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School Children's Welcome

Ther Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second and his Royal highness The Duke of Edinburgh at Manuka Oval, Canberra, on Tuesday
16th February, 1954.

Ter Majesty's Address to the Children:

"Your welcome and your demonstration of loyalty this afternoon have given me the greatest pleasure, and I also congratulate you on the splendid display which you gave yesterday before the opening of Parliament.

Canberra is a lovely city, and I am sure you must be glad that you live here. It is the focus of the nation, and a symbol that tells us that although Australians are spread over a vast continent, and divided into six States, they are still one people.

Australia is a young nation, demanding the patriotic

service of its boys and girls.

Your loyalty, and hard work, will do much to enrich the heritage you enjoy; and I know that I can count on you to do your best to become worthy citizens, proud of your country, which in turn, will be proud of you."

SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1954

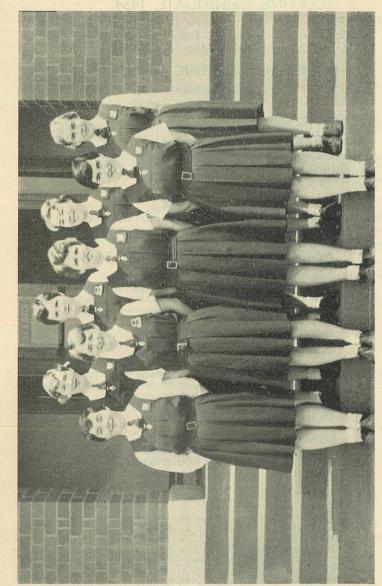
Prefects:

Sandra Carpenter, Helen Coleman, Susan Heron, Pamela McKay, Janet McKee, Elizabeth Moore, Pamela Mottram, Patricia Roots.

House Captains:

MacCallum House	Pamela McKay
Smith House	Helen Coleman
Steel House	Susan Heron
Tait House	Patricia Roots

Susan Hutchings
Sally Kierath
Rosemary Campbel
Elizabeth Fraser
Robyn Schaaf
Joan Ingrey
Judy Cameron
Toni Fowler
Janette Innes



LEAVING CERTIFICATE, 1954

The following girls were successful in the Leaving Certificate, 1954: Sandra Carpenter, Helen Coleman, Susan Heron, Pamela McKay, Elizabeth Moore, Pamela Mottram.

INTERMEDITE CERTIFICATE, 1954

Passes in the Intermediate Certificate, 1954: Helen Adams, Margot Baker, Serena Barlow, Louise Brooks, Alison Clarke, Penelope Clarke, Carolyn Cropper, Jane Crossing, Genneice Gorey, Suzanne Kelly, Sally Kierath, Mary Loane, Margaret McGregor, Anne McGuire, Gwyneth McKay, Susan Milliken, Janet Oldfield, Suzanne Robertson, Susan Scarf, Pamela Shaw, Stephanie Slocombe, Joan Sutton, Jane Throsby, Margaret Varley, Cynthia Wilson, Ann Winlaw, Sue Wittey.

PRIZE LIST, 1954

The following prizes were presented by Mr. E. G. Morton, the District Inspector of Schools, on Speech Day, the 6th December:—

District Insp	ector of Schools,	on speech Day, the 6th December:—
Upper VI.	Merit Prizes	P. McKay, H. Coleman
	Standard Prizes	S. Heron, P. Roots
	Divinity	P. Mckay
Lower VI.	Standard Prizes	J. Hutchison, R. Campbell
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Form V.	Merit Prize	S. Robertson
roim v.	Standard Prize	C. Cropper
	Special Progress	A. Clarke, S. Kelly,
	Special Flogress	
		S. Slocombe, A. Winlaw,
	Dissinites	S. Wittey
Upper IV.	Divinity Merit Prizes	S. Robertson
Opper IV.		C. Edwards, C. Houen
	Standard Prizes	F. Rutkiewitz, R. Cameron
	Openial Programme	H. Bouffler
	Special Progress	J. Edwards
Y YY	Divinity	C. Houen
Lower IV.	Merit Prizes	R. Evans, P. Perry
	Standard Prize	L. Klineberg
	Special Progress	G. Roseby
-	Divinity	R. Evans
Form III.	Merit Prizes	J. Jones, L. Roberts,
		R. Prescott, E. Farago
	Standard Prizes	R. Helm, S. Lyons,
		D. Ropert, R. Ward
	Special Progress	D. Heicher
	Divinity	L. Shaw
Remove	Merit Prizes	A. MacIntyre, V. Williams
	Standard Prizes	D. Griggs, J. Jones, S. Cowie,
		P. Coghlan, C. Whyte
	Divinity	A. MacIntyre
Form I.	Standard Prizes	C. Longhurst, C. Chapman,
		D. Ireland, M. Judd,
		L. Allen
Kindergarten	Standard Prizes	C. Eglington, K. Roughley,
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H. Speechley, D. O'Neill

Special Prizes

Music Prizes—

Senior: H. Coleman. Junior: B. Deasey. Primary: D. Griggs.

Art Prizes-

Senior: J. Doyle.

Junior: J. Angus, B. Kensit.

Needlework Prizes-

Senior: T. Fowler, Junior: A. Tucker, Primary: J. Chidgey.

D. M. Clifton Memorial Prize for English-E. Moore.

Dux of the School (presented by Mrs. R. H. Morris)—E. Moore. Peggy Barker Cup for General Merit throughout School Course—

P. Roots.

Typewriting Certificates (1954)

L. Asvanund J. Ingrey
J. Cameron J. Innes
C. Hanslow G. Lok
S. Hutchings A. Rodd

Music Certificates

1953: Pianoforte-

Grade V.: H. Coleman

Grade IV.: C. Hanslow, J. Mackenzie, R. Wearne

Grade III.: J. Killey

Grade II.: L. Roberts, J. Shirley

Grade I.: E. Charlesworth

Theory-

Grade IV.: H. Coleman

Grade III.: C. Hanslow, J. Mackenzie

Grade II.: E. Murray

1954: Theory-

Grade V.: H. Coleman

Intermediate Certicates (1953)

M. Bowman	J. Innes	M. Shawe
J. Cameron	E. Johnson	R. Smee
K. Golby	J. Mackenzie	R. Tomkins
C. Hanslow	P. Reynolds	M. Watson
S. Hutchings	B. Roberts	R. Wearne
J. Hutchison	R. Searle	

Leaving Certificates (1953)

M. Bouffler	L. Jones	W. Powers
D. Close	S. Moore	J. Slade
M. Davey		

Sport Awards

Athletics Championship—	
Senior	J. Hall
Singles Tennis Champioinship (Cropper Cup)	P. Constance
Doubles Tennis Championship (McCredie Cup)-	
	nce and C. Edwards
Prize for Most Improved Tennis Player (presen	nted by M. G. Copp, M. Varley
Golf Championship (Eleanor Murray Cup)	S. Hutchings
Cricket Bat (Crossing Prize)	Tait House
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House Cups	
Athletics (Helen Handley Cup)	Steel House
Basketball (MacDonald Cup)	
Tennis Cup	Tait House
Hockey Cup	
Cricket Cup	
Debating (Jennifer Snelling Cup)	
TAIT CUP	Steel House

AUTUMN

The cool wind whispers through rustling trees, Dry leaves scuttle along the ground; Red robins sing in happy crescendo, And bluebells in the grass are found.

Everywhere is fuss and bustle
Of beavers, weasels and water rats;
All animals are growing new winter coats,
Including the horses, dogs and cats!

