



by Michelle Ford.  
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## EDITORIAL



In 1982, the publishing of a Ringwood Technical School Magazine was resurrected after an absence of more than a dozen years. The hope was expressed in the 1982 edition, "Echoes", that the magazine should be published annually. In "Zenith 1983" and "Zenith 1984", the excellent quality of the first magazine was maintained. It is hoped that our 1985 edition will compare favourably with its predecessors.

This year, the production of the magazine has not been the responsibility of one Year 11 section as it has been in the past. This has allowed a willing band of assistants from all year levels to become involved in the important tasks such as writing articles, taking photos and seeking staff and student contributions.

My sincere thanks go to Ted Clark, our relieving Media Studies teacher, who was only able to offer limited time, but who still managed to order and provide all of the necessary photographic equipment and materials, and to Robyn, Jane and Melissa, who demonstrated great strengths of determination, patience and perseverance in taking and developing all of the photos despite facing "quite a few" problems along the way.

Special thanks must also go to my four "messengers" from 8.3, Amanda, Kirsty, Melissa and Sonia who spent many lessons completing innumerable missions from all over the school. Their constant encouragement was also invaluable. "You're hopeless Dawe! You'll never finish this magazine."

Finally, a very big thank you to all the staff and students who contributed in some way to the magazine and to the collective staff who were very tolerant of the many interruptions and disturbances throughout the year.

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1985 has been my last year at Ringwood Technical School, ending five very happy years at the school. Before leaving I would like to wish the entire school community a very merry Christmas, a happy New Year, and a future which is rewarding and fulfilling.

Nick Dawe





ERRATUM

APOLOGIES TO THE FOLLOWING FOR INCORRECT SPELLING OF NAMES:

KIRSTY BOORD.

ROBERT McDOUGALL.

ANDREA VOWLES.

MELLISSA WARD.

JASON ALLSOPP.

ZOE LYONS.

AND ANYONE ELSE.

THE GREATEST APOLOGY GOES TO MS.MIELCZAREK FOR BEING LEFT OFF THE  
STAFF LIST.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR RECEIVING  
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OVERALL AWARDS.

ANNA GOBEO

NICOLE YENDLE

ANDREW ARMITAGE

BRIAN SHAPTER

CHRIS SHEARER

ANDY DAYAKLI

ZOE LYONS

R.S.L. BURSARY.

MARJ KIRK (P.T.C.A.) AWARD.

DOLA MARTIN AWARD.

RINGWOOD CITY COUNCIL AWARDS.

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PRINCIPALS ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD.

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E. SCEBERRAS

K. THOMAS

ELECTRICAL.

P. LAWSON.

M. AUSTIN

AND APOLOGIES FOR ANY OTHER ERRORS THAT ARE FOUND.



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## **PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

The School Magazine is each year, a record of achievements, happenings, triumphs, sad and joyous events as well as the thoughts and aspirations of our students.

This is the fourth year since the magazine has recommenced and it is once again crammed with all of those events, articles and photographs that memories are made of.

My congratulations to the editorial group consisting of students assisted by Mr. N. Dawe.

Highlights of the year have included our wonderful production of "West Side Story" which involved large numbers of students, parents and teachers in a marvellous manner; the renovation of the tennis courts resulting in many furiously contested staff/student team tennis matches; and the number of enjoyable educational excursions which included the snow ski camp, Great Keppel Island, Camp Duncan, Eildon Weir and Wilsons Promontory.

May I take this opportunity to thank the many parents/teachers and staff who have assisted to make this another very successful year for the school and its students.

Despite falling secondary enrolments, our school has continued to maintain its student members. This fact alone is a major achievement justifying in the minds of School Council and Staff the policies and curriculum offered at the school.

In addition I am proud to announce that the school has received the distinction of being approved as the school to "pilot the Year 12 Orientation Program in Applied Science" for 1986, in preparation for the transition of T.O.P. courses from T.A.F.E. into the Education Department.

The establishment of a Year 12 consisting of the T.O.P., V.I.S.E. (2) Business Studies and three (3) Technical Year 12 Courses in Electro Mechanical Technology, Foods and Textiles and Building Studies is the most exciting development in the school for many years.

The commencement of a Year 12 is a natural and long-awaited progression which, when taken into context with the expected outcomes of the enquiry into post-compulsory education (Blackburn Report), augurs well for a more diverse, accessible and efficient secondary education for students throughout the entire State.

This school is most anxious to be part of that change.

All of the above is in the future and to my students who will be leaving at the end of the year, your future is now before you. I wish you every success, health and happiness in that future wherever you may be.

I know that in years to come, this magazine, having rested in some drawer or bookshelf, will be found once again and that in a quiet moment you will browse through it.

I hope that it will bring back many pleasant memories.

Best wishes.

B.K. Knox



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# IMPRESSIONS OF R.T.S

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Ringwood Technical School caters to a wide range of student interests. The school left me with the impression that teachers were prepared to foster worthwhile and unique activities. The school play, various sporting contests, and introduction of year 12 point to a very professional and dedicated staff.

Facilities at the school are excellent for staff and students. The completion of the tennis court project certainly added "cream to the cake".

My time at the school was very rewarding and enjoyable. I found the majority of students at the school to be co-operative, pleasant and very helpful. If Ringwood Technical School students are any indication of the quality of our future citizens then Australia is on very sound ground and with an excellent future.

The move into year 12 at Ringwood Technical School will be an exciting, rewarding and demanding time, but choice of courses should ensure excellent student opportunity as they leave school.

Overall my time at Ringwood Technical School was very satisfying and the school impressed me greatly as being possessed of excellent teachers, worthwhile programs and students of excellent character.

Cliff Wise

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## PROGRESS AROUND THE SCHOOL 1985

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During the year the facilities sub-committee with School Council and a number of other people developed or renovated areas of the school. Some of this work has been accomplished with Education Department help; however, School Council has expended a considerable amount of time and finance towards many of the following items:

(a) Resheeting with asphalt and then surfacing with "flexipave" the tennis courts area to form four excellent tennis courts as well as two netball courts. This area looks splendid indeed with its colourful green courts, red surrounds and yellow and white lines.

(b) Reclamation of the old trampoline area by filling in the pits and surfacing an area slightly larger than a tennis court with a concrete slab. This has created a superb hard surface which has been very much appreciated by both students and staff for the conduct of a whole host of ball games.

(c) Construction of a room to be used by parents for meetings, discussions and simply relaxation. This room is adjacent to the general office area and its completion is due by the beginning of next year.

(d) The conduct, by the P.T.C.A., of a special effort, to raise monies for a class set of computers. This effort was not as well supported as we would have hoped; however, it has raised about \$3,500 which is a quarter of the way towards its objective.

(e) Completion of the pine-log fencing around each garden and lawn throughout the school. This has created not only a pleasant atmosphere for the school, it has provided an abundance of casual seating for our many students.

(f) Permission and funding from the Education Department have been given to commence a student bus terminal on the school's property with access from Great Ryrie Street. The completion of this project is eagerly anticipated.

(g) Tenders have been called by the Public Works Department to renovate the school's three portable classrooms.

(h) Application has been made to the Education Department for the external maintenance of the trades block as well as for an internal repaint and decoration of the total school. Council is hopeful of a positive response to this request as the school has not had total internal maintenance for over twelve years.

(i) Numbers of minor repairs and renovations made during the year by the school maintenance staff. Many thanks to Mr. R. Hoare, Mr. H. Budge and Mr. A. Hassell.

B.K. Knox  
Secretary to the Ringwood Technical  
School Council



# Westpack Australian Math Competition

On Wednesday, July 31st, 334 students from Ringwood Technical School attempted the Westpac-sponsored Australian Maths Competition.

The results obtained by the students were most gratifying and the school extends its congratulations to the 156 certificate winners.

A summary of the awards is as follows:

	Year	Entries	Distinctions	Credits
Junior	( 7	90	5	37
	( 8	65	2	35
Intermed.	( 9	43	4	26
	( 10	61	4	30
Senior	11	25	2	12

The distinction winners are:

Year 11: Neil Short, Stephen Croker

Year 10: Andrew Brien, Allan Doensen, Mathew Lee, Cameron Tolley

Year 9: Andrew Armitage, Simon Ovenden, Darren Hale, Mandi Hopkins

Year 8: Karen Hermon, Ronald Bailey

Year 7: Rohan Darke, Michael Grummett, Cameron Payne, Jayde Higgins, Michael Hillier

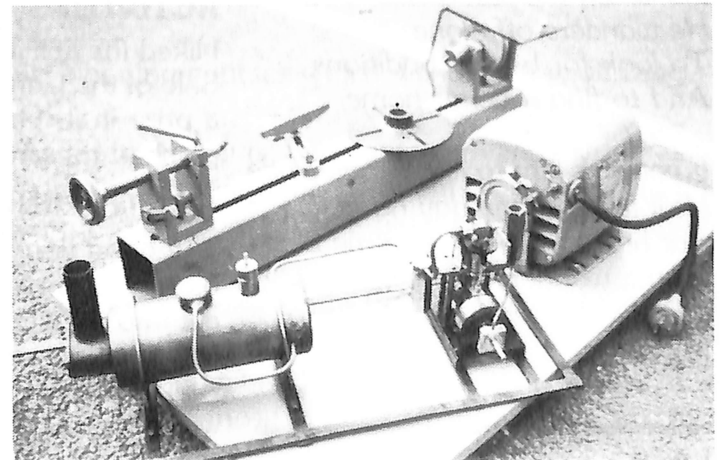
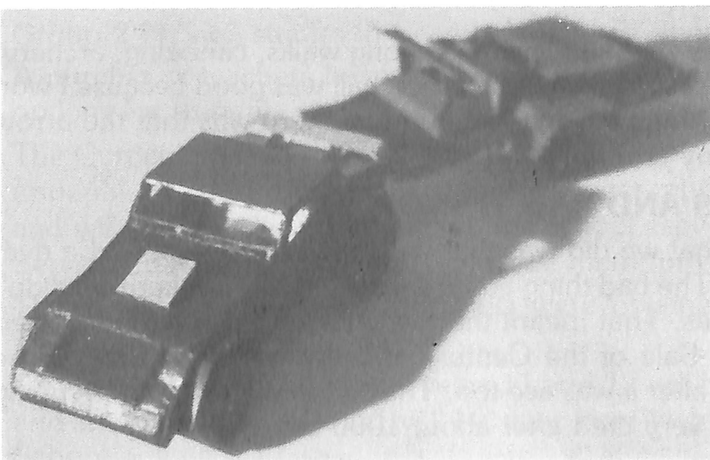
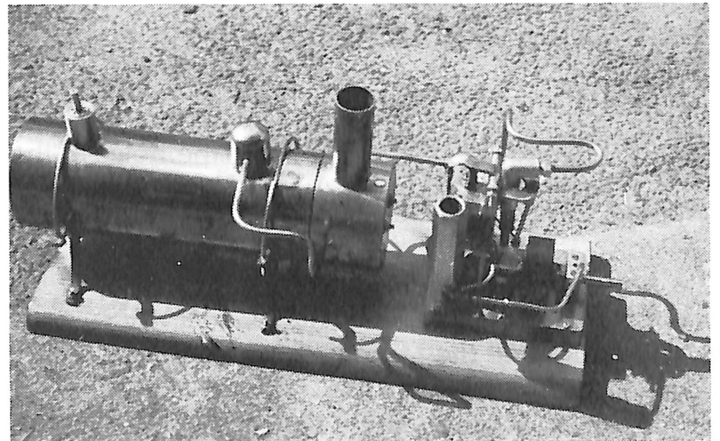
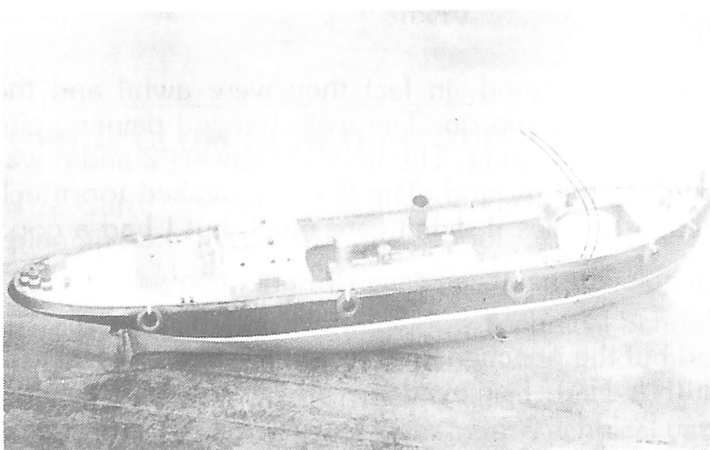
## THE CIDER DECIDER

Two barrels, A and B, each contain some cider. Barrel A contains more than Barrel B.

From A, pour into B as much cider as B already contains. Then pour from B into A as much cider as A now contains. Finally, pour from A into B as much cider as B presently has. Both barrels now contain 64 litres. How many litres were in each barrel at the start?

## THE PROBLEM

Start with equation	$a = b$
Multiply both sides by a	$a^2 = ab$
Subtract $b^2$ from both sides	$a^2 - b^2 = b^2 - b^2$
Factorize	$(a + b)(a - b) = b(a - b)$
Divide both sides by $(a - b)$	$\frac{(a + b)(a - b)}{(a - b)} = \frac{b(a - b)}{(a - b)}$
Since $a = b, b = a$ , therefore	$a + b = b$
	$b + b = b$
	$2b = b$
Divide both sides by by	$\frac{2b}{b} = \frac{b}{b}$
	$2 = 1$



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# ESCAPE FROM TOMORROW

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One morning on the 10th of July 1985, John Wilson woke up thinking of how he was to face the day, another day that would be unpredictable. For all John knew he might die today, for all he knew a war might start, his car might crash. This was John's greatest fear to "escape from tomorrow". His life was a great worry in the city of New York, he was a confused person as he walked down 2nd Avenue to get a hot dog for breakfast. When John got to the shop he bought his hot dog and in relief that he had made it, sat down and ate it.

About ten minutes later, after a hearty breakfast, John got up and started off home. He was about two blocks from home when a couple of hoods jumped out of an alley and mugged the person in front of him. John being so scared could not do anything, he just stood there and froze in shock. Then after mugging the lady the two punks came for John, so he ran as fast as he could down the road to his house. He was about two minutes from his house when a police car came around the corner. John was saved, he had escaped one event today, he was saved from the punks or so he thought.

