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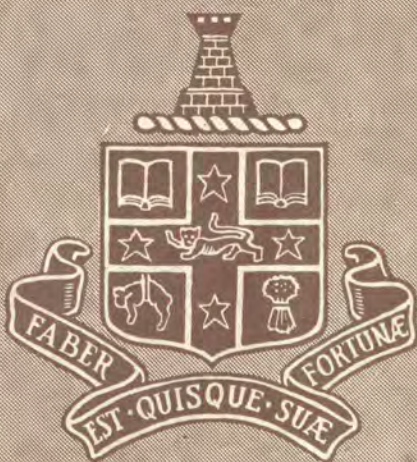
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MR. G. SHAW (Headmaster).



MR. T. PERRAU (Deputy-Headmaster).

## HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

The President of our Parents and Citizens' Association, Mr. H. E. Morpew, did well when he so successfully organised a "Fortiana Evening" during Education Week. The Fortieth Anniversary of the School on Taverner's Hill was celebrated in a fitting manner. The displays of exhibits from different periods of the School's history were most interesting, but the evening will be remembered for the large number of Fortians of all ages who attended. This representative gathering of successful men from all ways of life gave visible evidence of the influence of Fort Street on the life of the community.

They talked together of happy days at school, paid tribute to past staff members, and generally expressed their loyalty to Fort Street and all it stands for. Among them was a large group of 1916 students. Listening to them talk of their escapades, sporting triumphs and the jokes they played on teachers,

one felt that times had hardly changed. We remember, however, that in the brief span of forty years, two great world wars have been fought without mankind learning to live in peace, the rate of increase in the acquisition of scientific knowledge has been almost alarming, and the atomic age is upon us. What of the virtues these Old Fortians practised? Are they good enough for this present age?

Firstly I would like Fortians of today to remember that scientific progress has far outstripped our spiritual and moral development. It is in this field of human affairs that great things remain to be done. If while at school you practise industry, perseverance and devotion to duty, and carry into life integrity and ideals of service, like the Fortians of 1916, you will not be ashamed to come back to school to meet your compeers "Forty Years On."



**THE SCHOOL STAFF, 1956.**  
 Back Row: K. Cunningham, D. Shinkfield, K. Hurst, A. Morton, A. Bassack, A. Luke, J. Wells,  
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 2nd Row: J. Wheeler, R. Anderson, E. Muhs, R. Howlin, K. Barnard, L. Gent, E. Arnold, R. Horan, R. Goode, J. Fletcher,  
 Front Row: D. Tunley, A. Cameron, C. Westlake, T. Ferrau (Deputy-Headmaster), G. Shaw (Headmaster), G. Bohman, O. Unicom, F. Burtenshaw,  
 E. Ford. Inset: A. Duncan.

## School Officers, 1956

*Headmaster:* Mr. G. C. Shaw, B.A.

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B. Ed.

*Carreers Advisor:* Mr. J. E. Wells, B.A.

*District Counsellor:* Mr. R. Ingle, B.A.

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Mr. D. E. Shinkfield, B.A., L. Th., Dip. Ed.

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Mr. F. L. Burtenshaw, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
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Mr. R. S. Horan, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
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Mr. J. Wheeler, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. G. K. Milne, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
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### *Department of Manual Training:*

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Mr. S. J. Saunders, A.S.T.C.

### *Department of Mathematics:*

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Mr. J. Coroneos, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. J. Hearse, B.A.  
Mr. R. Howlin, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. E. C. Muhs, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. P. V. Rider, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.

### *Department of Commerce:*

Mr. A. Duncan, B.Ec. (Master).  
Mr. E. Ford, B.A.  
Mr. B. W. Goodwin, M.Ec., Dip. Ed.  
Mr. K. E. Hurst, B.Ec.

### *Department of Physical Education:*

Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Dip. Ed. P.E. (Master).  
Mr. A. Morton, Dip. Ed.

### *Department of Science:*

Mr. A. G. Cameron, B.Sc., Dip. Ed. (Sports).  
Mr. A. V. Luke.  
Mr. A. C. Rassack, M.Sc.

### *Department of Music:*

Mr. D. E. Tunley, D.S.C.M., L.T.C.L.

### *Prefects:*

*School Captain:* B. Bond.

*Vice-Captain:* G. Fortescue.

*Prefects:* D. Short, R. Clements, D. Croft, B. Jones, B. Li, B. Trevitt, B. Pemberton, P. Ansourian, J. Moore, N. Brown, K. Travers, J. C. H. P. Gordon, W. Hamilton, W. Ashby, J. Evans, M. Williams, P. Anderson, P. Jackson, A. Thomas.

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### *House Masters:*

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*Kilgour:* Mr. Dasey.

*Mearns:* Mr. Ford.

*Williams:* Mr. Horan.



**PREFECTS, 1956.**

**Back Row:** B. Trevitt, J. C. H. P. Gordon, D. Croft, J. Moore, M. Williams, P. Anderson, W. Hamilton.  
**Middle Row:** R. Li, P. Ansourian, G. Pemberton, K. Travers, R. Clements, A. Thomas, W. Ashby, N. Brown.  
**Front Row:** J. Evans, B. Jones, Mr. O. Unicomb (Master-in-Charge), G. Fortescue (Vice-Capt.), Mr. G. C. Shaw (Headmaster), B. Bond (Capt.), Mr. T. Ferrau (Deputy-Headmaster), D. Short, P. Jackson.

# Examination Results

## Leaving Certificate, 1955

104 Passes.

### Key to the Subjects:

- |                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. English        | 11. Comb. Physics & Chemistry  |
| 2. Latin          | 12. Physics                    |
| 3. French         | 13. Chemistry                  |
| 4. German         | 17. Geography                  |
| 5. Maths. I.      | 18. Economics                  |
| 6. Maths. II.     | 19. Music (Theory & Practical) |
| 7. Gen. Maths.    | 31. Chinese                    |
| 8. Applied Maths. | 33. Japanese                   |

- ATKIN, Geoffrey J.: 1B, 3B (o), 5B, 6B, 13B, 18B.
- BAKER, Brent G.: 1A, 3B, 5B, 12B.
- BARNES, Robert L.: 1A, 3H(1) (o), 5B, 6B, 17B, 18H(1).
- BARRAS, John W.: 1B, 7B, 9B, 17B.
- BARRON, John W.: 1A, 3A(o), 5B, 12A, 13B.
- BARTON, Graeme H.: 1B, 3B, 7A, 9B, 13B, 18B.
- BELLAMY, Graham H.: 1A, 3B, 5B, 12B, 13B.
- BIDDLECOMBE, Malcolm E.: 1B, 3B(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 18B.
- BORLAND, Robert W.: 1B, 3B, 9B, 17B, 18B.
- BRADSHAW, Graeme F.: 1A, 3B, 7B, 9B, 17B, 18H(2).
- BRAGG, John P.: 1A, 3B, 5A, 6B, 13A, 18H(2).
- BRIDGES, Bryce D.: 1A, 2H(2), 3A(o), 7A, 9B, 18B.
- BRODIE, Graeme N.: 1A, 3A(o), 5H(1), 6H(1), 12A, 13A.
- BUDGE, Clifford, N.: 1B, 3H(1)(o), 5A, 6A, 12A, 13A.
- BUTLER, Russell J.: 1B, 3H(1)(o), 5B, 6A, 12H(2), 13B.
- CAMPBELL, Richard J.: 1A, 5H(1), 6H(1), 12H(1), 13A.
- CASH, David K.: 1B, 9A, 17B, 18B.
- CHANG, Kenneth L.: 1B, 3A(0), 5B, 6A, 12A, 13H(2).
- CHAPPLE, John E.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 9B, 13A.
- CHU, William K.: 1B, 7B, 12B, 13B, 31A.
- CLOUTIER, Peter E.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 12B, 13A.
- COLLINS, Graeme J.: 1A, 3B, 9B, 17B.
- COOKSEY, Robert J.: 1H(2), 3A, 9H(1), 17A, 18H(1).
- COOPER, Kevin: 1A, 3B, 7B, 9B, 17A, 18A.
- COURT, John D.: 1A, 3A(o), 5B, 6H(2), 12A, 13A.
- CRAPP, David J.: 1B, 2B, 3B, 5A, 6B, 13B.
- DANKS, Bernard S.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 13B, 17A.
- DASH, Keith MacD.: 1A, 3A(o), 5A, 6A, 12A, 13B.
- DUNNE, Bruce P.: 1A, 3A, 5B, 6A, 12A, 13A.
- DUTTON, Warren H.: 1B, 2B, 3A(o), 5B, 6B, 18B.
- ELDER, Donald J.: 1A, 3B, 7A, 9B, 17B, 18B.
- FELL, Graham R.: 1A, 2H(1), 3H(2)(o), 4H(1)(o), 7A.
- FLEMING, Arthur: 1B, 3B(o), 5B, 6B, 12A.
- HALES, Alfred R.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 13B, 17B.
- HALLIDAY, John D.: 1B, 3A(o), 7B, 9B, 17B, 18B.
- HANDLER, Thomas J.: 1A, 2H(1), 3H(1)(o), 4H(1)(o), 9A.
- HARWIN, Peter J.: 1A, 3B(o), 7B, 9H(2), 18B.
- HILL, Donald G.: 1H(1), 3A(o), 4A(o), 7A, 9H(1), 18A.
- HOLDER, James A.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B.
- HUGHES, Marshall P.: 1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 17B.
- HUNTER, Lane D.: 1B, 5B, 6B, 12B.
- IRVINE, James W.: 1B, 3A(o), 7A, 9B, 17A, 18B.
- JOHNSTON, William M.: 1A, 3B, 7A, 9B, 17B, 18B.
- JONES, Richard F.: 1B, 3A(o), 5B, 6A, 12A, 13A.
- KABLE, John W.: 1A, 5H(1), 6H(2), 12H(2), 13A.
- KIRBY, Michael D.: 1A, 3A(o), 4A(o), 7A, 9H(1), 18H(1).
- KIRKHAM, Don: 1B, 2B, 3B(o), 9B, 13A.
- LACKENBY, Ian J.: 1B, 3B, 5A, 6B, 12A, 13A.
- LAND, William A.: 1A, 3H(1)(o), 7A, 13A, 17H(1).
- LAWSON, William H.: 1H(1), 3A(o), 7B, 9A, 17A, 18B.
- LEE, George C.: 1B, 6B, 12A, 13B, 31B.
- LEWIS, Richard: 1B, 3A(o), 5H(2), 6A, 12B, 13A.
- LI, Richard C.: 1B, 3A(o), 5A, 6A, 12H(2), 13B.
- LIGHT, Anthony G.: 1B, 3A(o), 5B, 6A, 13A.
- LINDSAY, David A.: 1A, 3A(o), 5B, 6A, 12B, 13A.
- McEWAN, Robert B.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13A.
- McFARLANE, John D.: 1B, 3B(o), 7B, 9B, 13B, 17B.
- McGREGOR, Robert K.: 1B, 3A(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.
- MACKINLAY, Bruce L.: 1A, 7B, 9B, 17A, 18B.
- McQUEEN, John D.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 9B, 13B, 18B.
- MARTIN, John V.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.
- MILTON, Arnold V.: 1B, 3A(o), 7B, 9B, 17A, 18B.
- MOATE, Peter J.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 17B, 18B.
- MOORE, Bruce H.: 1A, 2A, 3A(0), 7A, 13B, 19A.
- MORPHEW, Richard G.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 9B, 17B, 19A.
- MURPHY, Kevin J.: 1B, 7B, 9B, 13B, 18B.



- NADE, Sydney M.: 1A, 5H(2), 6A, 12H(2), 13H(1).
- NELAN, John E.: 1B, 3A(o), 7B, 9B, 17B.
- NICHOLLS, Ralph L.: 1B, 3A, 5A, 6A, 12H(2), 13A.
- NICOL, Robert E.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 9A, 17A, 18B.
- O'MALLEY, David: 1B, 3A(0), 5A, 6A, 12A, 13H(2).
- PARKER, Frank M.: 1B, 3B, 5A, 6B, 12A, 13H(2).
- PIKE, Alan G.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.
- PINNOCK, Paul M.: 1B, 3B, 9B, 18B.
- PORTER, David T.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6A, 12A, 13B.
- PRICE, John J.: 1A, 3A(o), 5A, 6A, 12A, 13B.
- RAJARATNAM, S.: 5B, 6B, 8B, 12H(2), 13A.
- RAYNER, Arthur W.: 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13A.
- ROBERTS, John C.: 1A, 3A, 4H(1)(o), 7A, 33H(1).
- ROSEN, Eric J.: 1B, 3A(o), 7B, 9B, 12B, 13B.
- RUSSELL, Phillip L.: 1B, 9B, 17B, 18B.
- SAXBY, Wesley J.: 1B, 3B(o), 9H(2), 17B, 18B.
- SIMON, Pefer L.: 1H(2), 2B, 3A, 7A, 12A, 13B.
- SMITH, Keith B.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13A.
- SOLOMON, Keith J.: 1B, 3A, 9B, 18B.
- SOUTAR, Ross I.: 1B, 3A(o), 7B, 17B.
- SOUTHWELL, Graham R.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 18B.
- SPENCER, Brian J.: 1A, 3B(o), 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B.
- STEWART, Gordon A.: 1B, 9B, 17B, 18B.
- STRACHAN, Anthony C.: 1B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 18A.
- THACKERAY, Brian W.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12B, 13B.
- THOMSON, Ross M.: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13A.
- TRINDER, John C.: 1B, 3A(o), 5A, 6A, 12A, 18B.
- TURNER, Clive H.: 1B, 3B, 9B, 18B.
- UNWIN, Robert J.: 1B, 3B(o), 7B, 17B, 18B.
- VAN LOON, Lambert G.: 1B, 3A(o), 5A, 6A, 12H(2), 13A.
- VIDANG, Urmas, 1A, 3A(o), 5B, 6A, 12A, 13A.
- WAITE, Peter J.: 3B, 5B, 17B, 18B.
- WEBB, William F.: 1A, 3A(o), 7A, 9A, 12A, 13A.
- WEBBER, Keith: 1B, 3B, 5B, 6B, 12A, 13B.
- WINTERS, Kevin N.: 5B, 6B, 12B, 17B.
- WRIGHT, Reuel G.: 1B, 3B, 7B, 9B, 17H(2), 18A.
- WRIGHT, Robert B.: 1A, 3A(o), 7B, 9B, 17B, 18B.
- YEONG, Yew O.: 1B, 2B, 7B, 11B, 31A.
- HONOURS AT LEAVING CERTIFICATE
- English*: R. J. Cooksey, D. G. Hill, W. H. Lawson, P. L. Sunon.
- Latin*: B. D. Bridges, G. R. Fell, T. J. Handler.
- French*: R. L. Barnes, E. N. Budge, R. J. Butler, G. R. Fell, T. J. Handler, W. A. Land.
- German*: G. R. Fell, L. J. Handler, J. C. Roberts.
- Maths. I.*: G. N. Brodie, R. J. Campbell, J. W. Kable, R. Lewis, S. M. Nade.
- Maths. II.*: G. N. Brodie, R. J. Campbell, J. M. Kable.
- Physics*: R. J. Butler, R. J. Campbell, J. W. Kable, R. C. Li, S. M. Nade, R. L. Nicholls, L. G. Van Loon.
- Chemistry*: R. L. Chang, S. M. Nade, D. O'Malley, F. M. Parker.
- Geography*: R. G. Wright.
- Economics*: R. L. Barnes, G. F. Bradshaw, J. P. Bragg, R. J. Cookey, M. D. Kirby.
- Japanese*: J. C. Roberts.
- Modern History*: R. J. Cooksey, P. L. Harwin, M. D. Kirby, W. J. Saxby.
- State Placings*:
- Latin 6th*: T. J. Handler.
- French 5th*: T. J. Handler.
- German 2nd*: T. J. Handler.
- Japanese 1st*: J. C. Roberts.
- Maths. II. 4th*: R. J. Campbell.
- Modern History 1st*: M. Kirby.
- Economics 5th*: R. L. Barnes.
- Geography 3rd*: W. A. Land.
- Universities Bursaries*: R. Campbell, J. Kable, M. Kirby, B. Moore.
- Co-operative Wholesale Society Scholarship for Economics*: M. Kirby.
- Lithgow Scholarship for German*: T. Handler.
- Aitken Memorial Scholarship*: T. Handler.
- Atomic Energy Commission Scholarship*: J. Kable.
- McIlrath Scholarship for Best Student entering the Faculty of Veterinary Science*: K. Dash.
- STATE PLACINGS IN AGGREGATE FOR L.C.
- T. Handler, 2nd; M. Kirby, 24th; J. Campbell, 26th; W. Land( 57th; G. Hill, 65th; J. Roberts, 78th; G. Fell, 82nd; R. Cooksey, 100th.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP  
SCHEME

## FORT STREET BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Barnes, R. L.   | Lawson, W. H.    |
| Bridges, B. D.  | Lewis, R. L.     |
| Butler, R. J.   | Light, A. G.     |
| Bradshaw, G. L. | Lindsay, D. A.   |
| Brodie, G. N.   | McGregor, R. K.  |
| Campbell, R. J. | Milton, A. V.    |
| Bragg, J. P.    | Moore, B. H.     |
| Budge, C. N.    | Nade, S. M. L.   |
| Chang, K. L.    | Nicholls, R. L.  |
| Cooksey, R. J.  | Nicol, R. E. G.  |
| Court, J. D.    | O'Malley, D.     |
| Dash, K. M.     | Palmer, F. M. G. |
| Dunne, D. P.    | Price, J. J.     |
| Elder, D. J.    | Roberts, J. C.   |
| Fell, G. R.     | Saxby, W. J.     |
| Handler, T. J.  | Simon, P. L. A.  |
| Harwin, P. J.   | Trinder, J. C.   |
| Hill, D. G.     | Van Loon, L. G.  |
| Irvine, J. W.   | Viidang, U.      |
| Jones, R. F.    | Wright, R. G.    |
| Johnston, W. M. | Wright, R. B.    |
| Kable, J. W.    | Webb, W. F.      |
| Kirby, M. D.    | Rosen, E. J.     |
| Lackenby, L. J. | Halliday, J. D.  |
| Land, W. A.     |                  |

## INTERMEDIATE BURSARIES

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Barrett, J. V. | Hughes, W. G. |
| Clark, R. J.   | West, A. E.   |
| Horner, G. R.  |               |

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## MR. A. DUNCAN



It is with deep regret that we here record the fact that Mr. A. Duncan, Economics Master, passed away in the latter part of this year. He had been a member of the Fort Street staff for the past nine years and during that time had established himself firmly in the regard of both his fellow members of staff and the many pupils who came under his guidance.

Briefly, Mr. Duncan's career in the Education Department was as follows:

He received his training at Sydney Teachers' College in 1919-20 and subsequently gained his B.Ec. in 1924. In 1921 he spent a few months at Five Dock before being seconded to the Technical College as a Manual Training Demonstrator. He remained here for

a short time before being transferred to North Newtown as Manual Training Assistant. In 1923 he was moved to North Sydney, again as Manual Teacher. As a teacher of Economics he has taught at Orange High, 1927-30; at Wagga High, 1931-37 (while at Wagga he was supervisor of the Presbyterian Boys' Hostel); Lithgow High School, 1938-42; North Sydney Technical High, 1943; Canterbury Boys' High and Kogarah High in 1944; and then in 1948 Mr. Duncan was transferred to Fort Street Boys' High as Master where he remained until his death this year.

The school extends sincere sympathy to the members of the late Mr. Duncan's family and assures them that he has left behind him here at Fort Street many who will long remember him as a sincere friend.

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### FORT STREET FOUNDATION PRIZES

Below is a list of foundation prizes presented annually to Fort Street boys. The money for these prizes is made available from fixed funds which guarantee their continuance in perpetuity. Some honour former masters of the School, and others famous pupils. The School is indebted to the founders of these prizes. Other subjects have yet to be endowed (including Latin, German, Japanese). The letters L.C. in the paragraphs stands for Leaving Certificate Examination.

#### TAYLOR MEMORIAL PRIZE.

Awarded to the boys who obtain the best pass in geography at the Intermediate and L.C. Examination respectively. The prize was founded by public subscription and first given to the boys of 1920. It perpetuates the memory of Mr. Taylor, who saw active service throughout the Boer War and who was a teacher of geography at Fort Street from 1906 until his death in June 1920.

**JAMES BAXENDALE MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Awarded to the dux in English in each of the five years and a special prize awarded in fourth year for the best lecture on some modern author. This award was founded in 1936 in memory of James Baxendale, a member of the English Department at the School from 1919 until his death in 1935.

**JOHNSON MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Two prizes awarded, one to the junior and the other to the senior boy who shows the highest quality of sportsmanship during the year. These prizes were founded in 1941 in memory of Mr. Les Johnson, who saw four years of service in World War I. and who, having come to the School in 1924, was Sports-master from 1927 until his death in 1940.

**CHARLES H. HARRISON MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Awarded to the best English student on the results of the L.C. The prize was first awarded to a 1945 student. The prize was presented by Mrs. Harrison in memory of her late husband, Major C. H. Harrison, who saw active service in World War I. and who was Deputy Headmaster of Fort Street from 1928 to 1942.

**D. J. AUSTIN PRIZE**

Awarded to the student with the best pass in mathematics at the L.C. This prize has been endowed by the Ladies' Committee in appreciation of the services rendered to the School by Mr. D. J. Austin, Mathematics Master at Fort Street from 1919 to 1935 and Deputy Headmaster from 1943 to 1952. The prize was first awarded at the 1955 Speech Night.

**RAYMOND AND FRANK EVATT MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Awarded to the pupil writing the best essay on an Australian topic. The prize has been given since 1921. The money was provided by Dr. H. V. Evatt, Federal Opposition Leader, captain of the School in 1911, as a memorial to his two brothers, Raymond and Frank, both Fortians, who fell in the service of their country in World War I.

**KILLEEN MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Awarded to the Dux, provided he is proceeding to the University. The prize was founded in 1924 by a gift from the Limbless and Maimed Soldiers' Association at the request of Mrs. Killeen, who selected this form of memorial for her late husband, Lieutenant F. P. J. Killeen, an Old Boy and first President of the Limbless and Maimed Soldiers' Association.

**DR. VERCO PRIZE**

Awarded to the pupil with the best pass in mathematics at the L.C. The prize was first given in 1930. Funds were made available by Dr. Verco in grateful appreciation of what the School had done for his son, Mr. David Verco, at the present time Assistant to the Director General of Education, N.S.W.

**JOHN HUNTER MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Awarded on L.C. results to the pupil with the best pass who is proceeding to the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney. The first award was made at the 1940 Speech Day. This prize was instituted in commemoration of Dr. John Hunter, one of the most famous Old Boys of the School, who was Associate Professor of Anatomy at the Sydney University at the time of his death on 10th December, 1924, when only 26 years of age.