The vivid bottle-brush grow in the bush, Waving their orange heads high; The great trees drop their last brown leaves As autumn passes by.

Julie Angus, Lower IV, MacCallum.



CHAPEL NOTES

During the last year we have all worked hard for our Chapel, and it was a great thrill for us when at last it was dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney on 10th April. One of the prefects, Helen Coleman, had the honour of reading the Lesson on that occasion. Great numbers of our relatives and friends joined with us in the service. In fact, so many came that even though the whole school managed somehow to fit in on one side, there were still far too many people to be accommodated inside. Representatives of other schools were also with us, including some mistresses and girls from the Head School at Darlinghurst.

Since then we have welcomed many visitors who have spoken to us in the Chapel. Among these were the Rev. T. P. Eglington, from Robertson; the Rev. T. Jones, of B.C.A.; the Rev. W. H. S. Childs, of A.B.M.; Deaconess Mary Andrews, and several workers from the mission-field. Mr. Childs showed us two films of missionary work in Borneo, and on another occasion Miss McCredie gave a most interesting talk, illustrated by slides taken on her journeys in the Holy Land and Greece.

When we heard addresses by the Rev. George Pearson, of C.M.S., we felt keen to "adopt" and support a missionary of our own. Mr. Pearson suggested that we could work for Miss Beryl Long, a teacher in Central Tanganyika, so our objective now is to raise £200 per year in order to earn the right to do this. Each House has a quota of £50 to reach.

It is the many friends of the school who have made generous gifts to the Chapel that we must thank for the fact that it is now completely furnished. We do thank you, and hope that you will join with us in our worship in the Chapel whenever you possibly can.

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A LATIN CROSSWORD

ACROSS:

- 1. A man of tender years.
- 8. 3rd person accusative pronoun.
- 9. A conjunction.
- 10. I left off my first letter.
- 12. Ablative of a flier.
- 14. It rages.
- 16. For our native lands.
- 18. These men are nominative.
- 19. A beam.
- 21. Sons (anagram).
- 22. Deny!
- 25. May he be!
- 26. By or from.
- 27. Of a jest.

DOWN:

- 1. By North Africans.
- 2. Two.
- 3. Neuter ending.
- 4. Those things.
- 5. A citizen.
- 6. Lest.
- 7. Immediately.
- 11. A beard.
- 12. Aged relatives.
- 13. See 9 across.
- 14. They stand.15. Ablative of 4 down.
- 17. For art!
- 20. I drive or act.
- 23. Masculine nominative of 15 down.
- 24. "atque" abbreviated.

(Solution on page 43.)

ANN FARAGO and HELEN BOUFFLER, Upper IV, Tait and Steel,

SCHOOL DIARY

FEBRUARY.

Sunday, 7th:

30 girls went to St. Andrew's Cathedral for the service attended by H.M. the Queen and

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

Tuesday, 9th: First term began.

Saturday, 13th: Tuesday, 16th:

Some girls went to a Flower Show at Mittagong. The School went to Canberra to see the Queen

and the Duke at Manuka Oval.

Friday, 19th: We attended the St. John's Church Fete at

Moss Vale.

MARCH.

Friday, 5th: Saturday, 6th: The pews were placed in the Chapel.

We went to the Berrima District Show at the

Moss Vale Showground.

Saturday, 13th: Monday, 15th:

House Cricket matches were played.

Half-term tests began.

APRIL.

Saturday, 3rd:

We played cricket and tennis against the

Dominican Convent. Thursday, 8th:

Some girls attended a performance in Moss

Vale of the Ballet "Corroboree."

Saturday, 10th: The Dedication of the Chapel by His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Rev. H. W.

K. Mowll.

Thursday, 15th-

Easter holiday. Tuesday, 20th:

Wednesday, 21st: Saturday, 24th:

First term exams began.

Our Guides attended the District Association Rally and were the winners of the competition.

MAY.

Saturday, 1st:

Sports Day. In the evening House Plays were

presented.

Sunday, 2nd:

Miss McCredie showed films which she had taken during her travels in Greece and the Holy

Land.

May 6th-June 1st: Holidays.

JUNE.

Saturday, 5th:

A bus trip to Bundanoon was organised in the afternoon. Also, we voted to decide whether we should have "House" or "Class" Common-rooms. The latter proved more popular.

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cases of measles in the school.

Monday, 16th: Miss Newman adjudicated the House Debates. Tuesday, 17th: We heard a very interesting talk on Honolulu by Mrs. Blomfield, who was a member of the staff of S.C.E.G.G.S. when it was at Bowral. Thursday, 19th: Holidays began. SEPTEMBER. Tuesday, 14th: On our return we found that work on the new building had begun. Thursday, 16th: The Seniors attended the Mozart Opera, Cosi fan Tutte, sponsored by the Arts Council, at the Moss Vale Theatre. It was enjoyed immensely. Sunday, 19th: Some of us went to a meeting addressed by the Rev. Alan Walker, the leader of the "Mission to the Nation." Thursday, 23rd: Several girls competed in the Berrima District Schools' Sports. Friday, 24th: Members of Smith and Tait went to a Flower Show at the Community Centre. Saturday, 25th: Members of MacCallum and Steel went to the Annesley Fete. Sunday, 26th: 18 girls were confirmed by the Right Rev. Bishop C. V. Pilcher at St. John's. Tuesday, 28th: The school team played cricket against the staff. OCTOBER. Saturday, 2nd.: The Guides went on a 6-mile hike. Saturday, 9th: House tennis matches were played. Monday, 11th: The school went in the afternoon to see the Peter Scriven puppets-yet another treat for which we have to thank the Arts Council. Saturday, 16th: The school fete was held, and in the evening our dance. In spite of bad weather, the day's activities realised £850 for the Hall Fund. Wednesday, 20th: There was a Guide enrolment. Friday, 22nd-Free week-end Monday, 25th: Tuesday, 26th: The Rev. J. Greenwood, of the B.C.A., spoke to us in Chapel. Saturday, 30th: We played cricket against Tudor House. NOVEMBER. Monday, 1st: School photos were taken. Tuesday, 2nd: The Leaving Certificate began. Saturday, 6th: Tennis and softball teams visited Canberra

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Saturday, 13th:

Annesley teams came to play tennis and cricket. In the evening our cricket team went to the Tudor House Dance.

Monday, 15th:

Third term exams began.

Friday, 19th:

Some Seniors attended a recital of piano and choral items at Frensham. The Finals of the Tennis Doubles Championship were played.

Tuesday, 23rd:

Play began in the Golf Championship for the Eleanor Murray Cup.

Saturday, 27th:

The Australian College of Physical Education came to play tennis, softball and cricket, and also gave a gymnastic display.

Sunday, 28th:

We heard Tudor House sing carols at Evening Prayer at St. John's.

Monday, 29th:

House Debates were held with Miss Newman adjudicating.

DECEMBER.

Thursday, 2nd:

The Form picnics were held. Fifth and Sixth Forms went to Nowra, Fourth Forms visited the dams in the catchment area, and Third Form went to Berrima. The Removes and Kindergarten had a picnic in the 100-acre paddock.

In the evening Miss McCredie showed us coloured films taken on her recent tour of the Northern Territory and Central Australia.

Saturday, 4th:

A cricket match: School v. Fathers' Team.

In the evening the Sixth Form and the Kindergarten presented plays.

