Running Waters

From the Headmaster

AN ORDINARY STUDENT » »

The ordinary student, or if you prefer the expression, the average student, is the most important part of the school, just as the ordinary man or woman is the most important part of the nation. Really there is no such thing as an ordinary student or an average man or woman. Every one of us is a person with his or her own particular characteristics, but for lack of a better term we call a person ordinary or average when there is nothing to make him stand out from his fellows. The ordinary student has to be content with undistinguished passes while the brilliant gain eighties and nineties. The ordinary student has little hope of gaining sports awards, becoming captain of a school team, being elected a house captain or taking a leading part in any other way. When such a student leaves school another ordinary student fills the vacant place, and apart from a few close friends of the ex-student, no one notices any difference.

One large school in Melbourne publishes in its magazine an outline of the career of each student after he leaves. These run something after this fashion:


Our friend Alfred's records looks unimpressive beside the others. As a result he, and many others like him, are liable to undervalue themselves. He may say, "I'm not clever so I can't do anything for my school by winning scholarships or prizes. I'm no earthly use at games, either. I can't do anything at all for the school".

But he is wrong. He can do much for the school. The greater part of his school is made up of boys much like him. The Goodsports and the Smartboys are only a small part of the hundreds in the school. If those hundreds of ordinary students are interested in their school and all it does, if each does the best he can with his limited abilities to serve his school and to carry out to the best of his ability undistinguished tasks and duties, then his school will be a fine one. The Goodsports and the Smartboys get publicity and praise, but if the school depended on them alone it would not be a very good one.

To Master Ordinary Boy or Miss Average Girl don't think you are of no value. It is to you, the hundreds of you, that our school must look for help if it is to be what we want it to be. If ever you feel like giving up bothering, remember your importance. Of course we need the clever people. They provide our Generals and Air Marshals in war-time and our managers, directors and other leaders in peace-time, but it is the ordinary men who form the armies with which the brilliant Generals win battles, and become the workers for the clever managers to use in running great factories and other big enterprises. Yes, if you are "just ordinary", you still have an important part to play at school and after you leave school.
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          Deanna Lloyd, Gordon Kerr (2nd term)

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Form II: Ron Adams, Margaret Hart
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STUIZLEWICK: Jean Inglis, Max Spinks
THE aim in producing this magazine has been to review and give permanent record to this, the first year in the new building at Traralgon High School. However, our endeavours have not stopped there, for we have tried to encourage original creative efforts from the members of the school, and the results may be seen in the original verse and short story sections. These are the two fundamental functions which we hope this magazine will fulfill.

Readers will notice few important differences between this year's production of "Running Waters" and those of previous years. There are, however, some new features. Form notes have been introduced for the first time. The nature of these varies from school to school, ranging from admirable witticisms to serious formality. We think that the excellent type of notes submitted by Forms V and VI could become a suitable school tradition. Other new features are the club notes, describing what may be potentially the most important side of school life; and the bus notes, which are of special significance to a country school.

Everywhere in the school is included in the magazine, and the roll call published at the back recognises the presence of every member of the school. The leaders of the school, the prefects, the house captains and the students' council, are acknowledged with photographs and articles. Because of the high cost of photographs, unfortunately only the senior sports team are included. But from the point of view of the success of the magazine, the most important of all are the contributors. Prefects, sports captains, form magazine representatives have produced articles, but the lifeblood of the magazine comes from those students who wrote short stories or original verse. Not only to those whose contributions are published, but to all who submitted them for consideration, are our thanks due.

—THE MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.
FORM ID FORM NOTES

These notes for form ID must start with congratulations to Miss Murphy, our Form Mistress, on gaining a place in the team representing Victoria in the interstate hockey. We have 45 girls and boys in our form, and our form captains are Heather Whittle and Kevin Pascoe who is only assisted by the vice-captains, Vicki Summers and Terry Nicholson. We have several members in the school teams and we congratulate Heather Whittle, Vicki Summers, Sandra Thomson and Ian Turnbull. Alan Tunney and Jim Young are a formidable force in the teams. Our cleverest member in the form is Lorraine Sloven, who is doing very well in the examination. We usually have flowers at the top of the blackboard and this helps to make our day very happy and cheerful. We have been successful in winning the form cup each year and our form has sided Social Service during the year. We are contented in Form ID and at the end of the year we will really regret our promotion to Form II.

FORM II FORM NOTES

Well, this is IIB broadcasting from Room 7. Our announcer is Mr. Will and our announcer is Jean Drane. Of course we think IIB is the best station on the air. I don’t know about the others but I hope they share our opinion.

We have done well in Social Service and room duty, and I think this is mainly due to Mr. Will.

During the year we held a concert and coffee stall for social service. Some of the form are in school teams and they all play their hardest. Maybe we do talk a little too much but that doesn’t always happen.

—L.B.

FORM III BOYS

For our form, this year has been a very happy and successful one. We have had good representatives in all branches of school sport. In the Junior Football we had eight representatives including the captains, vice-captains; the captain and one player of the junior tennis team; two players from the senior cricket and two from the junior cricket. Also quite a few have gained swimming awards during the year. Our boys have gained reasonably good exam results, with two boys being in the first three in both exams.