**HERBERT PERCIVAL WILLIAMS MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Awarded to the pupil who obtains the best pass in the Shakespeare questions in the English pass paper of the L.C. Examination. The prize was founded in 1942 by Mr. W. J. Williams to perpetuate the memory of his son H. P. Williams, an old Fortian, who started at Fort Street in 1920.

**BERTRAM STEVENS PRIZE**

Two prizes awarded, one to the pupil who gains the best pass in economics at the L.C., and the other to the fourth year boy who gains the best pass in economics at the final fourth year exams. This prize was first awarded in 1943. The founder was Sir Bertram Stevens, Premier of N.S.W. (1932-39) and an Old Boy of the School.

**JOHN HILLS MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Awarded to the fourth year boy who has displayed outstanding qualities of manliness, leadership and service to the school. The prize was first awarded to a 1945 boy. The money for the fund was donated by Mr. C. H. Hills, a blind veteran of World War I. and father of John Hills. John was captain of the School in 1939 and gave his life for his country in the Second World War.

**WARREN PECK PRIZE**

Awarded for the first place in history on the results of the L.C. The money was made available by Mrs. W. Peck, mother of Warren, as a token of appreciation of what the School had done for her son. Warren Peck gained his Leaving Certificate in 1954 and is at present doing 2nd year Science at the University of Sydney.

**ELVIE SELLE PRIZE**

Awarded on the results of the L.C. to the student who gains first place in chemistry. First awarded for the 1954 examination. This prize has been endowed by the members of the Ladies' Committee in honour of their former President, Mrs. W. Selle, who served the School faithfully in that capacity from 1949 until 1955.

**PARENTS AND CITIZENS' PRIZE**

Awarded to the student with the best pass in physics at the L.C. This prize was founded by the Parents and Citizens' Association in 1955.

## 1955 SPEECH NIGHT

Special Prizes awarded on the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination in 1954.

1. RAYMOND A. BINNS: The Killeen Memorial Prize for Dux of the School; First place in Maths. II. This prize is donated by Mr. V. Outten; The Verco Prize for Maths. The D. J. Austin Prize for Maths. II. This prize was endowed by the Ladies' Committee in honour of a former Deputy Headmaster.
  2. JOHN H. McENNALLY: The Lodge Fortian Prize for Proficiency; First place in Maths. I. Prize donated by Mr. V. Outten; The Parents and Citizens' Prize for Physics.
  3. AUBREY F. EGAN: The John Hunter Prize for the best student entering the Faculty of Medicine.
  4. ALFRED E. ARMSTRONG: The Baxendale Memorial Prize for English; The Charles N. Harrison Memorial Prize for English; First place in General Maths. Prize donated by Mr. V. Outten.
  5. COLIN SIMPSON: The Herbert Percival Williams Memorial Shakespearean Prize.
  6. LANCE P. BENNETT: The Frederick Bridges Memorial Prize for French.
  7. GEORGE JEROGIN: First place in German. Prize donated by Mr. H. E. Morphew.
  8. JOHN H. BELLHOUSE: First place in Latin. This prize donated by the Old Boys' Union.
  9. WINSTON G. LEWIS: First place in Japanese. Prize donated by Mr. H. E. Morphew.
  10. DANIEL J. DWYER, PETER K. GERARD and CRIS. J. HIGGINS: Shared the Joseph Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography.
  11. KENNETH W. PALMER: The W. Peck Prize for first place in History.
  12. GRAEME J. McKIMM: The Sir Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics.
  13. WARREN A. PECK: The E. J. Selle Prize for Chemistry. This prize has been endowed by the members of the Ladies' Committee in honour of their former President.
- Special prizes earned during 1955*
14. DAVID LINDSAY: The Headmaster's Prize for School services.
  15. BRUCE BOND: The John Hills Memorial Prize for the 4th year student displaying outstanding qualities.
  16. RICHARD MORPHEW: Prize for Music donated by the Old Boys' Union.
  17. GRAHAM SOUTHWELL: The Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship.
  18. DAVID BARSLEY: The Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship (Junior).
  19. MALCOLM BIDDLECOMBE: Prize for leadership and service in the School Cadets.
  20. WILLIAM LAND: The Evatt prize for Australian History.
  - 20A. THOMAS HANDLER: A prize given by the Council of the Classical Association of N.S.W. for excellence in reading Latin aloud.

## SUBJECT PRIZES

*Fourth Year*

21. KENNETH TRAVERS: Dux of 4th Year. Prize donated by the Old Boys' Union; The Baxendale Memorial Prize for English in 4th Year; 1st place in English in 4th Year; 1st place in Maths. I. Prize donated by Mr. V. Outten; 1st place in Maths. II. Prize donated by Mr. V. Outten; 1st place in Physics (aeq.).
22. DAVID BLAIR: 2nd place in 4th Year; 1st place in Physics (aeq.).
23. MACK WILLIAMS: 1st place in History in 4th Year; 1st place in Geography in 4th Year.
24. ROSS CHALLONER: The Sir Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics (junior); 1st place in Latin in 4th Year.
25. MALCOLM COLLESS: 1st place in French in 4th Year; 1st place in German; 1st place in General Maths. Prize donated by Mr. V. Outten.
26. LANCE ELLIOTT: 1st place in Japanese in 4th Year.
27. PETER UHLHERR: 1st place in Chemistry in 4th Year.

*Third Year*

28. PETER TOW: Dux of 3rd Year.
29. ALLAN WEST: 2nd place in 3rd Year; 1st place in Latin in 3rd Year.
30. BERNARD NEWSOM: The Baxendale Prize for English in 3rd Year; 1st in English in 3rd Year; 1st in French (aeq.).
31. GEOFFREY HILDER: 1st place in Social Studies in 3rd Year.
32. ROBERT SHELTON: 1st place in History in 3rd Year.
33. WARWICK BEDDOES: 1st place in Geography in 3rd Year (aeq.).
34. JOHN HUNTLEY: 1st place in Geography (aeq.).
35. RICHARD HORNE: 1st place in Business Principles in 3rd Year.
36. ROBERT CLARK: 1st place in German in 3rd Year.
37. DAVID KENT: 1st place in French in 3rd year (aeq.).
38. RICHARD CLARKE: 1st place in Japanese in 3rd Year.

39. JOHN FIANDER: 1st place in Maths. I. in 3rd Year; 1st place in Maths. II.  
40. WILBUR HUGHES: 1st place in Science in 3rd Year.

*Second Year*

41. RUSSELL I. MILLARD: Dux of 2nd Year; Baxendale prize in English in 2nd Year; 1st place in English in 2nd Year; 1st place in Latin in 2nd Year (aeq.); 1st place in French (aeq.); 1st place in Maths. II.; 1st place in Science.  
42. JOHN T. KNEESHAW: 2nd place in 2nd Year; 1st place in Latin in 2nd Year (aeq.).  
43. JOHN PARKER: 1st place in Social Studies.  
44. JOHN HOPKINS: 1st place in Geography in 2nd Year.  
45. IAN ANDERSON: 1st place in History in 2nd Year.  
46. OLAF REINHARDT: 1st place in German in 2nd Year.  
47. TONY STEVENS: 1st Place in French (aeq.).  
48. PETER STOKES: 1st place in Business Principles in 2nd Year.  
49. ANGUS E. KEIGHRAN: 1st place in Japanese in 2nd Year.  
50. ROGER COOK: 1st place in Maths. I. in 2nd Year.

*First Year*

51. GEOFFREY BELLAMY: Dux of First Year; 1st place in Maths. II. in 1st Year.  
52. GORDON McLELLAND: Second place in 2nd Year.  
53. MARK DIESENDORF: The Baxendale Prize for English in 1st Year; 1st in English in 1st Year; 1st place in Latin in 1st Year; 1st place in Science.  
54. ERNST WILLHEIM: 1st place in Social Studies in 1st Year.  
55. PETER LEVY: 1st place in French in 1st Year.  
56. JOHN APPERLOO: 1st place in Maths. I. in 1st Year.  
57. RON BREACH: Prize for the best boy in Technical Work in 1st Year.

*Prizes awarded to Contributors to "The Fortian"*

*Literary Section:* Prose (Senior): No award; Verse (Senior): G. Hill; Prose (Junior): K. Wardrop; Verse (Junior): C. Spencer.

*Photographic Section (Character):* 1st R. Wright; 2nd R. Wright.

(Scene): 1st S. Rajaratnam; 2nd J. Bissell.

*Art Section:* 1st Prize (Senior): P. Uhlherr; 1st Prize (Junior): G. Cotis.



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## SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

Once again the Leaving Certificate examination is fast approaching. Soon another group of Fortians shall enter the vast ocean of opportunity that lies in the outside world. Reluctantly we shall become "Old Fortians," a title which, although signifying that we have left our schooldays behind, shall nevertheless remind us of a chapter of our lives in which we were educated, not only to appreciate the arts and sciences, but to learn the true meaning of team spirit and companionship.

Only now are we beginning to realise how little we have been able to repay the school for all its many benefits. We will always remember our debt and will endeavour to repay some small portion of it by maintain-



ing our interest in all future social activities presented by the school.

As we have been approaching our final examination, the full nature of our debt to the members of the staff has slowly been growing more apparent; consequently I find it difficult to express all my thanks, and the thanks of fifth year, to the staff in such a brief space.

To our headmaster, Mr. Shaw, our deputy headmaster, Mr. Perrau and all other members of the staff we offer our heartiest thanks for your constant and untiring interest in us. We trust the examination results will justify the great amount of valuable knowledge you have imparted to us over the past five years.

I extend my thanks to the members of the Ladies' Committee, whose able assistance helped to ensure the success of all school dances and allied functions throughout the year. Their catering at such functions was always immeasurably appreciated by all.

To my fellow fifth year students, in particular my Vice-Captain, Graeme Fortescue,

senior Prefect, David Short and all the prefects, I extend my warmest congratulations for your loyal co-operation and support during the past twelve months. It has been a pleasure to have been associated with you and I shall eagerly look forward to all future opportunities of renewing our acquaintance.

Although the prefects for 1957 are as yet unchosen, I wish them the best of success during their term of office. I hope they are as fortunate as we have been in receiving the full co-operation of the remainder of the school.

Success in life is reached not only by academic achievement, but by taking an active part in other activities which are designed to promote opportunities for leadership and sportsmanship, thus strengthening your character. Hence my message to all who are to remain at Fort Street next year is this: "By blending your academic work with sport you will enable yourself to develop worthwhile traits of character which will see you through your active life. By so doing you will reach that mental-physical balance which gives rise to the possibility of maximum effort in both spheres. In this way you will not only aid yourself, but you will also help maintain the high sporting and academic tradition of the school."

With the coming Olympic Games in Melbourne can be associated the system you must strive to perfect in school. In the Olympics each individual, apart from striving for personal glory is most concerned in the prestige attached to his or her representation for a single nation. This should be a shining example for each and every Fortian to emulate. Place the honour of the school first, and personal honour shall follow. Remember, however, that participation in any competitive activity means more than success. We all cannot win, so learn to take defeat in your stride and always come up smiling and you will then realise how much enjoyment friendly competition brings if it is treated as such.

To all who have shown some promise in any activity I ask you to remember that to reach eventual success it is necessary to train, and train hard. Set an Olympic athlete as your example, as these men and women know what real training is. Remember always, that "every man is the maker of his own fortune," so strive to lead, and fight to win..

To all at Fort Street, I extend my best wishes for the future and trust that you will continue to serve and honour God and the Queen throughout your lifetime, never forgetting that what you are, the school will be.

Bruce Geoffrey Bond, School Captain.

## VICE-CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

As the year draws to a close, we of the present Fifth Year can look back over the years we have spent at the school and, I am afraid, we must admit that we have failed to devote ourselves completely towards forwarding the interests of the school.

However, our indiscretions should urge those following us, both in the senior and junior schools, to greater efforts "to make up for us." I know this may seem to exclude the younger boys who must feel rather insignificant in this great school of ours, but who

really form the nucleus of school spirit — a fact that no senior will admit. To these boys my advice is to attempt everything and take part in as many school activities as you possibly can without endangering your academic standing; and when you find an aspect of school life in which you are capable of giving your best, concentrate on it and through this medium help to put back into the school some minute part of what you take from it.

—Graeme Fortescue.



## SCHOOL NOTES

Our thanks go to Mr. Shea and his band of cleaners for looking after the school so well this year, especially on social evenings.

Members of the Fortian Committee take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Fletcher for the guidance and help he has shown us in the publication of this year's "Fortian".

Briton's Brewery made amends for the pervading smoke, asphyxiating odour and the frequent effusion by kindly donating £50 to the Piano Fund.

In the N.S.W. Athletic Championships, held earlier in the year, P. Hiob was second in the Junior Hammer Throw and third in the Junior Discus Throw; J. Moore was a member of the Western Suburbs one mile Medley Relay team which broke the State record and was a member of 4 x 220 yards and 4 x 110 yards Relay teams which were finalists; and B. Cartwright was third in the Junior Pole Vault. Congratulations Priit, John and Brian.

It is regretted that Enmore High School this year received more "Marks" in their Science than we did.

The School was captivated by a stirring and heart-warming address by Miss Roderick on the Barnardo Homes. She told the life of T. J. Barnardo and recounted the development of this great cause which helps many British children all over the world. On the following day the boys donated generously to this worthy cause.

After "No. 7's" unsurprisingly poor effort in the Hurdle events at the C.H.S. Athletics

Carnival, can't this event be brought back into the programme for our own Athletics Carnival? I feel sure we have athletes of the capacity to do well in this race if given sufficient training and coaching.

Congratulations to Tom Handler on coming second in the State in last year's Leaving Certificate and to Richard Campbell who came seventh. Three First Class honours and two "A's" is no mean achievement. Michael Kirby also made the School prominent in the results by heading the list in Modern History. This should serve as a challenge to the present students.

We congratulate Mr. Morton, our P.E. teacher, who had such a successful season in Rugby Union this year. His tough and clean play on the wing earned him representative honours and the distinction of being Sydney's leading try scorer.

I am sure all the school wishes Mr. Bohman a quick recovery from his illness.

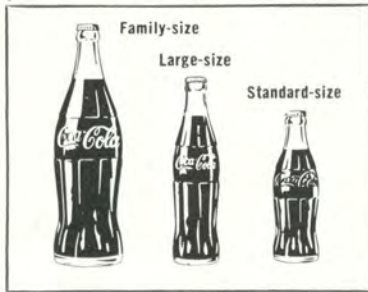
We read in the newspaper that the State is short of school teachers. After seeing the number of cars driven to school each day, one wonders why.

We thank Mesdames Fuller, Goswell and Anderson, our obliging tuck shop ladies, and Col. Fairweather for their efficient service.

The School listened and watched in awe as two representatives from G.M.H. Ltd., Mr. Stanley and Mr. Hudson, gave an exhibition of modern science entitled "Previews of Progress" in the School Hall. I was particularly impressed by that new version of "Beethoven's Fifth."



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## STAFF CHANGES

As happens every year, we have to farewell some members of our staff but their places are taken by others who, by this stage of the year, really belong to the school.

We welcome the new Science Master, Mr. Cameron who comes to us from Penrith High. On the Science Staff, he and Mr. Rassack from Hom bush have replaced Mr. Marks who has gone as Science Master to Enmore High, and Mr. Cull who is now Science Master at Macquarie High. Congratulations to both these men.

Two members of the 1955 staff have left the N.S.W. Education Department and are now with Commonwealth Education. They are Mr. Sheen from the Maths. Staff and Mr. Mackay from the Language Staff. We were pleased to welcome Mr. Mackay back for a brief visit during the year in his official capacity. Mr. Goode has come to the Language Staff from Queanbeyan.

The English Staff has received an addition in the person of Mr. Shinkfield while Mr. Reichenbach has left our Physical Education Staff for Muswellbrook High, and been replaced by Mr. Morton.

Welcome to all new members of staff — we know you will enjoy being at Fort Street.

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

For several years Fort Street has been privileged to have Mr. J. R. Clucas of the Kodak Lecture Service Division as guest lecturer at lunch-time meetings. These have been held at regular intervals throughout 1956 on Tuesdays at 12.35 p.m. The boys who have attended have enjoyed many interesting talks on various aspects of photography. It is proposed to continue these talks in 1957 and all students interested in photography are most cordially invited to attend. Further particulars may be obtained from the Group Supervisor Mr. R. S. Horan.

## FIFTH YEAR FAREWELL

The final day of school for the departing Fifth Year this year was both a memorable and enjoyable occasion. An inspiring address by the Baptist Minister, Rev. N. Horne, set a good keynote for the day.

The Cadet Passing Out Parade attended by Brigadier Hinton was very well conducted and special mention must be made of the first appearance of our School Band.

Many good and diverse speeches were presented both by teachers and pupils at the Farewell Dinner by Fourth Year, which went off very well.

After a late start, the Farewell Dance on Friday night turned out very well and could be considered one of the best of the year.

A marked conviviality by those boys who were to sit for their Leaving Certificate for the second time was to be noted.

—John Dowd, 4A.

## LIBRARY REPORT

As a result of the Gala Fete held recently, quite a large number of books has been installed in the library which already is rather overcrowded. The reference section is, as always, very popular, especially in the senior years, where our authoritative and interesting encyclopaedias and dictionaries provide much enjoyment and knowledge.

About 200 volumes have been added in 1956, thirty-one of these having been donated. S. Etheridge (2A), being of special note. £101 were spent on books averaging approximately 10/- each.

An exhibition was given by Angus and Robertson Ltd. in the School Library on the day of the Fete. It showed how books were printed, bound and set for the public.

The School would like to express their thanks to Mr. Barnard, our Librarian, for sacrificing much of his lunch-time for the benefit of the boys. The boys are requested to co-operate with Mr. Barnard by handing their books in on time.

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JUSTICE McLELLAND, B.A., LL.B.  
(Judge in Equity in Supreme Court)

About 34 years ago, after five very happy years, I left Fort Street as well equipped for the future as a great and wise headmaster and many skilled and untiring masters could contrive.

I can best use this opportunity of writing something for the present generation of Fortians by setting out some advice which the experience of the intervening years has convinced me is sound and which, as befits my calling, I present as a series of pronouncements.

There is no substitute for hard work which means work that is concentrated and effective and by which the details are mastered.

Strive to attain academic success. At this stage of your career it is of prime importance. But mere academic success is not enough. For the good all-round man is definitely the most successful. The school is a society and you are preparing to take your place in a wider one. Take part in all the school activities to the limit of your several abilities. But do not over-reach yourself. If your natural talents are few, confine your efforts to those things which will be of most importance to you in the future and in this regard you will have the advantage of the guidance of your masters and of your parents.

Whatever you do, by your own creative effort or upon your own initiative, will represent your most valuable work for your school and for yourself. Be venturesome.

When a conflict arises between what you want to do which is pleasurable and what is really a duty and not so glamorous, remember the ease by which a choice of the former can be justified to yourself. Take time to think twice and be sure you consider the facts as they really exist and in their true perspective.

Never be ready to explain away your lack of success in anything. You will have failed if you have not attained that place which hard training or hard work would have earned for you. Never rest on your laurels. If you do not go ahead, you will go backwards. Each achievement is but a training to meet another task.

If you do not lead in anything, remember that few are born to lead but each can do his best. After all, the game is often won by the unspectacular work of conscientious hard-working forwards and the backbone of the community is made up of a great body of conscientious hard-working citizens.

What you lack in natural talent can be more than compensated by application and pertinacity and by drive and energy.

Never be disheartened. Even if at school you do not appear to have been successful, there may yet be a talent or talents still undeveloped and the world is full of opportunities.

Above everything stands character. Nearly all the failures I have known have resulted from defects of personality which in plain terms usually means defects of character. Material success may be gained by ability and by initiative and by drive but real and lasting success is not possible if strength of character be lacking.

I had the opportunity last year of speaking in person to most of the boys who will read these words and they will, I hope, read them in the light of what I then said at greater length and in language which was a little more colourful and a little less lawyer-like.

My recent observations have proved to me that Fort Street is still moving forward and upwards. Your headmaster and his staff are well fitted to maintain that momentum and I am confident that you and each of you will work with them to keep it at its maximum.

E. RONALD WALKER, C.B.E.

Ambassador to the United Nations.

One morning towards the end of 1922, George Mackaness, the deputy principal, who took our Fourth year class for English, devoted the greater part of his lesson not to discussing the modern novel or the sources of King Lear, but to reading out the list of fees for various University courses and the scholarships that were available, so that we could estimate the cash value of a Leaving Certificate pass good enough to win an exhibition or bursary or scholarship. This stimulation, applied to us at a crucial stage in our preparation for the Leaving Certificate was all the more effective because "George's"

emphasis, hitherto, had been laid not on the cash value of an education, nor even on the need to prepare for one's future career, but on the intrinsic interest of English literature, including, of course our own theatrical efforts on Play Day.

True, one or two of my class-mates thought the scholastic competition at Fort Street was too keen and that too much stress was laid upon examination successes. But at least one had to admit that, even though we sometimes felt like slaves, our slave-drivers did not spare themselves either. The first Latin prose I submitted to Kilgour in Fourth year earned

one mark out of ten — “for encouragement, me boy” — plus an order to be on his doorstep next morning at 8.30, along with two of my class-mates who were equally weak in Latin, and the first three sentences of North and Hillard translated into such Latin as each of us could muster. Three more sentences were requested for the next morning, and for every subsequent morning, five days a week, until just before the annual exams, by which time all three of us could write acceptable Latin prose. In those days Latin was a compulsory matriculation subject in many university faculties. Although I have forgotten my Latin, I shall never forget Kilgour and the help he gave me.

I started out with the intention of becoming a school teacher, but, discovering at the University a flair for a subject I had not studied at school, I found an opening as a university lecturer in economics, which led later to a chair. And from that, after a wartime job with the government, I finally embarked upon the diplomatic career which still occupies me.

When George Mackaness talked to us about our future in 1923, he did not mention the diplomatic profession. In those days there was virtually no such thing in Australia. Today we have more than thirty diplomatic and consular offices overseas. For some years after our first legations were opened in foreign countries it was necessary to look outside the

government service for men to fill these positions, but today most Australian Ambassadors and Ministers, as well as the members of their staffs, are “career diplomats”, who entered the Department of External Affairs and are making this relatively new Australian profession their life work.

For those who are interested in foreign countries and their people, and are prepared to spend substantial parts of their life living abroad, the Australian diplomatic service offers good prospects and an extremely useful sphere of service to our country. In modern diplomacy there is much less of the glittering social life that is often depicted in films, and much more participation in the United Nations and other International conferences, negotiations with foreign governments on matters of direct concern to Australia, and study of political and economic developments in countries whose future can have important consequences for the security and prosperity of Australia. Much of this work is similar to other tasks in the public service, but even junior diplomatic officers come more closely into touch with actual policy decisions than most officials in other departments. Perhaps the greatest difference, however, and the greatest challenge to one's ability, lies in the fact that the diplomat is dealing continuously with people of other nationalities, whose minds often work rather differently from his own.

