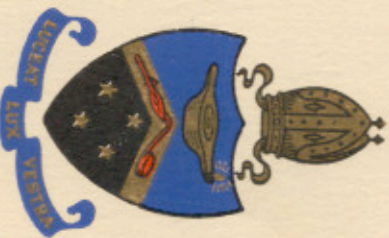


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# EDITORIAL

This year has been one of the most outstanding in our School's history; we are bigger than we have ever been before; new standards in work and sport have been achieved; the school choir is flourishing; our new Assembly Hall has been completed and opened by the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General Sir John Northcott. All these activities are only befitting the School's fiftieth anniversary, and we hope that in the future all phases of School life will go on developing still further.

For the whole of second term we were without Miss Graham, while she went overseas, and we were more than fortunate to have Miss Chisholm, head of S.C.E.G.G.S., Darlinghurst, as headmistress during Miss Graham's absence. In spite of the shortness of her stay with us, we all came to know Miss Chisholm very well, and although we were very glad to welcome Miss Graham back, we were sorry to say goodbye to Miss Chisholm.

It cannot be denied that we have one of the most beautiful schools in Australia, and if we, the separate members who collectively are the School, can each supply the necessary pride in her, and the necessary determination each to do, in every way, our best for her, we shall maintain the tradition our School has, and build it up to something still better, so that in years to come we may have even greater pride in saying, "I went to S.C.E.G.G.S., Moss Vale."

## SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1956

### Prefects:

Alison Clarke, Jane Crossing, Genneice Gorey, Sally Kierath, Margaret McGregor, Susan Milliken, Suzanne Robertson, Joan Sutton.

*Editors of "Lux":* Margaret McGregor, Susan Milliken.

### Sub-Prefects:

Helen Adams, Margaret Cowley, Mary Loane, Susan Scarf, Stephanie Slocombe.

### House Captains:

MacCallum House .....	Margaret McGregor
Smith House .....	Alison Clarke
Steel House .....	Sally Kierath
Tait House .....	Stephanie Slocombe

### Sports Captain:

Jane Crossing.

### Sports Committee:

Alison Clarke, Genneice Gorey, Sally Kierath, Susan Milliken, Margaret McGregor, Stephanie Slocombe.



#### THE PREFECTS.

*Standing:* Susan Milliken, Alison Clarke, Joan Sutton, Suzanne Robertson.  
*Seated:* Gennice Gorey, Sally Kierath, Margaret McGregor, Jane Crossing.

### LEAVING CERTIFICATE, 1956

The following girls were successful in the Leaving Certificate, 1956: Alison Clarke, Carolyn Cropper, Geraldine Elliott, Sue Kelly, Margaret McGregor, Gwyneth McKay, Margaret McNeill, Susan Milliken, Margaret Pigott, Suzanne Robertson, Susan Scarf, Pamela Shaw, Joan Sutton.

Suzanne Robertson has been awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship.

The following were successful in the Intermediate Certificate, 1956: Julie Angus, Rosemary Evans, Pamela Gillespie, Frances Hills, Barbara Ingrey, Julie Kierath, Lesley Klineberg, Janet Paine, Patience Pearse, Pamela Perry, Leilani Radford, Jennifer Rhys-Jones, Ann Roberts, Gillian Roseby, Dell Smith, Robyn Smyth, Jan Swan, Laurel Tyndall, Gai Willis, Frances Wyatt.

### Prize List, 1956

The following prizes were presented by His Excellency General Sir John Northcott, Governor of New South Wales, on Speech Day, the 10th December:—

#### Prize List

<b>Upper VI.</b>	Merit Prize Special Progress  Divinity	C. Cropper A. Clarke, M. McGregor G. McKay S. Robertson
<b>Lower VI.</b>	Merit Prize Special Progress Divinity	C. Edwards H. Bouffler, M. Cowley C. Edwards
<b>Form V.</b>	Merit Prize Standard Prizes  Divinity	F. Hills P. Gillespie, G. Willis J. Angus F. Hills
<b>Upper IV.</b>	Special Progress  Divinity	L. Jones, E. MacLaurin A. Wolstenholme S. Beaumont
<b>Lower IV.</b>	Merit Prize Standard Prizes Special Progress Divinity	R. Shaw M. Cameron, E. Wark W. Beirman, M. Dowling A. Wildash
<b>Form III.</b>	Merit Prizes Standard Prizes Special Progress Divinity	A. MacIntyre, V. Williams W. Thorpe, N. Mander L. Shaw V. Williams

<b>Form II.</b>	Merit Prizes	C. Caffin, C. Whyte
	Standard Prize	L. MacLaurin
	Special Progress	L. Beirman
	Divinity	C. Caffin
<b>Remove</b>	Merit Prize	C. Eglington
	Standard Prizes	L. Richardson, H. Speechley
	Divinity	C. Eglington
<b>Preparatory School Prizes</b>		N. Rowan, L. Walmsley
		M. Bourne, J. Brown
<b>Special Progress</b>		H. Throsby-Smith

### Special Prizes

#### Music Prizes—

Advanced: J. Shirley.  
Intermediate: S. Wright.  
Lower: V. Williams.  
Beginner's Prize (Gift of Music Mistresses): N. Mander.

#### Art Prizes—

Senior: J. Angus.  
Junior: M. Griffith.  
Primary: N. Mander.

#### Needlework Prizes—

Senior: B. Ingrey.  
Junior: L. Read.  
Primary: A. Purves.

#### Dancing Certificates (Gift of Bjelke-Petersen's)—

1st Prize: R. Smyth, H. Newport.  
2nd Prize: R. Cameron.

#### D. M. Clifton Memorial Prize for English: S. Milliken.

Walker English Prizes: M. Wangmann, P. Gillespie, P. Haigh.

Dux of the School (presented by Mrs. R. H. Morris): S. Robertson.

Peggy Barker Cup for General Merit throughout the School Course:

A. Clarke and M. McGregor.

### A.M.E.B. Certificates

#### Pianoforte—

Grade V.: J. Shirley, R. Smyth.  
Grade III.: R. Barton, B. Esplin, J. Jones, L. Jones, M. Macdonald,  
D. Metham, S. Wright.  
Grade II.: M. Dowling, R. Phipps, R. Prescott, L. Read, V. Williams,  
A. Wolstenholme.  
Grade I.: C. Caffin, D. Heicher.  
Theory of Music—  
Grade III.: R. Smyth.

### Secondary School Scholarships

C. Johnson, A. Wildash.

### Sport Awards

#### Tennis Singles Champions—

Senior: P. Constance.  
Junior: B. Ingrey.  
Primary: W. Thorpe.

#### Tennis Doubles Championship (McCredie Cup)—

P. Constance and R. Smyth.

#### Golf Championship (Eleanor Murray Cup)—D. Reynolds.

#### Prize for Most Improved Tennis Player (Gift of M. G. Copp, Esq.)— R. Smyth.

Cricket Bat (Crossing Prize) ..... Steel House

Inter-Form Volley Ball Trophy ..... Form V.

### House Cups

Athletics (Helen Handley Cup) ..... Tait House

Basketball (Donald Cup) ..... Steel House

Tennis Cup ..... Tait House

Tennis Championship (Cropper Cup) ..... Tait House

Hockey (O.G.U. Cup) ..... Steel House

Cricket (David Maughan Cup) ..... Steel House

Debating (Jennifer Snelling Cup) ..... Smith House

Conduct (Scarvell Cup) ..... Tait House

TAIT CUP ..... Tait House

## HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT—1956

Your Excellency, My Lord, Members of the Council, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It is a very great honour to have His Excellency the Governor here for this occasion—the opening of the new Hall, to which we have been looking forward for such a long time. It is very gratifying also to have with us to-day many of the people who have done so much towards providing this wonderful Hall. Our thanks are due to the parents, who have been so very active in raising such a large amount of money in such a short time; to our Architect, Mr. Rogers, who has given us such a beautiful Hall, and to the Council, who gave us half the Hall. They undertook to pay a pound-for-pound subsidy on the Hall, and they gave it to us sooner than they had expected to be obliged to. It is a great day of rejoicing for everybody.

Our many thanks go to the Chairman, the Council, His Grace the Archbishop, who, as Bishop Kerle said, has taken such an interest in the School at all times, and to the Members of the Council, some of whom are tireless in giving their own time in helping to solve the problems of the School, and to make it a better place.

We are pleased, too, to have with us to-day, representatives of other Schools—the Headmasters of the Bowral High School and Moss Vale Central School, and the Headmistress and several staff members of our sister school, Redlands. We are very pleased, also that Mr. Pelly, our Local Member of Parliament, has been able to come and so many members of our School Council. Many of them have travelled long distances to come here to-day—it is a big drain on their time at such a busy season, and we do appreciate their presence with us here to-day.