III A form take an active part in form plays. The whole form of 22 agree that it has been a very enjoyable year.

FORM III GIRLS

We all vote this year in form three as having been a very happy and successful one. Most of the girls represented the school in sport. The captains of the Junior basketball and hockey teams and the athletes and swimming champions are from our form. Many of the girls have gained swimming awards throughout the year. Those who have taken a great part in sport have had the help of the boys, produced many of our plays. We are proud of the part played by those girls in sport and those who have made this year a happy one. One of our girls, seconded by Mai, lead us cheerfully. This, our first year as seniors — or as some say, near or the Junior School — has been a very interesting and fruitful one. We are all looking forward to an equally enjoyable year as Form IVs.

FORM IIA NOTES

We have a very good record in room behavior and room duty, and have acquired the form cup as many times as other forms.

This we owe to the cooperation between Mr. Laver and the form captains, and pupils.

We represent our form in football, basketball, and hockey, and have acquired ourselves favorably in these fields.

FORM IIB BOYS’ FORM NOTES

Every Thursday morning at nine, our favorite warder, Mr. McKay leads us to our favorite cell, Room 8.

We are a class of 41, consisting of 22 girls and 19 boys.

Throughout the year we have gained and lost various members of our form. The four well liked boys who left were Edith Williams, Elva Jones, Ber. Charlton and Doreen Davis. Some of the boys were Paul Dunn, Ian and Frank Hofmam. Four newcomers were Lurline Dossett, Delenna Lloyd, Olive Van der Woes and Rose Poltroe. We have a few comedians including Butter, Jinks, Buster, Hip and Chesty. Our brazen ones are Joan Brown, Colin Watts, Claudette Ryan and Lorna Hawker. The IIA conduct book is beginning to look a bit thick, but after all, I suppose we could be worse.
Form Notes

IIIB FORM, GIRLS

FORM IIIB is among the best in the school, say a number of teachers, although we are the despair of our form master, Mr. Jenkins. Out of the whole year class is very smart, but unfortunately we are overshadowed by our rivals IIIA. Keep competition going on all the year round by the two forms. At the beginning of the year Mrs. McKay our English teacher, said we were exceptionally clever at paragraph writing, so I hope we are better than IIIA at it (I can imagine the snigger they'll give when they read this). At the moment for English our class is divided into two. Under the lead of two new tutors we are studying the plays "The Valiant" and "Catherine Parr". We are all working very hard to put on a good show but unfortunately we are somewhat hampered by the fact that most of the form is practicing for the House Sports. We have some very good sports players in our form. Among the best are Margaret Johnson, Katherine Hewitt and Marilyn Rym. Our form is also the despair of our Maths teacher, Mr. Taylor, who fails to understand why so few of the class pass in Maths. Altogether our form is a very good form though, so I hope I have not left you with the mistaken impression that we are just an average nuisance of a form—for we are really a brilliant class.

FORM VI NOTES

As all the staff would quickly say We're the best form in the school, And many will weep upon the day That we vacate the school.

Mr. Watson's our form master He scolds us every Thursday He gets the money from us faster, So he doesn't need to stay.

Peter's our form captain, noble and tall, Doing most lessons by post. The captains of footy and cricket and all But still he grizzles the most.

The head pre. of the school is Jingle The captain of Shiraz, as well, She says her status will always be single And she always at Flynn will dwell.

Marilyn is renowned for her yarn Which echoes round about; It's really like a loud foghorn, In fact it's like a shout.

In our form is also Pat At draughts she proved supreme; The tennis champ, we must say that, A sporting girl—that's really cute.

Vera's our sports pre. without a doubt, In hockey it's "look-out" when she's about; Because of tops in Biol, we fear The exhibition may be here this year.

Gayle has a really annoying whistle, It is horrible and shrill! It makes the girls in Form VI bristle And cheerfully wish to kill.

Jan as well is one of us, A coming deb, is she; At present there is a bit of fuss, On how the frock's to be.

FORM V NOTES

A is for Ann, with a will of rock,
B is for Barry alias Dock,
C is for Coral and Coralie too,
D is for Daisy who hasn't a clue;
E is for Emily when she laughs how she rocks,
F is for Ferret whose surname is Fox;
G is for Gwenda who blushes so free,
H is for Hunter who laughs out with glee;
I is for Innocence...! we all turn with shame,
J is for John, our Form Captain, so game!
K is for Kath whoLogin a spell,
L is for Liz and Lindsay as well;
M is for Mayzies our Form Captain...
O, dear! N is noise, our form never fear! O poor Mr. Charlton he'll be as silly as we,
P is for Pat, a great man you'll agree;
Q is for questions we remember best,
R is for Rodolf who'll win any quest;
S is for Spinkey who keeps saying O.K.
T is for Tarty who talks all the day;
U is for us... "Squeak" we pretend,
V is for victory we'll attain at the end;
W is for Walter who we all call Squeaks.
X is for 'excellent'... hush, its Form V who speaks;
Y did they write this silly rhyme, 'Yabbie to Don ene dinner time.'

