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THE Rev David McKechnie

## A good listener and good friend

By ROTH JONES

IT'S "Goodbye Mr Chips", chaplain style, at Norwood High School.

The Rev David McKechnie is leaving the school after 13 years as chaplain.

The softly spoken, good listener with oodles of sound advice is one of 30 secondary school chaplains in Victoria's state secondary schools.

Behind this chaplain who never wears the clerical collar and is rarely seen with a tie is a man of the church whose parish is a modern school with more than 1000 students.

"My ministry is to the students, parents and staff of the school. It has been a most rewarding experience," Mr McKechnie said.

"Many former students keep in touch. It's wonderful to hear from them.

"I'm no Bible basher. I teach no religion, but I'm

in the classroom 18 times a week teaching and discussing health and human relations, specialising in drug education and sexuality for Years 7 and 9."

Mr McKechnie said his most rewarding experience at the school had been the human relations group of 16 which he introduced.

"I'm there as part of a team offering guidance and, I hope, wisdom.

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## Norwood champs

NORWOOD High has won a competition for the best schoolboy cricket team in Victoria.

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In the final, Norwood passed Mentone's total in the second last over.

The president of the Victorian Schools Cricket Team Association, Mr Jim Thomson, presented a trophy valued at \$2750 to the captain of the Norwood team, David Mendoza.



# I N C L U B

EDITED BY CAROLINE WILSON

## Runner vows to crouch behind no man

It has been a long and bumpy road for Peter Bourke, the 1982 Commonwealth 800 metres champion who once admitted: "I have a very tarnished gold medal at home." But while the middle distance man continues to plough towards a blurred vision of Seoul, his team has been cut in half. Bourke has split with Graham Crouch, the middle distance mentor.

Crouch has quietly blamed Bourke's failure to fire since Brisbane on a lack of commitment. "It's not a recent problem we've had," he said, "it's been going on since I've coached him for the last 18 months. In fact I told him to retire last June."

Bourke, a world championship semi-finalist in Rome, begs to differ: "Crouchey ex-



BOURKE: break-up.

pects you to eat, sleep and drink the sport but I think I'm dedicated enough." Now he plans to go it alone. "I've had so many people over the last 18 years telling me what to do. I'm free now and at 29 I think I know enough about the sport to be able to coach myself."

**Silvertail slip-up:** *Here's one for the Battlers. Norwood High, the North Ringwood school which fostered the likes of Paul Salmon and Geoff Parker, has broken a long era of Victorian private school dominance of schoolboy cricket. The Norwood boys scored their maiden triumph in the Lord's Taverners Champion School Cricket Comp., ousting Scotch College and Mentone Grammar in their trip to the top. Geoff's kid brother Cameron, now headed for district fame at Richmond, was one of the heroes of the win.*





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## Parkwood Penmanship Winner



Peter Carrodus (pictured above) won the most outstanding entry in the Parkwood High School Penmanship awards with his "The Magic of the Railway".  
Parkwood Principal Norm Tilack, congratulated Peter and the other award winners. Mr Tilack also wished all HSC students the best of luck for their upcoming exams.

A photo of other Parkwood Penmanship winners appears inside this issue.

## Minister agrees to further consultation with Council on Residential Planning Provision.

Mr Lou Hill, the Member for Warrandyte, has successfully represented concerns of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe to the Minister for Planning, Mr Jim Kennan, regarding proposed residential development provisions.

"The Minister has assured me that there will be plenty of time for further community consultation and submissions on these proposals," Mr Hill said.

"The proposals are only those of a task force. They will go through a proper consultation process before any decision is made by the government".

Mr Hill explained that Mr Kennan had agreed to publicly exhibit any scheme arising out of the proposals for one month from approximately February 1 and then to appoint a Panel to hear objections. The Panel will then make a report to the Minister for final consideration and determination.

"This will allow interested parties plenty of time and opportunity to put their objections", Mr Hill said.

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe had expressed concern at draft proposals which provide that at least 10 per cent of blocks in a large subdivision must be between 300 and 500 square metres.