Tomorrow was another day, a day where punks were after him so he would not tell the police about it, except it came sooner than he thought. Five minutes after his nerves had relaxed the punks burst in the door and started to beat up John. Within seconds John Wilson was dead; he didn't escape from tomorrow or "did he"?

by Jason O'Callaghan 10.7

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## THE ALLEY CAT by Cheryl Lindsay

*Crawling through the darkness  
Looking for no more than a  
warm mat  
Creeping in the alleyway  
You'll find the Alley Cat.*

*He crawls into the alley  
And scavenges through the bins  
Looking for his dinner  
Hoping someone invites him in.*

*As he has no pride left  
His family are all gone  
He lives with all the tomcats  
But only until dawn.*

*For when the sun arises  
He wanders off alone  
To look for better conditions  
And to find a better home.*

*If you ask him to live in one place  
He'll tell you one day he may,  
But he'd rather for the time being  
Stay a wandering stray.*

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## CAMP DUNCAN

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### CAMP DUNCAN

I enjoyed Camp Duncan a lot because we had lots of time to ourselves, to explore around. It was a good way to spend a week away from school.

### BUILDINGS

The buildings weren't very good, in fact they were awful and the mattresses were horrible to sleep on. The walls needed painting and the holes in the floor needed fixing. The floor in showers 2 and 3 was nearly falling through to the ground. The floors squeaked too much and the doors needed handles. I didn't care much but I had a good time anyway.

### FOODS

The food was good but the poached eggs weren't — the ones that Mr Tuckerman made (HA HA). I enjoyed the pies and pasties and the rissoles and snags.

### ACTIVITIES

I liked the activities we had which were long walks, canoeing, archery, Sale of the Century and skipping. Poison ball was good because I won a prize in it. One thing I didn't like about archery was that the arrow pinched me on my arm when it flew past.

### GOOD THINGS AND BAD THINGS

The good thing that we did was that we tipped Mr. Dawe in the river out of his canoe. The bad thing about it was that Mr. Tuckerman didn't get into the canoes. That meant that we couldn't push him in. I liked the skipping and Sale of the Century and the bonfire was ace. The walk we went on after it was ace too. The bad thing about the skipping was that you got very tired after about 1000 skips



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# 1985 Student Representative

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**President:** Andrew Lavington

**Vice-President:** Peta Ramus

**Secretary:** Kathy Whitehouse

**Treasurer:** Richard Smith

**Committee members:** Year 7: Matthew Smith, Justine Shaw; Year 8: Anna Gobeo, Matthew Hoskin; Year 9: Russell Fraser, Tanya Sutton; Year 10: Andrew Byars, Georgia Bretel.

During 1985, the S.R.C. conducted several activities including:

- "World Vision — 40 Hour Famine"
- Sale of Legacy Badges
- Sale of Anzac Day Badges
- Catering for the R.T.S. Sports Award evening
- Sponsorship of Murray River Canoe Trek by Turana Youth Training Centre
- Donation supporting Victorian Surfing Team at World Pacific Surfing Title in Japan
- Casual Dress Day supporting school production of West Side Story.

J. Carbery

## FUND-RAISING 1985

During 1985 students have participated in the following fund-raising activities:

Thirty-four students participated in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine in June, raising a total of \$950. Many thanks to all who assisted, especially Tammy Abbott, Melissa Charity, Troy Cogen, Jason McGeroge and Nicholas Gray.

Students were also active in the sale of Anzac Day badges and Legacy badges. Once again many thanks to those who assisted.

J. Carbery



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## CIRRICULUM BOARD ACTIVITIES 1985

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The Curriculum Board is a sub-committee of the school council and is responsible for all the curriculum planning and changes in the school.

Most of the planning this year has been developing year 12 courses for 1986.

This is a big change for Ringwood Technical School. Next year will be the first year that this school has had year 12 courses. A lot of discussion has taken place with Swinburne College of T.A.F.E. to establish this school as an annexe of that College, and we will now be able to offer Applied Science students the opportunity to complete T.O.P. here. Technical year 12 courses in a variety of trade areas, Foods, Textiles, Building, Automotive, Electrical and Engineering have also been offered, and Business Studies are offering Group 2 H.S.C. studies in Secretarial and Business Studies.

A number of teachers have put in many hours work in planning courses which will offer a wide range of options for students.

The Curriculum Board also has planned to improve Bike Ed for students, and next year year 7 students will undertake a course which will be much longer, and go into a lot more detail. Students will have field days and will use bicycles purchased by the school especially for this program. Staff have been undertaking In-Service Education programs to prepare them for running this course.

The 20 bicycles and safety helmets were obtained from a grant of money from the Blue Light Disco organization.

There are big changes in how years 11 and 12 will be organized and what they will be studying in the future and the Curriculum Board will be very busy in helping to make those changes in Ringwood Technical School.

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# SCHOOL COUNCIL

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The Council of the School consists of numbers of elected parents and staff, representatives from the Mothers' Club, P.T.C.A. and persons invited to council because of their knowledge of or interest in the school.

Under the very capable leadership of Mr. Gerald Smart, Council has accepted its responsibilities in a most enthusiastic manner.

The Council has a number of sub-committees and, as each name suggests, these sub-committees are responsible to Council for the following functions within the school:

- (a) **Personnel & Administration:** Mr. G. Storey, Mr. G. Pearce, Mr. C. Whitehead, Mrs. L. Moncur.
- (b) **Finance:** Mrs. D. Williams, Mr. J. Guguid, Mrs. S. Turton, Mr. K. Thomas.
- (c) **Facilities:** Mr. I. Underwood, Mr. R. Pearce, Miss G. Bretel, Mr. L. Cruikshank, Mr. V. Brownlie.
- (d) **Policy:** Mrs. M. Yendle, Mr. I. Webber, Mr. G. Rose, Mr. J. Carbery.

The Office-Bearers of Council are: *Chairman:* Mr. G.R.G. Smart, *Deputy Chairman:* Mr. V. Brownlie. *Treasurer:* Mr. J. Duguid. *Secretary:* Mr. B. K. Knox.

With the recent additional responsibilities given to Councils comes the opportunity to devise and develop the curriculum taught within the school. The curriculum development in accord with the Government guidelines is accomplished within the school by the School's Curriculum Board.

The Curriculum Board is another sub-committee of Council consisting of the Council's Policy Committee, parent members acting in concert with six elected staff under the chairmanship of Mr. Michael Bradley, and it is the body which has been mainly responsible for the preparation for the school's Year 12 in 1986.

During the year, School Council had the opportunity of selecting from a large number of applicants a person to fill a vacant Vice-Principal position.

As a result of Council's recommendation, I am pleased to record that the Education Department has appointed Mr. Michael Bradley to the position of Vice-Principal "B". Naturally, Mr. Bradley will continue to co-ordinate the curriculum of the school, whilst Mr. Alan Bedgood (our Vice-Principal "A") will administer the school's operating procedures.

I am pleased to report that the Council has functioned in a most efficient and harmonious manner. The amount of work accomplished with regard to the general running of the school, the careful budgeting of finances, the care, maintenance and development of the building, surrounds and equipment, combined with the enthusiastic manner in which the school's curriculum has been developed, demonstrates for all to see the worth of this Council and its members.

On behalf of Council I wish to thank the teaching staff for their dedication and efforts. In particular, many thanks to the school's ancillary staff led by our Registrar, Mrs. Dot Williams. Few people realise the number of "behind the scenes" persons necessary to keep a school of this size running. To all of the General Office Staff, Cleaning Staff as well as Caretaker, Maintenance Gardener, Library, Science Laboratory and Home Economics personnel, many thanks for your continued support.

School Council is the governing body of the School and without the combined wisdom and assistance, I would find it almost impossible to administer a school as diverse and large as Ringwood Technical School. May I express my sincere thanks to each person on Council and look forward to their continued support.

B. K. Knox  
Secretary, Ringwood Technical School Council

# Staff vs Students Footy Match

## Coach to be sacked

## Ymer urged to resign

Football remains very much in the news at the moment with the imminent sacking of long-term Ringwood All-Stars coach, "Jumping Jimmy" Ymer. After an inglorious display where the team was totally annihilated by a more committed, disciplined and slightly fitter combination his head is very much on the chopping block. He looked a most disconsolate figure as he trudged from the ground after the match.

Problems began for the little man in early August when the original date for the game had to be re-scheduled, after he caught his index finger in a helicopter propeller. The new date was a lunchtime, late in September. His late arrival to the ground on this new date did nothing to quell the nervousness of his players who were quoted as being "toey as Roman sandals".

It was now that he made two monumental mistakes which totally ruined any chance the team had of victory. He allowed the students to play with 23 players to the staff's 18, where in previous years the ratio has always been reversed (although it must be said in all honesty that the staff very rarely play with as few as 23!). If that wasn't enough to show that Ymer can no longer handle the pressure his appointment of umpires was. Mr. A. Bedggood, a known "student sympathiser", never looked like giving the staff a free kick, while Mr. A. Carbery was obviously inexperienced and unaware of the little techniques and subtleties which are such an important part of the teacher's game.

The game was a nightmare for the staff from the very start. The students out-ran, out-kicked, out-handballed, out-thought and out-scored the demoralized staff combination. Coach Ymer tried desperately to swing wholesale changes but, without his runner, who he had forgotten to arrange, his words of wisdom fell upon deaf ears. He was a lone figure waiting for the easy ball in the forward pocket.



The plight of the staff was made worse by the defection of its top players to the Basket Weaving Club. Household names such as "Hand Bag" Madigan, "Fang" Farrugia, "Tennis Anyone" Dunwoodie and "I'm not an animal" Preuss were sorely missed. While their dissatisfaction with Ymer's coaching was well known, and their bitter hatred of him as an individual legendary, some quick administrative negotiating behind the scenes may have secured new contracts with these players.

It now appears certain that "Jumping Jimmy" will not be coaching in 1986. But can a replacement be found from within a team whose only high point in the game was when "Kommo" floated across the back of the pack and pulled down his first screamer since the '67 season?

Stewart has the credentials, although his ignorance of handball is a worry. Massingham has the enthusiasm. All of his time on the field is spent asking directions to the nearest brick wall. His lack of finesse and general stupidity will probably go against him. Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Barton, two new recruits to the team, are firm believers in fostering team morale. They subscribe to non-stop talking to team mates (and the opposition) throughout the match. B.K. Knox could be a dark horse and take the job in a non-playing capacity. He has vast experience in coaching a team of individuals with mixed abilities and personalities. The only question mark over him is his temperament. A lifetime following the "black and whites" indicates that he may not have the nerve for the job.

Whoever takes over, he can only do better!

**Final Scores:** Students HEAPS, Staff VERY LITTLE.

**Best players:** Students — all team.

**Best players:** Staff — None. Stewart looked good in the warm-up.





## SUMMER SPORT 1985

## RESULTS

	ROUND							FINAL	FINAL	G.FINAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
<u>BOYS</u> CRICKET		Def. T'stowe		Lost to Lilydale		Def. Boronia				
BASEBALL	Def. T'stowe	Def. M'bark	Def. Box Hill	Lost to Syndal	Lost to Blackburn			Def. Clayton		
BASKETBALL	Lost to T'stowe	Lost to Lilydale	Def. Box Hill	Def. Mitcham	Lost to Blackburn	Lost to Boronia				
SQUASH	Def. T'stowe	Lost to Lilydale	Lost to Box Hill	Lost to Mitcham	Def. Blackburn	Def. Boronia				
TENNIS	Def. T'stowe	Def. Lilydale	Def. Box Hill	Def. Mitcham	Def. Blackburn	Def. Boronia		Def. Aspendale	Lost to Preston	
<u>GIRLS</u> BASKETBALL	Lost to T'stowe	Lost to Lilydale	Lost to Box Hill	Lost to Mitcham	Lost to Blackburn		Lost to Syndal			
SQUASH	Def. T'stowe	Lost to Lilydale	Def. Box Hill	Def. Mitcham	Def. Blackburn		Def. Syndal	Lost to Aspendale		
TENNIS	Def. T'stowe	Def. Lilydale	Def. Box Hill	Def. Mitcham	Def. Blackburn		Def. Syndal	Def. Sandringham	Def. Diamond Creek	Lost to McLeod

# SUMMER SPORT



L-R: B. Sharp, M. Stingel

## TABLE TENNIS: GIRLS

The girls' table tennis team played in the Grand Final for the third successive year. Unfortunately, they were defeated by Syndal Tech. in a very close encounter.

Congratulations to all members of the team for a fine effort throughout the season.

**Team:** Louise Napier 11.6, Bernadette Sharp 11.1, Rachel Caulfield 9.3, Melissa Stingel 11.6.

**W. Isbister (Coach)**

## THE SENIOR CRICKET

Eugene Kear led the Senior Cricket Team in a year full of highlights . . . Who will ever forget David Weir opening the bowling wearing a Models T-Shirt and sporting a pink streak in his hair??!! Or the Boronia cricketer fielding at fine leg in a pair of board-shorts!! The poor traditionalists of this poor game would have turned in their graves!!!

The camaraderie in the team was something which needs mentioning. What team would laugh when one of their colleagues bowled a wide? At Ringwood they did, and the bowler was Matt Ryan.

Apart from experiencing some success during the season, the winning factor for Ringwood was the way in which the boys organised and conducted Cricket Training at lunchtimes.

Thanks "fellas" for a most enjoyable season.

**Paul W. Stewart**

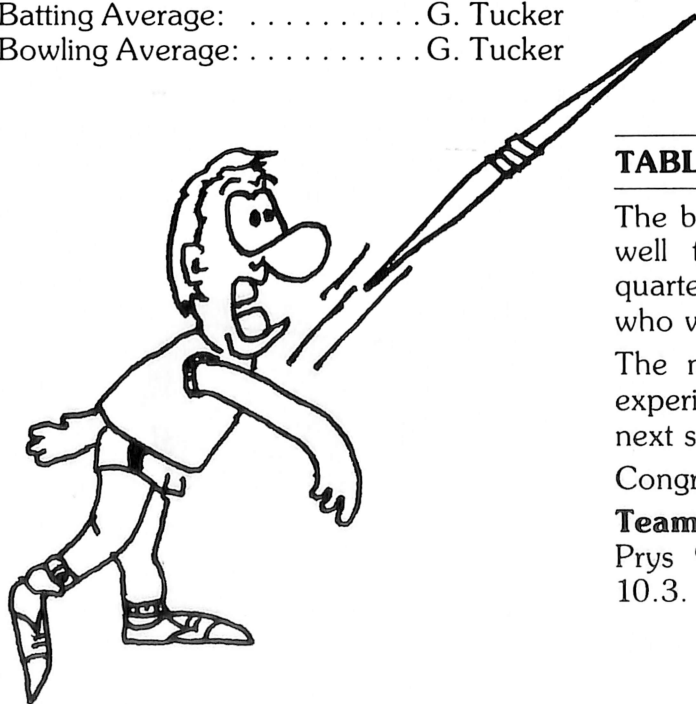
Winning Batting Average: . . . . . G. Tucker

Winning Bowling Average: . . . . . G. Tucker



L-R: M. Hermson, T. Hood, R. Collins, R. Graham, K. Woollen  
L. Biasuzzo, S. Brown

Front: G. Tucker, M. Ryan, S. Evans, D. Weir



## TABLE TENNIS: BOYS

The boys' table tennis team performed extremely well throughout the season. They made the quarter finals and were defeated by Syndal Tech. who were the eventual premiers.