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Form Notes

Form VI at Work

The sun is shining brightly,
Form VI is all asleep;
In comes Louis sprightly.
From their half-closed eyes they peep.

"Biology time," he proudly states,
That voice drones on and on;
Genes and stales and vertebrates—
Rings that bell Yvonne.

With eyes upon their watches we sit;
Three guesses where we are;
Our eyes around the office tilt,
And history thoughts are far.

And now it's time for English,
And Peter's late again;
"The Times we live in," we all wish,
Would take us to Spain.

Sports tunics are a must today,
For it's F.T. time again,
And for those who just will not obey,
Oh! how they may rain.

Our first chem. verse was censored.
Which we thought was very mean;
All we can say to pass the hour
Is that the studiers are Peter and Jean.

Thump, thump along the corridor,
From sleep we wake again;
Alas! we know it is Miss Torr,
With French to strain the brain.

Ear plugs come out once a week,
It's music time for us;
A crown for every time we speak,
And that black book means "Shush".

The end of the week is near at last,
There is only clubs to come;
To enter the Craft Club most have asked
Perhaps for that we are dim.

Form IV Notes

Form IV this year has been divided into two forms. IVa and IVb. Mr. Barberis and Miss Torr are our form-teachers respectively. We have had several successes between us with the room-duty cup, and we have as one of our form-captains last year's Canfield prize-winner, David Thackray. Our form-rooms are the two science rooms, and they provide plenty of space for both forms. In the old school we were rather cramped, but now we have the two largest rooms in the school.

There are two house-captains in Form IV. They are Alfred Blanche (Mac.) and David Thackray (Hop.). Murray Oakland (Sirex.) and Bev. McLaren (Mac.) are vice-captains.

In the sporting field Form IV had several good swimmers, and athletes, and many fourth formers took part in the interschool matches. We have debating enthusiasm in Joyce Riley, Des. Williams, Geoff. Wilson, Walter Pickering, David Thackray, Yvonne Greaves, Laura Blake and John Furlonge.

Next year, many of us hope to make Form V but until then we remain Form IV.

Form Notes IC

Starting the year in room 6 of the old building our form is now comfortably situated in Room 2 in the new. Mr. Edwards is our form teacher and the form captains are Richard Phillips and Susan Mole.

Things worth mentioning are:

STALL — During second term a toffee and comic stall was held and $1/1/10 was raised for the "Save the Children Fund."

EXAMS — Claire Nadenbourch proved the bravest of us all.

SPORT — Susan Mole has the honour of the placing of goalie in the junior hockey team.

T.O.S. — Formal judge left the form at the end of term 1. We were sorry to lose her.

GAINS — Kristin Kloehn and Veronica Fellows made their appearance.

I.A. Form Notes

Form I.A. is the best form in the school.
For Dicky Bird and company lay down to a strict rule.
Aeroplanes and paper-darts always seem to fly.
When teachers have their backs turned—well, one cannot lie.

Contact books take drastic action when the crowd gets too unruly.
But that is soon put back in place by our form-teacher, Mr. Gourley.
Well, one cannot expect a lot from a form so wise and good.
But what I wrote was a lot of rot—I'd disgrace the form, I would.

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**MacFarlane House Notes**

MacFarlane, though still not the most outstanding house, has improved vastly in the last two years and more especially this last year.

For much of this improvement, I think we owe a vote of thanks to Mrs. Campbell, Miss Brown, Mr. Charlton and Mr. Courley, who have worked very hard for us.

In the realm of winter sport we were again quite successful.

Though we have not yet committed for the athletics, we are confident we shall make the other houses do their very best if they intend to beat us.

Our house was very well represented in interschool teams and on more than one occasion been outstanding in matches.

Last year we were beaten in the swimming sports by 1½ points, but this year we had our revenge on Hopetoun, winning the sports by 31 points. We won several championships.

In summer sport we have been fairly successful, especially in cricket and vigoro.

The most remarkable feature of our house this year is that it gradually but surely changed from being one of the weakest to one of the strongest houses, and soon possibly the strongest house. Next year we will lose several of our older and more experienced members, but we will be in good hands as we have a fine group of younger students who are keen and have the ability to make our house THE HOUSE.

—PETER PATERSON
—ALICE BLANCHE

**Strzelecki**

Strzelecki house is once again doing well, both on and off the sports field.

During the first term our boys were successful in the tennis, although not so successful in other sports. The girls took honors for tennis, and we were doing well in the vigoro and softball. Next year, we hope to do better in the swimming sports, with many promising juniors.

Strzelecki girls won the basketball in the winter sports, but were not as successful in the hockey. The boys, although playing their best in winter sport, were not successful.

With the approach of the athletic sports, Strzelecki will be trying their hardest on that day, with hopes of winning.

In debating, Strzelecki have won their two debates. The next debate is against Hopetoun; whichever house wins this, take the honors for debating this year.

Strzelecki girls and boys worked very well to win three appeals—namely the knitting competition, res appeal and the auxiliary stall appeal.