The Minister for Planning told Mr Hill that there is room for discussion and negotiation to give Local Government some discretion in imposing such provisions.

Mr Kennan said the City did not appear to be opposed to the aims of the provisions which were designed to: \* facilitate urban consolidation by encouraging more medium density development through urban areas; \* provide opportunities for more affordable housing through cost saving in residential development; \* encourage a wider range of housing choice and a greater diversity of housing stock.

"The Residential Development Provisions would not mean, as is being suggested in some quarters, that substandard residential developments will proliferate around the metropolitan fringe."

"They propose minimum standards. Developers would be free to exceed those standards," Mr Kennan said.

"The provisions are an attempt to deregulate the residential development approval process using performance based controls and by removing siting controls from the Victorian Building Regulations and placing them in planning schemes."

They outline a series of elements such as lot size, public open space, road design and construction, which if complied with by a particular development, would mean that no permit would be required.

Mr Kennan said the Residential Development Provisions were prepared by a task force comprising Government and Industry representatives.

Judy Haley

## Community House Extensions

The extensions at the Community House are still not forthcoming at this stage. We do have official Bi-Centennial funding from both State and Local Governments plus some funding from TAFE.

Due to the delay in receiving this funding from the Bi-Centennial fund and building costs rising since the original plans the cost has risen considerably. The Community House is also recognised as a public building by the Health Department and they require extra toilet facilities. These consist of a female, a handicapped and a mens toilet. To accommodate these facilities the original plans have had to be altered this also incurred most cost.

The Committee has cut back on a lot of items to reduce the price but at present we still have a shortfall of approximately \$7,000.

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NORWOOD High students, from left, Kristan Renkema, Andrew Strachan, Sonja Simunkovic and David Mendoza, present a wheelchair to Mrs Doris Anderson.

## They care for others

NORWOOD High School students have raised \$750 towards the cost of a wheelchair for the residents of Lionsbrae Elderley Citizens Hostel in Ringwood.

The students raised part of the money from activities organised during Social Service Week, including cake stalls, a sausage sizzle, the sale of popcorn, pancakes and donuts, a staff student football match and a

dance-a-thon, which lasted 12 hours.

The rest of the money was raised during the year with "out of uniform days", students paying 20 cents to come out of uniform.

The acting school principal, Mr Ian Macfarlane, said he was impressed with the way the students had organised, planned and carried out the activities.

Mr Macfarlane said it also impressed him that the students were aware

of the need to care for others in the community and he was proud of the fact that fund raising for others in need had become a tradition at Norwood High.

The secretary of Lionsbrae, Mr Laurie McLeod, said it was a splendid effort by the pupils to raise the \$750 and that Lionsbrae had used the money to buy a third wheelchair, which would be a tremendous asset, particularly when residents went on outings.

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OLYMPIC chariot races . . . Norwood High style when Year 7 students staged a mini-Olympics.

## Norwood High captures spirit of the Olympics

NORWOOD High School Year 7 students staged a mini-Olympics to conclude their history studies on ancient Greece.

Classwork involved research into the origin of the games and comparisons were made between

the significance of this event and the changes that had occurred.

Some modifications on the day were necessary such as clothing all athletes and holding the mini-Olympics indoors due to inclement weather.

The original spirit and flavor was captured through the opening

ceremony performed by 7G with friendly rivalry between city and states.

Students participated in chariot races, the javelin, long jump, the marathon and relay events.

Most enjoyed the gold medal presentation at the end . . . especially as they were edible!



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# Students seek drug education



SEATED on the dais for Ringwood's junior council meeting are (from left) the council's project engineer, Rob Becker, the Mayor, Cr Lillian Rosewarne, and the junior Mayor for the day, Tim Cavanagh, from Parkwood High School.

A TOTAL of 10 year 9 students "took over" Ringwood Council Chamber.

The occasion was a junior council meeting of students from the city's nine secondary schools.

