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J. C. Morris, Dip. Phy. Ed.

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N. A. Little, M.A., Dip. Ed.

School Captain:

N. Hayes.

School Vice-Captain:

R. Reddie.

EDITORIAL

The school magazine is the voice of the student body. The task of reporting on the sporting activities, academic achievements, the many organisations within the school and selecting literary articles has been entrusted to a fourth year committee.

There have been some difficulties, but we feel that we have succeeded in editing an interesting magazine. It is one which may recall "those good old days" at school when it is read in the future and we hope that you will find much enjoyment in reading it.

The name "Cook's Log" was taken from an earlier stencilled magazine, printed within the school. A log is a daily record of events and thus it was thought appropriate that our new magazine bear the name of its predecessor.

The committee has received and is grateful for the willing cooperation from the school, but we must regret that every article could not be included. We would also like to thank the members of the staff for their co-operation.

We are happy to present to you the first published magazine of the James Cook High School.

The Editorial Committee:

R. CRAWFORD, P. HULME, J. ROBSON, R. LONGBOTTOM, R. WARREN.



MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

R. Crawford, J. Robson, Mr. N. Little, R. Warren, R. Longbottom, P. Hulme.

Foreword ...

This has been a year of considerable achievement in the history of our School. Materially, the School has been fortunate in its acquisitions: the splendid efforts of many parents, staff members and representatives of the student-body in functions have enabled us to purchase for all Departments much equipment, which has been used to advantage in school work; and there is every reason to expect that more will be available before the close of the year; the School Memorial Reference Library is rapidly building into a comprehensive collection of the many avenues of human knowledge; the recently laid playing fields will soon be available for competitive matches; the cricket practice wickets are now ready, and the tennis courts are confidently expected to be completed early in the new year; the intensive tree-planting, now going forward, should in a short time, make the school area one of the most attractive in the State.

Such are some—by no means all—of the ways in which good friends and supporters of the School are trying to give you a happy and profitable school life. It is our earnest hope that you gain the maximum benefit from them. Be assured that if you use your talents to the fullest, if you strive earnestly in your school studies and endeavour to do your best in the sporting and cultural activities of the School, you will be richly rewarded, and will look back on your years at James Cook as some of the happiest of your life.

—THE HEADMASTER.

OUR NEW DEPUTY-HEADMASTER

The appointment of Mr. R. B. Baker to the staff as Deputy Headmaster in place of Mr. Hamnett brought to our midst one of the most experienced members of the teaching profession.

His first teaching appointment was to the old Cleveland Street Intermediate High, followed by some years at Casino and Parramatta Junior High. These were the preliminary years, at the end of which Mr. Baker was appointed to Tamworth High as a senior member of the staff.

Here he joined our present Headmaster, Mr. Foster, who held the position of English Master, and they worked together for a number of years. Mr. Baker also filled the position of Sportsmaster for several of the eight years he spent at Tamworth.

There followed short periods at Sydney Boys', Manly and North Sydney Technical High Schools until 1955, when Mr. Baker became Mathematics Master at Homebush Boys' High, a post he filled with distinction until 1960. The greater part of 1960 he spent on a trip abroad.

His appointment to James Cook came soon after his return from this tour. In his short time here, Mr. Baker has shown himself to be a real live wire, and his influences are being felt in many ways. We note with pleasure his particular interest in the surroundings of the school.

We welcome Mr. Baker and wish him a happy and fruitful stay with us.

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

As this year, 1961, draws to a close I cannot help feeling sad at the thought that my greatest school year is ending. The honour James Cook High School bestowed upon me last January will never be effaced from my memory.

Vice-Captain Ray Reddie and my fellow prefects have been a tower of strength to me and most co-operative in carrying out their various duties. I owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Foster and staff for the guidance and help they have given me in academic work and at official functions.

Already this young high school has made its mark on the sporting field. I would like to congratulate our victorious sporting teams and add that my only regret in my year as captain is that due to my tour of South Africa I was unable to do my part in bringing honour to the school at the Combined High Schools' swimming carnival.

Education is more than just classrom instruction. Apart from school studies the year has been a busy one for the pupils. A visit to Brisbane by three of our football teams, the annual inter-school visit to Berkley, and the dances organised by our student social committee have added interest and variety to our education.

On behalf of the fifth years i would like to thank the school for the complete education it has given us before going out into an uncertain world, and we hope that we have done a part in adding to the developing tradition of James Cook High.—NEV. HAYES.



Neville Hayes — School Captain

Raymond Reddie — Vice-Captain

STAFF NOTES

The year 1961 brought a great many changes to the staff, almost a quarter of whom moved on to new appointments.

Mr. J. Hamnett was promoted to the position of Headmaster at Mosman High, and his position as Deputy Headmaster was taken over by Mr. R. Baker, who came from Homebush High.

From the English staff Mr. O. Hunt transferred to Blakehurst High as Master of the English-History Department, and was replaced by Mr. N. Pound from Wollongong High. An additional teacher being required in this department, Mr. G. O'Brien was appointed from Sydney Teachers' College.

Only one change occurred in the Department of Mathematics. Mr. D. Davis went to Caringbah High and his duties were taken over by Mr. J. Casev from Newtown Junior Technical School.

The Department of Science lost Mr. L. Shannon, who was promoted to Cronulla High as Science Master, and Mr. T. Papworth, who joined the Commonwealth Education Department to take up a teaching position in New Guinea. Their positions were taken by Mr. J. Hegarty from Caringbah High, and Mr. J. Turner, who was appointed from Sydney Teachers' College.

For the first time the position of Language Master was established at James Cook, and Mr. C. Bowser came from North Sydney Boys' High to take this appointment. Other changes in the Languages Department involved Miss P. Evans, who transferred to Moorefield Girls' High, and Miss M. Foster, who transferred to Bass Hill High. Miss Foster's duties were taken over by Mrs. L. Henry, from Moorefield Girls' High.

The Department of Manual Arts suffered three losses. Mr. A. Johnson went to Liverpool High and Mr. R. Rawlins to Arthur Phillip High. Both of these teachers were promoted to the position of Subject Master. Mr. I. Willcox also left the school, taking an extended leave for reasons of ill-health. As there was an alteration in the allocation of classes taking Manual Art subjects only Mr. J. Skelsey from Broken Hill High and Mr. J. Watts (who spends one day a week at James Cook) from Inverell High, arrived to replace these three teachers.

On the clerical staff Mrs. L. Bailey was joined by Mrs. V. Pearse, who replaced Mrs. Ireland.

VISITING CLERGY

The scripture lessons each Friday have been taken by a large group of ministers and assistants. The school is very grateful to them for their attendance and the valuable contribution they have made in the Christian education of the boys.

As part of Education Week, services were held in the various churches themselves and religion was thus presented in the true atmosphere of the Church. A special thanks is extended to Rev. Miller and Rev. Mills, who deputised for Rev. Richards and Rev. Evans for some months this year.

The visiting clergy whom we thank are:—

Church of England: Rev. Buckman, Rev. Cterctcko, Rev. Evans, Deaconess Hodges, Rev. Miller, Rev. Mills, Rev. Mitchell, Rev. Richards, Mrs. Werry.

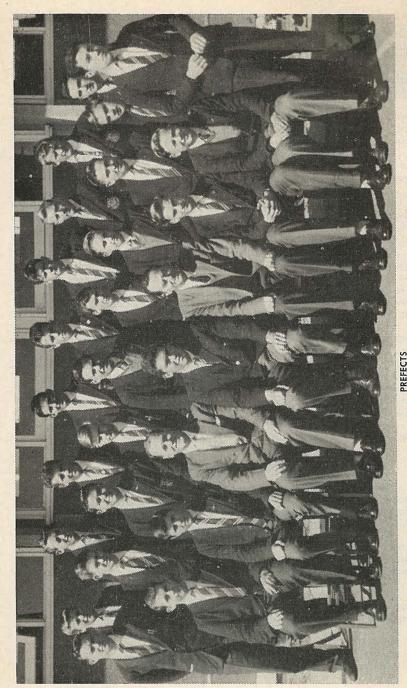
Roman Catholic: Fathers Dooley, Higgins and Newman.

Methodist: Rev. Bird.

Baptist: Rev. Harper.

Congregational: Rev. McAnalley.

Presbyterian: Rev. Turner.



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INDUCTION OF PREFECTS, 1961.

In the school assembly hall on the morning of April 6th, the induction of the present prefects was performed. The ceremony commenced at 11 o'clock in the presence of the assembled staff and pupils, with the prefects-elect preceded by the headmaster, being conducted along the centre of the hall and onto the dais.

Mr. Fulker, the prefects' master, presented Mr. Foster to the assembly, and Mr. Foster delivered a short summary of the historical aspect of the principle of prefects. In his address Mr. Foster stressed the need for cooperation of all concerned in the fulfilment of duties.

The prefects' pledge was iterated collectively by the prefects and, in the absence of the Captain, Mr. Fulker presented the Vice-Captain to the Headmaster. Having been inducted, the Vice-Captain introduced each prefect in turn to Mr. Foster, who presented each prefect with his badge and a few words of congratulation.

The ceremony concluded with a short address by the Vice-Captain. He expressed, on behalf of the prefects and the School Captain (who was at the time competing in the Australian Swimming Championships in Brisbane), appreciation for the honour received.

THE PLEDGE

I, ______, do solemnly promise that I will, at all times carry out the high duties of a Prefect of the School to the best of my ability, and without fear or favour up hold the honour of James Cook High School.

The Prefects are: H. Armstrong, P. Atherden, J. Blackley, R. Brady, G. Chambers, C. Fogliani, R. Gigg, J. Gurney, G. Hawkins, L. Hill, D. Hoffman, P. Howard, J. Hunter, G. Keenan, M. Last, A. Little, B. Locker, N. Mountford, D. Roberts, J. Russell, A. Werry, A. White.

THE LIBRARY

James Cook has a beautiful library that has been built up over the past three years from the generous donations of business firms, the boys at school, the Church of England at Sans Souci, and the proceeds from a drive started by our Headmaster, Mr. Foster, to raise funds for the purchasing of more books.

