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"Come, my friends,
"Jis not too late to seek a newer world."

(Tennyson)

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# THE HFADMASTER'S PAGE

"Joyous we too launch out on trackless seas Fearless, for unknown shores, on waves of ecstasy

It is indeed a pleasure to be asked to write a message for the first issue of "Voyager." There is some subtle fascination about being associated with first ventures, and a new school offers many such opportunities. When something new is launched, one cannot help but speculate on what

with first ventures, and a new school offers many such opportunities. When something new is launched, one cannot help but speculate on what the future holds. This magazine will contain a record of school events, and will provide an incentive for people with literary and artistic talents. This first number will increase in value. In after years, you will again turn the pages of your copy and note again the names of sports champions; you will recall the dux of your form; memories of half-forgotten incidents will be revived; and names of school mates and teachers will come flooding back.

Will the title "Voyager" find favour among the readers? Juliet, finding Romeo to be a member of a rival family, asked, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet!" But a name must be appropriate, and with the School crest being a ship, and our motto "Endeavour," it seems fitting that some nautical expression should be chosen for the magazine. "Landfall" was one of the first to be considered, but that title would suggest the end of a voyage, whereas the present title has some inspiration in it, conjuring up someone bound for a distant destination, and possible adventures to be encountered.

It is difficult to say what the best education is in this fast changing world. Since the launching of earth satellites there has been an insistent clamour for more scientists, and there is no doubt that scientists are needed if we are to maintain our high standard of living. Scientists are needed, too, if we are to introduce our Asiatic neighbours to the kind of civilization that we enjoy. They too must learn, with our help, to grow ample food and with the help of science resist the ravages of flood, famine, and disease.

It seems a long time since H. G. Wells said, "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe," but at present it is ominously true, and the type of education most urgently needed is that which teaches us to live amicably with our fellow-man and to realize

may be crowned with success.



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Front Row (L. to R.): Miss Purves, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Goulbergh, Miss Carey, Mr. Boyle, Miss Drummond (Senior Mistress), Mr. Stirling (Head Master), Mr. Hallett (Senior Master), Miss Haining, Mrs. Martindale (Administrative Staff), Mrs. Humphries, Mrs. Senini, Mr. Prowsa.

Centre Row: Dr. Goulbergh, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Lee, Mr. McLean, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Cantlon, Mr. O'Brien,

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Frank, Mr. Vardon, Mr. Larsen, Mr. Moorrees.

Back Row: Mr. Vodicka, Mr. Warhurst, Mr. Brook, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Stuart, Miss McLean, Miss Davey, Miss Crawford, Miss Carrel, Mrs. Harris, Miss Winterton (Administrative Staff). Absent: Miss Borowick, Mr. Waters, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Hayes.

# STAFF NOTES

In spite of staff changes each year, the school retains most of the foundation members who joined the school in 1955. The "pioneers" still with us are Miss Drummond, Miss Carey, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Goulbergh, Mr. McLean, Mr. Meehan, Dr. Goulbergh and Mr. Waters.

At the end of last year Mr. C. O. Holland left us to take up promotion as Head Master of Hampton High. As first Head Master of Brighton High he guided the school from its "homeless" state of being without a building to that of occupying a lavish and wellequipped premises.

Other teachers who left us at the end of last year were Mrs. Southern, who received promotion to Gardenvale Central, Mrs. Freer and Mrs. Terry, who resigned, and Mr. Harrison and Mr. Kosky, who resumed full-time studies.

With the up-grading of Brighton High to the status of Special Class, the increase in the

number of pupils and the loss of some teachers, many new faces appeared on the staff this

Mr. G. M. Stirling, our new Head Master, came to us from Moreland High School at the beginning of the year. Both he and Mrs. Stirling having taken up residence in the Brighton area have identified themselves completely with the interests of the school and the community

We also gained a new Senior Master in Mr. Hallett and a new Senior Mistress, Miss Robertson. Miss Drummond, who during 1957 had been teaching in Ballarat, rejoined our ranks. Other new members of staff were Misses Haining, McLean, Crawford, Borowick, and Messrs. Prowse, Wilson, Warhurst and Vodicka.

During the year we lost some teachers, whilst others joined our ranks. Miss Robertson retired in June and went to take up residence in Sydney. We were sorry to lose her and wish her a happy retirement. Mr. Rechter was given leave to travel overseas, and Mrs. Moore resigned. Miss Waten, who replaced Mrs. Moore as music teacher, also resigned later; her position was filled by Mr. Larsen. Miss Breen, who came to us in Term 1, was later transferred to Mordialloc High.

Other teachers welcomed to the staff during the year were Miss Carrel, Miss Davies, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Senini and Mr. Boyle.



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# PREFECTS

In a dignified and impressive ceremony in the Holland Hall on Thursday, 27th March, School officials were installed in their offices for

Official guests included His Worship the Mayor of Brighton, Councillor McLeish, and Mrs. Mc-Leish; members of the Brighton City Council, the President and members of the School Advisory Council, representatives of the Ministers' Fraternal, and the parents of School prefects.

In calling upon Councillor McLeish to carry cut the induction ceremony, Mr. Stirling said that it was appropriate that the Mayor should officiate on this important occasion, as his office in the wider service of the community served as a pattern to us students who were accepting positions of responsibility in the school. It was then that we realized the true significance of our office we realized the true significance of our office.



**PREFECTS** 

From Back (L. to R.): P. Lewis, G. Darby, R. Swallow, J. Lark, N. Evans, J. Winter, S. Eades, J. Morgan, G. Teague, C. Whitelaw, I. Taylor, J. Collins, R. Kemp, P. Morey, A. Iggulden, I. Sellars, K. Turnbull, D. Simpson, T. Shannon (Head Prefect), S. Deane (Head Prefect), Mr. G. Stirling (Head Master), Miss E. Drummond (Senior Mistress).

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Mayor impressed on us that the School looked to us for leadership. We hope that in some measure we have, with the co-operation of our fellow students, been able to fulfil our function.

A vote of thanks was moved by Sylvia Deane and Terry Shannon, newly installed Head Prefects, and at the conclusion the Prefects' pledge was signed in the presence of the Mayor.