As far as I am concerned, personally, the other big thing this year in addition to the Hall has been my trip overseas. As most of you know, I spent the whole of the second term away, and so I have only worked for two terms this year. I want to thank the Council for allowing me to go and to say how very grateful indeed I am to those who carried on while I was away—Miss Chisholm, who came from Darlinghurst for so much of the time; Miss Hall, our Deputy Headmistress, who carried on so wonderfully, and all the staff and girls who co-operated so well during that time. All the time I was away I had no worries at all about the School—I had many thoughts about it but none were worrying ones.

For to-day's gathering, we have had greetings from three former Headmistresses — Miss Hammond, who was the Headmistress of the School when it first moved over to this site from Bowral in 1930. I spent a day with Miss Hammond in her home near London recently. She was delighted to hear of the School, and sent all kinds of good wishes and messages for this occasion and, in particular, to the Old Girls she knew. Also, Miss Steel regretted she could not come and wishes us happiness; and likewise Miss Baddams, in Melbourne, sent us her best wishes for this occasion.

I should like, once again, to thank the staff of the School for all they have done throughout the year. They are a tremendously hard-working staff. Perhaps some of you parents may only hear of "Old So and So"—I can tell you they are a very fine lot. They are a wonderful team, ready to step in when needed—and the way they strive with your daughters, some of them deserve the Exam. marks more than the girls do. They work so hard to get the girls on and to achieve those things we are all striving after. Some of them are leaving this year and we are very sorry indeed to say good-bye to them. Mr. and Mrs. Woolcock have been with us for four years and we shall miss them very much. Miss Gorey and Mrs. Went have been with us for two, but each in her own field—Miss Gorey in charge of the Physical work, and Mrs. Went in charge of the Music—has made a tremendous contribution to the School and will be very hard indeed to replace. The prefects, too, will be sadly missed. This year's eight prefects have been a fine, hard-working team, and I only hope that others lower down the School have taken note of their example and will come forward in the years ahead to fill their places worthily.

The enrolment of the School this year has been approximately the same as last — about 200, of which over one hundred and sixty have been boarders. In the Leaving Certificate Examination last year, of the thirteen girls who sat, ten passed and four of those went on to the University. This year twenty girls have sat for their Leaving—we hope there might be twenty passes. For the Intermediate Certificate last year, there were twenty-nine girls who sat, and twenty-seven of them passed. This year we have recommended twenty of the twenty-five who sat for passes. We feel that this year we have achieved a higher standard throughout the School in our scholastic work. It is something about which we feel we can never relax our vigilance. Next to the religious side of School life and the training of character, the girls' actual learning is quite the most important thing. The sporting and cultural

activities associated with the community life are all very important, but we do aim to put the scholastic side second only to the spiritual.

The Chapel has been in regular use as usual. Senior and Junior Chapel Services are conducted each morning, and Evening Chapel for Boarders. The School Chaplain has conducted Services every Thursday, at which the Senior girls have read lessons regularly. At the end of first term we had a special Service to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, and Archdeacon Begbie, of Wollongong, a former School Chaplain, took the Service on that occasion. This term, Bishop Kerie confirmed twenty-three girls at St. John's Church, Moss Vale. His remarks on that occasion were most helpful, and it is a great pleasure to have him with us again to-day, so that those girls, in particular, can renew their acquaintance with him.

We have had three series of talks in Chapel this year by missionaries: Canon Bellingham, from India; Dr. Julie Backhouse, from Tanganyika, who, incidentally, is our own Missionary, and Miss Joyce Napper, of Beirut. We have also had as speakers at Chapel services Mr. Gilbertson, of the British and Foreign Bible Society; two members of the Bush Brotherhood, and Rev. Alan Langdon, of the Church of England Board of Education. We have had several films in Chapel — Fact and Faith films and Church Missionary Society films. Many of the Senior girls of the School have been teaching Sunday School this year. Some go in to St. John's, Moss Vale, and others take Sunday School here for our own Juniors. We had a most successful break-up for the S.C.E.G.G.S. Sunday School yesterday afternoon. A great deal has been achieved, and we hope that these girls, with the experience they have now had, will go on to be active workers in their own Churches and Sunday Schools when they have left School. Also, there have been a number of the older girls regularly attending the Church Young People's Fellowship. Last night we had a very enjoyable Carol Service, at which our eight Prefects read lessons.

The musical side of School life has gone ahead very well this year. Of the eighteen girls who sat for the A.M.E.B. Examinations, all passed, five gaining honours and nine credits. A large Choir went to Sydney at the end of first term to join in the All Schools' Musical Festival at the Town Hall. Also, we had the Choir and individuals competing in the Bowral Eisteddfod, and in second term the School Choir took part in the Choral Festival at St. John's Church, Moss Vale. We have had several Musicales

this year, when all have enjoyed good music presented by the Staff, as well as by some of the pupils and others. Proceeds from the sixpenny admittance to these Musicales have helped to pay for the Tape Recorder which we have recently been able to purchase. It is going to be of great value, not only for music, but in many other branches of the School's work as well. Our thanks are due to all who have helped to provide it, and particularly to Mrs. Went. This year's Choir has presented the Music Stool for the new Hall. Also, we have had a special Jubilee song written and composed for this occasion—the Jubilee Song we sang earlier, immediately after the unveiling and dedication ceremony. We are most grateful to Mrs. Reece Caterson and to Mr. Alfred Hill, who wrote the words and the music respectively.

In Sport we have had a busy year. The School competed in the Inter-School Swimming Carnival at the beginning of the year, and thanks to Lady Ritchie's generous offer of the use of her swimming pool, the girls were able to train daily. They did not gain any places, but many of them swam very well. In first term also, we had our annual Sports Day. Many of you who are here now were present on that day, and I think you will agree what a successful occasion it was. Our congratulations go to our Games Mistress, Miss Gorey, and to the House Captains and Senior girls who helped make the function such a success. There have been few matches this year because the weather was so bad in the winter term, and because epidemics often prevented either ourselves or the other schools from playing. However, this has not been altogether a bad thing because the time that perhaps would have been spent on match practices has been given over to more girls playing more games. Cyclit, badminton, volley-ball and table-tennis tournaments have been arranged, and we are very happy that Miss Gorey has planned sporting activities in such a way that, rather than our concentrating on a few great athletes, the whole School has participated in games the whole time.

We have had a good deal of activity on the social side also. There was a Fancy Dress Party on the night of Sports Day at the end of first term; we have had two play nights during the year; Scottish Dancing has proved a popular activity and films have been screened often on Saturday evenings. Debating competitions between Houses have been held each term. During second term two girls were chosen to take part in an outside debate during Education Week.

There have been excursions this year to Warragamba Dam and to the Rotolactor at Menangle, and a week-end excursion to Canberra.

For the first time, girls entered in the Alliance Francaise Examination in Sydney. The six candidates who went down for that were all successful.

The Guide Company and the Brownie Pack have both been very active and keen this year under the leadership of Miss Cue and Miss Wheeler respectively.

During this year we have had erected, under the oak tree opposite this Hall, a sculpture by one of our old girls, Wendy Solling. We hope that more of the old girls will share with us the products of their talents.

Gifts made by contributions from the girls this year to other organisations have included those to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the Church of England Homes, the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, the C.E.N.E.F. Organisation, the Bush Brotherhood, the Crippled Children Society and the Church Missionary Society. To the latter body we have agreed to give £200 each year, and that amount has again been sent.

In conclusion, I have much pleasure in announcing the names of four prefects for next year. They are Helen Bouffler, Margaret Cowley, Rhondda Hellyer and Jill Topham.

## SCHOOL DIARY

### FEBRUARY.

- Tuesday, 7th: Boarders returned.  
 Wednesday, 8th: House Captains appointed.  
 Saturday, 11th: Fête at St. John's.  
 Wednesday, 15th: Sports Captain appointed.  
 Thursday, 16th: Dedication of Prefects.

### MARCH.

- Friday, 2nd: Berrima District Show.  
 Friday, 16th: All Schools' Swimming Sports.  
 Saturday, 17th: Sunday School Picnic.  
 Monday, 19th: Bank of N.S.W. opened a branch at School.  
 Saturday, 24th: Miss Corinne Fairburn, pianist, visited us and gave a recital.  
 Sunday, 25th: Harvest Festival.

### APRIL.

- Tuesday, 10th: Four new Prefects appointed.  
 Friday, 20th: Bowral Eisteddfod.  
 Saturday, 21st: Sports Day, and Old Girls' Week-end.  
 Sunday, 22nd: Jubilee Service in the Chapel.  
 Thursday, 26th: Fifth Form went to see "Twelfth Night" at the Elizabethan Theatre.  
 Saturday, 28th: All Schools' Choral Festival at the Sydney Town Hall.  
 Monday, 30th: Musicale and Inter-House Debates.

### MAY.

- Tuesday, 1st: Final Assembly; in the evening we saw some slides shown by Mr. Eglington.  
 Wednesday, 2nd: End of Term.  
 Thursday, 3rd: Miss Graham left by air for America.

### JUNE.

- Saturday, 2nd: Sixth Forms went to see a performance of "The Rivals."  
 Monday, 25th: Examinations began.  
 Friday, 29th: Free week-end began.

