

School Goes Native



Change In House Names

Staff have been disappointed with the level of participation by students in the house swimming and athletic sports in recent years. The decision was made to try and revive enthusiasm and interest in these events by changing the house system to establish a closer relationship between house membership and form membership. The number of houses was increased from four to six and students in Year 7 to 9 were all allotted to a house according to which form they were in.

The new house names, Acacia, Banksia, Casuarina, Grevillia, Hakea and Melaleuca correspond to the form identifications A, B, C, G, H and M. The names of plants endemic to the Ringwood/Croydon area were chosen as being in keeping with the emphasis the school places on horticultural studies and the improvement of the school environment.

Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Sheaffe and Mrs. Siecenieks.

GONE..... BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Mrs. Siecenieks, who retired from teaching last year, and Mrs. Fletcher were guests of the staff at a morning tea held recently to farewell Mrs. Sheaffe. Mrs. Sheaffe joined the staff when the school first opened and taught H.S.C. biology for many years.

School Assemblies

This year there has been a varied programme of speakers and events which has helped to make Wednesday Assembly time an interesting feature of the student week.

Ex student Bill Harris spoke on 10th Feb. Bill left 6 years ago spending three years with the army and three doing computer work. He is now with the Defence Research Department at Salisbury, S.A.

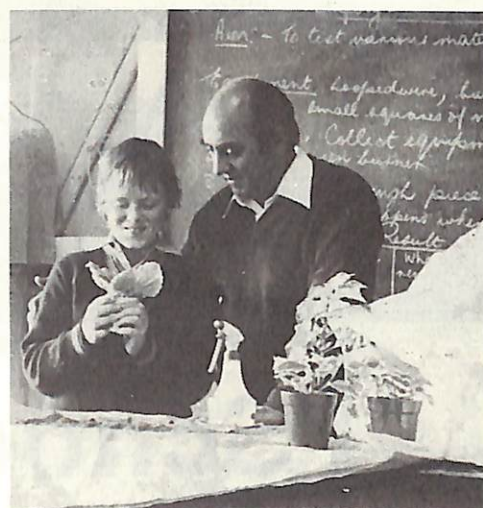
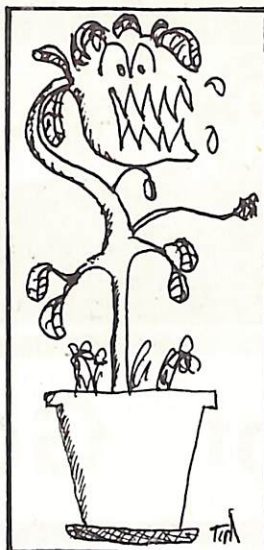
The Mayor of Ringwood, Cr. Hamilton inducted the Captains on 3rd. March.

Kevin Heinze of "Sow What" fame spoke on 17th March while the orchestra played on 24th March.

Ex-student Peter Chadwick, spoke of his work as a barrister.

Mrs. Johnson spoke on Youth for Understanding, a programme of overseas student experience.

26th May - a speaker on Equal Opportunity for Girls stressed the importance of Maths for many careers that girls are not considering because of the false idea that it is a man's domain.



After speaking at Assembly, Mr. Kevin Heinze spent some time with Year 7 students, talking about the care of plants and demonstrating how to take cuttings and pot them up. Michael Thornton of 7G was one of the students who received a cutting to take home.



Kerrie Le Lievre, Form Captain of 7B presents a bouquet to Mrs. N. Hamilton, the Mayoress of Ringwood, after the induction ceremony.

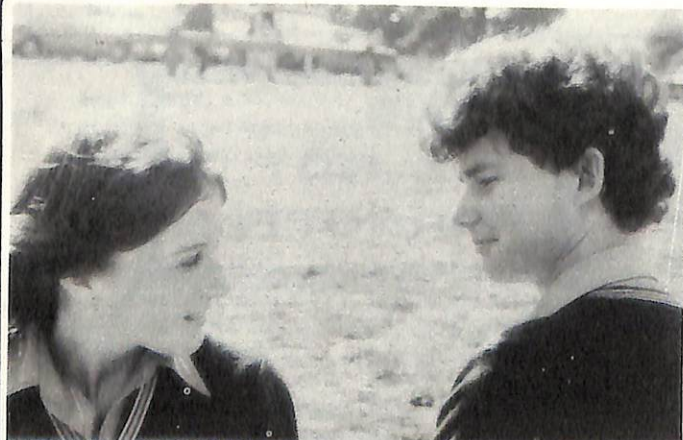
BYE BYE BIRDIE

(presented by arrangement with Chappell & Co)

This year's musical production 'Bye Bye Birdie' is set in the 1950's and focuses on Conrad Birdie, a pop idol, who is about to join the U.S. Army. We cordially invite you to follow his "groupies" and discover which one of his fans has the honour of that "One Last Kiss".

