr. Allpass, came Fort Street's "old boy" headmaster, F. Bridges, who was at the School under Mr. Wilkins.

James Coats, who followed Mr. Bridges, ruled with an iron hand and a stinging cane. He was headmaster until 1875.

Between 1876 and 1889 there came another four

to the league of Fort Street Headmasters — Mr. Johnson, Mr. Wills, J. Conway and J. Dettman. Then came Mr. Turner, a great headmaster, but followed by the greatest of them all, Mr. Kilgour, "of eternal memory."

In his period of office, Fort Street was changed from a Model School into a High School, and in 1916 it moved to its present site in Petersham. It was not until 1921 that the present badge was instituted. In 1927 we received another headmaster in place of Mr. Kilgour—Mr. Williams, who reigned until 1934. Then came Mr. Chas H. Christmas, who retired in 1944, but the sad event of that year was the passing of Mr. Kilgour.

The present headmaster, Mr. R. Mearns, came to Fort Street in 1945, and already he has proved himself worthy of the headmastership of Australia's greatest school. Yet perhaps the greatest of all our headmasters is still to come, we hope, from the ranks of old Fortians.

— R. BLIGH, 2B.



## CHESS CLUB

By R. BAINTON.

The year 1947 saw the inauguration of Fort St. Chess Club, meetings being held each Monday afternoon in Room 8. Considering that this is the first year of the Club's activity, the attendance was quite good, considerable interest being shown, especially by the junior years. It must be admitted, however, that from 4th to 5th years the attendance was very poor. It is a great pity that more senior students do not take an active interest in the game, for, as well as being a good relaxation, it is an excellent method of mind training, teaching care, concentration, patience, and the ability to plan ahead. Chess is a game in which all aspiring Maths. students should take an interest.

Much praise is due to Mr. Simpson, of the Staff, for his work in forming the Club. Our thanks must go to him for the trouble he has put to in interesting pupils in the activities, the many helpful lessons he has given, and the interest and encouragement tended to the competition teams.

During the second term the Inter-High Schools' Chess competitions were played at the Metropolitan Chess Club. Two teams were entered by Fort St., one in B grade competition, and the other in C grade, in both of which considerable success was

attained. Our B grade team ran second to Sydney High, being beaten by the narrow margin of three points. The C team also finished well up on the scale, obtaining second place also.

The teams, in order of play, were:

B GRADE: R. Bainton 5A; I. Storey 5C; A. Ehrlich 2D; P. Charmatz 4D; P. Winkworth 5A.

C GRADE: F. Hinde 3A; N. Trahair 2A; P. Fisher 3A; L. Bandfield 3C; P. Spartalis 2A.

We hope next year to enter a team in all three grades, and to bring at least one trophy home to the School, and judging by the play of some members, this should not be a difficult task. In addition, it is hoped that next year demonstrations of openings and problems can be arranged and lectures given on various points of the game per medium of a board and set of men, which can be hung on the blackboard. This we hope to have built in the very near future.

In the new year we would like all those who either have a knowledge of the game, or who would like to learn, to come along to our meetings and help make them a greater success. You never know, but you may be a future world's champion.

## To Each His Task or Duty

He placed a large box wearily on the back of a truck, fastened the tail-board, and walked over to the edge of the jetty to sit down. Stretching out his legs comfortably, he surveyed the scene before him.

It was the season of the south-east trades, a clear day in May, with a bright blue sky dotted in one corner with a few white clouds, through which the black shape of an aeroplane was gliding, its engines humming faintly in the blue distance. The sea was blue, too, a light opaque blue, while across the narrow strait on all sides were islands, grey green in the morning sunlight, with close, deep green scrub, a different green again, dotted the hills. Where there were no mangroves, the narrow beaches shone white in the sunshine.

At the jetty's end a steamer was moored—a small one, red in colour, with a long funnel and untidy appearance that only a tramp can have. Alongside on the wharf were boxes, bundles, bales and drums, with still more being lowered indifferently over the side on the clattering winch. The tide was in now, but shortly with its sudden drop, he knew that the greater part of her hull would disappear below the wharf. A few old water craft were moored to the overgrown piles, while a fisherman or two walked idly along the jetty with the many pronged spear so popular with the islanders in these parts. One or two of the more conservative were sitting with their legs dangling over the side, and lines hanging slack from their hands.

He let his eyes wander along the beach. Creamy-brown sand covered in places with driftwood, merging into mangrove with its woven leaves and high stilted roots at one end and vanishing at the other round a muddy point. A few brown coconut palms, with fallen fruit below them, bent slightly to the wind, while in between, small stunted trees and waist-high grass filled the picture. To the rear and above them were the peaks of the island's larger hills, mostly tree-covered and blotched with vine-scrub.

The earth road left the jetty and vanished into the trees. A few dilapidated iron buildings were clustered near the road, resting sadly on their piles. In the water were some young mangroves, around which long-fallen coconuts drifted, and just where the beach rounded the point the wreck of a schooner, its masts long gone, lay on its side just below high-tide mark.

The sound of aircraft engines had increased, and he turned his attention to the sky and watched the flying-boat circle over the island and start its steady glide in towards the only landing channel in the strait. A small motor tender shot out

from the jetty to meet the 'plane as it touched down gently, glanced along the water and moved towards the buoy. The propellers slowed gradually and stopped with a convulsive jerk, a small hatch opened to greet the tender. The 'plane was made fast, several figures climbed out of the hatch and jumped on to the tender, which then set out for the jetty again.

He watched it with lazy interest until it disappeared behind the steamer, and would have gone on dreaming had not a large truck, awkwardly manoeuvring on the wharf, forced him to shift his legs swiftly to safety. He got to his feet and moved over to the landing steps.

The usual crew was on the tender, with two officers from the 'plane in flying kit, one of whom waved towards the jetty. Looking around he saw another airman at his side acknowledging the salute and apparently waiting for them to arrive. At last the tender came alongside, and the two newcomers leapt off and came up the steps to be greeted by the other watcher on the jetty.

"Morning, John," said the taller of the two with a slight smile. "Where the devil have you blokes been?" the man who had come to meet them, asked with mock seriousness. "The skipper has been going crazy about you. Last we knew you were losing height and fiddling with that port motor of yours, and now you turn up as large as life for morning tea!"

"Nothing serious," the other replied casually. "We had to put her down for three hours, but got her going eventually. Couldn't be bothered coming back with that mail-load aboard, so we thought we would hop over to Lae, since it was only a hundred miles or so away, and leave it there. The Anson can take it up to the goldfields when it goes next week," he added, and as an after-thought, "nice little trip, too."

Still talking, the three moved up the jetty, leaving the dreamer alone with his thoughts.

So that's how it was, he thought enviously. "We thought we would hop over to Lae since it was only a hundred miles or so away!"

What a life!

A call came from the ship: "Right-o, come aboard No. 2 shift!"

He turned away to the rusty ship, the petrol drums and the clattering winch. Somebody had to do this job, he guessed, and he was "it."

— GORDON R. WAGNER, 4A.

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## My Vocation

"What are you going to be when you grow up, sonny?" This is the question which had been hurled at me time out of number by well-wishing friends and relatives. It had ever been my privilege to look silly and shame-faced and mutter something like "Oh, I don't know," or "A sailor." With increasing years I had gained more sense, but somehow that rapid volley still seemed to rattle me. This could never go on, so I decided to choose a suitable occupation to satisfy myself, if not my friends.

The life of a bootmaker appealed to me from the first, even after I learnt that he didn't make boots, but this occupation was snatched away from me, in its prime, by a singular occurrence. I once had the dissatisfaction of knowing a bootmaker, but always in his presence I had a feeling in my nose that "something" was going on through the various stages of putrefaction and that "something" was something in his breath! Wouldn't that put you off bootmaking? Walter Scott said:

"Breathes there a man with a soul so dead,"

Now what I want to know is in the cobbler's trade—

"Soles there a man with breath so dead" as this bootmaker? This man was an exception to the general rule of bootmakers, and I afterwards learnt that his chief epicurian dish was a mixture of garlic and asafoetida.

I weighed many occupations in the balance, but they were all found wanting. Lack of *avoirdupois* barred me from being a policeman, but surfeit of it prevented my name ever being published among the jockey disqualifications. Bookmaking reminded me of bootmaking, and I would have been a boot-black only I developed "housemaid's knee."

All seemed fruitless until an idea shone out as

resplendent and clear as a neon light—I would be a grocer. This gratified my father, too, for often in confidential moments he had said, "Be a grocer, my boy—small profits, quick returns!"

Here was an occupation open to me, and I soon jumped at the offer of a grocer's assistant. It sounded easy, but alas, I was not created to be a grocer. I have studied the correct procedure of a grocer, but I never could practise the theory. The grocer spies a prospective customer; with a snake-like wriggle he throws himself across the counter, stops himself several inches away from the customer's chin, and politely says, "Are you being served, madam?" Receiving a negative answer, he anticipates an order, slides across the two feet of floor space, and obtains the article. He thumps it down on the counter, cocks his ear towards the customer and shouts with startling rapidity, "And the next please?" This has such effect on the buyer that it needs great will-power to reject his advance.

Juggling the two-shilling piece proffered, he eyes it gloatingly and shouts to the universe, "Seven and a half—two. Mrs. So-and-So," and changes it himself. As the customer leaves the shop bamboozled, he regards her good-humouredly for a second and with a sigh turns to serve his next customer. I was sacked for incompetence.

Thus you may picture me, buffeted by the winds of circumstance, without an occupation and broken in spirit. All trades and work seemed closed to me, until I met Providence. Providence gave me food. Providence gave me an occupation! I have discovered my vocation—I have gone on the dole!

— GORDON W. WAGNER, 4A.

## The Quiz

This year, for the first time, a quiz was held at the School. It was conducted on the same lines as the National Quiz, in which the Quizmaster for our night, Mr. Bohman, was a contestant. He seemed to enjoy himself, questioning instead of being questioned. The judges were Mr. W. A. Selle, the ex-Registrar of Sydney University, and Mr. Austin. There were two teams from each House, the Junior, 3rd Year and under, and Senior, 4th and 5th Years, consisting of four boys each.

There were three rounds of preliminary questions and then the weakest Houses were eliminated and the other two contested for first place. The

contestants drew for questions. They were given 30 seconds to answer, after which Mr. Arnold rang the bell rather loudly, which was followed by loud cheers for his (Mr. Arnold's) efforts.

The winner of the Junior Division was Mearns House, by one question from Christmas House. Kilgour won the Senior Division, once more Christmas losing by only one point.

Variety was added to the programme by a magician and singer. The magician had the audience completely mystified.

