

DON FRASER



This year, for the 12th successive season, Don Fraser has coached the school 1st VIII.

From the 1957 P.S.A. regatta at which Christ Church was first represented, the School has made itself a force to be reckoned with in rowing. In that time Don Fraser and his crews have built up an impressive record.

The Head of the River event has been won six times and the school has never finished beyond third place.

Don Fraser has a wealth of rowing experience on which to call and he is an oarsman of considerable distinction. In 1937, 1938, 1947 and 1951 he was stroke of the W.A. King's Cup crew; and in 1938 his crew won a gold medal at the Empire Games in Sydney. Among his other successes were victories in the Brisbane River champion fours and, as a sculler, a three times winner of the Fremantle to Perth race. His tally of State Championships reached a remarkable 19.

Apart from his coaching the rowing clubs, Don Fraser also coached the Guildford Grammar School 1st VIII for a couple of years after the war. During that time, in 1948, Guildford won the Head of the River.

Don attributes much of his success to the help he receives from the other coaches, especially Jimmy Allen and Graham Norton, and from members of staff.

He believes in teaching the boys self discipline and team work, and respect for their boats. As he has an impressive rowing record of his own, his crews realise that when he coaches, he knows what he is talking about. And, adds Don, it gets easier as he goes on, for every win strengthens his position, and the tradition of the club.

Old Boys whom he has taught admire Don Fraser's ability greatly. As a mark of the respect in which he is held, the Old Boys' Association in 1965 elected Don as an Honorary Old Boy.

SCHOOL VERSUS OLD BOYS

The response to this year's challenge to the School from the Old Boys was the best yet. It seems that their enthusiasm for the afternoon tea, a chilled ale and a day's sport increases every year!

This is borne out by the results; two of the three cricket matches went to the Old Boys, both tennis teams swept the courts, an impressive vote of appreciation for the Mothers' afternoon tea was recorded and the replay of all matches, in the Mount Claremont pavilion didn't run dry until 7.45 p.m.

The School's first eleven, the only victorious team, had to battle to earn their final winning margin of fifteen runs against some demoralising "spinners" sent down by Tony Grove for the Old Boys resulting in the fall of five wickets. In this match the batting of Richard Charlesworth and Peter Jebb was the significant feature of the school's effort.

Another demon bowler for the Old Boys came to light when the Chairman of Council, Mr. Joe Lord, had a short spell of two overs for the third eleven — and took three wickets.

As in the tennis where the Old Boys, led by the Headmaster proved too strong for the school's first and second teams, it

was the spirit in which the competition was played that provided for players and spectators a thoroughly entertaining day. New acquaintances were made, old friendships renewed and good comradeship prevailed.

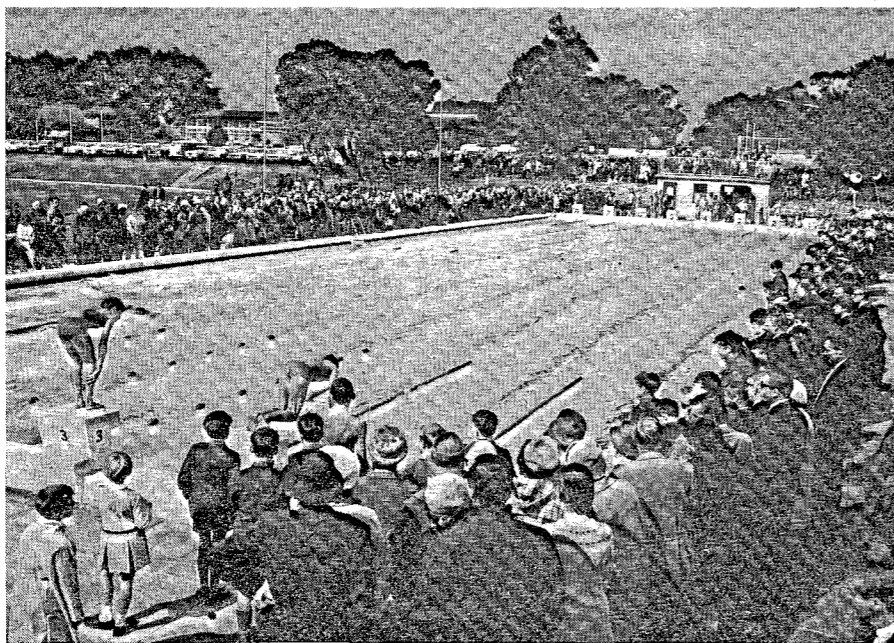
TENNIS BREAKTHROUGH

Two trophies which were presented to the school recently indicate a promising future for our tennis.

