



Williamstown High School

WILLIAMSTOWN, W.16

SPEECH NIGHT AND AFTERNOON

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL

MONDAY, 9th December, 1957, at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11th December, 1957, at 2 p.m.

Chairman : J. C. COE, Esq.

Head Master : L. J. BOWE, B.A., DIP. ED.

Conductor	Miss S. TIERNEY, Dip.Mus., L.A.B.
Orchestra	Miss B. BOARDMAN, M.A., B.Ed., L.Mus.
Dramatics	Mrs. N. McCUTCHEON.
Physical Education	Miss V. HOPTON, F.P.C.V.
Needlework Display	Miss D. PAGE, T.S.T.C. Miss C. TURNER, T.S.T.C.
School Pianiste	PATRICIA FERNE.

Programme

Speech Night

Monday, December 9th, at 8 p.m.

1. The National Anthem.
 2. Massed Singing "*The Song of the Music Makers*" (Shaw)
 3. Head Master's Report.
 4. Address by The Honourable A. E. Shepherd, M.L.A., Leader of the Opposition.
 5. Presentation of Awards by Mrs. A. E. Shepherd.
 6. Vote of Thanks by Mr. J. C. Coe, Chairman of Advisory Council.
 7. Massed Singing :
 - (a) *All Through the Night*
 - (b) *The Rising of the Lark* Welsh Airs
- INTERVAL (Five Minutes)
8. School Music Club :
 - (a) *The Faery Song from "The Immortal Hour"* (Rutland Boughton).
 - (b) *The Lark in the Clear Air* (Irish).
 - (c) *Four Ducks on a Pond* (S. Tierney).
 9. Girls' Physical Education :

(a) Exercises	.....	Form IIIB
(b) Spanish Dance	.....	Form IIID
 10. School Orchestra :
 - (a) Cavotte, Louis XIII (Ghys).
 - (b) Trumpet Voluntary (Purcell)
 11. Madrigal Group :
 - (a) *Sing We and Chant It* (Morley)
 - (b) *Adieu, Sweet Amaryllis* (Wilbye).
 - (c) *Love Learns by Laughing* (Morley).
 12. Girls' Physical Education :

(a) Figure Marching	.....	Form IIIA
(b) Rhythmic Dance	.....	Form IIIC
 13. Songs IVB Senior Boys
 - (a) *Port of Many Ships* (Keel)
 - (b) *Time for Man Go Home* (West Indian Folk-Song)
 - (c) *Sussex by the Sea* (Regimental Marching Song) (Ward-Higgs)
 14. Massed Singing—*The School Song* (Adamson)

Programme for Phys Ed. given by Webb

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Speech Afternoon

Wednesday, December 11th, at 2 p.m.

1. The National Anthem.
 2. Massed Singing "*The Song of the Music Makers*" (Shaw)
 3. Head Master's Report.
 4. Address by Cr. K. C. White, J.P., Mayor of the City of Williamstown.
 5. Presentation of Awards.
 6. Vote of Thanks by Mr. J. C. Coe, Chairman of Advisory Council.
 7. Massed Singing :
 - (a) *The Rising of the Lark* (Welsh Air).
 - (b) *The Sailor* (Chilean Folk Song).
- INTERVAL (Five Minutes)
8. Girls' Physical Education :

(a) Ball Routine	.....	Form IIA
(b) Skipping Ropes	.....	Form IID
(c) Health Exercises	.....	Form IIE
 9. School Orchestra :
 - (a) Waltz (Woodhouse).
 - (b) Trumpet Voluntary (Purcell).
 10. Junior Dramatic Club : *The Dear Departed* (Stanley Houghton)
 11. Girls' Physical Education :

(a) Gavotte	.....	Form IIB
(b) Polka	.....	Form IIC
 12. Exhibition of Needlework Girls of Forms IID and IIE
 13. Songs Forms IIA and IIB
 - (a) *Greensleeves* (Early English).
 - (b) *All Through the Night* (Welsh Air).
 14. Massed Singing—*The School Song* (Adamson)

Head Master's Report

I have pleasure in presenting the 42nd Annual Report of the Williamstown High School. Sufficient copies have been printed to enable every parent to have one to read carefully during leisure time. I trust that this will be done because I fully realize the importance of the assistance and co-operation of the parents in making the school as beneficial as possible to the pupils.