### JULY.

- Saturday, 7th: Inter-Class Hockey matches.  
 Saturday, 14th: Inter-House Debates.  
 Tuesday, 17th: School Birthday.  
 Saturday, 21st: Birthday Party.  
 Saturday, 28th: Play Evening.

**AUGUST.**

- Monday, 6th:** Pupils of Moss Vale Central School visited us to enact plays and sing.
- Tuesday, 7th:** Vocational Guidance Tests taken by Fifth and Sixth Forms.
- Friday, 10th:** All Schools Athletic Sports.
- Saturday, 11th:** Lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls by Mr. E. C. Maclaurin.
- Sunday, 12th:** St. John's Choral Festival.
- Monday, 13th:** Musicale.
- Tuesday, 14th:** Leaving Certificate French Oral Examinations; Final Assembly.
- Wednesday, 15th:** End of Term.

**SEPTEMBER.**

- Thursday, 6th:** Miss Graham arrived at Mascot.
- Wednesday, 12th:** Third Term began.
- Saturday, 15th:** Miss Cozens showed slides taken in Central Australia.
- Wednesday, 19th:** School and Intermediate Certificate Examinations began.
- Sunday, 23rd:** Confirmation Service conducted by Bishop Kerle.

**OCTOBER.**

- Wednesday, 3rd:** Miss Napper, a missionary from the Lebanon, spoke to us in Chapel.
- Friday, 12th-  
Monday, 15th:** } Free week-end.
- Thursday, 18th:** Two members of the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd.
- Saturday, 20th:** Inter-House Debates.
- Monday, 22nd:** Miss Peers Coetmore and Mr. Raymond Fisher gave a 'cello and piano recital.
- Wednesday, 24th:** School Photos were taken.
- Thursday, 25th:** Secondary School Scholarship Examination.

**NOVEMBER.**

- Tuesday, 6th:** Leaving Certificate Examination commenced.
- Saturday, 10th:** First Year visited Canberra.
- Wednesday, 14th:** Dr. Juliet Backhouse from Central Tanganyika, spoke to us in Chapel.
- Thursday, 15th:** School examinations began.
- Monday, 19th:** The Olympic Torch went through the district, passing the school at 6.20 a.m.
- Tuesday, 27th:** The Rev. F. Taplin gave a song-recital.

**DECEMBER.**

- Friday, 7th:** Fathers v. School Cricket Match.  
Play Evening.
- Saturday, 8th:** Carol Service.
- Monday, 10th:** Speech Day.

**CHAPEL NOTES**

This year our chapel has played an increasingly large part in the life of the school. To it we have been able to welcome many visitors and speakers, whose words have given us something of which to think, and have shown us all the blessings we enjoy here at this school.

The first service of the year was our early morning Communion on the first day we were back at school, February 8.

On the 16th February, our first four prefects were dedicated by Mr. Prescott in a service specially written for the occasion. The other four prefects were dedicated on April 12, when Lenten boxes were also collected.

Canon Bellingham from Hyderabad visited the School on the 16th April and spoke to us on "Reconciliation." Later he also spoke about the political situation in Hyderabad.

On 22nd April we had our Jubilee Service, celebrating our fiftieth anniversary. Mr. Begbie officiated, and brought back memories to many of the old girls who were here for Old Girls' Weekend, as he used to be School Chaplain. It was wonderful, too, to have so many parents with us on such an important occasion.

We enjoyed also several good films in Chapel: "The Prior Claim," "The Last Frontier" and "The House of Vision" were some of these.

The actual date of our fiftieth anniversary was Tuesday, 17th July, and at Chapel at night we sang the School Hymn and heard Miss Chisholm read that portion of the Sermon on the Mount which includes our School Motto.



It gave us great pleasure also to hear Miss Napper (a missionary teacher at the Girls' School at Beirut in Lebanon who also spoke to us in groups during her stay here), the Bush Brothers, and Dr. Juliet Backhouse from Tanganyika, who showed us slides, and on another morning gave us a talk on her work. She stayed with us for several days.

On Sunday, 23rd September, twenty-three of our girls were confirmed by Bishop Kerle at St. John's:

G. Elliott	N. Coghlan	L. Read
R. Fitzpatrick	H. Conen	J. Shirley
R. Hathaway	P. Haigh	A. Wolstenholme
P. Pearse	J. Jones	S. Wright
R. Smyth	L. Jones	H. Stoyles
E. Archer	M. Macdonald	E. Forsyth
S. Beaumont	E. MacLaurin	S. Wilson
G. Clarke	A. Marchant	

During the year Miss Graham has given us several helpful talks at Sunday Night Chapel. We wish to thank her for her help, and to thank Mrs. Went, who has done so much for the chapel choir and hymn-singing. To our School Chaplain we should like to offer our appreciation for the advice he has given and work he has done with us this year.

### WHEN I GROW UP

When I grow up I want to see  
 All the things across the sea;  
 I want to travel everywhere,  
 By land, by sea and through the air.  
 I'll go to England and see the Queen,  
 Although I've seen her on the screen;  
 I'll see her guards, a'standing there,  
 With their tall hats towering high in the air.  
 And then to France I'd like to go,  
 And Switzerland, the home of snow;  
 Then next I'll go to far Japan,  
 And everywhere else I possibly can.  
 But I must wait for many a year,  
 And likewise conquer all my fear.  
 My plans are really very far-reaching,  
 For, before I travel, I must do teaching!

CHRISTINE CAFFIN, Form II., Tait.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Sunday School teachers this year were Janet Oldfield, Sue Scarf, Margaret Cowley and Joan Sutton. At the beginning of the year Mrs. Reddin, who was very interested in the Sunday School, came to several of the lessons and acted as treasurer for us. Unfortunately, she left us at the end of Second Term, and we all missed her help and co-operation.

There were a few changes in the conduct of the services, the most prominent of these being, firstly that we opened and closed with the children in a circle, and secondly that different children each day said a prayer.

The Harvest Festival at St. John's Church in First Term saw our people along with their little baskets of fruits and vegetables, walking down the aisle behind the Church Sunday School. Our children went also to the Sunday School Picnic with the Moss Vale children, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In Third Term we took them to the "hundred-acre" and despite a few showers, we all had a wonderful time, and everyone came home with a prize. On behalf of the Sunday School I wish to thank Mrs. Small for the picnic food.

At the end of Third Term we had three new teachers who will be carrying on next year. These are Ann Roberts, Frances Hills and Rana Hathaway.

On Sunday, 9th December, Miss Graham presented prizes to the children, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking Jan Innes for her present of books to be used as prizes.

Those leaving the Sunday School pray for those who will be teaching next year, and for those who are remaining, that their work may be rewarded. We pray for God's continual guidance and blessing.

### THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

On Saturday, 11th July, Mr. E. C. B. MacLaurin, who is the lecturer in Semitic Studies at the Sydney University, gave us a very interesting talk on the Dead Sea Scrolls. It was illustrated by lantern slides, and we learnt how the scrolls came to be hidden in the caves by an Arab boy, and how in 1947, the bulk of the Scrolls were discovered, again by an Arab boy. They dealt with the book of Isaiah and we saw slides of how they were unrolled, and the delicate condition they were in. We also heard something of the life of the people in this area, and Mr. MacLaurin concluded the talk by showing us a slide of Isaiah's tomb.

## CRUSADER NOTES

The Crusaders have been very fortunate this year in having the untiring help of Mrs. Prescott at our meetings, and we offer her our deepest gratitude. Our leader this year was Margaret McNeill and we should like to thank her for her help throughout the terms.

Although our numbers have been smaller than last year's group, we have had some very interesting meetings and talks, to mention a few, Mrs. Prescott's talks and films on India, Miss Graham's talk on her tour, especially of the Middle East, and Margaret McGregor's talk on New Guinea.

A Prayer Meeting was started, which took place every Wednesday night.

Earlier in the year, Miss Hutchings kindly supervised a Crusader Hike which was a great success, and we wish to thank Miss Hutchings for her help.

Our thanks go to Helen Adams for being our efficient pianist during the year. She joins with the rest of the Crusaders who are leaving to wish God's blessing on the Crusader members and meetings in the years to come.

## SUEZ CRISIS

Towards the end of Third Term Mr. MacLaurin gave us a second talk on World Affairs—this time on the Middle East. Since the majority of us were surprisingly ignorant with regard to the crisis, the talk was invaluable. Mr. MacLaurin told us of the causes behind these current events—religious, racial and political—and thus gave us the background so necessary for understanding these happenings. We are very grateful to Mr. MacLaurin, and those of us who will be at school next year look forward to other visits and interesting talks from him.

## DEATH

The old man is dying,  
Who lives out west,  
The soft clouds are flying,  
In which he shall rest;  
In the trees and the frondage,  
Under ground so deep,  
Away from all bondage,  
The old man shall sleep.

JENNIFER KERR, UIV., Smith.