They were the Herbert Edwards Cup which is awarded to the winners of a State-wide under fifteen competition and the Academy Plate competed for by the Primary Schools in this state.

This was the first time that Christ Church had won either of these trophies although in past years we have reached the finals. All those who followed the teams knew it was just a matter of time before their enthusiasm and the benefits of hard match play paid off.

To mark the occasion Mr. Q. Stow, the Vice-President of the Lawn Tennis Association presented both the Cup and the Plate to the successful teams at an assembly of the school — a ceremony enhanced perhaps by the fact that Mr. Stow is also chairman of the Hale School Council.



COMPETITIVE SWIMMING IN THE POOL

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING

In March this year Christ Church "pooled" its strongest team yet for the Inter-School Swimming. Led by John Moncrieff and Kel Pallot our swimmers reached new heights as Mr. Moyes observed in a memorable phrase!

The evening's competition at Beatty Park became an epic battle between Hale and Christ Church. Early in the programme Hale swallowed up our six point lead to put themselves nine points ahead. The Christ Church teams' efforts in the backstroke wittled that down to three points and then in the distance freestyle race the opposition found themselves

wallowing in our wake by twenty points. This however, was by no means the end and the Hale team fought back to win from Christ Church by two points — eighty-five points ahead of Wesley in third place. Probably the most disappointed people were the school's wildly enthusiastic supporters who believed, due to an error in the announced results that we had in fact won by a single point!

The new pool, while only available for the last few weeks of the season, received the fullest possible use. Mr. Hammond, as coach, had his team at work before six each morning although we have been unable to verify Mr. Hammond's claim that he turned up too.

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BUILDING PROGRAMME GOES AHEAD

SWIMMING POOL OFFICIALLY OPENED

On Thursday morning, 25th April, in front of a large crowd of parents, friends and boys, Mrs. Dorothy Ransom officially opened the swimming pool.

The opening of the pool marks the completion of the first step in the building programme which the School Council embarked upon after the generous result of the Building Appeal held last year.

Mrs. Ransom was a member of the appeal committee and after her untiring work as president of the Mothers Auxiliary for seven years was a fitting person to perform this task.

Before the declaration, the School Chaplain blessed the pool and after the opening the boys demonstrated the various uses to which the pool will be put:

- Competitive swimming.
- Physical education classes.
- Life Saving.

In declaring the pool open, Mrs. Ransom said:

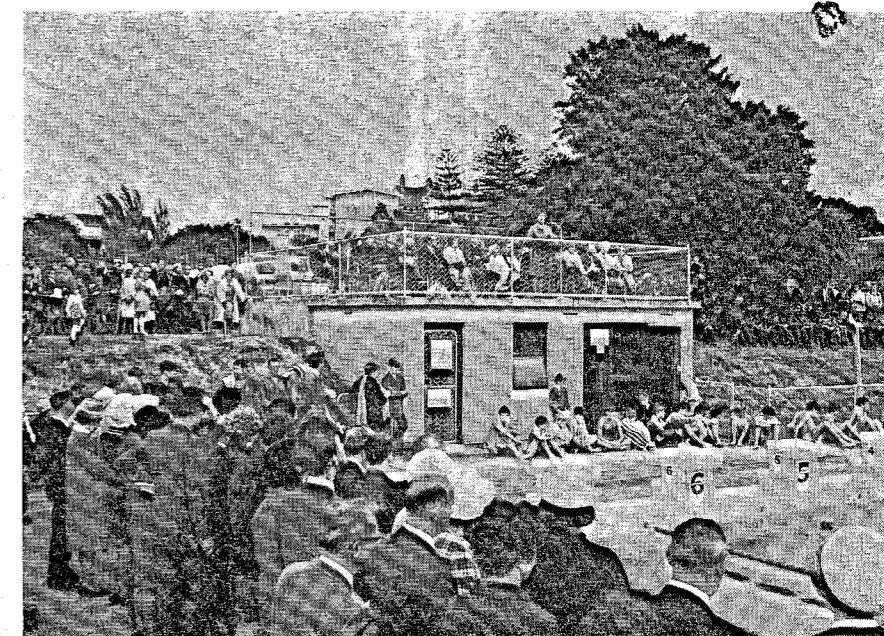
"I feel a very great honour has been bestowed on me personally and indeed to all mothers of boys of the school in asking me to perform this ceremony this morning.

