

# The Old Boy

## BURSARY FUND

At the General Committee meeting on Monday July 3rd, the Bursary Fund Trustees handed over a cheque to the Headmaster for \$320, a proportion of one boy's fees for this year.

Because the boy's father (an Old Boy) cannot afford the school fees, the Fund has undertaken to pay them this year.

The contribution so far has come from donations from other Old Boys.

More money has been promised but, altogether, almost eight hundred dollars is needed. The fees are \$785.

At this stage the money is advanced as a loan, repayable in instalments by the boy's father after his son has left Christ Church. It is granted only on the Headmaster's recommendation.

If you can help this Old Boy (and thereby others in the future) please contact Stan Simmons, 5 Lillian Street, Mosman Park. Telephone 31 4691.

## HOCKEY

The Old Boys' Hockey Club is having one of its more sober years (figuratively speaking). Of the four teams, only one is in the four.

This is the B2 side which has been an outstanding success this season making the Challenge Cup—for the two top teams in each grade at the end of the first round.

The B2's are made up of a hard core of old stagers led by Jack Saleeba, and more than retain in guile what they lack in pace.

The Club started the season with five teams but because a number of players had irregular work commitments, a team was dropped.

There are now an A3, B1, B2 and B3 sides. As well the Club fosters two under-age school teams—the Under 12's and Under 14's.

Despite the moderate showing by the other teams club spirit is high, in fact, could hardly be better. Players are competing to get a game each Saturday and there have been quite a few promotions.

The Club's social tradition perseveres tenaciously with a surprising variety of reasons being found for individuals to donate kegs.

The move to Mount Claremont has paid dividends in developing closer links with the School, and the Club has appreciated the quality of the facilities there.

In return several players are coaching school teams. Krish Ravi and Dave Grocutt jointly coach the 2nd and 3rd XI's, Mike Hardy the 11nd Years and John Allen-Williams the 1st Years.

## JOTTINGS

First term sport did not give the School any major success.

Both the swimmers and the rowers were a creditable third, the cricket team finished fifth and the tennis sixth.

A further highlight of the term's sport was the success of the lifesavers Malcolm McGibbon and Michael Halliday who won respectively the W. J. Chambers Memorial Cup for the Open Rescue Race for Men and the Australia Cup.

During the University Christmas vacation, **JAMIE PRICE**, this year in final medicine, gained some experience at Wyndham Hospital. He managed to get down to the Ord Dam during Operation Noah. About any other activities he is remaining tight-lipped. Congratulations to **AL LEDGER** who was married in January. Al spent his honeymoon on Bali.

After a year's stockbroking in London, **RICH BURRIDGE** returned to Perth in February. From his report "Old Boys" have the London financial world just about sewn up. Among familiar faces there are **TIM HOLMES** and **MICK REES** (stockbroking), **MARK HOHNEN** (merchant banking) and **CHOOK LEE** (chartered accountancy). **DICK LEE** is there too—engineering.

**ROB BIRD** is with the Royal Bank of Canada, engaged in the short-term money market. Further south, in the United States, **JULIAN WRIGHT** is studying for a business degree—after merchant banking in London.

On a recent stint with the ABC in Kalgoorlie, **GEOFF LEACH** met up with **TED CULLEY**. Ted has a pharmacy in Hannan Street and is the president of a very active Apex Club. **CHRIS ALBANY** is also in Kal., teaching maths. at the High School.

**JOHN BELL** was a surprise appearance at a recent Hockey Club Show. John has been in London for the past four years stockbroking.

**DAVE PRICE** has joined BHP and has moved to Wollongong.

Anyone visiting West Berlin could run into **ROD MARSHALL** who works for a firm of architects there.

**MICK HALLEEN** has been reported in Zurich.

In Paris, **BILL PRICE** has been up to some of his old tricks. Most recently he walked through a plate glass door there. Has now returned and joined the Hockey Club.

**PETER LAMB**, now living in Sydney, is due to become an "old man" for the first time in July.

A couple of North-West identities, **MIKE MEECHAM** and **DAVE STEADMAN**, appeared for the cricket match against the School. They claimed a North-West victory over the First XI. With former Nor'Wester **JOHN SANDFORD**, they knocked up 124 (of 149) runs against the Firsts' total of 106.