Year 10 and Year 11 students comprise the cast under the direction of Mr. R. Constable and Mr. P. Corr and numerous students are involved in activities associated with the production. Music will be provided by the school band. The show is colorful, has plenty of action, dancing and music - something to entertain everyone.

So "Put on a Happy Face," bring your friends and join us in the audience. The performances are at 8 p.m. on August 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th and 14th in the theatre. Admission is Adults \$4.00 and students/pensioners \$3.00. Family tickets (2 adults and 2 students) are available at \$12.00. Bookings for cast members open on July 12th and for the general public on July 19th.



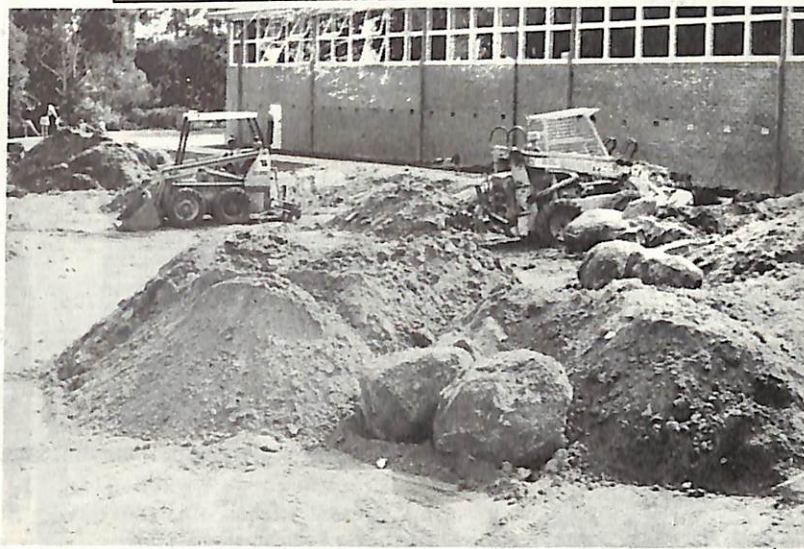
Two of the main roles are held by Year 10 students Dawn Bumpstead and Paul Dale.



Graphic work by Mandy Robinson. Year 12.

During the May holidays the undeveloped, wet, wasteland at the end of D wing was transformed. Numerous large rocks, lamp posts, railway sleeper seats, and soil, screenings and woodshavings were expertly arranged by Mr. Tom Orton into a magnificent garden area. The old pioneer wagon is the focal point of this new, presently unnamed, development. Next spring, students will plant 6 groups of native shrubs representing the M.H.S. house system. An added bonus is the future construction of a playground/PE facility in the same area. Students have already submitted designs and will be involved in its construction. We do have a problem, however. What are we going to call this new area? All suggestions should be forwarded to the School Council via the student representatives.

Grounds Improvement



TOP H.S.C STUDENTS 1981



37 students (74%) satisfactorily completed H.S.C. last year.

Our most successful students were Peter Lee (A in Applied Mathematics), Jon Miller (A's in Pure Mathematics and Chemistry), Andrea Scott (A's in English and Legal Studies) and Sue Smith (A's in Economics and Legal Studies).

Peter is doing Science at Melbourne University. Jon is doing Engineering at Melbourne University. Andrea is studying Speech Pathology at Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences. Sue is currently studying Law at Monash University.

EDUCATION FOR LIVING

On Friday February 5th, members of the team met with all Year 10 students in the theatre to explain the aims and objectives of the "Education for Living" course. The course runs three periods a week - Monday Period 4 and Friday Period 4 and 5. It is structured in six units. Five of these units - Career Awareness, Technological Change, The Consumer, Community Studies, and Personal Awareness, are being taught simultaneously by a team of 5 teachers. The sixth unit will be taken at the end of the year as a culminating experience for all students by all team members. Students will be divided into interest groups for some activities and staff members from outside the team, parents and other community members will be co-opted as necessary.