Our house teachers, Miss Torr and Mr. Barbour, have always maintained their keen interest in the house. To them, we say a big thank you for marvellous help all the year.

A final word of praise must go to all members of Strzelecki house—for without your keenness and co-operation we would achieve very little.

—JEAN INGLE
—MAX SPINKS

Jean's modesty prevents her from mentioning the sterling service that she herself has given over several years. [Ed.]

**Hopetoun House Notes**

Hopetoun has had a happy and successful year in all aspects of school life.

We started the year on the right footing by winning the paper collection and repeating our success some months later by collecting more stamps than any other house.

In summer and winter sports the boys and girls have done reasonably well. The Hopetoun team members have shown great determination throughout all matches played. With such a large number of talented juniors we should be a greater force to be reckoned with in the years to come.

Although we failed in our attempt to return the Swimming Cup for the fifth successive year two of the individual championships were won by Hopetoun House members.

In debating Hopetoun has successfully reached the final together with Strzelecki.

On the academic side Hopetoun came first in the second term results. We hope the students will again prove successful in the final examinations.

Throughout the year the boys and girls have cooperated well in doing yard duty thoroughly.

We would like to give a special thanks to Miss Stobr, Miss Goodwill and Mr. Will for their keen interest and support during the year.

To the co-operation of our house teachers and house members can be attributed the large measure of success achieved by Hopetoun this year.

—VERA FICK
—DAVID THACKRAY.

**Lancaster (Girls)**

Before giving a report of the year's activities, we would like to thank Miss Murphy and Mr. Taylor for the keen interest shown by them throughout the year.

Lancaster girls have been well represented in interschool teams, and have done reasonably well in house matches. We have failed to win any house competitions, but have taken second place in several, and have given the other houses keen competition.

—VALDA FITCH
Around the World

THE VOLCANO

A BOY'S VESUVIUS BEARS A DARK GLOW. Most of the people who live at the foot of the high volcano are content because they hear a noise rumbles inside the volcano. Every day the voice wakes more smoke above the mountain. Mr. Walker, a poor farmer, says to his wife, "We have to leave; this goes wrong. Look at these people with chairs and all other things on an old vehicle. I am glad we got a new truck." "Ask if John (her son, about ten years old) would give you a hand." "Alright," say the farmers.

The next morning it is raining small stores and many people are leaving. Also the richest man from the village of Sambola, says, Mr. Walker then go with a few other poor farmers who do not have horses or a car. But some people cannot go, such as a mother who is waiting for a little boy who is ill. She must go, but she will not leave her little son in the house. The rain is heavier, people run along the road. A mother calls her son but cannot hear him. "Look at the volcano!" a woman says to everyone who is on top of the mountain. The lava is coming and big stones fly through the sky and crack on the terrified people. The lava comes closer, and closer, and closer.

A day later, many plains of all sorts by above the hill. There is no lava coming out of the volcano anymore, but they cannot go and dig the people out because it is still too hot.

—NICO V. D. WEBB, 111B

THE SOUTHERN SEA

ABOUT 200 years ago, the Southern Sea was a big inland sea where a lot of people earned good money with fisheries. But, the Netherlands is a fairly small country, about as big as Gippsland and had a population of about nine million at that time. So the government knew long before she had to make several parts of the Southern Sea dry to get more farmland. But that was not so easy because they had to make a big dyke across the sea about twenty-five miles long. That is what they did and after that they started to make soldiers in the artificial lake. When we left Holland (1952), two of them were already finished and two more to come. But the second World War came, and the work stopped because the Germans took everything away. And in the last couple of months they blew big holes in the dyke, so an old new land was flooded.

After the war was over the Dutchmen started again and put the flooded land back from the sea. When the whole job is finished there will be about 250,000 acres of good farmland and room for more towns. That means work and living for about 250,000 people. Another way to free congestion is to emigrate to get rid of over-population.

—WIELSE LINGHAAUS

A TRIP TO QUEENSLAND

ON Saturday, January 8th, my cousin and I boarded a T.A.A. Viscount plane at Essendon. We were scheduled to arrive at Sydney at 10 a.m. The pilot made it possible for the passengers to view the Murray Valley and Canberra. On our arrival at Sydney we were informed that the plane was to stay in Sydney for an hour and a half. This also pleased us because we were able to see a part of Sydney. We boarded a D.I.4 for Brisbane and arrived at Eagle Farm Brisbane at about 9 o'clock. Here we were met by relations and then travelled the one hundred and thirty miles to Gympie.

We stayed at Gympie and in the following week we had the opportunity of travelling through the magnificent Mary Valley. A great deal of the valley was taken up with banana, pawpaw, mango, and pineapple plantations. We also saw a natural tropical jungle reserve.

We spent three days touring north of Gympie, and travelling through the sugar cane area around Calders was one of the prettiest sights I have ever seen. At Bundaberg we were taken out to the 'Hummocks' which is the highest stretch of land within a twenty miles radius of Bundaberg. The view was breath-taking.

As it was rather hot at this time, we were able to enjoy the scenic beauty of the beaches and islands which are a feature of the Queensland Coast. Here we obtained some coral and saw some of the innumerable and beautiful cacti which are to be found throughout the Great Barrier Reef.