RT. REV. W. G. HILLIARD, M.A.

(Bishop-Coadjutor of Sydney)

I had not the privilege of being a pupil at Fort Street — my school was Sydney High — but I spent two priceless years on the staff following a year during which I did my Practical Teaching as a third year student in the Teachers' College. I have always been profoundly thankful for my association with the very great school which contributed so largely to the equipment as a teacher which has been of inestimable value to me in the work to which I have given my life. In those far-off formative years, I caught something of the school's inspiration which has never died; I felt that I had been admitted into a golden fellowship, to the great society of men through many generations who are bound together by the common experience of happiness and inspiration which is the proud and cherished possession of every Fortian. It was my privilege to be a member of a staff which contained an extraordinary number of men of noble character, rich personality and great ability, some of whom attained to positions of eminence in the teaching profession, and all of whom were proud to serve under the leadership of A. J. Kilgour in his prime, surely one of the greatest Headmasters the State has ever had. There were also boys in the school destined to achieve distinction in

the wider life of the community, among whom I mention as a few, Sir Percy Spender, Dr. Evatt and his brother Clive, Sir John Storey, Mr. Justice Simpson and Dr. Llonda Holland; the famous Johnny Hunter was about to enter the school.

It is surely as a great fellowship, or select society, that we must regard any great school, and it is the inestimable privilege of every boy who passes through it that he is admitted to that splendid company. It is a solemn, as well as a stimulating reflection, that by his character and the contribution he brings to the life and welfare of the community he will be adding to its reputation or dimming its splendour. Fort Street has a long roll of honoured names — some of them famous — among its alumni; may it be the high ambition of every Fortian through all the years to be worthy of the company to which he has been admitted! May the school be as proud of him as it is of Douglas Mawson, Bertram Stevens and the rest, and may he seize the opportunity the priceless years of study there afforded, of equipping himself to play his part nobly in the after years a man highly respected, a well-informed and useful citizen, a credit to his school and an earnest servant of God.

## DEBATING, 1956



## DEBATING TEAMS.

Back Row: G. Lewis, G. Thomas, B. Munro, G. Price, J. Bevan.  
Front Row: W. Swan, Mr. L. E. Gent, Mr. D. Shinkfield, L. Barnard.

Debating this year was not very successful for either the Senior or Junior teams. The senior team was eliminated in their third debate, the juniors in their second. Both teams however had an enjoyable time and gained much valuable experience.

The senior team consisted of the following boys: Price, Elliot, Swan, Munro. Elliot, however, left just before the last debate; his absence being felt very much. However, this gap was filled quite well by Iddon. The "Sen or Team" won against Enmore and Canterbury but had the unfortunate luck to be beaten by Newcastle. They also lived up to Fort Street tradition by being beaten by Fort Street Girls in the debate against the latter. They also entered the Eisteddfod with the following team:— Parkes, Price, Iddon.

Altogether although not exactly successful they had an enjoyable year, under the guidance of Mr. Gent.

The Junior Team was even more successful

than the senior team, having the grand total of two debates lost in succession. However, on the more serious side, much experience was gained, which we hope will stand the team in good stead next year.

They lost to Enmore and Canterbury, thus being eliminated. It was pleasant to see, at Enmore, an ex-teacher and old established member of the Department of Education, Mr. Marks. The team consisted of Douglas Cribb, Garth Thomas, John Bevan, and Lionel Barnard (Capt.). This team also entered the Eisteddfod with the following boys: Garth Thomas, John Bevan, Lionel Barnard and Barry Russell, "Mr. Cribb" having declined to enter. In the Eisteddfod we lost to, of all people, "Fort Street Girls". The year was one of experience for the team, although a few "fishy" remarks were passed at Enmore.

The team was under the kind guidance of Mr. Shinkfield. —L.G.B.

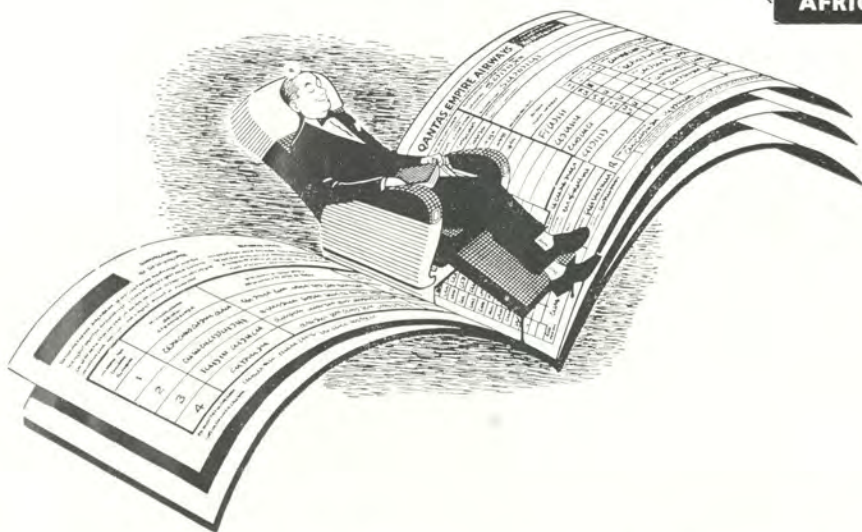
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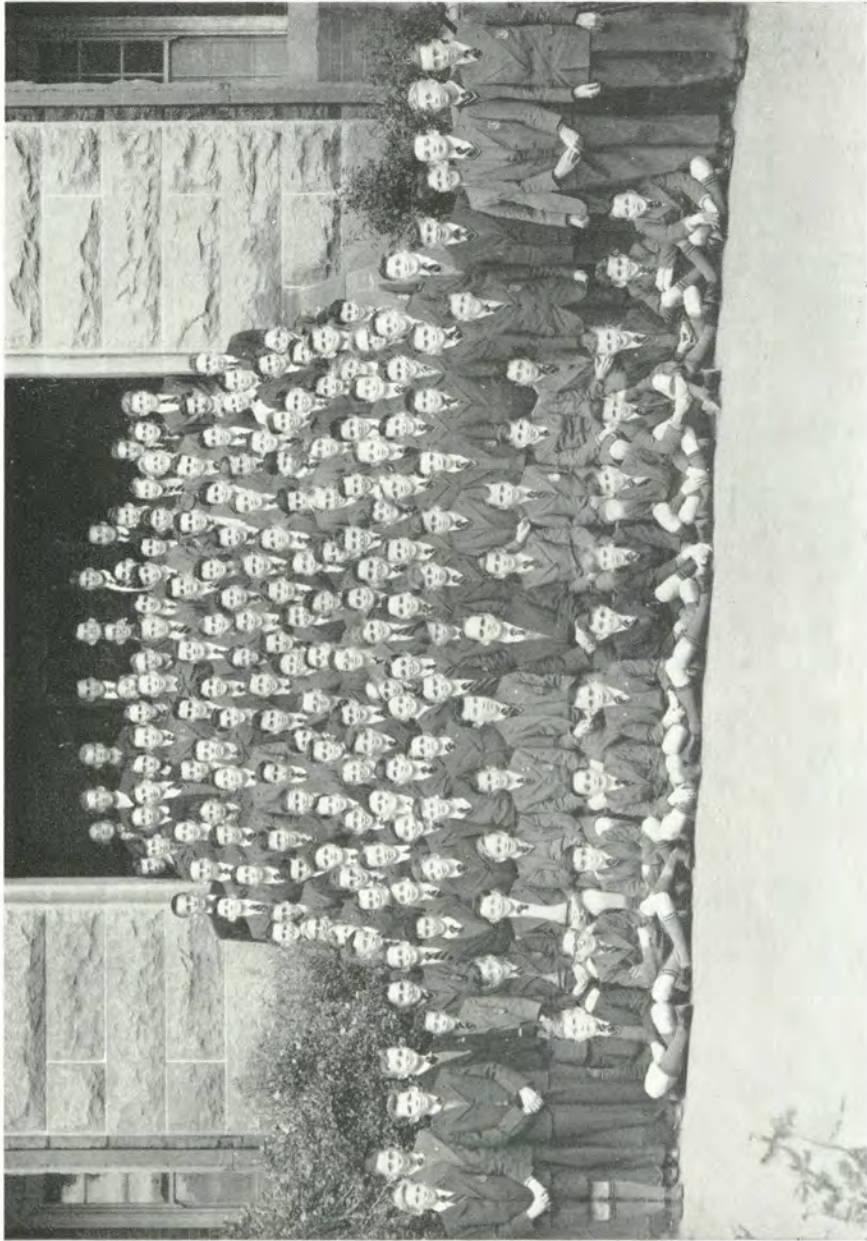


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## MUSIC REPORT, 1956

An encouraging sign of the steadily developing musical tradition at Fort Street has been the further support given by our boys to the School Choir which has now reached a record membership. As a result of our work, the ABC offered the choir two more fifteen-minute programmes on "Young Australia," and as these particular broadcasts have a very large listening public (relayed over Radio Australia) the School Choir has once again enhanced Fort Street's reputation in no small way. The main work of the tenors and basses this year has been the preparation for the Combined Choral Concerts at the Town Hall, and their willingness to rehearse during the May Holidays was a reflection of their splendid school spirit. These same boys were selected to sing in a special choir at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Education Sunday. At the invitation of St. Philip's Church of England, Eastwood, a small choir of forty boys presented a concert to mark the opening of the modern War Memorial Church Hall in May, and the evening will always be one of our happiest memories. The programme included three associate artists — Miss Noela Strange-Mure, Mr. William Roebuck and Mr. Richard Morpew, as well as two of our own boys — Robert Allaburton and Kenneth

White. The choral items were accompanied by our good friend, Richard Morpew who has most willingly helped us on all occasions. Another representative small choir presented the musical programme at the "Fortiana" evening.

The Fourth Annual Evening of Music continued the success of these functions. By request Miss Paula Clarkstone and Miss Gladys Guest appeared for us again delighting everyone with their artistry, and Mr. William Diamond was a deservedly popular figure on the programme. We were pleased that the evening afforded an opportunity to present one of our own boys, Peter Ansourian whose outstanding gifts as a violinist have given us so much pleasure. In the two years that Peter has been with us he has done much for music at Fort Street, and we shall always look back with great pleasure to his playing and personality.

Our thanks again go to Mr. Shaw for his never-failing support and interest in music at the school. To those boys who have devoted part of their leisure time to the making of music together, I extend my sincerest appreciation.

—D.E.T.

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## DRAMA FESTIVAL, 1956

The 35th Annual Play Festival, the highlight of the year, was held on Wednesday, August 15th, and Thursday, August 16th, in the School Memorial Hall. The evening sessions were held on Friday, August 17th and Saturday, August 18th.

Sixteen plays were presented this year and while some were not of the standard set in previous festivals, the acting generally was good and, in some cases, outstanding.

Our thanks go to Mr. Unicomb, who as Adjudicator, had the difficult task of selecting the plays for the night presentations. Sincere thanks also go to Mr. Barnard and all the other members of the staff for their untiring efforts, in various fields, which culminated in another successful and well attended Play Festival. Our appreciation must also be expressed to the scene shifters, and, last but by no means least, the actors themselves.

The following is a brief comment on those plays which were presented on Play Nights:

### TWELFTH NIGHT — 3A:

Congratulations to the cast of this Shakespearean play, which kept up the school standard achieved in previous years. This play was well presented and a good interpretation of "Malvolio" was given by R. Millard, while R. Allaburton gave a most realistic performance as "Maria" the maid.

### BIRDS OF A FEATHER — 4C:

This proved to be a most enjoyable play and well deserved its selection for night performance. The acting of all players was good, particularly that of W. Beddoes as "Dicky".

### THE GHOST OF JERRY BUNDLER — 4D:

There were some tense moments in this production and B. Russell was very convincing as

Jerry Bundler's Ghost. The players gave a good interpretation of the story which had a very dramatic ending.

### "THE IMAGINARY INVALID":

This delightful comedy, adapted by the producer from Molière's "Le Malade Imaginaire," was presented by ID on the first night. B. Stewart as Argon and P. Beves as Toinette were well supported by the other actors.

### "THE CRIMSON COCONUT":

The above slapstick comedy was presented in hilarious fashion by 1E on the first night, and starred R. Ansoul in a dual role and J. Bissell.

### THE ROSE AND THE CROWN: — 4A.

Although not of a very edifying nature, this play by J. B. Priestly proved to be outstanding because of the quality of the acting. The scene was a hotel bar in a poor district of London and special praise goes to L. Barnard, who, as Mrs. Reed, gave a most convincing portrayal of a typical London woman of the poorer class. N. Clark as "Ma Peck" is also worthy of special mention.

### THE DUMB WIFE OF CHEAPSIDE — 2D.

The author, Ashley Dukes, struck a humorous note in this story by depicting an almost unbelievable character — a "dumb wife." R. Corben, as the husband of this rare specimen, gave a good performance as the haberdasher, who learned, to his sorrow, that his "beloved" was anything but "dumb" after she had received medical treatment. It was well supported by the rest of the cast.

—J. Slinn.

### FORTIANA

The 40th Anniversary of the opening of the School was celebrated on Wednesday, 8th August, this year. Many old Fortians attended and the very fine display of culture by the present School, past photographs and many very interesting documents brought back tender or not so tender memories of by-gone days. Mr. Morphew, President of the P. & C., Mr. Shaw, and Dr. McInnes, a former Deputy Headmaster, gave reminiscent addresses. Mr. Norman Brown, an old Fortian, entertained as a Magician.

A. West.

### SCHOOL FETE

Fort Street's third Gala Fete was held on Saturday, 13th October, in glorious sunshine. It was well attended by an extremely interested and orderly crowd. The highlights of the day were the general arrangement of the stalls and the varied pursuits available to the public. The class efforts were better conducted and patronized than in previous years. The memorable day concluded on a gay tone, with a dance, noted for its informality and cheery atmosphere.



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## PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents and Citizens' Association has had a busy and successful year. In order to give everybody concerned advance information of the year's activities a syllabus was produced in the form of a card of handy size and distributed to the parents at the beginning of the year.

The meetings have been well attended and much discussion has taken place on the needs of the school. Although we have not always been successful in our petitions to the Department, we have received sympathetic consideration and promises that attention would be given to our requests when finance was available. We are hopeful that one major objective — the interior painting of the Hall and the classrooms — will be attained before very long.

In addition to the regular business, we have had interesting talks by the following speakers: Mr. Robert Ingle (School Counsellor), Mr. Terence Hunt (Supervisor of Music, Education Department), and Mr. J. Ernest Benson (Senior Television Engineer, A.W.A. Ltd.).

The August meeting took the form of a *Conversazione* and Fortian Evening to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the transfer of the School from Observatory Hill to Peter-sham. This was attended by a large number of Old Fortians, whose attendance at the School covered a span of nearly seventy years. Entertainment was provided by Mr. Norman Brown (an Old Boy) with his magic and ventriloquism, and a choir of Fortians, Old and New, conducted by Mr. David Tunley. Mr. Justice McLelland introduced the guest of honour, Dr. George Mackaness, who was on

the school staff from 1903 to 1924 as teacher, English Master and Deputy Headmaster. Dr. Mackaness gave a most interesting and entertaining talk entitled "As it was in the Beginning." The display of Fortiana revealed how Old Fortians cherish the memory of their school days.

The "Evening of Music" was again one of the highlights of the year. The programme was arranged by Mr. Tunley, the artists being Paula Clarkstone, Gladys Guest, William Diamond Peter Ansourian, Mr. Tunley, and the School Choir.

Throughout the year the main interest has centred around the Fete. Many functions have been held by members of the Ladies' Committee in aid of the various stalls, and great enthusiasm has been shown. The executive thanks everybody who has taken part in the fete programme for all that has been done to make it a success.

We again express our sincere appreciation to Mr. G. C. Shaw for his unfailing co-operation. He has attended every meeting, giving us his Headmaster's Report, answering questions on school activities, and advising us on many points in the course of our discussions. No Headmaster could do more than he has to promote the work of the P. & C. association of his school.

In conclusion our best wishes go out to every boy in the school, and especially to those who will go out into the world to take up those careers for which their days at School have been preparing them.

H. E. Mophew, President.  
E. M. Cash, Hon. Secretary.  
A. J. Bevan, Hon. Treasurer.

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## EMPIRE DAY, 1956

This year Empire Day was celebrated in the School Memorial Hall on Thursday, May 24th. All students were issued with an admirably arranged booklet, "The Centenary of Responsible Government in New South Wales," which contained some fine illustrations and explained the development and working of the N.S.W. Parliament since May 22, 1856, the day on which the present method of making and altering laws was first adopted.

The ceremony was commenced with the energetic singing of the School Song and the more solemn recital of the Loyal Pledges to

our God, our Queen, and our Country. After a few current remarks from the Headmaster, David Croft of Fifth Year then read the Empire Day Message from Lord Milverton, who paid his respects to the late Earl of Gowrie, V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., who was formerly Governor-General of Australia and President of the Empire Day Movement. He then explained the object of this Movement and also acknowledged the great welcome given Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. by the Australian populace, when our Gracious Sovereign visited this land on her recent Commonwealth Tour.

The first speech, entitled "The Empire as an Example of Unity and Diversity" was made by D. Craney of Third Year. In his speech, Craney pointed out that, although our great Commonwealth of Nations (as the old British Empire is now called) is a collection of nations, inhabited by people of great variety in appearance, languages, customs, and religions, it is capable, in times of need, to unite as one gigantic team for mutual aid.

This speech was followed up by Ernst Willheim of Second Year, an immigrant to our country from Austria, who addressed us on "Views on the Empire of an Australian by Choice." Ernst spoke of the great aims of the Empire and stressed the true significance of Empire Day, not merely a time for letting off fireworks. Perhaps if we Australian boys, confident in our sense of deep security, were to have experienced some of the bitter controversy and persecutions carried on in less fortunate lands, we too would learn to appreciate all that the Empire means to us, particularly in times of war.

At the conclusion of this convincing address, the school choir, conducted by Mr. Tunley, sang an appropriately patriotic air

"The Motherland". The words of this song sum up the whole spirit of Empire Day: "Her broad roots coil beneath the sea, her branches sweep the world." Sung with much spirit and volume, this item was certainly a stirring and impressive part of the Ceremony.

The final speech was then made by John Dowd of Fourth Year. In his speech, "The British Empire in the Changing World," John gave a brief outline of such earlier Empires as the Roman Empire which was held together by the bonds of force and domination, and explained the many weaknesses which bring about the downfall of such an Empire. He then stated his reasons for thinking that the Commonwealth of Nations, held together by the vastly stronger bonds of Freedom and Christianity, will be the answer to the great problems arising in politics and denominationalism during this age of ever-increasing scientific wonders.

The ceremony was concluded with the National Anthem — an expression of the loyalty felt for our devoted Queen, who performs such a praise-worthy task in ruling over the people of this great Empire, in which we are privileged to live.

—V. Lindsay.

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## ANZAC DAY

On Tuesday, 24th April, the annual commemoration of Anzac was held in the School Memorial Hall.

The guest speaker was Major-General MacArthur-Onslow, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.O., General Officer commanding the Second Division. He was met at the school gates by the headmaster, after which he inspected the Cadet Guard of Honour, and was introduced to the prefects. The school watched the ceremony from the verandahs.

After a short recess the school assembled in the hall. After the School pledge the chairman made a few remarks which were followed by the hymns "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah," and "O God our Help." After these a short prayer was read.

Before giving us his address Major-General MacArthur-Onslow congratulated the School Cadets Corps on their fine standard of drill and on the fine parade they had given. He said that this Corps was one of which the school would have every reason for being proud.

He then went on to deliver an inspiring address in which he told us that the Australian "Digger," by playing such a large part in gaining the victory at Gallipoli, had set an example of courage and sacrifice that we should all be proud to follow.

He said that the men of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps had fought together, side by side as one army, striving to achieve one purpose. He continued by saying that as we grow up and leave school we too must work together to add to the unforgotten glory which was gained for this country by the Anzaes. Just as the troops, on landing at

Anzac Cove strove to reach the cliff tops, we too, must, by hard work, strive to reach the top. There was, he said, among the Anzaes a spirit of comradeship that was so outstanding that we should try to our utmost to follow it. He said that we, at school, have set the opportunity of making friendships that will last all our lives.

Thus the men of Anzac had left behind a challenge to bring the spirit of Anzac into our work and spirit. So that we can remember the great price many of these men paid in showing their great spirit we have set aside Anzac Day. They have left behind a great tradition which is a challenge from those who gave their lives for us and our country.

He concluded by saying that if we are to progress we must live in the spirit of Anzac and always be willing to sacrifice ourselves for our country or our fellow man.

After the address the hymn "Abide with Me" was sung, and Mr. Shaw announced the Ceremony of Remembrance. Everybody stood to attention while a Cadet Guard of Honour took the order "Slope Arms". The Poem "The Dead" by Brooke was read and the "Last Post" sounded. On the final note the guard came to "Rest on Arms Reversed." After one minute's silence, the poem "The Fallen," was read and the Guard came to "Present Arms" and "The Reveille" was sounded. The ceremony came to an end with the singing of the national anthem.

In the afternoon Mr. Shinkfield took a group of boys to the Anzac Service in Hyde Park.

—K.L.

## I.S.C.F. REPORT

The Inter-School Christian Fellowship has continued its activities at Fort Street with regular lunch-hour meetings on Tuesdays, these being supplemented by a fortnightly Bible study in the "Dog-Box."

Enthusiastic singing, led by one of the members, gives the meetings a bright start which is carried on by an interesting speaker — either a boy or visitor. Our talks were mainly concerned in presenting the living Christ to the boys as a personal Saviour and Friend; during the last term we have been basing our talks on a series of Scripture Union Readings.

The success of these meetings has been most dependent on the guidance obtained through prayer. Prayer Meetings were held every Friday at lunch time.

At our Bible Studies we have tried to discover the deeper meaning of several passages of scripture in an effort to strengthen and expand our spiritual knowledge.

In the second term we obtained the services of Rev. David Davis as Counsellor and we wish to thank him for the helpful advice he has given us.

During School vacations, I.S.C.F. camps were held and a number of our boys attended and greatly enjoyed them. Later in the third term we hope to arrange a hike with Fort Street Girls' I.S.C.F.

We are thankful for the way God has guided us this year and hope for greater things in the years to come.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . ."

—B.B.E.

## CAREERS CORNER

This year there is a noticeable increase in the number of traineeships, cadetships and scholarships available for competition among Leaving Certificate candidates. There are the usual Teachers' College Scholarships, Commonwealth and State Public Service Cadetships and Traineeships, Officer Cadetships in the Armed Forces. There are also Traineeships in Forestry, Soil Conservation, Agricultural Science, Coal Mining Engineering, the Steel Industry and Atomic Research. There are five separate New Guinea Cadetships which are attractive for the lad who is fond of adventure. The Railways Department is offering various Traineeships in the technical field. The Army and Navy are offering to pay for tuition and living expenses in the case of Medical students of third year standard. Several large firms are offering assistance at University level to lads who join their staff.

