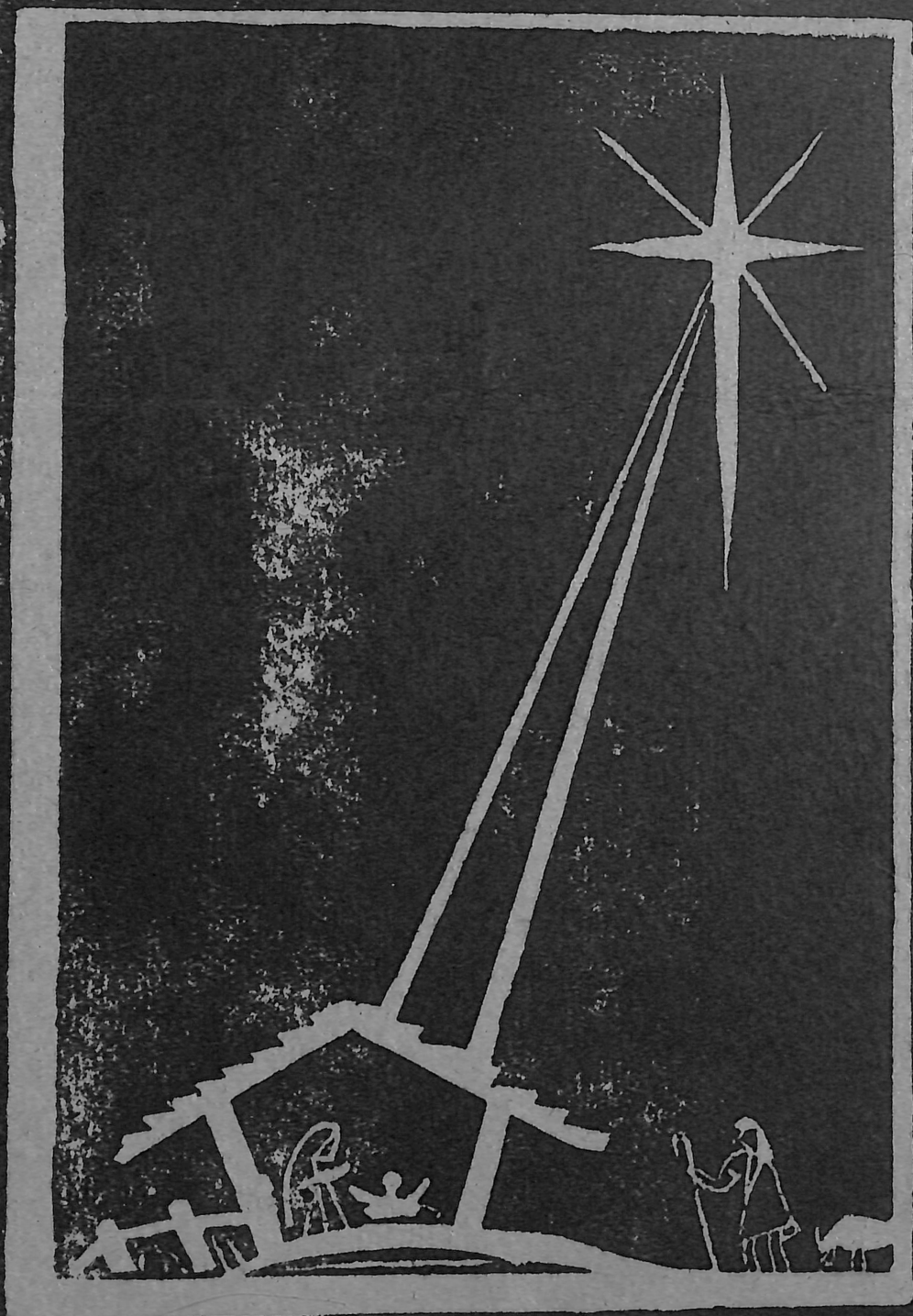


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## THE FIRST YEAR

Norwood High School was established on 4th February, 1958 with 105 pupils drawn from Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Norwood, North Ringwood, East Ringwood, Park Orchards and Mitcham. Although a site between Mullum and Wonga Roads, North Ringwood, has been selected for the school, nothing had been done in the way of buildings, and pupils were directed to temporary accommodation in the new Boronia High School where the whole of the first year was spent. The following is a factual account of the school's first year.