We now have 3500 books listed on our shelves and as the library is opened every day except Wednesday, which is Sport Afternoon, it has become a popular place for the boys to meet and read and study. The atmosphere is very pleasant since the recent addition of new curtains and flowers, not forgetting some of the beautiful paintings.

Each class in the school attends the library class for 40 minutes per week under the supervision of Mrs. Wright, the Librarian, where instruction is given relating to the correct borrowing procedure, filing, dictionary practice, use of the Encyclopaedia and many other lessons throughout the chosen syllabus. Library assistants have been chosen to help in the library with many important tasks such as book labelling, borrowing, card filing and book repairs.

Fourth and Fifth Year boys usually do research work. All boys at one table collect up information on one chosen topic and record the information in a special research book which is usually on display with various posters done by boys in other classes during the Education Week.

SPEECH NIGHT

Another development in the history of the school took place on Wednesday, 14th December. The Fourth Annual Speech Ceremony was held, for the first time, in the newly completed Assembly Hall.

After welcoming distinguished guests, the Principal, Mr. W. Foster, M.A., Dip. Mod. Lang., presented his report to a crowded hall. He spoke with some pride of the High School's achievements during its four years of growth, and with some humour about the problems encountered.

The school had just presented the first large group of students, some of whom were among its original pupils, for the Leaving Certificate Examination. (Details of these results appear on page ?.) Of the two hundred and fifty-two boys who sat for the Intermediate Examination 86% had been successful. This year the school enrolment had grown to 985.

With the invaluable aid of the Parents and Citizens' Association many of the initial problems arising from lack of equipment and textbooks had been overcome. Mr. Foster expressed his gratitude to the P. and C. for their untiring efforts over the years and said that in 1960 they had raised £2,200. Equally gratifying had been the help given to the school by local members of Parliament and the magnificent response of £2,400, by local residents, to the appeal for Library Funds.

On the other hand the condition of the school grounds was generally acknowledged to be much the same as when Captain Cook landed in 1770. Drainage and grading (since carried out) was urgently needed before adequate sporting facilities could be provided. Without a gymnasium physical education was seriously handicapped, too. One thousand boys had to change twice a week for these lessons in the open air, and were apparently expected to continue doing so. He could not treat seriously the suggestion that P.E. classes, averaging 45 boys, be required to change in the Hall ante-room, which measured 10 by 12 feet, especially since it appeared that the girls were expected to use it as well.

In conclusion Mr. Foster again expressed his sincere thanks for the support given to the school by all sections of the community and on its behalf expressed the compliments of the season to all present.

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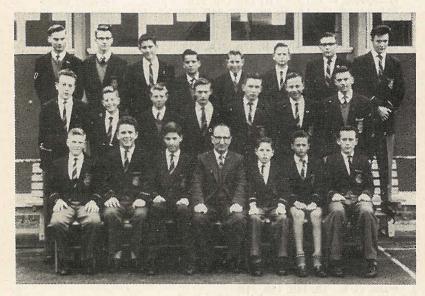
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- 1A: W. Passlow 92%.
- 1B: L. Theuil 78.9%.
- 1C: O. Green 79.3%.
- 1D: B. Wilson 68.8%.
- 1E: K. Smith,73.9%.
- 2A: D. Passlow 87.1%.
- 2B: R. Gudgeon 77.7%.
- 2C: R. Seagar, 76.4%.
- 2D: A. Hatte 74.1%.
- 2E: R. Booth 67.9%.
- 2F: S. Franklin 61.9%.
- 2F: 5. Franklin 61.9%.
- 2G: T. Longfield 67.2%. 2H: L. Kelk 73.3%.
- 2H: L. Kelk /3.3%
- 3A: G. Smith, 91.5%.
- 3B: R. Ball 77.4%.
- 3C: R. Hilton 84.9%.
- 3D: R. Greig 75.4%.
- 3E: A. Giles 73.9%.
- 3F: K. Baker 64.9%.
- Fourth Year: 1, R. Crawford 86.8%; 2, J. Robson, 3, R. Warren.
- Fifth Year: 1, R. Brady 92%; 2, C. Fogliani; 3, R. Reddie.



HALF YEARLY DUXES

Back Row: R. Reddie, G. Smith, A. Giles, R. Hilton, R. Ball, R. Crawford, J. Robson, R. Warren.

Second Row: R. Seagar, A. Hatte, T. Longfield, K. Baker, R. Grieg, R. Brady, C. Fogliani.
Front Row: R. Gudgeon, D. Paslow, B. Wilson, Mr. Baker, S. Green, L. Theuil,
W. Paslow.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS, 1960.

KEY TO SUBJECTS

1, English. 2, Latin. 3, French. 8, Chinese. 13, Modern History. 14, Geography. 15, Economics. 16, Mathematics I. 17, Mathematics II. 18, General Mathematics. 20, Combined Physics and Chemistry. 21, Physics. 22, Chemistry. 31, Descriptive Geometry and Drawing.

Bergin, R. J.: 1B, 16A, 17A, 21H (2), 22A, 31B. Blackley, J. R.: 1B, 3B, 14B, 18B, Blatchford, G. D.: 1B, 16B, 17B, 21B, 31B. Blatchford, S. R.: 1B, 16B, 17A, 21B. Bressington, R. E.: 1B, 16B, 17B, 21B, 22B, 31B. Burtenshaw, S. R.: 1B, 13H (2), 16A, 17B, 20A, 31A. Crosley, J. A.: 1B, 16B, 17B, 21B, 31A. Davies, L. R.: 1B, 17B, 21B, 22B, 31B. De Soza, P. A.: 1B, 13B, 15B, 20B. Diu, D.L.: 1B, 8A, 13B, 18B. Draton, J. A.: 1A, 13B, 14A, 18B, 20B, 31B, Gaudzinski, E.: 1B, 16B, 17B, 31B. Gehrig, D. M.: 1B, 16A, 17A, 21B, 22B, 31B. Grant, I.: 1A, 13B, 14B, 15B, 20B. Gregory, N. M.: 1B, 15B, 18B, 22B, 13B. Hodge, L. R. 1A, 13A, 14B, 15B, 18B, Humphrey, G. C.: 1A, 13H (2), 15B, 22B. Jellyman, R. C.: 1A, 3B (o), 14B, 16B, 20B. Johnson, B. L.: 1B, 13B, 14B, 18B, 20B. Kemp, G. P.: 1B, 13B, 18B, 20A, 31B. Landa, B. S.: 1B, 13B, 16B, 17A, 21A, 22B. Lennie, G. M.: 1A, 13B, 16B, 17B. Neave, G. J.: 1B, 16B, 17B, 21A, 22A, 31B. Nelson, G. K.: 1B, 16A, 17B, 21B, 31B. Nickols, G. O.: 1A, 16B, 21B, 22B, 31B. Olds, R. G.: 1A, 13B, 16B, 17A, 21A, 22A. Ovadia, C.: 1B, 3 (H) (O), 16A, 17B, 21B. Pont, R. S.: 1B, 16B, 17B, 21A, 22A, 31B. Reddie, K. B.: 1A, 3(H) 2 (O), 13A, 14A, 18A, 20B. Robinson, J. H.: 1B, 13A, 14B, 15B, 18B, 20B. Shannon, H. J.: 13B, 14B, 20B, 31B. Smith, R. W.: 1B, 13B, 16B, 17B. Stewart, D. A.: 1A, 13A, 14B, 15B, 18B. Stroud, L. W.: 1A, 13B, 21B, 22B, Taylor, M. A.: 16B, 17B, 21B, 22B, 31B. Taylor, R. W.: 1B, 13B, 14B, 20B. Thurling, R. L.: 1A, 3B, 16A, 17A, 21(H), 22B. Watson, G. L.: 1B, 13B, 14B, 15B, 18B. Watts, G. E.: 1B, 14B, 15B, 31B. Wells, A. C.: 3B, 16B, 17B, 21B. Wilkinson, R. C.: 1A, 15A, 16B, 17B, 20A.

Commonwealth Scholarships: S. Burtenshaw, R. Olds, K. Reddie, R. Thurling, A. Williams.

Intermediate Bursaries: J. Robson, T. Shepherd.

Williams, A. C.: 1B, 16B, 17A, 21A, 22A, 31B.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The School P. and C. Association continued to be active during the past twelve months and was able to provide further equipment for the school and Assembly Hall. Early in the year a budget was formulated and funds were allocated as follows:—

Department—	
Manual Arts	£470
Science	200
Sports	150
Commercial	150
English and Languages	90
Music	50
School Reference Library	100
General items, murals and speech day	200
Portable stalls for fete purposes	150
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Further funds were allocated for Assembly Hall equipment and the cost was shared equally with the Moorefield Girls High School P. and C. Association as follows:—

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	Exterior floodlight .	14	0	0	
	Stage Spotlights	229	7	0	
	Sound System	341	9	4	
	Stage Curtains	£332	5	0	
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A further £400 has been set aside by both Associations for the purchase of a piano for the Assembly Hall. The Boys' Association is very apprecitive of the co-operation of the Girls' Association in obtaining this equipment.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, Masters and Students have all contributed to the success of the past twelve months and in particular the Masters and students of the Manual Arts Department.

During the year the Ladies' Auxiliary conducted several functions with considerable success.

Parents are invited to attend the Association meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Opinions and ideas are welcomed and a pleasant evening is assured.

R. CLARK, Chairman. R. COOMBS, Secretary.

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P. AND C. LADIES' AUXILIARY

It is with pleasure, as Secretary of the James Cook Boys' High School P. and C. Ladies' Auxiliary, that I am able to report on the activities of the Auxiliary during the year. Many different kinds of functions have been held, and although the numbers present have been a little disappointing at times, I feel sure that they must increase in the future.