The attendance, owing to the cold weather, was not up to expectations, but all who did attend had a thoroughly enjoyable time.—Editor.

## New Guinea

New Guinea. A vague name for a land of mysteries and a thousand perils. Amidst the dense undergrowth and towering trees of its steaming jungle rest the remains of many a luckless adventurer who had tried to conquer the headhunters and fevers and had failed. The hardy sons of the outdoors, along with the nervous greenhorns, had come to seek their fortunes on the snow-capped mountains in the saturated gullies, where they had heard existed fabulous deposits of rich, alluvial gold. But the headhunters took a terrible toll of heads, for both ceremonial ritual and for their pure delight of killing.


Into this land of uncertainty came Steve Douglas, a weatherbeaten, sun-tanned jack-of-all-trades, in search of the age-old lure—gold. After arriving at Salamaua, he quickly gathered together a team of coast natives and set off into the dark interior. At first all went well, but as the small group penetrated farther and farther into the endless green jungle, his carriers became more and more restless, and talked in whispers among themselves. Soon the object of their fear became apparent, for several times Douglas saw the headhunters, following their every movement with catlike stealth from their villages, perched high up on the beetling crags which overhung the muddy track.

This state of affairs continued until one morning Steve awoke only to find the carriers had fled back to the coast during the night. But he was tough, and taking what was possible commenced the long, steep, formidable climb to the plateau above. Many a time he was saved from plunging down to a horrible death by a hanging vine, but at last he arrived at the top, cut, bruised and breathless. The lush, green, tropical palms and ferns grew down to the banks of a small, sandy-bottomed, swiftly-flowing creek and all about long, looped lawyer vines swung in the slight, cool breeze. The whole place had a gloomy atmosphere as the tall, tapering trees excluded all but a few fleeting rays of sunlight from penetrating to the earth below.

After a hurried rest, Steve set to work to see whether he could find any traces of gold. Breathlessly he washed out the first dish, and on doing so he yelled with joy as he saw the dull gleam of rich gold in the bottom of the dish.

Months later another wandering prospector found his remains lying alongside a small, rotting bag full of valuable gold samples—another victim to the fast-acting fever. Truly, then, New Guinea is a land of mingled luck and misfortune.

— D. MILLS, 3A.



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# Sportsmaster's Report

The record of the sporting activities of the School for 1947 is one of achievement. In C.H.S. football, our first grade went through undefeated to win the much-coveted McManamey Shield; third and sixth grades were runners-up in their competitions. In C.H.S. cricket, second grade were premiers, and fourth grade co-premiers with North Sydney; while in Water Polo, our team finished level in second place with North Sydney. In Life-Saving, the School maintained its reputation against all challengers, finishing the season with all awards open to the schools of the State for competition. Our swimming and athletics still leave much to be desired, although fine individual performances were recorded in the former sport. It cannot be over-emphasised that results can be achieved only by consistent training. Facilities were made available this year for athletic training throughout the season; the purpose of this provision was defeated by the unwillingness of our athletes to avail themselves of the facilities.

The House Competitions were keenly contested; on no occasion did a team have to forfeit through inability to field a team. The value of these games is evidenced by the increasing success of our School Grade teams. Two amendments to the House Constitution were made during the year:

Rule 8 (i) to read: "Points for House matches shall be 80, 70, 50, 40, 30, 30, for a win in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades respectively, with half points for a draw."

Rule 7 (b) to read: "The scale of compensation shall be 10, 8, 5, 6 points per representative in grades 1, 2, 3, 4 respectively."

## SPORTING AWARDS.

Blues for 1947:—B. Palmer (Football); B. Gillett (Football); D. Smeaton (Football); G. Wilkin

(Cricket); B. Thorby (Cricket); G. Barnes (Swimming); E. Edwards (Athletics); O. Phillips (Life-Saving); J. Crooks (Life-Saving); R. Bainton (De-bating).

Johnson Memorial Prizes for Sportsmanship.—Senior: G. Brooke; Junior: R. Gooley.

## HOUSE PENNANTS.

1st Grade Football: Christmas House.

2nd Grade Football: Christmas, Mears (co-premiers).

3rd Grade Football: Mearns House.

4th Grade Football: Williams House.

5th Grade Football: Christmas House.

6th Grade Football: Williams House.

1st Grade Cricket: Mearns House.

2nd Grade Cricket: Mearns House.

3rd Grade Cricket: Mearns House.

4th Grade Cricket: Kilgour House.

Senior Swimming: Mearns House.

Junior Swimming: Christmas House.

Juvenile Swimming: Christmas House.

Senior Athletics: Williams House.

Junior Athletics: Mearns House.

Juvenile Athletics: Kilgour House.

1st Grade Tennis: Kilgour House.

2nd Grade Tennis: Kilgour House.

3rd Grade Tennis: Christmas House.

In conclusion, I wish to place on record my thanks to the members of the staff for their willing co-operation in the smooth running of the sport, particularly to Mr. Stanley, who is assistant Sportsmaster, rendered invaluable service in the conduct of the House Competition. My grateful thanks also to those lads who gave of their leisure to assist in the management of the store.

— J. K. ALLEN, Sportsmaster.

## Football

### FIRST GRADE

1947 will be a memorial year for Fort Street in the football sphere, the First XV emerging undefeated premiers, and two others grades, 3rds and 6ths, finishing within the first three places in their respective grades. Not since 1933 has the First Grade division been won by Fort Street.

Beginning the season with only four of last year's team as a nucleus, coach Mr. F. T. Brodie moulded a smooth working indefatigable combination.

We were fortunate in having the services of

centre Brian Palmer, from Dubbo; half-back Geoff Wilkin, from Drummoyne, and second row forward Rod Wells, from Wagga, each of whom gained C.H.S. selection. Other Fort Street players who gained selection in combined teams are George Barnes, fast-breaking lock; Dave Glenn, and Stan Koorey, both speedy wingers. All those from Fort Street who were selected in C.H.S. teams earned their positions through good play, and we congratulate them on their success.

Brian Palmer headed the First Grade point scoring for the season with 75 points, no less than 25



**FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL (PREMIERS)**

Back Row: G. E. Barnes, S. Koorey, M. Casimir, S. Matzey, B. Machin, D. Glenn, G. Brooke.  
 Middle Row: K. Brown, R. Eadie, R. Atkinson, R. Wells, B. Palmer, R. G. Wilkin, A. Gray.  
 Front Row: Mr. J. Allan (Sportsmaster), D. Smeaton (vice-captain), B. Gillett (captain), Mr. F. T. Brodie (coach).

tries; however, he was closely followed by George Barnes, who obtained 70 points for the team with his goal kicking.

Mr. Brian Palmer, of international fame, and father of our prolific try-scorer, greatly helped the First, Second and Third Grades during the season with his lectures and demonstrations. Mr. Palmer rendered helpful service to both the teams and the School, for which we thank him sincerely.

We were not hampered very greatly by injuries during the season, except for the loss of captain Brian Gillett for the last four matches, due to an unfortunate accident whilst training. However, his position at inside-centre was ably filled by Kevin Brown, from Second Grade.

Mr. F. T. Brodie, taking the First XV for the second year in succession, has added another premiership to his long list of successful football teams. He coached this year's team with characteristic determination and brought about many improvements in our playing. We desire to thank him for his invaluable guidance and his perseverance. Mr. Brodie was unfortunate not to have a premiership First Grade in 1946, but owing to some ill-luck was denied that honour.

Those of us who will be returning in 1948 are looking forward to the football season, and even if denied the honour of winning the premiership again, we will endeavour to carry on to the field the characteristic determination which marked this year's Firsts.

The results of all matches played are as follows:

Practice (pre-comp.) matches:

v. Canterbury, 21-0; v Homebush, 13-3; v Parramatta, 48-3; v Sydney Tech., 22-8.

Competition matches: v North Sydney, 21-3; v Parramatta, 30-0; v Homebush, 12-10; v Canterbury, 11-8; v North Sydney Tech., 35-5; v Sydney, 14-3; v Hurlstone 14-5; v Sydney Tech., 27-11.

Including non-competitive matches: Points for, 267; points against 59.

### INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS

**BRIAN GILLETT:** Inside-centre, unfortunate not to gain C.H.S. selection, due to an unfortunate injury. Played well and formed a good combination with his outside-centre.

**DOUG. SMEATON:** Breakaway; non-stop forward and an excellent footballer. Was vice-captain of the team.

**MAX CASIMIR:** Breakaway; played good football throughout the season. Used his height to advantage in lineouts.

**STAN MAIZEY:** Front row; rugged forward, and gave good support to the hooker.

**BRUCE MACHIN:** Front row; also gave good support for hooker, playing brilliantly towards the end of the season.

**A. GRAY:** Rake. Gained the ball very frequently for Fort Street. Gave good service to the team.

**ROD WELLS:** Second row; sturdy player and earned his place in the C.H.S. team.

**ROD ATKINSON:** Second row; rendered good service in this position and helped with his goal-kicking earlier in the season.

**GEORGE BARNES:** Lock forward; always broke quickly from the scrum and was a constant menace to the opposition. Gained C.H.S. selection.

**GEOFF. WILKIN:** Scrum-half; has a characteristic burst from the scrum base, which leaves the opposition standing. He played excellent football throughout the season, and gained C.H.S. selection.

**GRAHAM THOMAS:** Five-eighth. Frequently cut holes in the opposition's defence, and was extremely unfortunate not to gain a position in the C.H.S. team.

**BRIAN PALMER:** Outside-centre. Very speedy player, and when given the ball he used his excellent swerve to advantage. Gained C.H.S. selection.

**DAVE GLENN:** Wing. A fast and hard-running player who was a great asset to the team, especially in defence. He gained C.H.S. selection.

**STAN KOOREY:** Wing. reliable and fast, he scored several good tries throughout the season. Gained C.H.S. selection.

**KEVIN BROWN:** Promoted from Second Grade when captain Brian Gillett was injured. Brown is a very tenacious player, and in spite of his size played good football and deserved his promotion.

**GRAHAM BROOKE:** Full back. Played well throughout the season. An excellent line kicker and "take," and always a sound last line of defence.

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### SECOND GRADE.

After an interesting season, the Second Grade team finished in a position at about the middle of the competition table, keenly contesting each game, and neither winning nor losing any match by a great margin.

Fortunately, on the few occasions when the First Grade had to draw on our ranks to replace injuries, replacements were made of such calibre that the



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Senior team were able to continue their unbroken line of successes. As is natural under such conditions, the position of the team was not stable throughout the season, particularly between the half and wings, nevertheless, fair cohesion developed in the back line and the forwards showed gradual improvement from match to match.