The members of the team are young and the experience of playing together will benefit them next season.

Congratulations on a successful season.

**Team:** Adam Bretel 8.7, David Thorpe 9.4, Craig Prys 9.8, Matthew Lee 10.1, Stephen Clarke 10.3.

**W. Isbister (Coach)**

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## SQUASH: GIRLS 1985

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The senior girls' squash team consisted of the following players:

Robyn Woerz, Leah Kerr, Maxine King, Belinda Allchin.

All girls were relatively inexperienced players but enthusiasm and team spirit overcame this. We had a few close matches and the girls fought well to finish the season with five wins and only one loss.

This performance was good enough to take the girls through to the quarter finals at Monash University.

Congratulations to all the team members on their enthusiasm, good sportsmanship, team spirit and effort.

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## SQUASH: BOYS

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The senior boys' squash team consisted of six players who played on rotation throughout the season. They ranged from experienced competition players to keen inexperienced players. The team members were:

Andrew Kleeberg, Craig Carey, John Chilton, Jason Tomlinson, Russell Catheray, Ward Bellamy.

The boys faced some tough opposition during the season, but all attempted to do their best for the team and themselves. They finished the season with a creditable three wins and three losses.

WELL DONE BOYS!!

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## BASEBALL REPORT

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For the first time in many years a school baseball team was formed. Apart from four boys, none of the team had played the sport before, and so their achievement of making the finals was something for themselves and the school to be proud of.

Barry Tennant (Captain) and Bradley Briggs (Vice-Captain) led the team very well and, with their support, the other lads improved and knitted themselves into a good combination.

Results throughout the year were:

Ringwood defeated Templestowe . . . . . 7-4  
Ringwood defeated Mooroolbark . . . . . 10-4  
Ringwood defeated Box Hill . . . . . 20-8  
Syndal defeated Ringwood . . . . . 13-1  
Blackburn defeated Ringwood . . . . . 4-3

Elimination Final:

Ringwood defeated Clayton . . . . . 20-4

Quarter Final:

Syndal defeated Ringwood . . . . . 15-3

Congratulations to the boys on a fine effort!

**W. Isbister (Coach)**

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## BASKETBALL: GIRLS

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At times the girls had trouble fielding a settled combination. We were a small side and often had trouble against bigger, rougher sides. Although endeavour and perseverance were not enough against more skilled teams and we didn't win a match, the girls improved greatly and all of them had some personal highlights.

### Best players:

Catherine Hodgson

Bev Tame

Melissa Stingel

Janine Goodall.

Thanks to all the girls and Mr Fox for his skilled assistance.

**Team:** Catherine Hodgson, Melissa Stingel, Lisa Renwick, Bev Tame, Janine Goodall, Janine Pearce, Louise Napier, Belinda Allchin, Marilyn Monster, Kerry Annand, Melissa Hillbrick.

**T. Massingham**

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## BASKETBALL: BOYS

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Although at times the boys faced more skilled and co-ordinated combinations, they always tried hard and never threw in the towel. We had some good matches, the highlight being our big win over Box Hill.

The team improved greatly over the season and was unlucky not to win more matches. We finished up with two wins and four losses.

### Best players:

Stephen Croker

Dennis Argoon

Peter Banhelyi

Luci Biasuzzo

Simon Major

Thanks to all boys and to Mr Fox for his reffing and his invaluable help.

**Team members:** Luci Biasuzzo, Stephen Croker, Peter Banhelyi, Dennis Argoon, Simon Major, Arnold Ganya, Danny Ryan, Stuart Brown, Kevin Woollan, Greg Schultz, John Loffler.

**T. Massingham**



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# TENNIS REPORT

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L-R: A. Moore, B. Sharp, S. Moore, D. Carbery

**Boys' Team:** David Postlewaite, David Newstead, Justin Bowler, Malcolm Shrimpton, Peter Coath, David Thorpe.

**Girls' Team:** Andrea Moore, Bernadette Sharp, Shireen Moore, Danielle Carbery.

The boys' team won all matches within our region losing only one rubber to Mitcham Tech. Our good performance in our region put us on top of this section, and in the first final we played Aspindale Tech., defeating them convincingly. Our quarter final was against Noble Park Tech., against whom we once more won convincingly. The semi-final was against Preston Tech. and, unfortunately, although all matches were closely contested, we were defeated three rubbers to nil — not a true indication of the tennis standard of the team. However Preston were the better team on the day.

The girls' team also won all matches within our region, not losing a rubber in any match. Our good performance placed us on top of our section. The

leadup finals were played at Monash University. Ringwood's quarter final match was played against Sandringham Tech. We defeated them in straight sets. Our semi-final was against Diamond Creek which we won three rubbers to nil. The grand final was played the following week in adverse weather conditions. Although we put up an excellent fighting effort, Macleod Tech. were just too strong, defeating us two rubbers to one. Macleod successfully defended their inter-tech. school title. They had better watch out next year!!!

The boys' and girls' teams both put up a very creditable performance. All matches were played in an excellent spirit, with good sportsmanship at all times. I found it a pleasure to be associated with Ringwood Technical School's tennis teams and perhaps next year both teams will go that little further to win the Inter Tech. School Championships.

**Dave Dunwoodie**



## WINTER SPORT 1985

## RESULTS

	ROUND							FINAL	FINAL	G.FINAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
<u>BOYS</u> FOOTBALL	Def. BORONIA		Def. Box Hill	Lost to B'burn	Lost to T'stowe	Def. Knox				
SOCCER	Def. Boronia	Lost to Mitcham	Def. Box Hill	Lost to B'burn	Drew with T'stowe	Def. Knox				
HOCKEY	Lost to M'bark	Lost to Mitcham	Def. Box Hill	Lost to B'burn	Drew with T'stowe					
TABLE TENNIS	Def. Boronia	Def. Mitcham	Def. Box Hill	Def. B'burn	Def. T'stowe	Def. Knox				
BADMINTON	Def. Boronia	Def. Syndal	Def. Box Hill	Def. B'burn	Def. T'stowe	Def. F.T.Gully		Def. Monterey	Def. Clayton, Def. Niddre	Def. Keysborough
<u>GIRLS</u> NETBALL A	Lost to Boronia		Lost to Box Hill	Lost to B'burn	Lost to Syndal	Lost to Knox	Lost to Lilydale			
NETBALL B	Def. Boronia		Def. Box Hill	Def. B'burn	Lost to Syndal	Lost to Knox				
TABLE TENNIS	Def. Boronia	Def. Mitcham	Def. Box Hill	Def. B'burn	Lost to Syndal	Def. Knox	Def. Lilydale	Def. Corio		Lost to Syndal

# WINTER SPORTS



Back L-R: K. Woollen, L. Biasuzzo, H. Voots, S. Brown, J. Chilton, D. La Roache  
Front: C. Robinson, M. Hermson, M. Prestianni, M. Elsworth, J. Smith

## SENIOR SOCCER

The senior soccer team performed admirably during the season, finishing with a record of three wins, two losses and one draw. Unfortunately this was not good enough for us to make the finals.

The entire team is to be congratulated for their efforts during the season, and I should like to thank them for their co-operation and enthusiasm.

**J. Carbery**

## NETBALL A

The following girls were regular members of the Netball A team:

Peta Ramus, Janine Haysom, Sharon Rose, Kathy Whitehorse, Jane Stoffels, Lisa Renwick, Lisa Day.

A special thanks to the girls in the B team who assisted by playing in the A team on occasions. The girls played six matches and although they tried their best we did not have any victories.

Better luck next year girls!



Back L-R: D. Carbery, P. Ramus, A. Moore  
Front: K. Annand, J. Sroffels, L. Renwick

## NETBALL B



Back L-R: D. Carbery, K. Shipman, F. Vink, G. Bretel  
Front: T. Brown, J. Lee, J. Fitzgibbon

The following girls were regular members of the Netball B team:

Kerri Annand, Andrea Moore, Sharon Peebles, Georgia Bretel, Angela Rich, Tracy Brown, Julia Fitzgibbon.

A special thanks to Melissa Hillbrick, Shireen Moore, Tracy Dunn, Cindy McQuilkin, Kate Myers and Fleur Vink who all assisted the team by playing in a match.

The B team played four games with a creditable two wins and two losses! Thanks are also extended to Mrs Whitehouse and her daughter Julie, who willingly gave their time to umpire for the girls during the season.

## SENIOR BADMINTION GIRLS' TEAM

Nicole Aspinal	9.6
Frances Harkness	9.8
Robyn Woerz	10.6
Amanda Kauffman	10.6



L-R: B. Allchin, M. King, L. Kerr, R. Woerz

This year many Technical Schools in our region did not field Girl Badminton teams. In fact, the only other school to have a girls' team was Syndal Tech. We played Syndal a number of times and defeated them convincingly each time. Ringwood consequently wound up on top of our section. The finals were again played at Monash University on July 24th. Our first match was against Sunshine Tech., a tough match which we won on points. Our semi-final was against Macleod Tech. Unfortunately, we lost this match 3 rubbers to one.

Overall the girls had a very successful season. Considering their ages and the standard of play, making the semi-finals was a very creditable performance. Congratulations girls on a great season!

**D. Dunwoodie**

## SENIOR BADMINTION BOYS' TEAM

Brett Pappin	11.2
Trevor Blanden	10.10
Peter Elsworth	11.5
David Postlethwaite	11.6
Max Babic	10.10



L-R: P. Elsworth, B. Pappin, T. Blanden, D. Postlewaite

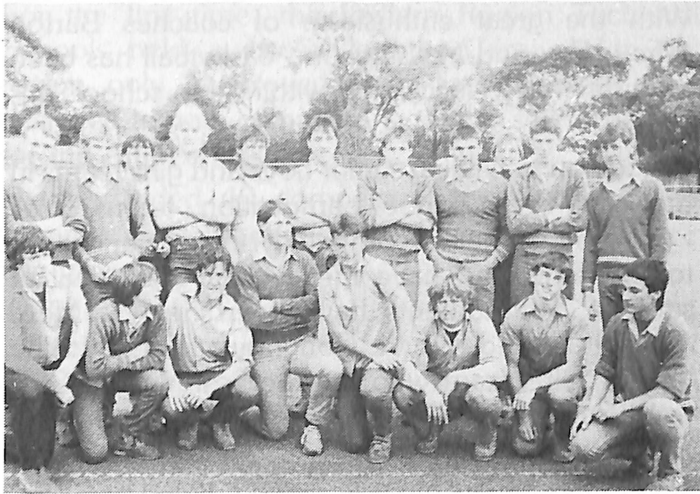
This year the boys' team were defending our Inter-school Badminton Championship. Unfortunately the four boys from last year's premiership team had all left school. However, keen competition from the new team members and prospective members enabled us to again field a very formidable combination.

After the home and away season we were undefeated and finished on top of our section. The first final was against Monterey Tech., the quarter-final against Clayton Tech. and the semi-final was played against Niddrie Tech. We defeated all of the above teams losing only one rubber on the way to the grand final. The grand final was played against Keysborough Tech. This time we defeated them 4 rubbers to nil.

Congratulations boys! Another magnificent effort. Hopefully we will continue to produce keen, quality players and keep the championship for many years to come.

**D. Dunwoodie**

## FOOTBALL



Back L-R: M. Ryan, R. Smith, R. Douglas, R. Shade, K. Woollen, M. Melksham  
Front: P. Fumeaux, M. Naughtin, N. Godfrey, S. Hawking

## BASEBALL



Back L-R: D. Ryan, M. Shrimpton, M. Hermson, H. Voots, A. Melksham, K. Woollen, L. Biasvizzo, M. Melksham, C. Rogers, S. Brown, R. Shade  
Front L-R: R. Catheray, N. Morrison, D. Weir, P. Whelan, E. Kear, R. Graham, M. Ryan, C. Carey

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## YEAR 7 SHELL CUP FOOTBALL TEAM

A very cold and wet July day in Templestowe was the setting of this year's Shell Cup competition. Coaches Cormack and Dawe had been training an enthusiastic bunch of players for over a month in preparation for the big day.

Although having a team which lacked height and one that had limited football experience, coaches and players alike were looking forward to some success. Brett Rae was elected captain, and he led the side with distinction throughout the day.

By winning three out of five games, Ringwood came a very creditable third from seven teams. They twice came from behind to win games and nearly beat the team which ultimately won the competition. The reason that they played so well was that they played with a maturity rarely seen at this age group. They talked to, but never criticized one another, played in the position where they were put, backed each other up and didn't whinge when they were asked to sit on the rather damp and cool interchange bench.

From our five games Darren Veldhuizen was deservedly voted our best player, with Dale Walton and Michael Grummitt coming second and third. However, our achievements were not made possible by three individuals but by a team of 24 dedicated players.

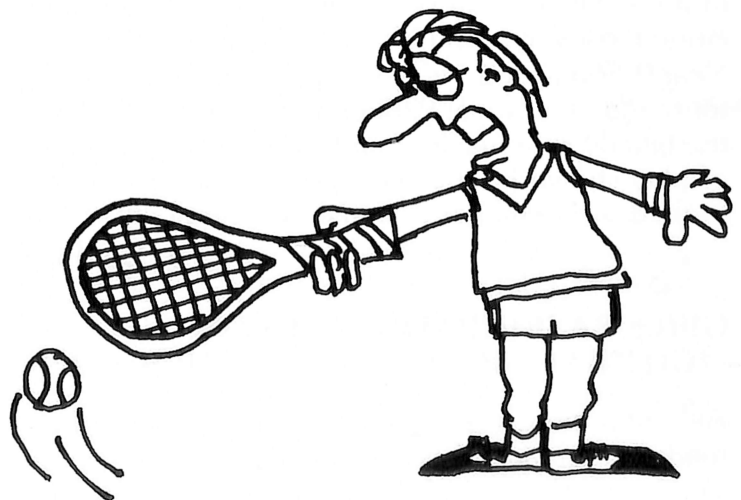
Many thanks to Peter Whelan and Richard Smith who umpired so impartially during the day.

## 1985 VICTORIAN TECHNICAL SCHOOLS' GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament was contested by 153 golfers from 41 different Technical Schools at Riversdale Golf Club. Despite favourable weather during the morning, the scores returned were of an usually high standard.

Our boys were Scott Hassan — Year 10, Stuart Whittle — Year 10, and Simon Ovenden — Year 9. Our team put up a commendable effort coming 11th overall, Scott Hassan came 9th in the individual score. Congratulations go to all the boys for the way they conducted themselves in dress and behaviour on the day.

D. Fitzgerald





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## **YEAR 7 NETBALL**

The following girls were members of the Year 7 Netball team:

Brenda Love, Fiona Nagle, Cindy Cogger, Melanie Chambers, Vanessa Frogley, Chantelle Goodman, Hannah Vink, Jodie Andrews, Joanne Murphy.

The girls competed in two events — the Victorian School Girls Netball Championships held at Royal Park and the Eastern Region Year 7 & 8 Netball Carnival at Ashwood.