### Staff:

Head Master: Mr. J. A. Gibson, B.A., B.Ed., (Qual) T.P.T.C. etc.  
Senior Master: Mr. T.H.R. Avison, Cert. of Art., T.P.T.C.  
Sports Master: Mr. J. W. Collins-Jennings, T.P.T.C.  
Mr. H. G. Stolk, T.P.T.C.  
Senior Mistress: Mrs. O. E. Molenaar, T.T.C. (Arts & Crafts)  
Miss B. Methven. Matric. Uni Subjects.  
Clerk: Mrs. P. M. Wong.

### Pupils.

#### Form IA

Lois Dewar,  
Margaret Forder.  
Noala Fullarton.  
Karen Gill,  
Jeanette Hamilton.  
Pauline Harmer,  
Maureen Ing,  
Phyllis Kellar.  
Marie Knee.  
Norma Leslie.  
Ann Luscombe,  
Mary Mackay,  
Ingrid Meyer.  
Valerie Quaife.  
Beverley Rimmer.  
Elizabeth Stubbs.  
Heather Trout.  
Gail Waugh.  
Brigitte Wieneroider.  
Jacqueline Wilson.  
Willy Hoogstraat.  
  
Jeffrey Barnes.  
Richard Brown.  
Stuart Dickson.  
Donald Duff.  
Brian Fitzgerald.  
Patrick Ford.  
Ian Holt.  
Brian Horswell.  
Robert Jenkins.  
John Manton.  
Allan Meyland.  
Ross Perkins.  
David Pullin.  
Denis Wise.  
John Wright.

#### Form IB

Faye Alsop  
Helen Ashton  
Joan Bedford.  
Kaye Boland.  
Carole Bonnett.  
Anne Bottomley.  
Hazel Collins.  
Anne Couche  
Eileen Gunn.  
Gloria Lander.  
Gail Laeworthy.  
Meryn Longmire.  
Dianne McIntyre.  
Geraldine McWilliam.  
Lesley Mahoney.  
Dawn Marley.  
Judith Miller.  
Ann Morgan.  
Lucia Pruis.  
Susan Rule.  
Dianne Thomson.  
Dianne Whitehead.  
  
Jeffrey Aus.  
Peter Buckthorpe.  
Carl Croll.  
Wesley Day.  
Donald Falkingham.  
Brian Girvan.  
Arno Haemmerlee.  
Julian Harley.  
Nicolas Lobb.  
Barry Nixon.  
Graham Prime.  
Keith Purdie.  
Ronald Ryan.  
Colin Standfield.  
Kerry Stuart.  
Michael Toppin.  
Ian Weist.  
Terrence West.  
James Wilson.

#### Form IC

Caroline Andrew.  
Ann Blower.  
Jean Britton.  
Ann Brown.  
Dianne Brown.  
Jennifer Coombs.  
Janice Cooke.  
Glenda Farrall  
Judith Gibson.  
Jane Godbehear.  
Deidre Harding.  
Helena Lobb  
Jocelyn Moffatt.  
Helen Morris  
Margaret Patterson  
Merlyn Robertson.  
Ilze Veide.  
Beverley Vergers.  
Heike Wenzel.  
Beverley Wilson.  
Naomi Willshire.  
Linda Woolan.  
  
Richard Bell.  
Phillip Brown.  
Geoffrey David.  
Rowan Don.  
Timothy Donovan.  
Peter Van Den Houvel.  
Anthony Johnston.  
John Kerr.  
Michael Lavey.  
Peter Neff.  
Frank Noble.  
Michael Perks.  
Graham Rogers.  
Angus Stark.  
Gordon Stark.  
John Watkins.  
David Williams.



### Form Captains.

These were elected by the pupils of each form.

	<u>Form Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain.</u>
<u>Form IA.</u>	Brian Fitzgerald Marie Knee	Ian Holt. Phyllis Kollar.
<u>Form IB.</u>	Kerry Stewart Dianne Thompson	Arno Haemmerle Dianne Whitehead.
<u>Form IC.</u>	John Kerr Helena Lobb	Michael Lavey Merlyn Robertson.

### School Houses.

After considerable thought had been given to the matter, it was decided to use for House Names four of the native terms used for features in the vicinity of the school.

Kalinda was named after Kalinda Road. The House colour is blue and the House Captains are Michael Perks and Faye Alsop.