Looking at the team in retrospect, some players gave out a steady light like Venus—or should we say Mars—others twinkled brightly like true stars, and one or two gave a brilliant burst like Halley's comet and then retired into a long seclusion before they were seen again, but planet, star or comet, they all contributed to upholding their School's reputation for good sportsmanship, and it was their privilege—not granted to the Senior team—to show that Fort Street can meet both victory or defeat on good terms.

Of the individual players, the full back position was filled admirably by Thorby, whose handling and kicking were most reliable. Tuynman and Plummer, in the wing positions, both improved their play to such an extent that the strength of the backline moved from the centre outwards, particularly when the loss of Brown (to 1st grade) broke up the Jones-Brown-Larcher combination that had opened so promisingly. Cleary, whose inclusion in the team in the early stages was experimental, more than held his position, and on some days was outstanding.

The forwards reached their peak against Sydney High and showed promise of swinging that game in our favour by hard, rugged play. The services of the front row, Johnson, Warren and McCullough, paid good dividends in the scrums, and McCullough and Phillips were very useful both in line-outs and in open play. In addition to these, support in all aspects of forward play—and solid support at that—was lent by Shea and Sinclair. The breakaway and anchor-man positions were usually filled by Nicholls, Laidlaw and Eadie, the former showing great promise. Eadie also variously took his position in the forwards or backs of the First Grade when they required him, and as emergency centre for his own Seconds, of which he succeeded Jones as captain. McCullough was also highly thought of by the Senior Grade as a replacement forward.

During the season the team and its extremely useful reserves, J. Johnson and Crookes, showed a keenness and pleasure in practice that deserved even more successes, but when it's remembered that they enjoyed their game, learnt its lessons, and finished the season better men than when they started it, the significance of the game takes its correct perspective. Here's hoping for another happy season after the flannelled fools have run their course again.



### THIRD GRADE FOOTBALL.

*Back Row (left to right):* J. Mulcahy, T. Pederson, H. Rochow.

*Middle Row:* I. Neville, K. Wilson, D. Cull (coach), M. Horsey, R. Killeen, R. Gould.

*Front Row:* D. Lette, P. Richardson, B. Neilson, K. Tye, W. Lane, R. Paton, D. Dyer.

### THIRD GRADE

The Third Grade team had a good season of football, and finished the competition as runners-up. In all its matches the team's bearing, both on and off the field, left nothing to be desired; it won graciously and took its defeats in a sportsman-like manner. It was fortunate in having K. Tye as its captain; he was a good leader, and several times turned defeat into a win by pulling the team together and giving it spirit. The forwards, consisting of K. Tye, A. Thurtell, P. Richardson, B. Neilson, D. Lette, R. Gould, M. Horsey, K. Wilson, K. Killeen, J. Scutt and J. Crooks, settled down to make one of the best packs of the competition. They fed their backs well and smothered the movements of the opposition.

W. Laws, vice-captain and five-eighth, combined well with J. Mulcahy, as half. These two players have "football brains," and were responsible for many of the team's back-line movements.

The backline was made up of H. Rochow, D. Dyer, I. Neville, and R. Paton. It defended well and fought hard in attack. Occasionally it had spasms of bad handling, but this will be overcome with experience. The most common fault of the backs is to watch the opposition instead of the ball. Pedersen gave a good display in his position as full-back. His handling and kicking were excellent, and if he could develop the diving tackle he would go far in football.

Next year I expect to see a good proportion of this team playing in the School's first XV.

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### FOURTH GRADE

Although the team was not successful during the season, it always made the opposition fight for its points. At the commencement of the season, we lost three players through injuries, namely W. Johnson (the then captain), R. Horne (half back) and Max Cowgill (breakaway).

The team was also at a disadvantage in weight, being by far the lightest team in the competition. However, excellent scrum combination resulted in its winning 70 per cent. of the ball from the scrums.

However, our main weakness lay in the general inconsistency of the players. This proved unfortunate, because at different times each player proved his worth by playing a sterling game.

The scores in the various matches were:—  
v North Sydney, 0-3; v Parramatta, 9-3; v Homebush, 0-31; v North Sydney Tech., 13-3; v Canterbury, 6-16; v Sydney High, 8-20; v Hurlstone, 9-14; v Sydney Tech., 0-11.

The best judgment of the players can be seen from the following:

R. YEOMAN (captain): A brilliant forward, the best in the team. A prop forward who was invaluable in lineouts and scrums. Always on the ball, and encouraging the team. Never let up, and was a constant thorn in the opposition's side.

W. JOHNSON: Was very unfortunate to be injured, and as a result played only three matches with us. He was a straight-running, hard-tackling centre, always willing when play was the hardest; often cut the opposition to ribbons.

J. CLARKE: Five-eighth. The team's outstanding back. Brilliant in attack and defence, he initiated many movements with his quick thinking and handling. Should go a long way in football next year. Has a superb dummy and side-step.

R. HORNE: Half-back. Was also unfortunate to break his finger, which caused him to miss four matches. He developed into a speedy handler and accurate passer. He was always on the forwards' heels, and always was game to go in after the ball.

COOPER: Centre. An excellent player, who, like his partner Johnson, was solid in attack and defence, and made the most of his opportunities.

GOOLEY: Had a roving commission as centre and wing. The fastest runner in the team, he was outstanding for his dashes down the touch-line.

GARLAND: Winger. Hard-running, hard-tackling player. Was game enough to go for anything. Had one aim—to get the ball, and never let his opponents go far with it.

CHAMBERS: Winger. Speedy, tackled well. A little hesitant sometimes, but more than overshadowed this by his gameness and ability to penetrate.

GARDNER: Full-back. On his day he was brilliant. Safe handler, good kicker, a solid tackler. However, was a little inconsistent.

WILLIAMS: Earned the title of utility player. Forward or back, as the need arose, he always showed to advantage.

SEABERG: Lock. A very light lock, who held together a very light scrum. Was prominent in all forward movements; always on the ball.

JOHNSON: Second row. Bullocking forward, who led with his head, but played well always. Never away from the ball; was outstanding in lineouts.

PRATT: Second row. Tough, hard-rucking forward, did his best against far heavier opponents. Speedy with the ball.

BROWN: Breakaway. A late addition to the team, but proved his worth. Tackled well and made the most of his opportunities; gave his opposing five-eighth little room to move.

**HUGHES:** Played second row, front row and breakaway; was always there at the right time; played hard and well. Was team's goal-kicker.

**ROBISON:** Hooker. Serviced his backs with a great deal of the ball. Working with his two props, he won on an average 70 per cent. of the ball. On only one day did he fail to gain the advantage in the set scrums. Was good in open play.

**COWGILL:** Breakaway. Speedy round the scrums, brilliant tackler and sharp in attack. Was unfortunate to miss majority of the season.

Our thanks are extended to Wicks his for services rendered in a match.

In conclusion, the team would like to thank Mr. O'Sullivan for his sincere guidance and expert coaching of the team throughout the season, and for his unflinching interest.

**FIFTH GRADE.**

Although it finished the season with only two wins to its credit, the Fifth Grade side played hard at all times and was never defeated till the final whistle sounded. The team was handicapped both by its lightness, and the lack of a proficient goal-kicker, only one goal being kicked throughout the season. Many matches were lost in the first half, for the boys were very slow to knuckle down to their task, and only began to play hard after the interval, when it was too late to redeem the match.

The team suffered two major setbacks during the season, when the captain, Boyd, at half, left School, and Lukins, the five-eighth, injured his wrist, compelling him to drop out for the remainder of the season.

Results were:—

v. North Sydney Boys' High, 0-22; v Parramatt, 9-0; v Canterbury, 0-11; v Homebush, 9-3; v North Sydney Tech., 0-18; v Sydney, 0-11; v Hurlstone, 6-14; v Sydney Tech., 0-14.

Hooker Moore always won his share of the scrums, and was ever to the fore.

Hendrie, Shaw and Lamb were three hard-working forwards, and although light, were in everything.

Ehrlich was probably the most consistent player in the team, and always played a very hard game.

Teague played soundly in every match, and is on the improve.

Herman played well in the forwards, and was always on the ball. His backing-up was a lesson to his fellows.

Pomeroy, the lock, was dangerous whenever he had the ball, and was constantly watched by his opponents.

Kench was at his best at breakaway, where he always played a "slashing" game.

Bostock, originally in the forwards, found his true position at half; a worthy successor to Boyd.

Lukins was a very nippy five-eighth, and was one of the best in the team, till he met with an injury, when Moss, straight-running outside-centre, ably deputised for him.



**SIXTH GRADE FOOTBALL (Runners-up)**

Back Row: — Casimir, — Higgs, — Allen.  
 Middle Row: — Smith, — Spartalis, G. Bohman (coach), — Commins, — Forbes, — Butler.  
 Front Row: — Brady, — Isaacs, — Dart, — Johnson (capt.), — Percival, — Martin, — Trahair

Keighnan, the captain, for the greater part of the season, was the swiftest and hardest runner in the team; he had the ability to break through from anywhere.

Barker was a hard-running centre, and Braithwaite played well on the wing.

Adney, from First Year, shone on the left flank, and Fisher played consistently at full-back. Fokes, Tasker and Davidson gained places in the team in the last part of the season.

In conclusion, the team desires to extend its gratitude to Mr. Mobbs, the coach, for the help it received from him throughout the season.

### SIXTH GRADE

The Sixth Grade had a successful season, being beaten only once in a trial game, but also playing one draw. They finished second in the competition. Throughout they played well, and give promise

of becoming a strong combination, very hard to beat in higher grades.

They were capably led by their captain, Johnstone who, as five-eighth, held the team together and began many fine movements.

The backs were a very fast collection, strong in defence and speedy in attack. Brady, Forbes and Casimir had few equals amongst the Sixth Graders. Percival and Commins were utility players in various positions.

As full-back, Dart proved himself a great "find," and his goal-kicking has match-winning possibilities. He was equally good earlier as "rake."

Of the forwards, Isaac was perhaps the most consistent, ably supported by Butler, Trahair, Pandelis, Allen and the much-improved Martin.

The team suffered from the lack of a good half, and a good rake (after Dart took over the position of full-back).

Altogether a capable team, which had a season enjoyable to itself and its coach, Mr. Bohman.

## Tennis

This year's team was only moderately successful. The leaving of Hannam, Head and Robinson caused a great decrease in the tennis potentialities of the School, and we failed to uphold the reputation of preceding years.

We were unlucky to lose our first match against North Sydney, when the winning margin was only one game. Parramatta and Homebush also proved too experienced for us, but we had victories over Sydney, North Sydney Technical, Sydney Technical and Hurlstone.

