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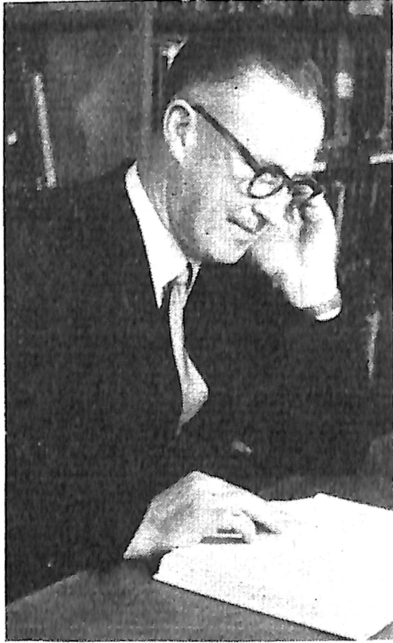
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Bruce Stone, Richard Meloni, Ian Blair, Robert Ward, Kelvin Ward, Thomas Milbourne, Edwin Jones, David
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Margaret Bassett, Julie Stephens, Elizabeth Treasure.

Growth Through Knowledge



Now is a good time to look back over the school year. For 1962, this is a rewarding experience which reveals signs of growth towards maturity.

Our school population has increased and we have had Form 4 girls with us for the first time. There has been such an awakening of interest in our school that we have been obliged to enrol 260 new students for 1963. Unfortunately this has meant that we are unable to commence Form 5 before 1964. We would have liked to retain the best of our Form 4 students because in the considered opinion of the staff they have developed into fine people. Here we have real growth. The boys have grown taller and the girls have grown prettier.

And while they have been growing our boys and girls have been alert, lively and happy. They have had their moments of glory at sport and they have learnt to appreciate the value of team work. Thus the boys have won a cup for cricket and a cup for swimming but had to learn "to take it" on the football field. The girls won cups for athletics and a shield for squash but the soft-ball team had to gain knowledge the hard way. All this is part and parcel of the growing process. I think it was Dewey who said that "life means growth".

An active Parents, Teachers and Citizens' Association has provided us with seats, bicycle racks and an excellent tape recorder. Their members have plans for many more amenities including cricket practice enclosures.

A very much alive Mothers' Club has established the school canteen on a firm basis and has provided a large sum of money to be spent on books for the school library.

The Education Department has been very kind to us. Six new class rooms have been planned and we are next on the building program. New furniture, fittings and equipment have been added.

The Fete at the end of Term 2 was a remarkable example of successful team work by enthusiastic people and the "A" for Asphalt drive was a fantastic success. It is a fine thing that there are 25 letters left in the alphabet.

It has been pleasant throughout the year to welcome visitors and to hear so many references to good school tone. Certainly the school is active and alive and life implies growth but the difficulty about living up to our school motto is that growth is required through knowledge.

Interested people are supplying the buildings and amenities which make the acquiring of knowledge possible. The tape recorder and a growing library are valuable aids to the teaching staff in the endeavour to foster growth through knowledge.

But a great deal depends on the individual student. A good tone is not good enough, we must strive for a tradition of scholarship. To grow through knowledge means hard work — there is no other way.

There is one further sobering thought. Though much has been accomplished much remains to be done.

Headmaster's Report for 1962

In writing this, my first report, perhaps the best way to begin is to recall my impressions when seeing the school for the first time in 1961.

Although we were on vacation and the people on duty were few indeed, the further we went on our tour of inspection the more impressed we became. All around the school were evidences of pride; pride in a school, pride in accomplishing a particular task, and pride in one's-self. It is said that a man is judged by the work he produces; all around this school were exhibits which told me so plainly of the teachers and students that made Ringwood Technical School the place I now know it to be — a school I am proud to come to, day after day.

I must pay tribute to those of you who have built up such a tradition. All through the many classes of the school there is such an obvious desire to succeed, and co-operate between student and teacher, that you are

well deserving of our best congratulations. The thought and energy you displayed in the many activities; school sport, "Operation A", trips away from school, our education Week and Fete, outstanding school plays is very pleasing to see.

Now, finally, as the year draws to a close, we hope you will give the same intense character to your studies, perhaps the hardest thing to do. Many people can do the odd thing brilliantly, but fail when confronted by the grinding challenge to achieve something by the sweat of the brow.

We hope your high hopes come true. Make them!

A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. To those who are leaving; our best wishes for success in whatever vocation you have chosen.

R. HOLMES.

Headmistress's Page

The year 1962 has been a memorable one in the history of our school. Many exciting things have happened, one of the most spectacular being the magnificent effort of parents, teachers, boys and girls, in raising money for Operation A. More will be said of this in another part of this magazine, so I will say no more about it except to record my thanks and admiration for the ingenuity and enthusiasm so dramatically shown.

My special message this year is to the girls who are leaving from our Fourth Form. Most of them came to us as the first girl students of the school. They were very young and some of them very tiny, but they have done a heartwarming job in setting and maintaining the good tone of the school. Some of them have acted as prefects, house captains or vice-captains, for three of their four years and I thank them sincerely for their willingness to accept responsibility so early. I thank also all the other girls who have helped the school in less obvious ways — form captains or vice-captains, those who have looked after bell-ringing, and others. One instance springs to mind. Some visiting teachers were coming to watch a lesson, and one of the girls came a few

minutes before school with the question: "Miss Cotes, would you like me to take some extra chairs into the room for the visitors?" A little thing? Perhaps, but evidence of thoughtfulness and co-operation which I shall never forget. Thank you again, girls, and please accept an assurance that the way in which you have responded to the challenge of a new school will stand you in good stead throughout your careers.

In looking back over the first phase of our school history, I must also pay high tribute to the staff members, who have been at the school during these formative years. I wonder whether you know, boys and girls, just how much you owe to them.

To the rest of the girls and boys I would say this. These girls who are now leaving the school and the boys who came in the first year have, with their teachers, established the roots of our Tree of Knowledge. I am confident that you also will do your best to make it develop sturdily so that our school will be to all of us the Best School of All.

W. L. COTES.

MEMBERS OF STAFF — 1962

BACK ROW: Messrs. W. Walls, T. Butcher, W. Johnson, D. Alkemade, J. Montgomery, O. Raites, M. Mc Conchie.
THIRD ROW: Messrs. A. Smith, J. Davidson, D. Webster, J. Burgoyne, D. Barclay, R. Horsefield, J. Ellis, D. Crossman, D. Donaldson.
SECOND ROW: Messrs. D. Nelson, S. Powell, Mrs. P. Grieg, Goss, K. Hickinbotham, I. Jonson, Freestone, Miss. G. Lauritz, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. C. Brittingham.
FRONT ROW: Mrs. P. Howard, Miss M. Beanland, Mrs. L. Cameron, Mrs. P. Chenoweth, Messrs. R. Holmes, E. J. Heart (Principal), Miss. W. Cotes, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. A. Hartigan, Mrs. G. White, Miss A. Vowies.

PREFECTS — 1962

BACK ROW: R. Tann, F. Hoffman, R. Ward, G. Johnson, K. Ward, B. Thatcher.
THIRD ROW: H. Bulsnode, T. Derham, L. Hubbard, D. Hodgkin, J. Stephens.
SECOND ROW: Mr. D. Thomas, J. Wilson, B. Allen, S. Lowe, H. Mason, J. Wilson, Mrs. G. White.
FRONT ROW: R. Gardner, J. Allen, K. Cassidy, M. Rye, B. Stone, A. Basset, K. Taylor.



PREFECTS, 1962

The girls and boys who served the school as prefects during the year have maintained the high standard of service set by our original band.

Our prefects were inducted at a special ceremony at the school during term one; the Mayor of Ringwood, Cr. D. Baxter, assisted by Mrs. Baxter, carried out a service of investiture and presented prefects' badges of office to each girl and boy. In his address, Cr. Baxter stated that the position of school prefect was one of honour, trust and loyalty, and that the holding of this high office could have a decided influence on the moulding of their own individual characters.

The work done throughout the year by our prefects is fully appreciated by all members of the staff on whose behalf I offer a sincere "thank you".

D. J. THOMAS

PREFECTS NOTES (GIRLS)

Thirteen is a very unlucky number for this school as there are thirteen girl prefects who live behind a certain green door. The following people are those who are honoured with the title of prefect of R.T.S.:

4th Formers:

M. Rye (Head), F. Hoffman, G. Johnson, L. Hubbard, J. Stephens, B. Thatcher, H. Mason, J. Wilson.

3rd Formers:

J. Allen, A. Bassett, J. Hartley.

An historic moment took place in June of 1962. It was in this month that we were given the privilege of having our own room. To begin with, the furniture of this room consisted of thirteen chairs. Since then we have acquired a table, a cabinet, and two coat lockers. We have now nine chairs — what happened to the others? We take on an air of sophistication when coffee (or tea if preferred) is served in this little room.

Many amazing things happen to prefects while walking down the street. Some of the girl students of this school when seeing a prefect, suddenly find the necessity to remove a certain object from their bag and place it on their head.

