

RINGWOOD STATE SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB ANNUAL REPORT.

The Executive feel very proud of their Mothers' Club this year as meetings have been very well attended and altogether a total of \$1581.61 has passed through our hands, made up as you will see as I go along.

Our usual April Cake Stall was cancelled this year in favour a Mothers' Day stall to enable our children to buy gifts for Mother priced within the budget of even our tiniest - the result, \$147, which was quickly spent on fiction books and graded readers for Gr. 3 & 4. specifically.

Due to illness Mr. Williamson, our Head Teacher since 1966, has had to retire and we would like to thank him for his work at the school during that period. Mr. Warriner as Acting Head, has been doing a wonderful job and has given the Mothers' Club a great deal of assistance.

This year, for the first time, members of the Mothers' Club and School Committee entertained the teaching staff at a social evening of group discussions, finishing up with a buffet supper. A great deal was achieved by this evening. Also, late in 1966, a morning coffee was arranged for mothers of children starting school for the first time this year, giving them an opportunity to meet the Infant Mistress and ask any questions they wished.

Our Smorgasbord Luncheon was its usual success and an extra attraction was a talk by Mr. Hopkins of Myer Eastland, who brought us up to date with the new shopping centre news.

Paddy's Market was again an outstanding success, brought about by the combination of a lovely sunny day and a great deal of hard work on the part of all concerned. Result - gross takings \$1377.00

New Mathematics equipment was required by the Education Department and \$50.00 was allocated to Mrs. White for this purpose. An amount of \$272 was spent on sporting equipment, including cricket gear and equipment for softball (which has been included as a sporting activity for the first time and with teams competing in inter-school competition) and for the replacement of our well-worn ten-year-old football jumpers and sox.

Over \$200.00 was spent on school improvements, including the much needed redecoration of our sick room, curtains for the shelves in the Art and Craft room and our Infant Mistress's room. The library stock was added to, Religious Instruction Hymn Books bought and the remedial room received some assistance. The infant section also benefited with new equipment for the beginners.

As well as this expenditure money is in hand for the asphaltting of the area outside the infant rooms.

Our social functions, including five morning coffees and a theatre night brought in an extra \$32.00 and a lot of fun.

Unfortunately, during the year our Treasurer, Mrs. Richards, was forced to resign after having done a wonderful job and Mrs. Beattie magnificently stepped into the breach at our busiest time and has been carrying on capably since. To both these ladies, our grateful thanks. Our thanks also to the teaching staff, many of whom have gone out of their way to make our tasks easier, especially Miss Entekin who helped us a lot with our job of supplying cups of tea during the staff conferences and meetings which are often held at the school.

In conclusion I would personally like to thank Mrs. Jess Anderson of the Ringwood Mail and Pamela of the Eastern Post, both of whom have helped me with press releases; to the Committee, especially our President, Mrs. Nichol, for the help given me as Club Secretary and lastly my sincere congratulations to the Mothers' Club for their very successful year.

Pat Smith.  
Club Secretary.

RINGWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB

50TH ANNUAL REPORT

50 years of service to the children and the Ringwood Primary School Mothers' Club is still actively working to provide extra facilities and equipment.

As happens every year, several of our teachers moved on at the end of 1970, including our Principal, Mr. Baines and our Infant Mistress, Miss Rangott. With the arrival of Mr. Enterkin, Miss O'Toole and our other replacement teachers, however, the children have continued to have the highest standard of education. We are, as usual, very happy with this situation.

Apart from the profit from the canteen, which is running very smoothly, the Mothers this year have raised a total of \$2,249.65 cents. This includes money from our Mothers' Day Stall (\$175), Paddy's Market (\$832) and our Smorgasbord Luncheon, Morning Coffees, Trips and a Cake Stall. The largest contribution was from a Spellathon, organised and run by our vice-principal, Mr. Randell Smith, which brought in a total of \$970, a magnificent effort, you must agree.

From these amounts of money, we bought a refrigerator which completed the work on the canteen, linoleum for the Art and Craft Room, carpet squares for the infant rooms, and sports equipment to the value of \$88. Plans are in hand to commence immediately on adding shelving to all classrooms, put hot-water services in both the sick-room and the art and craft room, roof the boys' toilets and add ventilation fans to the TV and film room. These acquisitions will take care of the major part of our bank balance.

One event which we ran this year was a dinner-dance in May, to celebrate our 50th birthday. This was run purely on a social basis and was a great success and an ice-breaker for getting to know each other.

We felt that our birthday gift for our Jubilee should be something special and with this in mind, and in consultation with our Principal, we purchased a quite valuable projector for use with both slides and film strips. We hope that this will be of great benefit to all sections of the school.

Many changes have taken place in the school over the 50 years at its present site, but there will always be a need for a hard-working Mothers' Club and particularly a committee, who put in many hours of work unknown to the general majority of parents. To these people we say thank you and keep up the good work.

A special thank-you must go to our Treasurer, Mrs. Leslie, who not only looks after the Mothers' Club books, but runs off all notices at the school, looks after the canteen books very efficiently and also made and decorated our very beautiful birthday cake.

Thanks must go also to Jess Anderson of the Gazette for her help in publicising our activities and reporting happenings at our school.

On this, our 50th birthday, I would also like to make mention of the harmony which exists between the School Committee and Mothers' Club and the way in which both bodies co-operate and have always co-operated in all things pertaining to the best interests of the school.

Finally, my personal thanks to our President, Mrs. Smith for her help to me and also for her leadership of the Club and for her untiring work in the organisation and running of the Canteen.

May I now wish everyone a Happy Birthday and continued health and prosperity.

(Mrs.) T. CRITCHLEY  
(SECRETARY)

Wednesday, 20th October, 1971.