## MUSIC NOTES

Our First Term's musical activities took us to several other centres.

Our musical year began on 24th March, when we were fortunate to have a very talented pianist, Miss Fairburn, who played to us and spoke about famous musicians. The Bowral Eisteddfod was held on 20th April, and the senior choir sang the Choral Song from Prince Igor, gaining second place. Vicki Williams also won a second prize in the Junior Pianoforte Section and Helen Adams won a second prize in the Open Senior Singing Section. The Choral Song was rendered by the Choir at the Sydney Town Hall during the All Schools' Choral Festival, which took place on 28th April. Once more Mrs. Went's calming influence saw us through our stage-fright. At the end of First Term Mrs. Went held a Musicale in aid of the tape recorder fund, and after paying our sixpences we settled back to listen to several pianoforte and vocal solos, while Mrs. Went concluded the evening by playing many of the items we requested.

During Education Week, the Moss Vale Central School came to us and gave an exhibition of their normal class singing lessons. We were all impressed when they took their note from a tuning fork and sang their songs unaccompanied—and very well, too. 12th August we took part in the Choral Festival at St. John's Church, singing "Creation's Hymn" and then joining with the choirs of Tudor House and the Church to render the anthem "The Strife is O'er" with our girls singing the descant in one verse. The following day another Musicale was held—the money was mounting for our recorder.

In Third Term we were very privileged to have Miss Peers Coetmore visit us. Miss Coetmore is a very gifted 'celliste. Her playing was really wonderful, and the school feels still the wonder of her interpretations which will not be forgotten by those who heard her.

Upper Sixth Special Chapel Service was held on 6th December, when they sang "The Holy City"; the memory of this service will go with them, we are sure. A service on Sunday morning, 9th, was held in the Chapel with choir singing "Jerusalem" as an anthem. That evening there was a Carol Service.

We were very sorry to learn that Mrs. Went was leaving us at the end of the year, and the whole school is deeply grateful for all she has done for our singing. I should like to take this opportunity of wishing Mrs. Went every success in her new school and we hope that the welcome she receives, will bring back happy memories of us, and of the two years she has spent with us.

## DEBATING REPORT

The debates this year have been particularly interesting, and each term the results have been very close. This year the scheme of having an impromptu debate between the winning teams was abandoned, but there was still very strong competition in the other debates.

The adjudicator for First Term Debates was Mr. V. Taylor of Bowral, and Smith and Steel were declared the winning teams. The topic of the first debate was "It would be much better to have longer school hours and no prep," Tait being the Government, and Steel the Opposition. The second debate was between MacCallum, the Government, and Smith, the Opposition, the topic under discussion being that "Asian languages should be taught instead of European languages in Australian schools."

Second Term Debates were held halfway through the term, Smith and Steel being again victorious. In the first debate, Smith opposed MacCallum in the argument that "We learn more through our ears than our eyes." Steel won the next debate from MacCallum, the Government, opposing the argument that "A woman's place is in the home." Mr. H. Paine adjudicated.

Third Term Debates were adjudicated by Miss M. Howitt. MacCallum and Smith fought out the first debate, the topic being "Television will do more harm than good," Smith, the Opposition, won. Tait was the Government and Steel the Opposition for the debate "History repeats itself." Steel won.

Smith just managed to defeat Steel in the point score, and so won the Jennifer Snelling Trophy for the first time.

Our thanks go to the adjudicators for their excellent work, and to all those who have helped to make this year's debates so interesting.

## DRAMATIC NOTES

### Second Term:

Play Evening was on Saturday, 28th July, and the proceeds went toward the money we were collecting for the tape-recorder. Kindergarten gave a presentation of "Sleeping Beauty" and "Fairy Clocks" which provided great enjoyment especially for the younger ones of the school. Mrs. Robinson must be congratulated on the way the children were dressed, and on their splendid performance. "Moppity Mow," "Daffodils" and "Haircutting" were recited by Upper and Lower Second Form, and they also acted the much quoted "Owl and the Pussy-Cat." "Lions at the Den," which was

produced by Miss Cozens, the cast consisting of Third Form, was excellently performed, and did us great credit when shown at Tudor House during Education Week. The cast had been thoroughly drilled, and played with gusto.

### Third Term:

The Saturday before Speech Day brought with it a great deal of excitement, as the plays and dances were to be performed in our new Assembly Hall. Kindergarten came to the fore again, and presented "A Christmas Play" which was most appropriate for that time of the year.

Fifth Form's long-awaited performance of "Campbell of Kilmhor" proved to have been well worth waiting for, and the sincerity of the acting greatly impressed the audience. Miss Hall, with advice from Mr. Woolcock, produced the play; and Mr. Woolcock had given invaluable assistance to Lower Sixth, who at short notice presented "Birds of a Feather," a Welsh comedy which the audience found very amusing.

For years the girls have presented their plays in the dining-room, but now with the completion of the hall, more people will be able to see our plays, and, we hope, enjoy them as much as we enjoy acting them.

## GUIDE NOTES

This year we have been very glad to have Miss Cue as our Guide Captain again. The year has been reasonably active for us. Soon after Easter, the Second Class Guides went to S.C.E.G.G.S., Wollongong, for a week-end at the invitation of Miss McCredie. We left Moss Vale on Saturday morning, and after having an enjoyable week-end, arrived back at school late on Sunday night.

Up to Second Term we had four Patrols, the Lyrebird, Platypus, Kangaroo and Koala, but as several girls left us at the beginning of term, our Company was reduced to three Patrols, eliminating the Koala Patrol. The three Leaders were Lesley Klineberg, Sue Beaumont and Pam Perry. Koala Patrol Leader was Rosemary Evans. Second Term was uneventful, except that one night Miss Cue supplied a tea, which we enjoyed very much.

When Third Term came the three Patrol Leaders left, because of the approaching Intermediate; Rhonda Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Rhys-Jones, and Sue Wright were the newly-elected Leaders. During Third Term, we had a whole-day hike, on which many

girls passed various tests—tracking, firelighting, and so on. Every Saturday a number of Guides have gone into Moss Vale to help at the hospital. Unfortunately, our camp had to be cancelled this year, but we are hoping to have it early next term instead. Our Company has been enlarged a little, as six new recruits have recently joined. And on behalf of the Company I should like to thank Miss Cue for her help and guidance during the year.

### BROWNIE NOTES

S.C.E.G.G.S. Brownie Pack were started again on 11th April, 1956, and we have had a progressive and enjoyable year.

Our District Commissioner, Mrs. McKay, visited our Pack twice during the year to enrol 10 of our recruits and we now have 15 enrolled Brownies who are very keen.

During the year we had a wonderful picnic at Mr. and Mrs. Champion's, despite the windy weather. We celebrated Christmas with a Surprise Party which was a very happy occasion.

We feel that the Brownies have really achieved something this year but next year, with more effort, we hope our Pack will more than ever live up to their motto "Lend a Hand."

### THE TRIP TO CANBERRA

On Saturday morning, 10th November, all of Lower IVA and Lower IVB were up and rushing about at six o'clock, tidying drawers, making beds, washing hair and so on. Everyone was getting ready for the trip to Canberra. Five minutes before breakfast our sleeping bags, cases and other odds and ends were ready in front of the school. When the bus arrived we saw that it had been newly painted for the trip. After a great deal of fuss and bother we were all seated, and settled back for the journey. The sky became overcast when we were some miles on our way, and presently rain began, but it had stopped when we reached Goulburn. Sharpened appetites caused our next stop, which was for lunch. A meal of steak and rissoles, bread and butter and buns was greatly enjoyed.

Next stop, Canberra! We were all so excited that we could hardly wait to get there. At our sleeping quarters, the Y.W.C.A. gym., we found a kitchen, a bathroom, a large lounge which the mistresses used for sleeping quarters, and the gym. where we slept. Our luggage was deposited, and we began our sight-seeing.

Our tour took us to the wonderful War Memorial, and to Parliament House, both of which we inspected and admired. Tea

at the Cedar Coffee Lounge was a delightful treat. On Sunday we went to the beautiful old church of St. John: on our way we saw Lady Slim, who waved to us. When the service was over, the Bishop showed us round the church. Because the bus was not in running order we could not make our intended visit to the Cotter Dam, so we amused ourselves in the gym. until it was time to leave.

So greatly were we enjoying it all that we did not want to return to Moss Vale, and our wishes seemed to be fulfilled when a spark plug fell out. Our hopes were short-lived—Mr. Davis had another!

We are all very grateful to Mrs. Rowan, Miss Hunt, Miss Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Davis for taking us and giving us a wonderful time, and we should like to thank Mrs. Small for the lovely food she sent with us.

### "TWELFTH NIGHT"

In First Term, on Thursday, 26th April, Fifth Form, accompanied by Mrs. Houen and Miss Cozens visited Sydney to attend the Elizabethan Theatre production of "Twelfth Night," the Shakespearean comedy chosen for study in this year's Intermediate syllabus. Immediately after Chapel, we were conveyed by a small bus to Mittagong, where we changed into a larger one. For the remainder of the long drive we amused ourselves and the driver by singing the latest "hits" in loud, tuneless voices. We stopped at Victoria Park, which adjoins Sydney University, and spent an enjoyable hour eating our lunch in picnic style and looking for water with which to dilute our cordial.