Maroondah was named after the Maroondah Highway which passes to the south of our district. The House colour is red and the House Captains are Heather Trout and Ian Weist.

Mullum, named after Mullum Creek has green as its house colour. House Captains are Jim Wilson and Heike Wenzel.

Yarra, of course, is named after the Yarra River. It has gold as a house colour and the House Captains are Graham Rogers and Dianne Whitehead.

### School Colours, Emblem, Motto and Song.

Purple and gold were chosen for the school colours. We think these are very appropriate, since the district is ablaze with golden wattle blossom in early spring and the purple sarsaparilla creeper is very common. In addition there are the purple hills stretching away to the east and Warrandyte was the scene of the first gold diggings in the State.

Our emblem is based on the north-pointing compass which we adopted from the first part of our name "Norwood". The compass is a true and faithful guide to travellers, directing them truly to their goals, and we decided that the Latin word "Fidelis" expressed this idea of dependability and trustworthy service that we want our girls and boys to use as their inspiration.

A school song fitted to our emblem and motto was written by our Head Master and set to music by Mr. A. W. Martin who has written many school songs.

### Clubs.

These meet regularly each week and carry out a variety of interesting activities under the guidance of the teachers who act as leaders.

The Choir not only meets each Friday but many hours of recess time are also given up to practice. The school choir competed at Dandenong and Ferntree Gully Festivals during the year and, though small in numbers and size, and singing ~~un~~accompanied, they brought credit to themselves and their school by their performances. They also appeared in the T.V. programme "With Swag and Shears" which was telecast by Channel 2.

The Drama Club have enjoyed many play-readings during the year and performed "A Christmas Carol" on Speech Night.

The B.P. Club affords scope to scouts and guides to practise for their various badges.

The Toy-makers Club has produced many useful and colourful toys which were handed over to Yooralla Hospital School for Crippled Children.



The Pets Club has developed into a nature-lover's club, for its activities range from orchid hunts to talks on blue-tongued lizards.

#### The School Fair.

As a result of the active support and co-operation of parents and friends, allied to intense organization and many fine individual and group efforts, the first School Fair held at the School at the end of August resulted in a profit of £105. House totals raised were:

Maroondah	£33:12:0
Yarra	29: 4: 0
Mullum	24:18: 0
Kalinda	17:17: 0

#### Education Day, August 21st, 1958.

On this occasion the school was open to visitors in both afternoon and evening and a very large crowd of parents and friends took advantage of the opportunity to see the work that the children had produced during the year.

#### Educational Tours.

An excursion to Warrandyte on March 20th was taken to obtain information about our home district for Geography and about the gold mining days for History.

Each form paid a visit to the Box Hill Library where they saw a large library in operation and learnt something about library techniques.

The school visited the Art Gallery and Museum in June, and, together with other High Schools, attended two orchestral concerts in the Town Hall.

A final trip for the year was a tour to the Maroondah reservoir and the Wild Life Sanctuary at Healesville which we made on 17th. December.

#### Sports.

Inter-house contests were held throughout the year in Football, Softball and Cricket for the boys, and in Softball, Basketball and Cricket for the girls. Swimming was held at the Belgrave baths early in the year and culminated in an inter-house swimming carnival which was won by Maroondah (85 points). Yarra gained 72 points, Mullum 41 and Kalinda 32.

The Athletics Carnival held at Boronia Sports Ground in September resulted in a very close contest, Mullum winning with 156 points from Kalinda and Yarra 152 each, while Maroondah scored 114.

Athletics champions were:

Girls under 13:	Norma Leslie.
Girls 13 and over:	Dianne Whitehead.
Boys under 13:	Don Falkingham.
Boys 13 and over:	Denis Wise.

A cross-country run held during Term II was won by Carl Croll with Colin Standfield a very close second. Yarra with 202 points scored best in this event, other scores being Kalinda 200, Maroondah 175 and Mullum 155.

The Couche Cup for Swimming was won by Maroondah, the Horwood cup for Athletics by Mullum, the Warrandyte Cup for Sports Aggregate by Yarra, and the Rosebank Shield for Aggregate House Points by Mullum.



### Inter-school sport.

Although small in size and numbers, we played matches in football, basketball and softball against our neighbouring High Schools, and gained much valuable experience in spite of the fact that our victories were few.

At the inter-school Swimming Carnival held at the New Olympic Pool, we competed against Boronia and Greythorn High Schools and defeated our opponents.