We feel very aware of the honour of the office we have held this year, and we have tried to carry out our duties conscientiously and willingly. The junior prefects, Jacqueline Collins and Ray Swallow, are to be congratulated on the work they have done, and they have more than justified the decision to draw prefects from Form III. Our thanks go to the school for the support they have given us, and especially to Mr. Stirling and members of staff, whose friendly guidance and encouragement have been invaluable to us in carrying out our duties. For us 1958 has been a happy and memorable year.



Head Prefects signing the Prefects' pledge.

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# SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

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Since the Holland Hall became available towards the middle of first term, School Assemblies have become a feature of our corporate life. We consider ourselves fortunate in possessing a fine hall which already has proved an important factor in our social and cultural life.

On 29th March school olicials were installed in their offices for 1958 by the Mayor of Brighton, Councillor McLeish. Speakers on that occasion included the Mayor, Mr. Rossiter and Mr. Stirling. An account of this ceremony is to be found elsewhere in these pages.

On 25th April the Anzac commemoration service was held in honour of the dead of two World Wars. Prior to the main ceremony a wreath was laid at the base of the flagpole by the head prefects, and a minute's silence was observed in memory of the fallen. Among the official party were Colonel Holford, E.D., Mr. J. Rossiter, M.L.A., Chairman of the Advisory Council, members of the Advisory Council and their wives, Mrs. G. M. Stirling, Mr. C. Streader, District Inspector of Schools, and the Reverend Wilson. Mr. Stirling addressed the school on the significance of Anzac Day, calling to mind Hugh Brodie's poem "The Airman's Prayer," which acknowledges the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man in the words, "The enemy I hate I know to thee is also dear." He emphasized that "mateship" was the lasting lesson to be learned from Anzac. Colonel Holford, who was the guest speaker, traced in vivid detail the historical events leading to the birth of Anzac and the subsequent heroic deeds which established Australia's nationhood in the eyes of the world.

Mr. Smythe, who was a Fulbright Scholar teaching on the Hampton High School staff and well known to Brighton students, was guest speaker at our Coral Sea Battle commemoration assembly. He outlined the Coral Sea operations and spoke of the co-operation between the Americans and Australians at that momentous stage in our Australian history.

May 30th, the highlight of our assemblies, brought the Official Opening by the Minister for Education. Th

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At a special United Nations Assembly on 23rd October Mr. V. S. McKeon, representing the Food and Agricultural Organization of the U.N., showed a film relevant to the work of the F.A.O. in various under-privileged countries of the world. During the course of his address he brought home to us the duties of the more prosperous countries to their less fortunate neighbours. This address was preceded by a colourful display of the uniforms typical of the countries from which some of our pupils have come.

No account of school assemblies would be complete without reference to the address given by Canon Bryan Green, who showed himself very much at ease in the company of student children. We feel that much has been added to our character through the inspiration derived from the addresses of our guest speakers. We are looking forward to many more similar occasions next year.



Anzac Commemoration Ceremony.



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Under the direction of Miss Waten a two-part girls' choir was formed during first term. The first recital was given on the occasion of the official opening on 30th May when the choir made an impressive contribution to the celebrations.

In August, owing to the departure of Miss Waten for overseas, Mr. Larsen took charge of the music in the school, and he conducted our choir on the occasion of the Music Festival held in our hall. A few days later, during Education Week, the girls sang on Open Day and Night, and their items were well received by the visitors.

In the third term senior boys and four members of staff, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Cantlon and Mr. O'Brien, were recruited to form a four-part choir. This choir will render two songs at Speech Night — "Gloria," by Mozart, and "Ding Dong Merrily on High" (a carol).

We regret that Mr. Larsen will be leaving us at the end of the year to return to Melbourne High School. We would like to thank him for the work which he has put into school music while he has been with us, and we feel that he has established the beginnings of what in future years will become a fine musical tradition.

#### THE ORCHESTRA

The school orchestra has developed from the school band which had the honour of appearing on television last year,

The original members, John Handy (trombone), Graeme Hilson (cornet) and Noel Quirk (saxophone), under the guidance of Mrs. Moore took an important part in school assemblies at the beginning of the year. Under Miss Waten the orchestra continued to do good work and was a valuable adjunct to the celebrations at the Official Opening on 30th May.

In August Mr. Larsen took charge of music

in the school and increased the orchestra considerably. It now consists of two violins, an Eb horn, trombone, brass bass, drums and

guitars.

At Speech Night the orchestra will play the "March from Carmen," by Bizet, and "Marche Militaire," by Schubert.

All members are keen and it is hoped that the orchestra will grow and fulfil an increasingly important function in the musical life of the school life of the school.



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LIBRARY STAFF W. Floyd, E. Faris, Mrs. Harris, W. Richmond, W. Rigney, R. Frank.

#### THE LIBRARY

Throughout the year an increasing interest has been shown in the library, both during and out of school hours.

During the year valuable additions have been made to both the reference and fiction sections.

A set of Australian Encyclopaedia, valued at £45. was bought, as well as useful art books such as "Greek Sculpture" and "The Encyclopaedia of Painting." Another very fine volume acquired was the "Oxford Companion to Music." In the fiction section the copy of "Bluey Truscott" was in such demand that three extra volumes were purchased. Could the interest be in the photo reference to Mr. Stirling?

Two very interesting displays were held — one of sea shells and the other of commercial printing, the latter of which was keenly organised by Roger McCallum. He went to very considerable trouble to obtain sets of proofs, plates and type which stimulated great interest. At least half of the boys of the school decided then and there to be proof readers. Temporarily, at least!

The library is especially popular during lunch hour, when recreational and research reading is done. Mrs. Harris, our very keen and hard working librarian, wishes to express her deep appreciation of the willing and unselfish service rendered by her small band of loyal helpers—in particular Elizabeth Faris, Bill Richmond and Bill Rigney—who have shown such interest and co-operated so consistently.

As our library grows, and especially as the senior part of our school develops, the greater the part it will play in the academic welfare of our students.

# SOCIAL SERVICE

One of the important activities of the school is the raising of funds for Social Service. Weekly collections are made at form assemblies, apart from the fund-raising activities which are undertaken by the various forms, in the guise of mannequin parades, films, stalls and reviews.