Having boarded our bus again we soon arrived at our destination, a theatre found on a corner of a side street in Newtown, the Elizabethan. Several other schools were there also and they chatted with their friends while we waited for the curtain to go up. We found the play most enjoyable to watch, and admired particularly the splendid performances of Malvolio, Orsino and Viola. The rest of the schools seemed to enjoy the play as much as we did, for the applause was loud and long.

Before we left Sydney, two "old girls," Elizabeth Fraser and Rosemary Campbell dashed up to see us, but the driver was forced to move on long before we had said all we wanted to say to them. We arrived back at school—tired but happy, and ate the supper given us before falling into bed.

We should like to thank Mrs. Houen and Miss Cozens for making the day possible for us.

Twelfth Night. Act I. Scene 1. Orsino: "It must be the food of love, play on."



Stuart Peters, Roman II  
MacCallum

A SCENE FROM SHAKESPEARE

### "THE RIVALS"

June 2 saw the Sixth Forms leaving school early in the morning to travel to Sydney by bus, to see Sheridan's play "The Rivals" at the Elizabethan Theatre. The day was beautifully fresh and clear as we rolled along in the bus, and combined efforts at singing (?) made the time pass comfortably and quickly for us.

Those girls who could, went to lunch with their parents, while the "unlucky" ones had a picnic lunch in Hyde Park; then at 1.45 p.m. we all assembled outside the theatre, and were soon seated, awaiting the commencement of the play, which we all found very amusing and entertaining. Mrs. Malaprop afforded us much amusement, while Sir Anthony Absolute appealed to us enormously.

We had our tea on the bus during the return trip; and we should like to thank Mrs. Houen and Mrs. Sherman for taking us.

### THE STORM

O'er the windswept paddock,  
Underneath the sky,  
Little dancing raindrops falling  
From the clouds on high.  
O'er the windswept paddock,  
O'er the muddy plain,  
Rivulets are forming  
From the driving rain.  
O'er the windswept paddocks,  
Lightning in the air,  
Sears the dark horizon  
Lightning everywhere.  
Thunder roars and crackles,  
Through the endless night;  
Children huddle in their beds,  
Shivering with fright.  
When the storm is over,  
And the sky is blue,  
O'er the sunny paddocks,  
The grass is springing new.

M. CAMERON, LIV., MacCallum.



### SMITH HOUSE

*Heads:* Mrs. Reddin, Miss Webster.

*Captain:* Alison Clarke.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mrs. Reddin as our House Mistress and Alison Clarke as our House Captain. Joan Sutton, Janet Oldfield and Carolyn Edwards were elected Vice-Captains during the year.

Our sports has improved greatly this year. We gained third place on Sports Day to Tait and Steel. Congratulations! Some of our girls won first and second class awards, and we are proud of them, and we hope that this will be the beginning of Smith's steady improvement in the sporting life at school. During the winter term we lost the hockey and basketball to Steel, whom we congratulate. We were not so fortunate in the cricket season and came last, but our tennis showed better signs. Congratulations, Robyn Smyth, for winning the tennis doubles with Pat Constance, and for also reaching the finals in the golf championships.

Smith debating team is also to be congratulated for securing the Jennifer Snelling Cup for the first time. It is to be hoped that we will retain it in the future.

Instead of Miss Long, we are now supporting Dr. Juliet Eackhouse as our missionary. We are interested in her work, and are trying hard to raise the money required.

We thank Alison for her splendid leadership throughout the year and hope that next year that the House will continue on the advisable lines Alison has laid down, and in so doing will grow steadily upward.



SMITH HOUSE.



### STEEL HOUSE

*Head:* Miss Cozens.  
*Captain:* Sally Kierath.

The number of girls in the House at the beginning of the year was forty-nine, and we have been most fortunate in managing to keep that number throughout the year. Our House Mistress all through the year has been Miss Cozens, while we have also had Miss Hall, Mrs. Woolcock and Miss Hudson, who have given advice from time to time. Our House Captain was Sally Kierath, and the three Vice-Captains were Sue Kelly, who held office for First and Second Terms, and Jill Topham and Lyn Colechin, who shared Third Term.

Sports Day this year was a very exciting event, and Tait's better athletic ability won the day for them. Steel came second. The championships which had been previously awarded were abolished, and Athletic Awards were given in their place. Those who won awards were Sally Kierath, Sue Kelly, Lyn Colechin and Annette Wolstenholme.

The girls who have represented the House in the various teams throughout the year have been very good, in that they have endeavoured to go out and win every match, with the result that Steel have won the hockey, basketball and cricket, losing the tennis to Tait, who must be congratulated.

The debates this year were judged on a point score, so although we won all three of our debates, Smith walks off with the Jennifer Snelling Cup, since they had higher scores in their debates.

Missionary money has formed the main theme of the chant of the Vice-House Captains this year. The fifty pounds we have



STEEL HOUSE.

to raise has not been fully collected, and so the girls must be expected to work much harder for it next year, so that Dr. Backhouse, an old S.C.E.G.G.S. girl, may continue to be our own missionary.

The House would like to thank Sally for her help and leadership this year, and hope that when she has settled down in "The big, wide world," she will find time to come and see us, and, we hope, to see Steel steadily progressing along the road of honour along which she has done so much to help us.

### CLASS ALPHABET — THIRD FORM

- A is for Alison—with plaits long and fair,  
 B is for Booth who's been everywhere;  
 C is for Carolyn and Charlotte, both tall,  
 D is for Davis's, three in all.  
 E is for Ellison, she is new;  
 F is for Francis, she likes stew.  
 G is for Graham, fair and short,  
 H for the Helens—one doesn't like sport.  
 I is for "inkstain", our frequent mate,  
 J is for Jandra—seldom late;  
 K is for King, we have said her before,  
 L is for Lee—second name's Shaw.  
 M's for Maree and Mary as well,  
 N is for Nicky whose hair you can tell.  
 O is for ogres; of course, there are none.  
 P for Penny and Partos, plenty of fun.  
 Q is for questions we ask by the score.  
 R is for Robins, three once more.  
 S is for Sally, roller-skates mad,  
 T is for Thorpe, who never is sad.  
 U is for Us, a very big class,  
 V is for Vicky, she always will pass.  
 W is for Wendy, already named,  
 X is for Xmas, school is so tame.  
 Y is for You—we hope you're not bored,  
 Z for the name of the very last word.



### TAIT HOUSE

*Head:* Mrs. Rowan.

*Captains:* Louise Brooks, Stephanie Slocombe.

This year we were very glad to welcome Mrs. Rowan as our House Mistress and Louise Brooks as our Captain. Although we lost Louise at the beginning of the term, Stephanie Slocombe, who took her place, proved to be an equally able and enthusiastic leader. We had two Vice-Captains, Tina Throsby for First Term, and Lynette Woodhill for Second and Third Term. Ann Farago and Miriam Wangmann were on the House Committee.

Work and conduct have been of a very high standard this year, and we thank everyone for pulling their weight and making it so.

We are pleased to say we were supreme on Sports Day, and to be able to congratulate Leslie Allan, Vanda Gilkes and Margaret Griffith for winning first class Athletic Awards, and Ann Farago who won a Second Class Award. Lynette Woodhill obtained Half-House Colours. Congratulations, Lyn.

As always Tait girls have tried their hardest in tennis, cricket and hockey. Most matches, however, were lost to Steel and Smith: congratulations to both Houses.

Our debating this year has not been all that we could hope for. We came third to Steel and Smith.

We thank Stephanie for her leadership this year, and wish her every success in her future. We also appreciate Mrs. Rowan's interest and guidance, and to those who are leaving we wish the best of luck. To those who are remaining we hope that they will uphold Tait's place in the school! as have the girls of the past.



**Lower VI:**

Our numbers started at twenty-one,  
 It seemed we'd only just begun  
 'Cos now it stands at ten plus three,  
 Does our class—the old "Six B."  
 As our work was sadly lacking,  
 The mistresses their brains were racking,  
 To give us a teacher full of will—  
 Mrs. Sherman filled the bill.  
 In our sport throughout the year  
 We have tried to persevere,  
 With volley-ball, tennis and the rest,  
 In hockey coming second best.  
 To use our zest in the very best way  
 We decided to produce a play,  
 "Worldly Goods" was our first choice  
 But "Birds of a Feather" had its voice.  
 Appendix cases head our list  
 Of illnesses we can't resist.  
 We also had some chicken pox  
 Not to speak of hockey knocks.  
 So we conclude this little "pome"  
 With happy thoughts of going home,  
 We've done our best the whole year through,  
 Aiming at standards high and true.