Sunday, 5th:

The Rev. T. Jones, of the B.C.A., celebrated Holy Communion in the Chapel at 9.30 a.m.
In the evening a service of Lessons and Carols

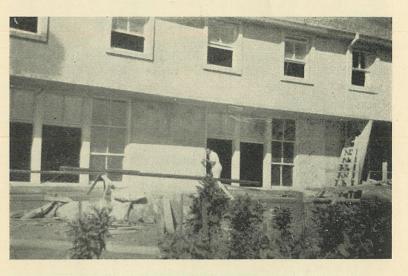
was held—also in the Chapel.

Monday, 6th:

The end-of-term Communion service was celebrated at 7 a.m. Speech Day.



THE NEW BUILDING — JUST BEGUN.



ALMOST COMPLETED.

DEBATING NOTES

1954 debates were slightly different from last year's, as there were now four competing Houses instead of two.

In FIRST TERM, the first topic was "That the Queen should spend more of her time in the countries of the Commonwealth." MacCallum, as the Government, debated against Smith. Mr. Eglington, who adjudicated, awarded the debate to Smith. The second subject was "That industrial strikes should be illegal." The Government (Steel) carried the point. The final winner for the evening was Smith House, on point-score.

SECOND TERM: The first subject was rather an amusing one—"That showering is better than bathing." Steel was the Government, and debated against MacCallum. Some of the points used afforded both Miss Newman (the adjudicator) and the audience much amusement. Miss Newman confessed to great amazement at some of the arguments brought forward. MacCallum won by a close shave. The second debate was on a more serious level: "That reproductions in Art and Music should be avoided." Smith supported the motion, and defeated Tait. Now, much to the consternation of Smith and MacCallum Houses, they had to take part in an impromptu debate to decide the final winner. The subject announced was "That clocks are a bad thing." After a frantic 15 minutes of preparation, during which they fully appreciated the value of time, and time-pieces, MacCallum, the Opposition, proved that clocks are desirable, and became the debating winners for second term.

THIRD TERM: The first topic was that "The study of History is 'stale, flat and unprofitable." Miss Newman, again adjudicating, decided that Smith, opposing the motion, had the stronger arguments. In the second debate MacCallum defended and won the argument that "People to day have too much done for them." Now for another impromptu debate; rather to everyone's surprise, the topic was "That debating is a waste of time." Smith, supporting the motion, were backed up in their statements by the sight of one or two bored members of the audience, gently snoring or reading a book. However, the final decision was that debating is not a waste of time. MacCallum House, therefore, has once more won the Jennifer Snelling Trophy for debating.

We should like to express our gratitude to Miss Newman for having adjudicated our debates this year, and we do hope she will continue to come to them in the future.



AGRICULTURE NOTES

The Upper IV Agriculture Class have had many outdoor lessons this year. We have been to study different types of soil erosion and grasses; we have learnt to recognise the good points in a cow, and have had our turn at picking beans; we have tugged and pulled at the old sheep-pens, and have piled up the wood, and many still bear the scars sustained while mending broken fences. Every Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Taylor, the dairyman, can put up with us, three girls have tried their hand at milking. The more enthusiastic farm-hands have taken on the job of feeding the new calves and bringing them up until they are "turned out."

Two of these "Jillaroos" find time before "Unclaimed Laundry" on Saturday morning to get down to some good, hard, solid work like cleaning the manure out of the cow-yards, feeding the pigs with sour milk, and going round the top paddock on the tractor inspecting fences.

Recently, permission has been granted us to ride old "Tim," Mr. Lindsay's horse, and many girls have a great deal of fun doing so.

The plan we previously had for making poultry runs and keeping fowls has not yet been put into effect, but we are hoping it may eventuate in 1955.

We thank Mr. Stubbin and his staff for all the help they have given us in the past year.

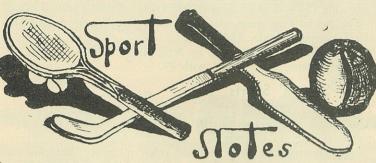
CRUSADER NOTES

Helen Coleman took over the reins from Mary Leslie this year, and we have had many helpful meetings under her leadership. We should like to take this opportunity of saying to Helen and to Elizabeth Moore as they leave school—"good-bye—in its true sense of "God be with you."

During this year we have had several guest-speakers, including Miss Graham, the Rev. W. Childs, and Deaconess Mary Andrews. Miss Graham spoke to us on the aims of all true Crusaders, Mr. Childs on the work of A.B.M., and Miss Andrews on the great work done by the Deaconesses.

Some of our members are going to Crusader Camps during the holidays. We hope they will enjoy themselves and will gain great benefit from the fellowship they will experience.

Jennifer Hutchison is our leader for 1955, so we look forward to just as happy and profitable a year as we have enjoyed in 1954.



Sports Day

For once we chose the right day for our sports this year, as May 1st dawned bright and sunny.

As the programme was to be such a lengthy one, the 220 yards Championship and the Hurdles were run off on another day, but an interesting event on the day itself was the Inter-House marching competition. In this every member of the school participated, and



THE SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM.

Front Row: Elizabeth Farago, Vivienne Jones.

Second Row: Carlyn Hanslow, Barbara Deasey, Lynette Woodhill, Janice Hall, Lynette Colechin, Jane Borton, Margaret Varley.

Third Row: Sandra Carpenter, Rosemary Campbell, Ann Tucker, Sally Kierath, Annette Wolstenholme, Diane Charlesworth.

Back Row: Sue Kelly, Stephanie Slocombe, Judy Cameron.

the winning House was Steel, with MacCallum gaining second place.

The Senior Champion of the day was Robyn Schaaf, and the

Junior Champion, Janice Hall.

Sports Day was finally won by Steel House, with 83 points, the nearest rival being MacCallum, with 79.

The All Schools' Sports

To the dismay of the rest of the school, only the competitors were able to attend these sports on the 13th August, because of an epidemic of measles in the school.

Unfortunately, too, the day was cold and misty, but this did not deter two of our runners: Lynette Colechin gained third place in the finals after running second in her heat of the 12 years of age race. Also Sally Kierath reached the finals in the Junior Hurdles, after gaining second place in her heat. However, Sally did not win a place in the finals.

We enjoyed our day at the "All Schools," and we should all like to thank Miss Stacker for her willing help and encouragement throughout the period of training and on the great day itself.

Swimming

At the beginning of this year, after swimming in the lake had proved so popular, it was decided that the school would enter the All Schools' Swimming Carnival in Sydney.

Practices at six a.m. became a common occurrence, and although we almost had to "break the ice" (literally), we were soon used to it, and training began in earnest. Sometimes on Saturdays we went to Mittagong Baths and practised there.

At the Carnival, no one from S.C.E.G.G.S., Moss Vale, obtained a place, but several came fourth in their events.

In 1955 we hope to enter the "All Schools' Swimming" for the second time, and to do much better.

CRICKET RESULTS

S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI. v. Annesley 1st XI.—lost.

S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI. v. Tudor House 1st XI.—lost.

S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI. v. Dominican Convent 1st XI.—won.

S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI. v. Frensham 1st XI.—lost.

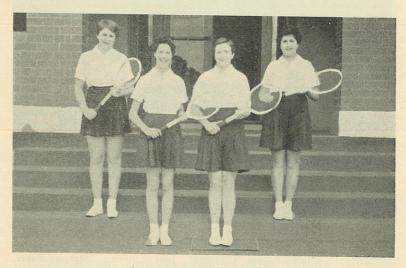
S.C.E.G.G.S. 2nd XI. v. Tudor House 2nd XI.—lost.

S.C.E.G.G.S. Junior XI. v. Annesley Junior XI.—lost.

S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI. v. A.C.P.E.—won.