At Royal Park the girls played four matches and competed against some very experienced teams. They all gained experience and team practice and finished in third position on the day.

In the Eastern Region Competition, they played in a round robin event where every team played nine matches. We had a few injuries and some very tired players at the end of the day, but the girls played very well and finished up with five wins which put them in fifth place.

All the girls are to be congratulated on their efforts at both training and during competition. Special thanks to Georgia Bretel and Angela Rich who helped with the coaching and umpiring.

**K. Costa**

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## **YEAR 8 NETBALL**

On the 30th July, a Year 8 netball team consisting of Tracey Dunn, Sandra Renwick, Karyn Whittle, Terry Manning, Melissa Grant, Michelle Eva, Helen Dowling and Sonia Gorringe competed at Ashwood in a round robin of nine matches against other schools. The girls all practised at lunchtimes and participated with credit to themselves and the school on the day. Overall, we came third out of ten schools, and hope to do as well or better next year.

**J. Bedford**

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## **YEAR 8 & 9 NETBALL**

In a combined team of the above Year 8 girls plus Anne Holloway, Kate Myers and Shireen Moore of Year 9, Ringwood Tech. competed in a round robin tournament at Royal Park on the 24th July. Despite the bitterly cold weather and the excellent standard of play shown by the other schools, the team performed well together to come an overall 4th.

**J. Bedford**

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## **GIRLS BASKETBALL – KILSYTH LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP (YEAR 8 and 9)**

Although the team was relatively inexperienced we made up for lack of skill with endeavour and sportswomanship. The girls improved every game and although we didn't win any games a fine time was had by all.

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## **BASKETBALL**

With the great enthusiasm of coaches Barton (Mrs.), Fox and Massingham, basketball has been phenomenally successful within the school this year.

In addition to fielding senior boys and girls teams in the local Tech. School competition, teams of all age groups have competed in a variety of tournaments and have met with a great deal of success. Tournaments have been held at Moe, Albert Park and Kilsyth. Congratulations go to the Year 7 Girls team who are the best Year 7 Girls team in the state.

At the time of going to press, a girls and boys team are contesting the finals in the local evening competition at Kilsyth.



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## **SCHOOLBOYS / GIRLS CLAYBIRD SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP**

In July this year, five boys participated in this championship held at Melbourne Gun Club, Lilydale.

Tony Knox, Matthew Hoskin, Jason Charity, Robert Bushby and Michael Bushby attended two practice sessions prior the championship.

Over 400 shooters from 70 schools entered and the competition was extremely keen. Tony Knox was our top shooter on the day with 14 out of a possible 20, but all the boys did well and gained valuable experience.

Wyatt Earp

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## **JUNIOR GYM TEAM**

Matthew Carmichael, Hamish Findlay, Craig Wilkins, Danielle Maillard, Michelle Eva, Jacqui Edwards, Sharon Lodge and Michelle Ford were the competitors in the Technical gymnastics competition held at Templestowe on the 8th of August. Practice sessions after school and at lunchtimes were held to learn the routines and to perfect them. The boys' and girls' teams did very well. A special mention to Matthew Carmichael for winning the individual horizontal bar event. Thank you to Trevor Warren for helping the team in preparing equipment at practices and for his support.

**J. Bedford**



# Mousemobile Derby Report



Jeff Owen

## IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED

The first problem was my mousemobile frame snapped into three pieces so I made another frame! It snapped because I tried to stop rolling resistance with oil which weakened the balsa wood. I then had to get another mousetrap because the other one fell apart. My next problem was I had to make bigger wheels. But with bigger wheels the rolling began to slow, so I greased the axle with grease because the balsa wood didn't absorb the grease as much as the oil, so it didn't weaken it as much. I then put a longer arm on it. I had to bend the arm a bit, because when the mousetrap had gone over, the arm rubbed on the left front left hand wheel. That is why I bent it slightly to the right. I then put bigger wheels on it which were 105mm radius.

It worked well on the mechanical room floor but it wouldn't run well on the floor in the hall. Because we ran out of time I couldn't do any more modifications. The only problem that it still had was that it ran crooked. Overall, I enjoyed making the mousemobile because it was a new experience.

David Hardidge

## THE MOUSEMOBILE DIARY

The first problem I encountered was that the mousemobile would not move! When I oiled the axles and wound it up again the mousemobile moved, but not very far. I then filed the wheels and smoothed them so there was not as much rolling resistance. My wheel size was 100mm radius. I soldered washers to the axles so that the wheels ran straight. But that was not the case at first. The solder stuck to the frame, but after I unsoldered them they rubbed against the frame causing rolling resistance.

The front wheels were out of alignment and the mousemobile turned to the right. I corrected this and the mousemobile ran straight. My lever was 210mm long. I first tied the string to the axle but this proved not to be good. So I attached a hook to the axle and put a loop in the string. I then hooked the string onto the hook and wound it up. The mousemobile moved about 17 metres. I then filed away the scrap solder that had run down the axle, and was causing friction, which was shortening the distance of the mousemobile.

My mousemobile was 450mm long and 70mm wide. My axles were made out of brass rodding with a diameter of 3.2mm. The lever was soldered to the mousetrap. The weight of my mousemobile was quite high. I finally got the alignment right. My mousemobile now went straight.

After I filed the axles and attached the hook the mousemobile went 24 metres. The hook allowed the string to let go before all the string had wound off the axle . . . allowing it to roll on more. Before it would stop because it was tied onto the axle.

On the day of the Mousemobile Derby my mousemobile went 20 metres. The frame was constructed of tin and was soldered at the joints. The mousetrap was bolted to the frame. I corrected the alignment by driving two new holes and unsoldered the axle washers and positioned them in the new holes. Then I soldered them back onto the axle and tried it again. This time the mousemobile ran straight.

Jeff Owen

## THE MOUSEMOBILE DERBY

When I first made my mousemobile my first problem was that it wouldn't start! I then made a wider rear axle with washers soldered onto it to stop the axles from slipping. The first axle was not wide enough because the wheels rubbed against the frame.

When I designed the mousemobile I wanted big drive wheels to get a lot of drive on each rotation. I also wanted a long lever to get my wheels (which had a 20 cm diameter) to go around many times. The lever had enough power to make the mousemobile start but wouldn't go the full distance because of too much friction. First of all I put the string further down the lever so instead of having 18 cm leverage I had 15 cm leverage. It went then, so I tried oiling the axles. I also filed off excess solder and it then worked well. It was then that I discovered that it didn't go straight. I then tried measuring the distance from axle to axle. Finding it wasn't correct I redrilled holes and after a couple of tries it went pretty straight. Another problem that I encountered was when the mousetrap was about three-quarters of the way down the string would slip off the axle therefore losing three or four turns. To solve the problem, I soldered a bit of wire on the handle and looped the end of the string around the wire so that the mousemobile would get full distance and the string would slip off at the end, therefore letting the mousemobile roll on at the end.

I saw that the mousetrap had too much power for the 20 cm wheels which took the mousemobile about 20-25 metres. I then made wheels out of plywood which were 250mm. When I first started with them the width of the wheels was too wide so I filed the ends of the wheels to a point. I then got 23-27 metres.

Andrew Rose

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## YEAR 11 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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Football, West Side Story. —S. Brown (Mad Dog, Cool Cat)

Basketball, table tennis and swimming, working in the canteen. —M. Stingel (Mel)

Tennis team, badminton team. —D. Posthwaite (Poss)

School plays, EON-FM Rock Eisteddfods, squash. —M. King (Max)

School play, sport. —R. Smith (Fat Rich)

100m, 200m and the 1500m last year. Playing my clarinet at an old people's home and hospital. I also play in a band. —M. Cocks (Wombat)

Basketball, table tennis, softball, swimming, athletics carnivals. S.R.C., school council, three school productions, learnt the flute and Olympic Park athletics. —J. Pearce

Dancing EON-FM Dance for two years. —C. Marshall

Swimming. —E. Oude-Meilink (Pig)

School choir, athletics 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984. —K. Adamson (Aunty Kathy)

"Top" umpire, captain senior footy. —P. Whelan

School plays, lighting in hall, computers. —Anon.

West Side Story. —J. Worley (Jud)

Cricket, football and table tennis. —D. Weir (Weirdo)

I have been involved with the EON-FM Dance and doing props for the play. —D. Manning (Deb)

Beating up little kids in the canteen. —T. Cantanese (Timbo)

Basketball, EON-FM Dance. —M. Wilson







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# YEAR 11

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## THE WORST MOMENT IN YOUR TIME AT SCHOOL

Waiting up at the office on a cold day to get the cuts. —C. Whithouse (Craquer)

Getting to school when it's cold in the morning. —D. Postlethwaite (Poss)

Finding out the fake droppings in my desk were real. —S. Brown (Mad Dog, Brown, Cool Cat, Stew, Good Looks)

Any time teachers try to dictate things to me. —Eugene Kear (Eugch, Screwy)

Tripping up the steps in central corridor and on the grates outside all doors. Made a complete idiot of myself both times. —Anonymous

When I knocked over a fire extinguisher. —R. Smith

Getting the strap from Mr. Whitehead in year 7. —Stewart Hawking (Gork)

When I got caught for wagging. —Robyn (Robby, Rob)

Being gang-bashed on your birthday in year 8. —T. Warren (Rev)

Having detentions. —P. Ramus (Teddy)

Was fainting in the Home Eco. room. —K. Adamson (Auntie Kathy)

When my bag was blown up.

When I was saturated with water. —J. Worley (Jud)

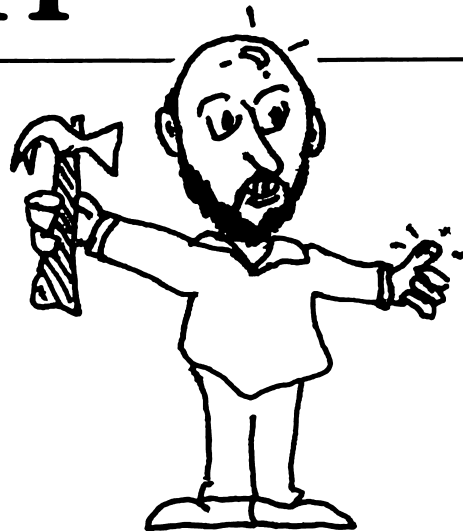
Fighting with my mates (not often). —R. Stott (Stotty)

Breaking a window in year 10 and having to pay \$10 for it. —M. Wilson

Going to Miss Adgemis's classes. —Tim Catonese (Timbo)

When I had to play the organ on the stage and Paul Walker's been teasing me ever since. —G. Coath (Egg Nog)

The first day. Then everyone following. —K. Annand



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## THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN YOUR TIME AT RINGWOOD TECH. SCHOOL

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When I went through the back window of a car on the way home, on my bike. —D. Thornton (Lard Ass 1)

Was in year 10. My form gave me a cake which was for my fourth birthday (29/2/84). Mr. Bedggood announced it over the P.A. Everyone came and said happy birthday. —M. Stingel (Mel)

When I got caught smoking and I wasn't even smoking. —L. Lisberg (Lis)

Getting caught in the boys' room at Camp Duncan. —M. Powell (Mandrake)

Last year doing the dance that we did for the EON-FM Rock Eisteddfod in front of the school. —M. King (Max)

Going to present West Side Story (Anon.)

A distinction in the Maths Competition (Anon.)

Doing nets for the EON-FM Rock'n'Roll Eisteddfod Dance Competition in '85. We came fourth. (Anon.)

Was doing the play, West Side Story. —K. Crane (Kev, Crany)

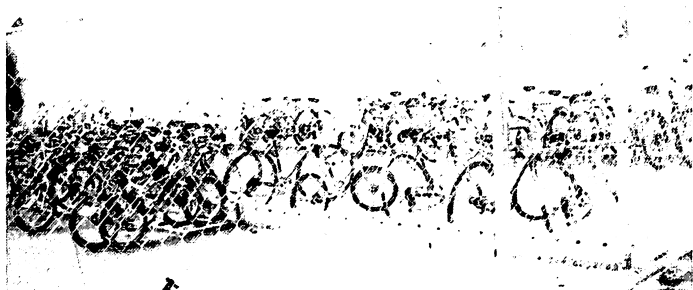
Getting yard duty for chewing in class. —C. Brent (Fat Cat)

When Jud jumped up and caught Crunchie full of paint and all the paint went on him. —D. Simpson (Simo)

Year 10 camp and Mr. Knox being ropable. —D. Weir (Weirdo)

Going on the Year 7 camp at Camp Duncan with Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Tuckerman and Mr. Dawe. —R. Stott (Stotty)

Going on the year 7 camp this year with Tuckerbags, Dawe and Phillips. The kids were great. —D. Manning (Deb)





## YEAR 11 – WHAT ASPECTS OF YOUR SCHOOLING HAVE YOU ENJOYED?

Mr. Bedggood's assembly. Making new friends. Checking all the spunky guys out — which there aren't any. —M. Monster (Smurf)

Stirring teachers to a pulp. —D. Weir (Weirdo)

Lunch, recess and 3.25. —S. Jones (Scottie)

Going home at lunchtime every day. Playing sport on Friday afternoons. —P. Walker (Wanker)

EON-FM Dance Competition. —M. Wilson

Most of Year 11. We have got good teachers and school camps. In Year 8 we had a great form. —Anon.

Every aspect, except detentions and noisy teachers. —M. Powell (Mandrake)

I hate it but it's lots of fun. —L. Smith (Luke)

Leaving school every night. —J. Dean

Years 10 and 11. Good teachers and a good form. The friends I've had. All the fun and humour in the five years I've been there. Year 7 camp. —Anon.

I have enjoyed Year 11 because I know it is my last year at school and teachers are more slack and don't pressure you. —H. Voots (Chook)

Learning new and wonderful things especially in cooking (Science & General Science)

Lunchtimes. —C. Marshall, K. Young (Aunty Katrina)

Meeting people. —P. Ramus (Teddy)

Lunchtimes, excursions, school generally. —A. Melksham (Melksh)

The camps and weekends and holidays. —Rodney Rozenboom (Rozey)

Home economics, textiles, lunchtime and recess. —K. Adamson (Aunty Kathy)

## WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO BE DOING IN 1986?

Either apprentice motor mechanic or year 12. —T. Warren (Rev)

Doing an art course somewhere. —C. Marshall

Be working as a chef in a restaurant. —K. Adamson (Aunty Kathy)

Bludging on the dole. —D. Gardener (Farmer)

Working (making money). —Kevin (Wally)

Working (drafting). —S. Croker (Croker)

Joining the Krishna movement. —D. Weir (Weirdo)

Butcher's apprentice. —D. Van Praet

Getting money. —S. Jones (Scottie)

Going onto further education. —D. Manning (Deb)

Dental nursing. —M. Wilson

Boat mechanic. T. Cantanese (Timbo)

Working with S.E.C. — P. Walker (Wanker)

I hope to have an apprenticeship. —A. Taylor (Kerm)

Working on T.O.P. —G. Coath (Egg Nog)

Hopefully going to Box Hill T.A.F.E. —M. Stingel (Mel)

Working as an electrician. —W. Cole (Cole)

Getting a job in the office area. —L. Napier (Parrot Beak)

Applied Science T.O.P. at Swinburne. Leave R.T.S. on a good behaviour Bond. —Anon.