Some of the social activities held included a Hat and Fur Parade, which was a huge success; a luncheon at which Lady Hallstrom was our guest speaker and told of her travels in Central Australia, illustrated with some wonderful paintings; a "BERNINA" Sewing Machine demonstration; an American Afternoon Tea at the home of our President Mrs. Neal; a Napro Hair Colour Demonstration; and a play presented by the Illawarra Theatre Guild—proceeds of which went towards the funds for a piano for the Auditorium. Last but not least, the Annual School Fete on Friday and Saturday, 22nd and 23rd September, for which the Auxiliary are working very hard, at time of writing this article, to ensure a successful conclusion to this year's functions.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the President and Ladies, to thank those mothers (and fathers) who have given assistance, time and goods on our behalf during the year, and to appeal to ALL mothers to come along to our meetings, held the second Tuesday in each month to join in the work which we assure you will help in some way to improve your son's school and bring you a little closer with what goes on at JAMES COOK BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL. Do come and join us!

MRS. B. MATHER, Hon. Secretary.

THE SCHOOL FETE

After much organisation and preparation the Fifth Annual Fete was held on 22nd and 23rd September.

The occasion was an outstanding success and a fitting reward for the efforts of the P. and C., the Auxiliary, the Staff and Pupils, and for the parents who contributed so generously.

The exhibitions in the Manual Unit attracted much attention, as did the stalls set up in the quadrangle. The final balance has not yet been presented (at time of going to press) but net takings are expected to be over £700.

Best Wishes . . .

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COMBINED PLAY NIGHT WITH MOOREFIELD GIRLS' HIGH

On the evening of Wednesday, 23rd August, fifteen James Cook pupils took part in a combined Play Night. The plays were superbly produced by Miss Carole Tarlington, of Moorefield Girls' High School.

Pupils of both schools had rehearsed zealously for several weeks under expert direction, and the result was a most enjoyable evening for about six hundred people who braved the elements to attend.

Stage Manager Alan Senior was ably assisted by Graham Knight, who looked after the special lighting effects. Mr. Whyte and his pupils helped with the stage properties.

Moorefield's 2D presented scenes from "Romeo and Juliet" and a composite cast from the Girls' School produced an excellent one-act comedy entitled "Woman at Large".

Eugene O'Neill's "Isle" and Anton Chekov's "The Proposal" followed interval. Both plays were extremely well received and thoroughly deserved to be.

In particular "The Proposal" was extremely well done. James Cook members of the casts included Darron Passlow, Robert Podmore, Robert Mitchell, Barry Inwood, Denis Richmond, Robin Woellner, John Martin, Tony Jamieson, Darrell Gardiner, Peter Tonkes, Jim Last, and John Kinney.



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"ALLIANCE FRANCAIS" EXCURSION

On the morning of Thursday, 13th July, thirteen boys of this school, after weeks of careful training by Mr. Perrin, set out to sit for their examination, "Alliance Français."

Arriving at Kogarah Station, we ran into a real live Frenchman who, after learning that Mr. Perrin was a French teacher, almost embraced him with joy and poured forth volumes of French, until finally we had to pull Mr. Perrin down the stairs or he would have missed the train. We left the train at St. James' and made our way to Federation House where we boarded a very ancient lift which took almost five minutes to travel the seven floors.

At the top, there was just a milling throng of pupils; but we were lucky, ror after about half-an-hour we managed to obtain a seat. After a further one and a half hours, our names were read out for the French dictation test. Just before this, we had been complimented by a girl who, hearing us practising our French, turned round and asked, "Are you French?"

The dictation itself was very easy and took about a page. Then we were interviewed individually for our French reading and conversation, which represented respectively: reading half a dozen type-written lines, and answering such questions as "How many brothers have you?" "What is your favourite sport?" or "Name some fruits" (all in French, of course).

Those who sat for the examination *all* passed and were:—Grade II: G. Barton, S. Clark, R. Coles, D. Gardiner, M. Glynn, A. Griffiths, D. Lowther, R. Mitchell, D. Passlow and R. Woellner. Grade III. T. Edwards, G. Smith and T. Ethell.

The results came out in "Le Courrier Australien", August 18th issue, and we were very pleased to see all of our names listed under the heading "Ont passe avec success les examines de l'Alliance Française."

I.S.C.F. REPORT

I.S.C.F. stands for Inter-school Christian Fellowship. It is part of a world-wide organisation which aims to give secondary school pupils of all ages and denominations an opportunity for Christian fellowship in the pattern of school life. It provides an opportunity to discuss and try to solve, from a Christian point of view, the many difficulties young people of school age have.

The group in this school has been reformed this year. It has made excellent progress for a new group. The members are drawn from all five years with fourth and second year providing the strength of the group. During the meetings Bible competitions are conducted and a short talk is given to the group, either by one of the boys or a visiting speaker. These have phoved very helpful, and an average of approximately 40 boys has attended.

Several joint activities have been arranged with the I.S.C.F. group at Moorefield Girls' High. During the first term a rally was held after school; this proved very successful. During second term a social evening was held and again this proved a very successful night.

The group looks forward to continued progress in the future.

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The office bearers for 1961 include Stephen Warwick (4C), president; John Beaven (4D), vice-president, and Neil Mountford (5B), secretary Neil has been a stalwart member during the club's existence.

1961, as in previous years, has resulted in some interesting lectures and discussions. Included in the topics were "The Solar Telescope", Infinity", "The Adding Machine", "The Theory of Flight", "Early Number Systems" and "Theory of Chance".

Interesting discussions followed each of the successful space and satellite launchings and the club is in the process of compiling a scrap book entitled "Man Versus Space" as the 1961 project. This book when completed will be donated to the library and should prove of interest and use to later students.

So far this year no organised visits have been made but members are again planning trips to the bank, to the Mascot control tower, to the observatory, etc., which, in previous years, have proved so entertaining and instructive.

SCIENCE REPORT, 1961.

The increase in scientific knowledge has led to a drastic revision of the science curricula in secondary schools. Within the last five years numerous topics such as nuclear physics, atomic physics, stereochemistry and elementary electronics have been introduced into the senior secondary curricula. Although the government assists to a certain extent, a properly equipped science department could not exist in secondary schools without the assistance of the Parents and Citizens Association.

The P. and C. Association of the James Cook High School has generously donated much expensive equipment to the science department for the study of the newer topics. Other supplementary apparatus has also been purchased so that all senior boys can carry out experiments individually.

With the number of boys in the junior classes it is not possible to have individual practical work, but efforts have been made to construct and purchase apparatus so that one set of apparatus is shared between two boys.

The apparatus purchased by the P. and C. Association includes: Geiger-Moller Counter and Spark Counter, Mechanical Counter, Bray discharge tube, "Nivoc" Light demonstration apparatus, 24 plastic slabs, Discharge tube for evacuation, Cathode ray tube for magnetic deflection, Meopta A₃ Automatic Balance, Meopta SMA Analytical Balance, Distillation Flasks, Liebig Condensers.

Also purchased by the P. and C. Association were filter pumps, filter flasks and Buchner filters. This apparatus greatly reduces the time taken for filtration by simple filter funnel and filter paper.

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MANUAL ARTS REPORT

The Manual Arts Department has engaged in three successful and very popular projects. The first in 1959, was a model railway. The second in 1960, was a dinghy and trailer. In 1961 the aim is to build a "V.J."

Boat Project, 1960

During 1960, boys from Woodwork Classes 3C, 3D and 3F engaged in a a boat building project. The aim was to construct an 11' 6" dinghy. The work was commenced at the end of first term and completed midway through

Before the project could be commenced the building form had to be made and bolted to the floor of the woodwork room. Full scale drawings of the frames were drawn on the floor, as these were too large to be drawn on paper.

Having been made, the frames were then checked with the drawings before being fixed in their positions on the building form.

After the framework had been completed the whole was then covered with sea plywood, starting from the sides and finishing with the bottom. The ply was glued with waterproof glue before being fixed securely with screws.

The remaining parts were then assembled and fixed in their respective positions.

During the four-day Easter holiday, the boat, together with a trailer made by second year students from Metalwork Class 2E, was on display at the Department of Education's stand in the Hall of Manufacturers at the 1961 Royal Easter Show.

JOHN BEAVEN, 4D.

V.J. Project

This year 3E and part of 3C are building for the school a V J. Work commenced about July and so far the class of 3E-1 has completed the building frame and the boat frame. Mr. Gray and Mr. Newton hope that the boat will be finished by the end of Third Term. Both classes intend to build the whole boat by themselves, but the school will be buying the sails and a jib for the

When the "VJ" is completed it will belong to the school, but it will be kept under the watchful eyes of the men of the St. George "VJ" sailing club.

The men gave us some money towards the building of this craft, and will also be giving up some of their time to teach any James Cook Boys' High School lad how to sail. They gave the money with the idea of building the boat for the boys who would like to sail but could not afford their own boat. GRAHAM GILES, 3E.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT, 1961

The Social Committee was formed last year. The committee was to consist of about six Fourth Year pupils from both Moorefield Girls' and James Cook Boys' High Schools to organize the school dances.

The first dance, this year, was a Senior Dance held on the 21st April. The dance was compered by our school captain, Neville Hayes. The school assembly hall was packed with enthusiastic seniors, and the evening proved to be most successful.

A Junior Dance, the first of its kind organised by the Social Committee was held on the 30th June. One of our members from the Social Committee, James Maguire, compered and he can be complimented on doing an excellent job. The hall again was packed with enthusiastic youngsters, who entered into barn dances and rock 'n roll with great enthusiasm. An approximate number of 320 attended from each school, and the evening was enjoyed by all who attended. At this dance, the Social Committee decided to use records rather than have a band, and this decision proved to be very popular indeed.

Another Senior dance was held on the 18th August. Records were again used instead of a band and proved to be very successful. The dance was compered by Richard Wilkins, from Fifth Year, and he must be complimented on doing such a wonderful job.

Another Junior dance was held on the 29th September, and proved to be popular again.

The Fourth Year Combined Social Committee appreciates this opportunity of fostering social activities in the school, and feels sure that these activities are of great importance in the school life of both the girls and boys.

JOHN ROBSON, 4A. Social Committee Secretary.



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COMMONWEALTH DAY

This year Commonwealth Day took the form of a Public Speaking Competition in the Assembly Hall. Elimination rounds were held towards the end of First Term and the Five Year finalists prepared speeches on various Commonwealth Day subjects. The general theme of the speeches was the British Commonwealth as a third world force which upholds universal fair-dealing and the rule of law.