We also competed against the same schools in the inter-school Athletics meeting held at Olympic Park in October, and came second.

### Parents and Citizens' Association

At a meeting of 66 parents and friends held in Ringwood Town Hall on 20th February 1958 it was decided to form an association and a preliminary working committee consisting of representatives from each contributing district was formed. The following were on the committee:

- East Ringwood: Mesdames Buckthorpe, Harmer, Falkingham.
- North Ringwood: Mesdames Godbehear and Pullen.
- Norwood: Mrs. Longmire, Messrs Pruis and Ven Den Heuvel.
- Mitcham: Mesdames Coombes and Thompson.
- Warrandyte: Mesdames Couche and Fullarton.

At a third general meeting held on June 11th, 1958, a constitution was adopted and the following committee elected.

President: Mrs. Couche.  
Vice President: Mrs. Purdy.  
Secretary: Mr. David.  
Treasurer: Mrs. Buckthorpe.  
Members : Mesdames Fullarton, Harmer, Coombs, Thompson,  
Longmire, Godbehear, Marley and Mr. Thompson.

The Parents and Citizens' Association has carried out the following work during the year:

1. Made recommendations re the boys' and girls' uniforms.
2. Instituted an envelope system of voluntary monthly contributions towards school funds. This raised £58: 5: 5 during 1958.
3. Organized and conducted street stalls in Ringwood to supplement the amount raised for school amenities.
4. Arranged addresses on items of interest. Major General Beavis spoke on Pakistan and illustrated his address with colour slides. Mr. P. Fiess, a visiting American Fulbright Scholar, spoke on American High Schools.
5. Organized letters etc. to Minister of Education and Parliamentary representatives stressing urgency for the erection of Norwood High School. Arranged for Mr. Manson M.L.A. to speak to Committee Meeting on August 6th, 1958.
6. Kept parents informed of school activities and encouraged them to attend special days held at the school.

### Speech Night.

As a worthy conclusion to a hectic first year, Norwood High School had its first speech night on Monday, December 15th in Ringwood Town Hall, and this historic occasion will be remembered for years to come by pupils and staff alike.

The official first part was given additional interest and colour by the presence of several notables who are interested in education if not closely associated with it.

After the singing of the schoolsong "Fidelis" the introductory remarks were made by C. R. O. Spencer, Mayor of Ringwood, who, apart from his pleasant personality made his speeches excel through brevity.



The Head Master, Mr. J. A. Gibson, then gave those present his most comprehensive and detailed report, which can be read elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. H. W. Hopkins, B.A. B.Ed., Inspector of Schools, gave a very informative discourse on the Importance and Responsibilities of a High School Advisory Council. Those who had the privilege of meeting Mr. Hopkins later in the evening, soon discovered his keen interest in Modern Educational Methods and sound down-to-earth-ways of conducting a High School.

The highlight of the evening came when the Hon. H. W. Manson, M.L.A. presented prizes and certificates to those who passed or achieved honors in their first year at Norwood High, concluded by the presentation of the McKinley prize to Anne Luscombe as Dux of the school.

The overall impression of the first half of the programme was one of highly detailed organization through pleasant and informal co-operation between teachers and pupils.

After a ten minute interval the second half of the program opened with three European Folk dances by the girls under the leadership of Mrs. Molenaar, the Senior Mistress. The prettily dressed girls danced very capably, thus showing the result of constant practice.

The Musical Interlude by Miss Methven's Music Makers proved extremely popular, more so through the originality of some of the instruments. We can expect this item on Norwood High's programme in the future.

The Christmas tableau, which followed was based on the Nativity and gave an impressive illustration of the Choir's Carol Singing.

In the audience we noticed several well known figures, like Crs. Hubbard and Vergers as well as many other personalities. Visitors came from as far as Narre Warren.

The modeling of clothes made by the girls during the year's needlework course as well as the divers facets of the official school uniform made the next very attractive item on the programme. The girls department betrayed a good deal of professional training of at least one member of staff.

"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens was ably produced by the members of the Drama Club and although some scenes were rather sad, they were easily offset by comical occurrences which even Dickens had not foreseen.

The school choir sang as a last item a bracket of four songs, "Crimond", "Jerusalem" and "Greensleeves" culminating in a stirring rendering of "Gaudeamus Igitur".

The National Anthem rounded off a highly successful night, showing to pupils, staff, parents and outsiders alike that Norwood High is not just another High School.