Jane Crossing, Margaret McGregor, Sandra Carpenter, Carlyn Hanslow, Elizabeth Fraser, Pat Roots, Susan Hutchings, Rosemary Campbell, Margot Baker, Pam Mottram, Sue Kelly, Sue Wittey.



THE TENNIS TEAM.
Joan Ingrey, Genneice Gorey, Margot Baker, Susan Scarf.

TENNIS RESULTS

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Frensham—lost.

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Dominican Convent-lost.

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Tudor House—lost.

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Canberra C.E.G.G.S.—drew.

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Annesley—lost. S.C.E.G.G.S. v. A.C.P.E.—lost.

HOCKEY RESULTS

S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI. v. Annesley 1st XI.—lost, 1-3.

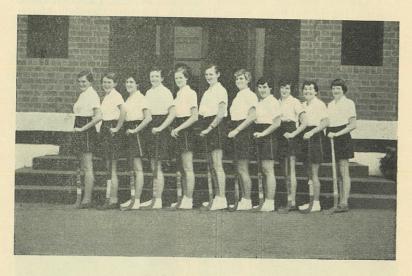
S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI v. Moss Vale Central School-won, 11-0.

S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI. v. Canberra C.E.G.G.S.—drew, 1-1.

S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI. v. Bowral High—lost, 1-6.

S.C.E.G.G.S. 1st XI. v. Staff-lost, 0-1.

S.C.E.G.G.S. Junior XI. v. Moss Vale Central School-won, 2-1.



THE HOCKEY TEAM.

Rosemary Campbell, Sandra Carpenter, Jane Crossing, Margot Baker, Elizabeth Fraser, Susan Hutchings, Robyn Schaaf, Pam Mottram, Margaret McGregor, Pat Roots, Carlyn Hanslow.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Junior

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Annesley-won, 12-6.

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Moss Vale Central School-won, 20-10.

Senior

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Canberra C.E.G.G.S.-lost, 9-12.

STAFF NEWS

Our congratulations and very good wishes go with Miss McCredie and Miss Turnbull as they leave for the new S.C.E.G.G.S. at Gleniffer Brae, Wollongong. Miss Turnbull has been a valued member of our staff since 1951, and both the school and the township will miss her energetic and enthusiastic co-operation in all kinds of activities. However, if we must lose her, we are at least glad that another "S.C.E.G.G.S." will benefit by her presence on its staff.

Miss McCredie has been with us only a year, yet through her interest in everything concerning the school, has made us already deem her an "old friend." We feel fortunate in having had her among us this year, and pray for her success and happiness in the

great task she has assumed.

We are sad, too, to have to say "good-bye" to Miss Tyer, who has been a music-mistress here for five years, and who is also an "Old Girl" of the school. We wish her great success in the further studies she is undertaking, and hope she will continue to keep in touch with S.C.E.G.G.S., Moss Vale, with which she has had such long associations.

A popular newcomer to the staff during 1954 was Mrs. Small, who took over the position of Housekeeper, and has filled it most successfully in spite of almost incredible staff difficulties on the domestic front. A sure indication of the school's affection for Mrs. Small has been the number of ever-willing volunteers available to help her by washing up, scrubbing, polishing, etc. We hope that she will be able to put up with the difficulties, and us, for many years to come!

The number of our "day mistresses" is ever increasing, and we do welcome them. Perhaps they save us from what might almost become "cloistered seclusion"! This year they have been joined by:

Mrs. Wilson, Form Mistress of Remove.

Mrs. Miller, who teaches Music two days a week.

Miss Harper, a valuable assistant to Miss Anderson and Sister. Miss Sweetnam, who has eased the strain of the office work considerably by coming to be Secretary.



MacCALLUM HOUSE NOTES

MacCallum this year has suffered from great competition from the new Houses, Smith and Steel, who took many of our former members. However, MacCallum gained many new girls and mistresses this year to help make up for the loss.

We have had three Heads of our House in 1954, Misses Willis, Morse and Sharpe, who have all been a great help to MacCallum.

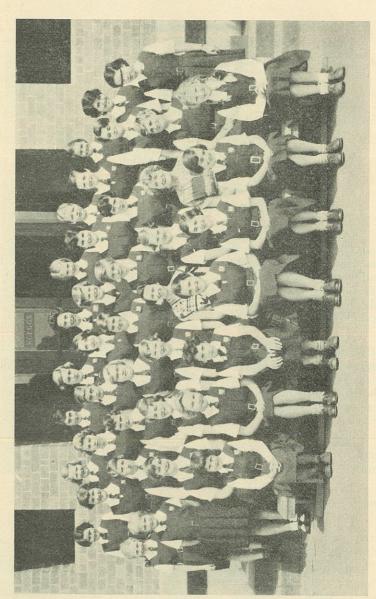
Perhaps the most exciting event of first term was Sports Day, and although we only gained second place to Steel, Robyn Schaaf, one of our seniors, became Senior Champion. We take this opportunity of congratulating Steel on their win.

House marching was a popular innovation at the Sports, and even after very little time for practice, our House came second in the marching. On the evening of Sports Day, House plays were presented for the entertainment of visitors. Our play, "The Spinsters of Lushe," was a great success. Miss Willis was the producer and the cast included:—Margot Baker as Miss Alecia; Margaret McGregor, Miss Laetitia; Judy Cameron, Miss Rosy; Elizabeth Fraser, Miss Lucy; Pamela McKay, Miss Charlotte; Janice Godfrey, Phoebe. Let us hope that this type of entertainment can be repeated each year.

MacCallum has been just as successful in Debating this year as formerly. For this we must thank our three debaters, Christina Houen, Margaret McGregor, and Judy Cameron, for retaining the Debating Cup.

Between now and the end of 1955 MacCallum intends making a big effort in order to raise £50 for Miss Beryl Long, our missionary in Tanganyika. Let us do our utmost to achieve this goal.

As the year of 1954 draws to an end, we thank our House Captain, Pamela McKay, for her help to the House during the past year, and we wish her success in all she does. Good luck, too, to all 1955 MacCallums!





SMITH HOUSE NOTES

1954, being our first year of life, was a most interesting one for Smith House. We have been extremely fortunate in having as the first Head of our House, Miss McCredie, who has worked very hard and encouraged us to such an extent that she is not a little responsible for the good results we have achieved. We should like Miss McCredie to accept our very best wishes as she goes to her new position as Headmistress of S.C.E.G.G.S., Wollongong.