Information concerning these Scholarships, Cadetships and Traineeships may be had on application.

—J. E. Wells.

## LADIES' COMMITTEE

At the end of another year I am pleased to give a resume of the ever increasing activities of the Fort Street Boys' High School Ladies' Committee.

Firstly, I would like to mention the Christmas Luncheon at which we entertained the Masters. This was a very enjoyable function.

Our luncheon to welcome First Year Mothers was held on 23rd February and the attendance was 132.

End of Term Dances were conducted this year, were well attended, and provided social activity for the boys.

We created a precedent this year in having outside catering for the School Ball. This gave the ladies of our Committee an opportunity to enjoy the social atmosphere with their boys.

The School Fete, which was held on October 13, has tested the ingenuity of the Ladies' Committee to the full. The members who worked so hard and for so long to make this function a financial success deserve our warmest thanks.

We were proud to present an original etching of the School to the Headmaster — Mr. Shaw. Mrs. Palfreyman arranged to have the etching done.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Mr. Shaw and members of the Staff for the courtesy and co-operation extended to our Committee throughout the year.

—R. Scott, Hon. Secretary.



The captains of Fort Street Boys' and Fort Street Girls' High Schools at the Hyde Park War Memorial on Anzac Day.

### CHESS CLUB REPORT, 1956

Fort St. entered only three teams in the Inter-School Chess Competition this year.

Contrary to previous years no "A" grade team was entered, owing mainly to lack of interest amongst the senior years and lack of skill amongst the junior years.

No notable results were obtained by our two "C" grade teams as our "beginners" Grade. The "C1" team was unfortunate and held the lead until the second last round when it suffered a 4-1 defeat to finish third in the division. This team consisted of J. Rutter (4A) (Captain), G. McLelland (2A), P. Levy (2A), T. Hughes (3rd Year) and S. Blumer (2A), with J. Simmons (4A) playing several games as reserve. Our "C2" team consisted of Stead (2A), Pacey (2D), Etheridge (2A), M. Wilson (2E) and J. Whitehall (2A).

In the N.S.W. Junior Chess Championships this year, Fort St. was represented by M. Diesendorf (2nd Year), who played in the Under 14 Division but was unplaced in a big field.

Several new sets have been purchased with the subscriptions paid by members in the past, but very few boys are taking advantage of the opportunity to use these sets every lunch hour in Room 8.

We are very grateful for the work of organization done in the past year by Mr. Hoffman, who has taken over the work of teacher-in-charge due to Mr. Townsend's resignation. Our thanks also go to Mr. Shea and

the cleaners for their co-operation when competition matches were played at home.

—J. Rutter.

### THE PREFECTS' DANCE

The Prefects' Dance this year took place on Friday, the 12th April, at the School Memorial Hall. There was excellent music, and a good supper was provided. Prefect Hamilton appeared at the interval as a witch and mixed his "brew". Our Vice-Captain, Grahame Fortesque, "stood in" for Mr. Bohman as M.C. and did quite a good job.

### THE TENTH ANNUAL SCHOOL BALL

The Tenth Annual School Ball this year was held on 22nd August in the School Memorial Hall. It was very well attended and I am sure everyone had a good time. Congratulations are extended to the Social Committee on their really fine effort in the erection of the colourful and attractive streamers and balloons and in the arrangement of the suitable stage setting.

The highlight of the night was the creditable and entertaining exhibition of Square Dancing by members of the Eastwood Night School Dancing classes, instructed by John Butt, a former School Captain.

The catering was excellent, as was the music. Mr. Horan did a very capable job as M.C.

—A. West.



SCHOOL FETE, 13th OCT., 1956.  
From Left to Right: Parade of Cadets; Mayor of Marrickville, A. E. Murdoch.  
Justice McLelland officially opening Fete; Display by Cadets.



#### FORTIAN COMMITTEE.

Back Row: V. Lindsay, K. Luckeuck, J. Simmons, J. Slinn, J. Dowd, R. Clark, P. Hunter, N. Clark.  
 Front Row: B. Newsom (Literary Editor), A. West (Editor), Mr. J. Fletcher (Master-in-Charge),  
 P. Tow (Business Manager), G. Hilder (Sports Editor).

#### INVITATION MATCH

On Saturday, the fifth of May, Fort Street's First Fifteen played North Sydney High. The match was to mark the occasion of the opening, by His Excellency, The Governor of New South Wales, of the Falcon Memorial Playing Fields. The Memorial Gates were dedicated to the memory of those who served during both World Wars. The Governor, who watched the match, saw a hard, fast game in which Fort St. was defeated 9-8. As this ground is to become North Sydney High's home ground it will undoubtedly see many more battles involving Fortians. It would be fitting if our future sportsmen paused before taking this field to remember that Fort Street participated in the first match ever played on this oval, and to spare a thought for the memory of those to whom it is dedicated. (G.H.)

#### THE OLD BOYS' DANCE

The Old Boys' Union held their first dance at the School Memorial Hall on 20th July. It was poorly attended, insufficiently advertised, and was not quite the success planned; but it was the first dance of its kind and with due alterations and improvements could be made a worth-while social function. A dancing exhibition was expertly given by Ann Butt, a well known Dancing instructress and ex-Fortian.

A lamentable deficiency was the number of Old Fortians of the "over thirty" bracket. One of the requirements for any dance at all is an M.C. to create mutual friendship and to "keep the ball rolling." This was sadly lacking here. —A. West.



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Henricks has also clocked 2 mins. 5.8 secs. for the 220 yards freestyle (another world long course record) and should be a valuable member of our relay team.

As well as a freak sense of timing, Henricks has the best swimming style seen in Australia and others are now copying him. His style — the long arm pull through with head held high, back arched and deep-leg drive, was similar to that of Johnny Weismuller who first used it in 1927.

Henricks, who started as a distance swimmer, and then switched to sprints, while at Fort Street, represented the school at almost every possible distance; competing in the C.H.S. Carnivals almost every year, Jon churned up the water in 1953 to turn in a sensational 58.8 secs for 110 yards — breaking the existing record by seconds. Then again in 1954 he was the Star of the Carnival, winning the 55 yards Freestyle in the record time of 26.5 secs.

He later went on to win the Australian 110 yards Title in 56.2 secs. and thus gained selection for the 1954 EMPIRE GAMES at VANCOUVER. Swimming magnificently at the Games, he collected three Gold Medals, winning the 110 yards Title in 56.6 secs. and aiding with brilliant swims in the 4 x 220 yards and Medley Relay victories.

After the games he paused in California on his way home long enough to break three U.S. long course swimming records. In Culver City he covered 110 yards in 56.1 secs. to beat Cleveland's record for both 100 metres and 110 yards, and in San Francisco he beat Wayne Moore's 200 Metres record with 2.07.3.

American Dick Cleveland and Englishman Jack Wardrop are credited with world times better than Henricks, but the overseas times were made in 33 1/3 yard or 25 metre pools, where the swimmers gain the advantage of extra turns.

Cleveland holds the world record for 100 metres Freestyle of 54.8 (set over a 25 metre course in 1954). This is a most important feature as all Olympic events are swum over

the long course and therefore times under those conditions are a better guide than those recorded in the shorter course pools.

To a top line swimmer using a forward or backward tumble turn a gain can be obtained of up to 1/2 of a second on each turn. Henricks raced both Cleveland and Wardrop over a straight course of 100 metres at Hawaii and beat them easily. Next day he repeated his win over 200 metres. In swimming the 100 metres even at Hawaii, Henricks set a new world record of 55.8 secs. for the distance.

In 1955 Jon again won the Australian 110 yards title at Adelaide in 57.2 which was only one second outside his own Australian record. His Coach — Harry Gallagher — said that Henricks would have probably equalled his Australian record if he had not taken a mouthful of water 15 yards from the turn, thereby losing a little distance.

Then early in the 1956 season, an important year for all swimmers hoping to gain OLYMPIC Selection, Henricks gashed open his foot on an electric lawnmower (an injury that kept him out of the water for weeks). Although he missed the State Titles because of the cut, Jon was chosen to represent New South Wales in both the 110 yards and 220 yards freestyle events.

The 1956 Australian 110 yards Freestyle final was probably the most exciting ever witnessed for many years, and the OLYMPIC POOL was packed to capacity.

All the finalists were capable of breaking the minute over the 110 yds. course, and Gary Chapman, making a sensational comeback to the top flight of the swimming world, had turned in the remarkable time of 56.6 — only 5/10ths of a second outside the Australian record — in winning the State Championship Final.

Chapman, slightly faster off the blocks than Henricks, gained a little distance at the start and was swimming strongly; but Henricks "flew" through the water, executed a lightning forward tumble turn, flashed over the last lap — recording a sensational 55.5 secs. for the distance. In winning the event he clipped .6 secs. off his own Australian record and 1.6 off the OLYMPIC record, but he does not think that this time is good enough to win the event at the Melbourne OLYMPICS; hence his view that he must get his time down to a greater extent. He aims at a sub 55 seconds and it is almost certain that he will perform this incredible feat. However, for the present he can look with satisfaction on the fact that he is the fastest swimmer the world has known.

—R. Carnell (4D).

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## ARAB

Sun sheen on skin;  
 Wild wind in mane;  
 Swift speed at foot;  
 Black horse, black heart.  
 Strong limbs, pounding dust.  
 Hide black as devil's soul,  
 Mane free, tail banner  
 Turned in free flight.  
 Poem of evil grace  
 What think'st, what thoughts?

—Ron Iddon, 5A.

## THE UNSEEN MASTER

Through the hazy dullness of the closing day can be seen a strangely garbed figure, bending under the weight of some mysterious load. His gait is hardly that of a youth, nor yet is it the faltering step of a feeble old man. Determined, yet sure, the figure trudges onward, his gaze fixed upon the path stretching before him, seemingly untouched by the beauty of the little valley. The road is long and winding, and as the setting sun sinks behind the rugged mountains in the distance, eking

out its final desperate rays, an eerie gloom settles over the valley, transforming the road into some coiling, silvery reptile. The traveller marches forward, undeterred by the growing darkness, as a lazy wind rises in the weary valley, playing havoc with his flowing, travel-worn robe. His hair — unruly, silvery strands — flutters freely, giving way to the whimsical desires of the playful breeze. Still the figure advances — undaunted, determined.

As the figure draws nearer it assumes the lean stature of an old man, whose steady, determined gait belies the wealth in years betrayed by his fallow, wrinkled features. Yes, his face is drawn and furrowed, and the burden of countless years has in many respects given it the appearance of a weather-wrinkled apple. But for their beady, staring sparkle, his sunken eyes are hidden in the depths of the shade cast by his age-wrinkled brow. His cheek-bones and finely pointed chin protrude precariously, almost bursting their shallow skin covering. His sagging, drawn cheeks accentuate the seriousness of his firm, thin mouth, and the delicate nose adds character to his inspiring, yet somewhat frightening features.

In his left hand he carries an outmoded hour-glass, whilst the bony, attenuated fingers of his right hand clutch the handle of an old wooden scythe, whose keenly-sharpened blade can be seen glistening in the sunlight. His sandaled, travel-worn feet are soiled with the dusts of many years, and even his drab garments reveal a life of endless usage.

He has witnessed the passage of many years, yes, he has seen civilisations rise to the height of their power and then fade and crumble in the dusts of ages, to be forgotten forever. To him generations amount to nought; centuries — a mere twinkling of an eye-lid. His march is constant and endless — with neither goal nor purpose. Man's achievement is but a play-thing in his mighty hands — an object of scorn and contempt. The cherished handiwork of mortal beings falls easy prey to his unbounded longings. Life is but his toy — destined to be thrown to the winds once having lost its novelty.

Innocent and harmless though he may appear, he remains unconquered and supreme. He is the dictator of the victor, the burden of the weary, the torturer of the ailing, and the threat to the aged. His supreme power depends not upon physical compulsion, nor does it depend upon the unsheathed sword or the upraised spear. His mere presence renders him victorious and all is subordinate to his fateful will. 'Old Father Time' is indeed the unheard, unseen master of all mankind.

Lance Elliott, 5A.

## FOOLS' FINALE

He broke open the double-walled cylinder that he had found in the plastic sphere. The leader translated the single page of script inside to the silent group:

"It is strange how I now commit my thoughts to paper for no one to read. Perhaps I set it down in the vain hope that someone in the future will read it and understand our actions. Perhaps it is merely my conscience yet I should have no conscience about what we have done.

"It is difficult to say when it first started. It developed, slowly and surely to the inevitable end. It can be traced from the end of the Final War. With the resulting peace came the introduction of complete mechanization. Man had no longer to do any sort of work. He led a luxurious life of complete ease. The population was restricted to a steady ten million divided into a hundred communities of ten thousand each, graded according to their intelligence quotient. The First Hundred rule the world and make any decisions, the rest do nothing. Thus were born the most fantastic schemes, merely to relieve boredom, to do something that had never been done before. The first was comparatively mild-control of the weather. When this problem was conquered there followed a plan to defy God himself — sterilization of the land, the annihilation of all plant and animal life. But this was only the first part of the Plan. The second was even more stupendous — complete sterilization of the seas.

"And now comes man's final act — his own extinction! Three weeks ago the first of us entered the Euthanasia Chambers. The lowest go first, and last of us all will go the First Hundred. I, as Premier of the Earth will be the last person on it. By now most of the First Ten will have entered the Chambers. In three minutes I too, will cease to exist together with all other life on Earth. I should feel exultant that we, mere men, by extinguishing all life on Earth, have outwitted God himself. Yet now that my last moment has come, now that it is too late to stop the Plan, I am terrified of the terrible sin we have committed. This is the End, the Ultimate."

The leader raised his eyes and looked past the silent faces around him. He looked out past the ruined walls of the tangled mass of dank, green, fetid vegetation — a primeval forest already giving birth to the lowliest forms of life.

"They should have known," the leader thought. "They should have known that they could not outwit time." And he wondered how many eons must have passed since the script was written, how many eons had worn down the 'sterile' earth, once more to flourish, how many would pass before man would again evolve on this planet.

And the men went home, perhaps to forewarn the people of their own planet of the end that must surely come.

—D. Craney, 3A.

## THE LONE WARRIOR

As he sat beside the bodies of the dead, he could recall instantly his feelings as the battle raged, and now, the sole survivor, he crouched and surveyed the ruined remains of a vision he had seen as long as he could remember. He remembered the mighty power of his army, and their dream of conquering; he remembered the valiant stand of the last of his noble tribe, how they had stood calm in the face of death, and awaited their butchery; he was blinded with rage as he brought back to mind the sight of his friends, massacred by a merciless foe. He flinched as he remembered how a tear had managed to escape from his eye and wind its way down his face, at last to drop from his chin into the dust. He sighed, then drew himself up straight, and a surge of warmth and admiration swept over his body as he proudly visualised the courage and determination of the members of his clan. He stood up — and walked to the centre of the village — there quickly he glanced about him at the charred remains of the huts, the bodies, heaped in piles and trampled by stampeding animals.

He quickened, and with one last look at his dominion, he walked to the cliff edge — and leapt . . . .

—P. Benson, 3A.

## THE LIONS OF THE SEA

With glass to one eye, as I stand on the deck,  
Now what do you think I see?

Why much that to you may appear but a  
speck,  
Though very apparent to me.

I see the flag that Cabot flew;  
The sails that Drake unfurled.  
I see the "Golden Hind" renew,  
Her journey round the world.  
I catch the gleam from Grenville's guns,  
And hear their dauntless roar,  
Blend with the waves that crash in tons  
Round Britain's rocky shore.

Well let the ships be what they may,  
This fact is clear to me:  
That British boys still prove to-day  
The Lions of the Sea.

—R. Barrett, 1E.

## SPACE

Beyond the void, so infinite,  
A galaxy of stars,  
A swollen mass of nebulae  
Beflecked with ebony bars.

Beyond the waste of ether  
A numbing, freezing cold,  
A feeling of God's majesty  
That earth could never hold.

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## THE DROUGHT

The bush hung silent. Not a thing was green. Grass and trees drooped as if tired of their weary battle for survival. The blazing sun beat relentlessly down on a barren world devoid of life.

Wally, the platypus, was digging with both his paws into the hard bank of the river. He was searching for fat juicy worms for his breakfast, but it was no use. There were not any worms there. He had tried all along the river, but could not find one.

Wally had noticed this absence of food some time ago, and the other day he had found his burrow up above the water line; so he had been obliged to dig another one. This meant only one thing: a drought was on the land. He swam up the river and disappeared round the bend.

This shortage of food had been noticed by others besides Wally. Bobby the koala and Red the kangaroo had already moved to new feeding grounds.

Weeks went by, but still the sun shed white bars of heat over the land. Some of the water holes had dried up long ago, and the landscape looked bleak and gaunt. The animals moved from one feeding ground to another, leaving some of their kind behind to perish miserably on the plains, then to be eaten by the crows.

It was about this time that the bush fire started. A week earlier an old swagman had lazily thrown away a broken glass jug. It lay there with the sun's rays focussed upon it. Then, with startling suddenness, a flame burst from under the jug, a flame that spread rapidly, devouring all the withered grass round about. Soon there was a solid wall of flame shooting across the plain, leaving blackened and smouldering grass in its wake.

Red and his mob smelt the smoke before they actually saw the fire. They stopped to sniff once, then they were off, racing across the plain. But most of them fell down before long, too exhausted through lack of food and water to continue. They heard the fierce crackling of the flames behind them and the screams of smaller animals trapped or too weak to continue.

Wally the platypus tunnelled far down into the river bed and stayed there until the fire was over. It finally reached the river, which proved an effective fire break, and there it burned out, leaving a blackened wasteland.

The old swagman plodded on, little thinking of the death and devastation he had caused behind him.

Three days went by, and to the animals left it was a period of intense hunger and thirst. Many more died, and their bodies littered the plains.

Then, as if someone had seen the animals' plight, the rain came thundering down, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning — a solid sheet of water gushing down. The earth sucked it in like a sponge as it touched the ground. Water holes overflowed. The river

overflowed also and steam arose in dense clouds from the hot earth. Greenery began to show, as if to hide the scars the fire had left. To the animals the water was salvation from a terrible fate, and they let it run over them, giving them new strength.

The day dawned bright and clear, and new grass was just peeping over the brown, muddy earth. Within a week the plain was green once more, and the animals were thankful that their long ordeal was over.

—Bill Wilkins, 1E.

## A FLIGHT WITH ROYALTY

On seeing a recent article in a magazine concerning Queen Salote of Tonga, I was reminded of one of the most interesting and exciting experiences I have ever had.

For several weeks at the beginning of this year, I had been staying in Melbourne with some friends. At last the holiday came to an end and rather reluctantly I prepared to return home. As the bus which was to convey us to Essendon airport purred along the road, I was aware that apart from myself, there were only about a dozen other passengers making the flight. This puzzled me, for I knew that the aircraft in which we were making the trip was a large one. Then, my curiosity was further aroused by several references made by the various passengers concerning Queen Salote, who was at that time touring Australia. At that moment the bus slid to a halt at the terminal, and we proceeded into the lounge to await our call.

After a wait of some minutes, the loud-speaker crackled into life summoning all Sydney-bound passengers "to proceed to their aircraft by gate 3." I was crossing the tarmac when I saw a sight which I shall never forget. Standing by the door to our aircraft was Queen Salote, her right hand raised in acknowledgement of the cheers of the people who were farewelling her. With a gracious smile, she waved again, then moved inside the aircraft. With a feeling of considerable excitement, I too climbed the flight of steps and moved into the plane. A smiling hostess conducted me to my seat. I was privileged to sit within three seats of the Queen, and opposite her grandson and his tutor. The majority of the seats were occupied by ladies-in-waiting, attendants, body-guards and other members of her party.

The engines roared, and the aircraft thundered down the runway to skim into the fleecy clouds which were banked around the aerodrome. We were on our way! The trip passed all too quickly, and after a delayed landing we emerged from the aircraft to step down at Mascot. It was a cold, wet night, and the terminal light blinked mistily through the drifting rain. Eagerly I stepped into the waiting room to greet my parents, and tell them of my one and only flight with Royalty.

—Geoff. Barnes, 4B.

## SUNRISE

From distant East, the sun appears  
 In fiery might,  
 And warms the land with rosy glow,  
 Then golden light.  
 The birds chirp sweetly in the trees  
 That bend and sway,  
 Beside the winding river-banks  
 When comes the day.

The rays of sunshine pierce the gloom  
 Of weary sleep,  
 And rouse all creatures great and small  
 From slumber deep.  
 The dreary night has given way  
 To early morn,  
 And Nature greets the cheerful sun,  
 When breaks the dawn.

—Basil Andrews, 2A.

## GHOSTS

Ghosts do not exist. No sensible man, no man of education, courage or what-you-will, would for one moment pay attention to any of those absurd stories which silly people invent to frighten children. Here the sensible man will smite his manly chest to show that the courageous heart that beats within is proof against most things — ghosts included.

But should that sensible, educated and courageous man seek shelter one stormy night in an old Medieval castle and vainly try to go to sleep in a lonely spare bedroom in a high turret, round which the wind howls as though trying to dislodge the battlements, should he as he tosses this way and that in an endeavour to sleep, see by the light of a cheerless fire, the door of his room slowly and silently open and close of its own accord, and then should he see the eiderdown yielding to the pressure of an invisible weight, then surely that courageous heart would indulge in some unaccustomed pounding and each particular hair stand on end as that brave man wonders what may happen next and tries all the time to persuade himself that all that has happened is that he has consumed more than enough for supper.

—J. Adams, 3A.

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## THE OPEN BOAT

The sea lay almost becalmed beneath the brilliant rays of the sun, a fiery furnace hanging in the burnished dome of blue sky. Away on the horizon a tiny black speck indicated the presence of a small craft — a ship's lifeboat. It contained only four occupants, wretched sailors who were survivors of some nautical disaster. Now they were leaning listlessly against the sides of the boat, as it drifted aimlessly with the current.

One of them slowly dragging his wasted frame up to the bows and shading his eyes from the glaring sun with one bony hand, gazed expectantly at the unattainable horizon. Then with a groan of despair, he fell backwards against the gunwale. He began to brood over his misfortunes — how Fate had placed him in this predicament. How was he to extricate himself from it? Painfully his dulled brain wandered over the past horrors — the dreadful shock and concussion as the torpedo had struck the ship, tearing, rending, twisting the metal until the whole ship had been reduced to a tangled mass of tortured steel falling through the upper waters of the Pacific to the freezing depths below. He and three others, however, had managed to commandeer a small derelict boat in which they had braved the elements — the terrifying hurricane, the mountainous seas and the driving rain. He bitterly remembered that even when the storm had abated there had been little relief from physical torture. The sun had come through the clouds and had mercilessly beaten down on the bodies of its hapless victims. Gradually their meagre rations had diminished and they had begun to suffer as much from the pangs of hunger and thirst as from exposure and the loss of sleep. Now . . . ?