Staff and guests were finally entertained at an excellent supper provided by the Parents and Citizens Association in the Supper Room.

The Editor joins the Headmaster, Staff and pupils in wishing you the

"COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON"



### STOP PRESS!!!

Rumor has it that next year we shall have on our staff Mr. D. Jamieson who comes from Ringwood High, and Mr. Puddephatt, who will be joined by Mr. K. O'Bryan, who managed to track Mr. Gibson down all the way from Cohuna. "A Mountie always gets his Man".

### News from the forms.

IA. Under the guidance of our form teacher Mrs. O. Molenaar, we have completed a memorable school year. IA has the honour of being next door to Mr. Gibson's office, which distinction has certain drawbacks!!! We further have in our modest midst the school bell ringer and the Dux of the school.

Although our modesty is proverbial we have the sneaky feeling that Norwood High would not be without us.

IB. Mr. Stolk is our form master, who teaches us English, French and History. We are sometimes called a noisy form but we are not really. We just bubble over sometimes, maybe because we are alive as can be judged from the fact that we produced "Royal Purple", our form news paper. Our class also has its private jungle on the windowsill, carefully coaxed and tenaciously tended by Mr. Stolk. Most of the year we had the cup for the best cared for form room. Our boys also printed the frontispiece of this magazine.

IC. Our form may come last but certainly not least. We had the highest amount of honour certificates although our averages are practically the same. This was mainly through our outstanding performance in French and History.

Mr. Collins is our form master and he is an all round musician. For the want of a piano, he gives us music lessons with the aid of a recorder, guitar, radiogram, tap-recorder, jingle bells, rhythm sticks, castagnettes, tea chest bush base, etc. etc. Looking back on the past year we would not have missed it for quids.

### THAT GOAT

That goat! He ate my father's hat,  
He ate his tie and collar,  
He ate the front tyre from our car,  
And did he make Dad holler!

That goat! He ate my mother's fat,  
He ate her sunday frock,  
He ate the knocker off the door,  
"Oh heavens, what a shock!"

That goat! He ate my brother's bat  
He ate his runners too!  
He ate his school-cap and his blazer!  
And finished with a content "Coo".

That goat! He ate my teacher's shoes  
He even ate his duster,  
He ate the projects from the wall  
With what courage he could muster.

M. Longmire.



DO YOU KNOW .....

That the tallest plant in the world is seaweed. It can grow to a height of 600 feet from the floor of the ocean.

That the strangest swimming race in all the world is held between Townsville and Magnetic Island.

That competitors swim inside wire cages towed by launches to protect them from sharks.

That the tragic story of "Mary, Queen of Scots" inspired "Mother Goose" to write the well known Nursery Rhyme, "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary". It seems that she was "quite contrary" because of the way she went against the wishes of those who were supposed to help rule the land. The pretty maids all in a row were her maids in waiting.

That in Ceylon the Talipot Palm has leaves so large that they can be used as umbrellas. They can be also used to patch roofs. The plant does not flower till it is about 80 years old, and the flower is a huge spike about 40 feet high.

That Victoria Regia a big plant which grows in the Amazon can support a fully grown man. A board is put across and a man can stand on the board to demonstrate.

S P O R T S

FOOTBALL.

Our first football game of the season was against Boronia. It was pouring rain and we all were soaked to the skin. Our captain was keen on football and told us in a very good way what to do and all our team did what they were told.

All through the season we never won a game. We always scored something but it wasn't enough. Some days were fairly good and others were just bad luck. When we played Croydon we pinned them down at first and then after we had scored a few points, we let them go, and they were getting points right, left and centre. Brian Fitzgerald was our star player that day, he was second ruck and he kept the rovers on the defensive side.

SOFTBALL.

In the softball season we played against Boronia, Lilydale, Upwey, and Ringwood High Schools. We played Lilydale at Lilydale, Ringwood at Ringwood, Upwey and Boronia at our home grounds. We lost every match but two. But next year with Mr. Stolk's coaching we hope to have more luck. An amusing incident occurred while we were practising at Boronia. The ball was pitched, and, as the batsman hit it, there was a loud crack as the end of the bat followed the ball, much to the amazement of the players. The match most enjoyed by the team was probably the one we played against Upwey.

A THREE-FOOT RULER.

A three-foot ruler is a useful thing  
It has two very good uses  
One for ruling on the board  
The other for making bruises.