Up to 1st October of this year the very high total of £157/10/- had been raised, and much of this has already been distributed. The S.R.C., with the approval of Mr. Stirling, has donated £20 towards the Lilydale High School fire appeal, while £15 went to each of the following — Melbourne Orphanage, United Nations Appeal for Children, Spastic Children, the Carry-on Club, and the Gordon Boys' Home. Other amounts have been contributed to individuals at the discretion of the Head Master.

The amount of £10 was contributed to the Cancer Campaign, the "Sun" Appeal for Fishermen's Widows, the Royal Women's Hospital Appeal, the Brotherhood of St. Lawrence, Tally Ho Boys' Village, the Children's Book Council of Victoria, Blind Babies, "Herald" Blanket Appeal, and to the fund for sufferers of multiple sclerosis to help pay for an ambulance to transport these patients to Fairfield Hospital.

Before the end of the year more money will be available, and we hope to contribute further amounts to these and other worthy causes.

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This year the S.R.C. has organised two terminal socials. The Holland Hall became available early enough in Term I to allow us to hold the first of what promise to be highly enjoyable events. in our school life. On this occasion we entertained

in our school life. On this occasion we entertained our Ouyen visitors, and some excellent music was provided by the school band. Hence no financial embarrassment. The girls provided the supper and the boys paid at the door (we hope!).

At the end of second term we discovered two things — that there was no longer a school band and that it takes more than 10/- to decorate our hall. On this occasion attendance was disappointing, possibly because there was not the added attraction of visiting students.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable final social and hope there will be more there to enjoy it with us

enjoy it with us.

## **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

After the completion of the Holland Hall, Religious Instruction became a regular feature on Friday mornings. The Reverend Bruce Gentle, of St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church, led our worship. The Reverend Grant, a missionary from Papua, and Canon Bryan Green were two visiting speakers. During the year our programme was varied by the screening of a film on the origins of the Bible, and the playing of a recording of one of Peter Marshall's sermons. The school is grateful to Mr. Gentle for his efforts on our behalf this year, and we are looking forward to continuing our happy association with him.

# **NEWS OF EX-STUDENTS**

Of those students who gained Intermediate Certificate last year some have continued their studies at other schools, others have taken employment. Peter Goldberg and Robert Mathers are seeking greater glory doing Leaving at Melbourne High, while John Hillyer is similarly occupied at Springvale. Carolyn Fels is at Melbourne Tech., Heather McDonald is engaged on a prenursing course, and Beryl Brownley has gone into the banking business. Robert Taylor is to be found at the M.S.D. So far we have not been able to trace the movements of Marilyn Piper. Walter Huck has stayed with us to do Leaving Certificate at Brighton.

## EDITORS' NOTE

In presenting this, the first issue of "Voyager," we would like to thank all who have in any way contributed to its production. We are grateful for the restraint shown by members of staff in the face of the importunacy of committee members, and we have appreciated the support of the hard-working committee. Finally we would like to thank the contributors whose work has not been published. We have been unable to use it all, and hope that what we have done meets with your approval. We are aware of defects, but hope to do better next year.

## PRIZE LIST, 1958

Form V: Walter Huck.

Form IV: Dorothy Callander (Dux of Form IV).

Jennifer Lark

Christopher Martin
The "Voyager" Prize: Jennifer Lark.

# **EXAMENS DE L'ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE**

Brighton High School has for the first time appeared on the list of awards for Alliance Francaise examinations. Although no prizes were gained we feel that a good start has been

1st "Mention honorable"—Dictation: Diane Waters (IIIA).
Mention honorable—Poetry: W. Rigney, W. Richmond, Diane Waters — all of IIIA.

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# THE QUEEN MOTHER'S VISIT

On 3rd March approximately 350 of our girls and boys participated in the school children's welcome to the Queen Mother at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. None of those who were privileged to be present on that memorable occasion will ever forget the spectacle of the tableaux and maypole dancing, nor indeed, we think, will Her Majesty.

The Queen Mother arrived at 11.30 a.m. and proceeded to the royal stand amidst a roar of welcome from thousands of voices.

When she had taken her seat the maypole dancers weaved in and out, giving the impression a field of swaying flowers. A large "welcome" was formed by hundreds of students assembled

Her Majesty stood in the box to hear the singing of "Will ye no come back again?" which, if lacking in volume, was none the less sincere.

The climax of the display, at least from our point of view, was the Queen Mother's progress in her Land Rover around the arena. Everyone on the ground had an excellent view and all felt that they had been included in her friendly smile.

Each of us carried away with us a lasting impression of that gracious figure, who, a mother herself, obviously felt at home, and indeed happy in the company of children.

# EXCHANGES

Although this is not the first year other schools have sent us magazines, it is the first time we have been able to acknowledge them. We trust that others will find as much pleasure in reading "Voyager" as we have had in reading their publications. We are looking forward to many more exchanges next year.

### INTRA-STATE-

Aurora - Hampton High School Avenue, The — Moreland High School. Cygnet, The — Swan Hill High School. Echoes - Coburg High School. Essendon High School Magazine. Gate, The — Dandenong High School. Granary — Ouyen High School. Highway, The — Drouin Central School.

Merrimu — Bacchus Marsh High School.

Mildurian, The — Mildura High School.

Pallas — MacRobertson Girls' High School. Record, The - University High School,

Ripples - Northcote High School. Thistle, The — McKinnon High School. Unicorn, The — Melbourne High School. Veritas — Oakleigh High School. Wimmera — Horsham High School. Wooraylia — Leongatha High School,

## INTERSTATE-

Brighton High School Magazine, South Australia.

### OVERSEAS-

Brown and Gold Magazine, The - Morrison Glace Bay High School, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. Charlton School Magazine - Singapore.

# I. S. C. F.

The Brighton High School Crusader Inter-School Christian Fellowship Group began the year with an attendance of 30 to 40 per week. As the term progressed audiences increased to some 50 participants.

During the second term our highest number for the year was recorded with an attendance of 78, and thenceforward remained steady in the high 60's.

We had the privilege of being addressed by many speakers during the year, among whom were Mr. L. Bartlett, the Boys' Travelling Secretary to Crusader I.S.C.F., and Miss D. Martin, the Prayer Convenor for the Dr. Billy Graham Crusade in Melbourne next year. Throughout the year it has been very encouraging to the regular members to see so many come to Christ and follow Him in our I.S.C.F. meetings.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Stirling and the staff for the co-operation and interest they have displayed in our activities throughout the year.