In the first three matches the team consisted of Baxter (captain), Balding, Hotson and Watson, but in the remaining matches, Baxter was replaced by Merriman as captain.

Balding proved the most consistent player of the team, and as he will be still at School next year, he should provide a sound basis for our next team.

Watson, Merriman and Hotson all played well throughout the competition, but our standard of tennis was not high enough to carry off premier-school honours.

### SECOND GRADE

This team was weak to start the competition, due to lack of practice and co-operation, but as the

competition progressed the team played very well all round, and a couple of players were replaced. There was always a high standard of sportsmanship in the team.

The first four to play for Fort Street were J. Scaife, who when try-outs took place, played good tennis to obtain his position, but on settling down his tennis deteriorated. H. Merriman captained the team for the first four matches, and was an asset to the team. He was promoted to First Grade for the fifth match. J. Cotter, who paired with D. Taylor, proved a very strong and consistent player right throughout the competition. D. Taylor played consistent tennis and worried the opposition greatly with his fast services.

When the team was strongest, Merriman was replaced by R. Baxter, who had a very nice backhand, and J. Scaife was replaced by S. Hamley who, with his double-handed cross-court drives, proved a valuable asset to the team.

In the first match, against North Sydney, a narrow win was obtained by 4 sets 40 games to 4 sets 32 games. In the next match, against Parramatta, the Fort Street team proved much too strong, winning by 8 sets to 0.

A wet day prevented us from playing Canterbury, but on a bye the match was played, and Fort Street won, 6 sets to 2.

In playing the premier team (Homebush) we went down 7 sets to 1. This match, and the next,

against North Sydney Tech. (lost 5-3) was when Fort Street was weakest. After the new boys entered the team, it went through the remaining matches winning decisive victories of 8-0 against Sydney High, Hurlstone and Sydney Tech. High.

### THIRD GRADE

As in the last season, Third Grade appeared likely to win the premiership but, owing to not having played the full number of matches, due to rain, lost the competition by one point.

During the season the team had the services of W. Adams, C. Cooté, A. Cotter, N. Garland, S. Hanley, J. Rae, J. Scaife and P. Southcombe.

Results: Versus North Sydney, 5-3; v Parramatta, 5-3; v Canterbury, draw; v Homebush, 3-5; v North Sydney Tech., 5-3; v Sydney High, 5-3; v Hurlstone, 5-3; v Sydney Tech., 6-2.

Comments on players finally chosen:—

P. Southcombe (capt.): Possesses a forceful

forehand and reliable serve; backhand rather mediocre.

J. Rae: A good all-round player, with a fine style, though inclined to volley shots going out.

W. Adams: Another fine all-round player, thoroughly reliable at all times.

S. Hamley: His promotion into Second Grade gives some indication of his standard of play, which was characterised by a strong double-handed forehand.

### FOURTH GRADE.

This team was very undecided and was changed twice; the boys who represented the School in this team were: M. Rutter (capt.), W. Forster, K. Byrne, L. Lidster, Hudson, Besnard and Ramm. The first four mentioned played the majority of matches. Owing to these changes and a lack of practice, together with a lot of bad luck, we were defeated in every match, but on several occasions were equal in sets, only losing by two or three games.



### FIRST GRADE CRICKET.

Back Row (left to right): Mr. J. Allen (Sportsmaster), L. Burtenshaw, D. Cull, S. Hanley, K. Brown.

Sitting: F. Johnstone, P. Richardson, B. Gillett, B. Thorby, W. Adams, P. Ladie, G. Wilson.

# Cricket

## FIRST GRADE REPORT.

The Firsts this year had a moderately successful season. Out of 8 matches set down for the season only 5 were played. This was due to wet weather which stopped the games between Homebush, Sydney Tech. and Sydney High.

The batsmen only showed their true form once in the season, and that was against Hurlstone. In that game Fort Street were 2 for 137 when the innings was closed.

K. Brown and G. Wilkin were the best fieldsmen.

The following participated in matches:—

Thorby (captain), W. Gillett (vice-captain), W. Adams, G. Wilkin, K. Brown, S. Hamley, R. Eadie, F. Johnston, P. Richardson, D. Cull.

The results are:—

Versus North Sydney Tech., draw. Forst St., 9-100; North Sydney Tech., 125.

Versus Hurlstone: 53 and 83. Fort St., 2-137 (closed); outright win.

Versus North Sydney: 5-222 (closed). Fort St., 113 and 58; outright loss.

Versus Parramatta, 6-71 (closed). Fort St., 66 and 8-78; first innings loss.

Versus Canterbury, 112 and 7-89 (closed). Fort St., 73 and 67; outright loss.

The season's best performances:—

### BATTING:

B. Thorby, 45 n.o. against Hurlstone; 44 against North Sydney; 33 against Parramatta.

B. Gillett: 30 against North Sydney Tec.

W. Adams: 25 against North Sydney Tec., 20 against Hurlstone, 15 and 18 against North Sydney, 17 against Canterbury.

K. Brown: 28 against Hurlstone, 21 against Parramatta.

S. Hamley: 16 and 17 against North Sydney, 19 against Canterbury.

D. Cull: 23 against Canterbury.

L. Burtenshaw: 36 n.o. against Hurlstone.

P. Richardson: 15 n.o. against Parramatta.

### BOWLING:

B. Thorby: 3 for 30 against North Sydney Tec., 3 for 2 and 4 for 28 against Hurlstone, 3 for 42 against North Sydney, 3 for 31 against Canterbury. 18 wickets, average, 10.1 per wicket.

G. Wilkin: 7 for 54 against Nth. Sydney Tech., 3 for 16 and 4 for 23 against Hurlstone, 5 for 22

against Parramatta, 5 for 52 against Canterbury. 27 wickets, average 9.7 per wicket.

D. Cull: 3 for 10 against Canterbury.

The team wishes to thank R. Yeoman for his valuable work as scorer.

In conclusion, the team would like to thank Mr. Simpson for the valuable assistance he has given the team throughout the year.

## SECOND GRADE.

### 1947 PREMIERS.

For the second time running Fort Street has won the Second Grade competition, due, not so much to individual efforts as to the co-operation of the whole team, and the unfailing interest and help of our coach, Mr. Dandie. The team finished the competition with 46 points, winning two matches outright, three on the first innings, with three drawn matches and a bye. Play in the three drawn games was cancelled because of rain, and so we were unable to play Homebush, Sydney High and Sydney Technical.

In the first match of the season against North Sydney Technical, Fort Street batted first and closed at 4 for 167 (Brooke 62, Mulcahy 44 not out), and quickly had North Sydney out for 19 (Jessup 5/7, Clements 5/12). They were 4/72 in their second innings (Horsey 3/13), and thus Fort Street won on the first innings.

Fort Street won the next match against Hurlstone outright, dismissing them for 16 (Jessup 5/6, Clemens 5/7) and 61 (Horsey 8/37), as against our 3/84 (Herbert 29, Mulcahy 23 not out).

Our next match against North Sydney High was the most exciting of the season. North Sydney bated first for 100 (Jessup 4/31, Horsey 4/40). Fort Street then went in and were battling for runs when six wickets had fallen for 67 (Brooke 32). However, a fine 24 not out by Cowgill retrieved the situation, and we closed with 9/102. North Sydney batted again for 42 (Clements 6/19), and Fort Street, with 6/44 (Brooke 21), changed what looked like a first innings defeat into an outright win.

Rain interrupted the match against Parramatta, but Fort Street triumphed again with a first innings win. We closed at 7/183 (Mulcahy 40), and had Parramatta all out for 92 (Horsey 6/48, Jessup 3/13).

In the final and deciding match of the competition Fort Street met and defeated Canterbury on the first innings, thus becoming 1947 Premiers.





**SECOND GRADE CRICKET (Premiers)**

Back Row: M. Cowgill, M. Horsey, C. Dandie, W. Clements, G. Brooke.  
 Front Row: J. Warren, W. Shea, R. Jessup, L. Herbert, J. Bosward, J. Mulcahy, H. Merriman.

Fort Street lost the toss and went in to score 160 (Brooke 52). Canterbury were all out for 36 (Clements 6/4, Jessup 4/21), but staved off an outright by scoring 158 (Jessup 3/24). With only a few minutes of play left, Fort Street went in again and at the close of play were 2/13.

The best averages were:—

	BATTING.				
	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Ag.	Av.
Brooke .. ..	7	1	62	208	34.7
Mulcahy .. ..	7	2	44	138	27.2
Cowgill .. ..	5	2	24	63	21

	BOWLING.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Clements .. . . .	54	18	114	27	4.2
Jessup .. . . .	61.3	14	127	27	4.7
Horsey .. . . .	46	3	182	24	7.6

Finally, the team wishes to express its sincere thanks to Mr. Dandie for his invaluable and understanding supervision throughout the season.

**THIRD GRADE.**

Possibly, one of the most outstanding features of this year's Third Grade was that many matches were unable to be played because of wet weather.

The first match to be played was against Homebush, but this was postponed because of the weather. Similarly, matches versus Sydney High and Sydney Tech. were abandoned.

Fort Street made a good start in the competition by beating N.S.T.H.S. on the first innings. The match was played on a dreaded "sticky," and Fort Street, batting first, compiled 6/103 (decl), N.S.T. batted and were all out for 56 Lane 4/7, Thurtell 3/22).

Against Hurlstone, who batted for 111 (Thurtell 4/33, Correy 3/24), Fort Street was hard pressed for time and the end was such that a first grade cricket match could not have afforded a better ending. Fort Street made 109, 2 runs short of Hurlstone's total (Thurtell 23, Correy 26).

At Goddard Oval, we defeated N.S.H.S. by one run on the first innings—N.S. 95 (Maizey 4/8) and Fort Street 96 (Lampard 44), and the second innings, N.S. 66 and Fort Street 6/44 (Maizey 14, Williams 14).

At the commencement of the second round Fort Street met and defeated a weak Parramatta side on the first innings. Fort Street 7/166 (Le Hourey 45 and Maizey 36 n.o.), and Parramatta

106 (Lane 4/39, Correy 3/4) and the second innings 5/42.

The last match was played against Canterbury. Before this game we were running second to Homebush in the competition. We batted first and were all out for 120 (Jones 39, Cleary 21). Then Canterbury started well and were finally dismissed for 241, of which the opening batsman, Fox, made 98 run out. Due respect must be paid to such a worthy opponent, who carried his side to a well-won victory. But Fort Street averted an outright defeat mainly due to splendid batting by Le Houray, the newcomer to the side, who made of our second innings total of 6/135 80 n.o.