Andrew Bradfield (1A) gave an introductory address on the general significance of the Commonwealth of Nations; Robert Mitchell (2A) chose "The Maoris of New Zealand—An Object Lesson in Racial Tolerance" and Geoffrey Smith (3A) spoke thoughtfully and eloquently on "A Changing Commonwealth in a Changing World."

The Fourth Year Representative, Phillip Hulme (4A) gave an informative address on The Commonwealth Fellowship Scheme and Commonwealth Training Week, while John Blackley (5A) discussed the various implications of the Colombo Plan. Paul Mansfield (1B) and Robert Mitchell interspersed the speeches with appropriate musical items.

Following the Year Representatives, Neville Hayes, School Captain, who toured South Africa as a member of the Australian Swimming Team early in First Term, gave an interesting talk on his experiences and impressions.

Proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

FAREWELL TO FIFTH YEAR, 1960

Last year's Fifth Year farewell was a memorable event. It took place in the staff common room at 5 p.m. on 28/10/60. An ample supply of tasty food was furnished to the gathering by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

When the dinner was concluded, Mr. Foster, the Headmaster, proposed the first toast which was to the Queen. This was followed by the toast to the school proposed by David de Soza, the school captain, to which Mr. Foster replied. In his reply, he offered very sound advice to the departing fifth year students.

Carmelo Fogliani of fourth year, proposed the third toast which was to fifth year. The reply to this was made by John Russell, one of the two vice-captains of 1960.

The fourth and final toast was proposed by Iahain Grant, the other vice-captain. It was to the staff of the school. A reply, containing much humour, was given on behalf of the staff by Mr. Brown, Master of Mathematics. This brought to a close the first phase of the farewell.

Following almost immediately was the dance, which was held in the school hall. The programme included a variety of dances, an excellent supper was provided by the girls of Moorefield High School, and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Overall, I feel that the farewell was a great success. I hope that similar occasions in future years will bring back as pleasant memories to departing students, as I am sure, will the one of 1960.

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The exchange of teams with Berkeiey was not continued this year at the request of Berkeley. However the visit to Brisbane was a tremendous success. It will be a highlight in the school career of the lads fortunate enough to make the trip. Also on an Interstate trip are our golfers being State Champions for the second year.

They are off to Melbourne to play Victoria's best school team during the vacation. They are also Blue Mountains Champions, a trophy they have won for the last three years.

In closing I would like to thank all parents who have supported our teams. Your enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. Also all members of staff for your time and efforts on behalf of the boys—the sport the boys play are entirely due to your efforts, especially in House sport. Thanks to the boys who did their best in sport for their school.

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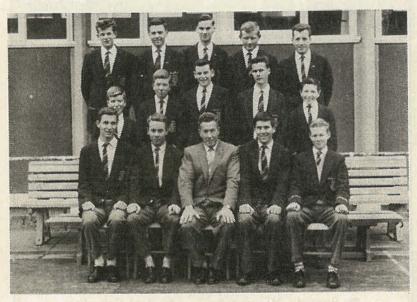
The team started the season successfully, winning both matches against Kogarah and Jannali comfortably and at the present is on top of the competition. Both these results were due to a good team effort.

Phillip Sprake has been captain this year and is the team's leading batsman and also a handy bowler. Harold Armstrong, Graeme Stone and Ross Kolts batted consistently in both matches. Bruce Watson, Dennis Hoffman, Ian Napper and Bevan Cordy all have the technique to develop into good batsmen, especially Napper. Experience will teach them which ball to score from and which ball to play more carefully.

The bowling has been reliable and accurate. Ian Napper was our best bowler and a notable feature of his bowling, was the way in which he attacked the stumps all the time. He was ably supported by Gordon Chambers and Phillip Sprake, both of whom must develop a much greater control of length in particular. Our spinners Graeme Stone and Bruce Watson played an important part in our attack and responded well to the task.

The fielding was safe and at times brilliant with wicketkeeper Armstrong and Dennis Hoffman excelling in their positions.

We would like to thank our coach, Mr. Mitchell, for his advice and his enthusiasuc support.



1st GRADE CRICKET

Back Row: I. Napper, C. Fogliani, R. Reddie, G. Chambers, D. Hoffman. Second Row: B. Watson, R. Longbottom, R. Kolts, G. Whippy, T. Perkins. Front Row: B. Cordy, P. Sprake, Mr. Mitchell, H. Armstrong, G. Stone.

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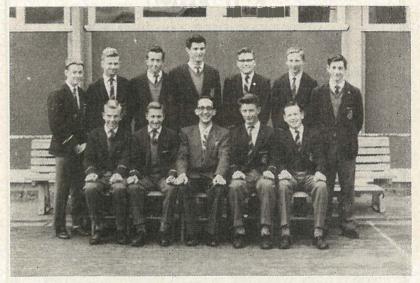
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SECOND GRADE CRICKET

The team has played very well in the first half of the current competition. We will enter the second half of the competition in a strong position after having won all previous matches.

We started off well with an outright victory over Jannali. In this match Kevin Birkett headed the batting list with a solid 27 not out. Bowling honours were shared between opening bowlers, Chris Lennon and Malcolm Lutton who finished with 11 wickets for 32 and 9 wickets for 26 respectively. Our next encounter with Kogarah, we won comfortably on the first innings. With this game came a bright period of bowling by Len Chambers who took 4 for 2 and 4 for 33. After a disappointing beginning in the batting, Chris Lennon and Phillip Hulme settled down to take part in a partnership of 60 runs with scores of 45 not out and 23 not out respectively. We are all very grateful for the job being done by Mr. Perrin and Mr. O'Brien in coaching our team.



2nd GRADE CRICKET

Back Row: R. Greenfield, C. Lynch, P. Watters, M. Lutton, J. Robson, T. West, G. Pampillonia.

Front Row: A. Hicks, C. Lennon (Capt.), Mr. T. Perrin, L. Chambers, P. Hulme.

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THIRD GRADE CRICKET

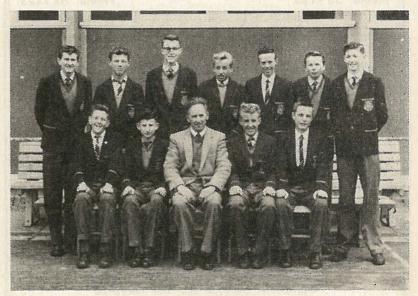
The third grade team is at present a clear leader in its competition and is very confident of winning the premiership. Its success has been due more to its strength as a team, which is very evident on the field, than to the performances of individuals. It members have been playing together for three years now, and during that time, everyone has had his moment of glory. There has been steady improvement over this period especially in fielding, the catching and throwing being very good indeed.

So far this year, spin bowlers Fred Osgood and Paul Atkins have done most of the work and have shared the bowling success. Captain Les Ritchie has been in fine form both as batsman and wicketkeeper. In the match against Hurstville he scored a fine century.

He thoroughly deserved the high honour he received, when he was selected in the N.S.W. team which visited Queensland in March.

Robert Hills has batted well. Fred Osgood has shown good form with bat as well as with ball, and in the match against Kogarah scored an undefeated century. Ken Howell is a greatly improved all-rounder.

The enjoyment which the players derive from their games whatever the result, their keenness, and above all, their commendable sportsmanship, are all evidence that to them, cricket is something more than "just a game". May the members of the third grade team and all others like them give it long life!



3rd GRADE CRICKET

Back Row: R. Hills, B. Probert, G. Smith, K. Howell, Ron Kell, N. Seabrook, J. Schreiber. Front Row: R. Anderson, P. Atkins, Mr. McDonald, L. Ritchie, F. Osgood.

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FOURTH GRADE CRICKET

Although the season has been short, this team has played very well. Unfortunately a bye has restricted our play to two matches. However the team has proved itself an excellent batting combination. R. Woellner, R. Riley, V. Farrow and F. Timbrell have all made excellent scores. The bowling has not been quite so effective. It is always accurate but lacks a little penetration. The best bowlers have been R. Woellner and B. Ireland.

The second match against Kogarah, which ended in a tic was an excellent and very exciting one. If the team continues to play the type of cricket it has in the first portion of the season, it has an excellent chance in the competition.

FIFTH GRADE CRICKET

This team has performed well during the year and has defeated Jannali and Kogarah in the first round. Strong batting displays have been given by Paul Mansfield, Allen Ackerman and Russell Spence. Ian Blue, Kevin Bushby and Robert Jones have also made useful runs. Bowling has largely been in the hands of Paul Mansfield, Lance Roger and Kevin Bushby.

Fielding has been a key factor in the team's wins. The coach, Mr. N. Little, hopes that this good standard in the three departments of batting, bowling and fielding will enable it to reach the final.

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Congratulations to Chris Lennon who represented N.S.W. in the 9-stone comp. against Queensland. Chris is only 8stone 5 lbs. but has played outstanding football. Carl Gallagher, Denis Hoffman and Jim Maguire also played excellent football in the backs while Neville Hayes, Bill Overton, David Peck and David Dickenson were the best of the forwards. Chris Shepherd made many long runs from the wing while Gordon "Bluey" Chambers tackled consistently in front row. Many thanks to Mr. Willis who coached the team well and kept up team spirits.



1st GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE

Back Row: N. Hayes, D. Peck, B. Bussell, G. Chambers, C. Gallagher, R. Southworth, P. Baker, G. Whippy, D. Wood.

Front Row: C. Lennon, J. Maguire, L. Chambers (Capt.), Mr. Willis, D. Hoffman, A. Voges, W. Ward.

Absent: C. Shepherd, D. Dickenson.

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SECOND GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE

The majority of the Second Grade Rugby League team trained conscientiously on Monday and Wednesday morning, and were always aided by their proficient coach, Mr. Lambert.

The team, which was on the light side, was extremely unlucky not to reach the finals.

Darren Passlow, who is only in Second Year, played some very good football throughout the season. Darren should become a great asset to James Cook in later years.

In the forwards Warwick Ward must be mentioned. His hooking and tackling were most noticeable.