They asked council officers to consider undertaking a number of initiatives including:

- Writing to all nine secondary schools asking for drug education to be given a higher priority;
- Building a theatre-cinema at Eastland instead of the proposed library;
- Backing the Warranwood shopping complex;
- Promoting the Community Youth Support Scheme (CYSS) and extend services; and,
- Providing more entertainment in Ringwood "to relieve the boredom."

Soon after the city chaplain, Rev Arthur Stampe, offered prayers, Tim Cavanagh (Parkwood High) was elected Mayor for the day and donned the robes of office assisted by the Mayor, Cr Lillian Rosewarne.

Once the nervous giggling from students in the gallery settled down the junior Mayor, with the help of Cr Rosewarne, proceeded with the business of the day.

In line with council custom all junior councillors stood up and introduced themselves.

Then began the job of debating the special agenda prepared for them by the assistant town clerk, Peter Tully.

There to guide the students was the council's youth outreach worker, Craig Dodgson, special projects engineer, Rob Becker and Mr Tully.

Mr Dodgson explained why some sections of Ringwood's youth hang around the railway station and Eastland.

This was debated vigorously. The junior council agreed that CYSS should be encouraged to make its services better known so these young people might be encouraged to meet others.

The debate on the proposed Warranwood shopping centre brought forth a motion (which was lost) that it should have a coffee shop for youth run by youth.

Instead, the students agreed the shopping centre should go ahead.

Another agenda item, Where do the youth of today get experience before applying for a job?, also created much interest.

The junior council agreed a seminar was the answer.

Motions carried at the meeting will be studied by Ringwood Council in committee. Many could be placed on the agenda of a future Council meetings.

# School aims for the next century

NORWOOD High School council and staff members have produced a plan they claim will prepare the school as it moves towards the year 2000.

Council members "packed their bags" for a weekend workshop in the hills determined they would find answers to these two vital questions:

- How will our schools manage over the years as we move to the next century?;
- Can our schools meet the growing demands of the local community and the career aspirations of its professional teachers?

The council president, Mr Max Williams, summed up the future to the workshop:

"So much has changed so quickly, that our school council has had to run fast just to stand still," he said.

They agreed that by combining modern management techniques with the program budgeting plan put forward by the Ministry of Education, a flexible operating structure could be evolved.

Next move was to make the structure work, Mr Williams said.

The workshop suggested a program plan developed by each faculty and unit in the school.

"Most people agree good planning is essential, but few are able to set up the planning process," Mr Williams said.

"In program budgeting, the professional staff set out key guidelines with the council which become faculty policy.

"All subsequent steps, how many periods, what facilities and what mix of subjects fit easily into the overall framework."

Mr Williams said that when this process was repeated across the range of school activities, there was a remarkable dovetailing of resources and effort to produce outstanding results.

"One big hurdle to be overcome was gaining the appreciation of management as an acceptable idea in the school environment," Mr Williams said.

"There's a renewed emphasis on understanding management as a co-operative process that enables talented and highly creative people to achieve in a group what could not be achieved as individuals.

"Translated into the school context, this means the task of school councils is to draw together the ideas and initiatives from professional staff to produce good policy.

"Not only does this mean improved communication and co-operation, but it also means the school is resilient against the changes in the years ahead," Mr Williams said.

"The structure has been established to allow the school to be looking at the future with a clearer view to make the necessary adjustments, gradually.

"We are well on the way to deal with future challenges, an answer to opening the way into the next century and taking our schools into the year 2000 and beyond."

THIS WEEKS SPECIAL





**In brief . . .**

# New management team for Ringwood Council

**A RE-STRUCTURED** management team and change in responsibilities had been introduced to Ringwood Council this week, the chief executive, Mr Alan Robertson, said.

He said he had re-

signed as city engineer, but would remain chief executive with four directors responsible to him.

Mr Robertson said the re-structured management team was:

● Mr Brian Catterall, town clerk, director of community/human ser-

vices... human, health, regulatory and library services, convention and performing arts centre and civic centre/ceremonial.

● Mr Bill Black, director of administration... administration, rates, valuations, records and typing.

● Mr Gordon McCullough, director of finance... accounting, data processing, costing and internal audit.