Thus, in all matches played by our Third Grade, three were won on the first innings and two were lost on the first innings.

The best performances were:—

*Bowling:* Thurtell, 11 wickets for 76 runs, av. 6.9; Maizey, 10 wickets for 87 runs, av. 8.7; Lane, 12 wickets for 152 runs, av. 12.7; Correy, 13 wickets for 165 runs, av. 12.7.

*Batting:* Le Houray, highest score 80 n.o., av. 65.0; Merriman, highest score 52, av. 52.0; Correy, highest score 31 n.o., av. 24.7; Jones, highest score 39, av. 12.4.

In conclusion, the whole team wishes to thank our Coach, Mr. Kester, for his sound and helpful advice throughout the season.

#### FOURTH GRADE.

This year the team was of an exceptionally high standard, being joint premiers in the competition. The team's members maintained their keenness and interest throughout the year.

The members were: Cheeseman, Bryant, Johnstone, Tierney, Forster, Jones, Smith, Teague, Hughes, Dart, Keblewhite, Rutter, Lidster, Mace, Mourney.

In our first match against North Sydney Tech. we batted first to score 8/202, Tierney top-scoring with a fast 22. North Sydney were dismissed for 42 (Cheeseman 5/8). Sending them in for

an outright, we were able to only get 5 of their wickets for 30, thus giving us a first innings win in our first match.

In our next match, one of our easiest, we defeated Hurlstone outright. Hurlstone batted first and we got them out for 26 (Cheeseman 6/12, including hat-trick, Tierney 2/1).

In our first innings we scored 51 (dec.) for the loss of no wickets. Our openers, Dart and Bryant, batted well, Dart scoring 32 n.o. and Bryant 14 n.o.

Sending Hurlstone in again, we got them out for 26 again (Cheeseman 5/9, Johnstone 4/6). We needed two runs to win, and these were obtained by Johnstone 1 n.o. and Teague 4 n.o. Giddey's wicket-keeping in this match was very good, stumping six but catching none.

In the next match we tasted defeat for the first time. Our opponents, N.S. High, batted first to score 120 (Bryant 2/11, Teague 2/17). In our first innings we scored 80 (Cheeseman 35, Bryant 11). In North Sydney's second innings they declared at 4/50 (Teague 2/11). Sending us in again, we scored 4/38 (Tierney 18).

Our next match was a very exciting one, but we won outright. We batted first to score 113 (Bryant 32, Rutter 15). Parramatta batted quickly to score 91 (Cheeseman 4/29, Rutter 4/40). In our second innings we scored 62 runs in 28 minutes. Dart was mainly the cause of this speed by scoring 40 n.o. Parramatta in their second innings collapsed for 57 (Smith 4/19).

The next match, against Canterbury, was the last of the season. Batting first, we totalled 142. Teague 57 and Dart 36 figured in a third wicket partnership of 71. Giddey forced the play at the end of the innings, scoring 14. We had trouble in getting Canterbury out for 105 (Smith 4/21).

In our second innings we collapsed for 34 (Forster 8 n.o., Mourney 5). Canterbury lost 1/20 in their second innings, giving us a first innings win.

One of the most valuable members of the team was Mr. Went, who devoted much of his time to the team in coaching and giving advice. One aspect of this year's team was its brilliant fielding and Giddey's wicketkeeping.

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Fort Street's water polo team put up a praiseworthy performance in the 1947 season to finish the competition as runners-up to North Sydney Technical High. At the conclusion of the first half of the season Fort Street was in a prominent position, having won five out of the six games played and drawn the sixth. However, with the resumption of the competition after the football season, the team slipped badly, losing its first three games in a row. Playing a scratch team, however, they revived to win the last match and thus gain second place.

The team was, on a whole, too slow, with the exception, of course, of George Barnes, to compete with the other faster swimming teams, but overcame this defect by employing clever tactics. The team missed many fairly easy goals through weak throwing, and before next season a lot of practice at goal-throwing is necessary.

George Barnes, centre-forward, who captained the team, played brilliant polo throughout the season and directed ably the team in the execution of its movements. Barnes, as well as playing excellent polo in the open, being a champion sprint swimmer, gained the ball nine times out of ten from the throw-in.

The other forwards were Rod Wells and Tom Sinclair, right and left forwards respectively, who

both played a good and determined game throughout the season. Sinclair, however, lacked the throwing power to score from many of the positions into which he played himself.

The backs were B. Laidlaw, C. Sweeney and D. Smeaton, who played left, centre and right in that order. All three played very well, defending gamely and often robbing the opposition of the ball to feed their forwards. For the second half of the season Smeaton, due to an injury sustained during the football season, could not play, and his place was ably filled by N. Cason. This lad combined well even in the first game and more than justified his position in the team.

Tuynman guarded the goal consistently well over the season, remaining cool no matter how hard pressed he happened to be. On occasions he kept the lead in a close game with a brilliant save.

Due to injuries, two other boys, Pedersen and Lette, played several games each and did very well considering that they were new to the team and also fairly new to the game.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Rose for the interest he showed in us and the help he gave us. We deeply appreciate his interest in us and his time spent for our benefit.

The team extends its heartiest congratulations to North Sydney Technical High team on its brilliant victory with the loss of only one game.



**WATER POLO TEAM — Runners-up, 1947.**

*Back Row:* D. Smeaton, D. Lette, B. Laidlaw, F. Tuynman, N. Cason.

*Front Row:* C. Seaberg, G. Barnes, L. N. Rose (coach), R. Wells, T. Sinclair (captain).

## C.H.S. Swimming

Compared with previous years' efforts, Fort St. did remarkably well at the C.H.S. Swimming Carnival this year, and scooped the headlines with School swimming champion George Barnes' two record-breaking swims in the Senior 55 and 110 yds. Freestyle.

In the final tally, we finished in 5th place, but Fortians, don't forget, there are four schools ahead of us!

Points gained were: Senior 45; Junior 47; Juvenile 30. C.H.S. place-getters were:

### SENIORS—

55 yards Freestyle: G. Barnest 1, 27.6s., record. Division 1.

110 yards Freestyle: G. Barnes 1, 63 3/5s—Record. Division 1.

220 yards Freestyle: G. Barnes 2, division 1.

55 yards Backstroke: G. Barnes 1. Division 1.

55 yards Backstroke: T. Sinclair 2. Div. 2.

### JUNIOR:—

55 yards Freestyle: P. Bason 2. Div. 2.

110 yards Freestyle: P. Bason 3. Div. 2.

220 yards Freestyle: C. Seaberg 3. Riv. 1.

220 yards Freestyle: D. Lette 1. Div. 2.

55 yards Breaststroke: C. Seaberg 3. Div. 1.

55 yards Breaststroke: L. Burtenshaw 3. Div. 2.

### UNDER 15:—

55 yards Breaststroke: K. Pendlebury 1. Div. 1.

### UNDER 14:—

55 yards Breaststroke: J. Butt 2. Div. 2.

55 yards Freestyle: M. Rutter 2. Div. 2.

110 yards Freestyle: J. Butt 3. Div. 1.

110 yards Freestyle: M. Rutter 2. Div. 2.

220 yards Freestyle: J. Butt 3. Div. 1.

## C.H.S. Athletics

Results this year show slight improvement on last year's results, though the places gained in most events are still minor ones.

There were some members of the team who did not come regularly to practice during term, and their lack of condition was painfully evident in the finish of their events.

However, the Seniors, the Under 15, and the Under 14 did well. It is interesting to note that the regular attenders at practice figure prominently among the winners.

The team is to be congratulated on its performance, and particularly on the bearing of all members during the carnival. As one example, R. Gooley, though injured in one event, competed in the final and gained second place, despite advice of ambulance personnel to refrain from competing again.

Attention is drawn to books on athletic training (in the School library). All athletes should read these, and go into training NOW for next year's carnival. This is particularly important for the present under 13 group, and under 16 group.

The School extends its thanks to E. Edwards of 5th Year, for his great assistance and keenness in training the team, and it is hoped that some other member of the team will carry on his work when Edwards leaves at the end of the year.

### SENIOR:—

Results were gratifying, despite the loss of Smeaton, Barnes and Palmer.

880 yards, Div. 2: G. Thomas, 3rd.

Hurdles, Div. 1: M. Casimir, 3rd.

Hurdles, Div. 2: F. Tuynman, 3rd.

220 yds., Div. 2: D. Glenn, 2nd.

Mile, Div. 1: G. Thomas, 2nd.

Mile, Div. 2: E. Edwards, 5th.

100 yds., Div. 2: G. Brooke, 3rd.

Relay, 5th place.

High Jump, Div. 2: J. Heard 4th.

Shot Putt, Div. 2: T. Sinclair, 5th.

In the mile event, division 1, G. Thomas ran very well, finishing only 2 yards behind the winner, whose time was 4m. 47.2s, which is 4.6s. better than the School record of 4m. 51.8s.

### UNDER 16:—

Results were disappointing, and augur badly for next year's Senior team.

440 yards, div. 2: P. Lawler, 5th.

### UNDER 15:—

Results are promising for next year's Junior team.

100 yds., div. 2: J. Godden, 3rd.

100 yds, div. 1: R. Morgan, 3rd.

Relay: 4th place.

Shot Put, Div. 1: R. Morgan, 3rd.

220 yards, div. 1: R. Morgan, 5th.

Hurdles, div. 2: W. Pearson, 5th.

220 yards, div. 2: J. Godden, 3rd.

### UNDER 14:—

This group should do well next year.

Relay: 4th place.

Hurdles, div. 1: B. Taylor, 5th.

Hurdles, div. 2: R. Gooley, 4th.

100 yards, div. 1: R. Gooley, 2nd.

100 yards, div. 2: B. Taylor, 3rd.

Broad Jump, div. 2: J. Hegarty, 1st.

High Jump, div. 2: B. Taylor, 3rd.

### UNDER 13:—

Relay: 5th place.

## Life-Saving

The great enthusiasm which this School has maintained in Life-saving has been amply rewarded in 1946-47 by a season of unparalleled success. Fort Street won the Hendry Cup for the fifth successive time, the Pennant for the Best School in the State, and the Arthur Parker Cup. It has always been the ambition of our enthusiastic Life-saving Instructor, Mr. E. T. Arnold, and most of the boys, that the School should hold these three

trophies concurrently, and it was not until this season that this ambition was realised. The School has thus won every trophy for which it is entitled to compete.