With an effort he pulled himself together and looked absently at his companions. Two of them were sitting propped up against the sides, thinking of home and loved ones. The other, whose name was Brown, was a pitiful wreck of a man. He lay uncomfortably in the bottom of the boat, his head lolling backwards showing the dirty yellow patch of skin that was his neck. His eyes, protruding from the sunken cheeks, were bright yellow with fever and his whole face was grey and drawn from exhaustion and constant gazing at countless horizons. He was covered with rags and high up on his left breast was a red stain oozing through the inadequate bandages and spreading over his whole chest. All through the day he just lay staring, staring . . .

The day finally drew to a close. The sun set in a blaze of orange glory. The clouds lost their splendour and as the last brilliant rays of the sun vanished, another evening was ushered in.

That night Brown died.

A grey dawn unfolded a depressing scene. The small boat with its cargo of exhausted, craving men, was still swaying gently to the motion of the eternal sea. The sun rose and soon the heat could be felt.

"Bakin' us alive," croaked one.

As the day wore on, their hope turned to uneasiness and from uneasiness to utter despair. No friendly smudge of smoke darkened the horizon, no tall mast hove into view. They were lost — hopelessly and completely lost . . .

About four o'clock in the afternoon one of them suddenly stiffened, rubbed his red eyes and standing precariously on a seat gave vent to numerous hoarse, incoherent shouts and then, his strength sapped by the effort, he collapsed. The others, however, hardly awoke from their stupor. A puff of black smoke stained the sky to the West . . .

On the bridge of the Australian frigate the Captain, being informed of a strange object to starboard, "what's neither rock, coral nor mine," immediately ordered the ship on a new course and rang down "Full Ahead" on the engine room telegraph. As she increased speed the frigate dug her stern deeply into the water, her bow rose and a boiling, seething wake streamed out astern.

During the rescue operations when the long lean greyhound of the ocean lay still beside the now abandoned boat, the Captain sadly watched the almost unconscious men being lifted carefully aboard. He remarked briefly to the navigating officer:

"Survivors from 'Centaur' — the hospital ship — another example of the ruthlessness of War."

—Neville Clark, 4A.

## THE DEATH OF MALCOLM

A soul returned to whence it came,  
A helmet split and cleft in twain,  
I, the victor of that dread field  
Where battle raged and none did yield,  
Look down upon a gory head,  
The blood stained ground besmeared and red,  
O! Malcolm! Malcolm! to him I cry,  
He gazes with unseeing eye,  
I turn away, heart sick with grief,  
And leave a comrade to his sleep.

—A. R. Crawford, 3A.

## THE WOOD

The mosses are brown  
With soft shades of green;  
The ferns grow in nooks  
With rocks in between;  
And under your feet  
Are the last years' leaves.  
While the spider above  
Her silver web weaves.

The gentle winds blow  
On the leaves red and brown,  
And the young nestlings seek  
Their mother's soft down.  
But down in the woods  
Is where I would stray  
In the cool and the shade  
On a hot summer's day.

—Roy Barrett, 1E.

## THE ORCHARD

There were thirty trees in all, mostly apple trees but the first row was of peach trees. It was here that our games on the hot summer days took place. Here we were cool and our voices were never audible at the house so mother was happy. One day, we would be sailors at sea, with a particular tree for our ship, while the next tree would be the enemy. There would be a broadside of gunfire, usually green apples and the enemy would sink in flames. Another time we would be aviators streaking through the air at hundreds of miles per hour or space cadets exploring the outer atmosphere. Possibly we would be explorers coming down the Amazon river with hostile Indians attempting to kill us as soon as possible.

But mostly we went to the cool, green orchard to dreamily waste our happy days away until the fateful day when, like so many others the school bell claimed us and the curtain closed on our happy golden days.

—A. Lankshear, 2E.

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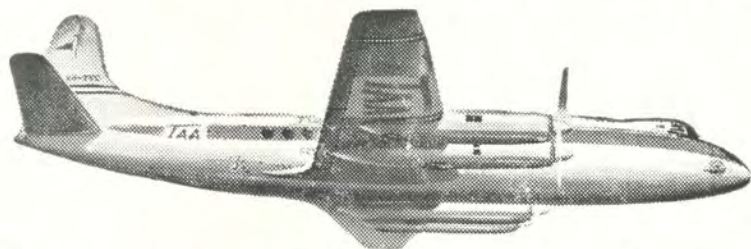
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## THE KITE-FIGHT

At last I came to the top of the slope and crawling on hands and knees through a narrow thicket, came upon the strange scene. There, just before me, was a clearing some two hundred yards square, surrounded on two sides by the surging ocean which broke on a narrow pebble beach, and on the landward side by the treacherous fen which extended for several miles. This, my friend had told me, was the ideal setting for the sport for which I had braved that eerie marsh — kite-fighting.

At one end sat an old wizened Chinaman affectionately trimming his fine box-kite of oiled silk, while at the other end stood his very young adversary, making last-minute adjustments to his triplane tandem kite. The old man's kite stood some five feet high, and to the average eye looked no different from any other box-kite, but to the expert eye it was a masterpiece of balance and craftsmanship.

Suddenly, the young man stood up and holding his odd-looking contraption at shoulder-height, launched it into the stiff breeze and began paying out the string. The kite, which looked like three tiers of bat's wings attached to a central pole about five feet in length, soared majestically upward to a height of some thousand feet, where it floated until it was joined by the carefully manipulated box-kite.

Then began the contest, the loser of which would go falling out to sea, beaten and lost.

The triplane-kite had the speed, and the box-kite had the power. Soon became evident that the match was between youth and speed, and experience and power.

The box-kite waited for the triplane to make the first move — a swift move to try and cross the other's cord, and then moved sluggishly to a higher position before moving majestically back across the triplane's string. But the triplane counter-acted with a quick bank. The box came again — the triplane dodged — and so the duel continued for some half-hour, each kite trying to deal a death-stroke by cutting his opponent's life-line, until slowly but surely the box forced his opponent into a fatal move. Too late the triplane realised his mistake and started to toss in his death throes as the box-kite began to saw inexorably through his string, until suddenly, with a final shudder, his string parted, and he fell, beaten, to be swallowed up by the cruel waves.

The young man dropped his head in shame and disappointment, and refused to smile until, some moments later, the old Chinaman hobbled up to him, whispered a few words of consolation, and walked slowly away with him, to teach him more theory on kites.

Yes, the young man could still be taught more by his elders in the noble art of kite-flying.

—A. Keighran, 3A.

## THE COWBOY

Purple twilight settled softly over the thirsty canyon. Towards the rocky indigo mountains, that cut into the sky like a row of broken teeth, the blood-red desert sun sank like a toy balloon, filling the hollows with shadows and making the spinifex glow like a sea of shimmering gold. Far off the thin wavering howl of a coyote rose shrilly into the air, then ceased abruptly as the desert came to life with sound and movement.

From behind a clump of thick scrub that marked a scarcely discernible trail came a rider on a skewbald pony that moved tirelessly among the bush. Reaching the top of a rise, the rider reined in suddenly, and then sat gazing down the trail under the rim of his large stetson. Seen like this it was impossible to observe him more closely, to make out that it was not a man, as one might have supposed, but a boy of less than fifteen years of age. A dark red woollen shirt marked with a conspicuous checked pattern, was gathered loosely around his body. He wore velvet corduroy pants which were tucked into long black boots from the heels of which projected silver spurs.



A large yellow handkerchief was knotted loosely round his neck so that its broad part hung low on his chest. A wide leather belt, decorated with numerous studs and sagging under the weight of the cartridges it held, encircled his waist and held two holsters that were strapped down on his thighs. From the holsters projected the butts of two ivory handled revolvers.

For a full minute he sat still, his steady grey eyes probing the purple distance, with the last rays of the setting sun lighting up his young face and a lock of untidy hair that had escaped the clasp of his broad-brimmed hat, blowing across his forehead.

Suddenly for no apparent reason, the skewbald reared. The boy's hand flashed to his waist. There was a spurt of orange flame, and a snake that had coiled itself to strike writhed headless in the dust. The boy hardly glanced at it. He holstered the weapon and shook the reins.

Purple twilight settled softly over the thirsty canyon. Toward the rocky indigo mountains . . .

—W. Thomas, 3A.

TO ONE I SHALL REMEMBER

Thy rose-flushed cheeks, all a gentle softness!  
Thy golden curls a-merrily dancing in the breeze!  
Thy light blue eyes sparkling in the sunlight  
Thy nice sweet smile — but at another's face.

I stared and stared and the sun still glared,  
Many a weary mile on foot I'd fared,  
Scorched without by fiery heat from searing sun  
Scorched within by burning flames of love undone.

No more thy lovely blissful kiss  
No more thy glowing, radiant glory  
But cries and sighs from a moaning, groaning heart  
Seared with many tears along its dreary weary way.

Anonymous, 5A.

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## LETTERS FROM JAPAN

How ignorant are you of your Near-north neighbours, who live on a group of islands something the same in area as the Motherland and yet whose population is over twelve times greater than ours in Australia? How often have your thoughts passed the limit of your surroundings or your modern empire? And most important of all, how many times has it distressed you and caused you to take it into your hands to help these teeming millions, many of whom live in poverty, famine and live and die having no goal in life but merely living a monotonous life of misery and hardships?

On the other hand what do you know of the beliefs, ancient customs and traditions, which date back not hundreds but thousands of years, of this race? What do you know of the numerous festivals held in large cities, towns and villages alike throughout the year?

May I tell you of one of these festivals not in my own words, but in the words of a Japanese girl of sixteen, who has written

the following in English, possibly the hardest of all languages at which to become proficient.

"7th July, 1956." Today we celebrate throughout Japan the traditional "Star Festival" called "Tanabata".

The Star Festival is based on a romantic legend to the effect that on the Eve of July 7, Vega, otherwise known as the Weaver Star Princess, is supposed to meet Altair, a Herd-boy Star, on the bank of the "Ama no gawa" — (literally) River of Heaven — or Milky Way, for their annual tryst.

The legend behind the meeting is that the celestial princess, daughter of the celestial king and an accomplished weaver, fell in love with a cowherder. To reward her for her industry, the pair were so madly in love that the princess neglected her weaving, and the cowherder allowed his cows to stray.

The celestial king was so angered by this that he finally separated the lovers, forcing them to remain on opposite sides of the Milky Way.

Because there was no bridge spanning the Milky Way, the princess wept bitterly. A "pasasagi" or magpie happened along, and feeling deeply sympathetic, he assured her that he would build a bridge for her once every year. This was done with many, many magpies spreading their wings and forming a bridge on which the princess crossed.

But the legend says further, if it rains on the Eve of July 7, the magpies will not make the bridge, and the celestial lovers must wait for their meeting another year.

Although somewhat sad in the theme, the Star Festival is observed in a spirit of joy. On July 7, supplications are made to the Weaver Princess by those who wish to improve their weaving and sewing, as well as their knowledge of the gentle arts: music, poetry, calligraphy, etc., of which the princess later became the patron. At the same time, farmers petition the Herd-boy Star for a bumper harvest.

Characteristic of the Star Festival which is essentially a children's festival, are bamboo trees set up in front of the houses or before the garden shrines, on whose branches are hung paper cut in shape of Kimino, 5-colour threads, paper balloons, etc."

P.S.—This quotation from a letter recently received by myself is an exact replica of the original by Kyoko Yosimura. Hence the occasional error which can only be expected.

84 Kitashin-machi, Kochi City,  
Kochi Pref., Japan,  
June 11th, Monday, 1956.

Dear Friends,

We are boys and girls of Kochi High School in Japan. Our new school building is now under construction and we expect its completion before March, 1957. In the tower of the building we are going to hang a bell to be named "The Bell of The Rising Sun." We are planning to cast copper coins into the bell, which may be contributed by many high schools all over the world.

The bell is to be a symbol of world peace and international friendship that will last forever irrespective of nations and races.

For this purpose we shall be very happy if you would kindly send us two copper coins as a token of your friendship, one of which will be casted into the bell, showing the name of contributor on the surface and the other will be kept in the exhibit hall of our school in memory of your kind contribution.

On completion of the bell, we will be pleased to send you its photograph to repay you for your kindness.

Hoping to receive your favourable reply at your earliest convenience and thanking you in anticipation for your kind assistance to our undertaking.

Yours very sincerely,  
Boys and Girls of Kochi High School.  
Motoshi Kawashima.  
per M. Kawathina, Principal.

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The response to this year's photographic competition was very pleasing, and some really excellent entries were received. The photographs were judged by Mr. Phil Ward, and we would like to thank him for his assistance.

To those who entered in the competition, we thank you for your interest, and if you did not win a prize, try harder next year, so that next year's entries will surpass those of this year.

P. Hunter.



"DUCKLINGS."  
R. LYNCH (4 A)  
2nd Prize: Character.



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**2nd Row:** Cpl. P. Hunter, L/Cpl. D. Kent, L/Cpl. N. Jeffries, L/Cpl. W. Allen, Cpl. R. Wood,  
L/Cpl. J. Morris, Cpl. N. Clark.

**3rd Row:** Sgt. I. Hulme, Sgt. B. Russell, Cpl. G. Moore, Cpl. R. Scott, Cpl. J. Dowd, Cpl. R. Mitchell,  
Cpl. G. Barnes, Cpl. N. Wilton (Staff), Sgt. A. Crapp, Sgt. D. Medley.

**Front Row:** W.O. II A. Thomas, C.U.O. J. C. H. P. Gordon, C.U.O. J. Evans, Lt. A. Morton, Capt.  
D O'Sullivan, C.U.O. R. Clements, C.U.O. W. Ashby, C.U.O. W. Hamilton, Staff/Sgt. B. Bodn.

## FORT STREET CADET UNIT

The Unit has had an excellent year as regards training in all fields of infantry work. The Rifle Range has been used extensively throughout the year for training in the .22 inch rifle. W.O.2 McLaughlin gave the cadets a thorough grounding and at the Range Day Staff Sgt. Bond gained 93% and twenty-five cadets qualified for their crossed rifles for first class shots.

Fort St. Unit was limited in establishment to 121. Owing to the record number of applications this year permission was granted to increase our strength to 153 — the first increase since 1942. The "Q" Store, of hallowed memories to C.U.O.s and N.C.O.s, has been renovated, new rifle racks and shelves have been installed, the doorway leading underneath the hall has been bricked in, a movable counter has been erected and the door is now burglar proof (we presume). Staff Sgt. Clements and his team painted the stone at the end of last year and we now

can boast of the finest "Q" Store in No. 8 Cadet Bn.

Anzac Day Ceremonial was carried out in the usual dignified manner and the "Rest on Arms Reversed," is acclaimed as the special feature of the occasion. Major General Macarthur-Onslow gave the special address and complimented the Unit on the high standard of drill. One hundred cadets attended the Annual Camp at Singleton, and an excellent programme of training was carried out. The food was splendid and members of the Unit returned to their homes looking well and happy. A passing out parade will be held, on October 26th.

The following Cadets qualified at the Special Courses in May.

Cpl. G. Moore, M.M.G.

Cpl. R. Mitchel, M.M.G.

Cadet Schulteis, Signals.

L./Cpl. W. Allen, Signals.

L./Cpl. B. Austin, 3 inch Mortar.

L./Cpl. D. Morgan, 3 inch Mortar.

*Cups for 1956:*

- C.U.O. B. Clements — best C.U.O. for the year.  
 C.S.M. A. R. Thomas — outstanding work for the Unit.  
 S./Sgt. B. Bond — best marksman.  
 Cadet D. Day — most improved cadet in Signals.  
 Cadet L. Johnson — most improved Cadet in Platoon I.  
 Cadet L. Ball — most improved Cadet in Platoon II.  
 Cadet Whitlock — most improved Cadet in Platoon III.

The following have been selected to attend the P.O. Course at Singleton, December, 1956:

Sgt. Crapp, Sgt. Medley, Sgt. Russell, Cpl. Clarke, Cpl. Hunter, Cpl. Scott.

The Unit Band is taking shape and will

give its first performance at the Fete. The members are keen and have accomplished much in a short time. Thanks to the generosity of the Headmaster and Ladies' Committee for the necessary funds to get two side drums and bugles. Now that we can show something for the money invested we will be asking for some of the essentials urgently needed, a mace, gauntlets, and bugle cords.

I wish to thank Lt. A. Morton for his assistance as 2 I/C, also Captain Silcock and his staff at No. 8. W.O.2 McLaughlin, our instructor, has done splendid work for the Unit and is highly esteemed by every Fort St. Cadet — "Fair Enough". Sgt. Henry is doing good work with the band and thinks they are eager workers. 1956 has been a year of great activity for the Unit and I wish to thank all concerned for their co-operation and keenness during the year.

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## ANNUAL CAMP, 1956

Once again Singleton Military Camp was the venue for the '56 camp of Fort Street Cadet Unit. On arrival it took about three minutes to accumulate on our persons, the dust which remained there till we arrived home again.

This camp proved to be the most enjoyable and "entertaining" held since my entry into the unit in 1951.

To the officers, camp was one long session of "hard work," whilst the O.R.'s spent their time, soaking up the sunshine and "spine-bashing" (???) (open for discussion).

Tent Sixteen, or better still "Stalag XVI.," proved to be one of the main sources of comic relief for the Officers and C.S.M., who spent most of their time rousing its occupants.

W.O.2 McLaughlin was in camp with us this year and did a condensed course on battlecraft with us as in '54 Camp. The cadets showed considerable aptitude in putting the lessons into practice.

These earlier lessons and demonstrations were only preliminaries to a final tactical exercise in which the unit spent a whole day in the field carrying out an advanced company attack. This day provided all with a good laugh, but left them tired and foot sore.

The field day was an innovation for the cadets and we hope that it will be included in next year's camp syllabus.

But the real joke of the camp was the night reconnaissance patrol. This consisted of eight or nine patrols moving along a creek bed with a period of ten minutes between patrols.

The Officers and C.S.M. provided an ambush party in one of the many copses along the creek.

The first patrol cleared the area without incident other than a few rifle shots fired by the ambush party.

But it was at the second patrol that the exercise failed. This patrol led by Staff/Sgt. Bond, happened to encounter quite a large volume of fire and Staff/Sgt. Bond managed to "slip" into the creek. His anguished shouts plus the enormous number of shots proved too much for the younger cadets who subsequently showed unwillingness to move through the copse. So, reluctantly the exercise was abandoned and the "shell shocked heroes" returned to their tents.

Other items of interest were: the firing of the Owen Machine Carbine by all except the first year cadets; a lantern chase which, although the wireless sets went "on the blink," turned out quite a success.

The usual demonstration of field weapons was seen by many for the first time, and nearly everyone witnessed the flame thrower for the first time.

The same afternoon was occupied by field firing. This simply means that instead of firing at regular target as on a rifle range, the cadets fired onto a normal landscape, firing at trees, logs, stumps, etc. and up to extreme ranges. All this was very novel and created much interest.

Being in camp afforded no relief from the vigorous training schedule of Lt. Morton who made sure that he had company, however reluctant, in carrying out that Schedule. This 'reluctant company' would like him to know that this constituted one of the chief reasons for their constant appearance of being "all in".

The Officers and Cadets would like to extend to W.O.2 McLaughlin their sincerest thanks for a most interesting and enjoyable camp, which would not have been such without his undivided attention and keenness.

May the unit enjoy an equally successful camp during 1957. —R.B.C.

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### SPORTSMASTER'S REPORT

During 1956 our sporting achievements were quite creditable. In the football our 1st XV. were a credit to the school and were unlucky to be beaten by Hurlstone and this put us out of the Zone final. The 4th Grade was beaten in the finals by North Sydney while 5th Grade won the premiership. Both grades are to be commended on their solid football. In cricket the third grade are on top while the fifth grade seem to have the last round in the bag.

A very enjoyable trip to Lismore this year by the 1st XV. and 5th XV. was an innovation. The firsts played an exhibition game against North Sydney at the opening of the Falcon Memorial Grounds and the Seconds played against Sydney High School at the opening of the Pavilion at McKay Oval. The 1st XV. and First XI. had enjoyable games at Duntroon and we hope our association with Lismore and Duntroon will be kept up during the coming year. In the C.H.S. competition we had two soccer teams and they gave a good account of themselves. Three water Polo teams and two basketball teams represented the school in the C.H.S. Competition.

C.H.S. Football Representation, 1956: P.

Jackson, B. Bond, G. Hilder, W. Robinson.

C.H.S. Cricket: D. Short.  
School Blues, 1956:

Football: P. Jackson, B. Bond, A. Rayner, D. Short, J. Evans.

Cricket: D. Short, A. Rayner, G. Fortescue, R. Clements.

Water Polo: P. Jackson, W. Ashby, W. Barr.

Swimming: P. Jackson, W. Ashby.

Athletics: B. Bond.

Basketball: P. Hiob.

Congratulations: R. Baley and G. Sawyer on getting your Junior Referee's Badge.

House competition games in football with North Sydney, Canterbury, Blacktown and Richmond created an interest and kept the house competition alive. The Junior Referees did splendid work and they are to be congratulated. I wish to thank sincerely the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster and staff for their co-operation and the boys for a successful year in sport.

|   | Christmas House | Kilgour House | Mearns House | Williams House |           |
|---|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| THE FRANK AUSTIN MEMORIAL CUP (Athletics)         | 184             | 223           | 196          | 99             | Kilgour   |
| THE HANNAN MEMORIAL CUP (Aquatics)                |                 |               |              |                |           |
| Swimming .. .. .                                  | 287             | 243           | 157          | 139            | Christmas |
| Water Polo .. .. .                                | 144             | 64            | 32           | 80             | Christmas |
| Life Saving .. .. .                               | 168             | 144           | 162          | 174            | Williams  |
| TOTAL .. .. .                                     | 599             | 451           | 351          | 393            | Christmas |
| THE LADIES' COMMITTEE CUP (Cricket)               | 1447            | 1490          | 1276         | 1476           | Kilgour   |
| THE OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP .. .. .                   | 2256            | 2962          | 2158         | 1932           | Kilgour   |
| THE R. L. READ MEMORIAL CUP (Tennis) .. .. .      | 356             | 335           | 488          | 300            | Mearns    |
| THE ROSE CUP (All Sport)                          |                 |               |              |                |           |
| Athletics .. .. .                                 | 15.7            | 19.1          | 16.8         | 8.6            | K         |
| Aquatics .. .. .                                  | 33.3            | 25.1          | 19.6         | 21.9           | C         |
| Football .. .. .                                  | 38.8            | 51.0          | 37.0         | 33.2           | K         |
| Cricket .. .. .                                   | 38.7            | 39.3          | 35.4         | 36.6           | K         |
| Tennis .. .. .                                    | 7.2             | 6.8           | 9.9          | 6.1            | C         |
| TOTAL .. .. .                                     | 133.7           | 141.3         | 118.7        | 106.4          | Kilgour   |
| THE LODGE FORTIAN CUP (Four major sports) .. .. . | 126.5           | 134.5         | 108.8        | 100.3          | Kilgour   |

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## HOUSE REPORTS

### CHRISMAS HOUSE REPORT

Christmas House enjoyed a very successful year and gained many honours in the sporting activities of the school.