● Mr Neil Arbathnot, city engineer and director of technical services... engineering, building, town planning, parks gardens and reserves and aquatic centre.

Mr Arbathnot, former city engineer of Caulfield Council, took up his new appointment last Monday.

## Rental funding

THE Ministry of Housing had funded the recently-formed Ringwood-Croydon Rental Housing Co-operative, the chairman, Mr Paul Van Der Heyden, said.

Mr Van Der Heyden, who welcomed the news, said the grant followed two previous unsuccessful submissions.

"We are now anxious to receive new applications for membership," Mr Van Der Heyden said.

"This is another option for housing now open for low income earners.

Further details can be obtained by ringing Annys Craig 725 4231 or 726 7160.

## Recognition

AN informal evening has been organised by the Norwood High School Council to recognise the service given by Mr Lou Toscano, who retires from the school on August 14.

The council has issued an invitation to friends, colleagues, parents and students to join in the occasion.

The evening will be held at the Yarra Valley Country Club, Templestowe Rd, Bulleen, on Friday, September 4 from 6.30 pm.

Phone 870 5399 for further details.

## Invitation

RINGWOOD East Primary School has issued an invitation to parents to inspect the school's facilities.

Among the features at the school are carpeting, heating and overhead ceiling fans in all classrooms, mobile computers, a well equipped art-craft room, a library and well maintained grounds featuring modern adventure playgrounds for both junior and senior grades.

The school also has a swimming program for middle and upper grades, and an interesting camping program.

Parents wishing to inspect the facilities are ask to phone 870 6781 for an appointment.

## Pyjama Game

ORWOOD High School will present the classic musical, *The Pyjama Game*, at the school hall on August 6, 7, 8 and 13, 14, 15.

A musical comedy, *The Pyjama Game* is about workers in the Sleep Tite pyjama factory and follows the familiar theme of management-employee conflict. It is set in the 1950's-60's in the town of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and pensioners. Bookings can be made on 870 5399.



# Maroondah education region to move east

By FIONA CAMERON

THE Maroondah Region of the Education Department will be dissolved at the end of the year and absorbed into a larger Eastern Region.

The change is part of the Ministry of Education's internal rationalisation which will see Melbourne's seven existing metropolitan regional departments reduced to three next year.

The Maroondah Region director, Dr Robin Chapman, said the new Eastern Region would comprise parts of the existing Eastern and Northern regions and all of the Maroondah region.

It will cover about 350 schools, compared with the existing Maroondah Region which covers 183.

As part of the Education Ministry's rationalisation of services, individual schools will be given greater control over their finances.

"Instead of receiving small allocations for specific purposes through the year,

schools will be advised of their total allocation for the year and school councils will be responsible for planning and budgeting," Dr Chapman said.

And under a proposed re-organisation of schools by the Ministry of Education, future secondary students may not have a choice between high or technical schools.

Under a planned re-organisation of Victorian secondary schools, the Ministry of Education plans to amalgamate some schools to provide "a unified system of education".

The Ministry said the concept of re-organisation followed the acknowledgement of a need to provide structures more suited to the broader curriculum requirements of the Victorian Certificate of Education in years 11 and 12.

It said the separation of high schools and

technical schools was no longer appropriate because of declining State primary and secondary enrolments and changing population trends.

Dr Chapman said, however, that at this stage it was premature to speculate whether any schools in Knox would amalgamate.

"There are many things to be taken into account when considering future school trends including student population at existing schools, projected enrolments and the location and age of schools," Dr Chapman said.

The concept of amalgamating high and technical schools would eliminate duplication and maximise usage of equipment between two schools close together and would broaden the subject choices for students.

In effect, students should be able to get the best of both worlds, in terms of academic and technical education, at one school.