C. STANDFIELD.

A drunk was knocking on a lamp post.  
Policeman (standing nearby) "I don't think you'll find anybody home".  
Drunk "Mush be, theresh a light upstairsh."

GLORIA LANDER.



## SWIMMING

During the last swimming season Norwood High School being in Boronia could not go to the Ringwood baths, but instead went to the Belgrave swimming pool. We were divided into two groups (a) swimmers (b) non swimmers. Miss Methven took non swimmer girls, and Mr. Stolk took non swimmer boys. Mr. Collins with the help of Mr. Avison trained the swimmers for junior and senior certificates.

In the first term we went to the Olympic pool to compete against Boronia and Grythorn. Needless to say, we won. Our team was very strong and we broke several records. Naomi Willshire and Anne Couche were the stars of our team. We returned home victoriously and in triumph. Next year we hope to compete again and confirm our success.

## CLUB NEWS.

### B.P. CLUB.

As every guide and scout knows B.P. stands for Baden Powell who started the great brotherhood of scouts.

Our club's aim is to help boys to become scouts and to practice second and first class tests. The B.P. club has urged our scouting onwards. There is plenty of fun as we practice our tests, such as tracking, barbecues and scouting games which all help to learn about scouting.

Usually when tracking we let two trail makers have a start, but we nearly always catch up before they have finished.

Although we have a few mishaps the B.P. club has learnt to become better scouts and to obey the scout law.

### THE DRAMA CLUB.

The Drama Club performed a play called "Christmas Carol" for Speech Night. The characters in this play were; Scrooge, Keith Purdie, Bob Cratchitt, Ian Weist; Martha, Lesley Mahoney; Bolinda, Beverley Rimmer; Peter, Arno Haemmerle; Sue, Susan Rule; Sammy, Mary Mackay; Tiny Tim, Jeffrey Aus; Messenger boy, Jeanette Hamilton; and last but not least the Christmas Spirit by Diane Thompson.

The people in this play had been practising hard for two months or more to get it ready in time. Mr. Stolk has been putting a lot of work into this play to make it a success and the Drama Club owes a lot to him.

The Club performed also a "Christmas Tableau" on Speech Night. In this tableau we see the "Three Kings" and the "Three Shepherds" bringing presents to Mary and Joseph for Jesus. It went off very well and was a great success.

### THE PET CLUB.

Originated by Miss Methven, our pet club was popular from the start. In turn we brought our pets to the club meetings on Fridays. We had pet ducks and pet frogs, pet pigeons, centipedes, spiders, dogs, cats, sparrows, ferrets and goldfish. The best performance came when Carl brought a pig to school. It came on the train with Carl in its own box complete with tin, pollard and rail ticket. We must be one of the few schools where this event happened. When fresh pets ran out we made a plastic map of Africa and models of the animals were put in the places where they were found. Later on we had orchid hunts, yabby hunts and all sorts of nature excursions. Our club had become a band of real nature lovers, and our "book" the big "book" has been read by many people outside our club.



### TOY CLUB.

This club is the only one who has been able to produce tangible proof of their activities by making available a large parcel of toys for underprivileged children at the end of the school year. Hobby Horses, soft toys like elephants, puppydogs, rabbits and cats were turned out in numbers under the guiding hand of Mrs. Molenaar. We cut, hammered, glued, tacked, sewed and painted till we had several boxes full of toys of all sizes, shapes and colours. We may have had some loafers but which club hasn't? We certainly have some workers too.

### OUR CRAFT.

Because we haven't our own craftrooms, while we are in Boronia, we had no woodwork or sheetmetal work. In its stead we had quite a variety of crafts. Mr. Avison taught us first of all leatherwork and we made many useful things like ticket holders, wallets, belts and moccassins while learning the main operations of leathercraft. Can work and basket weaving were next on the programme and although the material is very expensive the result was worth it. During Mr. Avison's absence, the other teachers taught us the first principles of puppet making. We started with stick puppets and some finished making glove puppets. Some of us were later allowed to do some Lino cut printing which aroused a good deal of enthusiasm and dirty hands, apart from the pleasing result of quite a few fairly good prints. We are looking forward to next year when we shall have our own school with its own craft room as working on the floor or on a desk is hardly the best way to produce perfection.