Working as a carpenter. —B. Tennand (Ball Bag)

Hopefully going to R.M.I.T., doing fashion design. —M. King (Max)

Do my T.O.P. at Swinburne. —Anon.

Have an apprenticeship in carpentry. —J. Dean

Working as a gardener. —S. McVea (Sid, Macca, Mary)

Making money. —Anon.

I don't know! —B. Sharp

My Bachelor of Commerce at William Angliss College. —J. Pearce

Being an apprentice electrician. I HOPE! —K. Janssen (Jelly)

An apprentice chef. —K. Young (Aunty Katrina)

A vet apprenticeship or hairdresser apprenticeship. —Robyn

Attempt the work force. —M. Buckly (Chester)



## WHAT ASPECTS OF YOUR SCHOOLING HAVEN'T YOU ENJOYED?

Exams. —Thornton (Lard Ass 1)

Sitting at assembly.

Having to turn up in the morning. —G. Sanders (Sandy)

Tests and exams. —D. Postlethwaite (Poss)

The aspect of schooling I haven't enjoyed is some of the kids. —Warren Cole (Cole)

Not being able to smoke. Staying in the cold while teachers are in the warmth. And the school grounds nearly being all out of bounds. —K. Dunstan (Kimbo)

Staying outside when it is raining when the teachers have hot heating and airconditioning, and nearly the whole school is out of bounds. —B. Tennant (Ball Bag)

Monday-Friday. —M. King (Max) 8.30-3.25

Homework, too much work in a little time. —Anonymous

Getting detentions. —R. Smith (Fat Rich)

No smoking and staying outside when it is raining. —S. McVea (Sid, Macca, Mary)

Losing my friends when they leave school. —F. Mahoney (Fe)

Lunchtime because it's boring. —H. Voots (Chook)

Maths, science, typing, going to class, coming to school. —K. Adamson (Aunty Kathy)

Some inconsiderate teachers. —A. Melksham (Melksh)

Started smoking. —D. Simpson (Simo)

Maths, teachers and jokes. —D. Weir (Weirdo)

Mr. Bedggood's assemblies. —S. Jones (Scottie)

The work. —J. Dix (Dixie)

Form 5. —P. Walker (Wanker)

I haven't liked school at all. —A. Taylor (Kerm)

I don't enjoy being out in the cold and the rain. —K. Annand



## FURTHER COMMENTS

Form 5 and 6 should be allowed to smoke. Form 5 and 6 should have their own common room. —B. Tennant (Ball Bag)

We should have year 5 and 6 common rooms which are allowed to smoke. —S. McVea (Sid, Macca, Mary)

Ringwood Tech. is a darling; fascinating, interesting, glorious, fabulous school. "CHOKO CHOKO" (I'm being sarcastic.) —Robyn (Robby, Rob)

All of my mates say it was their worst moment when they met me. —J. Worley (Jud)

One more comment. I think that all the kids that smoke should be allowed to smoke at school. —M. Monster (Smurf)

The only other comment I have is that this school can be all right sometimes. —D. Manning (Deb)



# WEST SIDE STORY

Monday was the big day. We had psyched ourselves through dress rehearsals, late nights, bellowing directors, and we were ready. At least we thought we were! Little did we know that as well as the wriggling, whistling swarm of "Whitehead's grubs" waiting to devour the show, the "dreaded lergies" were also waiting in the wings! Our sound and lighting crew had been K.O.'d by some vicious virus, which was worming its way through the entire cast and crew! We had to act quickly, so when the comparatively inexperienced crew of Darren Thornton, Trevor Dosser, Brett Pappin, Mark Gent and Justin Fanning were called upon to help, they (coached by Rocky) came out fighting!

As if such a start wasn't enough to panic the most optimistic of producers, we found that our over-energetic Chino was "in the depths" with the flu. Our "big shot" Shark was suddenly looking more and more like a sickly sardine! And so, Luci had the daunting task of learning in five minutes (!?! ) a role which would normally have taken months to perfect . . . But he was terrific and with all of us helping each other, we (somehow) managed to get through the performance.

One hurdle over, next came the big test — opening night. Energy to burn, we had ten minutes 'til curtain time. Exhilaration. Excitement. Jets were revving and Sharks were poised to bite, but mostly the butterflies were burning. Hushed anticipation before the house lights dim, and the overture calls an expectant audience to their seats. By interval we knew that they were surprised by the polish, professionalism and enthusiasm of the performers.

West Side Story is over now, but will we ever forget it? I doubt it. We won't forget those first auditions in March, when we wondered at the wisdom of our choice of play. "They" said we were being too ambitious, that Ringwood Tech. kids couldn't produce something of the magnitude of West Side Story. And even up until August we were wondering if "they" were right.

But mostly, we won't forget the dedication of the kids. The leadership qualities of people like Russell Catheray, Kevin Crane, Kelvin Janssen, Wendy Graham, Michelle Powell and the lessons of self-esteem learnt by the entire cast and crew will be remembered long after the West Side Story has been told.

S. Moss







## CAST

### Sharks:

Bernardo .....	Matthew Ryan	Maria .....	Toni Storey
Chino .....	Jud Worley	Anita .....	Wendy Graham
Pepe .....	Steven Percy	Rosalia .....	Belinda Allchin
Indio .....	Luci Biasuzzo	Consuelo .....	Maxine King
Luis .....	Kevin Woollan	Teresita .....	Sam Hearn
Anxious .....	Roger Armstrong	Francisca .....	Fiona Kristoffersen
Nibbles .....	Gavin Allchin	Estella .....	Anna Gobeo
Toro .....	Michael Leonhard	Margarita .....	Miranda Martin
Moose .....	Richard Smith	Marcella .....	Kathy Marshall
Juan .....	Stuart O'Gorman		

### Jets:

Tony .....	Danny Ryan	Big Deal .....	Stuart Brown
Riff .....	Russell Catheray	Anybods .....	Michelle Powell
Action .....	Kevin Crane	Graziella .....	Lisa Renwick
Diesel .....	Kelvin Janssen	Velma .....	Kathy Whitehouse
Arab .....	Robert Gray	Minnie .....	Jenny Lee
Baby-John .....	Rohan Reid	Clarice .....	Fleur Vink
Snowboy .....	Henry Voots	Pauline .....	Andrea Moore
Tiger .....	Paul Furneaux	Rose .....	Sam Free

### Adults:

Doc .....	Jim Ymer	Krupke .....	Nick Dawe/Tony Massingham
Schrank .....	Paul Stewart	Gladhand .....	Bruce Madigan



## CREW

**Direction & Rehearsal Staff:** Phillippa Adgemis, Sue Moss, Sandra Rockman, Wendy Berglin, Jeanette Barton, Ellen Byrne, Ros Reid, Jim Ymer, Tony Massingham, Nick Dawe, Robyn Dunn, Sue Rogers, Geraldine Baker, Bev Storey, Theresa Mielczarek, Sabrina Luciano, Dean Robertson, Kelvin Barraclough, Beryl Magorcka.

**Treasurers:** Jeanette Barton, Ellen Byrne.

**Stage Manager:** Jeanette Barton.

**Set Design, Art Work, T-Shirts:** Mike Bradley, Rob Doekes, Rob Spinner, Danny Van Praet, Darren Simpson, Melissa Stingel, Jane Stoffels, Libby White, Debbie Manning.

**Props:** Rob Doekes, Melissa Stingel, Ian Underwood, Trevor Warren, Sam Free.

**Set Construction:** Ken Thomas, Colin Whitehead, Trevor Dosser, Silvino Gobeo, Stuart Brown, Darren La Roche, Stuart Darke, Colin West, Craig Foote.

**Costume:** Jan Carnie, Belinda Allchin, Sam Free, Ann Hagley, Margaret Hawkins, Sandra McKenzie, Leah Kerr, Lisa Renwick.

**Lighting & Sound:** Darren Baker, Ken Thomas, Sandra Rockman, Neil Short, Darren Thornton, Brett Pappin, Mark Gent, Matthew Carmichael.

**Music:** Beryl Nagorcka, Kelvin Barraclough, Chris Ryan, Nicole Yendle.

**Choreography:** Maryanne Leavey, Bev Storey.

**Videotaping and Photography:** Year 11 Media Class, Trevor Dosser, Ted Clarke, Matthew Pearson.

**Tickets & Door:** Mandy McAliece, Marli, Georgia, Julie, Leanne.

**Makeup & Dressing:** Robyn Dunn, Danielle Carbery, Viv Newton, Sabrina Luciano, Ellen Byrne, Theresa Mielczarek, Wendy Berglin, Bernadette Wood, Sandra Rockman.

**Accents:** Gary Fox, Marc Urquhart, The T.V.



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Mrs Barbara Walton — police uniform.

John Barton — coaching of our leads.

Mr Peter Joyce — use of scaffolding for lighting.

Judy Dawe, Mrs Leonhard, Ann Hagley, Jan Carnie.

Mrs Robin Free — catering and for all the scores at rehearsal!!!!

Mr Noel Walton — catering.

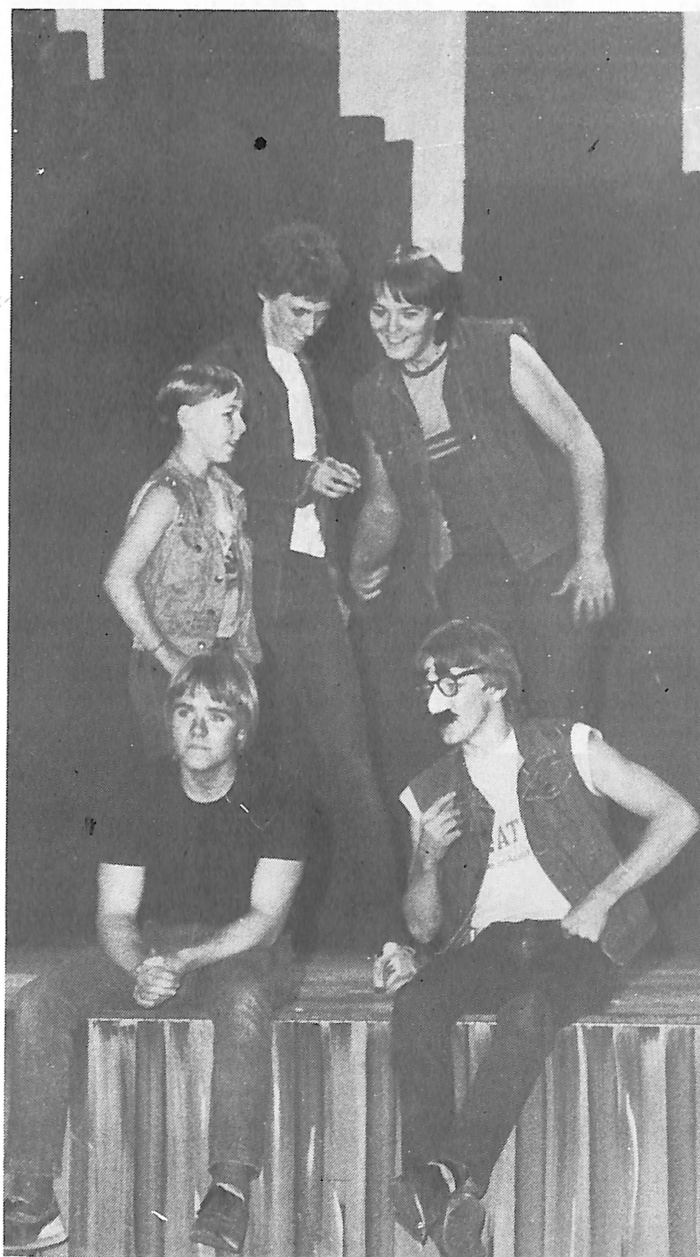
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Entire school for their patience in coping with the disruptions to the regular school programme.





## MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT 1

Prologue ..... Jets and Sharks  
 Jet Song ..... Riff and Jets  
 The Dance at the Gym ..... Jets and Sharks  
 Maria ..... Tony  
 Tonight ..... Tony and Maria  
 America ..... Anita and Sharks  
 One Hand, One Heart ..... Tony and Maria  
 Tonight ..... Sharks and Jets  
 The Rumble ..... Sharks and Jets

### ACT 2

I Feel Pretty ..... Maria and Shark Girls  
 Somewhere ..... Tony and Maria  
 Gee, Officer Krupke. Action, Snowboy and Jet Boys  
 Cool ..... Jet Boys  
 A Boy Like That/I Have a Love ..... Anita and Maria