On our return journey to Brisbane we spent several days there. We inspected the Northgate Cannery, the largest pineapple canneries, and one of the largest fruit canneries in Australia. This canneries processes a large percentage of the fruits grown throughout Queensland. We were also able to sample some of the fruits and juices. The last night we were in Brisbane we had the opportunity of going up to the top of the Brisbane Town Hall and looking out over Brisbane at night.

The following morning we caught the Vickers Viscount 'Rocker Service' plane for Melbourne. The cool weather which greeted us in Melbourne was not without after spending such a glorious summer in Queensland's sunshine.

—VADIA FITCH, Form V

WARDROBE "MY TAILOR"

ALL BOYS' AND MEN'S WEAR

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HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS—P. McGrath clearing the bar. —Photo by G. Linden.
Around the World

ACROSS THE HULLABOR

WHEN I awoke I wondered where I was. It was my first night on the Transcontinental train. This is a luxurious train. It has a lounge car, power car, and every compartment has a washbasin and there are four people in a compartment. I opened the venetian blind and looked outside. So this was the great Nullabor Plain of Australia. "Well," I said to myself, "there is not much to see," and there wasn't. All that was out there was flat ground with one or two stunted trees and nothing else. After a hot shower I dressed and went to breakfast. I was astonished at what was on the menu. There were stewed fruit, fish, eggs and bacon, and so on. Starting at the top I worked my way down. After breakfast I sat in the lounge and watched what was going on outside and I could have sworn I was in the same place as I was on hour ago, but we had travelled about 30 miles.

Later in the morning we stopped for water and Dad and I got out to have a look around. The ground was covered with broken up limestone rocks and saltbush. Dad asked a couple of boys if they played hide and seek but they said they played cowboys. I thought to myself that there was nowhere to hide. We left this town which contained about twenty houses and a station. I asked the conductor how they got on for water in these outback places and he said that it was bought in railway trucks. Thinking that I wouldn't like to live here I went and got a mug of feed water.

—CLIVE BRAY.

ADEN

Aden is built on the flat floor of an old crater. It has a population of 80,000 in the whole settlement and of the various mixtures of races Arabs, Jews, Somalis and Indians are the most prominent. From the sea Aden looks like the hottest and driest of rocks, dark brown in color. Near the harbour there are many parks and gardens where people can sit and watch vessels from bullock drays to streamlined cars go past. Along the waterfront small boys dive for silver coins which are easier to see than coppers in the dark brown water.

Rain is an unwelcome visitor in Aden as it is infrequent, because one really heavy shower is sufficient to put tennis courts and golf courses out of action for several days, apart from the fact that mosquitoes, of which the nemesis is slimy, rain follows in millions. A great many ships call at the port of Aden for oil, instead of relying on coal as in former days. Oil is delivered to ships from terminals connected to shore installations.

The principal local export is salt, although there is still a fair local inter-port trade in hides, skins, coffee and millet.

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THE MUSTER

It was early in the morning
When the stockmen started out;
They were building in the cattle
To save them from the drought.
Old Bill Hitchen left the party
With five riders at the gate;
Further, on left Jackie Reynolds
With Tom Jackouns and his mate.

The remaining two strde steady,
Opening alders, getting ready;
Thick'll be the biggest muster
Of which I've been a part.

Said Joe Pilkay to his partner
As again they started out.
"Are we going to bring 'em all in,
Or only half to start?"

Now the cattle came on slowly,
Driven by wind and dogged
Till dust got to their nostrils
Filled their eyes and nearly clogged.

The mouths of calves and yearlings
Who had tried to keep the pace,
Till at last they staggered gamely
Through the gully and past the race.

Here they stopped and fellowed loudly.
Then again they reached their pace;
While their heaving sides cried water;
Then they started with a rush
To a bore down in the gully
And the dam amongst the brush.

It was now the joking started
While the men lit up their pipes;
And the smoke eased from their nostrils
Like factory chimney tops.

In their faces they saw it,
A look that seemed to say:
"Well with all our sweat and trouble
And rides in this darn hot sun
I'll tell you there's one thing I'm sure of,
That Australia's the place I belong."

—R. WALTHAM, Form III

AUTUMN

In Autumn when the trees are bare,
The leaves lay on the ground,
The wind blows by and picks them up,
And blows them round and round.
The colors change from red to gold,
And yellow to brown,
And when the winter comes along,
Form a carpet underground.

—JUDY WHITE

THE LAST DAY OF TERM

Hooray, hooray, we thought they'd never come,
But it only seemed like yesterday that first term
was begun.
Order! Order! Today there's no such thing,
There's only the excitement that makes you
want to sing

Pencils, books and rulers strewn everywhere,
But what a lot of happiness present in the air,
Students and teachers, you can't tell apart,
Everyone waiting for the holidays to start.
Teachers looking forward to a well-earned rest,
But everyone agrees that school-days are best.