The team as a whole played good, sound football and everyone enjoyed the season.

THIRD GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE

The team played as well as could be expected of them but the much stronger forwards and backs of the Kogarah team proved too strong for us in the final.

As the season went on the team improved in attack with the ball moving out to the winger, Brian Fuller, enabling him to score many good tries.

Bob Sawdy and Tony Strong, being our two strongest forwards, made many bullocking runs.

Brian Taylor, Mick Fernly and Bert Stephenson played exceptionally well in the backs. The team thanks Mr. Casey the Coach for the time he spent with the team.

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FOURTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE

The team, capably led by Doug Neil, has been undefeated this season. Right-winger, Alan Day, has shown determination in attack and defence and his, and left-winger Graeme Stone's many tries, show that the team is functioning well. Stone and Mal. Gresswell, the goalkickers, were "on the beam" with most of their kicks. The forwards, though playing well in the open, are sometimes out of position, thus weakening the defence. The scores in a few of the games may have been higher except for dropped and loose passes.

All in all, the team has shown form that enabled it to take out the premiership this year which they did beating Jannali High School 21-0.

The outstanding defence and keen attack of the team is shown in the points for and against: 312 for. 10 against.



4th GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE

Back Row: J. Ledwell, M. Greswell, G. Stone, J. Feeney, J. Hayward, F. Osgood, A. Day, W. Foster.

Front Row: M. Brandon, D. Gordon, D. Neil, Mr. Coutman, A. Lewis, W. Burgess. Absent: K. de Coque.

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FIFTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE

The year provided some very good football and we enjoyed all our games. The players worked as a team, putting together a combination that gave strong opposition to both the winners of the competition and the lower graded teams. The construction of playing fields hindered our practices but under the circumstances, it was a very successful year of football both from the point of view of our position in the table and the experience gained by the younger players of the team.

A setback was in not winning the competition but emphasis is not always on winning but on playing the game with a true 'Cook' spirit. To single out any one in particular would be unfair, for all players had on and off days but we would especially thank Mr. Mason for his tolerance and interest as our coach.

SIXTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE

This team was unlucky not to reach the finals of the competition. Even though training was badly attended, the coach, Mr. Skelsey, was very patient, and always willing to correct faults and improve the standard of play. But for Mr. Skelsey's astute coaching, the team would not have fared so well.

The forwards, although lighter than most packs, tried hard all the season and won more than their share of scrums. George Hume, running determinedly and tackling heavily, caught the eye continuously. Chris Watson, the hooker, showed through well, with good work in the scrums and good running in the open. Phillip Townsend, the lock, gave good cover-defence and ran strongly, passing well.

The backs also performed well. The captain, David Goatley, played steadily, with some good runs resulting in tries, at outside centre. Bryce Brown, the half back, worried the cover defence in every match, with long weaving runs. Robin Woellner, inside centre, set up many tries and was a consistent goal-kicker.

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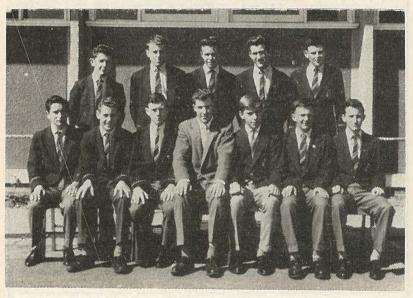
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FIRST GRADE SOCCER REPORT

The first grade team has suffered many setbacks this season, but has managed to overcome them and succeeded in sharing the co-premiership of the competition by holding the powerful Kogarah Boys' High School team to a 2-all draw.

The forward line dominated by the two wingers, Barry Gray and Robert Lewis, has netted 34 goals and the defence has conceded 12 goals.

The team's coach, Mr. Turner, believes that the two wingers are the best in the competition, but the main factor in the team's 2-all draw with Kogarah in the final was the complete overshadowing of Kogarah's State centre forward by our centre-half and captain, Robert Podmore.



1st GRADE SOCCER

Back Row: T. Howe, R. Killick, R. Willock, S. Ward, R. Kolts.

Front Row: P. Noble, R. Lewis, D. Richmond, Mr. Turner, R. Podmore, B. Gray, K. Hooper.

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SECOND GRADE SOCCER

This year Second Grade enjoyed a very successful season. The team began well by defeating Jannali 3-0, and kept form throughout the season despite injuries to several players. Throughout the three rounds of the competition we were undefeated. Our closest rival was Port Hacking, who were defeated 1-0 in the first round but held us to a draw in the second and third rounds. However, Port Hacking was comfortably defeated in the final by 4 goals to 1.

An important factor in the success of the team was a good, solid defence with Brian Probert very reliable in goal. Ross Greenfield deserves a special mention for a fine general performance throughout the season as inside right. The whole team combined well and tried hard and this resulted in continued success. The goal record was 60 goals scored, while 4 goals were scored against us.

The team would like to thank our coach, Mr. Twigg, for his interest and enthusiasm at all times.



2nd GRADE SOCCER

Back Row: J. Morgan, R. Longbottom.

Second Row: H. Poppel, R. Kell, B. Probert.

Front Row: P. Hattersley, J. Robertson, R. Greenfield, Mr. Twigg, R. Rowney, A. Hicks,

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THIRD GRADE SOCCER

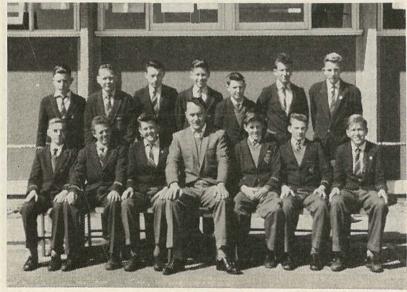
James Cook Third Grade Soccer team played throughout the season with an unbeaten record and so became the minor premiers of the St. George district.

In the final we played Jannali and after a great game James Cook emerged winners by two goals to nil and thus became premiers of the St. George district.

Throughout the season the team trained well and was a credit to the School at all times.

The team, led by the captain Colin Brown, received full support from the inside forwards, Robert Anderson and Tony Aldrich. All the forwards combined well to score many goals.

Throughout the season the backs also excelled themselves by only letting three goals through. Don Baxter and John Cullen were very solid in defence. Malcolm Jackson playing at goalie saved many goals with good handling. Rex Smith, Robert Pitt, Robert Street, David Kitt and Rodney Lane also played their parts in the team's undefeated record.



3rd GRADE SOCCER

Back Row: J. Cullen, G. Ackerman, D. Kitt, R. Pitt, C. Kneale, M. Jackson, R. Struff.
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FOURTH GRADE SOCCER

After losing the opening game of the season 2-1, the Fourth Grade team, under the able captaincy of Ian Blue, succeeded in winning all the remaining games, and so emerged as Minor Premiers. The reserves, when called upon did their utmost to assist the team to victory.

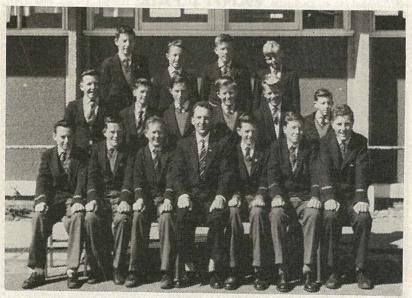
Robert Smith, who suffered a leg injury prior to the final, attended every match and gave encouragement to the team.

In the final against Jannali, James Cook played a 3-all draw and so were Co-Premiers for 1961.

George Harris was chosen as the best and fairest player of the season, with Allen Ackerman runner-up.

The tally of goals scored reads: 52 for, 5 against.

A really fine season for Fourth Grade Soccer.



4th GRADE SOCCER

Back Row: J. Harris, I. Blue, R. Smith, N. Wales.

Middle Row: P. Edwards, R. Jones, G. Bennett, G. Harris, R. Marassen, K. Bushløy.
Front Row: C. Wood, R. Steel, A. Ackerman, Mr. Clements, D. Thistlethwaite, P. Mansfield, G. Morgan.

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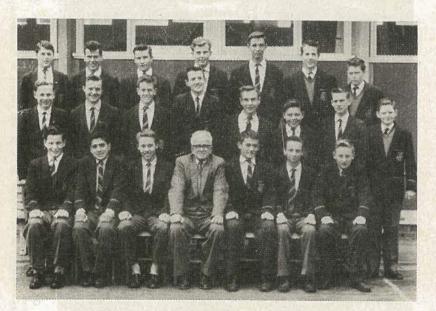
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AUSTRALIAN RULES

For the second year in succession James Cook High School won the Australian Rules Competition. Our opponent in the final was Port Hacking High School. Final scores were: James Cook 5g. 9 pts. (39) to Port Hacking 3g. 6 pts. (24). Play was of high standard by both teams. Best players were Preston and Warnke for Port Hacking and Phillip Sprake and George Cochineas for James Cook. All members of the James Cook team rose to the occasion and gave that bit extra which made the difference between winning and losing. George Cochineas made no mistakes with his shots for goal. 5 shots—5 goals. A champion effort! Consistently good work was also done by John Doel, John Scascighini, Charles Osgood and Graham Smith.

This report would not be complete without mention of the work done for Australian Rules Football, in this School by Phillip Sprake. He has acted as Captain-coach for two years. A keen student of the game and a very able player, he has been an inspiration to the members of his teams. His mates swear by him-never at him. Good judges predict that he will be a power in senior football in the near future.

The team would like to thank Mr. Aitken for his advice and helpful comments during the season.



AUSTRALIAN RULES

Back Row: D. Roberts, J. Burge, J. Doel, Biffin, B. Cordy, J. Lees, S. Avres,

Second Row: R. Brady, G. Smith, M. Last, G. Thorley, B. Locker, R. Lonsdale, B. Hard, R. Flanders.

Front Row: G. Scascighini, G. Cochineas, P. Sprake, Mr. Aitkin, C. Osgood, G. Blake, R. Masters.



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SWIMMING REPORT

The heats of our carnival were held at Thirroul Olympic Pool in February this year and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

The finals, which were contested at North Sydney Olympic Pool on the 7th March, 1961, were an outstanding success and it was good to see so many parents in attendance.