CAREERS UNIT - Darren MacDonald

For my Work Experience I went to Essendon Airport and worked at North West Airlines for the week. I learnt a bit about how an airline operates.

Each morning was an early start. The biggest experience I had was the second day, we had to move freight to Swan Hill and I was lucky enough to go along. I also had a chance of flying the plane for about forty minutes. Early next day it was on again. This time it was a flight to Bendigo in a twin engine Patemavia.

I finished my last day in the firm's hangar working on an engine testing truck which was a very interesting day.

TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE - Joanne Hacking

In the time we have been studying technological change it has given us a better outlook on computers in our society. We learnt of how the first computers were produced and why. We also learnt the different parts of a computer and what they are used for. We then looked at a larger outlook on computers in our society for example computers in supermarkets, weather forecasting, banking and medicine. It has been interesting and helpful because it has given us a good look at computers and how they will change society in the future.

THE CONSUMER - Andrew Collis

In the unit, the consumer, we have learnt how a good consumer should manage his money and the benefits of doing this. We have looked at credit, quality and quantity of goods, how producers try and get money out of consumers etc. I think this information is very beneficial to the consumer, especially those who are about to leave school and go into the workforce.

PERSONAL AWARENESS

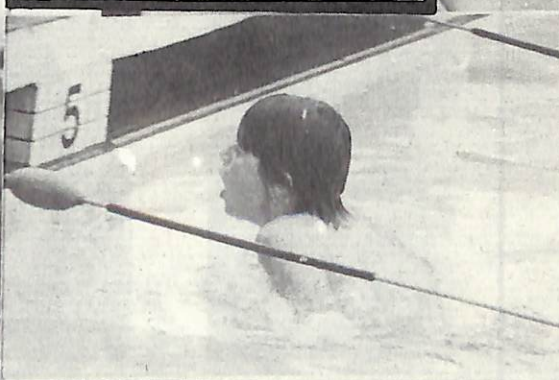
All students currently involved in this unit were asked for their opinion of what they have studied so far. Comments were very positive - students are finding it interesting and feel they are learning a lot about themselves. Many of them however, feel that the course is too rushed and could be extended and studied in more depth. (implications for 1983!?)

SPORTZ

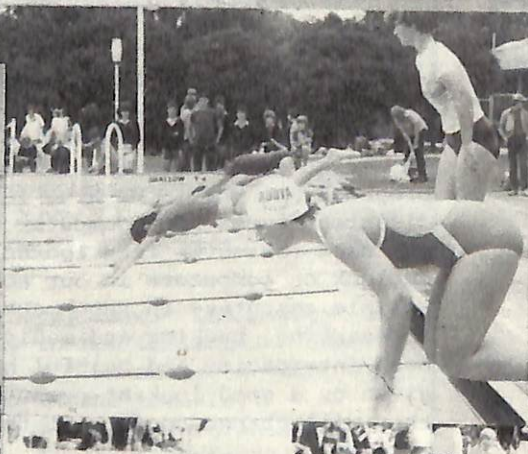


A quiet day with slightly competitive swimming; bored uninterested school children sitting around. That was my expectation of the day. What a mistake! G.S. 10C

A few sights made everybody's eyes boggle!



A carnival for me, conjures up a variety of things. Carnival is color, smells, noise and movement. Carnival is atmosphere. The significance of the 1982 swimming sports varied from person to person, but for me, it lay in the sensations caused by the rejuvenation of enthusiasm. W.S. 11B



All in all it was an exciting day and very enjoyable for a spectator not associated with the school. I was able to see how a whole school can join together for a common cause and to put on a display of excellent swimming for the mothers and other visitors of the day. The atmosphere matched that of a football match with the cheer squads of each house competing against each other. M.D. 10C



DAZE '82



Two figures pulled away from the rest. The one in the far lane was lean, his strokes deft and graceful, his body gliding like a snake on water. The other was powerfully built, using sheer strength and agility to move through the water with surprising speed.
M.D. 10C

A new house system has provided new enthusiasm and interest in the school sporting program, and has led to some great successes in interschool sport.

Swimming

Acacia took the first sporting honours by the closest of margins from Casuarina in our House swimming carnival. It was an extremely close competition all day with the first 5 houses being separated by only 30 points.