\*Page 78—The Sun, Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1987

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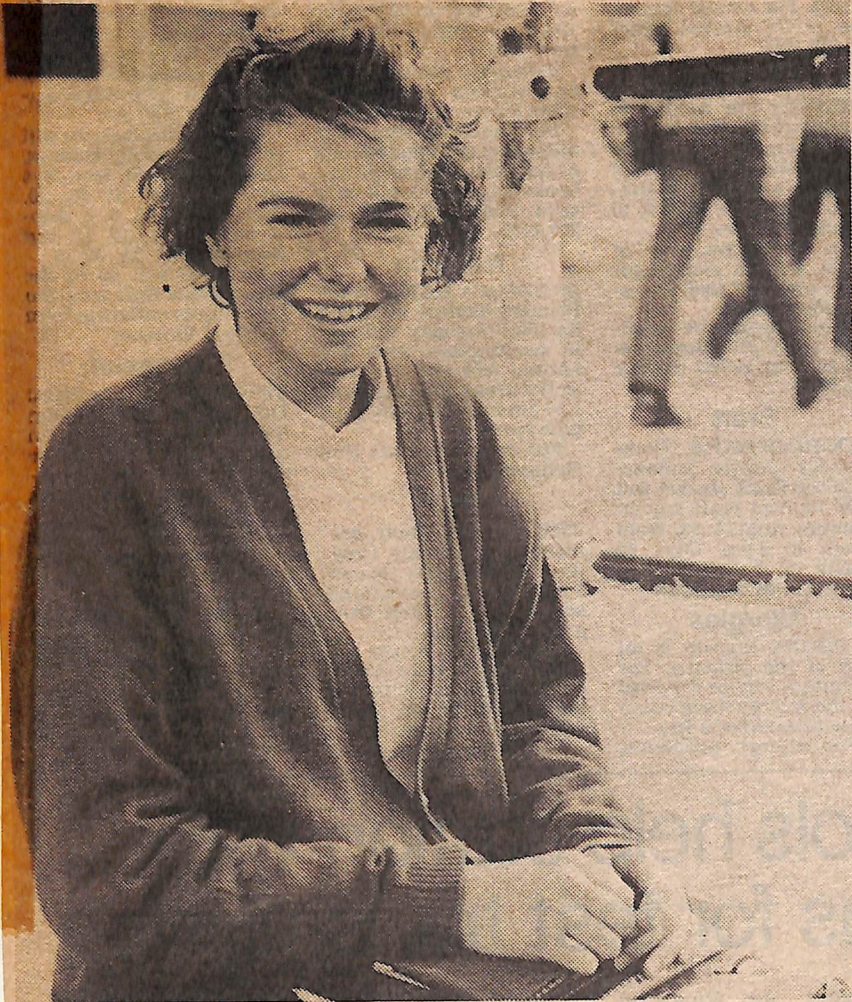
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# She's off to school in France



LUCKY Norwood High School student, Josephine Wright, will be off to France at the end of the year on a three month student exchange program.

By JOHN RYGIEL

NORWOOD High School could be excused for being mistaken for a junior version of the United Nations.

The school has six exchange students from all parts of the globe — and one of the school's year 10s had just found out she will spend three months at the beginning of next year in France on an student exchange program.

Josephine Wright was ecstatic when she learned of her selection to study in France.

A top French student, Josephine was encouraged to try for the program by her French teacher.

Sixteen-year-old Josephine does not know at this stage just where in France she will be attending school, but wherever her home may be from December to March next year she is determined to use the experience to improve on her French and find out as much as possible about her host country.

Despite her obvious talent in the French language, she has no plans to use it on a full time basis when she decides on a career.

"At this stage, I am very keen to study anthropology. I am particularly interested in Aus-

tralian Aboriginal culture so I would like to find work in that field," she said.

Apart from her stay in France, Josephine is really looking forward to seeing Paris when her study tour is over.

She and several other Australian students will be treated to a tour of the City of Lights by representatives of the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, which organises and administers student exchanges to America and Europe.

The acting principal of Norwood High School, Mr Ian McFarlane, introduced the foreign students attending the school at a special assembly held to congratulate Josephine.

They hail from the U.S., Brazil, Switzerland, Norway and Japan.



# Ian has room with a view

WHAT does Norwood High's new relieving principal, Ian Macfarlane, have in common with Noel Coward?

They both have a Room With a View, the former for real, the latter in song.