"I am representative of several groups in the school family as I am a parent, I have a son attending school at present, and also a son who is an old boy.

"Looking back over a number of years I remember quite well when our headmaster, Mr. Moyes, first put the idea forward at a Parents' Association meeting that a large appeal for school funds was being considered by Council. It seemed a gigantic and forbidding task, almost beyond our ability to complete. Much discussion resulted and the Parents' Association was happy to back the council in the project and so the appeal was eventually launched. The School Council is to be congratulated on its planning and foresight. Great tribute also must be paid to our campaign chairman of the Building Fund Appeal, Mr. Walter Witt, who carried out a tremendous task so capably.

"The appeal was an encouraging success and, as promised by council, two of the planned projects were commenced immediately. First, the swimming pool. It was anticipated that it would be complete by the beginning of first term.

"The council went ahead again and under the capable direction of the planners, we have this magnificent swimming pool before us. It is being used daily for physical education, both swimming and life-saving. As you know, we came very close to winning the P.S.A. swimming competition this year and in future perhaps the pool will tip the balance in our favour.



MRS. RANSOM OPENING THE POOL

"I would like to say that in all my association with the Parents' Committee and the Mothers' Auxiliary, there has always been a very great enthusiasm in working for the School. This is evident at all times; nothing seems unattainable or too difficult. I feel this is a very worthy tribute to the outstanding work of our Headmaster and his capable staff, and is symbolic of the happy association within the school family. I feel sure this enthusiastic co-operation will continue over the years to come.

"I trust that this swimming pool will bring enjoyment and good sportsmanship to all who use it. May it serve the School well.

"I have very great pleasure in formally and officially declaring this swimming pool open."

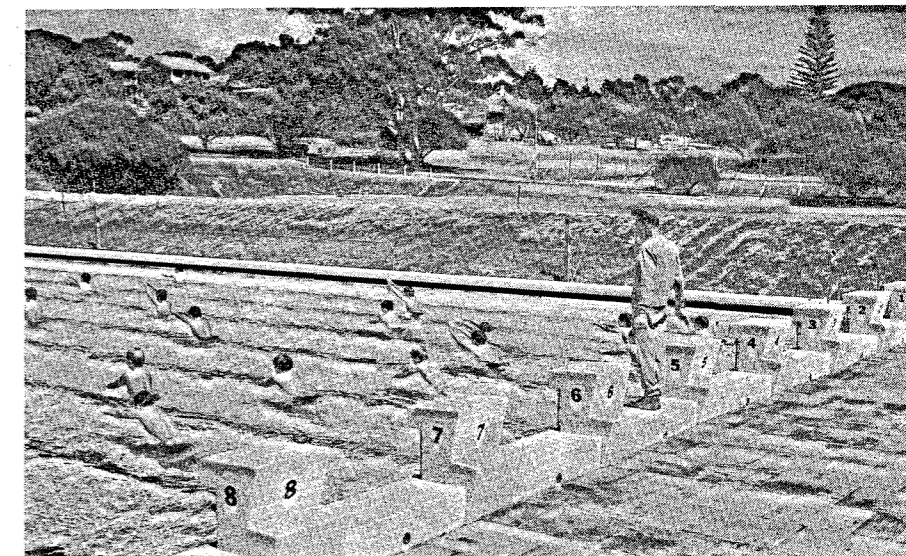
CLOTHING EXCHANGE
31st MAY, 1968

at
THE ARTS CENTRE
(Rear Entrance)
12.00 - 1.30 p.m.

AND FORTNIGHTLY FROM THIS DATE

ENQUIRIES:

Mrs. D. COLEMAN, 85 9164
Mrs. E. MCGIBBON, 86 2059



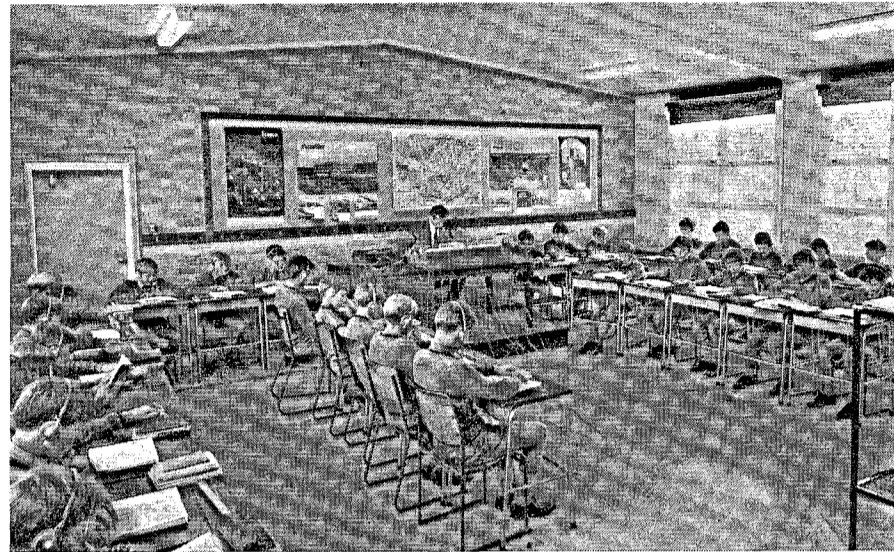
MR. KOVACS SUPERVISES A P.E. PERIOD IN THE POOL

THE LANGUAGE LABORATORY

The project to install a language laboratory at Christ Church Grammar was conceived in 1966. The Headmaster, Mr. P. Moyes, and the senior French master, Mr. D. Lelong, investigated the feasibility of such a scheme and it was decided, towards the end of the year, to purchase a Philips "mini-lab."

Experience has shown that the traditional language laboratory, that is a laboratory fitted with cubicles, individual tape-recorder for each student and a sound-proof room (a so called audio-active-comparative language laboratory) was too expensive for a school. Furthermore, such an installation would not be used to the full since the students would have very little time after school to use the laboratory. The "mini-lab," on the other hand, seemed to be a judicious choice: it was cheap, resilient, easy to manipulate and to maintain, and thus suited perfectly the teaching situations of a modern language in this state.

As shown on the photograph, the "mini-lab" is an audio-active laboratory consisting of a console which has a number of switches. Each switch allows the teacher to listen and/or speak to a student. Each pupil has a set of earphones to which is connected a microphone; the student can hear the programme which is fed from a tape-recorder through the console, and by repeating a set of pattern sentences, for example, he can hear his own voice which is amplified by the microphone. The teacher is able to listen to each student individually without the student knowing he is being heard by the master. If the student makes a mistake, the teacher can correct him without interrupting the class which continues on the aural-oral drill. The laboratory can also be used for dictations, reading practices and comprehension exercises.



The advantages of such a laboratory are:

- It allows the student to work on his own and at his own rate of speed.
- It gives the pupil greater privacy, and thus cancel a shyness which often develops when a child is being asked to speak a foreign language in front of his peers.
- The better students can work without being interrupted, whilst the weaker ones in the same class get greater corrective attention from the language master.
- More work is being done in a given time by all concerned in the class.

The French Department results of 1967 show that the oral fluency of the French students has improved, and will probably continue to improve in the years to come.

The laboratory is not to be considered as "a miracle machine" designed to make schoolboys pass their exams, but only as a very useful adjunct to the teaching of a modern language.



MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

A group of enthusiastic maths students is currently demonstrating the stimulus their subject has received from the curriculum changes of the past few years. Three afternoons a week after school a maths workshop is open to boys of various ages. The response is such that the only real problem is one of accommodating both the students and the steadily growing assortment of "gadgets" such as desk calculators and hermonographs which have been presented to the school.

The room in the Art and Music centre which has been appropriated by the Mathe-

matics Department also serves as a work room in which boys work on projects, make models or experiment with wiring circuits. Back numbers of various mathematical magazines are kept in the cupboards to give ideas for individual projects, though interest so far has centred on the various calculating aids on the shelves.

A projected use of the room next year is to house a teletype consol which will be plugged into the University's P.D.P.6 computer and on which senior boys will be able to learn how to use machine language and to plan computer programmes.

COCKTAIL PARTY

The Annual Cocktail Party conducted by the Parents' Association at the school on May 8th again was a highly successful function. Two hundred and fifty attended and a notable feature was the number of "new" parents who were able to be present.



19 YEARS "just to help out"

HEADMASTER'S SECRETARY RETIRES

In 1948 amongst its other problems, the school was having difficulty in finding someone to run the office. On the understanding that it was "just to help out" Mrs. H. Edmunds was temporarily appointed.