—JUDY GUY, IB

WALKING IN MY GARDEN

I love to walk in my garden,
In springtime best of all,
When leaves are green
And the bees are seen,
In the jasmine on the wall.
The daffodils are golden
In the sunshine of the sky,
And the poppies unfold,
Pink, orange, and red.
To greet the sun, their king.
The tips on the rose bush
Are coppery red,
Each bud a green promise
Of beauty to be,
And all over the fence,
With the sweetest of scents,
Climbs a beautiful pink
Sweet pea.

I love to walk in my garden,
Best of all in spring,
When the sky is blue,
And the world awake now,
There's beauty in everything.

—MARJORY GALBRAITH, FORM V

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**HALLY HO!**

Tally Ho! Tally Ho! A hunting we will go. Tally Ho!

Tally Ho!
The time is set and each has his hat,
Kalf past ten strikes Big Ben,
Through the ranges, over the bridges,
Over the hill, past the mill,
The men on horse, the dogs know their masters,
The deer with his antlers high in the air, like a king in his royal chair,
The birds sing, what a nice man he would bring
Tally Ho! Tally Ho! A hunting we will go.

—PAMELA CORDETT

**MY BIRD**

(By ETHEL CROOK)

Up in the early morning
Just as the day was dawning,
I jumped out of bed and then a
bird said
Come out and play with me.

Out in the garden as quickly as fast
I met the dog and I met my cat.
Then with my bird I chased and played.

 Till at last came the end of the day.

**THE DUNCE**

I don't know nothing.
About Science I can't sight.
I'm not blushing.
 My History is a fright.
My Arithmetic is awful.
My Geography it's bad.
My Algebra is shocking.
My Geography so sad,
My French sounds like Gorman,
My history they are thin.
Altogether I'm a fool,
To say I'm bright's a sin.

—JANICE McLEAN, M.A.

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**PEACE OF THE WORLD**

When the shadows of night do gather,
It is then I find my rest,
Round the campfire altogether,
Listening to a song or jest.

Dreaming of a rosy future,
Stories of a fading past,
Black, white, red and yellow,
Gathered there in peace at last.

Till each hand is clasped in friendship,
And each soul forgets to lie,
Then my lifelong job is over,
Then in peace may I die.

—JUNE HAWKER

**THE CIRCUS**

(By Barry James Maxwell)

The brass band blares
The rhytbm marches,
The sawdust stunts
Shake men ring bells,
And off right into the circus ring
Comes such a finnely made thing,
A milk white pony with flying tees
A beautiful lady in a spangled dress,
The red and white clown
Per fox mountian down,
Like a milk rose
Round she goes
On her Updoes,
With the pons under
And then, O wonder!
The pons his milk white trusses
Droops
And the beautiful lady,
The beautiful lady
Poles into a ring
Through the paper hoops.

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FOOTBALL

THIS year we have had quite a successful football season. The house matches have been keenly contested, and the inter-school teams have done their best for the school. The senior team was coached by Mr. Caird.

The results of the actual matches were as follows: THS, 7 goals 10 points; defeated WHS, 6 goals 9 points. This was the first time we have beaten WHS. WHS, 16 goals 4 points defeated us, 7 goals 2 points. Warragul again being far superior to us. YTS, 9 goals 10 points defeated us, 5 goals 3 points. This was the hardest match physically, that we played, but it was played in a very sporting spirit. The YTS were premiers for 1955, being undefeated, and on behalf of the school I would like to congratulate them on their fine effort.

—P. PATTERSON

JUNIOR SOFTBALL

THE junior softball fielded an improved team this year, and we were not quite good enough to defeat many of the other schools. Scores showed that Traralgon had shown quite good form. Heather Whittle, Lorraine Bullock, Lynette Little, Brenda McBeth and Roma Forsyth all played inter-school softball for the first time. These girls played very well and next year they should be very good players with more experience. Kay Clarke injured her thumb and was out for quite a few matches. Tubs was bad luck for Kay, as well as the team. Ruth Docking played very well in all positions. She has a strong hit and as catcher she proved a great asset. Jean Laing was a valuable leader and she also has a strong hit. Robin Fraser and Margaret Dillon were two very good players, and Robin as outfield went well, and Margaret played well on first base. Jean Laing, Ruth Docking, Kay Clarke, Lois Lyndon, Premiers for 1955, and she also has a strong hit. Robin Fraser and Margaret Dillon will be seniors next year. These girls all wish the coming junior team the best of luck for next season.

—LOIS LYNDON (Captain)

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SENIOR HOCKEY

COACHED by Mr. Barbers our senior hockey team had quite a successful season, although not quite as successful as last year when we won the premiership. We defeated Warragul 6-1 and drew with Moonee and Falzone, the score in both cases being 2-2. We also won the social match against Mirboo North 6-5. With many promising juniors coming on we hope that in the near future we will be able to regain the premiership.

The house hockey competition was very even with only a few points separating all the houses. Hopetoun and Maclaren were equal first with Lancaster and Strzelecki following in that order.

In the inter-school hockey competition, whilst neither school team was successful in reaching the final four, both gained valuable experience which should be of benefit in the future.