ENROLMENT

The enrolment for 1957 was 740 comprising 430 girls and 310 boys. This was a decrease on the figures for 1956, but the estimated enrolment for 1958 will be slightly higher.

The distribution into class groups was: Form V—79, Form IV—104, Form III—170, Form II—195, Form I—192. Some relief from the large junior classes was obtained by forming five classes at the Form II level. A start was made with two of the second forms to liberalize the courses of study, and this will be continued next year into Form III. Ultimately it will reach the top of the school.

It has not been possible to establish matriculation classes yet, but the board of secondary inspectors has given a strong recommendation for their commencement in 1959. This makes their establishment more likely than it has been previously.

As this report is being written, work has commenced on the erection of a two class room unit on the Pascoe Street frontage. This will necessitate the moving of the bicycle racks to a site at the back of the school yard. This will not be so convenient for the cyclists, but it will make the bicycles more secure against theft.

The verandah of the woodwork room has been enclosed with cyclone wire to form an area to accommodate lockers. This is not an ideal arrangement, but it will be an improvement on the crowded conditions now existing in the junior locker bays.

EXAMINATIONS 1956

A summary of the principal academic achievements of the school in 1956 is given below:—

Proficiency Certificates	107
Intermediate Certificates	134

Leaving Certificates	51
Mothercraft Certificates	29
Temperance Physiology Certifs....	98
Advanced Typewriting	54

Goethe Prize:

Eva Didzys, 1st prize (Open under 15).
Martin Didzys, Hon. Mention (Open over 15).

A. Rushall Scholarship (£40):
Dietard Kottek.

Scholarships:

Junior Government	6
Free Place	7
Teaching Bursaries	22
Nursing Bursaries	5
Williamstown City Council	16
Footscray City Council	1
Ex-Students	3
A.C.I.	2

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The council still continues to give loyal service to the school. Mr J. Kosseck resigned during the year because of his transfer overseas. It is hoped that he will continue his interest in the school after his return. Mr. W. Conway was appointed to fill the vacancy. The formation of the Shire of Altona made it necessary for municipal representation from that area, and the Shire President (Cr. H. C. Kim) has been appointed.

STAFF

At the end of 1956 Mr L. Archer was promoted to take charge of the Secondary Section of the Middle Park Central School. I have never worked with anyone who studied the interests of the school and its pupils more.

Messrs. A. Ronay, J. Blazanyik, and J. Bastiaansen were transferred elsewhere, and Miss D. Page and Mr. J. Barcham were new staff members at the beginning of 1957. During the course of the year, however, some changes in staffing were made. At the end of Term I Mr. Barcham was transferred to Robinvale High School, and his place taken by Mr. I. Moore, who was previously at this school during 1954 and 1955.

In June Miss Thomas was transferred to the Williamstown Girls' Secondary School, and Mr. G. Gordon took over her work.

These changes did not create great difficulties but long absences of some members of staff threw much extra work on those remaining on duty.

Mr. R. O'Keeffe was away for over two months of Term I and then returned to duty

before he was fully recovered. His death on July 8th—a few hours after a heart attack whilst on duty, cast a heavy gloom over the school. He had endeared himself to all in the twelve months' service he gave to us.

Miss Turner was called to the country to nurse her mother through her last days, and this meant that she was off duty for nearly all of Term II.

Mr. T. Kent, who has, for so many years, been one of the pillars of the school staff, suffered a severe illness in July, and he has not yet recovered sufficiently to resume duty. I am pleased to report, however, that he is making steady progress.