Our gratitude is also extended to our Counsellor, Miss S. Morley, the Girls' Travelling Secretary to Crusader I.S.C.F., whose guidance and advice have been invaluable.

We are looking forward to furthering our activities next year, when we hope for an even greater membership.

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The Queen Mother arrives in Melbourne. MARCH:

3—Children's display at M.C.G. for Queen Mother. 13—Combined Swimming Sports. Brighton carries the

day! 20-Students from Brighton High attend Naturalization

Ceremony in Brighton Town Hall. 22—All Schools' Swimming Sports.

27-Installation of School Officials by the Mayor of Brighton.

Mr. Rechter and Mrs. Terry leave us.

APRIL:

18-Members of Parents' and Citizens' Association meet the staff, prefects and house captains at a social.

24-Anzac Commemoration Ceremony.

28-First term exams. begin.

MAY:

2-Correction Day.

4-Youth Sunday march.

6—Intelligence tests for first forms. 12-16—We entertain our Ouyen visitors.

Trips to Maroondah Dam, Healesville, and the Dandenongs.

Students v. Staff at basketball. Roars of laughter.

14-First School Social.

16-First term ends. 15-17-Swan Hill trip. JUNE:

6-We say farewell to Miss Robertson.

16-Queen's Birthday holiday.

JULY:

-Work and more work.

24—Mother and daughter night.

25—Father and son night.

27—So soon? Second term begins.
30—Red letter day. The School is officially opened by the Minister. A very impressive occasion!

AUGUST:

4-Board of Inspectors arrives. Everyone on best behaviour.

17-Education Week begins with church parade at St. Cuthbert's.

19—Choral festival in Holland Hall. Junior Victorian

Symphony Orchestra plays.

21—Open Day. Much activity. Parents seek and learn the truth. Evening session blacked out for a Evening session blacked out for a quarter of an hour.

23-School fete. £450 raised.

26-Ouyen and Camperdown trips begin.

27-"Romeo and Juliet" at the Dendy Theatre.

28—School social. Not so well attended. 29—Second term holidays begin.

SEPTEMBER:

9-Back to School, with good resolutions.

12—Square dance in Holland Hall. A great success! 15—Medical officers arrive. Say "Aa-aah"

17-Athletic trials begin.

19-Inter-house athletics. The rain kept off, but that

24-Photographer arrives. Password that day is "chee-

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25-Show Day - and a holiday!

26-Elite of School - prefects and house captains photographed.

OCTOBER:

8-Inter-house drama festival. Everyone impressed by the high standard. Players celebrate with stage party.

10-Southern H.S. Athl. at Olympic Park. Just wait till next year, McKinnon!

18—Metropolitan Inter-school sports. Brighton is not

disgraced.

13th Anniversary of U.N.O. is celebrated in Holland Hall.

23-School celebrates U.N. Week at special assembly.

NOVEMBER:

4-Another holiday.

21-Final examinations. Internal system disrupts internal composure.

DECEMBER.

3-Final Social.

10-Junior Speech Night.

12-Senior Speech Night. Choir acquits itself well. Final Social.

19-Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

#### THE MOTHERS' CLUB

President. Mrs. G. Ward.

Secretary: Mrs. Tudor

Our Mothers' Club, which celebrates its fourth birthday on 22nd November, is a small but active band of women whose membership is approximately 160.

In view of the fact that there are more than 900 children in the school this representation is smaller than we would like.

The first meeting of the Brighton High School Mothers' Club was held in the Moorabbin Town Hall on 10th March, 1955, with 57 members present. Mrs. Montell was elected President, while Mesdames Jones, Vonton and Lee were elected secretary, treasurer and assistant secretary respectively.

During the year the club members worked under great difficulties on Canteen duty, firstly at McKinnon High School, where the school was then housed, and subsequently at our own school. At first lunches were served only on Mondays, but since then we have had our own canteen, open every day under the capable leadership of Mrs. Usher, who has been ably assisted by Mrs. Ralph, members of the mothers' club and others. Mrs. Pike has been in charge of the roster.

Office-bearers for 1956 were Mrs. Hobbs, president, Mrs. Hayes, secretary, Mrs. Miller, treasurer, and Mrs. Tudor, assistant secretary. Mrs. Hayes retired during the year and Mrs. Tudor took over until the end of the year. 1957 saw further changes. Mrs. Gould became secretary, Mrs. Hancock treasurer, and Mrs. Tudor continued as assistant secretary.

In 1958 Mrs. Ward was elected president, Mrs. Anderson secretary, and Mrs. Hancock treasurer. Unfortunately, Mrs. Anderson had to retire on account of ill health, but not until she had put a great amount of work into the Fair. We extend to her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Tudor again took over, with Mrs. Kemp as assistant secretary.

Since the formation of the club we have done the catering for the two Drama Festivals held at the Brighton Town Hall, and in conjunction with the Parents' and Citizens' Association catered for the official opening of the school.

The entrance hall was furnished by the mothers' club at a cost of £90. Mr. Thomas was responsible for the layout.

We held several functions throughout the year, including tours to Brockhoff's Biscuit Factory, the Semco Needlework Factory and MacRobertson's Chocolate Factory. We also had a Hoover appliances demonstration at the school. All of these occasions proved to be most interesting and instructive. Two theatre parties, one at the Dendy Theatre, Brighton, and the other at a matinee at the Regent Theatre, City, were well patronised and proved to be most enjoyable.

Trading on the fact that everyone likes a mystery, a "Brunch Day" was held at Mrs. Ward's home in October. Each participant was required to "Bring and Buy a Mystery Parcel." Morning tea, luncheon and afternoon tea were served, and we finished with a "Make-up" demonstration by "Revlon." It was a full day for all concerned, but highly entertaining.

Our birthday celebrations on 22nd November were in the form of a dance, and although we will not actually be four years old until 10th March, 1959, we hope we have repaid in some measure the co-operation we have received from the head master, staff, school council and club members over the past year. Our birthday cake was made by one of our members, Mrs. Scrase.