An analysis of the splendid effort in gaining 507 awards for 1,600 points, which won for the School the Hendry Cup, and the Championship Pennant, shows that the awards comprise the following:—

	No.	Pts.
Award of Merit Bar .....	3	30
Award of Merit .....	15	150
Bronze Cross .....	41	328
Instructor's Certificate .....	11	66
Bronze Medallion Bar .....	47	188
Bronze Medallion .....	52	208
Intermediate Label .....	79	237
Intermediate Certificate .....	48	144
Senior Resuscitation .....	5	5
Junior Resuscitation .....	131	131
Unigrip .....	35	35
Elementary Certificate .....	39	78
Totals .....	507	1600

Our nearest rival in the Hendry Cup competition was Canterbury Boys' High with 607 points—almost 1,000 behind.

The championship pennant for the Best Girls' School in the State was won by P.L.C. Pymble with 1,512 points. As our score was 1,600, we can be justly proud of the fact that Fort Street is the best of all Schools (boys, girls, mixed, public and private) in the State.

It is noticeable that in winning the Hendry Cup for five successive years, the School has established

a new record, and we are confident that we can raise it still further in the seasons to come.

It is very interesting to note that of the 9,584 awards gained by over 200 schools and clubs, over 5 per cent. came to this school.

The season has been outstandingly successful, but let us not rest on our laurels. The job is not completed when the trophy is won, for next season we must defend it against our rivals. We must never rest complacent; to ensure that the trophies remain at the school we must constantly strive to seek and find, and never yield.

## THE ARTHUR PARKER CUP

Preparations for the above competition began shortly after the Christmas vacation. Competition for selection as swimmers and instructor was exceptionally keen and as the standard achieved by all applicants was high it was soon apparent that the School would be represented by a really good team. The numbers having been reduced to eight swimmers and two instructors, the long, tedious training began in earnest. Ultimately Owen Phillips, by a narrow margin, defeated Ken Johnson for the coveted position of Instructor. Ken is to be congratulated on the sportsmanship and vast improvement in efficiency he showed throughout the training period.

Just when the team, now reduced to five, was

about ready, misfortune visited the School. Fritz Tuynman, the fastest rescuer, developed a poisoned heel and had to abandon his place in the team to Douglas Fifield. The final selection was thus decided by fate and the team was composed of Owen Phillips (Instructor), John Dart, John Crooks, Leonard Burtenshaw and Douglas Fifield.

For some inexplicable reason the date of the competition fell after the Olympic Pool had been closed to the public. Knox College was the School's only rival. Fort Street won the toss and elected to perform first. Everything went well till the time arrived for the dive. Great was the consternation when Douglas Fifield failed to retrieve the brick on any of four attempts. It was then

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### ARTHUR PARKER CUP TEAM — Premiers, 1947.

*Left to Right:* J. Y. Crooks, L. J. Burtenshaw, V. M. Phillips (Instructor), D. J. Fifield, Mr. E. T. Arnold (coach), J. R. Dart.

revealed by Mr. H. Hardwick, the Referee, that owing to the slime on the tiles the brick would persist in sliding to a depth of 16ft, and thus because of its position rather than its depth render it virtually impossible for a diver to retrieve it. It was then decided that for this season the dive would be eliminated from the competition. We sincerely hope that such conditions will not again prevail.

After this minor excitement the competition proceeded quietly. When the results were published Fort Street was rather amazed to hear that Knox had made the faster time in the rescues but was overjoyed to hear that, in spite of this, we had won

the Cup again.

On Speech Day the School was delighted to welcome C. W. Heyde, Esq., President of the Royal Life Saving Society, who visited the School specially to present the Arthur Parker Cup. It is indeed a pleasure to know that the good work of our boys is appreciated by the Society.

Our old friend, Frank Albert, again came forward with a generous donation which enabled us to give each member of the team a cup—the Frank Albert Trophy for Life Saving. Unfortunately, Mr. Albert was not able to attend his old school to present the trophies, but we still hope to see him at the school.

## E. T. ARNOLD

In the annual report of the Royal Life Saving Society there is listed the Russell Crane Cup, which is awarded to the person judged to have given the best service to the Society during the year. Naturally, this award is not an easy one to win, as the Society has many members worthy of nomination.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we are able

to record that his Cup has been awarded this year to our Life Saving Instructor, Mr. E. T. Arnold, and we extend to him our most sincere congratulations upon being presented with this well-deserved award. The standard and enthusiasm in Life-saving in this School are due almost entirely to his efforts, and we who know him can tell that the award was never more rightly won.



## HOUSE REPORTS.

### CHRISMAS HOUSE

Once again Chrisman House presents its annual report. On the whole I think the House has steadily improved since its inauguration three years ago. Except for athletics, we have done particularly well in all fields of sport, having once more carried off the Head Cup for tennis and gained the highest number of points at this year's annual swimming carnival.

Much of the credit for our successful season is due to the work done by the House Vice-Captains, whose unflagging enthusiasm was ever an inspiration to the junior members of the Houses. However, there is one matter about which I must comment, and that is the lack of interest and failure to take an active part in House sport, particularly swimming and athletics, of the senior boys from Christmas House. I believe this is so in other Houses also, and I can only stress the point that a House cannot be successful as a whole on the efforts of its junior members alone. The seniors can surely spare a little of their precious time for their own House. The attendance at our recent swimming carnival was disgraceful. No one would have thought we were the leading House in that branch of sport, for barely half the House was present. I must commend our First Year members. They have turned up in full force to all school sports functions, and it is their cheering that has inspired Christmas House competitors on to greater efforts.

Finally, to the junior members of Christmas House, I say continue your enthusiasm and remember that it is only by solid teamwork and not individual efforts that a House can thrive.

—M. CASSIMIR, Captain.

#### TENNIS.

Christmas House this year again had a good measure of success in house tennis competitions. Our teams won third grade undefeated, and were runners-up to Kilgour in both first and second grades.

This performance won for us the Head Cup for the second time in succession. It is left to the House players of next year to win the trophy again and so give Christmas House the honour of winning it three times in succession.

We were helped in our efforts by three players of our House, who played in grade teams.

Mr. Kelly, Mr. Waters and Mrs. Eddy are to be thanked for their interest in our tennis activities during the year.

— D. BUTLER, Vice-captain.

#### FOOTBALL.

Most hearty congratulations are extended to all teams of Christmas House for their strong fighting spirit, which enabled two of the six teams to over-

come all opposition and win premiership honours. Of the other four teams, one ended the season as co-premiers with Mearns.

First Grade showed brilliant form, and ended the season with the premiership "in the bag." Second Grade ended up well as co-premiers with Mearns, and the lighter Fifth Grade finished brilliantly as premiers. These three teams were partly, or more than partly, responsible for Christmas House finishing the season only 293 points behind the premier house, Mearns.

Christmas House extends its congratulations to the glorious First Grade side in winning the McManamie Shield for the School, and we sincerely hope this will be repeated.

—R. ATKINSON, Vice-captain.

#### SWIMMING.

This year Christmas met with abounding success in aquatic sport, the House literally "scooping the pool" at the annual carnival. In the Senior Division, C.H.S. champion, G. Barnes, shattered the 55 yards and 110 yards freestyle records, and also won the 220 yards, 880 yards, and 55 yards backstroke. Other outstanding swimmers were L. Burtenshaw and P. Bason, in the Under 16; H. Cason, in the Under 15; J. Butt, in the Under 14; and P. Bogg, in the Under 13. Four out of the five individual age championships were won by Christmas boys, which resulted in our carrying off for the second successive year the juvenile, junior and intermediate pennants, and has put us well in the running for the Hannan Cup for Aquatics.

— HEDLEY BULL, Vice-captain.

#### CRICKET.

At present the cricket season is still progressing, and to this point Christmas House has had reasonable success. The First Grade team is so far undefeated, and it is hoped that they complete the season unbeaten. There are many Christmas House boys playing in grade cricket, and these earn easy points for the House.

—G. BROOKE, Vice-captain.

#### ATHLETICS.

In this year's carnival, Christmas House was placed last, a rather disappointing result in view of some of the up-and-coming athletes we have. We did particularly well in the Juvenile Section, having Adney and Casimir as our main point-scorers. A little more co-operation from House members would be appreciated for next year's carnival, and if this is forthcoming we should have a good chance of winning the Frank Austin Memorial Cup.

— G. BROOKE, Vice-captain.

# KILGOUR HOUSE

## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

In this, its third year of existence, the House spirit has really become settled in the hearts of Fortians. Enthusiasm has been marked in all types of House activity, especially that shown by our Junior School.

However, there are still some whose eagerness centres from the sidelines, who always leave it to the other fellow. This attitude has been more prevalent among some of our older boys. It was because of their poor attendance at House meetings that the whole brunt of the organisation fell on a few, mainly my tireless vice-captains.

The House spirit can be shown at the meetings as well as on the field, for it is there that our teams and training plans are moulded, and Fifth Year students especially, to whom we look for leadership, can surely spare a little time once a month for these important gatherings.

Some of our members, I think, have either very shy natures or are too lazy, for they are slow to enter, to get into things, whereas if they were to try everything with all their effort, I feel sure that they would surprise themselves and the House Masters, in their results. Boys are too easily discouraged by a few reverses and they give up, instead of striving for the best. If you don't make the School grade team, devote yourself to the House game and train consistently, play the game, and you will be amply rewarded.

However, a general raising of the standard of the House sport has been evident by the great success of our School Grades, especially our Glorious First XV, whose ranks were filled with many Kilgourians.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who have assisted in the Kilgour management, especially my able and unceasing vice-captains, and to all others who have given their time and energy to the House.

Finally, I must thank Mr. Bryant for the generous and sincere interest he has shown in all our activities.

— K. JOHNSON, House Captain.

## FOOTBALL

Kilgour was in this branch again weakened by strong grade representation, but, however, our teams played eagerly, if not so skilfully. We finished last in the aggregate, and were unfortunately unable to secure any of the individual premierships. Our teams in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades were, however, runners-up, and our 2nds gained 3rd place.

Let us hope that next year, with more co-operation and team effort, these second places will become premierships teams.

## CRICKET

The indications at present are that none of our teams will emerge premiers in any of the grades in the current season. The games were played in a keen sporting spirit and were enjoyed by all. Some of our players showed vast improvement and should be playing for the School next season. The Second Grade recorded the best performance, as it is possible they may run second in the competition.

— F. JOHNSON, Vice-captain.

## TENNIS

Although the Head Cup for tennis remains with Christmas, Kilgour House made a very hard struggle, winning the first and second grade competitions, and was only beaten in the total scores by the Grade competition points.

Regarding the Second Grade Premiership, we would like to thank Butler, Christmas House tennis vice-captain and his team, for the fair play which they showed in adjusting the first match trouble.

Finally, we offer our congratulations to the victorious teams, and offer many thanks to Mr. Waters and Mr. Kelly for their assistance.