In September Miss J. Pritchard commenced duty at the school. This somewhat eased the burden on the staff but still left us one teacher below strength.

It is not difficult to realize that the duties allotted to the staff would necessarily be changed several times during the year. The burden of taking up new duties at various periods during the currency of the school year was cheerfully accepted by all concerned. I can only say that this co-operation and loyalty on the part of the staff is deserving of the highest praise and thanks from us all. Everyone put forward a maximum of effort when the need was most urgent.

Next year there are some changes already notified. These involve the loss of Miss Boardman, who is transferring to Nunawading High School. She has been at Williamstown since 1952 and has filled her position as head mistress with distinction and devotion to duty. I believe that it is necessary to be in charge of a school to fully realize the importance of the duties of the head mistress. Suffice it for me to say that I am very sorry she is leaving, and to offer thanks to her for the service she has given the school.

Miss Orr has been promoted to Rosebud High School as head mistress of that school. She first came to Williamstown in 1951. Her promotion is well deserved.

Mr. R. T. Everett, who has been on the staff for three years, is to go to Burwood Teachers College. He has been in charge of the bookstall. This is one of the very exacting tasks in a school, and to say that it has been carried out well is high praise.

Congratulations to Miss Woollard and Mr. Bradshaw, both of whom have been promoted, but will not be moved from Williamstown.

SOCIAL SERVICE

During 1957 the school supported the following organizations:—

- The Save the Children Fund
- The Blind Babies Home
- The Tally-Ho Boys' Farm

- The Melbourne Orphanage
- The Berry Street Home
- The Brotherhood of St. Laurence
- The Deaf and Dumb Children's Home
- The Spastic Children's Society of Victoria
- The Methodist Babies' Home
- The Williamstown Hospital
- The Williamstown Kindergarten
- The Footscray Kindergarten.

Up to the end of October £270/19/8 had been raised. This includes four special appeals:

1. In March, a collection was taken for the work of the Evangelical Missionary Society of Majjurchanj, India, of which Mrs. R. Jones, a former pupil and teacher of this school, is a member. As well as a box of clothing, a cheque for £11 was sent to India.

2. £39/8/8 was collected for the Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal.

3. In August pupils of Form IIB sold Forget Me-Not Badges for the Spastic Children's Society of Victoria, and raised £30/17/9.

4. In September, the sum of £16/11/7 was collected to help the Hampton High School re-stock the library after a disastrous fire.

The pupils of Form V, through the Save the Children Fund, continue to sponsor an English Child. The Sponsorship fee is £13/2/6 a year, but by the end of October, this amount had been exceeded by £11/16/-.

Eggs were collected (90 dozen) for the Williamstown Hospital.

Anzac Day badges and Remembrance Day poppies were sold for the local branch of the Returned Servicemen's Association.

Two letters asking for our support in 1958 have been received—one from the Newport Free Kindergarten, the other from the Victorian Society for Crippled Children.

It is hoped that these two names will be added to the list next year.

Miss Orr has again taken the role of leader in this important activity, and the success of the work is due largely to her enthusiasm and devotion to the task.

I am anxious to find opportunities for pupils to give of their time and talents in personal social service. Whilst cash subscriptions are very helpful and are eagerly accepted by the various organizations, I believe that actual personal service does something extra towards awakening the spirit of service in our youth.

CADET UNIT

Organization. — The unit has a nominal establishment of 121 all ranks but this year, to facilitate re-organization, the number of cadets was limited to 95. It is expected that this will be increased in 1958.

Organization within the unit was based on three platoons with the two specialist sections (Medium Machine guns and Intelligence). A Guard Section for second year cadets was also maintained.

During the year administration of the unit was transferred from 23 to 22 Cadet Battalion. Capt. Thompson and his staff have given the unit all possible assistance.

Training.—Home training proceeded along normal lines. Some cadets competed in the Service Rifle Clubs annual prize meeting, C.U.O. P. Shaw being a successful competitor.