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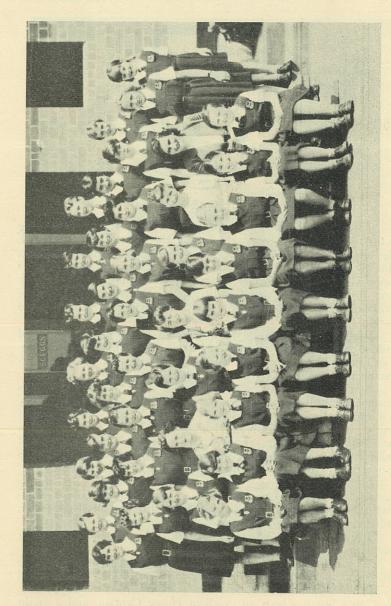
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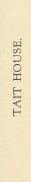
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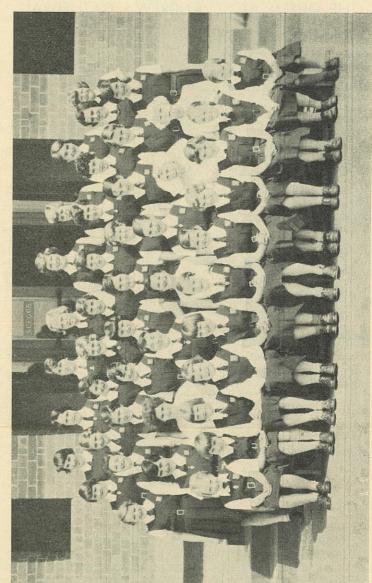
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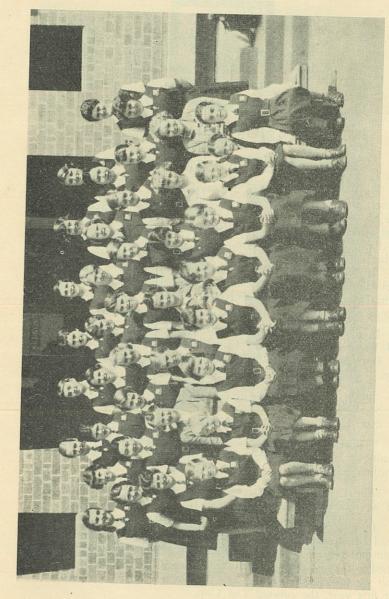
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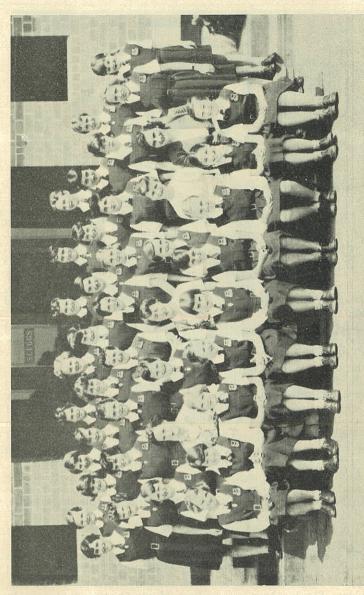
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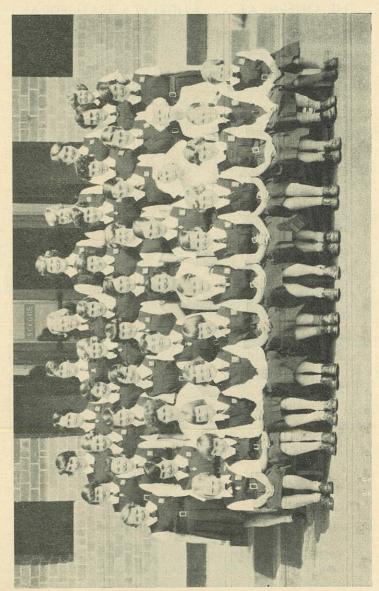
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THE QUEEN AT ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

On 7th February, 1954, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II., accompanied by her husband, His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, attended Divine Service at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.

About 30 of us represented the school in a "Guard of Honour."

formed by us and members of various other schools.

We met Miss Hall at 9.30 a.m. in Hyde Park, and when every one had assembled, we lined up before proceeding to march down Bathurst Street and into George Street. Here we took up our position directly opposite the west door of the Cathedral, some of us being very fortunate in finding ourselves in the front row. Luckily, not many of us needed the attention of St. John Ambulance workers, who were kept busy all the morning.

The Royal visitors arrived about five minutes before the service was to begin. Upon arriving, they were greeted by His Grace the Archbishop and the Dean of Sydney, and the group then began to

move along the carpet and into the Cathedral.

People outside in the street and in the Cathedral grounds joined with the congregation in worship. The entire service was amplified. The Governor of N.S.W., Sir John Northcott, read the First Lesson, and the Duke of Edinburgh read the Second. His Grace preached the sermon, and also mentioned that the first church service to be held in Australia was also on the first Sunday in February.

At the end of the service the Queen and the Duke left the Cathedral by the west door. Before entering their car, they spoke for a few minutes with the Archbishop and other members of the clergy, and it was now that we had a wonderfully close and clear view of them. They soon commenced their drive back to Government House through the crowded streets, and followed by several official cars, including one carrying the Governor and his daughter, who were the Queen's host and hostess during their stay in Sydney.

We then turned and marched away, feeling very thrilled at having had such a wonderful opportunity of seeing our Queen.

JAN INNES, Lower VI, MacCallum.

TWILIGHT

The trees in my garden are tall, stout and strong, The wind says "good-night" as it hustles along; The tired little birds sing their last sweet tune, When the sun settles down and up comes the moon.

SUE WRIGHT, Lower IV, Tait.

GUIDE NOTES

At the beginning of the year we were very pleased to welcome our new Captain, Miss McCredie, and also Miss Willis as our Lieutenant. We were glad, too, to see so many new recruits, and many of the old Guides with us again, and were full of hopes that we should all enjoy the year ahead.

At the second meeting in first term, the following officers were

chosen:-

Robin Patrol: Stephanie Slocombe, P.L.; Sue Milliken, 2nd. Kookaburra Patrol: Sue Hutchings, P.L.; Sue Kelly, 2nd. Swallow Patrol: Penny Clarke, P.L.; Janis Edwards, 2nd. Willywagtail Patrol: Janice Hall, P.L.; Ruth Cameron 2nd.

On a Saturday afternoon in March we entered various competitions at the District Association's Rally in Moss Vale. To our delight, we won the "Billy Boiling," and came second in the Semaphore. The answers to the latter were to be carried out in First Aid, and in this, too, we were thrilled to find ourselves first. Later, Mrs. Caldwell arrived and led camp fire singing, and before we dispersed, it was announced that the S.C.E.G.G.S. Company had won the Rally. We were all very proud and happy, as this was our first win for some years.

In the second term, Miss Mather became our new Lieutenant, and also the company grew so large that it was found necessary to form another patrol. This was named the "Seagull" Patrol, and Llyndell Jones was its first leader. Also a company of Rangers was formed, so we lost Sue Hutchings to them. Sue Kelly became P.L.

of the "Kookaburras," and Rosemary Evans her second.

Our efforts in organising several games at the School Fete, in October, raised £9, and later in the year we had a "Willing Shilling" Drive. Now we are proud to say that we have been able to present a pew to the Chapel.

On 26th November we commenced the Annual Guide Camp in the 100-acre paddock. This surely must have been the "best camp ever." Miss Turnbull came as "Q.M.," and on the Saturday evening we held a small party in honour of her birthday. Miss Graham and Mrs. Small came to our camp-fire that evening and judged our fancy-dress costumes. On Sunday Miss Arnold conducted the "Guides' Own" service for us.

That night we retired to bed full of plans for a Midnight Feast. When the great hour arrived, Sue Hutchings woke us, and we staggered out of our cosy sleeping bags, and proceeded to consume large quantities of fruit salad, milo, biscuits, scones, etc.! When it seemed impossible that we could contain any more, we returned noiselessly (?) to bed. All too soon the rising whistle blew and we had to

crawl out once more, strike camp, tidy up, and make our way back to school.

The last function of the year was a very happy Christmas Party on Wednesday, 1st December.

During 1954, 23 enrolment badges, 12 second-class badges, 6 Cook's Badges, 5 Athlete's Badges, 4 Horsewoman's Badges, and 3 Needlewoman's Badges were presented.

The winners of the Cup, presented by Eleanor Murray, for the Company's most enthusiastic guide, were as follows:—First term, Susan Hutchings; second term, Janice Hall; third term, Rosemary Evans

We do thank Miss McCredie for her enthusiastic help throughout the year. We hope she has enjoyed her stay with us, and wish her all success and happiness in her new position.