Once again Hicks House won the honours, winning the House Shield.

The following boys were successful:—Open Champion, Don Woods; Under 16 years, Warren Goldsworthy; Under 15 years, Noel Rossbridge; Under 14 years, Norm Stibbard; Under 13 years, Paul Edwards; Open Diving, Alan Voges; Junior Diving, Doug. Neil; Juvenile Diving, Lindsay Watson.

It was good to see so many of the old boys participating in the relay against the teachers. The old boys won but not until the teachers tried to cheat, as usual.

At the zone carnival at Canterbury Olympic Pool our team was successful in winning the shield. This was an outstanding achievement.

Noel Rossbridge, swimming against boys two years his senior, won the 880 yards freestyle championship in a very good time, 11.54.

Other boys to win at this carnival were Alan Voges, David Dickenson, Norm Stibbard, Paul Edwards, Doug Neil and Warren Goldsworthy.

Wins were also recorded for our 16 years, 15 years and 13 years' relay team.

Paul Edwards, our under 13 years' champion, together with Noel Rossbridge, qualified for the C.H.S. finals, but although unplaced both boys swam very well.

Doug Neil, who has been first in the C.H.S. diving championships since he has been at James Cook, was unlucky to be beaten into second place.

Neville Hayes, our Olympic representative, missed these events because of a tour of South Africa with the Australian Swimming Team.

In March, our team competed against Berkeley High School and Hurstville High School at Port Kembla. Once again we were successful, taking the Shield for this annual event. We certainly enjoyed our day at Port Kembla.

The team captain, Warren Goldsworthy, thanks the boys for their cooperation at the carnivals and also the teachers for their help.

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The first team is: David Dickenson, Don Wood, Noel Rossbridge, John Turner, Neville Hayes, Alan Little, David Miles and Warren Goldsworthy. John Scascighini, Peter Cumming, Neville Frost, Norman Stibbard, Warren Moyes, Carey Maher, Tony Barnes, Keith Whitfield, John Paull.



WATER POLO

Back Row: W. Goldsworthy, J. Turner, A. Little, P. Cumming, N. Rosbridge G. Duvall.

Front Row: G. Scascighini, N. Hayes, Mr. Casey, D. Dickenson, W. Moyes.

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In outside competition the School team has been well represented. Examples of this are:—

New South Wales Schoolboys' Tournament: A team consisting of (1) K. McPhee, (2) C. Lynch, (3) J. Barton, (4) T. Howe, soundly won this tournament by 21 strokes from the Katoomba School for the second year in succession.

Blue Mountains Teams Championship: The team will this year be defending this title for the third year.

P.S.A.A.A. (C.H.S.) Championship: After having held this title for three years the team will be competing again this year.

Metropolitan Schoolboys' Championship: The School obtained this title for the first time last year defeating Newington College 3 matches to 2 in a very close final and will be trying very hard to retain the title this year. It is confidently expected that the team will maintain James Cook High School's position as the leading golf school of New South Wales in the coming years.

Four representatives from the School will this year be representing New South Wales in the Victorian Schoolboys' Championship. The team will also play Victoria's leading Schoolboy team. Last year, on a similar trip, N.S.W. gained the first two positions in this tournament.



CHAMPION GOLF TEAM

Back Row: Mr. Croft, R. Ward, T. Howe, R. Erskine, T. Gaylard, Mr. Barry. Front Row: C. Lynch, J. Barton, K. McPhee, J. Allen, B. Coxon.

HOCKEY

The James Cook Hockey team was again successful in the competition this season. It was the premier of the zone, but had Jannali as a close rival. The season's closest matches were played against them with the score narrowing each time. The final was played against the Jannali team, and in a hard, close game, James Cook defeated them 4 to 1.

This season's games were held at Gardiner Park, but the school hopes to have its own ground for next year. The school ground has just been completed, but grass still has to grow on some sections.

James Cook tallied up a grand total of 162 goals for, during the season, and 9 goals against.

James Cook had a greater advantage over other teams in the competition, because nine of its members played for the St. George Hockey Club. These players showed their superiority against the other teams by winning by such high scores. The three highest goal scorers of the season were R. Riley, P. Krepp and R. Bollard. The best and fairest player was P. Krepp.



HOCKEY TEAM

Back Row: J. Schrieber, K. Howell, H. Armstrong, L. Ritchie, G. Smith, P. Watters, D. Durant, R. Riley.

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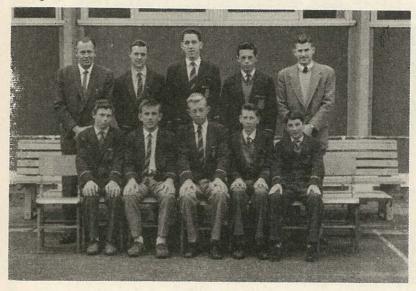
SUMMER TENNIS

Tennis has again been popular this year. Some pleasing successes have been recorded.

The third grade team comprising of Colin Brown, Bruce Dawe, Trevor Longfield and Graham Robb, performed very well and won the competition.

The second grade team consisting of Richard Southworth, Kev. Hooper, Carl Gallagher and Chris Shepherd, also performed well by winning 5 out of 7 matches.

A pleasing point this season was the good sportsmanship maintained throughout the season.



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The Editor wishes to thank the many boys who sent in contributions for publication in the magazine. Several articles could not be published either because they were too long or were concerned with unsuitable subjects. However, their contributors are urged not to be discouraged as it is very likely that a little more effort on their part will ensure the appearance of The second team who we hope will form the nucleus of next year's team is some of their work in next year's issue.

A STORM

S. SIMPSON, 1A.

Whilst out on a camping trip with my family last Christmas, I went into the bush to collect firewood.

Today the typical bush heat hung in air and a slight breeze was causing the gum trees to quiver. Then a great stillness descended on the bush. The birds ceased to twitter and the animals scurried for their homes. The sky had darkened ominously.

The slight breeze strengthened to sudden gusts, which, in turn, became a howling gale. Then, suddenly without warning, the gale brought with it drenching sheets of rain. The thunder sounded like huge steel balls rolling down a corridor and the lightning flashed and crackled reaching for the ground with fiery fingers.

Like the animals, I sped for home clutching the firewood in my arms. I reached the tent soaked but safe.

A JOURNEY I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE

Have you ever dreamt of enchanting Pacific islands, blanketed with verdant vegetation, ringed with deadly coral reefs and basking in the equatorial sun? Have you ever dreamt of journeying to these veritable paradises? Relax while I relate to you my dreams of such a journey.

Leaving the interminable bustle of the city behind the ship of my dreams ploughs through the inky ocean heading for warmer waters. These days upon the ship are no end of joy—swimming and basking bide the time. The ship has left the colder waters of the South-my island draws near. I awake one morning to view from my porthole the "island of my dreams." A boat is lowered and I make for shore feeling exhilarated—like one of James A. Michener's romantic, swashbuckling adventurers arriving at his island kingdom.

Here, alas, my island disappears and once again I am at home. However, one day, as I hope, I will journey to "my island" as I have so often dreamt of doing.

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MODERN TEENAGERS HAVE TOO MUCH MONEY

Although we should not take a parochial view of this subject, my thoughts on the subject that "modern teenagers have too much money" are decisively "yes". I will endeavour to tell of some instances where too much money is dangerous and where little is advantageous.

Immature teenagers with too much money very often loiter around milkbars where they indulge in nefarious pursuits. Too much money at times attracts undesirables who are not interested in true friendship but like jackals, forage around for the lion's kill which in this case is the teenager's money. Having access to too much easy money, teenagers do not appreciate its intrinsic value. The having of excessive amounts of money, all too often is invidious and friendships are sometimes destroyed in this way.

The advantages of having little money have many arguments in their favour. Teenagers who do not receive a great deal of money tend to be thrifty. They buy only the essential articles and thus little money discourages extravagance. It is a queer thing, but very often people who have plenty of money in their early life do not have much in later life and the reverse. This is because unlike teenagers with a lot of money who waste their time spending, teenagers with little tend to be more studious and thus obtain better jobs.

N. SEABROOK, 3A.

ANZAC DAY

To us who watch on Anzac Day. What do the men of Anzac say? They say that when they sailed afar The Turkish foe they were to bar. To save Australia from the foe So that the farms their wheat could grow. To grow it freely was their aim, We salute them and their name.

-L FOULDS 2A.

MY FAVOURITE STREET

It is not a very long street. It boasts of neither stately mansions nor cool, green lawns and beds of exotic flowers; but to me it signifies the fascination of the years gone by, and of all the streets in the world, it is my favourite.

Through the ghost town of James' Creek its cobbled length leads down to the stream which gave the town its name. Rank weeds struggle over the rough stones; delicate ferns dance in the cracks. At one end stands an old stable, full of dust and dreams and lingering scents of horses and leather. It is this stable that makes the street so charming. From the doorway I see the creek flushing in the sun, and the deserted street loitering by its brink. There pretty ladies chattered as they walked, swinging their parasols and lifting their dresses out of the dust.

Once shearers and stockmen roistered along the street with bottles of whiskey in their pockets and laughter in their eyes. Cld men philosophised on benches beside the tavern door whilst mine host gave a brilliant polish to the pewter tankards that decorated the mantlepiece. Diggers and squatters knew this street and bullock drivers swore as their drays lurched tediously along. Now nothing remains save a decaying stable and dreams of the years gone by.

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Generally speaking of Hong Kong one includes the peninsula Kowloon which is separated from the island by a stream. The island itself is a busy and noisy centre. On the other side of the buzzing business area is a bay called Aberdine which is famous for its delicious sea-food. The "Floating Restaurant" and thousands of fishing junks create a "Floating Market". Right in the middle of the island is the famous viewers' spot Victoria Peak, from which you can see the whole view of both Hong Kong and Kowloon. There are many other lovely places such as Tiger Balm Garden, Repulse Bay, Stanley Beach and Silvermine Bay.

Kowloon is still under British Government. A district where foreigners are not allowed to enter is called Kowloon City, meaning "City of nine dragons", and is ruled by the gangsters.