By 1967 it was obvious, even by Mrs. Edmunds' exacting standards, that the crisis was over and she could resume her interrupted private life. In December of last year, as the Headmaster's Secretary, Mrs. Edmunds was finally permitted to retire.

There will be many who will recall Mrs. Edmunds' service to the school during those nineteen years, particularly those old boys who found that she was never too busy to give help when approached on even comparatively minor matters. Her calm efficiency and sense of humour have long been legendary amongst the staff of the entire school.

It was known of course that Mrs. Edmunds' interest in the school would continue; even so it was gratifying to see her at the Inter-House Swimming Carnival in February. The new pool, it is felt, has been approved.

ANZAC DAY AS SEEN THROUGH A BOY'S EYES

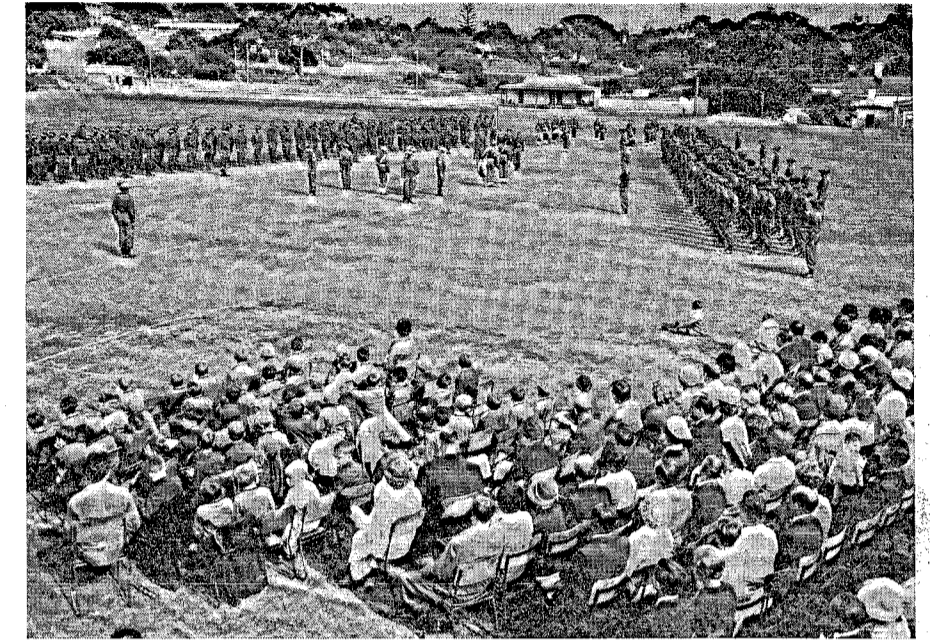
Anzac Day at Christ Church was an undoubted success. The speeches were either short or interesting or both, the cadets marched with rigid precision, the swimming pool was entertainingly opened and all the exhibitions were excellent.

The day began with the marching into position of the cadets to the happy tune of something faintly reminiscent of the theme of "Z-Cars." They were lined up in immaculate order under the able hand and larynx of C.U.O. Simpson and we all stood for the National Anthem and hymn. Unfortunately, the singing was interrupted at irregular intervals by a noise not dissimilar to a cross between the opening bars of a "Jimmy Hendrix Experience" number and a super-sonic jet. I believe it was the microphone.

A few hymns later and the Rev. Eccleston was addressing the multitude, the wind streaming through his long flowing white robes. Any moment one expected to see him take up his staff, strike the nearest rock and watch the life-giving water spout forth—a veritable Charlton Heston. Unable to find a staff, however, he contented himself with tapping the microphone with his finger. He gave an extremely interesting speech and in it seemed no time at all we were all up again singing, appropriately enough, about shelters from stormy blasts.

After the final prayer and blessing, I was just pointing myself in the direction of the swimming pool when a tremendous noise split the air, far surpassing any electronic utterance made by the microphone—the end of the world perhaps—no, only C.U.O. Simpson, addressing his troops, who consequently marched off, so ending an admirable display of discipline. Once again I headed off for the pool.

A short address from Mr. Lord and then the Rev. Dr. Lee took the platform. We all upstood, the pool was officially blessed then we all downsat again for Mrs. Ransom's speech, which was well up to the high standard of the day. This was followed by a life saving display by Mr. Kovacs and his "aquatic wonders" after which all dispersed and made for the exhibitions.