Although we finished 6th in the inter-school swimming, it was not indicative of the effort and success obtained by many students. Well done.

Summer Competition

Out of 16 intermediate and senior teams entered in the competition, we reached the finals in 6 of these and won 3 pennants in Senior Boys Cricket, Senior Girls Cricket, and Intermediate Girls Cricket. This is one more win than last year and as many wins as any other teams in the competition. Well done.

Cross Country

Once again Acacia showed its depth and strength and came out victors in the school cross-country. It was a fitting end to Term I sport to see the effort put in by so many students to make the day such a success.

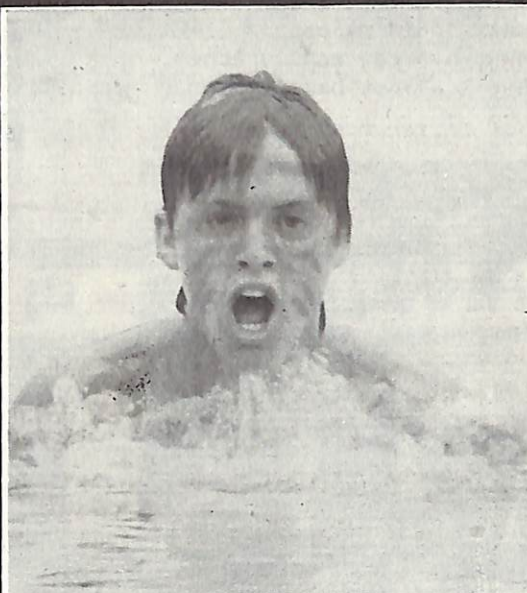
Athletics

ATHLETICS Intense competition saw another close result with Acacia winning by 8½ points from Casuarina.

At the interschool sports Maroondah High produced its best efforts for a number of years and really boosted our placings. A pleasing effort in particular from our juniors, who finished in 3rd place. Some notable performances were provided by -

Shaun Phillips (11)
Phillip Morphou (10)
Cindy Morphou (8)
Vivien Gardiner (7)
Chris Gibb (9)
Sarah Miller (10)
Alex Parlas (8)

Congratulations to all competitors on a good effort.



I looked at them - the strong tutored strokes of one, the untutored but determined strokes of another, the lazy splashes of a third.
G.S. 10C



YR.7 WALKATHON

I went on a walk for Maroondah High School.
The distance I walked, you'd think I'm a fool.
The money I raised was a fair amount.
When it all comes in the total will mount.
Of course now, I can't tell a lie,
Going up hills, I thought I would die.
When I got home, I needed a rest,
But on that walk I did my best.
When I sat down, my feet really ached.
And in the heat I almost baked.

Darren Montgomery 7A



Saturday Impressions

A lethargic, sleepy Winter Saturday, people curled up in front of a blazing fire, cocoa in one hand and a meaningless novel in the other. The robust shouts of playing children fill the air in their efforts to dispel boredom. The sun glows dimly through its blanket of clouds as if apologizing for the gloom. Televisions are turned on, channels selected, then rejected and sets disgustedly turned off. Children are wrapped in layers of protection and dogs are leashed as inactivity forces people outside for brisk walks down to local parks, accompanied by friendly bantering and playful fights. Football fans enthusiastically garbed in support of their teams and in defence of winter's bite, make their way to rock-hard seats. Tempers flare, arguments blaze and then die down until the crucial moment has passed. The homeward journey is spent discussing the pros and cons, whys and wherefores and whether the dinner will be ready.

A green, leafy Spring Saturday, picnic baskets and needless articles are packed. Cars crammed with bodies lurch out of drive-ways and the trek begins. Traffic lights change at awkward moments as if mocking our desire to commune with Nature. Children, disgruntled, whine constantly; mothers, irritable, snap and scold; fathers threaten to return home. Finally, the arrival! Everyone and everything is unloaded. Childish games are enjoyed by everyone, solemn walks are taken together, hand in hand, flowers are exchanged along with memories of the past and promises for the future. Then, everyone is back in the car, children slumbering, grubby faces rubbing against shoulders and chests. A quick supper is prepared and then tired infants are tucked into a world of dreams.