We hope that the students appreciate what we do, as we do it for the benefit of the school as well as for the student.

Many thanks to Mrs. White for all her assistance and support throughout the year.

"CHIPS FROM THE CHISEL"

The woodwork department has functioned just as well as ever this year. There is never a slack time in this department. We were very sorry to lose one of our members at the close of last year in the person of Mr. D. Aldridge. However we did gain a replacement in Mr. T. Butcher from Sale.

We have been fortunate to acquire some very necessary

shop equipment this year. Early in July we obtained a 21"x4" "Miller Falls" Belt Sander and in August we were able to get a 1 1/2" H.P. "Stanley" Electric Router, and thirdly in September we got a new 32" Bandsaw manufactured by A & S Wolfender.

I must pay great tribute to my fellow workers in this department. They are always ready to meet any matter that comes before us.

The adult classes conducted in the evenings are proving quite a success, as newcomers take the place of those who leave. These classes have a very wide range of projects. As every student has a different project, all are benefiting by the different types of things made.

MOTHERS' CLUB

Once again we have reached the end of another enjoyable year, working for your school. The office bearers are as follows:—

Mrs. Williams, President.

Mrs. Sowerby, Vice-President.

Mrs. Rutledge, Secretary.

Mrs. McHarry, Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. Mott, Treasurer.

Our club membership stands at 146, but we have only 30 members, on an average, at our monthly meetings. With an attendance of 754 children at the school, we feel this is a very small number.

We have a speaker at alternate meetings, with various outings to places of interest to the members, a street stall, and a most enjoyable luncheon in the lovely dining room to celebrate our birthday, with the main effort for the year being our fete in August.

The Mothers' Club has assisted in providing money for such amenities as your piano, public address system, film projector and stand, seats for boys and girls in the school grounds, and finally a cheque for £200 towards library books.

We are looking forward to many new members in 1963, so do persuade your mothers to join our club.

In closing I would like to thank Mr. Heard, teachers and scholars for the wonderful assistance and co-operation towards our club at all times, and we wish you all a very happy year for 1963.

Mrs. WILLIAMS,
President

R.T.S. Mothers' Club

SELF-HELP ORGANIZATION PLAYS BIG ROLE IN SCHOOL'S DEVELOPMENT

The Parents, Citizens and Teachers' Association of the Ringwood Technical School was founded in 1961. The organization pledged itself to give helpful assistance to the Principal, in the development of the school.

During the year, the association honoured this pledge by providing equipment valued at £352.10.3. Here is a list of the items supplied:—

SPEECH NIGHT 1961

Concrete bicycle racks for boys and girls,
serviceable outdoor seats for boys,
a school tape-recorder, and
a share in the purchase of an efficient duplicating
machine.

In addition, rotary hoeing of portion of the school
grounds was carried out.

A group of former students of the school was as-
sisted in forming an ex-students association, and with
help from the school Mothers' club, this association pur-
chased a sports trophy for presentation to the new
Mooroolbark Technical School.

RECORD MEMBERSHIP. Membership figures reach-
ed a record 129 families for the year, an increase of 47
over the total membership for 1961.

SCHOOL FETE. In association with the Mothers'
Club, the second school fete — the major fund raising
effort for 1962 — was held on Saturday, 25th August.

A fine day and various attractions drew a very large
crowd, who contributed a gross amount of £420. High-
lights of the fete were provided by many unselfish and
distinguished people. The fete was opened by television
personality, Miss Rosie Sturgess, who, with her husband
Mr. Peter McMahon inspected the school and comment-
ed upon its size and the scope of its educational facilities.

Girls of the Ringwood Marching Girls Association
gave a colourful and impressive display of precision
marching. The accompaniment was very capably supplied
by drummers of Our Lady's College, Ringwood.

Mr. Wally Strauss of Ringwood East provided plenty
of action and excitement with a display of judo by mem-
bers of his troupe, and Mr. Lacey of Croydon screened
films of general interest.

The fete was organized by the association's exe-
cutive committee, who combined with Mothers' Club
members to prepare and staff the various stalls. Valued
assistance was also given by over one hundred pupils
and by many of their teachers.

At a recent meeting, the association president, Mr.
Lloyd Tann, stated that he was delighted with the result
of the fete, the work of his committee during the year,
and with the satisfying nature of the assistance which
the association was able to give the school.

Mr. Tann also said he felt quite confident that with
the experience gained in the past two years, the success
of future functions organized by the association was rea-
sonably assured.

D. J. THOMAS,
Hon. Secretary.

RINGWOOD TECHNICAL SCHOOL PARENTS CITIZENS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President - Mr. L. Tann
Vice-President - Mr. H. Edwards
Treasurer - Mr. H. Williams
Secretary - Mr. D. J. Thomas
Members - Mrs. B. Miller
Mrs. K. Rutledge
Mrs. H. Williams
Mr. J. Oliver
Mr. K. Washfold
Mr. L. Steele.

Our fourth annual speech day was again held in
the Ringwood Town Hall but because of our ever in-
creasing numbers it was necessary to provide a speech
afternoon for the junior section and their parents, whilst
the senior students attended their speech night in the
evening.

Mr. Veitch, making his last report as principal of
the school, outlined the progress of the school from its
rather humble origins to the large and well-equipped
school that exists now.

Sports awards were then presented to the girls by
Mrs. J. W. Manson, and to the boys by the Mayor of
Ringwood, Cr. D. J. Baxter.

Mr. E. T. Jackson, Assistant Chief Inspector of Tech-
nical Schools, then presented Intermediate Technical
Certificates to 42 boys, following which Mrs. L. E. Beavis
presented Junior Technical Certificates to 46 girls and
the District Inspector of Schools, Mr. R. E. Chapman,
made a similar award to the 108 boys who had been
successful in gaining this certificate.

Prizes to the dux boy, Edward Adams, and the dux
girl, Irene Turbiak, were presented by Mr. J. W. Manson
M.L.A., after which the Mayoress, Mrs. D. J. Baxter, pre-
sented the house cups and pennants.

After the interval the audience were entertained by
the school choir who sang beautifully and earned much
praise for their singing of folk songs, selection of "Okla-
homa" and Christmas Carols. It made us realize how
much we would miss the guidance of our music teacher,
Miss D. Cowan, who was leaving the school to be
married.

The girls of the school then presented a most en-
joyable mannequin parade of frocks, play-suits, skirts
and formal gowns which they had made during the year.
Miss L. Brown, who also was leaving to be married, and
Mrs. M. Weavers were responsible for the training of the
girls.

To conclude the evening we were treated to an-
other production by Mr. Ellis and the drama club. Their
presentation of "The Happy Journey" by Thornton Wil-
der was, as always, excellent and rang down the curtain
on a most successful evening.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS 1962

This is the third year that we have operated school
educational tours for boys and girls.

Unfortunately some students desirous of taking part
in the three camps booked for this year found difficul-
ties in producing the finance for the trips, and it was
with much regret that the girls tour to the snow was
cancelled.

In fact the boys tour was also in doubt, until the
boys of Mooroolbark Technical School accepted our offer
and a joint tour to the North East, with considerable
snow on both Mt. Buffalo and Kiewa, became a reality
for Form 1 Boys.

The boys were never short of teachers, in spite of:
(a) the precipitous paths we were led over, and
(b) the frequent disappearances of both Mr. Guin-
ance and Mr. Crossman; usually when on skis.

Mr. Neville, Headmaster of Mooroolbark Technical School, enjoyed his first tour and as a result of the success of this venture joint tours between Mooroolbark and Ringwood may be repeated in the future.

Earlier in the year, following an inspection of the Eildon camp with Mr. A. Smith, I decided to hold an Easter camp for boys. I am indebted to both Mr. Smith and Mr. Nelson for the "Unbustable" manner in which they organised and took charge of this tour.

Next year, I am looking forward to the assistance of Mr. Nelson on Educational Tours generally, and we hope to introduce many new features.

One aspect we are working on, is the forming of a "TRAVEL CLUB", with regular weekly meetings, membership, and consideration towards weekend camps — similar to scouting activities.

Two bookings for snow camps have been made and we are negotiating a Tasmanian Booking, or alternatively a River Murray Cruise.

But one thing is "FOR SURE" — if you intend going, start saving now — Don't leave it until a few weeks before a camp commences.

It is considerable reward to me to know that the boys and girls of this school are held in high esteem by camp owners.

Thank you must also go to the parents, staff and our principal, Mr. J. Heard, in making it possible for these educational camps to take place.

JACK MONTGOMERY

EDUCATION WEEK 1962

The Parents, Teachers and Citizens Association of the Ringwood Technical School planned their Annual Fete for Saturday, 25th August. This worked in very well with Open Day. The publicity given to each helped the other.

An estimated crowd of 4,000 inspected the school on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, 22nd August, 1962 and there were so many requests to see the school on Saturday that we opened the school again. Crowds streamed through the school all day.

This year the organization of Education Week was left to the spontaneous enthusiasm of the individual teachers and this helped to contribute to its remarkable success. Each department of the school was attractively presented.