CADET UNITS ANZAC DAY PARADE

All the exhibitions were of the highest quality but, perhaps, one of the real highlights was the launching of Radio Christ Church by "good-guys" Pye, Brockis, Strahan and O'Sullivan. Despite its limited range of transmission—about half way down the Science Building corridor—its ratings were unequalled by any other Christ Church radio station.

Another one of the highlights was, for me at least, the Bridge Club's superb exhibition games which took place in Room 10. Mr. Tasker played the usual inspired game we have come to expect of him, ably partnered, I feel forced to add, by Mr. Cameron, but Mr. Hillman, a dynamic player at all times, produced the masterpiece of the day. Undoubtedly incensed by the moving spectacle of the cadet parade, in a moment of wild extravagance, he reached the astounding contract of one diamond and then proceeded to play the only grand-slam of the day. The Bridge Club (Contract, of course) has had a hard battle for recognition but now, at last, we feel that we have reached a compromise with the authorities that be. It is all right if we play now as long as we do so on a checkered card-table.

I have been to quite a few functions of this type but I never cease to be amused by the reactions of the parents when swamped with marvels of science in the school's science exhibition. While wondering through our exhibition, hoping for something sensational to happen which I could write about, I noticed a small crowd congregating in one part of the laboratory. In the centre of the little group, apparently unaware of the attention being paid to him stood a member of the school, engrossed in rolling a peculiar construction up and down the bench. The audience stood transfixed and finally one of the mothers, watching with intense fascination, asked, "Excuse me, but would that go on rolling for ever, or something—you know, perpetually?"

"Oh, no—I'm just messing about really," came the embarrassed answer.

A.E. (Ante Expulsionem). The characters and events in this account are factual but the names have been mis-spelt to protect the author.

J. CAMERON

2nd TERM FIXTURES

Tuesday, 28th May, School Opens.

Monday, 3rd June, Old Boys' Day. (Football, Hockey and Rugby versus the Old Boys at Mt. Claremont, 2.00 p.m.)

Football, Hockey, Rugby

Saturday, 8th June, v. Scotch, at Scotch.

Saturday, 15th June, v. Hale, at Mt. Claremont.

Saturday, 22nd June, v. Wesley, at Wesley.

Saturday, 29th June, v. Guildford, at Guildford.

Saturday, 6th July, v. Aquinas, at Mt. Claremont.

Saturday, 13th July, Mid-Term week-end.

Saturday, 20th July, v. Scotch, at Mt. Claremont.

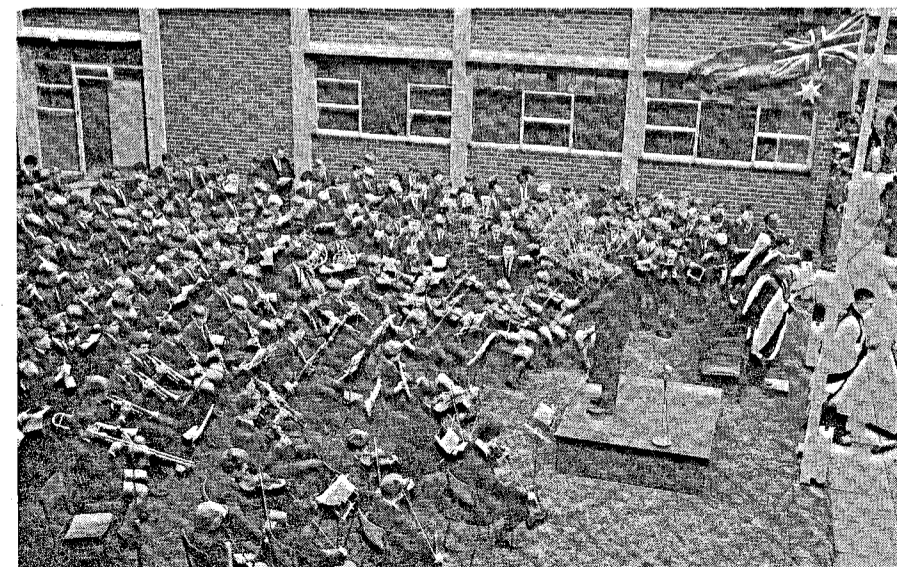
Saturday, 27th July, v. Hale, at Hale.

Saturday, 3rd August, v. Wesley, at Mt. Claremont.

Saturday, 10th August, v. Guildford, at Mt. Claremont.

Saturday, 17th August, v. Aquinas, at Aquinas.

Wednesday, 21st August, Term ends.



THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA PLAYS AN ANZAC HYMN