And they're both likely to be around for a long time.

We hear Noel Coward's theme song on ABC programs from time to time, but Mr Macfarlane's room is so new he can't use it yet because it is not finished.

It is part of the re-development plan to modernise the school which started earlier this year.

The principal's office has the lot... functional, roomy, access to his immediate subordinates, teachers and pupils, with a view of the Dandenongs second to none, at least in Ringwood.

He's hoping to occupy the office in third term.

Each day he will have an uninterrupted view of the Dandenongs from Lilydale to the north-east to Ferntree Gully and beyond to the south... provided the mist and cloud has not set in.

Second best view must certainly go to The Grey Sisters in Croydon... and they've a whacking big section of the Yarra Valley thrown in!

## ROUND RINGWOOD & CROYDON

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### Hudson to fly

RINGWOOD and Croydon men who in their youth served with the RAAF's Lockheed Hudson squadrons will have a chance to see this wonder plane of yesteryear fly again at a reunion scheduled for the weekend September 25 to 27.

The RAAF Hudson Association, based in Sydney, is coming as members put it "south of the border" to Wangaratta for the reunion.

A restored Lockheed Hudson accompanied by a Beechcraft 18 from a nearby aviation museum will fly above the veterans as they march the streets of Wangaratta.

Association secretary Ian Parker advises they expect "more than 80 bods" to attend the reunion.

The stories of the Hudson Squadrons is told vividly in John Balfe's big seller, *War Without Glory*.

Ian Parker can be contacted at 5 Goldenglow Av, Underdale SA, 5032

"The Ringwood Lake is awakening to spring.

Almost 30 years ago I used to bring my son to the lake from Mitcham.

Very rural then, pleasant spot to picnic and relax. Nice to go down memory lane.

I do praise the Ringwood Council and staff for the beautiful spot the lake is today.

So nice to come back and see a place more beautiful.

I'm a resident of Ringwood now, sad to hear local folk say they never go to the lake.

Has life got too busy for a stroll? Make it a must this spring.

The wattles are a picture, beaut smell of the bush, really worth your while.

Councillors... don't forget food for the ducks."

### Venturers all

SATURDAY shoppers at Eastland recently wondered what the strange structure was at the western entrance to the lower mall.

The fact that it had people all over it aroused their curiosity even further.

It was the Venturers of Ringwood district demonstrating their skills in rock climbing and abseiling on a portable climbing wall brought from Wonthaggi for the day.

The object of the exercise and unusual demonstration was, according to district Venturer leader Tim Banks to bring about a public awareness of what venturing is all about.

"It's a chance to learn skills in a variety of challenging activities whilst having fun," Jim told Around Ringwood.

"The Venturer section of the Scout Association is open to boys and girls between 14 and 17 and there are vacancies in the six units in Ringwood and Heathmont."

Mr Banks is keen for

potential Venturers to ring him on 870 5569.

### Welcome visitors

FRESH from the International Conference of Young People, two of the delegates spent a morning with Heathmont High students.

Wilma Van der Veen from the University of Waterloo in Canada and Ayman Madkour, the American University in Cairo, had much to pass on to the local children.

They explained how 90 tertiary students attended the conference as part of the RMIT centenary year and discussed conflicts, social justice and inequality, environment, natural resources and the arms race.

Mr Madkour, whose father is a professor in Cairo, told the Heathmont students he was pleased to note how quickly the barriers were broken down between students attending the conference.

RMIT is to be commended for arranging that the delegates could spend some of their time with the tertiary students of tomorrow.

## Mayor seeks volunteers

RINGWOOD'S Mayor Cr John Caffyn has appealed for volunteer drivers to help the city's house-bound citizens.

"One of the services offered by the council to enhance the quality of life

elderly residents to the library each fortnight where they can renew books, enjoy a sandwich lunch and chat with the Red Cross ladies who prepare the refreshments."





FACES are changing at Norwood High School. There's a new relieving principal, Mr Ian Macfarlane, standing, and Mr Stan Cousins, who has retired.