Displays in the corridors were aimed at informing visitors of the structural and social make up of the school and directed the public to the various departments.

The mathematics department had fixed and working models, the science department featured closed circuit television amongst its numerous exhibits, the art rooms were filled to capacity and the kitchens, the typing room and the trade shops appeared to fascinate most visitors.

All sections of the school reported that they had as many visitors as they could handle. We were delighted with the number of groups of children who visited our school.

I have been present in many schools during Education Week but never yet have I experienced such pride

in a school as I have noted at Ringwood Technical School. Members of staff were heartened by great interest taken in the school. They considered Education Week a tremendous success.

E. J. HEARD.

SUMMARY OF SOCIAL SERVICE 1962

Early in 1960, when the boys and girls of this school entered the building for the first time, to mould the traditions of our school, I was selected by the Headmaster, Mr. D. Thomas, to organise and promote a system of charity giving as part of each form meeting.

As a result our Social Service System was inaugurated, and since that day we have raised £675. At the time of writing this article we were within a few days of knowing the winners of the Speech Night Shield presentation for 1962.

Three most conscientious forms showing promise at the top of the long line of 35, are 4C, 4B and 1G. It appears certain that the trophy will be awarded to one of these three forms.

Although the introduction of "Operation A" during second term curtailed our weekly form donations we had reached the £150 mark by the end of October and it seems certain that at least a further £30 will be added when final calculations are made for 1962.

Donations to various charitable bodies agreed upon by the selection committee (M. Rye, R. Dobrowolski, E. Jones and K. Cassidy) have been forwarded at the standard rate of £10 on 12 occasions in addition to £35 to an ex-student participating in the Royal Woman's Hospital Miss Teenager Quest and Special Financial Assistance to two Form 1 bushfire victims. Where possible the selection committee has given priority to local charities. My personal thanks goes to every contributor for their unselfishness, to the form representatives for their co-operation, to the enthusiasm of the selection committee, and the leadership of each form teacher.

Last but not least to Miss Beanland and Miss Vowles goes our appreciation for their tolerance and patience in counting and banking the many thousands of pennies we hand in each week.

J. M. MONTGOMERY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Facing the Christian Church is the great and important task of more adequately providing Christian Education in our schools.

When we compare the need for instructors to the supply, we get some little idea of the immensity of the problem. For instance, in Victoria with 179 High Schools and 80 Technical Schools there are only 14 full time chaplains. To staff adequately the schools of the Metropolitan area alone calls for more than 1,000 more instructors.

It is interesting to note that the Council for Christian Education has aimed to provide Christian teaching by correspondence for schools in remote places — following more fully the advice of Christ when he said: "Go ye therefore, teach all nations baptising in the name of the Lord".

Operating throughout Victoria there are 3,610 religious instructors. What to you seems a large number of teachers is in fact only very small when you realize that these people are already greatly over worked.

This, however, is a challenging work, a mission field on our doorstep. We are the Church at mission in the schools, relating religion to the whole life of the school. To the Principal, headteachers and members of the staff we express our deep appreciation for their help and co-operation in this vital work.

OPERATION "A" SCHOOL CONTRIBUTORY FUND

To those who do not know this story — it is one of school teamwork at its best.

Late in the first term, Mr. Heard and I held several discussions concerning the raising of money for the purpose of improving the school and school grounds.

In his customary way Mr. Heard had exploited every possible means of obtaining finance, to grade and pave an area for sport (particularly Basketball) but without success. Following his efforts in securing the car park and other improvements, it was considered that an approach be made for a government subsidy.

This was agreed to by the Education Department, but only if a substantial amount was raised by the school.

We were faced with the great task of raising at least £300, with 1962 almost half gone.

Mr. Heard asked me to take charge of the effort, but I accepted with much reluctance, for I knew that such an effort would interfere with our school Social Service system.

Much to my regret, the school decided to suspend charity giving for the entire second term, to allow the introduction of the new appeal.

I decided to use the then abandoned school contributory fund as the "Vehicle" of the drive, and at Mr. Heard's request it was named Operation "A" (A for As-phalt). The climax to the appeal was to be the annual school fête.

Operation "A" was designed to allow everyone connected with the school to participate.

I felt that in the 3 months of the appeal every student could do three things:

(a) Contribute 1/- per week, (or alternatively a lump sum of 10/- by Parent Donation).

(b) Participate in a Form Effort in School Time.

(c) Lend support to the School Fete.

I think you know the rest of the story. Eighteen of thirty-five forms succeeded in reaching their targets;

arrived at by computing 1/- by 12 weeks by the number in the form.

What an extreme effort forms 4C and 1D put up. They have the admiration of the whole school for their spirit of competition, teamwork and sincerity of purpose, produced without doubt, by the leadership of two form masters the school is equally proud of.

Both forms enjoyed a day off on an educational excursion as part of their "REWARD".

Thanks go to the class teachers for their encouragement. Mr. Heard must get considerable praise for the direction, and the help he personally gave this drive.

J. W. MONTGOMERY

SCHOOL SOCIAL

Gay decorations set the theme for the first school social for 1962, which was held in the Ringwood Town Hall. Highlights of the evening were the "Twist" and the "Monte-Carlo", which were won by Carole Ogden and Mr. Johnson, Irene Rye and Mr. Brown respectively — just shows you how the staff were really with it.

The Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Crossman, and Ron Raymond's band provided as much entertainment as one could wish right through the evening. Supper was prepared by the girls of the Social Committee.

Credit for this very successful evening should be given to Mrs. Weavers, Mr. Ellis and the Social Committee who organized the programme which was enjoyed by all.

B. STONE

LIBRARY

There are now 2,000 books in our Library. Many of these were donated this year by the boys and girls and the Mothers' Club has recently given the school 130 new books which are a delightful addition to our shelves.

The library has been open during lunch hour and this has proved very popular, especially on wet days, when we often have a full house.

A Library Committee has been formed to assist in the Library work, and its members have been very helpful. The members of the Committee are:

Ian Chambers, Gary Gorton, Ken Nickels, Ian Blair, Helmut Hugel, Peter Spackman, Maurice Murphy, Geoff Williams, John Lackman, Cornelis Van Steenis.

All the books in the Library have been catalogued and a subject index is nearly completed.

If you, as yet, have not made very much use of the library, remember the saying: "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body".

Boys' House Notes

GOLD HOUSE

As 1962 is rapidly drawing to a conclusion, we, John Schultz and Edwin Jones would like to take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate every member of Gold House for the wonderful co-operation and house spirit that they have shown this year. Although we were not successful in our combined efforts to win the shield, our house spirits remained undaunted and we were able to prove to everybody that it is equally important to be a good loser as to come first.

We would also like to thank all other Houses for upholding the sporting spirit in all types of sport and so making all games fiercely competitive, as we all know it is only fair competition that brings out the best in us and through this competition between Houses, Ringwood Technical as a school has had some spectacular success in competitive sport with other Technical Schools.

A lot of senior boys of Gold House will be leaving school this year, some to continue their education at other schools, some to go out into the world of work and fend for themselves. We would, on behalf of all Gold House boys, like to wish them the best of luck in their chosen field.

To all other Gold House boys this is your opportunity to come out and do your utmost to see that next year Gold House is the top House for 1963. Let this be a warning to the other Houses. Next year is going to be a "Gold House" year and it is up to the boys remaining at school to make this forecast come true. Remember our theme song FELLAHS.

On the girls side we would like to congratulate Lorraine Hayes and Faye Hoffman for the excellent job that they have done with the Gold House girls.

Finally, on behalf of all Gold House, we would like to thank our House Master, Mr. Butcher, also Mr. Johnson, Mr. Beulke, and Mr. Alkemade for their interest and patience throughout the year. We appreciated their help very much. Before concluding we must also thank Mr. Mc Conchie for the very able job that he has done as Sportsmaster for the school. He has devoted unlimited time and patience to our sporting activities. Thank you sir!

BLUE HOUSE

Captain: K. Cassidy

Vice-Captain: B. Allen

..... 3, 2, 1, and there it goes, in the space year of 1962, along with the names of Glenn, Carpenter and Shirra, that mighty Blue team rocketing to success.

With more big names than Lou Richard's write-ups we expected to dominate all sporting activities.

At the same time as the American space programme was behind schedule we too found ourselves floundering in the water at Ringwood Baths. But like the goodnatured Americans we didn't "squeal" — good luck to Green House on a mighty effort — bah!

You know those cowboy films where the goodie leaves the crooks behind in the dust? Well that's where we were in the athletics which followed the swimming — behind and in the dust!

Finally there came the footy season and who said we were mugs? Wot ho! We bribed the sportsmasters, had our team masters as umpires, wore the opposition's jumpers and tried every low down trick we could think of. The results? — well the seniors "stouched" Green House. — Mr. Ellis and Noel Daniels just about went bald with worry over that effort — Oh! I'm sorry, that was only the preliminary final. In the grand final — our funds by this time had run low, we simply could not afford the cost of bribery — so we went in with just our boots and came out with only them too — no premiership!