We can attribute our win in the Swimming Carnival to the keenness and team spirit shown by all those members who competed, so ably, under very trying conditions. Thanks go to all these members, and especially to W. Ashby, R. Carnell, J. Anderson and W. Barr. Our U. 14 and U. 13 swimmers were particularly good this year.

Four House members were in the 1st Grade Water Polo team. They were B. Couch, W. Ashby, W. Barr and R. Atkin. We also had a large number of players in the lower grades.

Tennis proved to be the weakest section. There were no members in the 1st Grade team from Christmas House. However, we were well represented in the lower grades and this speaks well for future success in this sport.

Christmas had its fair share of players in the 1st XV., B. Bond, W. Gass, R. Atkin and P. Anderson playing throughout the season. Of these, Bruce Bond was selected in the C.H.S. 1st XV: In the Inter-School House football matches, Christmas fielded some very strong teams, especially in the Senior Divisions. Altogether Christmas players performed very creditably both on and off the field.

At the Athletic Carnival, although competition was very keen, Christmas was always within a few points of the leaders. We gained third place, only several points behind Mearns and Kilgour. Congratulations and thanks go to B. Bond, W. Allen, R. Blyton and R. Cruickshank. W. Allen is also to be commended on his performance at the C.H.S. Carnival.

Although the House Cricket Competition is as yet unfinished, Christmas is assured of a reasonable amount of success. We were well represented in the grade cricket teams and B. Bond, R. Clements, R. Bennett and J. Barrett played for us in the 1st XI.

In all other school activities, basketball, debating, chess and the school choir, many Christmas members were prominent. Thanks to all those who represented us in these activities, they have done a great job and thoroughly deserve all praise bestowed on them.

On behalf of Christmas House, I would like to thank Mr. Bohman, our House-Master, who was at all times ready and willing to give his assistance and guidance.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Prefects and every member of Christmas House for their help in making this year a successful one. It was through good teamwork and co-operation that we gained all our victories, and if all members of the House realize that victories are won only by teamwork and good

spirit, not by individual efforts, then Christmas House will always be a hard team to beat.

—Peter Anderson, House Captain.

### KILGOUR HOUSE REPORT

Congratulations to Kilgour House on their fine sporting record for 1956. In all phases of sport we showed that enthusiasm and team work make a House successful.

Kilgour's most notable victory was in the Athletic Carnival, where our superiority was due to fine team spirit. We excelled in the relays and won the Senior tug-o-war for the fifth time in succession. One of our most outstanding athletes was K. Goodwin who helped to gain many points for the House and, with a number of other representatives, gained great credit for the school at the C.H.S. Athletics. Congratulations also to P. Hiob who broke the School record in the Shot Putt.

Combined House support and the fine swimming of Peter Jackson, made us "runners-up" in the Swimming Carnival. Our congratulations go to all who competed and especially to those who represented at the C.H.S. Peter is the most outstanding athlete in Kilgour House and he obtained much honour for the school by representing in Swimming, Athletics, Football and Water Polo.

Football: Kilgour provided no fewer than nine players in the 1st XV., they were: J. Evans, R. Dring, G. Fortescue, J. Gordon, W. Hamilton, G. Hilder, P. Hiob, P. Jackson and B. Jones. P. Jackson and G. Hilder represented the school in the C.H.S. teams. There were also many other Kilgour boys in the lower grades, and we showed our strength in the house competition.

Cricket: C. Ellen and G. Fortescue represented Kilgour in the 1st XI. As the house competition has not been completed, no results can be given.

Water Polo: P. Jackson and D. Croft were the only members of Kilgour in the First Grade team this year, however, we have many promising young players who will do credit to their house in the next few years.

On behalf of Kilgour House, I would like to thank Mr. Dasey for his invaluable assistance in all our activities, and also the Prefects, Jones, Jackson, Fortescue, Evans, Gordon and Hamilton, who have given me fine co-operation and helped to make 1956 a memorable year for Kilgour.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all House members for their loyalty, spirit and determination. This enthusiasm has made us strong, and if we always "Strive and Fight for Kilgour's Might," Kilgour will always be a House of true sportsmen.

David Croft, House Captain.

## MEARNS HOUSE REPORT

Mearn's House this year, has only been reasonably successful in sport. However the younger members of the House have proved that they will be prominent in next year's sporting activities.

The greatest disappointment this year was the lack of interest and enthusiasm displayed by the Senior, and under 16 divisions, at the various carnivals. Without active interest on the part of Senior divisions, the greater part of the work was left to a very small minority. Remember that though you may not be a champion, a great deal of satisfaction is obtained from knowing that you have done your very best.

In representative sport this year we were represented in all activities but water polo.

Millar as full back, and the Rayner brothers in the backs performed splendidly in the 1st XV. I feel sure that Rayner (Sen.) would have gained C.H.S. honours but for his injuries.

In 1st grade cricket we were represented by Munro and Rayner, each of whom played well.

Dominating the 1st grade tennis were Li, Pemberton and Masterman. Li later won the school singles championship. He was also our only representative in 1st grade basket ball.

In senior debating we were well represented by Price, Munro and Lewis.

In the House sports our football teams were outstanding in all grades, while the cricket teams were always a danger. Great courage and sportsmanship were displayed in these teams.

The Swimming Carnival proved our main weakness and we only just managed to beat Williams House into 3rd position. The most promising performers were Palfreyman, Nolan, Porter, Morgan and Poom. Poom was under 13 champion.

In the Athletics Carnival we managed to gain second place. This is where the lack of team spirit was most openly displayed. In the House we had Rayner, the under 16 champion and Johnston, the under 14 champion. The most outstanding performer, however, was J. Read although he did not win his division. Mulhearn performed magnificently in the Senior Division, taking three senior titles and Moore won the 100 and 220 yds. titles, the House took all senior track events with the exception of the relay.

I would like to congratulate Johnston and Read on their winning C.H.S. runs and also Read for his All-Schools 220 yds. win. This boy could be a real threat to school and C.H.S. records in the next few years.

I would like also to thank Mr. Ford for his continual fight to raise Mearns House to its former standard and feel sure that he will succeed in the near future.

In conclusion I would like to say that it now rests with the rising juniors to regain some of Mearn's lost prestige, so that we may once more regain the title of Premier House, and remember, this can only be done by teamwork and close co-operation and never by individual effort.

—John Moore, House Captain.

## WILLIAMS HOUSE REPORT

The additional cuts in our already diminishing numbers proved to be too harsh on our House. All we can hope for is that this pruning of our members will eventually strengthen the quality of the House, in the same way as pruning strengthens many shrubs.

In the Annual Swimming Carnival we were narrowly beaten into fourth place by Mearn's House. John Whitehall was our most successful competitor in the championship events and gained many valuable points for the house in the Under 14 section. It was in the Annual Athletic Carnival that we greatly felt the effect of the re-allocation of students into Houses. Despite the absence of any champions among our ranks of boys, the seniors and competitors in novice events, displayed intense House spirit in coming forward with their services, the boys gave of their best but their best was not good enough.

Williams House was well represented in the school grade teams this year. W. Robinson, D. Short and J. Shailer were our representatives in the 1st XV. Warren Robinson also was a member of the C.H.S. 2nd XV. Williams House had three members in the 1st XI: D. Short (captain), R. Shelton, and Speight. David Short represented in the C.H.S. XI. and scored 30 runs out of the C.H.S. total of 83. L. Smith and M. Williams gained selection in the 1st Grade Water Polo team.

The members of Williams House were deeply grieved during the year to learn of the passing of Mr. Williams, the headmaster of Fort Street from whom our house derives its name.

I must tender my thanks to Mr. Horan, our House patron, who has given me such valuable guidance throughout the year and also to David Short, Alan Thomas, Ken Travers and Bruce Trevitt, who have so ably assisted me in the organization of House activities.

Remember the Olympic motto fellow members of Williams: "The important thing in the Olympic games is not to win, but to take part. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

Mack Williams, House Captain.

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**1st GRADE CRICKET.**

Back Row: Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster), C. Ellen, R. Clements, Mr. K. Cunningham (Coach).  
Middle Row: A. Rayner, C. Speight, B. Munro, J. Barrett, J. MacArthur, D. Murray.  
Back Row: G. Fortescue, D. Short (Capt.), Mr. G. C. Shaw (Headmaster), B. Bond, R. Bennett.

# CRICKET

## FIRST GRADE

Most schools seem to go through alternating periods of success and failure, and it was only natural that Fort Street, after being undefeated for three years, should experience a season of few victories.

Despite this, a very good spirit prevailed in the team and all their matches were played in the best cricketing tradition.

Two players deserve special mention. David Short played two good innings, one of 76 not out v. Canterbury and another of 46, run out, v. Homebush. In the C.H.S. match at Newcastle, David batted splendidly to score 30 runs out of a total of 83 on a sticky wicket. His captaincy was usually very good. Arthur Rayner played in only two games but took 8 for 28 v. Macquarie. His bowling is of the type that should be encouraged, as he bowls slow leg-spinners, once the glory of Australian cricket.

The team was once again coached by Mr. K. Cunningham, whose experienced suggestions were much appreciated.

### Results:

Fort Street: 47 and 5-117 lost to Canterbury 160.

Fort Street: draw with Drummoyne 7 for 85.

Fort Street: 107 lost to Homebush 8 for 115.

Fort Street: 30 lost to Macquarie 69.

—V.C. & D.S.

## 2ND GRADE CRICKET REPORT

The 2nd XI., captained by J. Barrett and L. Madden, has met with moderate success during this season.

The team consisted of J. Barrett, L. Madden, J. Bevan, W. Bass, I. Sholer, I. Gunn, J. Gordon, G. Masterman, J. Shailer, G. Howlett, C. Fairweather, R. Devine, A. Rayner, R. Fisher, R. Hinshelwood, H. Macarthur.

The first match was a full day fixture against Canterbury High. Sending us in, Canterbury soon had our batsmen back in the pavilion for a modest 86 (J. Gordon 29). At stumps they had lost 4 wickets for 138, and so gained a first innings win.

In our second match against Drummoyne our batsmen, batting first immediately gained the upper hand and declared at 5 wickets for 167. (J. Barrett 52, I. Sholer, 27, R. Fisher 26, I. Gunn, 29 n.o.). At stumps they had lost 1 for 12. The second day was washed out and so robbed us of the chance of recording our first win.

In the next match against Homebush we declared 8 for 85 (J. Barrett 22) and had them 2 for 44 at stumps.

The next was against Penrith and resulted in a 1st innings win for us. Penrith batted first and was dismissed cheaply for 33 runs

(J. Bevan 5 for 11). Fort Street then batted and quickly chalked up the required runs and declared 2 for 60 (G. Masterman 37). In their second innings Penrith was 6 for 44 at stumps (J. Bevan 4 for 18).

In our last game one day has elapsed and we are in a very good position to enforce an outright win. Parramatta, batting first scored 108. (C. Fairweather 5 for 23) and we are none for 60 at stumps on the first day (G. Masterman 41 n.o. and J. Barrett 17 n.o.).

At this stage I would like, on behalf of the members of the team, to express our thanks to Mr. Duncan, our coach, who is, unfortunately, at present, ill in hospital, and to Mr. Coroneos and Mr. Wheeler who have ably substituted in his place, also to Mr. O'Sullivan who has greatly helped us at all times.

Thank you all for a very enjoyable season.

—J. Barrett.

## THIRD GRADE CRICKET REPORT

The 3rd grade team has had a successful season so far, having beaten Punchbowl and Canterbury on the first innings and drawn with Homebush owing to rain on the second day. The match against Drummoyne is now in progress and Fort Street appears to have a strong chance of maintaining its present lead in the competition.

The following boys played in the third grade team during the season: R. Atkin, A. Rayner, F. Pacey, W. Robinson, D. Worrall, B. Russell, K. Travers (Capt.), C. Fairweather, R. Presland, A. Mercier, R. Ratcliffe, R. Challoner, C. Bradley, R. Devine, G. Howlett, R. Madden and G. Horner.

Highest scores were made by Worrall, 55, and Devine 42, while Atkin, Rayner, Pacey and Howlett also batted well. Worrall captured the most wickets.

Third grade functioned as a team rather than a group of individuals, and a successful season resulted.

—K.T.

## 4TH GRADE CRICKET

1956 can be regarded as an unfortunate year for 4th Grade.

In the first match, a one day affair, they failed by 4 runs, with 5 wickets in hand, to reach their opponent's score. In the second match rain prevented play when they were in a commanding position, while they scored a comfortable win in the remaining match.

The net result is that they are not as high in the competition table as the ability warrants.

Some very fine performances were put up by Flood, Chambers, Gavine, Day, Hamilton, Anderson and Keys, with both bat and ball.

## 5TH GRADE CRICKET REPORT

5th grade has had an enjoyable season and at the time of writing is equal first with Canterbury in the division. The team won the first match against Punchbowl on the first innings. The second and third matches, against Homebush and Canterbury were drawn and in the fourth match Fort St. dismissed Drummoyno for sixty-two runs and are six wickets down for one hundred and sixteen, match unfinished.

Best batting performances were George Cole's 35 and 44 n.o., Geoff Halcomb's 38 and Grahame Englefield's 19.

Best bowling averages were Keith Mullette's 7 wickets for 12 runs, John Austin's 3 wickets for 9 runs, Geoff Halcomb's 4 for 12 and Laurie Jezard's 4 wickets for 23 runs.

The team was: G. Coles (Capt.), G. Halcomb (V.-Capt.), R. Gibson, G. Englefield, J. Parker, R. Edwards, K. Jeffery, R. McCarthy, L. Jezard, B. Miller, K. Mullette, J. Austin and G. Henderson.

The team would like to express thanks to Mr. Horan, the coach, for his careful interest and encouragement without which the season would not have been such a great success.

## SIXTH GRADE CRICKET TEAM

Fort St. (6 for 61). Punchbowl (50).

Fort St. (4 for 30). Homebush (104) — match drawn owing to rain.

Fort St. (24, 36). Canterbury (21, 5 for 45).

As the above list shows, our competition is rather unsatisfactory owing to the small number of games played. One more game remains (v. Drummoyno) before the semi-finals begin.

In this short time the team has not had sufficient time to develop into a formidable force although some individual improvements have been quite remarkable. In fairness both to Canterbury and ourselves the figures in that match should not be taken seriously as the match was played under conditions akin to water polo.

Our bowlers were Clark, Edwards, Worrall, Church and McGregor. Batting is extremely weak; each batsman must make it his aim to get right behind the flight of the ball. Then, and only then, will we eradicate the fall of wickets through mistimed shots and catches taken off the edge of the bat.

The team was as follows:—

A. Worrall (Capt.), J. Church (V.-Capt.), L. Edwards, J. McGregor, R. Clark, J. Beale, J. Stewart, R. Kirkpatrick, S. Saunders, I. Duncan, J. Groat, B. McRae, E. Houghton.

## STAFF v. PREFECTS. CRICKET MATCH

One fine Wednesday afternoon in March, the School turned out in force to Petersham Oval, to witness the First Cricket Test, between the Staffs' XI. and the Prefects' XI. As it happened, Mr. Cunningham and the boys, had a decisive victory over "Basher" Bond and his team; the teachers winning by minus four runs.

Mr. Cunningham won the toss and sent the Prefects in to bat on a fast wicket. Suspense showed on the faces of the capacity crowd, who were only too willing to cheer a good stroke (or bad) executed by one of the masters, or perhaps a well pitched ball or a nice return from the boundary. Several catches were dropped and three sixes were sent over the fence; one each by Mr. Anderson, Bruce Bond and David Short. The prefects closed their innings on 114, Short having made 30, Bond 36, and Hamilton 0 runs.

Then the teachers opened their innings. They managed to hold off the first savage onslaught, to be dismissed for 110 runs.

The match was a real success and we hope that we shall witness more of these tests of skill and prowess on the cricket field in the years to come.  
—G.H.

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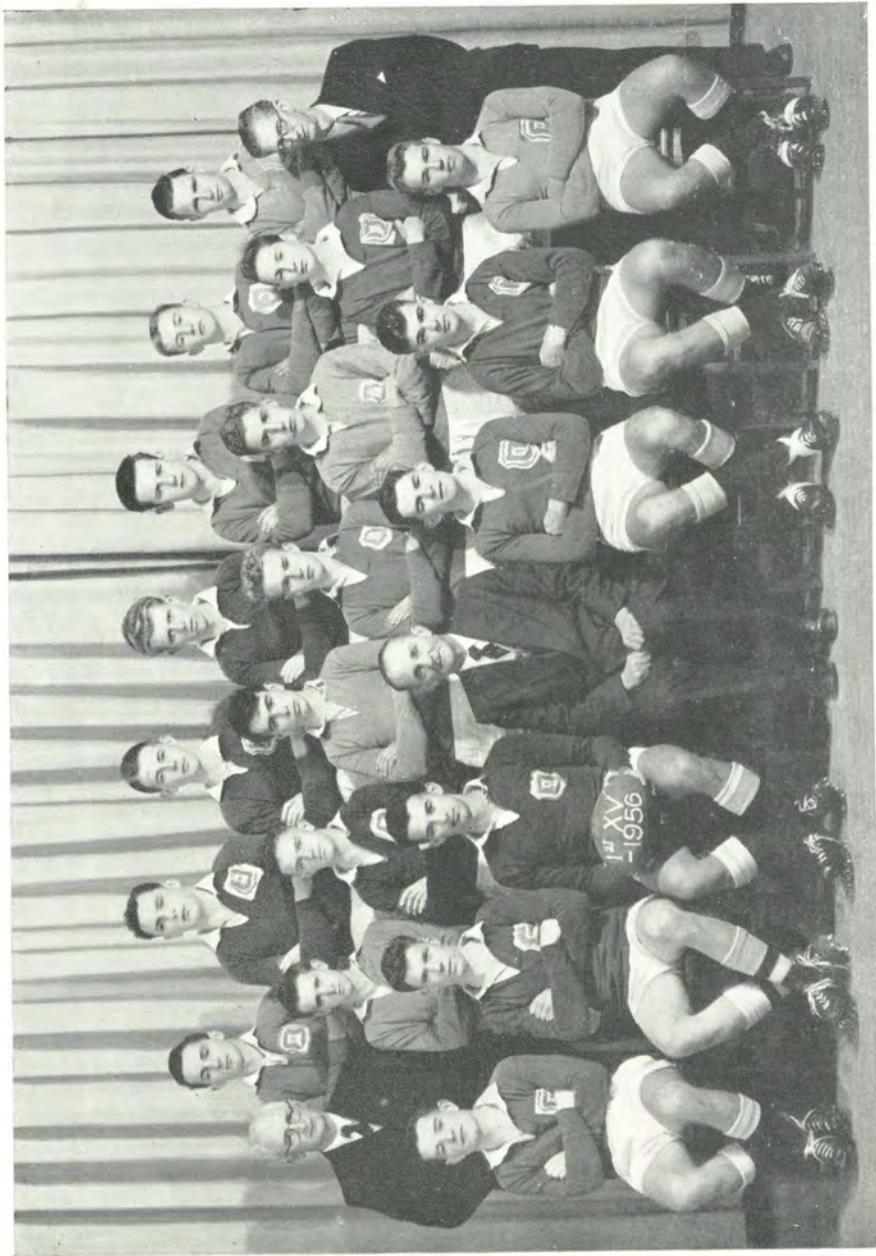
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**1st GRADE FOOTBALL.**

Back Row: B. Jones, P. Hiob, G. Fortescue, R. Dring, W. Bass, W. Hamilton, J. C. H. P. Cordon.  
 Middle Row: Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster), A. Rayner, (Sen.), A. Rayner (Jun.), R. Shailler, R. Atkin, P. Anderson, I. Gunn,  
 Mr. G. Bohman (Coach).  
 Front Row: D. Short, G. Hilder, P. Jackson (Capt.), Mr. G. C. Shaw (Headmaster), B. Bond, W. Robinson, J. Evans.

# FOOTBALL

## FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL

Although we were not successful in winning our division of the competition, the team had a very enjoyable season highlighted by two trips to the country — to Lismore and Canberra. On these trips the team acquitted itself as true Fortians both on and off the field. Its behaviour and sportsmanship was above reproach. Seven players were selected to try out for representative honours and four of them succeeded in being selected to play for Combined High Schools teams against Duntroon, G.P.S. and the touring Canadian team.

Peter Jackson — Captain, incentre. Brilliant attacker, played with a dazzling swerve and sidestep — defence very sound. Proved to be one of the C.H.S. stars against R.M.C. Duntroon.

Bruce Bond — Vice-Captain — Breakaway — the teams most prolific scorer due to excellent goal kicking which saved us many games. He is a very fast breakaway, good runner and hard tackler. Bruce was selected to play for the C.H.S. team.

John Evans — Outside centre — Outstanding ability, hard runner and his tackling was excellent. John was always looking for an opening and his three-quarter play in attack and defence, was faultless.

Geoff Hilder — Winger — hard runner, tackled well and always looked dangerous. He was a constant try scorer and was always backing up. Geoff represented in the C.H.S. team.

"Robbie" Robinson — Breakaway — also represented in the C.H.S. "Robbie" was a good tackler, quick off the mark and did well in the open. He was renowned for his famous drop-kicks.

Bruce Jones — Winger — very speedy, tackled well and always made the most of his openings. Very good in attack.

"Torchy" Miller — Fullback — sound in defence and attack, good tackler and his line kicks got the team out of many difficulties.

John Gordon — Five-eighth and breakaway — constant in attack and defence. He was fast, tackled hard and started many backline movements.

John Shailer — five-eighth — although he did not play the whole season, John showed that he could be an asset to any team. He was fast and intelligent and possessed a very good sidestep.

The Halves were "Art" and "Al" Rayner. They were most consistent. Both were excellent from the base of the scrum, giving fast, direct passes. "Art" was known for his spectacular dive tackles and "Al" for his aggressive playing.

"Davey" Short — Lock — spectacular in attack and renowned for his cover defence. He was a hard tough player and delighted in scoring intercept tries.

Warwick Hamilton — Second row forward — Was always in the roughest part of the ruck. Tough, hard player, good worker and valuable lineout man.

Peter Anderson — Second row forward — untiring, unyielding player, he never admitted defeat until the final whistle. Hard rucker and played hard clean football.