**Fifth Form:**

We are twenty-five athletic girls who tried very hard on Sports Day in the Form relay, as a result of these efforts coming fifth. Sherry, Pat, Tyndall, Frankie and Rana were our representatives in the All Schools' Swimming, while Sherry, Frankie and Barb did the honours in the Athletic Sports.

On 21st April, we went, accompanied by Mrs. Houen and Miss Cozens to see "Twelfth Night" at the Elizabethan Theatre. As this was the play set in the Intermediate syllabus we all watched it eagerly.

Second Term's conditions were reminiscent of the Polar regions with bears clad in their coats lumbering in and out of the class room. Cold weather must weaken the will to work and freeze the brain, as was shown by the results of the exams.

Unfortunately, owing to the illness of one of our actresses the play that had taken up so much of our time and Miss Hall's

had to be postponed, but will be put on in the new hall at the end of the term. Another disappointment for us in Second Term was the loss of two of our number, namely, Elizabeth Beaumont and Sheridan Stumm, but we had the pleasure of wishing them well with a splendid farewell party.

Third Term found many heads industriously stuck in books preparing for the Inter., a horror stretch lasting five ghastly days, and for once it was "the calm after the storm."

Now it was time to get to work on "Campbell of Kilmhor," to be played in the new Assembly Hall. We are glad to report that it was most successful, thanks to the help of Miss Hall and Mr. Woolcock.

Some of us must sadly say "Farewell" to S.C.E.G.G.S., Moss Vale, as 1956 draws to its end, but most of us look forward to returning as Lower VI.

**Upper Fourth:**

In First Term we welcomed our Form Mistress, Mrs. Woolcock and five new girls. A trip to Bowral to see "Madame Butterfly" was very enjoyable. Later in the term, Miss Cue, who at that time took us for history, led us for a hike along Bong Bong River. We had plenty of fun picking blackberries, and making our way through the swamps, arriving back at school just as the threatening storm broke.

On Sports Day we were well represented in the Form Relay. Members of our class excelled in their individual races—Jane Borton, Robin Nevill, Annette Wolstenholme and Sue Beaumont.

In Second Term, Confirmation Classes began. Sixteen girls from our class were confirmed on September 23 by Bishop Kerle. As a Form we were represented at the All Schools' Athletic Sports by Annette Wolstenholme and Sue Beaumont.

In Third Term UIV was represented for the first time in the Inter-House Debates by Elizabeth Archer.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Woolcock for her interest and help during the year; we shall be sorry to lose her, and should like to wish her and Mr. Woolcock the best of luck in the future.

**Lower Four B:**

At the beginning of the year our class numbered nineteen, but now the ranks stand at fifteen, as two of our members left us for the "A" Class, and two for the Third Form.

We were lucky when Mrs. Rowan took us to Canberra for a week-end. We had a very enjoyable time and should like to take this opportunity to thank her very much.

On the day the Olympic Games were opened, Miss Graham allowed us to listen to the broadcast description on her radio. Thank you, Miss Graham.

The class won a drawing presented by Mrs. Moloney for having the second-tidiest classroom in the school.

At the end of the year we are losing two of our members, Vanda and Dale, and we shall be very sorry to see them go. We should like to wish them every success in their life at their new schools.

To our Form Mistress of First and Second Term we should like to say, thank you Mrs. Reddin; and to Mrs. Prescott, who took us in Third Term, we should like to say how much we appreciated her unflinching help and advice.

### Third Form:

Third Form has had a fairly successful year and we are very proud of the ribbon which we were awarded for winning the Form Relay on Sports Day. We are also very pleased at winning the special picture, which is presented for tidiness of class rooms and grounds.

In Second Term we presented a play, "Lions at the Den." This was an extract taken from the "Pickwick Papers" and we all thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in period costume and listening to Andrea singing "Begone Dull Care."

This term we are presenting two folk dances as our contribution to Play Night.

We are very sorry that when we go up we shall lose our Form Mistress, Miss Cozens, who has been very good to us this year.

## FORM PICNICS

### Upper Sixth:

The privileged Leaving Class!—ah! what a relief not to find ourselves going off in a bus, for a picnic to some point of interest in the neighbourhood. Instead the "pampered" Upper Sixth had the choice of lazing around the school all day or going for a bike ride anywhere in the district within a ten-mile radius.

The "old ladies" naturally preferred to stay at home, lounge around, and suffer heart attacks listening to an Olympic re-broadcast, and meditating on the success of Jon Hendricks. These athletic few enjoyed THEIR lunch in the prefects' room.

The "young and sprightly" grabbed bikes, and food, and pushed off to Gunrock Creek, arriving there about noon. It seems they all enjoyed the outing, though one or two suffered losses in one way and another.

Tired, happy and with some regret, UVI completed their last Form Picnic.

### Lower Sixth:

At the last minute we all decided to go to Fitzroy Falls for our Form Picnic. Miss Gorey and Mrs. Prescott very kindly offered to drive us there, so we all set off in great spirits accompanied also by Mrs. Sherman. When we arrived there, Mrs. Prescott suggested a walk to the Lookout overlooking Kangaroo Valley, where, after walking about six miles, we finally arrived. It was a beautiful sight, well worth the walk. After a rest, we started back, picking wild flowers to pass the time.

When we got back we sat down to lunch, a delicious one thanks to Mrs. Small. Next we went for a walk along the top of the Falls, visiting lookouts on the way. Then we returned, finished off the food, and had ice creams bought by Mrs. Sherman. A bus took us back to Moss Vale, and a taxi brought us to the school. Needless to say, nobody ate any tea!

### Fifth and Upper Fourth:

December 6 was the day set for our Form Picnics. We started off in the bus to Warragamba Dam at half past nine, all very excited. Reaching the township of Warragamba at ten to twelve, we went to the picnic grounds where we had a most enjoyable lunch. Then the bus took us to the Community Hall where we were given a very interesting lecture on the scheme. Again we got into the bus, and went to see the huge rock-cores—each of which was catalogued—which had been drawn from the dam site.

Into the bus once more, until we got to the sand and gravel dumps brought there from Emu Plains, twelve and a half miles away, by huge flying-foxes. Next we were shown the cement works and the means by which the cement is transported to the required positions on the dam wall. From there we walked down to the lookout above the works of the dam; later we walked over the two-hundred-yard suspension bridge to get a better view of the scheme.

That ended our tour of the dam, which was most educational as well as enjoyable, and we arrived back at school tired but very happy, looking forward to another such experience.

### Lower Fourth:

The Form Picnics were here at last, and to our delight the day dawned bright and sunny. At ten o'clock we set off for the weir, walking down the lake paddock, across the main road and along the track to the weir. Once we were there we scrambled up on to the weir itself and played for an hour or so. After that the time was spent along the banks of the dam as we walked in the clay and mud, as you can imagine, with some degree of skylarking.

By noon we were all very hungry and so we sat down to lunch. Miss Graham joined us and we had sandwiches, cakes, sausage rolls and lemonade. Mrs. Rowan read to us from the book "The Heralds of the King," after which some were content to sleep and sunbake, while others went for a walk.

To finish off the picnic we had afternoon tea and then walked back to school, tired but very happy.

### Third and Second:

We were very lucky this year, for we went by bus to see the Nepean Dam and the Rotolactor. We left school at a quarter past ten and drove to the Dam by bus. The bus stopped at the edge of the slope and we had to get out and walk down many gleaming concrete steps. There was no-one to show us over the dam, so we wandered where we wanted to and spent a long time looking down the huge wall with its slope and spout of water gushing out at the bottom. We stopped here for nearly two hours and ate our lunch in this beautiful setting.

After this we boarded the bus and off we went to the Rotolactor where we saw the milking being done. The process quite amazed us. Naturally, with all that milk we could not leave before having some of the famous milkshakes!

At twenty past six, forty-one tired girls arrived back at school. We should like to thank Miss Cozens, Miss Hudson, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Small for taking us.

### Kindergarten and Second:

The day started very excitingly when we grabbed our House-hats and went down to the Sports Field with Miss Pearce and Mrs. Robinson. We started off our picnic by playing games, which were great fun. There were many races, and then we played games such as "Streets and Lanes." The lunch we were given was very nice and very large and after we had finished

we had to be quiet, so we went up to the farm. Here we enjoyed watching the pigs, who were very dirty and smelly, but they were funny and we liked them.

Miss Graham came down to the Sports Field and watched us playing games. Then we had some afternoon tea, and came up to school, very tired and very dirty.

## AN ENDLESS NIGHT

The clock struck 11! We crept silently from our beds and began to pack the few necessities for our trip to the port. It was a still night, and there was no moon because of the fog. Soon our rambling old home was swallowed up in the swirling mist.