## SYNOPSIS

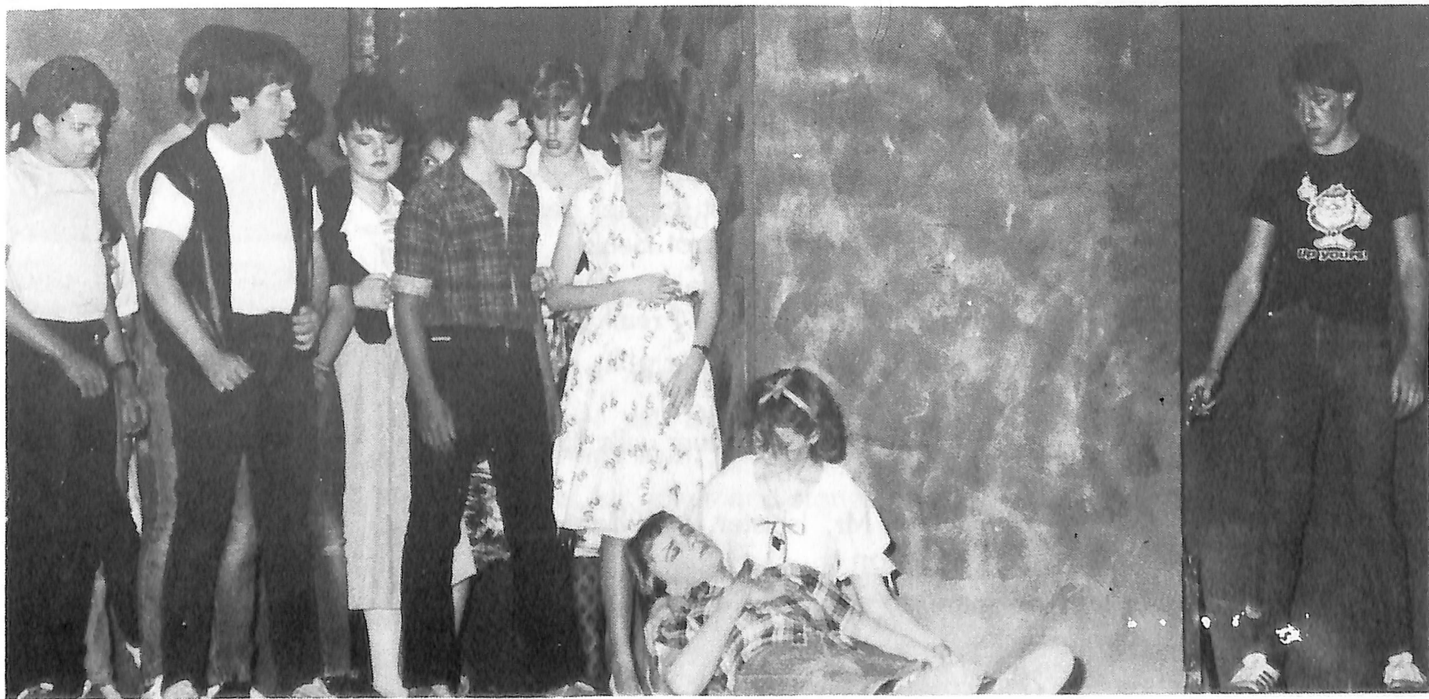
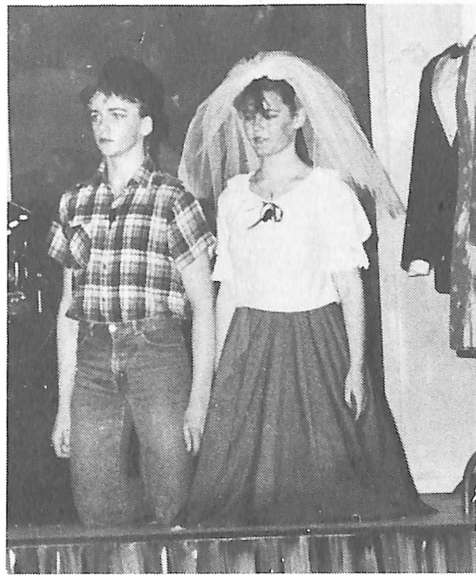
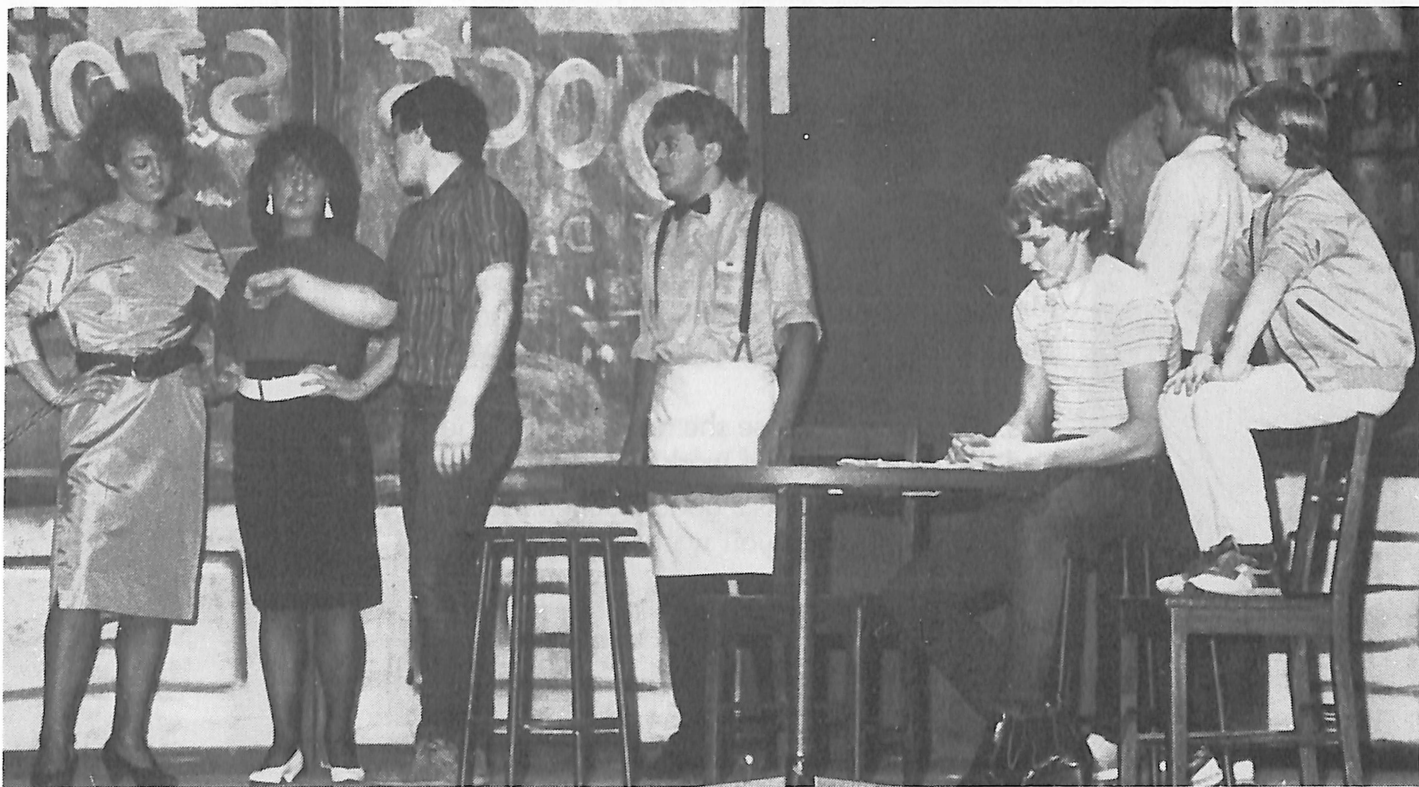
Based on Shakespeare's classic *Romeo & Juliet*, *Westside Story* is set in the streets of New York and depicts the bitter battle between rival gangs over territory and the tragedy of young love caught in the middle.

*Place:* The West Side of New York City

*Time:* The last days of summer

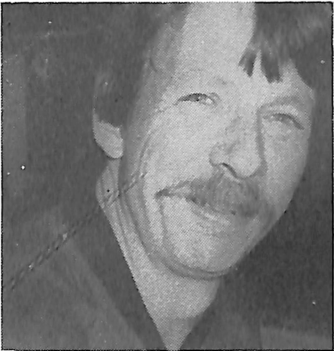
ACT 1	Prologue:	The Months Before
	5.00pm	The Street
	5.30pm	Behind Doc's Store
	6.00pm	A Bridal Shop
	10.00pm	The Gym
	11.00pm	A Back Alley
	Midnight	The Drugstore
		The Next Day
	6.30pm	The Bridal Shop
	6.00-9.00pm	The Neighbourhood
	9.00pm	Under the Highway
ACT 2	9.15pm	A Bedroom
	10.00pm	Another Alley
	11.30pm	The Bedroom
	11.40pm	The Drugstore
	11.50pm	The Cellar
	Midnight	The Street







# YOUR BEST TEACHERS



Mr. Stewart, Mr. Vas, Miss Newton, Mr. Doekes, Ted Clarke. —Judas Worley (Jud)

Mr. P: 'cause he left. (Mr. Patterson)

Mr. T: 'cause he's a top bloke. (Mr. Tivendale)  
—Anon

Mrs. McAliece: because she tells stories all the time and then we get out of work.

Mr. Vas: because he is a good teacher. He lets you do your work when you want.

Mr. Dunwoodie: because he's a pretty easy-going guy. —M. Monster (Smurf)

"Dunny" Dawe: teaching me the word **present**.  
—D. Weir (Weirido)

Mr. Patterson: a real cool dood. —D. Van Praet

Mr. Massingham: he can take a joke.

Mr. Tivendale: he can take a joke while you're working. —C. Crisp (Flaps)

Ms. Rogers is my favourite teacher because she helps you in your work and also she can get you out of trouble. She's pretty good at it. —D. Manning (Deb)

Mrs. Adgemis and Mrs. McAliece: because they're good to talk to and they help you work and they're just good teachers. —J. Lennox

Ymer, Thomas. —C. Whitehouse (Craquer)

Ms. Rogers: because she is trendy. Mr. Stewart: because of all his jokes. M. Stingel (Mel)

"Kommo": we had a lot of fun. —D. Postlethwaite (Poss)

Mr. Vas, Mr. Stewart: they have an understanding for the students. —S. Brown (Mad Dog Brown, Cool Cat Stew)

Mr. Austin: because he teaches us Electrical and I like it and have learnt a lot from it. —W. Cole (Cole)

There will never be a best teacher because I hate teachers! —L. Napier (Parrot Beak)

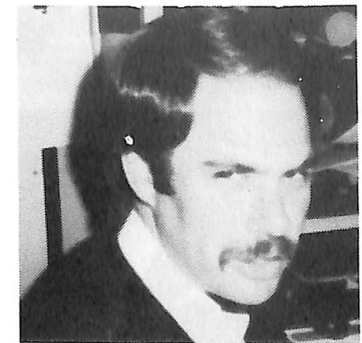
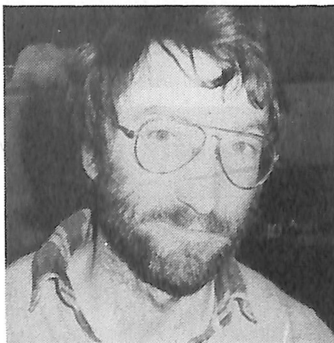
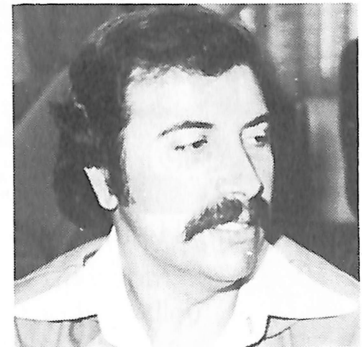
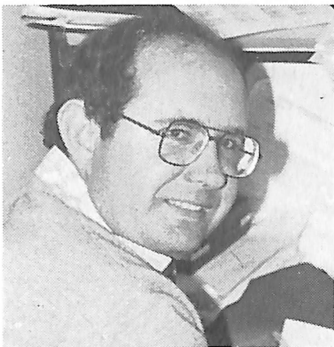
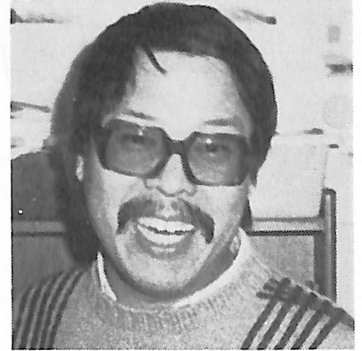
Mr. "M.D." Madigan: he was my section teacher in year 7 and the first teacher I really got to know.

Stewie: in English in year 10. Never a dull moment.

Mr. "sum tink" Rankin: never yells, just says "don't do dat".

Willie Ymer, Mr. Isbister, Mr. Baraclough: good blokes! —Anon

Too many to name. —M. Powell (Mandrake)





Mr. Tuckerman, Mr. Vas, Mr. Ymer: they all treat you like people. 70% of teachers are bearable. —E. Kear (Screwy)

Mr. Doekes: one day he may take full control of his class **hopefully!** —M. King (Max)

Ms. Adgemis: a great person. Stewie. —Anon

Mr. Tuckerman: because he is a good teacher and a good man. —S. McVea (Sid, Macca, Mary)

Mr. Shannon: treats you like a person. Makes jokes.

Mr. Doekes:

Ted Clarke: just a good teacher: -J. Dix

Mr. Rankin: because he really helped me in Maths and made me work well.

Mr. Vas: we learnt a lot without applying too much pressure and enjoyed English for once. —Anon

Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Mason: because they understand me and are good teachers.

Mr. Rankin: because he's a good teacher. —F. Mahoney (Fe)

Mrs. Adgemis, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Austin, Mrs. McAliece, Mrs. Bearlin. —K. Crane (Kev, Craney)

Mr. Rankin: he puts so much time and effort into his classes. Interested in the students and not just the money. —J. Pearce

Mr. Wallace: as he really knows how to teach and he really is funny, e.g. when he is talking to us he puts on a funny voice. —K. Young (Auntie Katrina)

Mr. Lawson — he's a good teacher. Tries to crack jokes (which no one laughs at) and being an idiot. —H. Voots (Chook)

Mr. Wallace: is very helpful, understanding and is funny in a way.

Mr. Bradley: is very helpful also.

Mrs. Mason: is very helpful and sweet, also she is very understanding. —Robyn (Rob, Robby)

Mr. Dawe and Mr. Vas: they're both slack. —T. Warren (Rev)

Mr. Massingham. —P. Ramus (Teddy)

Mr. Wallace: because he's very helpful and understanding.

Mrs. Hawkins: she's very helpful. —K. Adamson (Auntie Kathy)

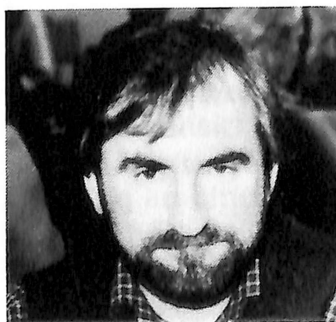
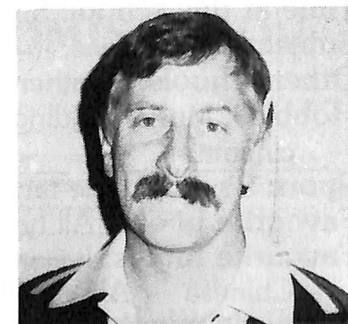
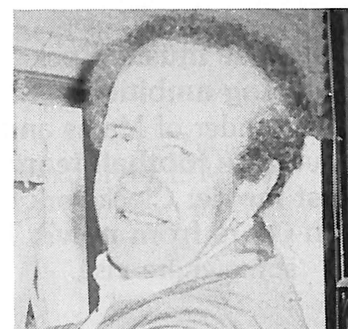
NONE — they're all morons! —Anon

Haven't had one yet. Doekes is attempting to try and nearly be one soon. —S. Young

Mrs. McAliece: her jokes and stories that she tells us are pretty sick.

Miss Newton: she is really good to us. —M. Wilson

Mr. Shannon and Mr. Ymer: they're both good teachers. —Anon





# TEACHER PROFILES



**MR. T**

**Time at this school:** 2 years.  
**Subject:** Maths and science.  
**Other schools:** Coburg College, Winlaton.  
**Hobbies:** . . . censored . . .  
**Sport:** Football, basketball and farnarkling.  
**Favourite books:** Science fiction.  
**Favourite food/s:** Beer.  
**Favourite music:** Rock.  
**Teaching ambitions:** To teach young minds the wonder of Maths and Science.  
**Favourite football team:** Geelong (Go Cats!!!)  
**Best movie:** Clockwork Orange.  
**Ten years from now?:** The same — somewhere else.