Wally Bass — Front row forward, strong hard player who rucked well and helped his team-mates in more ways than one. Delighted the fans with his knowledge of profanity.

Ben Gunn — Hooker — Small and tough, Ben won more than his share of the ball and was good in attack and defence, although he was the midget of the team.

Bob Dring — Front row forward. Good hard player, did his best at all times. Bob was always in the thick of it.

Graeme Fortescue — Utility forward, big and solid, tried his hardest at all times. Graeme was very good in the rucks and would be an asset to any team.

Priit Hiob — Forward — Good forward, rucked well and helped team-mates. Good lineout man.

Bob Atkin — Forward — Bob tackled well and played hard football. He was good in rucks and lineouts.

The team would like to thank Mr. Bohman for his valuable coaching, and Mr. Morton for his "callisthenics". Both gentlemen were liked by all the boys in the team and the team has been a happy one due to their help and advice. Mr. Bohman's coaching efforts will not be truly seen until the team members start playing club football, but we consider ourselves very fortunate to have been associated with him during the year. —P.J.

## 2ND GRADE FOOTBALL

The second grade team had a very enjoyable season of football this year. The team finished third in the competition, and were very unlucky not to better this result. The forwards as a pack played well and were always on the ball. The backs were good individual players, but lacked real combination, and many good solo efforts were spoilt by failure to back up.

### Forwards:

Medley — front row — solid forward — always on the ball. Experience will improve play.

Atkin — front row — hard working, determined forward, sound tackler.

Kerwand — hooker — won his share of the scrums — good tough open player.

Webster — second row — useful forward — needs more experience.

Spacov — second row — tried hard — always on the ball.

Brown — lock — tough player — broke well from the rucks and lineouts.

Anderson — breakaway — best forward of the team — a solid, tough forward, hard to stop, and always on the ball.

Williams — breakaway — determined player — ran well from the rucks.

Fortescue — breakaway — sound, solid forward — determined runner hard to stop.

*Backs:*

Rayner — half — best of the backs — fine attacking half and sound defender.

Hinshelwood — five-eighth — fast, determined runner — good defender.

Atkin — centre — small, but a determined player, excellent tackler.

Ashby — centre (Captain). Led his team well, even in defeat. Is a punishing tackler, one who made use of his barging run.

Shailer — centre — brilliant attacking centre, but didn't like to tackle.

Yum — winger — sound player, who would have a go at anything.

Moore — winger — very promising player until put out by leg injury.

Whitehall — winger — hard runner, but wouldn't tackle.

Palfreyman — full-back — good, cool defender — fine attacking full-back.

The team would like to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the coach, Mr. Morton for his valuable assistance during the season.

—W.A.

### THIRD GRADE FOOTBALL

Third grade finished the season with 15 points from 11 matches, losing only to the 3 top teams. Those who played their share of

the games were rewarded by scoring. The only exception was Gardiner at full-back. As the season progressed the team showed its real colours.

The forwards excelled. The fierce rucking of Porter and West, the determination of Barrett, Peterson and Presland plus the much needed help of the breakaways, Harper and Brown, gave the backs many chances to score.

Cartwright as half started his sensible displays behind the forwards. The five-eighth Devine quickly had his backs, Whitehall and O'Malley who shone in defence and attack, moving. The wingers Munro and Scott were given every opportunity to score by the unselfishness of the centres.

Gardiner's handling and excellent positional play made many openings for his backs.

Though a goal-kicker would never have kicked the vital goal it was disheartening to see many good tries go unconverted.

Macquarie — 17 tries — 3 goals.

Drummoyne — 12 tries — 3 goals.

Penrith — 7 tries and 1 penalty goal kicked by West after the bell.

I would also like to thank those players who backed up.

Thanks to Layton, Clements, Ritter, Luckcuck and Roberts, and Yum who moved to Seconds.

The team is pleased that Mr. Rassack was appointed coach. His coaching was indispensable.

Finally, best of luck from the 4th year members to those in 5th year.

—R.P.



### 4th GRADE FOOTBALL.

Back Row: G. Eadie, J. Read, G. Davis, R. Cope, W. Allen, K. Goodwin, S. Saltez.

Middle Row: D. Barr, J. Ruddy, K. Wardrop, G. Hamilton, R. Malouf.

Front Row: G. Geddes, T. Hughes, D. Morgan, Mr. V. Rider (Coach), R. Millard, R. Chambers, C. McMonies.

## FOURTH GRADE FOOTBALL

This season, the third together as a team, has been our most successful one. We won our division and were narrowly defeated 9-12 by North Sydney High in the final. Out of eleven matches played, nine were won and two lost. Penrith High was the other team to defeat us, the score being 6-8.

Over the years our team has steadily developed into a formidable combination, and if this improvement continues, Fort Street will field some strong senior teams in the next two seasons. The main fault in the team's displays was a tendency, particularly in the forwards, to ease up when in front. It is to be hoped that this will completely disappear.

The stalwarts of the team were:

Carrington — Successful at either lock or prop.  
 Wardrop — Solid prop. Good tackler.  
 Hughes — Excellent hooker. Played hardest when the game was hardest.  
 Ruddy — Hard working prop.  
 Geddes — Prop. Always tried hard.  
 Davis — Second rower. Did well in line-outs.

Read — Very fast second rower.

Saltesz — Sound lock. Could play on wing.  
 Malouf: Breakaway and centre. Outstanding in both defence and attack. Team's goal kicker.

Morgan — Captain and breakaway. A fine leader and non-stop player. Excelled in attack, scoring or making many tries.

McMonnies — Excellent half. Quick accurate pass.

Millard — Vice-Captain and five-eighth. Showed superb judgment in both attack and defence.

Allen — Big, fast centre. Leading try scorer.

Goodwin — Exceptionally fast centre. Sound defence.

Chambers — Winger. Good turn of speed.

Eadie — Very game winger. Unlucky to suffer severe injury.

Hamilton — Fullback and winger. Team's most improved player.

The team thanks its reserves Cope, Barr, Solomon, Bowness and Singleton for trying so hard when called on, and Mr. Rider for his coaching.

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## FIFTH GRADE FOOTBALL REPORT

Fifth grade won the premiership, defeating North Sydney Technical High School in the Inter-zone final by 16 points to 3.

We had a most enjoyable season both at training and in competition matches, and now, with the winning of the premiership, have an achievement to look back on with pride and pleasure as we go on through the school.

The team won (according to our coach) through its ability to play constructive football. The defence was sound and the attack frequently brilliant. We were taught to attack on all possible occasions and this golden rule paid dividends.

We would like to express our thanks to our coach, Mr. Unicomb, for his care and attention and his sound advice, throughout the season.



## 5th GRADE FOOTBALL.

Back Row: D. Cooper, T. Walker, D. Champion, T. Johnston, J. Whitehall, K. Brown.  
Middle Row: J. Parker, E. Woods, C. Phillips, R. Gibson, B. Cridland, W. McKenzie, K. Jeffrey.  
Front Row: I. Miller, M. Carnegie, B. Miller, Mr. O. Unicomb (Coach), K. Mulette, G. Hurst, W. James.

The results were as follows:—

- v. Canterbury: 12-6.
- v. Liverpool: 18-9.
- v. Homebush: 11-8.
- v. Macquarie: 9-3.
- v. Punchbowl: 15-3.
- v. Drummoyne: 9-0.
- v. Hurlstone: 6-0.
- v. Fairfield: 3-8.
- v. Penrith: 42-0.
- v. Parramatta: 26-6.
- Zone Play-off v. Liverpool: 3-0.
- Inter-zone Final v. North Sydney Technical High: 16-3.
- v. Lismore (League): 9-5.

The players that we will always remember are:—

- I. Miller — Small, tricky and good-handling fullback.
- T. Walker — Powerful, hard-running winger.
- J. Whitehall — Heady winger who always made ground.
- K. Jeffrey — Utility player, a good tactician forward or winger.

- D. Champion — Outside centre, the hardest man to stop in the competition.
- R. Gibson — Incentre, brilliant attacking player and perfect partner for Champion.
- B. Miller — Captain and five-eighth, brilliant defender and smart attacking player.
- W. James — Halfback, can field the ball anywhere and get his pass away.
- G. Hurst — Consistent breakaway, good in attack and defence.
- T. Johnston — The tall lineout man, a tough hard-working forward.
- K. Mulette — The best breakaway in the competition.
- K. Brown — Good hard-working second row forward.
- I. McKenzie — Good second row forward, mixes it with the opposition.
- P. Woods — A hard-rucking tough forward, plays well in open.
- M. Carnegie — The hooker who always got the ball.
- C. Phillips — Prop-forward, good tackler, helped to get the ball.

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- J. Parker — Played some good games at half-back.  
 D. Cooper — Good attacking breakaway.  
 R. Dyer — The (only) good mascot we had; a sound half back.

#### SIXTH GRADE FOOTBALL REPORT

Sixth grade had a reasonably successful season, winning the majority of its matches. At times, the team played extremely good football and looked good enough to win the premiership, but occasionally they played very badly and this lost two vital games. The most exciting match of the season was against the eventual premiers, Hurlstone. At half time, Hurlstone playing fine attacking football led 8-nil. After the spell, Fort Street really began to play like tigers and scored two converted tries to lead 10-8, only to see victory snatched from them in the last minute to go down 11-10. All players have shown improvement during the season, and the team should develop into a powerful combination next year.

Brief comments on the players are given below:—

- McRae — good light forward, hard rucker.  
 De Cressac — a fast hooker who won the majority of the scrums, especially good in low tackling.  
 M. Moore — shows promise as an attacking breakaway.  
 Brown — chief line-out man, a good tackler.  
 Watson — hard playing tough forward who was always to be found in the heavy work.  
 Gallagher — a hard working forward.  
 Ross — good in line-out work, and a solid lock.  
 McGregor — a half-back, who served his backs well.  
 Faram — captain, and five-eighth, who was the best player under all circumstances.  
 Thomson — the top try scorer, a fine lion-hearted player, excellent in defence.  
 Blyton — excellent player in both forwards and backs, a tower of strength.  
 Blake — a fast and elusive winger, who was at all times dangerous.  
 Kirby — made many dashing runs on the wing, solid in defence.  
 Worrall — chief goal kicker, a fine utility player either as centre or full-back.  
 Robinson — solid hard-working forward.  
 N. Moore — a forward who used his weight well in rucks.  
 Kirkpatrick — good hard-working centre.  
 Sullivan — good back with a solid defence.
- All players would like to thank their respective coaches. Mr. Coroneos and Bruce Bond, for their keen interest and enthusiasm throughout the season.

#### THE DUNTRON TRIP

Mid-way through the season, Fort Street first and second grade football teams were privileged to receive an invitation from Duntroon R.M.C. to play against two of the teams at Canberra.

Played under shocking conditions, both games proved close and exciting. First grade defeated Duntroon Colts 5-0 in one of our best matches of the season. Though opposed by a heavier team under conditions which demanded forward play, the team aided by the handling of several water-polo players, rose to the occasion to hold off the repeated attacks of Duntroon's forwards. Our forwards were tireless and the backs handled the greasy ball much better than their opposing backline. A try and conversion in the first three minutes of the game gave Fort Street a lead which they grimly held for the remainder of the match.

Second grade, although much smaller than the 1st XV., also produced some of their best football. Although defeated 9-3, the scores were not a true indication of the game, as given some luck, Fort Street could easily have won.

The hospitality of the Duntroon staff and cadets was appreciated by all, as in our three-day stay we were taken on several tours of the city, and generally made to feel completely at ease. I feel sure that any further trips to Canberra will be eagerly looked forward to by members of our senior sporting teams.

To those at Duntroon we say 'thank you for a wonderful trip.' —B.G.B.

#### TRIP TO LISMORE

For the first time in several years the 1st XV. and the 5th grade had a trip away. This trip was to Lismore and proved to be a very successful one. Although the firsts did not win their match, all the boys had a wonderful time, especially at the dance held for us, and during the train trip back to Sydney.

The Lismore High Students, particularly the girls, saw that we did not have a moment to ourselves and trips to various factories and beauty spots around the city were organized.

A dinner was given to the boys by the Old Fortians of the district, including several prominent citizens, and a good time was had by all who attended. These Old Boys donated a large silver cup to be played for annually. The First Grade lost to Lismore, 8-12, and the Fifth grade won, 8-5. Both games were hard, tough and fast. These country boys can really play hard football. The best players were: Short, Evans and Hilder in the 1st's, while Mullette, Miller and Gibson were the best of the fifth's.

Everyone was pleased with the game and the conduct of the boys and it is hoped to make the trip an annual event (especially if Hornsby Girls' High go up as well).

The boys who made the trip would like to thank their coach, Mr. Bohman, Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr. Shaw, who made the trip possible. We would also like to express our thanks to the boys who billeted us and the Lismore citizens who made our short stay most enjoyable. —P.J.

# TENNIS

## FIRST GRADE TENNIS REPORT — 1956

This year's team consisted of R. Li (captain), G. Pemberton, G. Masterman and C. Fairweather.

Contrary to expectations, the team came nowhere near last in the competition, but rather surprised everyone including themselves, by coming fifth in the competition. This was quite an improvement on last year.

The team would like to thank Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Westlake for their encouragement and interest shown throughout the season.

There has come into Fort Street the opinion that tennis is a game for weaklings, and we sincerely hope that this feeling will be dispelled and the standard of our teams lifted

up once more with enthusiasm to the very top where it originally was. —R.P.

## SECOND GRADE TENNIS REPORT

Second grade had quite a successful season, finishing third in the competition. The pairs: John Freeman (capt.) and Denis Brennan; Les Smith and Bruce Ritter, took some time to settle down, owing to changes in the team, but later in the season they began to show a little more promise.

Although the team did not do as well as it might have, the boys had some very enjoyable times, which will be remembered by them for many years to come.

—T.F.



### 3rd and 4th GRADE TENNIS.

Back Row: W. Thomas, D. Keys, I. Anderson, G. Roney, N. Jones, J. Irvine.  
Front Row: T. Knight, Mr. C. Westlake, Mr. J. Wheeler (Coaches), G. Raffel.  
Seated: B. O'Neil.

## ANNUAL SCHOOL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament was divided as usual into two divisions — the senior and under fifteen sections.

The senior title was won by R. Li of 5th year, who defeated J. Freeman (5th year) in the finals by 6-3, 9-7.

The under fifteen champion for 1956 is D. Keys who beat J. Irvine in the finals in straight sets.

## GOLF REPORT

In the initial year of the inter-school Competitive golf, Fort St has entered a team, which to date has been unsuccessful in its matches.

The team comprises Barry Russell (4D) (Captain), Roderick Fisher (4D) (Vice-Captain), Denis Bolton (3D), Peter Waites (3D), Brian McDonald (3A).

The best results so far have been achieved by Rod. Fisher but with a little more experience the team should combine into a formidable opposition to any school.

The matches have been arranged by the New South Wales Golf Association and are being played on some of Sydney's finest courses. We are indebted to the Association for the presentation of the booklet on the Rules of Golf to each member of the team.

Mr. J. Fisher has driven the team to the various courses, and his advice to the team has been greatly appreciated.

—B. Russell.

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## BASKETBALL



### BASKETBALL.

Back Row: G. Hilder, J. Rutter, R. Wildie, G. Thomas.  
 Middle Row: I. Gunn, R. H, G. Pemberton, J. Freeman, D. Brennan, B. Cartwright.  
 Front Row: D. Yue, S. Chung, P. Hiob, Mr. A. Morton (Coach), R. Ratcliffe.  
 M. Munro, S. Cheung.

### 1ST GRADE BASKETBALL

Fort Street has two teams entered in the C.H.S. competition.

This year the standard of our first grade has been exceptionally high. The team consists of R. Chan, S. Cheung, S. Chung, P. Hiob, R. Li, E. Seidel and D. Yue. We were the only school team accepted for the State Championships where we narrowly missed the title going down to "Coronation" 72-68.

In the C.H.S. competition, Canterbury and Fort Street are clearly the leaders and their clash will decide the premiership.

—P.H.

### 2ND GRADE BASKETBALL

The majority of this year's second grade team consisted of players new to the sport. However, with great enthusiasm and general improvement, we were able to hold a position third in the competition table. The team consisted of:—

D. Brennan, J. Freeman, B. Cartwright, R. Wildie, G. Pemberton, R. Ratcliffe, G. Hilder, J. Rutter, G. Thomas. The senior members of this team extend their best wishes to the Fourth Year boys, who will be the nucleus of next year's first grade, for continued success.

—R. Ratcliffe

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## GYMNASTICS

Up to the writing of this report the Gym-Squad only performed one meritorious deed — at the Fortiana Exhibition. However, on October 13, we are putting on a display at the School Fete. This will be different to any other held so far inasmuch as it will have its own troupe of clowns! — Apart from the ordinary members of the squad that is! — They will show you how not to do gymnastics. At a still later date we have a Health Week display in the Sydney Town Hall.

Many thanks to the members of the squad who have given their time, energy and patience to the glory of Fort St. gymnastics.

This year more 1st and 2nd year have joined up than ever before and most of them have the makings of good gymnasts. If everyone keeps showing the keenness for work that has been shown this year, in a couple of years we will be second to none.

I think — I hope!! — I speak with the backing of all concerned with the Gym. Squad when I say how much we have enjoyed the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Morton. We all hope that he will be here again next year, still exploiting the potential of all those under him.

—W. Hamilton.



### GYMNASTICS.

Back Row: J. Connelly, B. McDonald, R. Beale, R. White, D. Fairhall, D. Knight.  
 2nd Row: G. Ellis, J. Macgregor, P. Waites, J. Iverach, E. Houghton, B. Dyer.  
 Front Row: J. Nolan, I. Gunn, W. Hamilton, A. Morton (Coach), P. Jackson, D. Croft, N. Wilton.

## SOCCER

### THIRD GRADE SOCCER

Although Fort Street has been without soccer teams for several years, you will see from the record below that we gave a good account of ourselves. The team improved week by week, and at the end of the season was combining well. The season began with some boys very keen on soccer, and others playing because they did not make the grade in other codes. It finished with a team, all enjoying the game and benefitting greatly from the help of our coach. We look forward to continuing next year in the Second Grade Competition.

The results were:

|                   | <i>1st Round</i> | <i>2nd Round</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| v. Cleveland St.: | 1-0              | 2-0              |
| v. Drummoyne "B": | 2-0              | 8-0              |
| v. Enmore:        | 1-3              | 1-3              |
| v. Drummoyne "A": | 1-3              | 1-3              |
| v. Crows Nest:    | 1-0              | 3-1              |

D. Wylie — Goalkeeper — showed real ability and uncanny anticipation. A highlight of his performance was the magnificent saving of a penalty against Cleveland Street.

R. Chalmers proved a good, strong partner and combined well, as Left Back.

R. Edmonds — Left Half — Played soundly throughout the season.

The Centre Half position was shared by Laurenson and Whitely, both of whom did an extremely good job. Laurenson was a resolute defender and refused to admit defeat.

Both J. Austin and R. Hitchcock played outside right; Austin till he was injured after which Hitchcock completed the season. Both proved tricky Wingers.

R. Edwards — Inside Right — scored some good goals and with improved ball control should become an excellent forward.

P. Roy — Centre-forward, was the trickiest of the forwards, once in possession was very hard to stop.

G. Cole, combining well with Englefield was fast and tricky. He provided his teammates with opportunities to score in addition to scoring himself — was with each game and could be relied upon to defend with tireless energy.

The coach and team wish to thank their captain, L. Jezard, for his inspiring leadership and brilliant play as Right Half.

The team would like to express its gratitude to their coach, Mr. P. Hoffman, whose keenness and able coaching was an inspiration to us all. —L.J.

#### 4TH GRADE SOCCER

Although Fort Street did not win the competition we had a very enjoyable season. After the first few games the players achieved good combination, and functioned well as a team.

*The players were:*

J. Beale (Goalkeeper); B. Turner (Left back); G. Gilmour (right back); J. O'Malley (right half); D. Simpson (left half); A. Hanley (Capt.) (centre half); J. Groat (right wing); R. Edwards (right inner); R. Clark (centre forward); L. Edwards (left inner); R. Higginson (left wing).

Reserves Grant and Gardiner played soundly when needed. Captain A. Hanly was selected to play in the C.H.S. team against Wollongong.

After a successful first round, in which only the subsequent winners defeated us, Fort Street had a succession of drawn games, being held to a tie in successive weeks by the first and last teams in the competition. Though halves and backs defended well, the forwards were just not effective enough.

Congratulations to Drummoyne and Lismore, the semi-finalists. We hope to give them a harder fight next year in 3rd grade.

Our thanks go to our Captain for his splendid play and leadership, and to our coach, Mr. Hoffman, for his help and encouragement.

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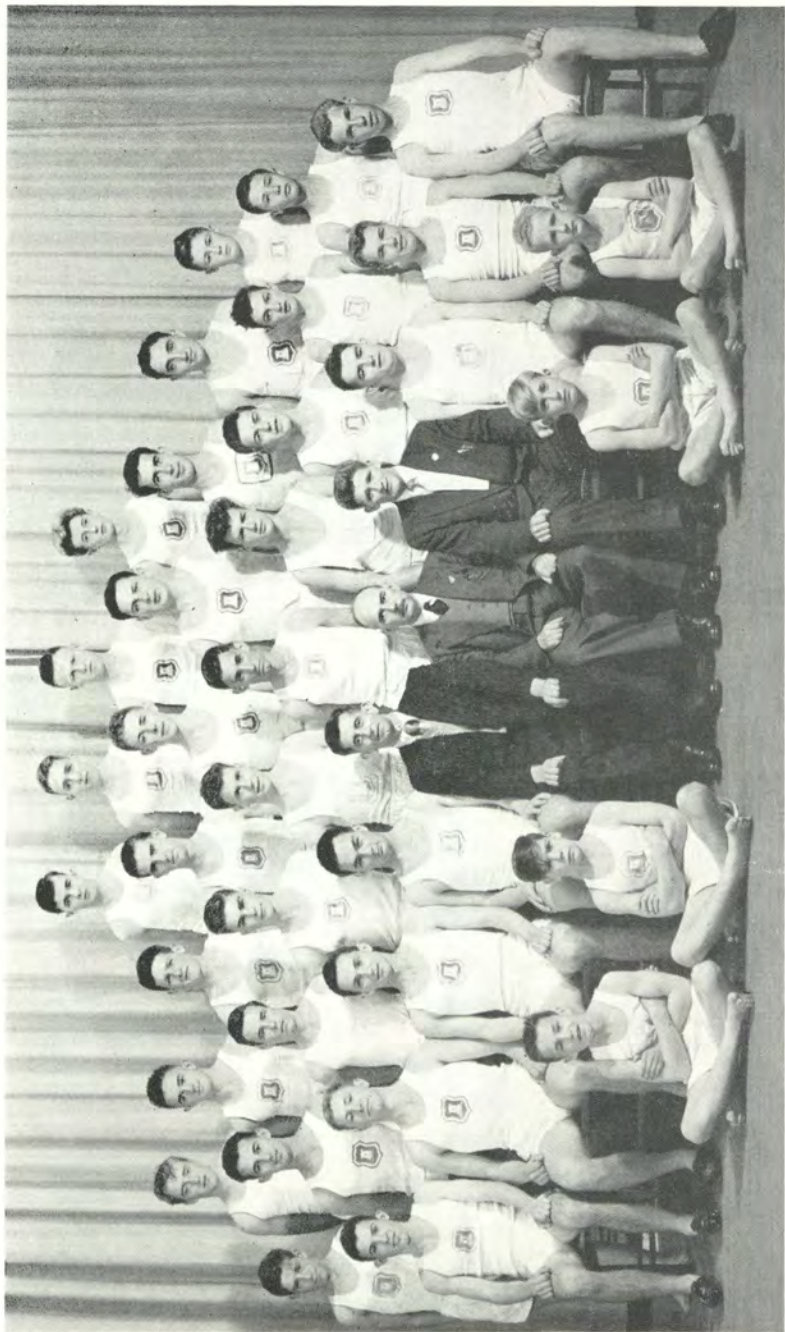
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**C.H.S. ATHLETICS TEAM.**

Back Row: W. Robinson, R. Batey, W. Levy, R. Chambers.  
 2nd Back Row: B. Cartwright, A. Rayner, K. Mullette, G. Davis, G. Fortescue, P. Hiob, T. Johnston, S. Saltez, R. Benson.  
 2nd Front Row: W. James, P. Jackson, J. Beale, J. Read, G. Hilder, D. Kent, K. Goodwin, D. Champion, G. Loudon, M. Diezendorf.  
 Front Row: R. Ackin, W. Hamilton, E. Jones, J. Moore, Mr. R. Horan (Coach), Mr. J. Wells (Carnival Manager), Mr. A. Morton (Coach), B. Bond, J. Evans, W. Allen.  
 Seated: E. Faram, P. Thompson, R. Blake, G. Noble. Absent: A. Marshall.