Naval authorities again granted permission for use of the miniature rifle range at the Pascoe Street Drill Hall, and full advantage was taken of this facility.

A range practice day at the Merritt Range has been arranged for a day early in December. The week-end bivouac could not take place this year owing to administrative difficulties. The annual camp was held at Site 17, Seymour, under canvas, 70 cadets attending. Delightful weather contributed to a successful week's training.

General. — The 3 Cadet Brigade annual military and athletic gymkhana was held this year at Xavier College and a small team from Williamstown High School competed for the first time.

The training policy of Lt.-Col. Hutchison, in command of 3 Cadet Bde., is still proving very effective, and is giving the boys in the units the stimulation needed at this stage of their development.

ORCHESTRA

The School Orchestra is now completing its sixth year, but this has been a year of almost new beginnings. More than half the players have had only a few months' tuition on their instruments, but every member has worked loyally, with pleasing results in team work and musicianship. The Orchestra has welcomed the more frequent opportunities it has had this year to serve the school; it is proud that former players are now members of the Junior Symphony Orchestra, and that some present players are about to join the Williamstown Orchestra.

With so many instruments available on loan, and with tuition under experienced teachers organized by the school, there are very valuable present opportunities which can well lead in the future to rich adult musical experiences for those who take advantage of them.

CHOIRS

The Choir Club has been doing good work throughout the year in the study and preparation of choral music.

Form 2A provided some special music for the Anzac Day Service this year.

Madrigal Singers. — A group of madrigal singers was again formed this year and it is interesting to note that the ability to interpret this special form of vocal music is not confined to the Senior School. Much pleasure has been derived from the performance of these lovely old works.

Boys' Group. — An interesting innovation this year has been made by an enthusiastic group of boys who have combined to perform a bracket of songs for Speech Night.

This group has been notable for its splendid spirit and vigour, and it is hoped that we have here the beginning of yet another musical tradition in the school.

The Inter-House Choral Contest again excited much interest and enthusiasm, with Koala House retaining the Haskell Cup won by them last year. Each house, with its self-appointed conductor and pianiste, did excellent work, and the results were very close.

School Assembly.—Opportunities for some massed singing occur now that school assembly is held in the Naval Drill Hall.

GIRLS' ACTIVITIES

During the weekly Club period girls enjoy a variety of activities, many of which offer opportunities for service to others. Members of the Pre-Nursing Group have had a sound course of training at the Williamstown Hospital under the Tutor Sister, by courtesy of Matron Rudd. Other ladies who visit the school at this time and to whom the school is greatly indebted, are Mrs. Trist (Guide Company), Mrs. Caithness and Mrs. Lockman (Hospital Helpers' Club), Mrs. McCutcheon (Junior Dramatic Club) and Mrs. Ellice (Floral Art). The willing service given by these ladies must be an inspiration to the girls, and its value is shown in many practical ways in the daily life of the school.

Four senior girls have successfully undertaken the work of Junior Leaders at the Williamstown Youth Centre on Wednesday afternoons.

The Bright Camp under the leadership of Misses Boardman and Thomas proved as successful as ever.

ART

The climax of the year's work in the Art Department was the exhibition held at the school early in September. The aim was to have many aspects of art represented so that the two hundred pictures in a variety of mediums were supplemented by murals, models of rooms, miniature stage sets, needlework, a floral carpet in daffodils, and a puppet show.

The exhibition was opened by Miss Myra Roper, Principal of the University Women's College, who spoke to a most appreciative audience on the place of art in the reality of living. The exhibition was visited by groups from various metropolitan schools and some hundreds of interested adults. On the final

day television films were taken for the G.T.V. Channel 9 newsreel.

Warmest thanks go to the Parents' Association for providing the hessian which was invaluable for display purposes at the exhibition and also for the very fine plant stands in polished maple to suit the gallery upstairs. The co-operation of parents has since made possible a display of beautiful Czecho-Slovakian glassware.