## Top turnover at Norwood

THERE'S a new face at Norwood High and an "old" one leaving as the school's \$1 million facelift approaches completion.

New to the school is relieving principal Mr Ian Macfarlane who hopes that the appointment will be confirmed by the school council next year.

The deputy principal for the past 20 years, Mr Stan Cousins, retired on Friday after 42 years.

Mr Macfarlane, 43, is typical of the new breed of school principal coming to take today's youths through their formative years preparing them for beyond the year 2000.

He's been an educa-

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tionist for 23 years and has travelled widely, with as much time in the classroom as out of it.

Mr Macfarlane has also spent five years teaching at Caulfield Grammar.

"My office will see little of me. There's so much going on in and around the school I must get to know," Mr Macfarlane said.

Mr Cousins has been a solid No. 2 at the school and was known to thousands of children during his 20 years at Norwood.

He said: "I'll leave with fond memories of Norwood High, but I look forward to retirement and my work with Rotary."



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**TIME:** Wednesdays 5 to 7 pm or 7.15 to 9.15 pm  
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## School's information evening

NORWOOD High School will present an information evening for parents considering enrolling their children at the school next year.

The evening, designed primarily for Year 7 entry, will be on Thursday, June 18, at the school in Byron St, North Ringwood, at 7.30 pm.



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# PM goes back to school

**THE** Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, will be going back to school... at Ringwood's Norwood High next Friday.

On May 13 year 10 student, Debbie Chandler, on behalf of her class, wrote an official school letter to Mr Hawke advising him that in their Australian history subject, the main area of study was famous Australians.

"Our class unanimously decided to choose you, Prime Minister, as the most prominent Australian," the letter said.

"We would very much appreciate it if you could kindly send us the following information about yourself to complete our research."

The writer, on behalf of the class, sought a souvenir photograph, an extract of an important speech Mr Hawke had made as Prime Minister, and what he considered his greatest

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achievement as ACTU president.

A short message to the class and school was also sought.

The school's principal, Mr Lou Toscano, was asked by the Labor candidate for Casey, Mr David McKenzie, if it would be convenient for Mr Hawke to visit the school next Friday.

Norwood High is in the electorate of Casey, one of the nation's most marginal.

Held for the Liberals by Mr Bob Halverson, a swing of only 0.7 per cent would see it go to Labor in next month's Federal election.

Mr Hawke is expected to spend about three to four hours in the electorate with Mr McKenzie.

He will also visit the Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Club in Tarroona Av, and Datacraft (Aust) Pty Ltd, Maroondah Hwy, Croydon.



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NORWOOD High School principal, Mr Lou Toscano, takes time off from a busy first day back at school to welcome a group of year seven students on their first day in the secondary school.

# Principal sees '87 as year of change

THE principal of Norwood High School, Mr Lou Toscano, has called on parents and families to help ease pressures on today's students.

"Social pressures are increasing. We as teachers are expected to help children on many social issues far removed from our teaching role," Mr Toscano said.

"We try our hardest, but it's almost an impossible task without the support and backing of the family.

"A happy home has happy children. A broken home creates problems which we find difficult to combat."

Mr Toscano, who heads one of Victoria's largest schools, said he and the staff were looking forward to 1987 as an exciting and challenging year.

Four changes faced this year's students, he said. All would have to learn to live with the changes.

"There will be four terms, a big challenge in itself," Mr Toscano said.

"Curriculum changes, part-

icularly for year 11 and 12, will require an extra effort as the Victorian education system gears itself for the full Victorian Certificate of Education to begin in 1989, but phased in from this year."

Mr Toscano said he had faith in the school, its council, the students and staff to make this another great year for Norwood.

Others points raised by Mr Toscano were:

● Last year's HSC students performed superbly, gaining extremely high marks.

● The \$850,000 building project now underway should be a great morale booster for the school.

● Neither students nor staff would gain any extra holidays through the change to four terms.

● This year would be full with students taking part in sport, music, drama, social services and judo in addition to their regular studies.

"With so much ahead of us is it any wonder we are all excited?", Mr Toscano said.