UPPER SIXTH

Upper Sixth began the year with high hopes and ten members, and ended it, disillusioned, but still with ten members. We spent first term furnishing that beautiful abode, the "Pre's room," and sporting our new badges and pockets. Early in the year we were dragged unwillingly and with quaking knees to be "tried out" for the reading of the lesson at the Dedication of the Chapel. "Hazy" Coleman was chosen, and did her part very well.

In second term we evacuated to the Cottage and lived a lazy and blissful life. Alas! such bliss could not last, and again we went to take up the great struggle for survival among the common herd. And what a struggle! All who read can appreciate it.

Also in second term, Upper Sixth added a new girl to the fold, Angela—highly recommended by her brother, Harvey. She was a platinum blonde, with a delightful figure and winsome nature, but, sad to say, was decapitated while goal-keeping for the glory of Upper Sixth. "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori!"

English Honours was a very popular course this year, but, on the whole, we preferred Molesworth with the "Glurks trolling" to Wordsworth and Shelley. Sue read "Crime and Punishment," and by following its advice, the prefects "weeded out discontented persons."

Apart from the papers, the "Leaving" was a successful enterprise, but we lost our figures in Bernie's and developed our legmuscles by biking to the exams. every day. By this time, Helen and "Liz" had taken their place with the worthy cyclists of the class. In first term several of us had still been at the accident stage, though Liz Moore "took the bun" for crashes: (1) A collision with Andy in

the coal-heap. (The next day at Assembly Miss Graham was heard to speak of "foreign bodies in the coal-heap"). (2) Sudden encounters with the domestic quarters' fence, the rose-bushes and the clothes-line. Now it's a different tale, and "Liz" can even affect "no hands" on "Sally." Biking expeditions at the week-ends were great fun and very popular.

Regarding our sporting abilities, "Rooty" was chosen to play in a Combined Schools cricket team, against the Junior State team. She was unfortunate in batting, but fielded quite commendably.

As a result of excessive "swotting," Helen developed tonsilitis and "Schaafie" appendicitis. Both were "dealt with" in hospital, and have recovered.

We brought our school-days to an inglorious finale with a play, "The Drummer," by Addison.

And now, like Fitzpatrick, we "must say 'farewell'" to S.C.E.G.G.S., Moss Vale. But only "Au revoir"—we'll be back often!

LOWER SIXTH

We began the year with 16 in the class, including three new girls—Lao Asvanund, Ailsa Rodd, and Jennifer Britten—but Kay Golby and Helen Jordan left at the end of first term.

We wish to congratulate Rosemary Campbell, Elizabeth Fraser, Sue Hutchings, and Jennifer Hutchison, who have been Vice-captains of their Houses.

Judy was the first competitor in the "appendix race," with Jennifer Doyle coming a close second. Second term brought a measles race, our competitors being Fraser, Campbell, and Doyle (again!). It was rather a wonder many more of us were not ill, as we were over run by delicious birthday cakes supplied by members of the class

As usual, Lower VI have been responsible for Saturday evening entertainment. Our best effort was a fancy dress "Come as a Song" Parade, followed by several amusing stunts, including our song-title, "Doin' What Comes Naturally."

We are pleased with ourselves for having done pretty well in Form softball and basketball matches, and coming second in the Form hockey competition, organised at free week-end by Miss Turnbull, to console us for not being able to go home (due to measles).

At the beginning of third term, Miss McCredie was appointed as Headmistress of S.C.E.G.G.S., Wollongong, and soon after we learned that Miss Turnbull was to be her Senior Mistress. We are

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all very sorry to be losing our Form mistress, but wish her all success in her new position.

On November 20th we gave a small (?) farewell party to Lao before she left to spend Christmas in Bangkok.

We all feel we qualified for our Cooking Certificate when we made sweets for the Fete. So far we have not heard of any fatal effects, so they must have been all right.

In conclusion, we wish Upper VI the best of luck for the "Leaving"—and ourselves the same for next year!

FIFTH AND SIXTH FORM EXCURSION

This year it was decided that instead of simply having "form-picnics," we should include a trip to some place that would be of educational value to us as well.

So at 8.30 a.m. on December 2nd, Fifth and Sixth Forms, together with a few Upper IV's, set out in high spirits on a 'bus trip to Nowra. The day could not have been better for travelling, and the drive, especially through the Macquarie Pass, was enjoyed by all. Particularly striking were the red flame trees amid the lovely blue of the jacarandas.

Our first stopping place was at the John Bull Rubber Factory, where we spent a most interesting hour and a half, seeing how rubber goods of all kinds are manufactured.

After this, we went to All Saints' Church Hall for lunch. Mr. Doyle very kindly supplied us with drinks, and after eating the lunch we had brought with us, we spent some time looking around the beautiful Church and grounds.

We then went a little distance out of Nowra to see the Horlick's Malted Milk Factory. We were conducted over the whole of the four-storeyed factory to see every stage in the manufacture and packing of "Horlick's." Most fascinating of all was watching the methodical way in which the malted milk is bottled and made ready for sale. We could hardly believe the wonderful feats achieved by these packing-machines.

At the factory they also make "Air-wick" and a new drink called "Klink." We saw how both of these are bottled and packeted.

From our guide we learnt that about 2,000 bottles of malted milk are made in every 8-hour shift. This Horlick's factory at Nowra is the only one in Australia, and employs nearly 200 people, though this is small in comparison with the size of the other two Horlick's factories in England and America.

After we had seen all there was to be seen, we were treated to a sample of the new "Klink."

We thank the managers of these factories for having allowed us to inspect everything so thoroughly, and also Mr. Doyle, who helped a great deal in the organisation of the day.

ELIZABETH FRASER, Lower VI, MacCallum.

FIFTH FORM

Alligator, mince-meat, crocodile pie,
V. I. C. T. O. R. Y.

"Are we in it?" We say, "Yes!"

We are the girls of the form that's best!

FIFTH FORM

At the beginning of 1954 the old Upper IV were joined by five new girls, and in second term we welcomed two more—Sue (Shylock) Scarf, and our old friend, "Bertie," who again (S.O.S.) redeemed Margot. Also Suzanne became a boarder.

In first term we all had a wonderful time wallowing in the lake. The school then entered All Schools' Swimming Sports for the first time, and representatives from Fifth Form were: Jane Crossing, Joan Sutton, Margot Baker, Sally Kierath and Janet Oldfield.

For the Inter-Form hockey matches we supplied a "Hot-entot" team, winning all round. Congratulations! For entertainment one Saturday evening we presented a "Passing Hit Parade of Songs."

Alison and Penny have grown lovely pony tails! Neigh!

Spots before our eyes! Genneice and "Holy" Oldfield were lucky enough to get measles and miss two whole weeks of school.

Now as 1954 draws to a close we all look forward to real relaxation after the "Inter"—ever since it ended, we seem to have been scrubbing and polishing! A particularly exciting part of the "relaxation" will be our Form dance in December.

We are sad to say "good-bye" to Margot and Anne, and wish them every happiness and success in whatever path of life they choose.

UPPER FOURTH

Upper Fourth is the biggest, and (in our opinion, anyway), the best class in the school. Our motto, if we had one, would be "All for one, and one for all." We have the large and rather unmanageable total of 34 girls in our class, and next year hope to have more still.

We have been glad to welcome 13 new girls throughout the year, and are very happy to say that only one girl is leaving, though a few may have to repeat.

We are now resting our shattered nerves after the exams., and re-growing our finger-nails. Although all the results aren't back yet, we know without any trouble who is coming first—yes, Carolyn!