Students from senior classes have painted four large panels for use in the Navy Drill Hall. These represent the River Yarra in time. More recently, in connection with the Little Theatre Movement, an exhibition of paintings was arranged in the supper room of the Mechanics Institute.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

The school is indebted to the men and women who attend on Tuesday mornings to give some religious education. Three of the Form I pupils obtained prizes from the Council for Christian Education for their project books in State-wide competition with other schools. These pupils came from Mrs. Hawkins' classes.

Mrs. Angus has again given devoted service to the inter-school Christian Fellowship group for girls. Unfortunately the boys' group has lapsed this year through lack of a leader.

EX-STUDENTS

The Ex-students' Association is led by an enthusiastic committee of young people who are giving much of their time and talents to continue the friendships and associations made whilst at school. Unfortunately, I think, it is all left to the younger ex-students to carry on, and it is my belief that there is a need for a few of the not-quite-so-young people to take an active interest in this group. I like the idea of the young people doing the work and giving service, but there is room for a few more experienced "exies" to come forward and give to the committee the benefit of their experience. This year the parents' association has filled the breach admirably when experienced assistance was needed, but the school must have turned out many men and women who could do this job well.

I commend this association to students leaving school this year as a means of continuing the associations made whilst at school.

MAGAZINE

Last year's edition of High Tide reached a high level of attainment and this year's edition is expected to be better still. The editress, Jill Whitzell, is supported by a keen and enthusiastic committee, and Mr. Hughes has again acted as Staff adviser.

S. R. C.

This year a students' representative council was established at the school. Its function

is to discuss conditions at the school and suggest alterations to the head master and staff. The council consists of 14 elected representatives with the senior prefects to take the chair. Forms 5 and 4 each have four representatives while Forms 3, 2 and 1 have two each. Mr. C. A. Hughes acts as adviser, but only attends meetings when requested.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross Club began the year with a membership of seven girls who worked enthusiastically selling copies of Junior Magazines, and collecting milk bottle tops and books for the children's library. Results of these efforts were forwarded to head office and duly acknowledged. Miss C. A. Turner is leader of the club, and Renate Jurgens acts as secretary.

After an unavoidable recess during Term II, the club resumed activities in Term III and were affiliated with the Penfriends and Tourists' Clubs making an attendance of 32 girls who were given lessons in first aid.

Nine financial members of J.R.C. adopted the local hospital for several weeks as the recipient for their gifts of fruit and flowers.

Two more cartons of milk bottle tops were collected and forwarded, as well as donations of soft toys and toilet articles for the friendship boxes.

SPORT

The Inter-house Swimming Carnival was held at Footscray Baths in March. Results were as follows: Koala 1, Dingo 2, Possum 3, Wombat 4.

Champions, Girls: 11 years, M. Bentley; 12 years, D. Flett; 13 years, S. Korf; 14 years, M. Kemp; Open, N. Kemp.

Boys: 11 years, R. Cordell; 12 years, P. Harrison; 13 years, B. Hill; 14 years, R. Packett; Open, H. Gropel.

Williamstown High School won the junior aggregate shield at the combined swimming carnival at the Olympic Pool and gained third position in the total aggregate.

During the year house matches were played in the various sports, and games were arranged against other schools in our division.

Our school won the final of the combined High Schools' lacrosse competition, and two of our boys, J. Morrish and A. Clements, represented Victoria in the under 16 contest against South Australia.

In baseball, R. Ferris and J. Macleod were chosen to play in the Victorian schoolboys' team which won the inter-State contest in Melbourne.

Two football teams represented our school in a competition played before the night football matches at South Melbourne. The under 17 team was successful in its division.

Girls from our school took part in the Moomba Swimming Carnival, the John Marshall Memorial Carnival, and in the Saturday morning schoolgirl softball competition.