Most of the schools in Hong Kong are private ones. Owing to the growing population, schools are far from sufficient. Moreover, the school fees are rather expensive and because the living standard in Hong Kong is lower than foreign countries, therefore most of the under average people cannot afford to send their children to school. Thus larrikins are seen everywhere. Nevertheless, the education standard in Hong Kong is quite high. The Hong Kong University is one of the best in the world.

People of middle class in Hong Kong are rare. There is an incredible number of poor people in Hong Kong due to the refugees from the Mainland, who are supported by the Red Cross Charity and International Refugee Supplying Society. In other words, people in Hong Kong generally can be divided into two kinds, the extremely rich and the poor.

Business competition in Hong Kong is the greatest in the world. Merchandise is imported without taxation. The labour is very cheap and of long hours of working. These make Hong Kong a place of cheapest buying and varieties. The main local industrial products of Hong Kong are knitting wear, canned foods, cane furniture. The tailoring in Hong Kong is famous for its work and cheapness. Owing to these factors, foreigners and tourists to Hong Kong in every year are innumerable.

Hong Kong is such an attractive place of beautiful scenery, delicious food, entertaining amusements, cheap buying and friendly people. We hope you may visit there one day.

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"THE VARIOUS EFFECTS OF BELLS ON SCHOOL PUPILS"

Installed in every school there is a type of bell, some big, some small, some electrically, some manually sounded. Their prime object is to announce the commencement or conclusion of a day's schooling.

The period bell in High School induces varied reactions in the pupil. After a boring lesson a pupil expresses gratitude to the eagerly awaited period bell. This contrasts abruptly with the disappointment shown by pupils after an intriguing period. The pupil immensely regrets having the shrill jingle of the bell echoing through corridors and rooms.

The commencing horn or whistle at school does not have such a great effect on the pupil as a period or concluding bell, partly because of its indication to the pupil that school is beginning. On the other hand, the sound of the final whistle or horn is the most eagerly awaited of the day. As it performs its duty of heralding the joyous release, there is a concerted response by pupils hurriedly packing their bags and making rapid preparations to leave the premises, much to the teacher's annoyance. This action usually warrants a lecture by the teacher pointing out that it is purely the indication to the teacher that the day's work can be concluded.

These various pupil reactions are very noticeable but the day's final bell creates the most disturbing reaction. Yes, the school bell dominates our lives. It brings joyous and happy tidings as well as resentful and unwelcome ones.

-ROSS KOLTS, 3C.

"THE INDIANAPOLIS 500"

Wednesday, the 31st May, 1960, was an important date in the history of car racing, as it was the day when the fiftieth Indianapolis Car Race was held. In this half century the race has claimed 53 lives. But for the first time in ten years, death did not ride with the speedsters.

This year, in the fiftieth lap of the race, five cars piled up in the straight—but the drivers suffered only minor injuries. Two cars collided and a third tried to pass, but hit the outside wall. It knocked the wheel of a fourth car, which flipped over the first car, hit the track and smashed into a fifth. The driver, Jack Turner, amazed everybody when he was found to be uninjured.

A holiday crowd of about 200,000 saw the race, which provided some of the most spectacular thrills in history. The winner of the race was A. J. Foyt, of Houston, Texas, who spun around the course at near record of 145.44

Although qualifying at 142.466 m.p.h., the experts said that Jack Brabham's little car would not stand up to the long high speed race. Brabham kept out of trouble when the spectacular crash took place. However, his Climax couldn't keep pace with the American cars and at no time looked like winning. He finished ninth.

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A LAUGH

A laugh is just like sunshine, It refreshens all the day. It tips the peaks of life with light And drives the clouds away. The soul grows glad that hears it. And feels its courage strong, A laugh is just like sunshine, For cheering folks along.

A laugh is just like music, It lingers in the heart, And where its melody is heard The ills of life depart, And happy thoughts come crowding Its joyful notes to greet, A laugh is just like music For making our life sweet.

J. LAST, 4B.

CLOCKS

Some up in lofty tower, Some driven by electric power, Some encased in waterproof things, Some driven by wound-up springs.

Perhaps it's strong and built to last, Again, it may be minutes fast. Perhaps it's stiff and ticks too slow, Or it may be broken and doesn't go.

To some a piece of domestic scenery, Only a humble piece of machinery. Made up of wheels, screws and rivets, Cogs, gears, keys and pivots.

But the clock, with its steady time, And its faithful hourly chime Can delay and make us late Or can even change man's fate.

As the hands slowly revolve, Conflicts are formed, conflicts dissolve. That which has held many lives in lock: Man's masterpiece . . . the clock?

R. KABLE, 4A.

THOUGHTS

How is it that a person Can express the innermost thoughts Which surge through the mind Under the protection of an outward tranquility?

Are not the deepest possessions Of a turbulent or contented soul The hardest to unfold to fellow man?

O, to be able to unravel The secrets of the heart without a hint of colour; To surrender one's thoughts to others, Not withholding any imperfect part.

KEVIN BIRKETT, 4A.

MUD

Water dropping crystal clear from the sky Combines with the dust of years gone by, To form . . . Mud.

What a fascination it could hold. When you were but a few years old.

As a teenager, in it you'd skate; You'd slip and slide, and think it great.

As a family man you'd curse and swear, But is was in vain, as your car stayed there.

Now, as a grandfather you delight Watching the young ones in a mud fight.

Yes You just sit and stare, As your whole life was spent out there. Combining the good with the bad, To form . . . Life

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"Stand up straight!—I'll be 'round tomorrow to inspect all text-books."

"Ahem, and above all, ahem, don't, ahem, form a scrum, ahem."

"It seems that the Australian Rules team had better pull up their sox."

"Humph — and you call yourselves an 'A' class. I'd hate to think what those in the 'B' and 'C' classes are like . . . Look! You gormless creatures

"Write down the answers to these questions."

"After proceeding at our usually rapid pace, in proving that the coordinates of the origin are (o, o) we shall move on."

"Oh, well, we didn't do much today did we, boys?" (We never do.)

"One day, sc-schools will be run totally on c-capitalist lines. All of this equipment will be supplied by the p-parents . . . N-No, well, I-I am one of the f-few liberals who read all about c-com-munism . . . I have to be liberal in this. N-No socialist principles involved."

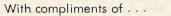
"All right, son! If you want it between your eyes instead of out of the window just tell me."

"I get used to following a football team that never wins."

"Give's an example."

"You are unfit human beings . . . Zut! Zut! . . . Your English is crumby! How can I teach you French? . . . Confound it all . . . How dare you!"

"You wretched child! . . . I'll beat you if you don't . . . I wouldn't like to be sitting for this spelling test."



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HEALTH

What is health? Many people say that they are healthy and yet they experience occasional stomach pains, colds, skin rashes, gout, earaches, nervousness, acidity, low or high blood pressure, mental depression, watery eyes, rheumatism, and diarrohea. These are but a few of the common ailments experienced by "healthy" people.

This is not health; health is freedom from bodily pain and disease, and our body is meant to enjoy perfect health. The irregularities we experience are the price we pay for misuse or abuse of our body, or our failure to supply it with the elements it needs for building, repair and maintenance.

The most important of the essentials for healthful living is regular, stimulating exercise. Exercise is the most vital tonic to the body. Without exercise the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, bowels and even the nervous system and the brain do not function efficiently. It is important that we realise the difference between work and exercise. Daily work is not exercise, work is exhausting. Work, an habitual movement of the muscles, does not completely break down body tissues and eliminate fatigue toxin, but exercise does.

The other important essential for healthful living is good nutrition. The body must obtain elements for maintenance and repair. Surveys have shown that few people obtain the minimum daily intake requirement of protein. Instead, the body is constantly stuffed with devitalised, white flour and white sugar foods, tea or coffee, and in far too many cases, cigarettes and alcohol. The processed foods are made from white sugar and flour (bread, sugar, pastries, cakes, pies) and carbohydrates. These carbohydrates quickly burn to provide the body with energy and must be eaten continuously to appease the appetite.

If these denatured foods were replaced by high protein foods (meat. fish, milk, eggs) then less food would be required and the body's digestive and eliminative organs would have less work to do. As a result the individual would feel better and be less susceptible to illness. A good diet must be balanced with protein foods, vegetables and fruit which supply vitamins and minerals to help the body function efficiently.

Although exercise and nutrition are the most important essentials for health, fresh air and sunshine are required. Sunshine is particularly needed in childhood so as to supply the body with Vitamin D, so necessary for the building of bones.

Sleep and relaxation are needed to recharge the body. The amount of sleep required varies with each individual.

Although perfect health is enjoyed by few people, this does not mean it is difficult to achieve. Health would be a simple matter if these suggestions were followed. Surely perfect health is worthwhile, for health is the greatest thing in the world; without it, nothing else matters much, but with it, everything is possible.

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NIGHT IN CITY

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People are still coming home from their various occupations and are flooding into the subway and into the buses. The people are big and small, fat and thin, but they keep going past until it seems that all the population of the city has paraded past in all different paces and directions.

After a few hours the people have mostly gone home, except for a stray person who has visibly been working late. Now a new set of people is coming into the city to go to the picture theatres and live plays.

Down the street the buildings have been replaced by lights which illuminate the people, some hurrying, and some dawdling to the theatre so as not to arrive too early.

Then all is quiet again while occasionally a car passes carrying a dissatisfied patron. Finally everyone comes out of the theatres and creates a traffic jam at almost every corner. After the havoc has ceased and all is reasonably quiet, the streets are littered with rubbish and the last office lights have been turned out by wary night-watchmen. Nothing happens until all the artificial lights have been replaced by the beams of the sun's rays. Another day has began.

M. GLYNN, 2A.

THE ECLIPSE

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!
Work! Work! Work!
For time keeps its own pace,
And the mysterious meeting of sun and moon
Takes place in a specific space on time's unending curve.

Ready those snooping telescopes!
Prepare those precious, spying cameras
To record every second of the sun's prophetic privacy.
Make certain those lenses are clean
For this spectacle will not for years be reseen.