— A. JOHNSTONE, Vice-captain.

## SWIMMING

Swimming once more seems to be Kilgour's weakest link, for we again failed to finish on top at the annual swimming carnival.

Our teams were eager, and although trailing from the start, fought on well. We congratulate the other Houses, especially Christmas, the winners of the Carnival.

The lack of training was evident in most of our efforts, and it can not be over-stressed that training is as important in this sport as in any.

We have great hopes for the future and are looking to the rising Kilgourians for the effort to win the coveted Hannan Cup for Aquatics.

— W. JOHNSON, Vice-captain.

## ATHLETICS

This year, Kilgour showed a slight improvement on last year's performance, gaining second place in the Frank Austin Memorial Cup competition.

We put up a good fight, but were beaten by a small margin of five points. Our success was largely due to our excellent Juvenile team, which won its section by scoring 102 of our 205 points.

The best members of the Juveniles this year were R. Gooley and J. Hegarty, who scored 22 and 20 points respectively. R. Gooley is to be congratulated on breaking the 16-year-old record for the:

under 14, 100 yards, his time, 11.3s., was .1s. faster than the record.

While congratulating those who were successful, I must point out the lamentable lack of training on the part of many competitors. If even the

novices had gained some of the minor placings, then the final result of the Carnival would have placed Kilgour first.

Remember, Kilgour team, train hard and we will regain the Cup next year.

— W. EDWARDS, Vice-captain.

## MEARNS HOUSE

This year saw the House system running more smoothly at the School, because of the valuable experience gained from its two previous years' activities. Its huge popularity and the success it has gained for Fort Street is exercising a remarkable influence over our sport, and it now appears to have become a firm fixture.

For the third consecutive year, Mearns House was successful in winning the Old Boys' Cup for Rugby Union, again winning by a rather comfortable margin. As football is the most important sport of the School, the House will always be a serious contender for the coveted Rose Cup, as long as it continues the excellence in this sphere. Keep up the good work, Mearns!

I would here like to congratulate the House on a most praiseworthy effort at the Athletics Carnival. The enthusiasm and participation shown, especially by the junior members, was to a marked degree instrumental in our becoming the champion House. But not as admirable was the attendance, barracking, and spirit shown at the Swimming Carnival, although we did creditably to emerge as runners-up to Christmas House. Perhaps we were as enthusiastic as the other Houses, but there was still much left to be desired, and certainly our swimmers received no great encouragement. It is the duty of every boy to attend the carnival and compete, or at least barrack, for his House in the appropriate spirit: by so doing pulling his weight and putting back in the House system some of what he has got out of it.

In winning the Senior Pennant for Swimming, I think there is a lesson to be learnt by all—the importance of novice events. Our House had only one competitor in the Senior Championship races, yet our success in the Novice events was so great that we retained the pennant. Hence, if you do not consider yourself in championship class, remember that success in the Novice Division—created to encourage the beginners of to-day and foster the champions of to-morrow—could bring the Cup and honour to your House.

Finally, I would like to thank our popular Housemaster, Mr. Roberts, for his assistance and keenness for our success; and the diligent vice-captains for the help they have rendered during the season. Now the onus and responsibility is on your shoulders, of the rising juniors, not to

remain content with any honour, that we, the present Seniors, have brought to the House, but to go from glory to glory, never to acknowledge defeat, but rather to be spurred on by it to eventual victory. But, remember, victory can only be obtained by team-spirit and co-operation, never by individual effort, and there the importance lies, not in winning or losing, but in the manner the game was played. By so doing, Mearns will always be a House of sportsmen.

— B. R. NEILSON, Captain.

### FOOTBALL

We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to all members of Mearns House football teams for their well-earned success in winning the Old Boys' Cup. This means that we have now won this cup three times in succession.

Our Third Grade team proved a better side this year, and gained the honour of being premiers. The Seconds put up another fine performance in finishing the season as co-premiers with Christmas. The First Grade and Sixth Grade finished as runners-up, while Fourth Grade was third. The Fifth Grade result was rather disappointing, seeing that the team practised so keenly.

Congratulations to our victorious First Grade on their winning the McManamey Shield. Mearns House was represented in this team by Koorey, Maizey, Machin and Palmer, Palmer being the top-scorer.

In all, it was another outstanding season, and with the co-operation of our House members we hope to repeat our success next year.

— T. PEDERSEN, Vice-Captain.

### TENNIS

For the second year in succession, Mearns House had a very lean tennis season. We had enough players to fill the teams this year, but they just didn't have the ability to defeat the stronger rival teams.

Congratulations to Christmas House on retaining possession of the tennis cup—the R. L. Head Cup—the best team won.

Here's hoping for next year!

— G. LEVY, Vice-captain.

### CRICKET

This cricket season Mearns House has not shown enough enthusiasm towards the game. The lower grades have shown increased enthusiasm, but the senior grades have shown very little. "Attack" always, whether batting or fielding, is the only path to success. It is through "attack" and constant practice that the game is won. I would like to thank the younger lads of the cricket teams for their enthusiasm, and this is one of the cases where the older members of the teams can take a lesson from the "little fellers."

As the season is still in progress, there are no definite results. However, our Firsts are nowhere in the running, mainly due, as I said before, to their very little enthusiasm. Our Seconds are in a very favourable position, having not yet lost a match. The Thirds are also having a very successful season and are in a favourable position for the premiership. The Fourths, although playing the game with great enthusiasm, are weak.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Messrs. Allen and Stanley for the work done by them to ensure our Wednesday afternoon's cricket.

— W. J. LAWS, Vice-captain.

### ATHLETICS

Congratulations must be extended to Mearns House for their success in winning the Frank Austin Memorial Cup for Athletics. This cup has narrowly eluded us for two carnivals, but the third gave us the winning margin.

Mearns was well repented in every event, and this loyalty made selection of relay teams rather hard. However, we won three of the five relays,

the Junior Pennant, but only one tug-o'-war. Morgan and Lawler set up new times for the under 15: 440, and the under 16 880, respectively. Patom and Pearson also gave good individual efforts.

If we are to be the first House to hold the Athletic Cup for two successive years, we will want more competitors and less spectators next year.

— P. LAWLER, Vice-captain.

### SWIMMING

At the Swimming Carnival this year, Mearns House upheld its reputation for fine performance and keen sportsmanship. Mearns, without possessing any outstanding individual performers, did well because of the combination of its members and its fighting spirit.

We won the House Championship in the Senior Division, and were an equal first in the Under 15 years division. In the aggregate point score we were second, with 156 points, to Christmas House, which won with an extremely fine effort of 224 points.

The best performance was put up by Morton in winning the Under 13 years Championship, his success shows promise of Mearns' strength in the future. Other consistently reliable swimmers were: Neilson and Pinerua, under 15 years; Laidlaw and Phillips, senior. These are only the more outstanding performers, and there are far too many to mention who swam with determination to gain minor placings, the points for which mounted up in the aggregate.

During the season, Mearns was also well represented in Mr. Arnold's Life Saving Class, and had a member in the Arthur Parker Cup team.

## WILLIAMS HOUSE

It is with some regret that I admit that this year, for the first time since the inauguration of the House System, Williams House has not occupied the rightful position as leader of the House competitions. I feel that the main cause of this slump has been lack of zeal amongst our seniors who, as such, should be an example to the younger members of the House. On the other hand, our junior members have shown the highest standard of House spirit and true Fortian sportsmanship, which could possibly be hoped for, and this fact augurs well for the future.

In cricket, we are in a bad position with regard to first, second and third grades, although, at the time of writing, the competition is only half completed. In fourth grade, however, we still have a fighting chance, and although the Ladies' Cup has slipped from our grasp we hope to retain at least one pennant.

In football, our top three grades, although strong on paper, gave disappointing displays, and only in fourth and sixth grades did the striving of our teams carry them on to success.

At the swimming carnival, neither we nor any other House seriously rivalled Christmas, but here again, it was pleasing to note the enthusiasm of our younger members.

The athletic carnival of August had one bright spot in that we succeeded in carrying off the Senior Pennant thanks largely to the efforts of F. Tuynman, the senior champion.

In boxing, we met with our share of success, even though we failed to carry off the trophy for that sport. G. Stevenson and B. Rickard won the heavyweight and light-heavyweight titles respectively, while P. and M. Spartalis won the under 7 stone and under 5st 7lb divisions respectively.

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## **PALMERS**

PITT AND PARK STS., also at 390 GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY

After a good start in the R. L. Head Tennis Cup, we inexplicably faded out, although we had our fair share of members playing tennis.

Despite our lapsing in House sport, I am glad to state that we were represented very well in all School sport, and undoubtedly the School comes before the House. I would particularly like to congratulate our four members who represented in the School's premier 1st XV, namely, D. Smeaton, R. Vells, G. Thomas, and G. Wilkin, for their fine efforts.

In conclusion, I would like to thank K. Wilson,

of 4B, who was always ready to work for the House whatever the task and however laborious it may have been. Also Mr. Stanley is to be thanked for his wholehearted assistance in all House duties.

My reminder to the up-and-coming members of Williams House is that our motto is "Strive and Thrive" and that nothing can be gained without enthusiasm and the will to work, and I pass on, hoping that the House will press home its superiority in the years to come.

— P. RICHARDSON, Captain.

## SWIMMING REPORT.

On the 28th February the Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Cabarita Baths. An overcast sky frowned down, but the House supporters were not discouraged, and House war cries and pennants added life and colour to the carnival.

The competition was keen in all races, the under 16, 440, providing a real thriller.

The success of the carnival reflected the fine efforts of the Carnival Manager, Mr. Rose; the Sportsmaster, Mr. Allen; and the other members of the staff (all of whom had individual duties to perform).

Again we were honoured with the presence of several Old Boys, who defeated the School Relay Team in a close race, and the day ended with a spectacular water polo match, in which the School triumphed, 3-2.

Christmas House again won the Carnival, and individual honours went to G. Barnes (Senior), L. Burtenshaw (Under 16); H. Cason (Under 15); J. Butt (Under 14); and B. Morton (Under 13).

Results are printed below:—

### SENIOR—

55 yards Freestyle: G. Barnes 1, B. Laidlaw 2.  
110 yards Freestyle: G. Barnes 1, B. Laidlaw 2.  
220 yards Freestyle: G. Barnes 1, B. Laidlaw 2.  
440 yards Freestyle: D. Smeaton 1, F. Tynman 2.  
880 yards Freestyle: G. Barnes 1, D. Smeaton 2.  
55 yards Backstroke: G. Barnes 1, B. Laidlaw 2.  
110 yards Breaststroke: F. Tynman 1, G. Barnes 2.