On Anzac Day we had a short service to start the day followed by normal school and in the afternoon the senior students watched the film "The Mind of Man" on

hire from the B.B.C. The new look Cadet Unit (voluntary this year) had a successful three day bivouac under canvas in the Bindoon area during the last weekend in April.

**RICHARD BURRIDGE**, who has returned from a year in England and Europe, became engaged a few weeks ago to a girl he met over there.

**BRUCE MENZIES** is reported to be doing well with the Immigration Department in West Germany.

**BRUCE GALLASH**, working at Exmouth, has just come back from the Eastern States after a three week public relations tour for the U.S. Navy.

**BILL MACARTNEY** is now in America after two years in Hong Kong.

**JOHN COX** took up an appointment with the Commonwealth Department of Works in Melbourne in January. He can be contacted at 1/42 Howitt Street, South Yarra.

## IN THE SERVICES.

**MARK CONRAU** has a commission in the Engineers and is at Kapooka, also commissioned at Kapooka is **JOHN MASTERS**, but as a Gunner.

**JIM CROCKETT** and **KEVIN RUTTER** also in Officer ranks are at Holdsworth.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **ANDREW GIBSON** who obtained engineering associateships in both electronics and communications. **J. C. BUXTON** was awarded a prize in Classics and Ancient History and **D. E. TOWNSEND** earned a Physics/Geology prize.

The Australian Medical Association prize and also the Helen Jane Lamard prize in medicine went to **B. G. HUTCHISON**, while the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Gift Fund trust prize in obstetrics was awarded to **G. W. BLACKBURN**.

**JOHN EDDINGTON** on 1st Class Honours in Engineering.

**A. J. PARKER** on his appointment to Chief of the C.I.B.

**EDWARD BARRETT-LENNARD** on winning the Westfarmers Agricultural Science Scholarship 1972.

**BRUCE HAIG** and **SCOTT SPENCER** in obtaining positions with the Foreign Service of the United Nations.

**ROLAND ALLBROOK** on gaining a Cadetship in the P.M.G. Education Department.

**DUNCAN BLAKE** on 1st Class Honours in his degree of Bachelor of Medical Science at Monash University.

The Drama Group in conjunction with Methodist Ladies College put on two enjoyable one act plays on the 21st and 22nd July in the School Chapel.

Three parents' evenings, one for each section of the School, have been very well attended this term. It appears the parents enjoy meeting the staff and vice versa.

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTRE PROGRESSES.

Some indication of the size of the new Physical Education Centre is gained from this view taken from the grounds of Methodist Ladies College. Work is progressing on schedule and has advanced considerably since this photograph was taken in June.

# National Council of Independent Schools

In July the Headmaster, Mr. P. M. Moyes, was elected to the committee of the National Council of Independent Schools when the Annual General Meeting was held in Sydney.

The N.C.I.S. came into being late in 1968 and although it has received some press coverage not very much is known by the public about this organisation which could be destined to play a vital role in determining the future of Independent education throughout the country. The vexed question of Government assistance is but one issue which underlines its importance.

The Council defines itself as a national body which brings together many strands of independent education in Australia providing opportunities for information and experience to be shared and helping to overcome the difficulties of sectional representation.

As there were already Associations of Independent Schools in most States it was a comparatively simple matter, despite the variations in their internal structures, to create a national body with these State Associations as constituents. The structure is a federal one, each State Association appointing five representatives to the National Council as follows:

- one member of the governing body of a boys' school
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- one head of a boys' school
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- the Catholic Director of Education or his nominee.

In addition, there are three ex-officio members: the chairman of the Headmasters' Conference and the Association

of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools of Australia and the Director of the Federal Catholic Education Office.

The proportion of school membership State by State varies because of differences in State Association structure, and at present the number of schools affiliated are as follows:

New South Wales	52
Queensland	62
South Australia	28
Tasmania	19
Victoria	98
Western Australia	39
<b>Total:</b>	<b>298</b>

When the large numbers of Catholic parish and diocesan schools are added to those who are members of State Associations, as they can be because they are represented by Directors of Catholic Education, it can be seen that N.C.I.S. may claim to represent very nearly the entire 22% of the Australian pupil population currently being educated in Independent schools.