In the second form footy, Noel Douch must have felt like Jock Sturrock in the Gretel — form two boys certainly knew what the backs of their opponents looked like — and the scores in most games indicated this. Finally in form one we hit the jackpot! Here through the agency of Mr. Davidson, a Blue House master who umpired, we "bullocked" our way to success, taking off the premiership.

At the moment — cricket is holding our attention but with "Colonel Kasavubu" Cassidy slaughtering the opposition we think the Australian selectors will be watching future games.

So you can see why we can join those famous astronauts in the history books — like them we have had our moments and like them we just couldn't get off the ground.

GREEN HOUSE

House Master: Mr. Ellis

House Captain: K. Ward

Vice Captain: W. Hobbs

Green House was away to a successful start in 1962 by winning the school swimming sports. The stars of the swimming team being:

D. Counsell, under 12 freestyle, open breaststroke;

A. Rose, under 15 freestyle and the open dive;

G. Williams, -under 14 freestyle, under 14 backstroke;

K. Nickels, the under-water swim,

while the open and under 15 relay teams were successful.

Green House also ran out winners in the athletic sports, which were held at Jubilee Park. We have a very strong team in the athletics with the twins Robert and Kelvin Ward carrying away six events between themselves. Other stars were S. Burnside and Edwards, each of whom won three and two events respectively. We also had eight boys successful in three relay races.

Green House proved successful in both 1st and 2nd form football. The cross-country proved very successful for Green House as K. Ward won the 3rd and 4th form division, M. Wilson 2nd form, while H. Vloedmans was successful in the 1st form division.

All in all, this has been a very successful year for Green House and I along with all the other boys in Green House would like to thank Mr. Ellis and all the other teachers associated with Green House. I would also like to thank Mr. McConchie for making all the sports meetings possible.

RED HOUSE

House Captain: Alan McLeish

Vice Captain: Ken Washfold

This year Red House have shown the way for the other Houses to follow in the future — each year, up till 1962, we have come out mostly on top, but this year we have had to step down for other Houses to take 1st and 2nd placings on the ladder, but, we are content in this

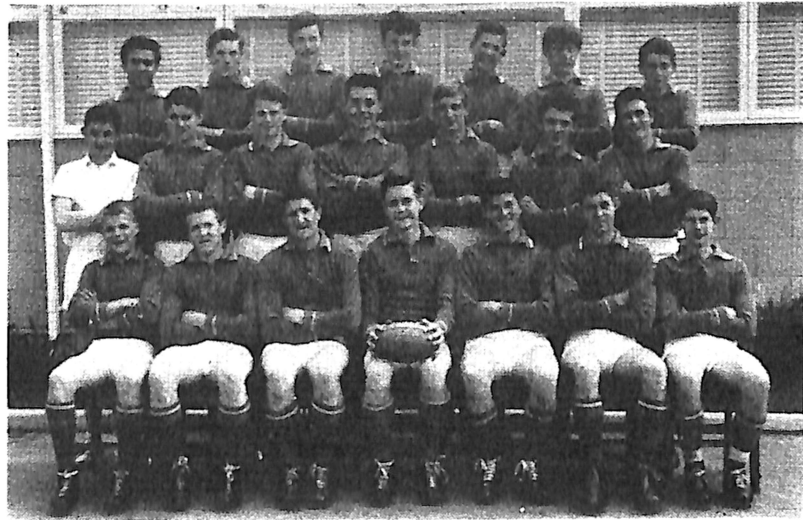
respect, we have the championship material, we could have done it, but no, we sacrificed for the good name of our school and lost a lot of our good men to the school team.

In spite of this we managed to be runners up in the Intermediates and take the premiership with our senior team in football. Our cricket teams (senior and intermediates) have managed to win nearly all matches as well.

But this wasn't enough for us to get to the top. So next year, you other Houses, if you lose a lot of good players to the school team, don't grumble, take it on the chin as we have done. As I said, we have shown you the way.

We will be trying again next year, so "look out" you other Houses.

1962



SCHOOL SPORTING TEAMS

- TOP LEFT: Senior Football Team
- TOP RIGHT: Senior Cricket Team
- CENTRE LEFT: Girls Tennis Team
- CENTRE MIDDLE: Girls Squash Team
- CENTRE RIGHT: Saturday Morning Softball
- BOTTOM LEFT: Girls Field Day Softball
- BOTTOM RIGHT: Girls Swimming Team

1962



SCHOOL SPORTING TEAMS
Senior Football Team
Senior Cricket Team
LEFT: Girls Tennis Team
MIDDLE: Girls Squash Team
RIGHT: Saturday Morning Softball
LEFT: Girls Field Day Softball
RIGHT: Girls Swimming Team

Girls' House Notes

GOLD HOUSE

This year for Gold House was not a very successful one as far as swimming and athletics were concerned, but on behalf of the House I wish to congratulate all competitors in both sports as they did their best.

Our basketball teams had another successful year. Both senior and junior teams did not lose a match. Gold House was well represented in both school basketball teams. The softball teams also did very well for the House.

Our captain and vice-captain, Larry Hayes and Faye Hoffman, completed their third and final year in these positions. To them we say thank you for a job well done and they would like to wish Gold House all the success for the future.

Thanks are also due to Mrs. Hartigan and Mrs. White for their assistance during another sporting year.

BLUE HOUSE

Captain: H. Boniface

Vice Captain: H. Bulstrode

Very much like a small boy's first ride on a bicycle, Blue House had a year during which we had a couple of crashes but also a few pleasing successes.

The beginning of the sporting year saw a lot more girls able to compete in the various activities.

Blue House received a star recruit in Nyska Bytavor of form 1 who did very well in the school athletic sports.

We had some very promising young swimmers in Lorraine Furner who broke a couple of records at the Inter-Schools swimming carnival and in Pat Chandler — a real life saver! Kathy Tozer was another girl who acquitted herself very well in the water.

Elizabeth Treasure, a fourth former, recently from Sale Technical School, has proved herself a very good squash and tennis player.

Our third places in both the swimming and the athletic sports we thought could have been improved with more hard training — but never mind, I suppose the other Houses could say that too.

Well! thanks Mrs. Weavers and Mrs. Cameron for all your help and best of luck Blue House for 1963.

GREEN HOUSE

We began the year by just missing out on winning the House Swimming Sports, but, we were not disgraced, for we led all the way until the last few team events and finally finished second. I will not mention any individuals

as all our swimmers were magnificent. Congratulations Red House for your success in this activity.

The Combined Athletic House Sports soon brought out the true sportsmanship in Green House. All day the efforts of both boys and girls dominated the other Houses (although they put up an excellent performance). As a result of this we were well represented in both the Inter Tech swimming and athletic sports.

All sporting teams have done very well throughout the year. The senior softball team distinguished itself by coming equal first with Red House. Basketball teams have not been quite so lucky, but have had their share of wins. A number of the girls have represented the school in Saturday morning softball, basketball and softball on Field Day and at Warrnambool.

For the third year in succession Mrs. Jonson has been our House Mistress and has helped us greatly at all times. This year we welcome Miss Lauritz who has ably assisted her. Sincere thanks go to both teachers. I would also like to thank Gwen Lewis (vice-captain) for her helpfulness throughout this year, and each and everyone of the girls in the House for the wonderful co-operation and admirable performances they have put up this year.

Finally, I would like to wish GREEN HOUSE the best of luck for next year and hope they will be as successful as they have been in the past.

C. OGDEN (Captain)

RED HOUSE

The year started well for Red House. We began by winning the swimming sports in the girl's section, finishing well ahead of the other Houses. Many thanks go to the girls, junior and senior, who swam their way to victory for Red House. We would like to congratulate the other Houses for giving us the strong competition they did.

This was the only first that Red House was able to receive, in the girls section, but we obtained second place in the combined Boys and Girls Athletic Sports.

Many thanks must go to Mrs. Howard, who came to us from Box Hill Girls Technical School, and who took our House meetings every Thursday morning. Also many thanks to any other teacher who has helped Red House in any way.

During the year the softball and basketball teams played exceptionally well and managed to win nearly every game they played.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Irene Turbiak, our House captain and Barbara Tindal, vice captain; both have been the leaders of Red House since the start of school 3 years ago.

As this will be their last year at school, we would like to wish them and all the other girls who are leaving, as well as those who will be back next year striving to win, all the luck possible and every hope that Red House will be on top next year.

JENNY HARDWICK

General Sporting Activities

HOUSE SPORT

Sport this year has been carried out in three divisions, 1st Form, 2nd Form, and 3rd and 4th Form. Green House has gradually gone away to a very good lead in the points competition and looks like winning again this year. Blue House has challenged Green several times during the year but has not remained constant enough.

CRICKET

It was decided to enter a Cricket Team in the Inter-Tech competition this year and under the careful coaching of Mr. D. Thomas they won 5 matches out of 6 to become Section Premiers and to play in the Semi-Finals. Unfortunately they were beaten by the Preston team in the 1st Semi-Final. Batting average was won by K. Cassidy, Bowling average was won by B. Allen.