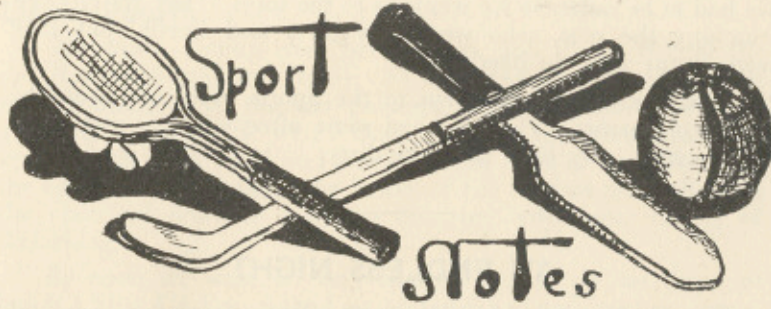
We were following the road, when suddenly Ricky stopped short. "What is it?" I inquired impatiently, but my answer came soon enough, for, as she pushed me back, a hefty man, clad in a huge overcoat, passed close by on my left. I shall never forget how relieved I was when we left the road to make our way across the moors.

Though we stumbled at times and fell, we kept close together for fear of becoming lost. We dared not turn back to our home, now full of soldiers, where we had once spent such memorable times, so we kept on across the endless moorlands.

We had no immediate plans as to what we should do upon reaching the port, though we had hoped to soon board a ship for our destination. However, at that time, we were unaware that we might never reach our goal, because as we stole silently on, neither of us realised that very close behind a furtive figure crept on very cautiously. As we neared the road, on which we were to walk to the port, I fancied I heard someone slip on the damp ground. Someone grabbed Ricky's foot, and as she swung around I heard a terrific yell when our foe fell helplessly into an old quarry. I trembled at the thought of our having come so near to death.

As the night passed on the mist thinned and with early morning we approached the city of Brochile, from which we were to board our ship. We sat on the roadside to eat, and talk of the dreadful experiences of the past night. Much debate resulted in our deciding to take the next ship to an island where Ricky had some close friends.

KAY WANGMAN, Upper Fourth, Tait.



### ATHLETICS

This year the "All Schools" began at 4.30 a.m. for us, for on Friday morning, August 10, we (the competitors) caught the six o'clock train to Sydney, while 5th and 6th Forms came down on a bus at a more respectable hour. We arrived at the Sports Ground at about 9.30 a.m. and so had plenty of time to recuperate, for the sports did not begin till 10.30 a.m. Although we did not emerge covered with glory we all managed to enjoy ourselves and should like to congratulate M.L.C., Burwood, on their splendid victory, and Vicki Williams and Vanda Gilkes for obtaining places in the heats, and Sheridan Stumm for her wonderful effort in the relay.

We attended the Berrima Sports on the 21st September and although it was rather an unpleasant day, being cold and windy, on the whole we all enjoyed ourselves, and should like to congratulate all those who obtained places. Sports day was on Saturday, the 21st April. The day, although colder in the afternoon, proved to be most successful. This year we had standard tests so giving everyone more chance of helping her House. Many of the heats were contested before Sports Day, which made the actual day more interesting. We congratulate Tait on their splendid victory.

We should like to thank Miss Gorey, firstly, for all the time she gave to the training in both the All Schools and the Berrima Sports, and for the encouragement she gave us and for the organisation of Sports Day.



THE SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM.

Standing: S. Kelly, S. Beaumont, J. Oldfield, A. Purves, S. Slocombe, V. Williams, A. Wolstenholme, S. Kierath, V. Gilkes. Seated: A. Farago, L. Colechin, B. Ingrey, S. Brown.

## HOCKEY

The hockey this year has been raised to a much higher standard by the constant help and guidance of Miss Gorey. A new system of Stroke Standard Tests was introduced this year and a great improvement has been shown in play by each girl.

School matches played were:—

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Moss Vale Central — won, 5-0.

S.C.E.G.G.S. v. Annesley — won, 3-1.

Unfortunately, because of chicken-pox and bad weather, matches which were to be played against Head School, P.L.C., Annesley and Frensham had to be cancelled.

A keen interest was taken in House-Matches, with Steel winning the Hockey Cup, and the Inter-Form Matches resulted in a win to Upper VI. We are very grateful to Miss Gorey and hope that the years to come will serve to maintain the high standard of hockey which she has set.

## BASKETBALL

There was much enthusiasm shown by all players in the basketball season this year. Unfortunately, the number of matches was limited because of the continuous bad weather.

The results of the Inter-School Junior Matches were:—

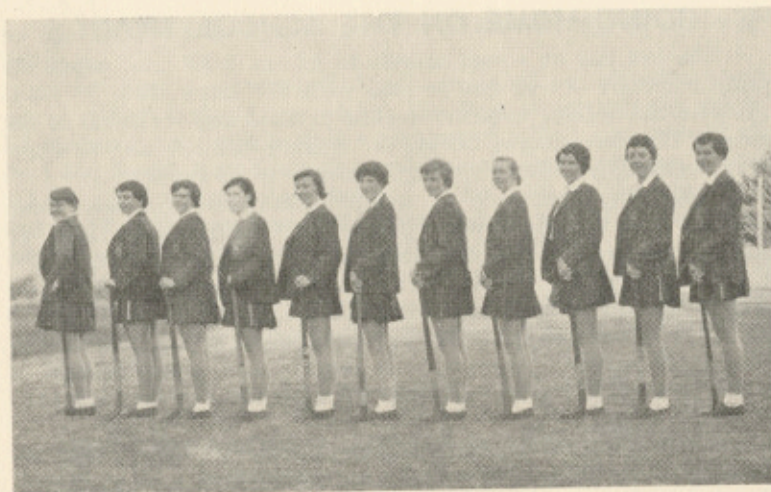
S.C.E.G.G.S. defeated Annesley (24-14).

S.C.E.G.G.S. defeated Moss Vale Central (37-8).

Bowral High defeated S.C.E.G.G.S. (23-19).

Inter-House basketball was very keenly contested, the results being the same in both Junior and Senior. First was Steel, followed by Smith, Tait and MacCallum.

Sickness and bad weather were our main difficulties, but in spite of this we all gained much enjoyment from our games. We all should like to express our gratitude to Miss Cozens for her coaching and umpiring, which helped us immensely and we all hope that next year basketball will prove as popular a sport as it did this year.



THE SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM.

P. Perry, C. Edwards, M. McGregor, J. Crossing, P. Constance, A. Farago,  
L. Woodhill, S. Kelly, S. Kierath, J. Sutton, J. Kierath.



THE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM.

Standing: L. Read, F. Hills, A. Wolstenholme, B. Ingrey, J. Borton.  
Seated: P. Gillespie, R. Barton.

### GOING HOME ON THE SCHOOL TRAIN

The last day of school usually begins at 5.30 a.m. when we jump excitedly out of bed to deal with the last-minute preparations for the holiday which is so close at hand and yet seems so far away. The three hours before the Sydney train is due to leave drag intolerably although there is plenty to be done.

At last, breakfast over, we scramble amid hockey sticks, tennis racquets and bulging suitcases, into the waiting bus. Then we are off, waving and shouting to those catching a later train.

The Sydney train is one of the oldest and slowest on the run, and so is usually late; we wait impatiently, almost falling onto the lines as we endeavour to catch a glimpse of the smoke that heralds its arrival. When it pulls slowly into the station there is a wild stampede for the doors, as we argue as to who shall have which "dog-box".

When everyone is settled, magazines, books, knitting, etc., are taken from the cases, and we prepare for the boring hours ahead. People travelling in this train for the first time find the scenery very beautiful, but to the S.C.E.G.G.S. girls who have seen it so many times, it means nothing but the familiar road that leads to home.

At Bowral the Annesley girls board the train and at Mittagong the brown uniforms of Frensham appear. Heads crowd out the windows as we try to catch the eyes of our various friends. Then on we go, stopping at the small country stations along the way. The next disturbance comes at Picton, when we change seats with the girls beside the windows. About half-an-hour later the first signs of the city become evident, and soon after that the slums of outer Sydney appear.

At last we arrive at Central, where our parents are waiting to take us home to a delicious dinner of chicken. The holidays have really begun!

GAI WILLIS, Form V., Smith.

### IS TELEVISION GOING TO RUIN US?

Certainly not! Just think what a wonderful accomplishment it is and how times have changed since the twenties and the early films, with all their imperfections, to the days when you may sit in comfort and watch happenings miles away — people and pictures serenely sailing by, and not bobbing like corks as before.

It is the opinion of many parents that if they have television sets in their homes their children will not do their homework, and will spend most of their time inside watching it. If people feel like this, they apparently have very little control over their children, and perhaps a good system for these parents to try would be

to ban all use of the set until the homework was well and truly finished.

Television is a wonderful way of teaching children about world affairs; one does not realise the great disaster of the floods, for instance, until one is shown pictures of a little dinghy bobbing over the murky waters which flow through flooded streets, where houses are dwarfed by the water; or the huge sides of the steel factory, and the involved mechanism it houses. All these things are brought home to you by actually seeing them.

Television in the home and in schools, later on, will be a wonderful educational influence; and as for entertainment, the old saying "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is not to be forgotten.

ROSEMARY EVANS, Form V., Steel.

### ECHOES HEARD AROUND THE SCHOOL

"Sometimes I think the prefects RUN this school!"