**S. MOSS**

**Time at this school:** 5 years.  
**Subject:** Humanities.  
**Other schools:** Heatherhill High, Strathcona.  
**Hobbies:** Music, reading, photography, theatre, cinema.  
**Sport:** Squash, table-tennis occasionally.  
**Favourite books:** All types.  
**Favourite food/s:** Italian, Lebanese, Indian, Chinese — ANYTHING!  
**Favourite music:** Folk, classical, anything with melody or meaning.  
**Teaching ambitions:** To be the best teacher that I can be. To further my studies in E.S.L.  
**Favourite football team:** 1986 — The year of the Magpie!!!  
**Best movie:** Cuckoo's Nest, Sophie's Choice, Tree of Wooden Clogs.  
**Ten years from now?:** Hopefully going on my twelfth world trip.

**B. KIRCHHOFFER**

**Time at this school:** 7 years.  
**Subject:** P.E.  
**Other schools:** Watsonia Tech.  
**Hobbies:** Most leisure pursuits.  
**Sport:** Tennis, volleyball.  
**Favourite books:** Dave Sorenson bibliographies.  
**Favourite food/s:** All.  
**Favourite music:** Neo Psychedelic, Post Industrial  
Beat, Modern Contemporary.  
**Teaching ambitions:** Survival.  
**Favourite football team:** All.  
**Best movie:** My Dinner With Andre.  
**Ten years from now?:** Still paying the mortgage.



**L. EADON**

**Time at this school:** Since 1982.  
**Subject:** Foods.  
**Other schools:** Whitehorse Tech., Boronia Tech.  
**Hobbies:** Cake decorating, patchwork/sewing.  
**Sport:** Yes. It's called Run Around the House and Keep Up With a 2 year old.  
**Favourite books:** Nothing too deep and heavy.  
**Favourite food/s:** Avocado; generally I like anything.  
**Favourite music:** Good ol' rock'n'roll.  
**Teaching ambitions:** To teach to the best of my ability.  
**Favourite football team:** Melbourne — Up the Demons!  
**Best movie:** Gone With The Wind (10 times).  
**Ten years from now?:** Hopefully relaxing in a nice warm sunny climate. More likely running around after my family.



**T. DEVEREUX**

**Time at this school:** 8 years.

**Subject:** Business Studies subjects.

**Other schools:** Braybrook High, Morwell Tech.

**Hobbies:** Naive painting, horse racing, studying Romantic and Pre-Raphaelite painting.

**Sport:** I run.

**Favourite books:** Thin books with lots of pictures. I devour magazines.

**Favourite food/s:** French Provincial, Italian, junk food, Lebanese.

**Favourite music:** Boomtown Rats, Joe Jackson, Meatloaf, Jim Steinman.

**Teaching ambitions:** To serve them all my days.

**Favourite football team:** Prahran.

**Best movie:** Last Picture Show.

**Ten years from now?:**



**D. FITZGERALD**

**Time at this school:** 3 years.

**Subject:** Woodwork.

**Other schools:** Blackburn Tech., Morwell Tech., Box Hill Tech., Mitcham Tech.

**Hobbies:** Golf, fishing (trout).

**Sport:** Yes.

**Favourite books:** Christian books and the Bible.

**Favourite food/s:** Soup, chocolate custard, stews.

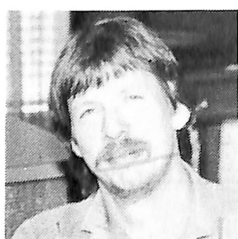
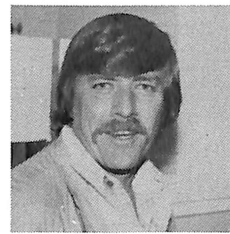
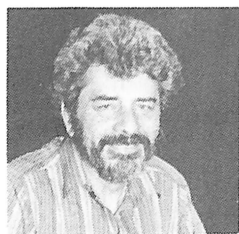
**Favourite music:** All types as long as it is good (e.g. Beatles).

**Teaching ambitions:** To help students gain some idea about life.

**Favourite football team:** Fitzroy.

**Best movie:** Dr. Zhivago.

**Ten years from now?:** I can't predict. Maybe teaching or some sort of Christian work.



**R. DOEKES**

**Time at this school:** Lost count.

**Subject:** Art I think.

**Other schools:** Box Hill and Heidelberg.

**Hobbies:** Model making, building, painting.

**Sport:** Used to play squash.

**Favourite books:** Truth and people.

**Favourite food/s:** Anything yummy!!

**Favourite music:** Current music, Rock, Country and Western.

**Teaching ambitions:** Make it through the year.

**Favourite football team:** Hawthorn.

**Best movie:** 48 Hours, Splash, Stripes, Vacation, Used Cars, First Blood.

**Ten years from now?:** Hopefully still living.



**G. KOMISSAROV**

**Time at this school:** 7 years.

**Subject:** Humanities.

**Other schools:** Ave Maria College, Werribee Tech.

**Hobbies:** Bee keeping, horseriding.

**Sport:** Yes.

**Favourite books:** Paperbacks.

**Favourite food/s:** Raw fish.

**Favourite music:** Rock.

**Teaching ambitions:** Maintaining my sanity.

**Favourite football team:** Melbourne.

**Best movie:** I'm not fussy.

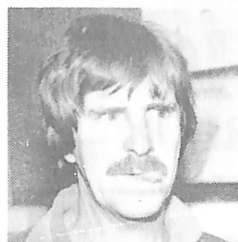
**Ten years from now?:** Pulling out grey hairs.

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## G. FOX

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**Time at this school:** One year.  
**Subject:** Humanities.  
**Other schools:** St. Joseph's Tech. College, Abbotsford, Sandringham Tech.  
**Hobbies:** Reading, basketball, tennis, music.  
**Sport:** Basketball, tennis, squash, jogging, etc.  
**Favourite books:** Any of interest — fiction, sport, bibliographies, etc.  
**Favourite food/s:** Mexican food — tacos, burritos, etc.  
**Favourite music:** Rock'n'roll to country rock.  
**Teaching ambitions:** Survival.  
**Favourite football team:** Essendon.  
**Best movie:** One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.  
**Ten years from now?:** Retired to a desert island or principal of Ringwood Tech.

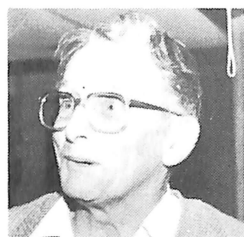


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## C. WHITEHEAD

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**Time at this school:** 8 years.  
**Subject:** Woodwork/graphics/careers/Year 7 Co-ord./general dog's body.  
**Other schools:** Mooroolbark Tech., Ferntree Gully Tech.  
**Hobbies:** Fencing.  
**Sport:** Too old.  
**Favourite books:** Mysteries.  
**Favourite food/s:** Chinese/French.  
**Favourite music:** Swahili tin bands.  
**Teaching ambitions:** To resign sane or Superannuate.  
**Favourite football team:** The N.Z. All Blacks  
**Best movie:** Deep Throat.  
**Ten years from now?:** Drinking in my villa on the Riviera.



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## W. BERGLIN

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**Time at this school:** 5 years.  
**Subject:** Maths, Science.  
**Other schools:** Alyangula Area School, Northern Territory  
**Hobbies:** Stamp collecting (philately), coin collecting (numismatics), chauffeuring my children.  
**Sport:** Not presently.  
**Favourite books:** Any.  
**Favourite food/s:** Chocolate.  
**Favourite music:** All unless it's too loud.  
**Teaching ambitions:** Have every student in the class **wanting** to learn!!  
**Favourite football team:** None.  
**Best movie:** ???????  
**Ten years from now?:** ???????

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## S. ROCKMAN

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**Time at this school:** 6 months.  
**Subject:** Humanities.  
**Other schools:** Box Hill Tech., Heidelberg Tech.  
**Hobbies:** Gardening.  
**Sport:** Boxing.  
**Favourite books:** Thin ones with lots of pictures, especially ones that I've seen the film of.  
**Favourite food/s:** Chicken soup.  
**Favourite music:** Soundless.  
**Teaching ambitions:** To move out of the portable.  
**Favourite football team:** What's football?  
**Best movie:** Rocky.  
**Ten years from now?:** Enjoying my life.



## S. ROGERS

**Time at this school:** 3 years.

**Subject:** Humanities.

**Other schools:** Endeavour Hills Technical School, Sandringham Tech.

**Hobbies:** Swimming, tennis, theatre, reading, listening to bands.

**Sport:** The above.

**Favourite books:** Fiction, travel, informative.

**Favourite food/s:** Indonesian, French.

**Favourite music:** Classical, pop.

**Teaching ambitions:** I want to achieve classroom control and for kids to listen to me.

**Favourite football team:** Tottenham Hotspurs or the Italian World Cup team.

**Best movie:** Zelig or Blues Bros.

**Ten years from now?:** Teaching at R.T.S. — or somewhere.

## WHITEBALL

**Time at this school:** Too long.

**Subject:** Maths/Science.

**Other schools:** Clayton, Wangaratta.

**Hobbies:** Watching T.V.

**Sport:** Watching T.V.

**Favourite books:** None. Too busy watching T.V.

**Favourite food/s:** Pizza with the lot in front of the T.V.

**Favourite music:** Anything but jazz.

**Teaching ambitions:** You call this teaching?

**Favourite football team:** The Demons.

**Best movie:** Watching a replay of the 1964 Grand Final (on T.V.).

**Ten years from now?:** Probably answering some stupid questionnaire and watching T.V.





# STUDENTS' SELECTION

## **THE TAPE** by Steven Evans 10.2

*The square head,  
With eyes revolving,  
Spins from reel to reel.  
Playing forth music,  
Enjoyable for some.*

### **November Night**

*Listen . . .  
With faint dry sound,  
Like steps of passing ghosts.  
The leaves frost crisped,  
break from the trees and fall.*

### **Ruth and Johnnie**

*Ruth and Johnnie,  
Side by side,  
Went out for  
An auto ride,  
They hit a tree,  
And John kept going,  
Ruthlessly.*

### **A Wave's Destiny**

*The golden sun is shining,  
As the waves roll neatly,  
To form a white foam,  
At the end of its destiny.  
Its travel has ended,  
but once again he leaves,  
only to be washed back,  
Into an ocean of emptiness.*

## **THE PURPLE THING** by Michelle Cocks 11.8

*I was walking down the street one day,  
Then I saw to my dismay,  
A purple thing, with a great green grin,  
An orange nose and a bright blue chin.  
It was dressed in blue and it held a gun,  
I was so scared I couldn't run.  
It took a step,  
I took two back, I was afraid it would attack.  
It looked at me, I stared at it.  
Then I saw it start to sit.  
It sat upon its coloured head,  
It twirled round then it said,  
Do you really want to know,  
Why I've got an orange nose,  
Why I've got coloured hair?*

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## **The Cough**

*It's not the cough  
That carries you off,  
It's the coffin  
They carry you off in.*

## **THE RUBBISH BIN** by Steven Evans 10.2

*A small plastic monster,  
With breath so putrid.  
A thing to dispose of waste,  
With its mouth open wide,  
Until you put on the lid,  
To conceal what's inside.*

### **Dust (Agatha Morley)**

*Agatha Morley all her life,  
Grumbled at dust like a good wife,  
Dust on a table,  
Dust on a chair,  
Dust on a mantle,  
She couldn't bear!  
She forgave faults in man and  
child,  
But dust on her shelf would set  
her wild.  
Now Agatha Morley is sleeping  
sound,  
Six foot under the mouldy ground,  
Six foot under the earth she lies,  
With dust at her feet and dust in  
her eyes.*

## **SEAGULL** by Michelle Cocks 11.8

*Hovering in the air like a frizbee,  
Zooming down on food like an  
eagle catches its prey.  
Crying in the wind like a child  
weeping,  
Splashing down in the water for  
the rest of the day.*

### **The Australian Scene**

*The dirt is dusty brown,  
The trees are rusty green,  
You look into the sunset,  
It's the prettiest sight you've seen,  
The dingo gives a loud wild howl,  
The birds begin to mock,  
This is a typical scene,  
As you climb Ayers Rock.*

### **Winter Moon**

*The winter moon,  
Frost crisped leaves,  
The whistling wind,  
Rustles through the trees,  
An August night,  
And a lazy day,  
Watching the sky,  
As it starts to rain,  
A clouded sky,  
Of lightning and thunder,  
A typical day,  
For the land down under.*

*Don't you know it's rude to stare?  
I do not come from planet earth,  
But from another of my birth.  
I've come down here to visit you  
To see what earthlings really do,  
And I'm impressed with all of you,  
Except for one or two.  
This is what I've written down,  
Certain things that I have found  
To take back home  
To let them know  
That people here are very proud.  
My mission here is finished now,  
He said as he took a bow.  
He turned around and walked away,  
I think he would have liked to stay.  
He had no choice he had to go,  
Where he is now I would not know.*



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# MARGARET SPARKES (nee Beanland)

Ringwood Technical School, September 1959 to November 1985

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Margaret Sparkes began her working life with Ringwood Technical School on the 14th September, 1959, when she took up the position of Assistant Secretary to the School.

She was the office staff of the newly formed first co-educational Junior Technical School in Victoria.

The School Principal at the time was Mr. Gordon Veitch, and the School office was located at Lilydale, as there were no completed buildings for Ringwood Technical School. The boys were housed at Ferntree Gully and the girls at Box Hill Technical Girls School (later to become Whitehorse and now part of the Box Hill College of T.A.F.E.).

When the school buildings were adequate, the school, together with the office staff, moved in. To Margaret came the responsibility of setting up the books, office procedures, etc.

I'm sure Margaret well remembers the day of the official opening of the school and the official guests' chairs gradually sinking in the soft new asphalted surface.

Mr. John Heard became the school's Principal in 1962 and Margaret was to work with him for many years.

As the school grew so did Margaret's office staff. Firstly she had the assistance of a junior typiste, Miss Annette Vowles, and then in 1963 the office staff became three when Mrs. Evelyn Rutledge joined the staff as a clerical assistant. As the volume of work increased with the growth of the school so did Margaret's staff. At the time of her retirement the office staff had increased from one person to 3.69 persons.

In 1970 Margaret took some leave of absence and journeyed overseas. It was during this period that she changed her name from Beanland to Sparkes. Margaret and Ron were married in Scotland during the early part of 1971 and later in that year they journeyed back to Australia, Margaret to share Ron's responsibility in raising four young children.

In February 1972, Margaret returned to Ringwood Technical School, again as Registrar, to work once more with Mr. Heard and later with Mr. Frank Haig, Mr. Don Boyd and since 1978 with Mr. Brian Knox.

The early days of Ringwood Technical School were not easy — a hot office to work in during summer, no air-conditioning, not even blinds to keep the heat out. To have cheques signed created problems; many of the early councillors and their wives will well remember Margaret buzzing around

Ringwood in her little Morris Minor to obtain signatures for the ancillary staff pay cheques.

Some of Margaret's colleagues of the past are gone — Mr. Veitch; Mr. Heard; the first President, Major-General Beavis; Mr. Frank Roach; caretaker for many years; Mrs. Marj Kirk, Vice-Principal; and probably others too many to list.