Hot, humid Summer Saturdays, scantily clad people laze in the sun, sleeping dogs lie sprawled in the shade and children seem to gain extra energy and demand attention. Ice creams are smeared across faces and sticky fingers tug insistently at Mum's skirt. A blaze of white sheets on the line flutter disapprovingly in the wind as grubby hands threaten to mar their cleanliness. Fathers potter aimlessly in gardens, picking fruit and vegetables from laden boughs. Children are packed into cars and abandoned at swimming pools in an attempt at peace and quiet. Nights are filled with maurauding mosquitoes and restless turnings.

Crisp, clear Autumn Saturdays are spent shuffling through multicoloured leaves, raking lawns and hoeing gardens. Walking the dog becomes one of the pleasures of the day as you wind through dying forests of trees, each branch a last tribute to summer. Booted feet crunch along the path and cherry-red noses peek curiously above long, winding scarves. Children squeal and scream as leaves are launched as missiles in friendly wars. Couples walk slowly along, arm in arm, quiet and content; dogs bark and scamper back and forth, urging their owners this way and that. Evenings are spent gazing at the stars, feeling insignificant against their endless beauty and mystery. Nights are filled with fantastic dreams, each renewing our hopes, wishes and belief in magic.

These are my

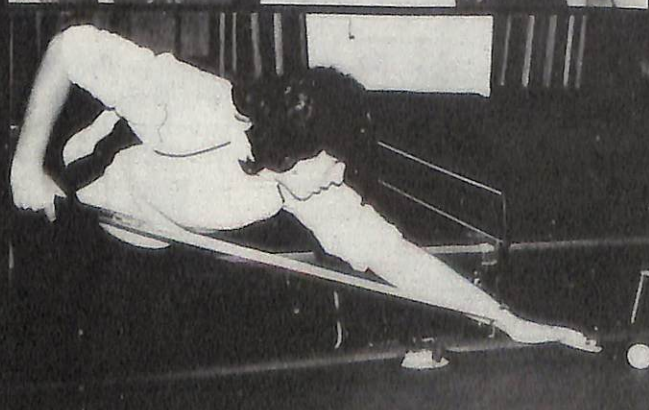
Saturday Impressions.

Kristine Hoppener.



YR.12 CAMP - Healesville

This year's H.S.C. study camp was held at The Ferns Guest House on the outskirts of Healesville from March 9 - 12. The camp is an annual event, held to help students get to know one another and develop better working relationships with one another and with staff members.



P.T.C.A

This year, with slight changes in format, the three Parent/Teacher nights were very well attended. It is good to see so many parents and staff taking advantage of these evenings.

The Year 7 Walkathon was again very successful and we were lucky to have another sunny day. The money raised will be used for improvements and equipment for the Year 7 area. One of our PTCA members completed the walk this year, along with staff and students.

October 8th, 9th and 10th are the dates for this year's Art/Craft Festival and we look forward to another excellent weekend. Please make a note of the dates and come along to see the displays of students' work, as well as work by many other well-known artists and crafts people.

Ann Hallett
President.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The 100 km club runs three mornings a week and a number of students are achieving their targets.

Dance classes take place at lunchtimes, mainly for the students in the musical, although there are others involved.

There is a Gymnastics club every Monday after school.

Training for all winter teams competitions takes place before and after school and at lunchtime involving some 320 students in 24 teams.

The interhouse volleyball competition at lunchtime has been very successful and more competitions in other sports will be held throughout the year.

Puzzle Corner

- A. A year has 365 days. 10 weeks (ie 70 days) of this is school holidays which leaves 295 possible days of school.

We have all weekends off so subtract another 104 days (52×2 days) and we are left with 191 days.

On an average, students sleep for 8 hrs/day which totals up to 2920 hrs or approx 122 days. Since you are not at school at this time, subtract 122 days and we are now left with a possible 69 days of school.

Most students spend about an hour each day for meals which works out to another 15 days and hence only 54 possible school days.

Also, most students spend at least 2 hrs/day watching telly (some spend a lot more than that!) which works out to 30 days/year, so now we have only 24 possible school days.

There are at least 10 public holidays each year and so we only have 14 possible school days per year. IMAGINE THAT: 2 weeks of school ONLY.

Aren't students lucky!

- B. When a door is half open it is also half closed so when it is fully open it must also be fully closed.

Is anything wrong with the reasoning in the above cases. If so, what?



ART CRAFT SHOW

DON'T FORGET!
KEEP THESE DATES FREE
October 8th, 9th and 10th
If you would like to present work for sale, contact the school for application forms.

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