—VERA PICK

SENIOR SOFTBALL

T is surprising that although we have many keen softballers in the school, the standard of softball has never reached the high standard attained in our other sports. This year, coached by Mr. Barbers we were more successful than last, defeating Yarragon 22-10 after an exciting match. The strong Warragul team defeated us 43-7, while a team from Moonee also defeated us, the score being 27 runs to 8.

In the inter-house softball competition, which is still unfinished, Hopetoun has a slight lead over Strzelecki, with Lancaster and Maclaren following in that order.

In spite of our many past defeats we hope that in the near future, with our increasing numbers we will be able to produce softball teams capable of breaking even with any school.

—VERA PICK
**SPORT**

**VIGORO**

This is just a report on the two matches which were played away from home. The first match of the year was against Yallourn and although we did not win, this match we had a most enjoyable time and the opposing team was very sporting. The final score was 67 to 27 in favor of Yallourn. Best players for this match were Elaine Wilkin and Betty Gervis.

Our second game was played against Warragul. This was also a beautiful day as the weather was fine. The Warragul captain of the Vigoro team was a very good bowler, and got most of our girls out. When the time came for the adding of the marks we found that we had lost once again for although our girls played well the opposing team was too strong.

**CRICKET**

We have had a pleasant and very interesting cricket season this year. Although we had been very keen.

As a result of this every house was well represented in the inter-school XI which has been splendidly coached by Mr. Mackay.

In the inter-school matches we were not as successful as last year. However, all our matches were fairly close, the highest number of runs we were beaten by being 35. We lost the three competition matches against teams from Yallourn and Warragul.

- Yallourn High, 8 for 118, defeated us, 9 for 102.
- Warragul High, 11 for 120, defeated us. 9 for 111.
- Yallourn Technical, 17 for 92, defeated us, 56.

The other match we played was a social game against Mentone Grammar. This time we were more successful.

We, 5 for 90, defeated Mentone, 7 for 67. The striking thing about this match was the friendly spirit in which it was played. The Mentone team, I feel, was the most gentlemanly group of boys we have had the privilege of entertaining at our school.

**JUNIOR TENNIS TEAM**

The boys' junior tennis team captained by Kevin Mckeehan played only two matches this season, the first played at Mon 11.3.55. The scores were:

- M.H.S. 5 sets defeated T.H.S. 1 set.

This match was played on good asphalt courts, and our best player was Robin Hyndman. After the match we returned to the school and were treated to afternoon tea before departing.

The second match was against Yallourn Technical School. It was played at Warragul on 30.9.55, on porous courts. Although soundly beaten we enjoyed the game immensely. The usual custom of afternoon tea followed before seeing the tech. boys off.

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

The Traralgon High School Junior Football XVIII had a most successful year, winning two out of three matches. We defeated Drouin and Mirboo North and unluckily lost to Knox by a slender margin. During the Drouin match full forward "Naughty" North gained quite a reputation as a post hitter.

Our big men, "Retro" Plant and Paton "Pedden" Thackray were seriously handicapped by their great weight. "Patty" Morgan whose hair nearly blinded him and Gertrude "Fleur Lega" Reid contributed much to our success. "Happy" Hyndman, nearly tied on the bottom of his shorts during one match. (Were they long shorts or short longunks?).

The team's small brigade consisting of "Tom" Tunney (our star), "Izzy" Bond and "Wittle" Tallp Turnbull did some mighty "wittle" kicks.

Captain Julian Hodson (Hodgo) was ably assisted by his right-hand men "Retro" Plant and "Whittle" Blackman. Mr. Taylor ably managed the team and all trips supervised by him were extremely happy and enjoyable for everyone.

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**THE SWIMMING SPORTS**

**TUESDAY,** 2nd March, the day of Traralgon's swimming sports, and everyone was excited. The non-competitors, in rows along the edge of the swimming baths, discussed and argued the prospects of the different Houses. Up one end was a blackboard ready for the house points. The colours of the houses were ready to be put in order. The competitors for the first event were already in their places. Then the cheering broke out and we knew that the sports had begun.

The water, previously calm, soon became choppy with the thrashing arms and legs of the swimmers. As they passed us we drew away from the spray, but continued to cheer. The judges went forward to watch the winners. The spectators were tense for a moment and then the cheering was renewed as the winner reached the end and was helped out. Blue, red, green, yellow; the colours went up in order, Macfarlane, Lancaster, Strzelecki, Hopetoun.

So the sports continued, the oldest swimmers, the cheering children, and the parents who had come to see the school's champions, all sharing in the excitement. At last the final results were given, and we cheered as each house was announced—Macfarlane first, 1,148 points; Hopetoun 1st house; Lancaster 75 points and Strzelecki 761 points.

—MARJORY GALLOATH

**JUNIOR CRICKET TEAM**

We played three matches this year. They were again Moe and Warragul High, and Yallourn Technical School.

Our captain was Vic Young who in the match against Moe took the hat-trick, while our vice-captain Peter Northun did quite well. Others who stood out in our side were Keith Miller, our wicket-keeper, Bill Lentini and Ron Hoppen, batsmen, and Gordon Pearley, bowlers. Although we did not succeed in winning we all greatly enjoyed the matches. Mr. Gourley helped the team along a great deal with his assistance during practice.