Margaret has seen teachers come and go, rise from teacher to Principal. She has seen students come in as first year littlies to later meet them as mature married adults who have succeeded in life, and become parents themselves.

Margaret takes with her memories of the school that few share. The speech nights in the old Ringwood Town Hall, the talent quests, the fetes, the fund-raising activities of the school to build a sports oval and a hall, the paper drives, the bread boards that the boys made in woodwork and sold all over Heathmont and Ringwood, Miss McClure's marmalade, so many memories that have gone to make up the history of Ringwood Technical School.

Margaret has been part of them all.

Margaret, the School Council of Ringwood Technical School thank you and honour you for the dedication you have given to this school.

May every happiness be yours in your future life.

N.W. Tolley  
President

B.K. Knox  
Secretary & Principal

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## ANN HAGLEY

Ann Hagley announced her retirement as canteen manageress earlier this year after nearly 15 years of service.

Prior to commencing duties in February 1971, Ann had regular contact with the school, as her two daughters were both students here.

Until approximately 1973, the canteen was situated in "D" block, where the Electrical room is presently located. It was only when "E" block was erected that the existing canteen was established. In her time at Ringwood Technical School she has observed many changes and seen many students and staff pass through.

As far as her short-term retirement plans are concerned, she intends to travel to England next year to visit her daughter, Margaret. Whatever her plans, all of the school community thank Ann for all her efforts over the years and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

# ROCK 'N' ROLL EISTEDFORD

**Date:** Thursday 18th July 1985

**Music:** Rhythm of the Night by DeBarge

**Venue:** Hall of Manufacturers, Melbourne Show Grounds

Ringwood Technical School entered the second annual Rock 'n' Roll Eisteddfod at the Melbourne Show Grounds in July. The students themselves choreographed the dance, designed and made the sets and costumes. Eight schools competed in our heat for a place in the semi-finals. We just missed out on a place in the finals by coming fourth. For our effort we were awarded a selection of records and a certificate. Many of this year's dancers will be leaving school and we hope that younger students will carry on the tradition.

**Dancers:** Cathy Marshall, Sharon Peebles, Bernadette Sharp, Sara Bunce, Michelle Wilson, Troy

Dix, Justin Dix, Leah Kerr, Marilyn Monster, Jacqui King, Martine Bowler, Jane Lennox, Matthew Carmichael, Terrence Clarke, Graham Bellamy, Maxine King.

**Costumes:** Leah Kerr, Belinda Allchin, Maxine King, Kerri Annand, Sharon Peebles, Cathy Marshall.

**Make-up:** Robyn Stott, Debbie Manning, Andrea Moore, Belinda Alchin, Kerri Annand.

**Hairstyles:** Robyn Stott, Debbie Manning.

**Sets:** Justin Dix, Troy Dix, Mr Doekes.

**Lighting:** Neil Short, Darren Baker, Mark Gent, Darren Thornton.

**Transport of Sets:** Mr Whitehead.

**Supervising Teacher:** Ms McAliece.

Written by Sharon Peebles

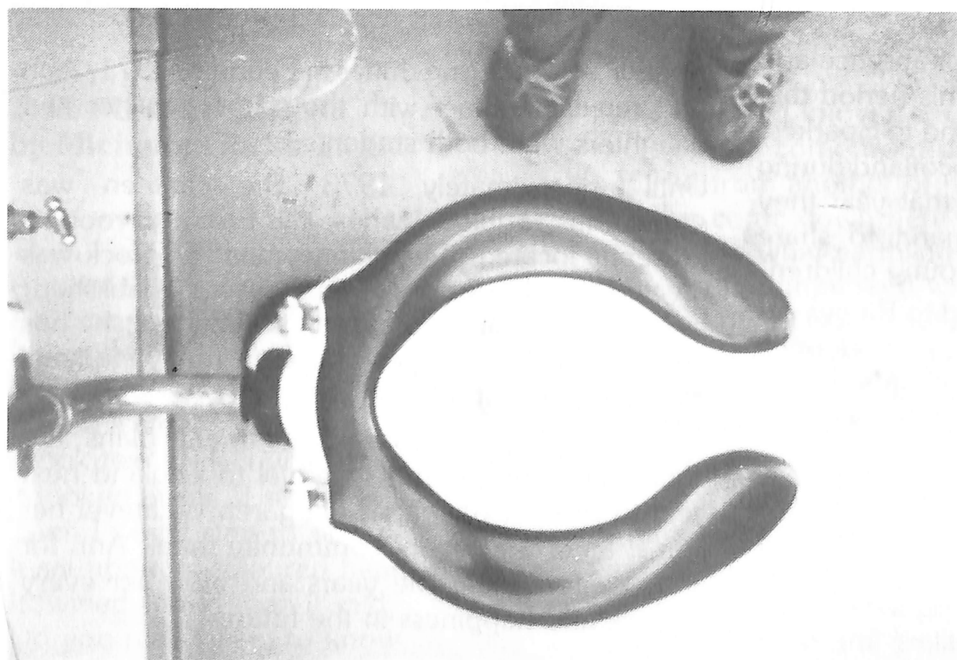
## STREET KIDS

*Here I sit all alone,  
Praying for a loving home,  
Where you can throw all your troubles away,  
And warm yourself in front of a warm fire every day.*

*With nice kind parents I never had,  
That can steer you away from all the bad,  
Even though they're just a dream,  
Because I'm a street kid tall and mean.*

*Roaming the streets in mixed gangs,  
Then in a fight, a sudden bang,  
As someone fired a gun,  
Then we hit the road in a full pelt run.*

*In rumbles we fight with skin,  
And not with knives that can go within,  
Our hair is long and not like beavers,  
We hate this lousy world because we're GREASER!*



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# THE SECRET CUPBOARD

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I have had plenty of adventures in the secret cupboard. I discovered it when I was moving into our house. It was an old mansion given to us by my late great grandmother. She was such a dear old lady. She told me of the cupboard just before she passed away.

I was eight years old when she told me and I swore to her I'd never tell anyone about it. I haven't yet and I have known about it for five years. One year after she died I discovered the adventurous and mysterious lands that the cupboard holds for children of all ages. In that cupboard even my grandmother was a child and she was nearly 100 years old! I shall tell you one of my mysteries.

Not any person can use the cupboard. Only one person can until they die and then someone else is picked. It usually runs through a family. The cupboard opens and reveals clothes to everyone else but to the gifted person, well, that's a different story. The way you can tell when the cupboard is ready for you is only when your little fingernail turns blue, then you know there is an adventure waiting for you.

Anyway, about the mystery I had. I stepped into the cupboard and a bright light blinded my eyes. I felt myself floating upwards and suddenly something grabbed me under the arms and yanked me sideways for a few seconds and after that I got the most peculiar feeling; it is indescribable, but it doesn't hurt, actually it tickles. Then all at once I spun to the right, stopped, spun to the left, stopped and finally finished my journey to where I was going. One of the first stories you will hear about is the cupboard's history. When I arrived for the first time I met the strangest world! It was very different to any world I'd ever seen before.

I walked around and I came to a green jelly swamp. I knew what it was because in this strange world everything you see, touch and hear you know straight away what it is. I helped myself to the jelly, I knew it was O.K. As soon as I touched the jelly a strange creature jumped out of nowhere and kept on chanting "She has come! She has come!" Tonnes of others gathered around. All of them were speaking at once, running around and bouncing on their heads giving me gifts and entertaining me. Some were orange, these were yellow, these were girls. This was all great fun until . . . "Walooalooo!" Fiddlesticks, Muddy Jam, Strawberry Cake, Crabs and Clam. What on Willy Wops is going on?" Everyone settled down. "Now shall we get down to business?" "Oh, ahh . . ."

"Hi Megan, how are you? We all know what you are, what you do and who you are related to!" Without hesitation I was swept up off my feet and plonked onto a soft rock substance. "Now. In Willy Wop us Filly Pops are having trouble. That's why you are here. You are here to help us defeat Dilly Dops. Who are they you ask? Well I will tell you.

"Many, many links ago (they're years) all Dilly Dops and Filly Pops were friends and we were called Yilly Yops (they're earth). All until Gindy Gap came along. Oh he was different, he made false promises and lots of them too. He took a handful of us and they went away. He convinced them that they would be looked after and cared for and be prosperous but boy, had they been had. He put them in a trance. They got charged with a special ray every week to keep them bad. This was just dreadful! They even changed their names and that's how they became Dilly Dops and because we never wanted anything to do with Gindy Gap, we changed our names as well. That's how we became the Filly Pops.

"Well, that just about sums up our history. You will have an adventure at least once a month or more. So in the years ahead you will discover, learn and understand more about our world.

"Oh! I almost forgot! Here take this. This is a ring for you and you only. Gindy Gap is after this because it holds good power for the owner which is whoever wears the ring. You will learn more about the powers as we go along and . . . OH! OH!

"The ring is turning pink! You are to go home immediately when it turns pink. You must jump four times, scratch your nose and wiggle your toes." So I tried it. I was whizzing around left then right, floating, jerking this way and that until — Plonk! I fell at the bottom of my cupboard. Sitting at the bottom of my cupboard is one of the worst things to do. I decided I would clean out the clothes, shoes, lolly papers, books, school bags, paper etc. I mean I will be using it a lot more often now.

Megan Chambers



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## Dear Future Secondary School Students

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I don't want you to say that I didn't warn you, so I will point out a few things about the school that I think you should know. Firstly, I know you'll probably mistake the school for the local tip when you first arrive, but don't worry, you'll soon get used to the surroundings. Don't wash your hair on the first day either, because when you arrive at Ringwood Tech. you will get your hair washed for no extra charge when the school toughts flush your head in the boys' toilets.

Remember to bring your ear muffs so that your ears aren't ringing for the rest of the day after Mr. Whitehead brings down the hall roof with his nice welcoming.

Of course not everything's bad at Ringwood Tech. You get to make splendid meals in Cooking which the teachers eat for you. You will like it when it rains for P.E.; everybody runs around in circles in the hall stampeding all the teachers. The Canteen service is great — you only have to wait half an hour to buy a 5c lolly.

I don't want to finish on a bad note, but I have got to tell you this: if I were you, I'd wear a stackhat for the first month so that you don't get eggs splattered all over your head by our lovely students. Don't let this letter put you off too much. It really isn't that bad a school.

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## To the Future Ringwood Technical Students

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I would suggest that when you arrive at Ringwood Tech., be prepared for some of the teachers. The teachers here are good but there are some exceptions. Some of the students aren't the best but you'll get used to them. Some of the finer points of the school are the canteen, which has just about everything you would expect from a milk bar except for smokes and chewing gum.

Some of the subjects that you will probably hate are music and textiles. There's normally plenty of rubbish on the ground for you to pick up if you are lucky enough to get yard duty. There is also detention after school if you muck around too much.

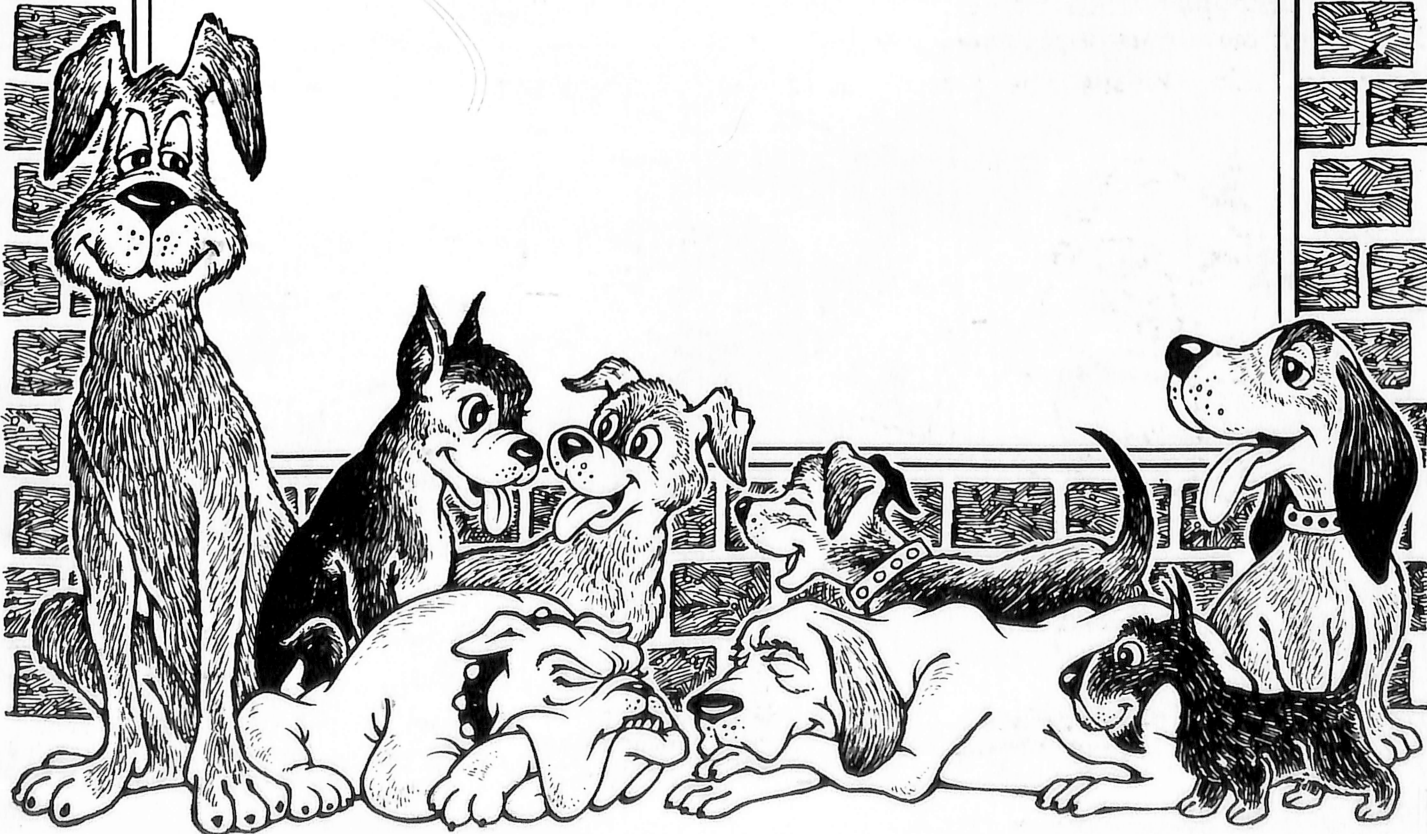
School starts at 8.30am with recess at 10.39 and lunch at 12.45. Recess goes for approximately half an hour and lunch goes for 45 minutes. There are six units in a day, and each unit lasts for about 50 minutes. But the best part of the day is when you go home at 3.25 (if you haven't got detention).

Ringwood Tech., like any other school, has its ups and downs, but once you get used to it, it's a great school.

David Hardidge



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