Senior Dive: B. Laidlaw 1, G. Barnes 2.

Champion: G. Barnes.

House Champion: Mearns.

### UNDER 16—

55 yards Freestyle: L. Burtenshaw 1, B. Buson 2.

110 yards Freestyle: D. Lette 1, B. Buson 2.

220 yards Freestyle: C. Seaberg 1, D. Lette 2.

440 yards Freestyle: C. Seaberg 1, L. Burtenshaw 2.

55 yards Breaststroke: C. Seaberg 1, L. Burtenshaw 2.

55 yards Backstroke: L. Burtenshaw 1, B. Buson 2.

Junior Dive: K. Pendlebury 1, F. Robinson 2.

Champion: L. Burtenshaw.

Champion House: Christmas.

### UNDER 15—

55 yards Freestyle: H. Cason 1, F. Pinerua 2.

110 yards Freestyle: H. Cason 1, J. Pinerua 2.

220 yards Freestyle: H. Cason 1, J. Pinerua 2.

440 yards Freestyle: R. Webb 1, J. Pinerua 2.

55 yards Breaststroke: K. Pendlebury 1.

55 Yards Backstroke: H. Cason 1, R. Webb 2.

Champion: H. Cason.

Champion House: Christmas and Mearns (equal)

### UNDER 14—

55 yards Freestyle: J. Butt 1, M. Rutter 2.

110 yards Freestyle: J. Butt 1, M. Rutter 2.

220 yards Freestyle: J. Butt 1, F. S. Morton 2.

55 yards Breaststroke: D. Dart 1, J. Butt 2.

55 yards Backstroke: B. Brown 1.

Juvenile Dive: B. Morton 1, D. Bogg 2.

Champion: J. Butt.

Champion House: Christmas.

### UNDER 13—

55 yards Freestyle: B. Morton 1, P. Commins.

110 yards Freestyle: B. Morton 1, D. Bogg 2.

55 yards Backstroke: D. Bogg 1, B. Morton 2.

55 yards Breaststroke: P. Commins 1, D. James 2.

Champion: B. Morton.

Champion House: Christmas.

# School Athletics

## SCHOOL ANNUAL CARNIVAL.

The thirty-seventh annual Athletic Carnival was held at Petersham Oval on August 6 and 8, on a very uneven ground. The Oval has been top-dressed since then, and should be in better condition for the next carnival.

A fine job of organisation was done by the House Athletics Committee, and the Carnival proceeded without a hitch. Walking events were renewed after a lapse of four years, and all three records were broken.

### NEW SCHOOL RECORDS:—

- Under 14, 100 yards: R. Gooley, 11.3s.
- Under 15, 440 yards: R. Morgan, 61.3s.
- Senior 88 yards Walk: E. Edwards, 3m. 23.5s.
- Junior 880 yards Walk: D. Dyer, 4m. 8.9s.
- Juvenile 880 yards Walk: B. Taylor, 4m. 14.9s.

The Frank Austin Memorial Cup was won by Mearns House; the Prefects' Pennant (Senior) by Williams House; the Junior by Mearns House; and the Juvenile by Kilgour House.

### HOUSE POINT SCORE

Senior .. . . .	42	41	54	61
Junior .. . . .	74	62	127	73
Juvenile .. . .	65	102	29	53
Aggregate .. .	181	205	210	187

### RESULTS

#### SENIORS—

- 100 yds Championship: D. Glenn 1, B. Palmer 2.
- 220 yds. Championship: G. Brooke 1, D. Glenn 2.
- 440 yds. Championship: F. Tuynman 1, D. Glenn 2.
- 880 yds. Championship: D. Smeaton 1, P. Richardson 2.
- Mile Championship: G. Thomas 1, P. Richardson 2.
- Hurdles: M. Casimir 1, F. Tuynman 2.
- High Jump: J. Heard 1, F. Tuynman 2.
- Broad Jump: B. Gillett 1, M. McDonald 2.
- Shot Put: B. Gillett 1, M. McDonald 2.
- 880 yds. Walk: E. Edward 1, F. Tuynman 2. Time, 3m. 23.5s.—record.
- Relay: Mearns 1, Williams 2, Christmas 3.
- Tug-o'-War: Mearns 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3.
- Champion: F. Tuynman.
- Champion House: Williams.

#### UNDER 16:—

- 100 yds. Championship: H. Rochow 1, J. Clarke 2.

- 220 yds. Championship: P. Lawler 1, H. Rochow 2.
- 440 yds. Championship: R. Paton 1, P. Lawler 2.
- 880 yds. Championship: P. Lawler 1, J. Hatcher 2.
- Time, 2m 21.3s—Record.
- Hurdles: K. Wilson 1, H. Rochow 2.
- High Jump: J. Clark 1, K. Wilson 2.
- Broad Jump: J. Clark 1, K. Wilson 2.
- 880 yards Walk: D. Dyer 1, J. Hatcher 2. Time, 2m. 4.9s.—Record.
- Relay: Mearns 1, Williams 2, Christmas 3.
- Champion: H. Rochow.
- Champion House: Williams.

#### UNDER 15:—

- 100 yds. Championship: R. Morgan 1, J. Godden 2.
- 220 yds. Championship: R. Morgan 1, J. Godden 2.
- 440 yds. Championship: R. Morgan 1, J. Butt 2.
- Time, 61.3s (Record).
- Hurdles: J. Godden 1, W. Pearson 2.
- High Jump: W. Pearson and R. Gray (equal) 1.
- Broad Jump: W. Pearson 1, R. Toms 2.
- Shot Put: R. Morgan 1, J. Godden 2.
- Relay: Mearns 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3.
- Junior (under 15 and 16) Tug-o'-War: Kilgour 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3.
- Champion: R. Morgan.
- Champion House: Mearns.

#### UNDER 14:—

- 100 yds. Championship: R. Gooley 1, B. Taylor 2.
- Time, 11.3s (Record).
- 220 yds. Championship: R. Gooley 1, B. Taylor 2.
- Hurdles: B. Taylor 1, R. Gooley 2.
- High Jump: B. Taylor 1, J. Hegarty 2.
- Broad Jump: B. Taylor 1, J. Hegarty 2.
- Shot Put: R. Gooley 1, J. Hegarty 2.
- Relay: Kilgour 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3.
- Juvenile (under 13 and 13) Tug-o'-War: Kilgour 1, Mearns 2, Williams 3.
- Juvenile 880 yds. Walk Championship: B. Taylor 1, J. Hegarty 2. Time, 4m. 14.9s. (Record).
- Champion: B. Taylor.
- Champion House: Kilgour.

#### UNDER 13:—

- 110 yards Championship: P. Casimir 1, K. Shaw 2.
- High Jump: M. Jones 1.
- Broad Jump: P. Casimir 1, D. Jones 2.
- Relay: Christmas 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3.
- Champion: P. Casimir.
- Champion House: Christmas.

# First Annual Boxing Tournament

On August 20th, the School held its first Boxing Tournament, at Petersham Oval. Training for this new activity began in the second term and culminated in School Championships incorporating the House competitions, details of which are given below. The Boxing Club gave an interesting and instructive display of the "noble art" to a large crowd composed mainly of Fort St. pupils. Part proceeds of the tournament were given to Legacy. A cup was donated by the Australian champion, Vic. Patrick for the "most skilful boxer." This was won by Mick Heard; another cup was kindly donated by Mrs. Wyllie. The School is deeply indebted to Mr. R. Mobbs, the founder of the Club, in connection with the tournament, to Mr. Neale, groundsman at Petersham Oval; and to the donors of sporting equipment, viz., the Headmaster, the Prefects, Masters Neville, Bogg, and Newlyn.

Kilgour House was victorious, thus winning the Wylie Cup, with 60 points, while the other Houses

scored as follows: Christmas 22, Williams 46, and Mearns 38. The results are:—

Heavyweight Division: Won by Stevenson, of Williams House.

Light-heavyweight Div.: Rickard (Williams).

9st. Div.: Heard (Kilgour).

7st 7lb Div.: Shaw (Williams).

6st. 7lb Div.: P. Spartalis (Williams).

8st. Div.: Gooley (Kilgour).

6st. 11lb Div.: Legge (Mearns).

7st. Div.: Hudson (Kilgour).

5st. Div.: M. Spartalis (Williams).

10st. 7lb. Div.: Lette (Mearns)

5st. 7lb Div.: Barr (Christmas).

11st. 6lb Div.: Johnson (Kilgour).

9st. 9lb Div.: Heard (Kilgour).

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Mobbs, who acted as referee, and Messrs. Arnold and Brodie, who were the judges.



## SCHOOL BOXING CHAMPIONS, 1947.

*Back Row* (left to right): Mr. E. Arnold (Judge), A. Stevenson (Heavyweight), J. Heard (9st 9lbs), B. Rickard (12st 2lbs), K. Johnson (11st 6lbs), D. Lette (10st 7lbs), Mr. F. Brodie (Judge).

*Front Row* (left to right): R. Gooley (8st), F. Legge (8st 7lbs), E. Shaw (7st 7lbs), Mr. R. Mobbs (Referee), R. Hudson (7st), P. Spartalis (6st 7lbs), F. Barr (5st 7lbs and 6st).

*Seated in Front:* M. Spartalis (5st).



# House Cups

Trophy	Christmas House	Kilgour House	Mearns House	Williams House	Winners
The FRANK AUSTIN MEMORIAL CUP .. (Athletics)	181	205	210	199	MEARNS HOUSE
The HANNAN CUP (Aquatics) —					
Carnival .. .. .	228	28	156	114	
Life-Saving .. .. .	425	407	369	445	
Water-Polo .. .. .	58	0	46	136	
TOTAL .. .. .	711	435	571	695	CHRISTMAS HOUSE
The LADIES' COMMITTEE CUP .. .. . (Cricket)					
	1205	1252	1218	1107	KILGOUR HOUSE
The OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP .. .. .					
	2369	1900	2662	2069	MEARNS HOUSE
The R. L. HEAD MEMORIAL CUP .. .. . (Tennis)					
	339	286	128	336	CHRISTMAS HOUSE
The ROSE CUP (All Sport) —					
Athletics .. .. .	13.6	15.47	15.84	15.02	
Cricket .. .. .	37.79	39.27	38.21	34.72	
Football .. .. .	42.12	33.77	47.32	36.78	
Tennis .. .. .	9.33	7.88	3.53	9.26	
Aquatics .. .. .	29.51	18.03	23.67	28.81	
TOTAL .. .. .	132.41	114.43	128.57	124.59	CHRISTMAS HOUSE

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