# ATHLETICS

## 46TH ANNUAL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

On the 8th and 9th of August this year the school once again witnessed a most successful Athletic Carnival on Petersham Oval. Conditions were ideal and intense School and House spirit was evident in the large number of entries in all divisions. However, an improvement in House spirit among the spectators would be a move toward making our carnival even greater and, indeed, more enjoyable for all.

Congratulations to "Chesty" Bond on becoming the senior champion. Also to P. Hiob, who created a new record of 40 feet 5½ inches in the Senior Shot Put.

K. Goodwin and J. Read put up very commendable performance in the Under 15 division. Goodwin set a new record of 43½ ft. in the Shot Put and equalled the 12 year old record of 10.9 secs for the 100 yards. W. Allen also performed well in this division. A new record of 2 mins. 24.4 secs. was also set in the Under 15, 880 yds., by R. Batey.

Splendid efforts were also seen in the Under 14 division. Congratulations to our junior athletes.

Kilgour House emerged the victorious House for the second year in succession.

The committee of R. Carnell, J. Webster, A. Rayner, A. Marshal and G. Hilder did a fine job in organising this year's Carnival. They are indebted to Mr. Wells who was always ready to give valuable assistance and advice. —G.H.

## RESULTS:

### House Competition:

1. KILGOUR HOUSE 240 points.
2. CHRISTMAS HOUSE, 211 points.
3. MEARNS HOUSE, 142½ points.
4. WILLIAMS HOUSE, 103½ points.

### Division Championships:

- Senior Division — Kilgour (71).  
 Junior Division — Kilgour (114).  
 Juvenile Division — Mearns (67).

### Champions:

- Senior: B. Bond (Christmas) 20 points.  
 Under 16: A. Rayner (Mearns) 24 points.  
 Under 15: K. Goodwin (Kilgour) 34 points.  
 Under 14: T. Johnston (Mearns) 14 points.  
 Under 13: R. Blyton R. Cruickshank (equal) (Christmas), 6 points.

### Senior:

- 100 yds.: J. Moore, 1; G. Hilder, 2; B. Jones, 3. Time: 10.7 secs.  
 220 yds.: J. Moore, 1; B. Jones, 2; G. Hilder, 3. Time: 24 secs.  
 440 yds.: G. Mulhearn, 1; J. Moore, 2; B. Jones, 3. Time: 56.4 secs.  
 880 yds.: G. Mulhearn, 1; P. Jackson, 2; D. Blair, 3. Time: 2 min 12 secs.  
 1 mile: G. Mulhearn, 1.  
 Broad Jump: B. Bond, 1; J. Muddle, 2; G. Hilder, 3. Distance: 8 ft. ½ inch.

Hop, Step and Jump: J. Evans, 1; B. Bond, 2; G. Hilder, 3. Distance: 38 ft. 2 ins.

High Jump: B. Bond, 1; B. Cartwright, 2; J. Rutter, 3. Height: 4 ft. 11½ ins.

Shot Put: P. Hiob, 1; G. Fortescue, 2; W. Hamilton, 3. Distance: 40 ft. 5½ ins. (Record).

House Relay: Kilgour, 1; Mearns, 2; Christmas, 3. Time: 48.5 secs.

### Under 16:

100 yds.: A. Rayner, 1; G. Davis, 2; L. Cremer, 3. Time: 11.5 secs.

220 yds.: A. Rayner, 1; G. Davis, 2; R. Atkin, 3. Time: 25.7 secs.

440 yds.: A. Rayner, 1; R. Atkin, 2; D. Kent, 3. Time: 60.2 secs.

880 yds.: R. Atkin, 1; A. Rayner, 2; D. Kent, 3. Time: 2 mins. 5 secs.

Broad Jump: S. Saltez, 1; G. Davis, 2; A. Rayner, 3. Distance: 16 ft. 1 in.

High Jump: K. Hubbard, 1; Blair, 2; G. Davis, 3. Height: 5 ft. 1½ ins.

Hop, Step and Jump: G. Davis, 1; A. Marshal, 2; Blair, 3. Distance: 35 ft. ½ in.

Shot Put: S. Saltez, 1; R. Gale, 2; W. Robinson, 3. Distance: 36 ft. 5½ ins.

House Relay: Christmas, 1; Kilgour, 2; Mearns, 3. Time: 51.9 secs.

### Under 15:

100 yds.: K. Goodwin, 1; J. Read, 2; W. Allen, 3. Time: 10.9 secs. (Eq. record).

220 yds.: K. Goodwin, 1; J. Read, 2; W. Allen, 3. Time: 25.1 secs.

440 yds.: K. Goodwin, 1; J. Read, 2; P. Coutts, 3. Time: 57.5 secs.

880 yds.: R. Batey, 1; K. Goodwin, 2; McCarthy, 3. Time: 2 min. 29 secs.

Broad Jump: W. Allen, 1; J. Read, 2; K. Goodwin, 3. Distance: 19 ft. 3½ ins.

Shot Put: K. Goodwin, 1; W. Allen, 2; J. Read, 3. Distance: 43 ft. 11 ins. (Record).

High Jump: W. Allen, 1; K. Goodwin, 2; W. Champion, 3. Height: 5 ft. 1½ ins.

House Relay: Kilgour, 1; Mearns, 2; Williams, 3. Time: 63.2 secs.

### Under 14:

100 yds.: T. Johnston, 1; W. Levy, 2; S. Dickson, 3. Time: 11/7 secs.

220 yds.: W. Levy, 1; T. Johnston, 2; Dickson, 3. Time: 27.1 secs.

Broad Jump: Bennett, 1; Beale, 2; K. Mullette, 3. Distance: 15 ft. 6 ins.

Shot Put: K. Mullette, 1; T. Johnston, 2; N. James, 3. Distance: 38 ft. 5½ ins.

High Jump: Benson, 1; S. Dickson, 2; Diesendorf, 3. Height: 4 ft. 10 ins.

House Relay: Mearns, 1; Kilgour, 2; Williams, 3. Time: 52.9 secs.

### Under 13:

100 yds.: R. Blyton, 1; E. Faram, 2; P. Thompson, 3. Time: 12.7 secs.

High Jump: Noble and Pollock, (tie) 1; Williamson, 3. Height: 4 ft. 3 ins.

Relay: Christmas, 1; Williams, 2; Kilgour, 3. Time: 58.1 secs.

Broad Jump: Cruickshank, 1; Taylor, 2; Ross, 3. Distance: 14 ft.

#### C.H.S. ATHLETIC CARNIVAL, 1956

As usual, Fort Street again entered a strong team of Athletes to contest this State-wide Athletic Meeting. Our School finished sixth in the aggregate point score.

W. Allen won the 1st Division Broad Jump and the 2nd Division shot put. J. Read won the 2nd Division broad jump and 220 yds. K. Goodwin came second in the 1st Division 100 yds. The under 15 relay was also won by Fort Street.

T. Johnston won the 2nd division 220 yds.

and shot put while the under 14 relay team ran second.

Unfortunately the Senior and Under 16's did not meet with much success at this carnival. However they tried hard and competed in that spirit, worthy of our School.

The School's heartiest congratulations go, especially to the under 15's, but also to the whole of the school squad for the honours with which they returned to the school.

Enmore High School is to be warmly congratulated on its decisive victory, made even more commendable by the fact that this was only their second year in the competition. If we are to capture honours for our school next year, we must train hard and enthusiastically before the carnival — —G.H.

## WATER POLO



1st GRADE WATER POLO.

Back Row: W. Barr, D. Croft, R. Atkin, B. Couch.

Front Row: L. Smith, W. Ashby, Mr. A. Morton (Coach), P. Jackson (Capt.), M. Williams.

With the increasing popularity of water polo as a C.H.S. sport, more and better facilities will have to be provided and also provision made for at least 5 grades in the competition so as to give every keen player a game on Wednesdays.

Our grade results, though disappointing, are only of secondary importance as our main aims were participation, as a foundation for recreation in after school years and for the development of sportsmanship and team spirit. These aims were, in my opinion, fulfilled to their utmost.

We managed to get a fair percentage at training each week despite the travelling difficulties incurred by the absence of a pool in our vicinity.

Despite our relative failure in the competition this season, our hopes for the future are high as we have many promising players on the way up, such as Barr, Whitehall, Brown, Spencer and Cridland. I predict a bright future for young Barr, who though only in second year, represented the school first grade in this sport.

The seasons best players were: Peter Jackson (Captain), Ashby and Couch. Couch, who played his first game this year, was the find of the season.

I would like to thank the members of all teams for their co-operation during the year both at the games and at training, as this factor made for a very pleasant season.

—A. Morton.

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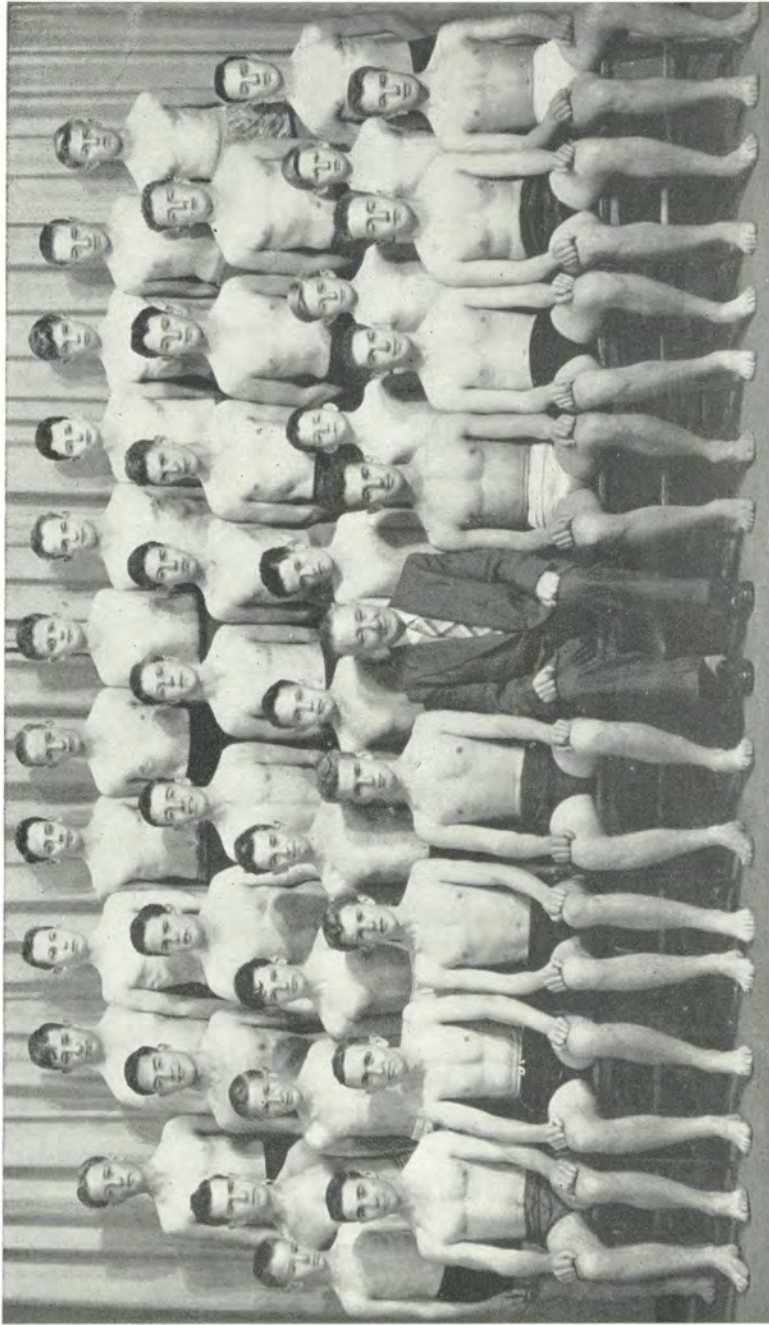
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 2nd Back Row: P. Catts, S. Cheung, B. Cridland, R. Millard, T. Hughes, I. Anderson, D. Whitby, J. Ratty, G. Geddes, B. Palfreyman.  
 2nd Front Row: P. Metz, J. McNaughton, I. Gardiner, J. McDonald, U. Poorn, D. Scott, J. Fitzpatrick, R. Blake, J. MacGregor.  
 Front Row: W. Ashby, R. Carnell, D. Croft, R. Atkin, Mr. E. Ford (Carnival Manager), P. Jackson, L. Smith, M. Williams, J. Evans.

# SWIMMING

## 64th ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 64th Annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Cabarita Swimming Pool on the first of March this year. Although the weather was against us from the start, the carnival was very successful from the competitors' viewpoint. Incessant rain fell during the whole day, and consequently those who were not competitors were instructed (by radio!) to attend school and not the carnival. The spirits of the competitors were not dampened by the rain, however, and several closely contested races were witnessed. Congratulations Peter Jackson on becoming the Senior Champion.

Christmas House was the victorious house and Kilgour House were "runners up."

It was pleasant to note the keen competition in the under 13 and under 14 years old divisions. A poor example was set by those in the under 16 division. As this division will provide the nucleus of the Senior division next year, it is hoped that their enthusiasm increases by next year. Mr. Ford and his committee consisting of R. Carnell, J. Nolan, A. Rayner and B. Palfreyman, are to be congratulated on the smooth running of the carnival, even after last minute alterations were made owing to the inclement weather.

It is the sincere hope of all, that the sun will shine on next year's carnival. —G.H.

### RESULTS:

#### House Competition:

1. CHRISTMAS, 287 points.
2. KILGOUR, 243 points.
3. MEARN'S, 157 points.
4. WILLIAMS, 139 points.

#### Champions:

- Senior: P. Jackson, 50 points.  
 Under 16: R. Carnell, 32 points.  
 Under 15: I. Anderson, 16 points.  
 Under 14: W. Barr, 16 points.  
 Under 13: U. Poom and M. Fisher, 12 points.

#### Senior:

- 55 yds. freestyle: P. Jackson, 1; W. Ashby, 2; L. Smith, 3. Time: 29.5 secs.  
 110 yds. freestyle: P. Jackson, 1; W. Ashby, 2; K. Atkin, 3. Time: 1 min. 10.2 secs.  
 220 yds. freestyle: P. Jackson, 1; P. Catts, 2; L. Smith, 3. Time: 2 mins. 40 secs.  
 440 yds. freestyle: P. Jackson, 1; P. Catts, 2; R. Atkin, 3. Time: 5 mins. 45 secs.  
 880 yds. freestyle: P. Jackson, 1; W. Barr, 2; R. Fisher, 3. Time:  
 110 yds. breast-stroke: P. Jackson, 1; S. Cheung, 2; B. Palfreyman, 3. Time: 1 min. 40 secs.  
 110 yds. butterfly: P. Jackson, 1; M. Williams, 2; S. Cheung, 3. Time: 1 min. 30.4 secs.  
 55 yds. backstroke: P. Jackson, 1; S. Cheung, 2; B. Palfreyman, 3. Time: 40.4 secs.  
 Senior Dive: D. Croft, 1; B. Palfreyman, 2; P. Jackson, 3.

220 yds. relay: Christmas, 1; Kilgour, 2; Mearns, 3. Time: 2 mins. 26.6 secs.

#### Under 16

- 55 yds. freestyle: R. Carnell, 1; J. Evans, 2; R. Fisher, 3. Time: 33 secs.  
 110 yds. freestyle: R. Carnell, 1; R. Fisher, 2; J. Whitehall, 3. No time taken.  
 220 yds. freestyle: R. Carnell, 1; R. Fisher, 2. (Only 2 competitors). Time: 3 mins. 37 secs.  
 440 yds. freestyle: R. Carnell, 1; R. Fisher, 2. (Only 2 competitors) Time: 6 mins. 32.5 secs.  
 55 yds. breast-stroke: P. Catts, 1; J. Dowd, 2; R. Pegg, 3. Time: 56.3 secs.  
 55 yds. butterfly: W. Barr, 1; R. Fisher, 2; R. Carnell, 3. Time: 44.6 secs.  
 55 yds. backstroke: R. Carnell, 1; R. Fisher, 2. (Only 2 competitors). Time: 41.9 secs.  
 220 yds. House Relay: Williams, 1; Kilgour, 2; Mearns, 3. Time: 2 mins. 40 secs.  
 40 yds. Life Saving: Kilgour, 1; (others disqualified). Time: 1 min. 30 secs.  
 Junior Dive: I. Gunn, 1.

#### Under 15:

- 55 yds. freestyle: I. Anderson, 1; Whitby, 2; G. Geddes, 3. No time taken.  
 110 yds. freestyle: I. Anderson, 1; G. Geddes, 2; Whitby, 3. No time taken.  
 220 yds. freestyle: G. Geddes, 1; I. Anderson, 2; R. Singleton, 3. Time: 3 mins. 32.5 secs.  
 440 yds. freestyle: W. Barr, 1; B. Cridland, 2; G. Geddes, 3. Time: 6 mins. 38.6 secs.  
 55 yds. Breast-stroke: R. Millard, 1; Fitzpatrick, 2; R. Singleton, 3. Time: 47 secs.  
 55 yds. backstroke: R. Singleton, 1; Fitzpatrick, 2; K. Clark, R. Allaburton (tie), 3. Time: 51.5 secs.  
 220 yds. Relay: Christmas, 1; Williams, 2; Kilgour, 3. Time: 2 mins. 50 secs.  
 40 yds. Life Saving: Mearns, 1; Kilgour, Williams (tie), 2.

#### Under 14:

- 55 yds. freestyle: Brown, 1; C. Phillips, 2; B. Cridland, 3. Time: 34.4 secs.  
 110 yds. freestyle: W. Barr, 1; Brown, 2; C. Phillips, 3. Time: 1 min. 20.9 secs.  
 220 yds. freestyle: W. Barr, 1; Brown, 2; C. Phillips, 3. Time: 2 min. 58 secs.  
 55 yds. Breast-stroke: McDonald, 1; J. Whitehall, 2; Forbes, 3. Time: 47 secs.  
 55 yds. backstroke: J. Whitehall, 1; W. Barr, 2; C. Phillips, 3. Time: 41.6 secs.  
 220 yds. House Relay: Christmas, 1; Williams, 2; Mearns, 3. Time: 2 min. 34.4 secs.  
 30 yds. Life Saving: Williams, Christmas (tie), 1.  
 Juvenile dive: U. Poom, 1; M. Morgan, 2; Williamson, 3.

#### Under 13:

- 55 yds. freestyle: U. Poom, 1; M. Fisher, 2; J. Willis, 3. Time: 46.5 secs.  
 110 yds. freestyle: M. Morgan, 1; J. Gardiner, 2; V. Poom, 3. Time: 1 min. 36.7 secs.

55 yds. breast-stroke: M. Fisher, 1; Jones, 2. Time: 43.2 secs.

55 yds. backstroke: D. Scott, 1; K. Baxter, 2; M. Fisher, 3. Time: 55.5 secs.

220 yds. House Relay: Mearns, 1; Christmas, 2; Kilgour, 3. Time: 2 mins. 59 secs.

165 yds. Medley Relay: Christmas, 1; Kilgour, 2; Mearns, 3. No time taken.

50 yds. Life Saving: Mearns, 1; Kilgour, 2; Kilgour, 3. Time: 1 min. 36 secs.

Underwater swim: I. Anderson, 1; R. Dring, 2; Fitzpatrick, 3.

#### C.H.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL, 1956

The Carnival, held at North Sydney Olympic Pool on the 14th and 15th of March, was rather spoiled by persistent rain, and

for this reason, attendances were low. Our enthusiastic cheer squad was not overworked, but their hearty barracking spurred our representatives on to greater efforts. Several boys qualified for the finals but P. Jackson (1st), J. Whitehall (2nd), W. Barr (4th), and G. Macdonald (4th), were the only Fortians to gain places.

This performance, though rather disappointing when one remembers the bright records we established in recent years, was really very satisfactory.

Judging by the apparent talent in the junior school and provided it is given adequate training, we may look forward to greater successes in the future.  
—G.H.

#### OBITUARY

It is with regret that we report the death of the late Erik Laurie, who passed away on the 2nd March, 1956.

He will be sadly missed by all his classmates and especially the football team where he was a tough and reliable hooker and endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to all who mourn his passing.

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## FIFTH GRADE CRICKET

Fort Street defeated Drummoyne outright and entered the semi-finals. Our match was against Macquarie and resulted in a tie. The match was re-played and Fort Street gained a good first innings victory. Fort Street met North Sydney Technical in the final and as the match was drawn, Fort Street and North Sydney Technical became co-premiers for 1956.

## THIRD GRADE CRICKET

By defeating Drummoyne, Fort Street entered the semi-finals where a good victory was secured against Liverpool. Fort Street then met Randwick in the finals. Horner's bowling with good field support and the batting of Russell and Mercier enabled Fort St. to defeat Randwick and become premiers for 1956.

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## Autographs