FOOTBALL

A Football Team was also entered in the Inter-Tech competition this year. Mr. Guinane coached the team and although they did not win many matches the boys thoroughly enjoyed the keen competition.

The voting for the best and fairest was won by K. Cassidy with B. Allen always an inspiration to his team, being the runner-up.

ATHLETICS

The combined Athletic Sports were held at Jubilee Park on the 10th of May this year. The whole school had a very enjoyable day, particularly Green House as they won the Cup after maintaining a very high standard throughout the day.

Individual Champions

OPEN	K. Ward, R. Ward	18 points
UNDER 15	T. Derham	18 points
UNDER 14	T. Keatch	32 points
UNDER 13	S. Burnside	17 points

House Points

GREEN	286 points
RED	228 points
BLUE	221 points
GOLD	215 points

The School Athletics Team was chosen from the winners in the House Athletics and was trained during the year by Mr. J. Davidson but were unfortunately not very successful at the Inter-Tech Sports at Olympic Park.

BASEBALL

A group of senior boys under the guidance of Mr. R. Horsfield formed a Baseball Team. They have competed successfully against other schools in social games.

CROSS COUNTRY

A Cross Country race of approximately 2 miles was run on the last day of the 2nd term. The boys were divided into three sections for this event: 3rd and 4th Form, 2nd Form and 1st Form.

Individual Winners

3rd and 4th Form	K. Ward — Green
2nd Form	M. Wilson — Green
1st Form	M. Vloedmans — Green

Team Winners

3rd and 4th Form	RED
2nd Form	GOLD
1st Form	GOLD

Outright Winners

GOLD

SQUASH

The managers of the Ringwood and Croydon Squash Courts arranged a competition for local schools. We were able to enter two boys teams and although they did not show a great deal of promise early in the season a big improvement was noticed in the latter end of the season.

SWIMMING

The House swimming sports were held at Ringwood Baths with a 32 event programme, including several novelty events. A staff versus boys relay was held, during which several senior boys sabotaged the staff team. This event was decided by disqualifying both teams. Our school team was then trained by Mr. A. Smith and Mr. R. Horsfield and they won the Section Cup at the Inter-Tech swimming sports. Several of our boys consequently competed on Championship Day with little success against strong competition.

Points for House Sports

GREEN	120 points
BLUE	73½ points
GOLD	65½ points
RED	51 points

Generally all sport in the school has been carried out most enthusiastically, both by boys and teachers alike.

M. J. McCONCHIE
Sportsmaster

SENIOR FOOTBALL

With great enthusiasm the boys of 1962 pioneered the entrance of Ringwood Technical School into the Inter Technical School Football Competition.

Although we did not always enjoy success, the gains made during the season will be invaluable to us next year. The most important of these was the experience of playing together in the school's colours, the spirit of

the competition, and the discovery of young potential.

The highlight of the year was the defeat we inflicted upon Caulfield Technical School, one of the top teams in a return match at Jubilee Park in July. It was a tense, thrilling match, which resulted in a 2 point victory to Ringwood.

Another thrill was our first victory over Syndal Technical School, which was witnessed by our Headmistress and Principal.

The best and fairest player award was won by our captain Kevin Cassidy, who was a tremendous inspiration to his side, throughout the year. Runner-up to Kevin was rover Barry Allen, who was responsible for some sterling performances this year.

Next year we are expecting to field a stronger, more mature side as two-thirds of this year's team were Form 3 lads.

Congratulations, then, to all the boys who either represented or were associated with the team to make 1962 a most enjoyable season.

RESULT OF MATCHES

1. BLACKBURN 8.10 def. RINGWOOD 4.9
(Best: K. Cassidy, H. Walker, R. Jones, N. Daniels)
2. CAULFIELD 9.12 def. RINGWOOD 4.5
(Best: R. Jones, K. Washfold, K. Cassidy, J. May)
3. SWINBURNE 9.11 def. RINGWOOD 0.6
(Best: D. Myers, E. Jones, B. Allen, K. Cassidy)
4. BOX HILL 7.8 def. RINGWOOD 3.11
(Best: S. Lowe, K. Cassidy, E. Jones, K. Washfold)
5. JORDANVILLE 9.12 def. RINGWOOD 4.5
(Best: A. McLeish, K. Cassidy, E. Jones, B. Allen)
6. RINGWOOD 11.9 def. SYNDAL 10.13
(Best: A. McLeish, E. McLachlan, K. Cassidy, N. Daniels)
7. BURWOOD 9.5 def. RINGWOOD 4.9
(Best: K. Cassidy, B. Allen, A. McLeish, J. May)
8. BLACKBURN 19.24 def. RINGWOOD 7.6
(Best: B. Allen, K. Cassidy, R. Jones, W. Hobbs)
9. RINGWOOD 5.3 def. CAULFIELD 4.7
(Best: N. Daniels, B. Allen, B. Williams, K. Cassidy)
10. SWINBURNE 15.16 def. RINGWOOD 1.4
(Best: B. Allen, B. Williams, J. Pezzimenti, K. Cassidy)

KEVIN CASSIDY: Captain and centre half-forward; very good mark and kick: clever and dangerous around goals: over tendency to winge about umpires.

ALAN McLEISH: Vice captain and full-back. Safe mark and long clearing kick: wears more bandages than Phar Lap.

BARRY ALLEN: First rover who missed early games: always among best players: great courage and speed in spite of much hair resistance.

NOEL DANIELS: Brilliant half-forward flanker: great high mark who thrives on female inspiration.

HOWARD WALKER: Second rover: small but cheeky: dangerous around goal mouth (will steal the goal posts)

RUSSELL JONES: Courageous young wingman: good mark and stab-pass: never runs out of "puff".

BRUCE WILLIAMS: Rugged ruckman and defender: became the "swamp fox" of the side: finished season in good form.

GEOFF HOPGOOD: Half-back flanker: safe mark and reliable in defence — sometimes more reliable over the fence.

JOE PEZZIMENTI: Fiery back pocket player: good mark and kick: watch that umpire, Joe!

BILL HOBBS: Joe's mate, ruckman and forward: worked tirelessly in the ruck, and always had something to say.

TERRY KEATCH: Utility player from Form 2: shows great potential: beautiful mark and kick.

EDWIN JONES: Centre half-back: excellent mark in the packs: played several good games.

STEPHEN LOWE: Utility player who gave us a good season: left-footer with plenty of fire.

GARY DEWAR: Played in all the "small man" positions: good kick and shows promise.

DARYL HODGKINS: Half-forward flanker: good mark and clever ground player.

EWEN McLACHLAN: Strong ruckman, who turned in several good games. Many distractions rom(a)ing around him.

KEN WASHFOLD: Capably controlled the centre for most of the year: clever but cautious: beautiful kick.

ALAN CORNHILL: Half-back flanker: very keen player and reliable in defence: never gives in.

JOHN MAY: Talented young ruckman and defender: good mark and kick: like Jones, never runs out of "puff".

KEVIN CRITCHLEY: Solid defender but a little slow: however no one ever argues with him.

RICHARD GARDNER: Alternated between full-forward and the bench: a bit awkward, but always willing to give his best.

GRAHAM ROBERTS: Ruckman who came under notice in the home games: never sighted in the away games.

INTER TECHNICAL SCHOOLS CRICKET ASSOCIATION

In February of this year, the Ringwood Technical School entered an eleven in the above association for the first time.

One-day cricket matches were played against Box Hill, Swinburne, Burwood, Syndal and Jordanville Technical schools. The team suffered only one defeat in these encounters, being narrowly beaten by Box Hill. A final was played against Swinburne which our side won handsomely, and a later match played against the winner of northern zone schools resulted in our losing to Preston.

The team was presented with a trophy for winning the eastern zone section. Mr. Felix Russo of South Mel-

bourne Technical School came to one of our assemblies especially to make the presentation.

The team had some very fine individual cricketers, notably a very capable captain and batsman in Kevin Cassidy, whose batting average was 249. Batsman, wicket keeper and vice-captain Alan McLeish gave excellent support. Best of the bowlers were Bill Hobbs and Barry Allen who received quite a lot of help from Gary Flaherty and Stephen Lowe.

BASEBALL

For many students of the R.T.S., baseball has become a major part of their school life, and for some an interest away from school.

Early in the year Mr. Horsefield made plans to start a baseball team and this met with immediate success, for twenty eager lads volunteered. When gloves and balls were handed out boys could be seen practising every lunchtime and recess.

From these only 13 passed the rugged practice matches organised by Mr. Horsefield; and positions were allotted as follows: Ken Taylor, whose curved pitching combined with Gary Gurton's sure catching and Wayne Little's control of the ball on first base, had a great deal of influence on the game.

Second and third bases were played by Ian Chambers and Ken Davis who got their men out with consistency. High fly balls were caught by Robin Hoare, who played infield fly. Left, centre and right outfielders were played by C. Van Steenis, W. Sweertz and P. Bond who was also second pitcher. Other players were: M. Carvill, M. Justin, K. Sayers and J. Cruikshank.