Our class seems to have a finger or two in most pies; we have a good sprinkling of athletes, and several "brains" (a few girls take Greek and German as well as French and Latin); on the musical side, we have quite an array of pianists and good singers; among our number there are also a few girls from other countries: Freda (I won't attempt to spell her surname), who is Jewish, and Rika, who is Jewish, too, and came to Australia from Israel only about two years ago.

It is hard to believe that when you read this, we shall be known as "Fifth Form," and shall be doing our "Inter." So, this is "Fifth Form-to-be" signing off and wishing you a "prosperous and happy New Year."

LOWER FOURTH

We should, first of all, like to thank Miss Bell, our Form Mistress, for all the help she has given us this year.

Lower IV is a class of 22 boarders and 2 day-girls. Looking back over the year, we seem to have shone in sport rather than in lessons; We have had representatives in many teams: Jane Borton in the School Junior Basketball; Gillian Roseby, for MacCallum House; Jane and Jennifer Shirley, for Steel; and Sue Beaumont for Smith. Also some members have brought us honour by being in All Schools' Athletics and Swimming teams: in the Swimming were Jennifer Shirley, Sheridan Stumm, and Pat Constance, and in the Athletics Annette Wolstenholme and Jane Borton.

Although we didn't have any victories in the Form Hockey Competitions, our team thoroughly enjoyed the matches. We all wore cute little bob-tails on the back of our heads, which caused much amusement among the onlookers. Also, we had good support from our mascot, Rhonda Fitzpatrick's "Pooh Bear."

During second term we moved to share senior dormitories. To our delight, we found that this meant we should be included in the privilege of having cocoa in the evenings. Altogether, we have enenjoyed living in these new houses very much.

Many of us have joined Guides and become most enthusiastic. We are specially proud of Rosemary Evans, who, in third term, has won the Eleanor Murray Cup for being the keenest Guide.

THIRD FORM

This year we welcomed thirteen new girls. Miss Sharpe has been our Form-mistress, and she has helped us very much. We regret that she is leaving us at the end of the year.

During the year we went to see the Queen at Canberra, and we also went to Berrima one day for our Form-picnic, and inspected the cement works there.

At the end of the year we decorated our class-room, and it looked very pretty.

A GEOLOGY EXCURSION

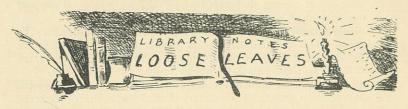
This year Upper Fourth began Geology as a new subject. During November, Miss Turnbull took us on an interesting excursion to the anthracite mine, at Mittagong.

After getting almost there, by bus, we found that we were locked out, so had to continue on foot—and how! But at last we arrived, covered in dirt, and were shown into the actual mine; the ground was very "slushy," and as we had only two small torches between us, we had to paddle along in the dark. As we approached a small hole in the side we were told that that was the mine commenced "'undred an' two years ago." As the roof was very low, we were all bent double to prevent our heads being bumped, but we managed to advance a fair way and were shown how the electric drill was worked. At one place the roof and walls were plastered with kaolin, of which we took samples.

The news that we were at last turning back was received thankfully by some timid souls who feared the collapse of the roof.

So we emerged into the welcome sunlight and were then shown some very old railway lines—the first to be made in Australia. As we wasted two boxes of matches, seeing how to test the coal, we were informed that this was the only anthracite mine in Australia; we feel fortunate that our school is in a district that abounds with unique and interesting features.

Janis Edwards and Ann Tucker, Upper IV, Steel and MacCallum.



Last year the main Library room was L-shaped, and contained only the fiction section; the Reference Library had its own long, narrow room overlooking the front garden. This year the wing of the big room has been cut off, leaving a rectangular library which contains both reference and fiction books.

We were very pleased to receive a number of valuable books for the reference library from Miss Arnold, of Bowral. These were:

The Works of George Eliot (19 volumes). The Works of Henrik Ibsen (12 volumes).

Henrik Ibsen: Poet, Mystic and Moralist.

Australian Ballads.

The Art of Drawing.

The Golden Reciter.

The Genius of National Poetry.

Poetical Works of Robert Browning.

Favourite Poems.

Cyrano de Bergerac (in French).

"1914," and Other Poems of Rupert Brooke.

La Douce France.

Morceaux Choisis (Victor Hugo).

The Temple Moliere.

Honore de Balzac-Contes Choisis.

We do thank Miss Arnold, and all who help our Library by presenting books; there are few more pleasing gifts for a school to receive.

During third term a Book Drive has been in progress. Any girl who wished has selected from a specially-compiled list the name of a book she would like to present. Already many of these have been received, and are making our Library more up-to-date. Those we have so far include:—

The Letters of Rachel Henning, presented by J. Pocock.

Storm of Time (Eleanor Dark), presented by S. Carpenter.

The Ascent of Everest (Hunt), presented by R. Evans, R. Cameron and S. Kelly.

The Royal Visit to Australia, presented by C. Cropper.

Plain Christianity (Talks by J. B. Phillips), presented by J. Hutchison.

Kaleidoscope One (Stefan Zweig), presented by P. Roots.

The Woman in White (Wilkie Collins), presented by M. Loane.

Crime and Punishment (Dostoyevsky), presented by R. Klineberg.

Sir Winston Churchill, a Self-portrait, presented by P. Mottram and J. Ingrey.

Little Boy Lost (Laski), presented by D. McIntyre.

Renoir, presented by H. Coleman.

The Diverting History of John Gilpin (Cowper), also from H. Coleman.

A FRIGHTENING ADVENTURE

One night I was alone in the house when I heard a tap at the window-pane. For a second my heart stopped beating, but then I remembered that there was a large oak tree outside my window; it was a stormy night, and the wind was probably blowing the branches against the window.

I went back to my book, and read a paragraph or so, when it tapped again. This time it was more than a tap—it sounded almost like someone knocking! I sprang to my feet and was just in time to see a white hand flash out of sight. I opened my mouth to scream, but checked myself. I thought someone might be waiting to pounce on me from behind the door. Stealthily I crept to the telephone; in a low voice I asked for Mr. Cliff, the local policeman.

"Don't worry, I'll be there in a few minutes," he said.

Quietly I went back to my chair and took up the poker, just in case I needed it. Once again I heard the tapping on the window! This time I dared not move—they may be moving in from around the house, getting ready to seize me! I was just about to scream at the thought, when I heard the door-bell—and this time I did. Then I heard a familiar voice, and I opened the door in relief and let Mr. Cliff in.

"Where's the tree?" he asked immediately.

"Come and I'll show you, Mr. Cliff, you don't know how glad

I am to see you!"

I led the way out in the pouring rain to the old oak tree. I was quaking inside, but I tried to appear brave. Mr. Cliff climbed up, and in a minute I heard voices, and then laughter; then Mr. Cliff came down.

It was the little boy from next door trying to rescue his kitten from my tree!

JULIE ANGUS, Lower IV, MacCallum,

A VISIT TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Tuesday, 24th August, Miss Hall and fifteen girls were shown over the Public Library in Sydney.

The three pairs of bronze doors at the entrance were presented to the Library by Sir William Dixon as a memorial to David Scott Mitchell, the founder of the Library. The subjects of the centre pair of doors are the discoverers and explorers of Australia; and of those on either side, scenes in the life of Australian Aborigines.

On the floor of the vestibule is a reproduction in colour of Tasman's map of 1644, of which the original is in the Dixon Gallery. Here we also saw some early Australian books, among which was a schoolboy's exercise book.