### BEDTIME GIGGLES by Lucia Pruis.

Why is it when it's time for bed,  
The queecest thoughts run through my head,  
Each funny bone inside me wiggles  
And makes me get the bedtime giggles.

My mother says "there's no excuse  
For acting like a silly goose"  
I guess, my mother's right at that  
I don't know what I'm laughing at.

### HOUSE NEWS.

MAROONDAH.	Captains.	Heather Trout.
		Ian Weist.
	Vice Captains	Judy Gibson.
		Peter Van Den Heuvel.
	House Master.	Mr. Stolk.

This year has proved very successful. By winning the swimming sports, raising the most money in the school fair. The amount that was raised was £33 which will go towards school equipment. Yarr came next with £29. During the year we have competed in various sports against other houses some we lost and some we won. The games that we have played and have competed in are softball, cricket basketball, football.

MaroonDAH won the swimming cup which was donated by the Couche family.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the Rosebank shield (Mullum) I must say that the other teams put up very fine opposition and I think we learnt a good bit in trying to beat them Let's hope MaroonDAH does better still next year.



### MY BROTHER.

My brother's eight years old,  
His hair is short and fair  
He's very tall but not very bold,  
For school he could not care.

My brother's name is Peter  
His legs are long and plump  
And his work at school, could be nenter  
For he's a silly chump.

My brother's a proper boy,  
With me he'll never play,  
All he does to me is annoy,  
I'd rather a sister any day.

### IF I PLAYED TRUANT

A. COUCHE.

Oh if I had the chance to shirk  
Away from school one day  
But then I s'pose it wouldn't work  
And heck, I'd have to pay.

Gee how it fills me, just the thought  
And the schoolwork, think of nought  
I'd sneak down by the willow tree  
And laugh at suckers in school, tee hee,

Mr. Stolk would be hopping mad  
I s'pose he'd say that I was bad,  
Oh but who am I to care,  
When I've got no work to share.

Then off I'd go to scamper home,  
And mum would think from school I'd come  
And when I got in, lay down my bag  
So no one would think I'd played the WAG.

What did Captain Cook do when he set foot in Australia?  
Put the other one there.

Why is a farmer so like a dentist?  
They both pull out roots.

What has a red coat a stone in its throat, and a brown walking  
stick?  
A cherry.

D. WHITEHEAD.

Judge to Convict: Have you ever been up before me?  
Convict: I don't know. What time do you get up in the morning?

What did one tensil say to the other?  
It must be Spring, here comes another Swallow.

How far can you go into the bush?  
Halfway, because then you're coming out again.

"And your age is .....?" asked the woman Lawyer.  
"About the same as yurs", replied the woman witness.

"I believe you buried your wife last week, colonel".  
"Had to old boy! dead you know".

Two burglars broke into a tailor's shop and began to gather up  
suits. "Just look at the price of this suit," said one.  
"Yes" replied the other. "Absolute Robbery, isn't it?"



## THE CHOIR REPORT.

In this edition we are going to give you the activities of the choir for the whole year.

Our Norwood Choir was formed as a Club, just like the drama, toy, animal and Baden Powell.

The first thing of course was to choose which club we were going in, strangely enough the choir was formed of girls, without boys. Mr. Collins is the conductor of our choir, and he has spent many hours training our voices in order for us to sing together.

During this year, we have competed in a few school choir competitions, and have achieved quite a good standard. Our first was at Dandenong Choral Festival where we were against big schools and ones that have been established for many years, such as MacRobertson's High. However, MacRobertsons won.

The next was at Fern Tree Gully where we competed against eight schools, and came third, missing second by 1 point.

In November we were invited to appear on Channel 2 in a school program called "Swags and Shears". It was very successful and later in the month we received £5:0:0 for our appearance.

The money (£3 from Dandenong and £5 from Channel 2) was given to the school for instruments needed for music, i.e. radiogram.

On Speech Night we sang, for the Drama Club, six carols. On behalf of the choir I would like to thank Mr. Collins for all his work put into the choir and hope that he will be with us again next year.

H. ASHTON.

We cannot forget a vote of thanks to Mrs. P. Wong for the untiring manner in which she has assisted in the production of this magazine.

Never has she refused a request for a typed stencil or notice and without her, this magazine would not have been produced.

Our best wishes and grateful memories go with her in the New Year when she intends to devote all her time to her family.

Our new secretary will have<sup>a</sup> precedent of very high standard, both of professional efficiency and friendly helpfulness.

Ed.