The results of the Inter-house Athletics Carnival held at Williamstown Cricket Ground in September were as follows: Wombat 1, Dingo 2, Koala 3, Possum 4.

Champions: Girls: 12 years, L. Mummery and J. Meehl; 13 years, B. Nash; 14 years, J. Hutchinson and A. Patterson; 15 years, M. Crellin; Open, H. Corby.

Boys: 12 years, B. Watt; 13 years, T. Law; 14 years, B. Alcock; 15 years, C. Braithwaite; Open, J. McConville.

A special train carried the school to Geelong for the combined Athletic Carnival of the Metropolitan High Schools' Association (Western Division). Williamstown gained fourth position in this competition, with the girls winning the intermediate section.

The Sportsmistress (Miss Woollard) and the Sportsmaster (Mr. Senior) are very appreciative of the help given by the House Captains, who were:

Dingo: B. Majerovskis and A. Clements.

Koala: S. Phillips and K. Beamish.

Possum: L. Martin and R. Ferris.

Wombat: H. Corby and J. McConville.

At the Inter-Divisional Athletic Sports at Olympic Park, Margot Crellin won the 15 years 100 yards and our girls won the 14 years relay.

I wish to thank, on behalf of the school, all who assisted our sport during the year, the Williamstown City Council for the use of the sports grounds, and the curators of these grounds for their assistance; Holy Trinity, Liston, Newport, Williamstown and Central tennis clubs for the use of their courts, members of the Physical Education Staff who assisted with the swimming carnival, the Williamstown Lacrosse Club and the Williamstown Athletic Club for the loan of equipment, and the following ladies who assisted with the girls' sport: Mrs. Stanton (tennis) and Mrs. Williams (basketball).

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This association continues to do excellent work in the provision of funds for school improvements. It is led by a very energetic committee supported by a small band of willing helpers. This band is however far too small, and I would like to appeal to parents to spare time for personal service to their association. Any service to youth is always well worth while, but it is, I think, much more satisfying when given to an association serving a school to which your son or daughter belongs. It helps to knit together more closely the two most important formative influences in the life of a child—the home and the school.

During the last year the Association has raised £488, of which £220 was from direct giving by the parents of pupils at the school. Here again the numbers of parents who contribute to this scheme for any one month is just over half the total number.

Over £570 has been spent on school improvements. The chief items are: Library £220, Piano repairs £44, Art £50, Paper towels £42, Choir stands £30, Chairs £25, Stage at Drill Hall £15, Public address system £22, Plant tubs £15, Projector room £20, Prizes £10, Notice board £10. A detailed financial report was available at the annual meeting in November, notice of which was sent to every parent through the pupils.

I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation of the Association members not only for their valuable financial assistance, but for their sympathetic interest. I feel that in them I have at all times a very strong ally.

CONCLUSION

As predicted in the last report the area from which the school draws its pupils continues to contract closer to the school itself. Next year many of the pupils from Newport and Newport West primary schools have of necessity been directed to Footscray High School. This still leaves the school intake as large as it was last year. It seems certain that this contraction of area must continue until 1960 at least.

It should be obvious to parents that their children will be the adults of an era which will be a great deal different from the one they entered about 20 years ago.

History shows us the great changes that were caused by the age of discovery initiated by Columbus, and it seems as if we are about to enter another such era when man will push out beyond the limits of the earth itself. This must have more far reaching effects.

It is difficult to know exactly how to best prepare our children for it, but it is easy to realize that more education will better equip them to cope with the situations that arise. Try to help us to keep their interest in school and schooling for as long a period as possible so that their native intelligence will be developed to its fullest extent and they have reached the stage of being capable of carrying the study habit into adult life.

In conclusion, let me point out the obvious which is nevertheless sometimes overlooked. A school is in the hands of its staff for tone and academic standards. I have been fortunate this year to have had a very loyal and co-operative staff led by Mr. Alexander and Miss Boardman. We all owe them a great deal and I would like them to know that they have been appreciated.