Next, we were taken to the Shakespeare Memorial Library, which contains all the books in the Mitchell Library concerning Shakespeare

The room opens from the corridor running from the left of the vestibule, and looks out on the Botanical Gardens and the Shakespeare statue. Shakespeare's arms are carved above the doorway outside, and Queen Elizabeth's on the inside. The wood in the room is bleached Tasmanian blackwood, which gives the effect of English oak; and the ceiling is a copy of that in Cardinal Wolseley's room in Hampton Court. The frieze on the three stained glass windows overlooking the Gardens depicts the Seven Ages of Man. This library contains many valuable works, among which is the only copy in Australia of the First Folio of 1623.

After we had all had a good look at this library, we were taken to the Lecture Room, where our guide showed us some books from the rare books section of the Library. Among these were a diary, some very tiny books which, to our surprise, were quite readable, a Japanese book which contained some very beautiful illustrations, and a book bound with wallaby skin.

We were then taken along a corridor from where we looked into the main reading room. This is a very large room with books all round the walls. Here, there are three stained glass windows known as the Chaucer windows, presented by Sir William Dixon; the Sydney Gazette window, presented by the proprietors of "The Sun"; and the Caxton window, presented by the proprietors of the "Sydney Morning Herald."

After we had had all this explained to us, we were taken through the reading room to the basement, where a great many books are stored, and were shown some of the more unusual ones. Then we went up to the Mitchell and Dixon Galleries.

In the Mitchell Gallery there was an exhibition of Chinese art, and there were many beautiful paintings. There is a large Austra-

ian stamp collection here, and on the walls there are portraits of Australia's great men.

The Dixon Gallery contains miniatures and portraits of many of Australia's pioneers; and also many of the early relics such as Dirk Hartog's plate In this gallery are also many paintings of the early settlements and Australian scenes.

We then proceeded to the vestibule and dispersed after a very interesting afternoon.

ELIZABETH JOHNSON, Lower VI, Tait.

NIGHT

For three hundred and sixty-five periods of more or less than twelve hours, Night reigns and shrouds the world in darkness. During the earth's rotation around the sun, half the world is always in shadow. This shadow is tranquil, mysterious Night. When she gradually creeps over and envelops us, it is the time Nature has provided for humans to sleep. To some, inspiration comes with Night's coolness.

Man's thoughts twist her friendliness into other feelings: small children are terrified of the "dark," because their familiar world seems hidden from them; the weary are thankful for night after a hard day's toil; sinners who hide their deeds in darkness plan robberies and murders and deliveries of drugs which poison slowly the minds of the young and old who are waiting for them on the street-corners of the slums; young people look forward to the pictures, parties and dances; the old remember days long gone by; students "cram" for exams., and scholars, whose sleep eludes them, pore over problems.

There are different kinds of nights:

Snow and ice cover the frozen poles and surrounding seas in six months of darkness; soft, warm nights are balmy with the scents of grass, earth and flowers; there are cloudy nights when the clouds blot out the stars and sky and foretell rain; there are windy nights when the wind whirls itself into anger and attacks all in its path or when, tired out from rushing, it moans softly and rustles the leaves of the trees, ripples the grass and the cornfields and the waters of lakes; a soft, white mantle blankets the earth when there is fog or snow, and on frosty nights the earth is crisp and white, and the air calm, clear and freezing; on stormy nights the lightning crackles and zips up and down the blackened sky, and thunder rumbles; on moon-lit nights the golden moon sails serenely and sheds light over her kingdom, making silhouettes against the horizon while the stars twinkle and glimmer in the far-off shrouds of Night's canopy. A

halo of light on the horizon marks gaily-lit cities which spring into new life after dark.

In the country, dust settles over winding roads and countryside, crickets chirp unceasingly and bullfrogs croak; tiny house-lights cast long, pale shadows; occasionally, a car's headlights wink, and a train, like a glowing centipede, speeds and clatters through the sleeping countryside; dew comes to cool and moisten the air, and freshens tired and dusty plants as well as weary hearts as it lingeringly falls and settles, leaving sparkling jewels on all it touches.

In the darkness, men think over the day's deeds, and dimpled

and gnarled hands alike are clasped in prayer.

Long, long ago, angels appeared to shepherds watching their flocks by night, to tell them that the King and Saviour of all the world had been born. They ran then to see Him in a humble stable, as the animals looked on with gentle eyes.

All this made that night the most perfect one that could ever

be.

SUZANNE ROBERTSON, V. Smith.

A PUPPET SHOW

During third term, the Moss Vale Branch of the Arts Council

sponsored a performance by Peter Scriven's Puppets.

When we were informed one afternoon that the whole school would be going to see this performance, feelings were rather mixed, as the Senior school rather fancied itself "above" puppets, but we came away all much of the same mind, that we would really have liked to see more.

Mr. Scriven explained the workings of the puppets, both "glove" puppets and stringed marionettes. One of these marionettes caught the fancy of many of us: it was a skeleton capable of dancing with all its vital parts quite unattached. Mr. Scriven told us he had discovered it in England, and that it was at least 100 years old.

Two of the playlets the puppets performed were "The Three Wishes," a fairy tale, and "St. George and the Dragon." The dragon was truly remarkable, breathing smoke from his fiery nos-

trils, and every now and then winking an evil eye.

It was certainly a wonderful show: one found oneself falling quite in love with some of the quaint figures. It was difficult to believe they were not alive. We appreciated the hard work and skill of the man behind the scenes who presents these clever and enjoyable shows. Many thanks, too, to the Arts Council for giving us (even the "big" girls) the opportunity of enjoying such fine entertainment.

JENNIFER DOYLE, Lower VI, Smith.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS

We have received these items of news from the President of the Old Girls' Union:—

Engagements:

Marya Crawford to David Jeremy. Beryl Francis to George Early.

Marriages:

Lois Gray to Lyell Downing. Ann Ward to Terence Higgins. Robin Gribble. Margaret Medway. Joie English. Pamela Georgeson.

Sandra Sheppard.

Births:

To Mrs. Armand George (Jennifer Snelling)—a daughter, Nathalie.

To Mrs. Persson (Margaret Sanders)—a daughter, Karine

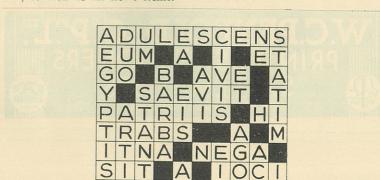
To Mrs. Giblin (Pat Swales)—a son, Geoffrey.

To Mrs. Vanderfield (Margaret Cotter)—a son.

Returned from abroad: Beveice Walters, Nola McIntosh, and Henrietta Simms.

Travelling abroad: Ann Robertson, Pamela Baird, and Nina Simms. Students: Wendy Holland has graduated from the Kindergarten Training College, and Nansi Mathias has completed Final Year Medicine.

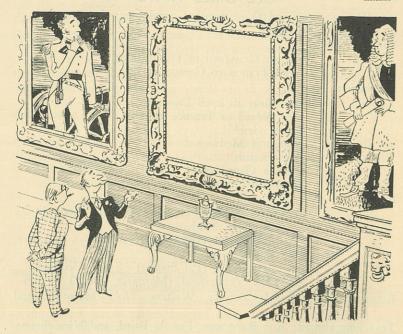
We should be very pleased in future to receive direct news from any Old Girls who would be interested to send it on to us, so that this page may become one of real interest to more of those who have passed through the school, as well as to its present members. We should be glad to have articles about your work, your travels, etc., as well as all news items.



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