The two visible characters in the drama Move slowly together. And then The villain takes his first bite of the beautiful sun, And almost at once the earth plunges into darkness But where is time, our hero?

Hey! Don't rush him!
He is invisible and forever present,
And keeps his own pace
Finally to end this drama between two certain bends
On time's unending curve.

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Mounds of earth lay cold and bare, Seagulls white are present there, Resting upon the barren waste, Where sporting fields are to be placed.

Green sward will soon spring through this earth, The sod resound to sound of mirth, Be pierced by spikes of athlete's limb, See flannelled figures neat and trim.

Hear crack of bat on new red ball, Echo to spectators call, But when the winds of winter blow, What then shall these new fields show?

Above the tussling, scrumming will, Sound the referee's whistle loud and shrill, The teams combined in mud and dirt, And many boys will then be hurt.

ANDREW BRADFIELD, 1A.

A BOAT SHED IN WINTER

Winter.
The wind howls and the water Whipped into angry turmoil Lashes the seawall with a fury That cannot be surpassed.

Darkness.
As I enter the boatshed
The wind blows under the doors
And an icy blast catches me
As I move from the shelter of a hull
Dark and mysterious in the gloom.

Light.

And with it comes an indescribable warmth As if the cold and the dark were as one And I gaze at the forlorn sight Of boats stored for the winter In this cold, bleak place.

O, for the sight of summer When, as we enter this room, We'll be greeted by sounds of laughter And the colours of flowers in bloom.

We'll feel the fire-warmth of the sunshine We'll feel the light touch of the breeze And the wait through the cold can be cheerful If we just keep thinking of these.

PIETER BLOM, 4A.

WITH APOLOGIES TO SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET

"O, that this too, too solid flesh would melt". (Act I, Sc. II).

—THE TEENAGERS' LAMENT.

Thrice he walked

By their oppress'd and fear surprised eyes

Within this truncheon's length." (Act I, Sc. IV).

—THE INSPECTOR'S GONE AT LAST.

"Foul deeds will rise
Though all the earth o'erwhelm them to men's eyes" (Act I, Sc. II).

—OH, THOSE LUMINOUS SOCKS AND PINK SHOE LACES!

"The air lights shrewdly, it is very cold." (Act I, Sc. IV)

—GET YOUR HANDS OUT OF YOUR P OCKETS AT ONCE!

"Oh, horrible! Oh, horrible! Most horrible!" (Act I, Sc. V).
—IMPRESSIONS OF OUR FOOTBALLERS.

"Pale as his shirt, his knees knocking each other." (Act II, Sc. II).
—OUTSIDE THE OFFICE.

"There is doomsday near." (Act II, Sc. II).

—EXAM RESULTS ARE APPROACHING.

"A savageness in unreclaimed blood
Of general assault" (Act II, Sc. I).

—FIFTH YEAR'S FINAL FAREWELL DAY.

"You were sent for, and there is a kind of confession in your looks which your modesties have not craft enough to cover." (Act II, Sc. II).

-WAGGING SPORT ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF HISTORY

1. Murdoch and Steam Power

By the time when Cugnots' steam carriage came to grief in Paris, a good many other people were thinking about steam vehicles. In England, the great James Watt, whose stationary engines were already turning many a factory wheel, was taking out a patent for some sort of steam wagon. His manager, William Murdock, was making a small model of a locomotive.

Murdock wanted to keep his idea a secret, so he tried it out at night on a road near his home. It was only about a foot high, and the steam was made by the heat from a little spirit lamp. One dark night Murdock took his machine to a lonely place on a path between the high hedges near a churchyard.

The little three-wheeled thing was soon going along in fine style. In fact, it went so fast that it got away from him; and the next thing he heard was a scream of fright. The vicar and his wife were walking quietly home in the dark when suddenly this fiery thing came puffing and smoking along the path! In spite of all his prayers and sermons, the good vicar thought the power of evil must still be abroad in the land. Murdock soon ran and quieted all fears, but this was the last heard of that little loco.

-FRANK STEVENSON, 3B.

2. History of Early Australian Swimming

Woolloomooloo Bay was the scene of the first swimming championship to be held in Australia. It was Saturday, 14th February, 1846, a memorable day for the sporting fraternity of Sydney Town.

Few people nowadays realise that Australia was the first country to hold a world's swimming championship. It was held in January, 1858, during the days of the Victorian gold rush. The venue was St. Kilda, Melbourne, where Captain Kenney had established his bathing ship. This was formed by mooring the old trader "Cornwallis" some 50 yards offshore and connecting bow and stern to shore by means of wooden paling fences.

The world championship was won by Joe Bennet, a Sydneysider and outstanding swimmer of his day, from Charles Steedman, ex-champion of England. A record crowd of over 1,000 witnessed the contest.

For more than 100 years since then, Australian swimmers have contributed greatly to the improvement of swimming technique.

In the early fifties, G. W. Wallis, a Sydney lad, was taught the aboriginal sidestroke by a full-blooded native at Woolloomooloo Bay. In 1855 the boy visited England with his father and while there swam in the baths owned by Professor Beckwith, who, impressed by the lad's speed and unusual style, induced him to teach him the stroke. Beckwith, in turn, imparted it to H. Gardiner, who, employing it, became champion of England soon afterwards.

The Australian "crawl" stroke was first swum by a 12-year-old boy, Alan Whickham, in a 50-metre handicap at Bronte Baths, Sydney. He completed the distance in the then remarkable time for a junior of 44 seconds. So astonished was George Farmer that he shouted, "Look at that kid crawling!" The old-time coach's remark was responsible for the stroke being dubbed "the crawl."

Like the aboriginal sidestroke, the stroke was modified and improved and later superseded by other styles until the golden age of Australian swimming dawned in 1897 with such world champions as the Cavills and F. C. Lane, followed by an astonishing array of record holders.

It was, however, the early water wizards who pioneered modern speed, and set high standards of sportsmanship for the swimmers of the future.

-J. McNEILLY, 3B.

HELPLESS

John Wilks was a millionaire playboy, with a reputation for having broken the hearts of all the women he had met. He had a pleasant face, with a pair of blue eyes which seemed to twinkle like stars. Although only slightly built, he had an air of confidence about himself.

One night, while reading a novel, the telephone rang. John strode briskly towards the tinkling devil. A thick voice spoke, slowly, deliberately, "Sir, it will be to your advantage to come to 316 Westcot Street immediately. Do not fail me." With that, the receiver was gently replaced on the hook, leaving John with an empty line and a puzzled frown. Being of a curious nature, he decided to investigate this mysterious call. Hiring a taxi, he directed the driver to the address mentioned. Striding up the concrete path, he knocked on the door, and, on finding it ajar, he walked cautiously in.

A slight noise caused him to half turn, but a heavy, soft object hit him on the crown of the head and he lost consciousness. Abruptly he awoke, to find, to his bewilderment, a knife in his hand. Beside him was a corpse.

Leaning on a wall for support, he was startled to hear a siren rapidly approaching. A few seconds later a car screeched to a halt and heavy footsteps thudded up the path. The door was thrown open. There, silhouetted against the sky were three hefty policemen. Without even saying a word, they crashed simultaneously into John, driving the breath out of his lungs. The knife was wrenched from his grasp, and a pair of handcuffs snapped on his wrists. He was hustled into the police car just as an ambulance screeched to a halt nearby.

John was arrested, charged with first degree murder and tried. His trial was all too short. A long procession of witnesses wore a path to and from the witness box, all condemning him. The jury retired for less than twenty minutes before bringing in a verdict of "Guilty!"

Terror gripped John as the sentence was pronounced—"To be hung by the neck until dead!"

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John panicked. He grabbed the sides of the bench, gripping it so hard that his knuckles turned a stark white against the rich mahogany wood. It could not be true! He shouted but to no avail. He was led to the death cell . . .

He paced up and down, up and down, his life ticking away. Over and over he tried to think of a reason for his being framed. His nerves frayed, and then snapped. He was too ill even to eat his last meal. The chaplain came and went. Only about an hour before the time set for his execution, a letter arrived for him. He morosely tore open the seal. With ever widening eyes, he greedily devoured the text.

Here it was! A confession! Here in black and white, Mr. Benjamin Hyde, father of one of the many girls John had associated with, confessing to the murder, and to framing John!

Overjoyed, he banged and shouted for the warden. As this man came waddling up, John waved the paper under his nose, and commanded him to read. He was shocked when the portly man began to laugh. Incredulously, John turned over the paper and looked at it. Blank! It had been written in disappearing ink, and now it was gone. He was helpless! Helpless! The word seemed to burn in his brain.

When they came for him, he screamed and shouted and gesticulated wildly, waving the paper.

They led him out, up the scaffold steps and onto the trapdoor. A black hood was thrust over his unbelieving face, stifling his screams. He was screaming when the trapdoor opened, then his screams were cut terrifyingly short as the rope snapped taut . . .

Some weeks later Mr. Hyde did confess to the authorities. They were helpless!

Hyde, insane with rage when his daughter pined away and died after being spurned by John, had skilfully contrived to kill John.

The authorities were helpless, however, as a man had already been hung for the crime.

-R. WOELLNER, 2A.

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SWIMMING IN MID-WINTER

For those who are foolhardy enough to be thinking of taking up this pastime of swimming in mid-winter, I, as a veteran of the abovestated, intend to offer a few friendly hints.

First it is essential to have a Nineteenth Century bathing costume, partly to attract attention and partly to keep oneself warm. One strides manfully down to the water's edge, and, attracting as much notice as possible, tests the water, although this is entirely unnecessary as it is always the same.

Drawing back about twenty yards, one takes a run, in a very belligerent attitude, at the sea. As one reaches the water's edge one jumps high and sinks gracefully to one's waist.

At this point it is usually prudent to emit a startling yell and retreat hurriedly to the shore.

After gathering one's courage, one charges at the water and dives headfirst into the heaving waves.

One nearly always comes up a thoroughly demoralised person. However, one is now IN the water and may as well make the most of it. Soon one finds that the cold is, in actual fact, most invigorating, and tries to enjoy oneself.

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As you can see, mid-winter swimming is really quite fun and I recommend it thoroughly to all.

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