The full Council meets only once a year and an elected committee, which reflects the balanced representation of the Council, conducts the business of N.C.I.S. through its Executive Officer. The constitution of N.C.I.S. stipulates that the committee must include at least one member from each State, so in this way and by other means close contact is maintained between the State Associations and the executive of the national body. The State Associations maintain contact with their member-schools.

There has been a growing need for a national body which would provide independent schools with a means of communicating more closely with each other and provide a focal point of Independent school thought and opinion.

The national body acts on behalf of the constituent bodies and of particular schools in matters of general concern and collects and circulates information.

N.C.I.S. co-operates with other organisations engaged in promoting the interests of Independent schools and of education generally in order that by consultation and co-operation some unity of approach may be achieved.

By expressing its views to governments and in public N.C.I.S. seeks to assist Independent Schools to continue effective service to the Australian community.



Mothers on roster duty for the Luncheon Service make final preparations as the customers begin to arrive.

#### FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY LUNCHESES, PLEASE.

Take eighteen dozen rolls plus enough assorted salads and cold meats to fill them, a gross or so of pies and pasties, fourteen dozen cakes . . .

The idea of mothers offering to prepare and serve that little lot to four or five hundred ravenous young males is enough to make any partisan of Women's Lib. reach for her banner. The fact that there are at present one hundred and fifty seven such volunteers would probably cast the whole movement into despondency if it were known. Nevertheless, every school day during the school year, for the past six years with the exception of Public Holidays the lunch service has been maintained by the mothers of the School.

When it was first brought into being in 1965 by the Mothers' Auxiliary the Luncheon Service operated from the Undercroft of the Preparatory School, the present Art Room and served lunches only on Mondays. Often up to five hundred lunches were ordered, a measure of the need that was being fulfilled.

In view of its success, it was decided that in the following year the Lunch Service should be made available every day. This was a job that called for a paid organiser and in March 1966 the new system came into being.

The main aim of the Service was to provide wholesome, nutritious food and while the making of large profits was secondary to the interest of the students, some money should be made for School amenities.

With the completion of Sandover, the present lunch room came into operation in second term 1968. A modern, efficient unit, it prepares up to six hundred lunches on a Monday and an additional four hundred or so on each of the remaining week days.

The pioneers of those earlier years can look with justifiable pride at the final outcome of their efforts for the Luncheon Service is very much an integral part of the School organisation.

#### MERVYN BROOKING and SELWYN PRIOR - A TRIBUTE

Late last year the deaths occurred of Mr. Mervyn Brooking and Mr. Selwyn Prior, two Old Boys of the School.

Both men remembered the School in their wills and due to their generosity have greatly facilitated planning for future building.

As both men attended Christ Church in its foundation years there are many amongst a later generation who are not aware of the contribution they made to the life of the School and the community.

The following is offered as a tribute to their services.

Apart from his connection with the motor firm which he founded and which still bears his name Mervyn Brooking was one of this State's well known sportsmen in the years between the two World Wars. In his earlier years he was a champion motor cycle rider. He represented the State as a schoolboy in soccer, then went on to play A grade hockey with the Perth Club and subsequently captained the State hockey team. After the Christ Church Old Boys hockey team had been playing for some time in A2 or reserve grade he transferred from Perth to captain the team. This generous action enabled the Old Boys to reach A1 grade. It was typical of his keen interest in the Old Boys Association in which he served his term as President.



Mr. Mervyn Brooking.

Selwyn Prior spent nearly all his working life on the editorial staff of "The West Australian" which he joined in 1923. All those who knew him and worked with him are unanimous in their praise of his dedication and his courteous friendly temperament. A bachelor, he always found time for the troubles of others and his sympathy and understanding were well known. Over the years he never

#### THE ASCENT OF BLUFF KNOLL.

At the end of April a group of Preparatory School boys was taken on a weekend camping trip to the Stirling Ranges.

The following graphic extracts were taken by force from the diary of Sherpa McTavish—one of the five masters who accompanied the party.

Friday, 28th April, 1972.