We hope that as the school has now reached near-completion, with pupil attendance correspondingly increased, the membership of our club will double or even treble itself in the coming year.

Our first meeting for the new year will be on Wednesday, 25th February, at 1.30 p.m., and we will be happy to welcome any new members.

# PARENTS' AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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The Parents' and Citizens' Association is a voluntary organisation formed by the mothers and fathers of children at the school. It is one of the two parent bodies associated with the school, the other being the Mothers' Club. Both work for a common cause. However, whereas the activities of the Mothers' Club are confined largely to the day time, those of the Parents' and Citizens' Association are mainly at night.

The association's principal objects are to foster interest in the school and to work for its well-being. It operates in close harmony with the head master, the school advisory council, and the mothers' club. It endeavours, through the agency of money that it raises and through organised working bees, to supply those needs of the school which the Education Department is unable to provide because of its many other commitments.

The nature of the association's work is indicated by its activities during 1958, none of which could have been carried out without the co-operation, good will and assistance of the head master. the school advisory council, the caretaker (Mr. Phillips) and other school officers.

During the year working bees were organised for the painting of seats for the school grounds and for the lacquering of desks. Card nights were held each month, and during the last half of the year square dancing for the students was held in conjunction with the card nights. Mr. Meehan, one of the teachers at the school, volunteered his services as a caller and proved a great success. In April a most enjoyable social was held to enable the parents to meet the teachers, the school prefects and the house captains. In July the very successful "Mother and Daughter" and "Father and Son" nights filled Holland Hall, which was packed again in August at the time of the School Fair — a joint effort of the Mothers' Club and of the Parents' and Citizens' Association. The profits from the Fair amounted to £450. This sum was shared equally by the two parent bodies and helped greatly to enable the Association to provide the school advisory council with sufficient funds to purchase the micron projector which now operates in Holland Hall. The cost of this projector was approximately £475.

Each month the Association distributed a newsletter with the object of keeping parents in touch with items of interest concerning the school and with the activities of the parent bodies. This newsletter was produced by voluntary labour, the only cost being the paper. The Association, through the energies of one of its lady members, was largely instrumental in arranging the series of Council of Adult Education classes on "Film Appreciation," held at the school. It hopes that it will be possible to arrange further classes next year.

The members of the Association greatly appreciate the support and work of the many people who have assisted them during 1958, and look forward not only to their continued assistance in the coming year, but also to the support of all other parents, both of old and new students, who will be able to assist them in achieving their objects.

Meetings of the Association are held at the school at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday in each month. These meetings are open not only to parents but also to any citizen who is concerned with the welfare of the school. Quite frequently, at the conclusion of the formal business, a talk is given by an interesting speaker. Mr. Stirling is always present and keeps members in touch with current school matters.

The Association's office-bearers are: President, Mr. A. G. Booth; Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. B. Wilson and Mrs. L. B. Holford; Treasurer, Mr. John Miller; Secretary, Mr. M. J. McDonald.



MR. STIRLING ADDRESSING ASSEMBLY.

# OFFICIAL OPENING OF BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

On Friday, 30th May, the new Brighton High School was officially opened by the Minister for Education, Mr. J. S. Bloomfield, M.L.A., in the presence of a large gathering of people.

Those of us who had been part of the school from its inception in 1955 were perhaps rather more conscious of the immensity of the cccasion than those who have joined our ranks since. This is meant to cast no shadow of suspicion on their loyalty or on the value of their contribution, nor it is an attempt to establish an exclusive band of "old contemptibles" who by virtue of an accident of time were privileged to be an excuse for building a school at all. By no means! We just possessed a little extra of that pride which grows along with one's association with any worthwhile institution. (Or was it just a nostalgic realisation that a bygone era is now nothing more than a memory?).

It was very fortunate that the Holland Hall was near enough to completion to house comfortably the Senior School and many guests and visitors. The gymnasium was so completely complete that the floor had to be covered by tarpaulins to protect it from the desecrating hobnails of the juniors. This reverence has now become customary. Shoes must now be discarded at the doors of the "temple," and any disregard for the now-established rites brings forth sharp and speedy punishment by the "high priest." However, as the loud speakers began to crackle and betray an expectant murmur in the main hall, the juniors snuggled into their tarpaulin and imagined what it would be like to be in the exalted senior forms.

The Holland Hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the stage presented a very fine spectacle with its foliage and flowers.

The President of the Advisory Council, Mr. J. Rossiter, M.L.A., welcomed the official guests, who included the Minister for Education (Mr. J. S. Bloomfield), the Director of Education (Major-General Ramsay), the Mayor of Brighton (Cr. McLeish), Mr. A. McDonnell (Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools), members of the Advisory Council and of other bodies associated with the school.

Mr. D. C. Streader, District Inspector of Primary Schools, outlined the brief history of the school and paid tribute to the pioneering work done under Mr. C. O. Holland and now being carried on by Mr. Stirling. He foreshadowed things to come when he envisaged a school to Matriculation, with some 1200 pupils, within two years.

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In declaring the school officially open the Minister paid tribute to the pioneering work done in the political field by former Ministers of Education and to the public-spirited citizens whose foresight and perseverance did much to provide Brighton with this magnificent school. He hoped that both teachers and staff would derive deep satisfaction and happiness from their activities in connection with the school.

The Director of Education expressed the opinion that the school would undoubtedly make just as great a contribution to the community as the older high schools had done. He recalled that State high schools, of which the first was established 53 years ago, were able to boast of many distinguished ex-students, as will Brighton High School in the years to come. He emphasised that fine buildings and competent staff alone do not make a school, but how the students stand in the eyes of the community determines its ultimate worth.

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Preparing for Official Opening.

In his remarks Mr. Stirling, our Head Master, paid tribute to the present Minister and former Ministers for Education, whose efforts have been bent untiringly to meeting the ever-increasing demands of education since the war years. He felt that the citizens of Brighton were conscious of the benefits which would accrue with the acquisition of such a fine school, and indeed, their interest had been strikingly demonstrated through the Brighton City Council and the parents' associations, whose encouraging interest and co-operation would assist the school in turning out the greatest asset to any community — fine citizens.