Our first game took place at Ferntree Gully Tech. where we had a convincing win, with scores of 20 to 2. The next game was held at school, where we played Norwood High. It was here that we showed our true colours by beating the far more experienced boys with a score of 10 to 2. Our last game was against Blackburn Tech. who were not so easy to beat. In the last innings of the game, the scores were equal with Blackburn up to bat. Trying to be cool as possible, the team relied on the pitcher, catcher and first base although the batters weren't to get that far. With deliberate aim, the pitcher sent the ball down the line, straight to the catcher's mitt. One after another, the batsmen were struck out. We found out later that we had won by two, the scores being eight to six.

We hope the boys of next year do as well.

SQUASH

Every Wednesday afternoon eight girls make their way to the squash courts in Ringwood. These are the two teams who have the privilege of playing in the "Mountain District School Pennant Competition".

The teams have improved greatly and as it is only their second season in this sport, it is a marvelous credit to the teams to be in the position they are. The No. 1 team: Carole Ogden, Rina Susovic, Larry Hayes and Ann

Read is on top. The No. 2 team: Elizabeth Treasure, Elva Lunn, Dorothy Hancock and Myra Rye is runner up — so far.

At this stage we feel there will be a fight between both Ringwood Tech. teams for the shield. (Please girls no hair pulling.)

Congratulations to Elizabeth Treasure who has joined us only this year and is showing championship form in all her games.

I am pleased to say that we have had no black eyes or blood stained floors — yet. Only a few broken bones, (those walls do get in the way sometimes) dislocated shoulders and queer bruises on the most unusual places. Well, you can't blame a girl for trying! Don't be disappointed though keep the stretcher ready, we may need it yet.

I feel I must devote a few lines to Miss McLean who last year introduced this game to us. Without her, our squash team may never have come into being.

As the present members of the team are in their final year I sincerely hope the efforts of forming a good squash reputation are carried on next year.

Thanks to Mrs. Cameron for her encouragement in taking part in this competition, and to Mr. Howe, the owner of the courts who is most helpful to us.

"One of the Mob"

BASKETBALL

For this year there were three school teams: two senior teams and one junior team.

The first senior team was as follows:

F. Hoffman (Captain), D. Hancock, E. Lunn, C. Ogden (Vice Captain), S. Humphries, W. Clinton, R. Sussovic.

This team won one of its two games at Field Day. This match was against Box Hill and the final score was 10-3. This team only played two matches.

The second team won a match at Field Day and drew in another. This team was as follows:

L. Hayes (Captain), H. Jones, C. Moore, C. De Jong, S. Preston, M. Morrison, D. Bailey.

Accidents marred the day for the second team. Lorraine Hayes received a blood nose and Clara De Jong received a blow which knocked her out for a few minutes.

The junior team was very successful as far as good and fast play was concerned but it seems that they were just unable to come off the winners, although they had one victory.

These three teams also played Norwood during the year. The seniors did not score a win, but we're proud to say that the juniors did.

If "good sportsmanship" was one of the trophies awarded, I feel that the girls of these teams would have had a comfortable win.

Best of luck to the teams of next year.

Many thanks to Mrs. Scouller and Mr. Butcher for their training and coaching. Also thanks to Mrs. Cameron who made it possible for the trip to Norwood and Warrnambool.

SOFTBALL

Early in the 2nd term Mrs. Cameron called a meeting for any girls interested in playing softball for their school in the Saturday morning "Schoolgirls competition" run by the Victorian Amateur Women's Softball Council, at Fawkner Park in Melbourne.

The response was very encouraging and a team was duly entered and was placed in "C Grade". None of the girls had had any real competitive softball experience, nevertheless their enthusiasm and keenness more than made up for this, and they really threw themselves into a rather intensive training programme. All lunch hours and most nights after school were taken up in a frantic effort to gain the basic skills of the game before the first match.

It was a rather nervous team that made its way to Fawkner Park for that first game. Imagine, the jubilation when they won it! Just the boost they needed. The following two weeks saw them suffer defeats at the hands of two very experienced sides. However, the girls were learning a great deal and a strong combination and team spirit appeared to be emerging despite the losses. This proved to be correct when they went ahead to win their next three games in a rather astonishing fashion. This put them third out of seven and into the finals.

The final game was extremely exciting, our opponents being East Kew Central. At the end of our 8th innings we led 18-15 and had only to remove our opponents in their 9th innings for less than three runs to be in the Preliminary Final.. An inspired East Kew however scored 7 runs and lead 22-18. We then went into bat for our 9th and scored 3 runs to be equal 22-all. Then followed some of the best schoolgirl softball I have seen. Another innings apiece was played. 0-0. A second innings apiece was played. Result 0-0.

The fielding by both sides was magnificent, the tension unbearable. A further innings apiece was played, result East Kew out for 0. Ringwood into bat — two batters hit safely and reached second and third respectively. Annette Newette came up to bat to bring Denise Young in for the winning run.

Ringwood 23 — East Kew 22.

This was a magnificent game — especially in the last 3 innings and outstanding performances were given by catcher Carol O'Regan and short stop Alice Schelfhout.

Our jubilation was short lived however when it was announced later in the week that we had been disqualified from playing in the Preliminary Final due to a technical fault made by the coach. They had been a credit to their school with their hard work at practice, their sportswomanship shown on the field, and their good conduct when travelling to and from their games.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Competitions

V. Rosanna High School - Won	11-10
V. East Kew Central - Lost	6-11

V. Glen Waverley - Lost	4-23
V. Princess Hill High School - Won	23-1
V. Sunshine State - Won	17-7
V. Heidelberg High School - Won	13-5
V. East Kew Central (First Semi Final) - Won	23-22
Played 7, Won 5, Lost 2.	

Inter School

V. Norwood N. S. Snrs. - Lost	24-6
V. Norwood H. S. Junrs. - Won	9-5
V. Warrnambool T. S. - Lost	13-3

Inter Tech. Field Day

Our seniors had many close games but no wins. Our juniors played very well to reach the final but were defeated and had to be content as runners-up.

Best and Fairest Award: Alice Schelfhout

PEN PICTURES OF TOP TEN PLAYERS

VICKI MISIC (Captain and Pitcher): On her day the best pitcher in the competition. Excellent fielder and generally captained the team well.

CAROL O'REGAN (Catcher): Impressed with her steadiness, and consistency in giving a good performance. Strong hitter and very safe catcher.

MARILYN BERRY (1st Base): A very alert player and good fielder. Also an exceptionally fast base runner.

ANN MAWSTON (2nd Base): Very steady player who was never hustled. Improved with every game.

DENISE YOUNG (3rd Base): Probably the fastest thrower in the side. Good bat and speedy base runner

ALICE SCHELFHOUT (Short stop): The outstanding player in the team. Exceptional fielder especially on ground balls and was a steady batter. Fully deserved her "Best and Fairest Award".

GILL WILLIAMS (Left outer): One of the surprises of the side. Developed from a very ordinary player into the best high catcher and long thrower in the team. Also a relief Short Stop.

JO WILSON (center outer): Very steady and reliable player who always gave her best and when the play was going her way, looked outstanding. Also a relief base player.

LORRAINE PODGER (Right outer): When in the mood a brilliant fielder but was unable to give consistent performances.

ANNETTE NEWETTE (Utility player): Could play an average game in any position, was therefore a most useful player for the team. Was the best batter in the side and had highest batting average, always hitting the runs when they were needed most.

The season has been a most active one. Many promising players who are returning next year have appeared out on the diamond and we look forward to a very good season in Girls Softball in 1963.

SATURDAY MORNING SOFTBALL

Ringwood Girls' Technical School has been playing in a softball competition every Saturday morning during the last six months. The girls in the team have put in some excellent training in order to reach the finals. We hope that next year they will do even better.

We are all very grateful to Mr. Crossman who has coached and trained us to play as a team.

We are all sorry to hear that he is leaving us to return to New Zealand and we wish him Bon-Voyage.

Best wishes from all the team.

WARRNAMBOOL TRIP

On Thursday, August 16th, a total of 29 girls boarded the train at Spencer Street Station to travel to Warrnambool Technical School for sporting fixtures.

This was the first group from Ringwood Technical School to go on an inter-school trip, and naturally everyone was very excited, if not a little nervous.

Leaving Melbourne at 8.20 a.m. the train finally arrived in Warrnambool at 11.45 a.m. Any fears the girls may have held were immediately dispelled by the warm welcome from their hostesses, who couldn't do enough for them from the beginning of the visit to the end.

Unfortunately, at this stage a change of plans had to be made, and the games which were to have been played on the Friday afternoon, had to take place about an hour after the girls left the train. Although we may not have won, I am sure that our teams could have given much better performances if they had had a good night's rest. Many of the seniors seemed to be suffering from the effects of the Social held the previous night, while

our juniors were very, very excited. This in no way takes away credit from Warrnambool Tech's excellent performances in defeating us in both the basketball and softball.