"There are some of you who will not pass—you, you, you, you and YOU!"

"LOWER FOUR B!"

"I want the faaacts and if you do it, it will be a cert!"

"True, true . . ."

"Get out of my laundry!"

"Floatin' on the wo-ter."

"Let's put it this way . . ."

"Girls, will you be QUIET!"

"Lowah Howahd!"

— Anonymous.

### END OF THE ROAD

The "leaving girls" were low with care,  
Fingers tearing at their hair;  
Eyes half-glazed from studies long,  
Still they managed one last song.  
"Forgive us, if we bark at you,  
It's just that we're in such a stew;  
Say you're talking when you're not,  
Giving lectures full of rot.  
We're just in a worried state,  
It's really just the hand of fate,  
As off we go to air our knowledge,  
From this Church of England College."

MIRIAM WANGMANN, Tait, Lower Sixth.  
RHONDDA HELLYER, Steel, Lower Sixth.

### DONORS OF CHAIRS FOR THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Mrs. M. Wilson	Gai Willis
Christina Houen	Robyn Smyth
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Lower IVA, 1956 (2)	Suzanne Robertson
Form III, 1956	Genneice Gorey
Lower IVB, 1956	Miss G. D. Gorey
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Lower IVB, 1956	Wendy Beirman
Miss D. B. Hunt	Louise Beirman
Nrs. N. Robinson	Meredith Cameron
The Staff, 1956 (2)	Lynette Woodhill.

### PREFECTS!!

Our school has eight prefects (I think that's the number)  
 And at nights after lights out you get no slumber,  
 For out from the dark comes a cold cutting voice  
 "Get out on the landing" . . . and you have no choice!  
 You can't whisper a word, or else "Will you be quiet!"  
 And you nearly fall out of your bed in a fright.  
 You can't turn a corner but there's one there.  
 And as you pass by you get such a stare;  
 You can't do a thing without "You, get the BOOK!"  
 And when you come back you receive such a look.  
 For one little order mark you get a detention,  
 And often pay sixpence, which lowers your pension.  
 See what I mean when I criticise "Pre's"  
 When they scold it does make to wobble your knees.  
 But please don't think I only criticise them,  
 That's simply the topic that suited my pen.

SUSAN WRIGHT, UIV, Tait.

### APT QUOTATIONS FROM THE GOLDEN TREASURY

"By fairy hands their knell is rung."—W. Collins.  
*Bell for the beginning of school.*

.....  
 "So shall I join the choir invisible,  
 Whose music is in the gladness of the world."  
 G. Elliot.

*On joining the school choir.*

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 "Owning her weakness,  
 Her evil behaviour."  
 T. Hood.

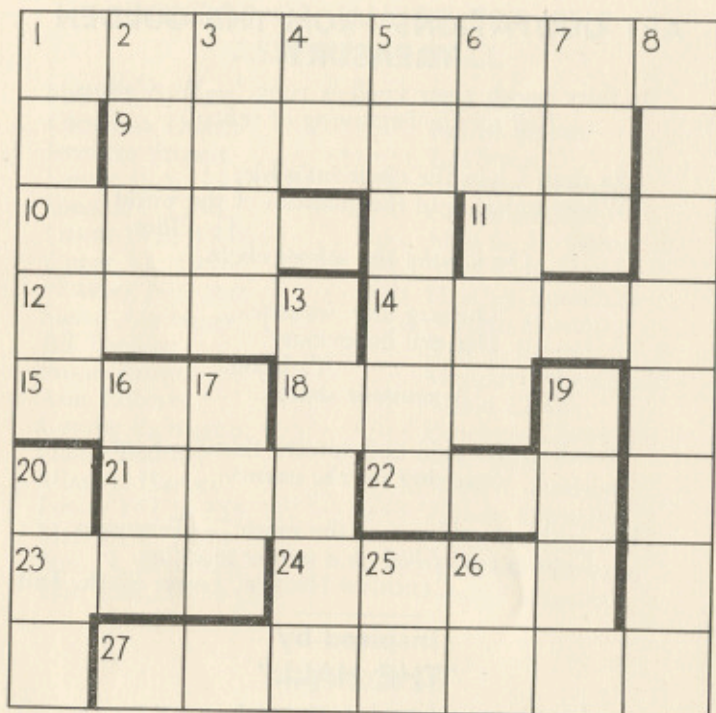
*A penitent sinner.*

.....  
 "Youth grows pale and spectre thin."—Keats.  
*Studying for the exams.*

.....  
 "The faithless coldness of the morn."—Tennyson.  
*Getting out of bed on a winter morning.*  
 CAROLYN HICKIE, Lower Sixth, Tait.

### Inspired by "THE HALL"

- I. As our school is very great,  
 And has bigger grown of late,  
 For our plays and films and all,  
 We had to build a nice new hall.  
 Fair and stately there it stands,  
 Built by many workers' hands,  
 Trimmed in blue beneath the eaves,  
 Framed against the autumn leaves.  
 Withstanding all the evil lure,  
 It upholds traditions pure,  
 It shall stand till time's great page  
 Is wiped out by crumbling age.
- II. The milestone in our history,  
 Is the overwhelming mystery,  
 Of how we got the money for our Hall.  
 The manifold elation  
 Of our present population  
 Is because we've got the money for our Hall!  
 Lower VI.



### LATIN CROSSWORD

G. ROSEBY (MacCallum).

#### DOWN.

1. You prefer (sing.).
2. Mox.
3. Aurum.
4. Demonstrative Pronoun.
5. Immediately.
6. Exercere.
7. For them.
8. I leave.
13. Also.
16. "Nix" in a frozen form.
17. Why.
19. Nebula.
20. Another word for 15 across.
25. By force.
26. In order that.

#### ACROSS.

1. Master.
9. Our men.
10. I am willing.
11. A Roman coin.
12. Thence.
14. You (dat.).
15. Thus.
18. Plumbum album.
21. To whom?
22. Me (gen.).
23. Thrice.
24. Grandfather.
27. I send away.

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### OLD GIRLS' NEWS

Our President, Margaret Duckworth, is Sportsmistress at "Wenona".

Carolyn James is teaching Biology at "Annesley", Bowral.

Wendy Kelly is teaching at "Marsden", Bathurst.

Wendy Holland is at the Richmond Primary School, and later, hopes to work her passage to England.

#### Occupational Therapy:

Sue Moore has just finished two years. Lesley Jones graduated in October, and is now in England working as an Occupational Therapist.

#### University

#### Physiotherapy:

1st Year: Rosemary Campbell, Elizabeth Johnson.

#### Arts:

I.: Elizabeth Frazer, Carolyn Kershaw, Helen Coleman, Robyn Schaaf, Jennifer Hutchison.

II.: Jill Slade, Elizabeth Moore.

#### Nursing:

Royal North Shore: I. Rosemary Searle, Toni Fowler. II: Janet McKee. IV.: Robyn Wittey, Valerie Gaden.

Sydney Hospital: Dale Lewis has completed her training.

II.: Jan Innes.

St. Luke's: II. Robyn Wearne, Jan Newman.

Manly Hospital: Roslyn Tomkins.

Teachers' College: Sydney, Diane Close; Wagga, Pam Mottram.

#### Kindergarten:

Morna Davey graduated in November, and will go to Darwin to teach in January.

#### Business College:

Carlyn Hanslow and Judith Honor have completed the course.

Louise Brooks, Sue Wittey, Jan Kirkwood.

Lyndell Jones is working in a Bank.

Janice and Gillian Stapledon have returned from three years in England.

Pat Roots is a Bookkeeper.

Barbara Deasey is a Stenographer.

Wendy Powers has been working for the "Sydney Morning Herald" in London, and will be home for Christmas.

Viva Hull is in Advertising.

Jenny MacKenzie has returned from a trip abroad, where she was presented to the Queen, at the Royal Garden Party, at Buckingham Palace.

Wendy Williamson is a Governess.

Judy Cameron is breeding Cocker Spaniels.



Pam McKay, Beverley West, and Sue Heron are Secretaries.  
 Gretel Moore is a Sales Assistant.  
 Marya Crawford has returned from a trip abroad.  
 Di Marie is overseas.  
 Joy Hann leaves for England in January.  
 Nina Simms is living in Hamburg, Germany.  
 Pat Thorburn has returned from a trip to America.  
 Joy Elliot (MacKenzie) had a daughter in February.  
 Cynthia Wilson is living in Adelaide.  
 Pat Reynolds and Rosaree Lockett have returned from overseas.  
 Pat Lumby (Smith) has a daughter.  
 Judy Ison is to be married in January.  
 Jill Cook is married and has a son—Graham.

#### Engagements:

Rae Abernethy to Bob McKenzie.  
 Barbara Maguire to Ian North.  
 Robena Aiken to Barry Jones.  
 Janice Cornell to George Gooden.

#### Marriages:

Beryl Francis to George Early.  
 Jill Laycock to Bill Cribb.

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