Mr. Stirling said that he was humbly conscious of the hardships and handicaps suffered by Mr. Holland, his staff and pupils during the pioneering days, but that he now looked forward to the future, confident that the school would justify the faith placed in it.

Mr. Bloomfield and Major-General Ramsay were presented with wooden platters, which were turned up by Graham Love in the woodwork centre.

Miss Waten conducted the school singing "Tree of Peace" and the senior girls' choir singing "O Lovely Peace."  $\ensuremath{\text{Peace}}$ ."

Later the school was open to inspection, and guests were entertained by the Mothers' Club and the Parents' and Citizens' Association at afternoon tea.

We were proud of ourselves that day. We felt that our struggle into existence had now been officially recognised — and bore the seal of official approval.



# EDUCATION WEEK

During Education Week (17-23rd August) we opened our doors in welcome to the many parents and friends who came to see our school at work.

This year Education Week was ushered in by a special church service conducted at St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Bruce Gentle, who has so willingly made his services available at weekly religious instruction at the school. At the service, which was attended by many of the Brighton High School students and staff, lessons were read by our head master, Mr. Stirling, and head prefect, Sylvia Deane.

The week's activities culminated in Open Day on 21st August, when the school was thronged with visitors. Much to our discomfort, intimate interviews between parents and staff could be seen in all corners of the school. Special displays of school work had been arranged and almost every room in the school was used to display some aspect or other of our varied curriculum.



FOLK DANCING

Both in the afternoon and evening sessions the visitors were welcomed by Mr. Stirling, who invited them to discuss with the teachers their children's progress. (Did they need urging?) After choral items melodiously rendered by the girls' choir, a gymnastic display by the boys and colourful folk dancing by the girls, the visitors dispersed throughout the school to see the displays.

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"TOLEDO," BY JAMES MELDRUM
Selection Committee: Mr. Stirling, Mr. Cantlon, Mr. McLean
and Mr. Thomas.

Elaborate arrays of projects, scientific apparatus, stamps and commercial work were spectacularly arranged. Visitors were highly impressed by the equipment available in the woodwork, metalwork and cookery centres, while a striking display in the needlework rooms gave a good indication as to what is being achieved in that section.

Apart from an extensive display of students' art work, an art exhibition consisting of 20 paintings by contemporary Victorian artists was held. Exhibitors included Kenneth Jack, James Meldrum and other well-known artists. One of the paintings, "Toledo," by James Meldrum, was purchased and is now hanging in the foyer of the Holland Hall.

Another innovation, the Careers Bureau, caused considerable interest. The advisory panel on careers included experts from Government departments, the Dental Board, banks, insurance companies and other bodies. Many parents (in despair?) availed themselves of the opportunity of taking a preview of their children's bright (?) and golden (?) future.

We hope that Open Day did at least something to restore our parents' faith in our doubtful academic future.



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# INTER-SCHOOL VISITS

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Consonant with the modern trend in education to regard experience rather than mere academic instruction as the more potent educator, inter-school visits of groups of students are becoming more frequent.

This year groups of our students visited Horsham, Camperdown, Ouyen and Swan Hill. We are grateful to the head masters who made them possible and to the members of staff who travelled with us, organised our itineraries or entertained us. We sincerely hope that these trips are a permanent feature of our school activities. activities.

## **HORSHAM**

Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Morris accompanied 26 boys and girls to Horsham on Saturday, 12th May. In spite of the long journey, some eight hours in the train, we all enjoyed the trip.

On arrival we were greeted by parents, Horsham High students and Mr. Rodgers, their head master, who welcomed us and from the start made us feel very much at home. Most of us were to stay in Horsham City and were taken straight to our new homes.

On the night of arrival most of the Brighton girls were entertained by their kind host-esses at the pictures. (Believe it or not—Horsham has two picture theatres!!)

On Sunday we were free to do as we wished, and most of us went to one of the many churches. In the afternoon some of us



At Timboon Consolidated School.

visited Mt. Arapiles, a lone residual mountain standing guard over the extensive plains of the Wimmera some distance to the south-west of Horsham. From the top of Arapiles a wonderful view presented itself, and the Wimmera revealed itself as a mighty granary with its monumental wheat silos dotted on the plains and visible from up to 20 miles. Occasional extensive salt pans smudged the plain at intervals.



Wentworth Gaol.

On Monday, which was very wet, we boarded a bus and were taken to the Grampians, stopping first at the home of an old settler, now in the centre of a wild-life sanctuary. There we had lunch in a small shelter, in full view of kangaroos, native birds and rabbits. Our next stop was at Wartook Reservoir, the source of Horsham's water supply. We had great fun there because there was a family of very hungry goats. We also took photos of a rather tame wallaby.

As we came to McKenzie Falls, our next stop, we witnessed the dreadful ravages of a recent bush fire. A grim object lesson! We walked to the bottom of the falls, where everything was very green in contrast to the dead fire-tortured trees above the falls, which them-selves are a very lovely sight.

We proceeded to Reed's Lookout, where once again we crossed the path of the bushfires. From there we returned to Horsham High School and our temporary homes.

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Tuesday saw a visit to 3WV, the Western Victorian regional transmitting station. The old transmitting tower, we were told, takes three-quarters of an hour to climb and has strong light globes lighting it at night. From there we went to Longerenong Agricultural College and for most of the girls this was the most interesting and exciting part of the day. There are 71 boys at the College who learn farming, orchardry, sheep, pig and cattle raising, how to butcher pigs, make butter, and wheat and dairy farming. It was with much reluctance that we left Longerenong!

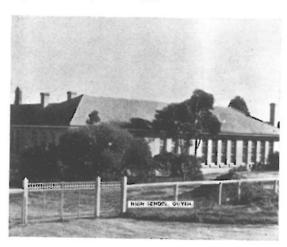
Horsham High was holding a film festival and when we arrived back from Longerenong we saw the film "Romeo and Juilet." That night we all enjoyed ourselves at a barbecue held at Miller's sheep farm.

Wednesday dawned wet, and our projected visit to wail nurseries was off, so in the morning we saw the film "Great Expectations," and "Hamlet" in the afternoon. In the evening quite a few of the girls went to see the film "Bolshoi Ballet."

On Thursday the school held a fete, and we were privileged to lend a certain amount of financial support thereto.