That night the girls were entertained by their hostesses and the following day they went on two excursions around the Warrnambool district. Highlights of these were the visit to Children's Cove in the morning, where the unusual sight was to be seen of girls paddling with their shoes on, climbing up cliffs and expressing a desire to live in caves!

During the afternoon, Tower Hill Lake was visited, a water-filled crater of an extinct volcano, and then Port Fairy, the picturesque fishing village twenty miles south of Warrnambool. Here they were lucky enough to be taken out to sea on one of the numerous fishing launches, thanks to Mrs. Cameron's influence with the "locals".

That evening the girls were again entertained by their hostesses, and needless to say it was a rather exhausted looking group which boarded the train at 7.30 next morning for Melbourne.

All the girls were sorry to leave Warrnambool. The warm hospitality of the people will always be remembered. It was a wonderful experience for all and it is hoped that the fine spirit of friendship formed between Warrnambool Technical School and Ringwood, which began with this trip, will continue for many years to come.

Pupils Organisations

DRAMA CLUB

From a very small beginning, work in drama in this school has developed considerably though it has not been without its difficulties. The problems of obtaining a suitable hall for our productions are immense, and we look forward rather hopefully to the days when a school hall will be a reality, not a pipe dream.

For a long time it did seem that we would have to suspend our activities for this year as no suitable hall was available, but in June the Board of the East Ringwood Presbyterian Church came to our rescue, thus enabling us to stage a full scale production at the end of term two.

"Look Closely Stranger", a clever piece of social satire which depicts human life through the eyes of the insect world, was our most ambitious production to date. With a cast of 70 involved and many of last year's good actors having left school, a considerable number of auditions had to be held. The selected cast included many new comers and for the first time form 1 and 2 students also took part. An intensive eight weeks rehearsal programme followed — at lunch time, after school, Saturdays, Sundays and some evenings.

The success or other of this play may be best judged by those who saw it. While there were many fine individual performances, the most pleasing feature was the team work of the whole cast and the untiring work of everybody in it. This was typified by the work of the large group of ants among whom were some of the younger students of the school. Costuming of the play was a tribute to Miss N. McLean, our designer and Mrs. M. Weavers and her assistants who made the costumes. While many parents may have been alienated by the hours that their sons kept, the work of the backstage boys was worthy of the highest praise.

The junior Drama Club has also been formed under the leadership of two form three boys, Peter Spackman and Morris Murphy, and on the day of the school fete they presented "The Man in the Bowler Hat". Their work is to be commended as they organized the whole production without teacher assistance.

At the present moment a group of ex-students and near ex-students are endeavouring to establish a drama group of their own in order to continue their interest in this work. Any inquiry with regard to this should be addressed to Miss F. Hoffman, Mr. J. Wood or Mr. J. Ellis, care of Ringwood Technical School.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mrs. M. Weavers, Mr. R. Horsfield, Mr. M. Brown, Mr. D. Crossman, Mr. W. Johnson and the "big brass" for their assistance. My sincerest personal thanks are due to F. Hoffman and A. Karreman; but, for their untiring efforts, this drama group would not exist. I look forward to seeing you all at Speech Night when we will be presenting Yves Cabrol's delightful French farce: "The Fish".

S. J. ELLIS

RADIO CLUB

The Radio Club was established early in the year under the guidance of Mr. D. Alkemade.

The Club has 15 active members who are all keen on advancing their knowledge of radio. By means of a levy we have purchased some equipment including an electric soldering iron, which has enabled members to construct a crystal set and a transistor set.

In response to an advertisement displayed at British Nylon Spinners (Aust.) Ltd. we have obtained several old radios from which members obtained parts to construct other sets.

Through the courtesy of PYE (Aust.) we obtained on loan a closed circuit television system, which created great interest on Education Day.

Radio Club activities have been discontinued during third term so that members may concentrate on study, but we are looking forward to resuming after the examinations.

DAVID STREATFIELD

CHOIR NOTES

The choir this year has represented the school on two occasions. During second term, members sang at a local festival for schools and also enjoyed taking part in the Technical School's Music Festival at Storey Hall Melbourne.

We thank Mrs. Earber and Mrs. Freestone for playing the accompaniments on these occasions.

Much benefit has been gained from singing in public and we are now also fortunate in having the use of a tape recorder.

I would like to thank the choir, generally, for their interest this year. With approximately sixty members in the combined boys' and girls' choir, much organization has been involved, and I thank Janet Stephens and Beverley Thatcher for their capable leadership and co-ordination.

G. LAURITZ

GYMNASIUM CLUB

Early in the second term a number of boys of varying shapes, sizes and ages began the "big bounce" by forming a gymnasium club.

The first lunch time practices drew huge crowds and the boys turned on a great spectacle for their audience. Without fail one or another of the boys would finish in an inglorious heap after having "executed" some simple exercise, bringing much mirth to the onlookers.

As the weeks passed our squad grew larger, their ability improved and the laughter gave way to applause. In a few, short weeks, due to a great deal of enthusiasm and a certain amount of recklessness, the boys graduated from bungling bouncers to capable gymnasts well worth watching.

Some of you, who have formed our audience, may sometimes feel a yearning to be able to perform a double backward full twisting somersault with tuck. If you do—don't worry! We would like to be able to do it too. But with a little courage and tuition you may learn to perform like the gym club members. Why not join us next year and try?

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Crusader Inter Schools Christian Fellowship has been operating again this year with just as much success as last year.

The meetings have been held on Fridays between 12 noon and 12.30 p.m.

This gives boys and girls a chance to get together one day a week, and listen to a Bible reading or a discussion on the Scriptures.

The meetings are controlled by the committee of girls and boys with three councillors. The choruses are lead very capably by Shaun Gurno.

During the year there have been quite a few guest speakers present at the meetings to give some very interesting discussions, several films have also been shown.

The numbers have been most reasonable throughout the year; approximately 25 girls and boys per meeting.

If you have thought of these meetings, come along and I am sure you will enjoy it.

KEVEN HOUGHTON, Group Leader
MARGARET ROBINS, Ass. Leader

PROPOSED ADULT EVENING CLASSES FOR 1963

To avoid being placed on a waiting list, intending students should be enrolled before February 12th (enrolment night), 1963.

SUBJECT	EVENING and TIME
● CAKE DECORATION and/or COOKERY	To be decided
● DRAMATICS	To be decided
● DRESSMAKING	Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7-9
* ● ENAMELLED JEWELLERY	Thursday afternoons 2-4 Thursday evenings 7-9
* ● POTTERY	Wednesday afternoons 2-4 Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 7-9
● PAINTING ● OILS	Wednesday evenings 7-9
● WATERCOLOUR	Evening to be decided 7-9
● PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION	To be decided pending numbers
● SCULPTURE and FIGURE DRAWING	Wednesday evenings 8-10
● TICKETWRITING	Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings 7-9
● TYPING — SHORTHAND	Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7-9
● WOODWORK	Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7-9

* PLEASE NOTE: For the two afternoon classes in Enamelled Jewellery and Pottery arrangements are being made for mothers to leave pre-school children at a creche near by the school.

Original Contributions

CHRISTMAS IN NEW GUINEA

1942

On Christmas Eve, 1942, an RAAF Mosquito fighter of No. 72 squadron winged its way over enemy occupied New Guinea. At the controls sat Sandy Bates watching the steaming jungle flicker past beneath him. Behind him sat Cecil B. Walker Jnr., better known as Cec, operating the radio and acting as navigator.

Suddenly, from out of the sun came a Jap Zero, then followed the sickening shudder of cannon shells on the plane body. The plane lurched and then the port engine exploded along with a section of wing. Sandy fought the controls and crash-landed on the interwoven surface of vines and trees of the jungle.

Shakily he and his crew climbed from the wreck onto mother earth. All they had was a machete, a revolver, a compass and a canteen of water.

They travelled in an easterly direction through thick, hot, steaming jungle. The boughs of trees stung their faces, ants and bugs bit them and made them feel rotten. The sweat turned their clothes into wet cloth, and added to their misery.

Hours later they stumbled onto a native camp. A girl of about 17 years of age came forward and led them to a white missionary. He told them that next morning the girl would take them to an army out-post 20 miles away. The people were all naked but Sandy didn't blame them. In his opinion it was "Too Damn Hot".

That night a feast was given for the airmen and they went to bed happy and tired. About 6 a.m. they were awakened by the girl and then had breakfast.

About 7 a.m. they set off, and that afternoon they reached the out-post after more ants, bugs, sweat and stinging branches.

Next day they were taken by jeep back to base where they told of their adventures.

Now they are flying in a new Beaufort and have been on six missions already. Occasionally Sandy and Cec get together and talk of the crash, the native girl, and their adventure in the jungle of New Guinea, Christmas, 1942.

ROBERT TANN

THE GROVE

It was 2035, after the people had crawled from bunkers following the second nuclear and the Fourth World War. Most people had set up small, self sufficient townships, and were trying to "make out", with most succeeding. There were no nations, the bombs had seen to that

Paul Vickers hated work. Ever since he was a small child he scorned hard working people. He wasted his time travelling from town to town, and in one of these he hit a cheap way to make some capital for himself. They had promised him a great amount if he could manage to bring them a "flat", which was a leftover

from animal life from the wars of the preceding century. They gave him about one third of the amount before he started.