Departure: Four vehicles, two Ford Transit Vans, one Volkswagon Kombi Van and a Station Sedan together with thirty excited young mountaineers and five slightly apprehensive guides.

35 miles journeyed and a broken windscreen in one of the vans. We reached the Stirlings rather later than planned—9.00 p.m.

A mad maze of luggage quickly unloaded and soon precariously pitched tents dotted the camping grounds. The heroes slept!

Saturday, 29th April.

Before daybreak the local fauna was wakened and food prepared. 9.30 saw spirited adventurers setting out to master the Bluff, a challenging change from trying to bluff the masters.

Lunch was taken between gasps for breath and gulps of water atop the conquered mound, where cloud spoiled many attempts by budding photographers to record the day's triumphs.

Mid afternoon and a game of football cum handball devised by throwing paper plates and endeavouring to catch the same in flight. This exercise took care of most of any surplus energy before a rest and the evening meal.

Many ditties were sung into the campfire's flames towards the latter hours of this second day. Sleep and peace again.

Sunday, 30th April.

Camp was broken and we drove along the magnificent trail through the Stirling Ranges on the homeward leg.

Departure point regained at about 6.30 p.m.

A valuable sojourn in terms of experience, knowledge gained and friendships strengthened.

lost touch with the School, keeping his contact through the friendship he always maintained with his contemporaries.

He was a school prefect in his final two years and participated in many facets of School life including tennis and library duties.



Mr. Selwyn Prior.



Here, three members of the ground staff work on the landscaping of the river bank, the edge of which is marked by the limestone wall. The Chapel can be seen in the right background.

#### KEEPING THE SCHOOL IN RUNNING ORDER

Most people think of a school in terms of its academic functions; few stop to consider that for the daily routine of education to be carried on quite a complex "back-up" system must be constantly in operation.

As a day and boarding school with 878 pupils Christ Church over the years has evolved a behind-the-scenes organisation which ensures that the School is kept at all times in efficient running order.

In the first instance this devolves upon the Administration Staff which consists of the Bursar, Administration Officer, Property Officer and four office staff. The Property Officer has on his cleaning staff two full time and five casual cleaners who are attached to the day school, plus three full time cleaners responsible for the boarding section. Here there is also Matron and the Relieving Sister as well as three Housemothers. In the School dining room there is a Supervising Caterer who has two cooks and a dining room staff of six. In addition there is a maintenance carpenter, a motor mechanic and painter, while on the grounds side, the Head Groundsman has a staff of six at the main school site and is also responsible for the sporting grounds at Mt. Claremont where one groundsman is in charge with one to assist him.

The twenty acres on which the School is situated have over the past ten years become highly developed. Building is continuing and new gardens are still being laid out, while at Mt. Claremont seven-

teen of the twenty acres are in full use as playing fields. All of this means an increasing maintenance load and also calls for a degree of versatility from the members of the staff. Grounds staff, for example, apart from normal duties of mowing ovals and watering are called upon to mark out and line tennis courts, hockey fields and athletic tracks and also to turn their hands to such tasks as the landscaping project currently being carried out under planned expert advice on the river bank.

Whatever may be said about the work of the maintenance staff, it never lacks variety—broken door locks, blocked lavatories, shattered windows, faulty light fitting, loose floor boards—they are all in a day's work. More constructively there is the constant work of improvement which is carried out. This is particularly so in the present programme of furniture upgrading. More often than not available furniture is unsuited to the specific needs of the School whereas by purchasing the basic materials, sometimes as separate units, furniture can be built to meet these requirements. Class desks can be given impervious surfaces, study desks can be tailored to available space and shelving can be made and fitted as required.

The record of service of many of the administration and maintenance staff is the best indication that the work they do is regarded in the light of a vocation and that they do identify themselves with the

School. One secretary has over ten years' service, there are groundsman with five, twelve and thirteen years' service while one maintenance staff member has been with the School seventeen years and another five. On the cleaning staff one has thirteen years' service, another eleven, and others seven, six and five years. The same is true of the kitchen staff where one has served for ten years and three for five. One of our housemothers has been with the School for eight years.

To all these people the School owes a constant debt as they work behind the scenes to keep the machinery running smoothly.