On Thursday night there was a dance in one of the halls, but not many of us or our hosts attended, as we had to begin our homeward journey at eight o'clock next morning.

We were given a rousing farewell, and thus ended a most pleasurable visit to Horsham, "Queen of the Wimmera."



View of Ouyen High School.

### OUYEN

The station was crowded and parents and students exchanged final farewells as the train began to move. One bright boy in our group gave several blasts on his bugle as a token of his joyous emotions on leaving school behind—even if only for a week. This all happened on Friday, 22nd August, at approximately 9 p.m.

No sooner had we settled down to our long journey than we arrived at Ballarat, where we fortified ourselves with refreshments,

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The remainder of the journey was uneventful and we alighted at 6 a.m. on Saturday, rather tired through lack of sleep, to be greeted by our hosts. On that same Saturday most of us went to the local football match, and in the evening we were entertained either by our hosts or at the pictures, where certain people fell asleep.

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On Sunday there was an organised trip to Bronzewing, where our party was shown



River Boat.

over some Mallee properties in land rovers and jeeps. Some of us tried our hand at shearing sheep, with varying degrees of success-

Monday morning dawned, and school once again! However, this time in unfamiliar surroundings. After assembly at the school we were welcomed by the head master and then with the whole school seeing us off we departed for another interesting and exciting day. Our first objective was the winery at Merbein, where a guide introduced us to the mysteries of wine vats, the labelling and bottling department, and other stages in the production of wines and spirits. From there we went across the border to Wentworth, where the boys in particular took pleasure in exploring the old gaol. Later that afternoon a kindly gentleman allowed us to investigate his vineyards and orange groves.



Scene on the Murray.

On Tuesday, wearing old clothes, we arrived at the Pink Lakes at Linga, where Imperial Chemical Industries harvest about 25,000 tons of salt per annum. We were shown high explosives, how they worked, and in some cases, on a small scale, how the rock salt is blasted. From the lakes we went to the Mallee Re-

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Murray Bridge.

search Station at Walpeup. There many points of interest were brought to our attention, including experimenal crops and patches. After this exhausting but interesting day we relaxed for a few hours and then attended the school social which was held in two of the class-rooms. A good band, an interesting programme and friendly hosts soon put us at our ease.

Wednesday, our last full day before our departure, was crammed full of interesting experiences. We began by inspecting the premises of the Co-operative Dried Fruits and Sales Pty. Ltd., where we saw (and sampled) raisins in the process of being packed. This was followed by a delightful voyage for two hours down the Murray. We freely explored the Mildura shopping centre and in the evening many of us attended celebrations or parties.

On Thursday, at 11 a.m., we stood disconsolately by our luggage on the platform at Ouyen station. Our visit was over! We took



Boat trip on the Murray.

farewell of our hosts with regret and happy memories. The trip home was rather an anticlimax and was uneventful. Shivering parents greeted us on our arrival at Spencer Street.

That we had a wonderful and highly informative trip is now a matter of legend. Text books are indeed a poor substitute for direct experience and become barren in the face of new friendships.

### **CAMPERDOWN**

Early on 26th August 18 girls, accompanied by Mrs. Harris, left on a three-day trip to Camperdown. We arrived at noon and were supplied with an excellent lunch by the Camperdown High School cooking class before playing hockey and basketball matches. I am ashamed to say we were defeated in both games, but as we only fielded scratch teams there is some excuse for our downfall.

The next day we viewed the rugged costline at Port Campbell and Peterborough, and were told the tragic story of the wreck of the Loch Ard, from which only two people survived.

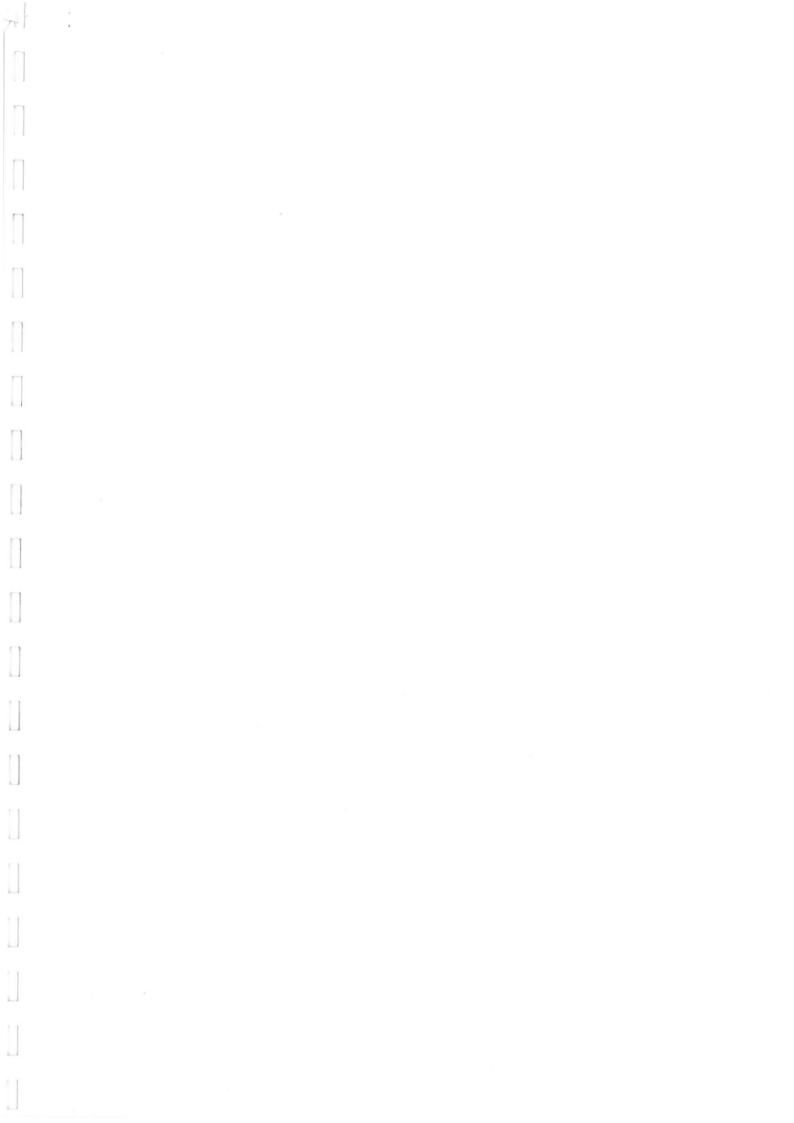


Camperdown High School.