Evidently, not many people knew much about "flats", but Paul knew that it would be worth his while if he did manage to catch one. After four days he was far from any human, and was travelling through a forest, when he came across a strange grove.

The fog swirled through the grove, just as he had expected. Paul stopped and contemplated his entry, decided on the positive, and advanced. Misty fog swirled, heavy, moist and musky among the moss shrouded trees, and as he trod, watery, spongy ground squelched underfoot.

Paul knew he was alive, but he doubted if much else was. It was a graveyard, the trees were shrouded skeletons, leafless and sucked dry of life by the musky moss. It smelt odiously. The grey, dead matter underneath, composed of decaying fungus and tree was sickening.

He felt he had entered the eerie world of the dead.

There was no wind, and there was no sound, save for his own movements. It was hard to move in a straight line in this oppressive mist, but Paul struggled on. He needed no compass because he was used to moving through unmarked territory. There was no insect hum in this swamp, not even mosquitoes lived in this still world. The foreign movement of his body dislodged much fungus, and here and there moss fell from the unseen tree tops.

Paul imagined flats, and he thought of what he knew about them. Scientists admitted that there could be flats, and swamp dwellers were said to have captured them from time to time, but nobody knew much about the Swamp Dwellers. His mind was occupied with such thoughts when he imagined he heard something akin to a scrape. Paul turned fast on his heel, saw nothing but a large piece of fungus float slowly to the ground through the mist.

Regaining his composure, Paul could not quite reassure himself that he was alone in this swamp. He stumbled on, and noticed that the trees were thinning, but he could not be sure. The sound played on his mind, every step, and with each movement of his body he felt more he was not alone. Paul was scared for the first time in his life, and the second muffled sound sent him thrashing wildly forward. He knocked into trees and pulled down rotten vegetation in his flight.

Exhausted, trembling he stopped and turned back to look on the mute path he had knocked through the mist. Not a sound could be heard except his own heavy, harsh breathing. Then Paul knew money could not pay off death. Of course he expected something to appear out of the trees, but when it did, his muscles turned to water.

They were not "flats" he knew, they were the worst of all — skates. He had often heard of Swamp Dwellers speaking of them, and now he believed. Two of them he saw between the trees like a wet blanket, dark, menacing, their ghoulish movements similar to a vulture's as they floated towards him. Paul Vickers was rooted to the ground, and in his own mind he knew he would die.

Frantically, he looked for a weapon, and he picked up a piece of wood near his hand; only it never left the

ground. It snapped off — rotten. Paul, the victim, stood waiting for his death with the piece of rotten wood in his hand. The skates floated straight for him, enveloped him and drew away, leaving him dead.

His face was distorted, and only the whites of his eyes showed. His body was dead with the rest of the grove. Paul's body grew cold quickly, and as the weeks and months passed, his clothes fell off his bones, and revealed the money they had given him to return with a fiat. In the end too, the fungus covered him and all that had ever belonged to him.

No-one would look for the mor.e.v in that misty, un-gus, moss ridden grove.

GAVIN MILLER

I, THE CONVICT

I knew why they had goaled me well enough, but all I had done was picked a few pockets. Father said it was alright to do that, though mother was a bit against it. But what else could a lad do when his family was starving and his parents were without work? Well anyway there I was standing in a long queue of men, women and some children like myself. The queue of about one hundred people trailed along the river bank whilst up at the front the people were slowly being loaded into old hulks. These hulks were to be our homes until a ship came and took us to some distant, newly discovered country, where, I'd heard, black savages over-ran the land and queer animals endangered the lives of men. We were eventually loaded onto the old ships where we prepared our quarters (such as they were) to make them as comfortable as possible.

After a month of filthy living, the guards came down to us. It was early one morning in June and the sea birds were screeching madly as if disturbed from their part on the beach. The guards roused us out of the hulks and chaining us by our wrists to one another, bade us to follow them down to the beach. When we finally arrived there we saw at the pier a ship, its mast reaching high up in the air, where some seagulls had made their perch. We boarded the ship and were given our quarters. The children's quarters were on a lower deck and when we entered the chains were removed from our wrists. The room was reasonably large but dingy. It was about twenty feet square and had to accommodate thirty children. There were no beds nor seats. We had nothing with which we might light it and see our way around. We spent the day locked in the room and in the night we were compelled to sleep on straw — that is, if one was lucky enough to get some.

The following morning our luck changed a bit as a good breeze enabled the ship to sail from the harbour and, once at sea we were allowed on deck. Some people were already sick with the rocking of the ship. Towards night we were returned to the room and an amount of fairly fresh meat was given to us. This, three older children and I carefully divided amongst the others and ourselves. Some children had not eaten fresh meat for a long time and it was pitiful to see the way they stuffed their meagre allowance down.

After the first month of sailing the meat was worse. The fresh meat was replaced by salted beef. It made most of the children thirsty — but even the water was rationed so that they had to go without. Already two of them had died. The months dragged on and many people,

adults and children alike, died from malnutrition or scurvy. I was lucky until one day when I was on deck I happened to bump and knock over an officer. It was true I hadn't been watching where I was going, but I did not do it purposely. He scrambled up amongst a roar of laughter from the crew and convicts. Shaking his fist at me he said: "You'll have the cat, you young brat! By ". . ." you will!" And I did; five stinging lashes which made me faint. When I awoke I was back in the room, my back sore and my head aching.

With the lack of good food; the drinking of dirty water, in which a number of insects had made their homes, and living in unfit conditions together with the recent lashing I had received, my resistance was low and fairly soon I contracted scurvy.

It was the beginning of November when the sickness took me and my room-mates told me that we weren't expected to land for at least another month. Though I had been hungry when I was well, the mention of food while I was sick, made me groan. Perhaps it was the thought of the type of food I would get.

On the fourth day after I had become unwell, a woman, and a man who said he was a doctor, came to visit me. Both of them were convicts and had been appointed to tend the sick. After one look at me the man turned to his parnter and said "Scurvey". She nodded and then they bent down and picked me up. "You're going out on deck, young man. Can you stand up alone?"

"I'm sick, I'm sick", I muttered but with the help of the couple I managed to gain my feet. The walk to the top deck seemed to take ages and when finally there, blackness clouded my brain. I awoke to feel hot and uncomfortable. My body ached every time I moved and I dimly thought that I was dying. Days dragged on and my condition became worse and worse. I ate very little and drank gluttonously and neither spoke nor moved. The doctor with the aid of the woman brought me on deck every morning and took me back of a night to the filthy, dingy room. By now, that room was indescribable. The once clean straw was now covered with dirt, scrap of food and the like. Many of its occupants also had scurvey and some had died.

One day, when I felt I could stand no more of the eternal rocking and swaying of the ship and the revolting food, my enfeebled brain and fevered body gave up the will to live. Clouds enveloped my eyes and the voices of the men sounded remote and far away. Then through the mists a voice shouted the words I and others had been greatly longing for. "Land-ho! Land-no! We've reached New Holland!"

Suddenly I didn't want to die any more and I struggled to get up as I saw many people rush past me. The doctor came to me and lifted me, then carried me to the side of the ship where I was lowered by ropes into the boat which was to take us to the beach. I heard the boat grate on the sand when we reached shore. The men jumped out and held the boat while I was taken out. Some other sick people and myself were put into a rough hut where we spent the rest of our time whilst we were sick, but that was not long because with fresh meat, food and water we picked up quickly.

This was the beginning of a new life for me, though never did I again see my family or England. I was happy in this new land, to work it and prosper, and later I married and my children, to my way of thinking, were not English, but New Hollanders.

MARGARET WALTERS

TALL STORY

In a small village, there lived a moth who loved to eat. He ate so much that he was eating his parents poor. He seemed to eat so much that his parents decided to enter him in an eating contest in the village.

Soon the great moment came when the contestants began to eat. but, of course, the young moth beat them all.

As the young moth was so good the Prime Minister Moth, Mr. Flutter-By, thought it would be a good idea to enter him in the World Eating Contest in a week's time.

The moth's parents wouldn't let the little moth eat very much for the next few days and the moth was very unhappy and felt he would die if he didn't eat something soon.

The contest was to be held in Europe and he was flown over. The only opposition he had was a husky

looking chap, about twice his size and the little moth became frightened and the tension grew worse (because he thought he might lose). However his parents comforted him and the tension slackened.

The two moths sat down at their tables and began to eat. They ate all the cloth in the city and had to send away for more, and very soon all that was gone, but the moths showed no sign of quitting. All the cloth in Europe was sent to the city but this was eaten as soon as it got there. With all the ready cloth gone, they had to start the looms and make cloth for the competitors to eat. Still more cloth was needed. The weavers were busy making cloth. More and more clothe poured into the city.

However, it was all in vain; the little moth just couldn't eat anything else, and he sat there and cried and cried.

Now have you ever seen a moth ball?

SUE

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