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**JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

Our junior basketball team has had quite an encouraging season. We competed against Yallourn, Drouin, and Moe North winning two of the three matches. The competition was very keen, especially at Yallourn where we had a very exciting and friendly game, each player tiring her hardest to get possession of the ball. We won by two goals which were gained in the last two minutes.

The juniors have many promising young players, and though the juniors of this year will become seniors of next year, they will always be replaced by new enthusiasts.

—RUTH DOCKING (Capt)

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SOCCER

Many soccer players left school at the end of last year, but this year our lads soon learnt the rules and became soccer titers if not players. We set out, made our ground, and began our round of inter-house matches, in which Hopetoun was most successful. Mr. Laver had charge of coaching and umpiring. This year we played only one inter-school match. After an enjoyable struggle Yallourn High School beat us four to nil. The best players for the season were B. Macleod, who played centre half forward. Well, on behalf of the team I hope that next year's soccer is as good and fair as it has been this year.

—MICHAEL OVENDEN

JUNIOR TENNIS TEAM

Although the junior tennis team was a little unsuccessful this year we had a very enjoyable time during the two trips away visiting other schools. Miss Bell's coaching was very much appreciated throughout the year. Both Yallourn High and Warragul High proved a little too strong for us, with the result of our being beaten both times.

—Y. GREAVES

JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM

Under the very efficient coaching given by Miss Murphy, our State hockey player, we started the season quite well having a few goals, for our own goal, from our coach, and also the rules drilled into us. Our first match of the season was to be played against Yallourn High at Yallourn. The match was very exciting and interesting, and neither team had scored at half-time. During the second half we broke through and scored, and when the final whistle blew we had defeated Yallourn High two goals to nil.

We soon got down to hard practice again in readiness for our visit to Mirboo North. This match also proved very exciting. At the end of the match the score was a draw, one goal each. This match ended a quite successful hockey season.

—Y. GREAVES

SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

Captain, Alice Blanche; vice-captain, Coralie McFarlane.

The senior basketball team had an excellent coach in Miss Howes, who also assisted as an umpire.

The team played three competitive matches and had one win, one loss and one draw against Warragul, Moe and Yallourn.

We also played a friendly game against Mirboo North to end a very enjoyable basketball season. Throughout the season the team combined very well with Yvonne Windridge, Iris Walkden, Ann Laing and Marilyn Ryan as goalkeepers, Brenda Hawke as defence wing, Alice Blanche as centre, Coralie McFarlane as attack wing and Pauline Munro. Jean Inglis and Marilyn Ryan as goalers.

—ALICE BLANCHE


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Everybody knows how greatly the advent of modern machinery has affected the life of the farm and in the factory. But the revolution that has been taking place in offices — particularly in bank branches — has been just as startling.

With a flick of the finger, a ledger machine operator records the payment or withdrawal on a customer's account, calculates the new balance and adds another item to the running record of the ledger transactions for the day.

Most of this new machinery is operated by lady clerks, who find the work light and interesting.

Recently among the most popular displays at trade and industry exhibitions at Melbourne have been those staged by A.N.Z. Bank, which has led the field in Australia in the development and application of these mechanised banking techniques.

In addition to the intricate and interesting mechanisms the tables, mobile trays and other office equipment specially designed for the comfort and efficiency of operators have attracted wide-spread interest.

QUICK PROMOTION

The effect of these new developments on the life of a young bank officer has been considerable. Most young men join the bank about the age of 16. Before the widespread introduction of mechanised equipment they could look forward to a number of years as an office junior, a manicled ledgerkeeper or a clerk doing the routine work that is now largely handled automatically. Today, the position is different. Promotion to interesting and responsible positions comes rapidly to youths taking up banking as a career.

In A.N.Z. Bank, for example, many officers in their very early 20's are working as tellers — receiving notes, silver and cheque deposits from the Bank's customers and also cashing cheques. About 35 per cent. of the male officers over the age of 30 years are either bank managers or hold positions of equal or higher status.

Many recruits help speed up their period of training by a course of study (e.g., special bankers' courses, accountancy, or a Commerce degree at the University). They are encouraged by the provision of interest-free loans which help cover the cost of fees and by holidays on completion.

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SECURITY

As well as offering congenial and interesting employment for young men and women, the banking industry offers a rare combination of opportunity and security.

Bankers enjoy medical benefits which ensure that employees and their families are protected against heavy expense in times of illness. To quote a specific example, A.N.Z. Bank will pay up to £250 medical expenses out of a total expenditure of £295 in any single year.

On present salary scales, the minimum pension expectation of an officer who joined this year would be £766 p.a. at normal retiring age. As salaries of virtually all officers exceed the minimum, the retirement expectations are considerably higher.

LADY CLERKS

Another result of the changed conditions in the banking industry has been an increase in the opportunities offered to girls who join a Bank. Not many years ago Bank staffs were almost wholly male, but today ladies clerks comprise nearly 40 per cent. of A.N.Z. Bank's staff, compared with 7 or 8 per cent. before the last war.

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