En route we visited the Timboon consolidated school which is attended by children between the ages of six and 16.

The next day we viewed the rugged coastline were shown the Leura Western District butter and cheese factory. There we saw the milk being weighed and tested before being evaporated into powdered milk. We were impressed by the massive furnaces which provide the heat for this process. The butter-making process was equally interesting and we saw the butter being turned out of the large vats and skilfully packed into cardboard cartons. In the afternoon most of us climbed the two mountains close to Camperdown — Mt. Leura and Mt. Sugarloaf. From the summit of these two peaks an extensive view is to be had over the fertile volcanic plains of the Western District.

With aching muscles we boarded the train and arrived home an hour late, but with much to tell. Our thanks go to Mrs. Harris for accompanying us and providing the necessary restraint,



Ron Kemp, the first bell boy (a doubtful honour), roused the school — and the immediate neighbourhood, by banging on a piece of tuneless metal. But that was all part of the first unforgettable year.

A highlight of Term III was the Athletic C-ports held at the McKinnon Oval, where our representatives were cheered on by the enthusiastic followers. Our delight was unbounded when we were announced the winners of the Aggregate in the Under 11 section.

Our year was brought to a grand climax by the Speech Night, held in the Brighton Town Hall. Councillor Bottomley was the guest speaker and two plays were presented.

The Mothers' Club arranged a break-up celebration on the last day of term, and thus that first varied year came to a close.

At the commencement of 1956 many more pupils joined the few foundation members. As well as first-formers, about 50 third-formers from surrounding central schools joined our ranks. We were now occupying all the rooms in the north-south wing.

Early in the year, at the Inter-School Swimming Sports, we showed our swimming prowess by scoring a convincing win.

During the year, bulldozers and all manner of machinery used in the levelling of land, invaded our school-yard. It was with mixed feelings we watched our drain being filled in. Certainly it meant that our oval was on the way (we very much doubt that now), but the happy hours we had spent there building huts and wading in the murky water were now over. Our schoolground was still well covered in mud, however, and wallowing in the same afforded us some consolation. So the second year sped by, highlighted by Athletics Meetings, Excursions, and finally Speech Night.

Returning to our worthy academy in 1957, the pioneers of the school, now third-formers, realised that our school was rapidly losing the intimacy of the first year. Our numbers were approaching 750, and the east-west wing was brought into use.

We had an Oriental visitor in the person of the "Asian flu" virus during the year, and many of our pupils were confined to bed. Other notable occurrences were the installation of the electric bell, the laying of lino in the corridors, and the School Fete. Still we waited in vain for the completion of our Hall.

Towards the end of the year we housed some Hampton High pupils after their building had been destroyed by fire. Another eventful year came to a close after Speech Night when with regret we said farewell to our head master, Mr. Holland.

In order to enrol six first forms and to provide accommodation for Form II of Hampton High School, it was found necessary to add a new wing of seven rooms before 1958 school year began. Mr. Stirling became our new head master and our enrolment increased to 900.

Many improvements have been made during 1958, including fences which tend to make the comings and goings of some pupils painfully obvious.

Thus Brighton High School came into being, and those of us who were fortunate enough to have lived through the first years will never forget them. From here future copies of this magazine will chronicle her advances, both physical and spiritual. Perhaps what really counts is whether our ex-students will have any real influence on an atomic age.

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FIRST ASSEMBLY

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# DRAMA

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Drama in the school was given a very good start by the Inter-House Drama Competitions which were held in our hall on Wednesday, 8th October. In this competition houses appoint a producer who chooses a play, selects his cast, and conducts rehearsals out of school hours. Finally the plays are staged under the direction of students. It is completely a student activity.

Notable features of the Drama Day were the general high standard of the productions and the very smooth stage management by the school stage manager, Graeme Love, who was assisted by Laurie Menogue and Richard McNicoll. Lighting was imaginatively handled by Peter Lewis. Sound effects were supervised by Jim Laurent, and wardrobe by Karin Shoesmith. The whole stage staff worked with the efficiency of much more experienced crews. It was difficult to realise that this was their first venture. that this was their first venture.

The adjudicator for the competition was Mr. N. Drohan, of Melbourne High School. We are grateful to him for his kindness in coming to judge our competition and we were very impressed by his enthusiasm and judgment. He met the performers afterwards and gave much helpful advice to producers and actors.

The first play was presented by Murray House — "Spoiled Darlings," a radio play by Edmund Barclay, adapted for the stage by Bill Meyer. This producion was awarded first place in the competition and impressed us by its good planning, thorough rehearsal, authentic costuming (which was handled by David Jones), and impressive decor arranged by Bill Meyer, John Castleman and

Bill Meyer arranged the stage for this play in three acting areas, each distinguished by unit scenery pieces, and the action of the play moved smoothly from one area to another. The lighting greatly assisted the changes of scene. In this way Bill successfully presented eleven scenes in forty minutes without having to close the curtains. We congratulate him on his success.

The acting in the play was uniformly good and two of this cast were selected from all the plays as the actors "with the greatest potential." They were Cecily Miller and John Catchlove.

## CAST

GOVERNOR DARLING - Ian Taylor. MRS. DARLING - Jdy Pidoto BUTLER - Roy Sach. LORRIMER - Chris Miller. DR. WARDELL - lan Catchlove. MRS. CARMICHAEL — Dorothy Callander. ANNE CARMICHAEL - Cecily Miller. CAPTAIN NICHOLSON - Tim Lynch. MR. BLAXLAND - John Castleman. Page Twenty-Two

MRS. BLAXLAND - Margaret Fleming. MR. CARMICHAEL - John McHugh. COLONEL SMYTHE -- Martin Alderson. MRS. SMYTHE - Joan Appleton. SIR. F. FORBES - Bill Rigney. LADY FORBES - Hannah Jablonski. MR. WENTWORTH - Murray Baxter. VOICE - Kim Carew-Reid. SAILORS - Martin Alderson, Murray Baxter,