

DANDENONG NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

NEWSLETTER.

MAY, 1962.

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT.

It is some time since the last newsletter was issued and this term has slipped along so fast that I can scarcely believe we are at the end of it.

The children will add their features, but there are some I would like to report to you.

Perhaps the most important event was the improvement affected, by the Committee, with the aid of the Mothers' Club, to the playing field at the school. This was a gigantic task and the work has now happily been completed.

Preparations and plans were made towards the end of last year, and now we can look forward to a really first class oval. The lack of this has, in the past, seriously restricted the games and sport.

Just to give you some idea of the magnitude of the work undertaken, here are some of the facts:-

1. 4,000 yd. of soil were moved into the school site on 2 days.
2. The contract let by the Committee was the first of this size allowed by the Education Dept. under a new regulation.
3. The Minister of Education, Mr. J.S. Bloomfield, and Mr. L. Reid, our member, visited the school and took a personal interest right through the contracts.
4. The soil was donated free to the school by the Westminster Carpet Co. who helped considerably in other ways.
5. Costs amounted to £1,343 and moneys to meet this came from special Government Grants, gifts, the special appeal last year, the Mothers' Club and various sums from Committee Funds.

This achievement is a milestone in the short history of the school, and an asset for many generations of people to come. The credit goes to the Committee under Mr. A. Verey, to the Mothers' Club, to the Dandenong City Council, to the Westminster Carpet Co. and to the parents who contributed so willingly and backed the venture.

Greenslopes School.

A new school built at Greenslopes opened on Monday 7th May and 86 of our children left this school. We were sorry to see them go, but wish them a happy time in their new school.

With them, three teachers left. We were sorry too, to lose Mrs. Andrews particularly, as she was one of the pioneer teachers when this school opened 7 years ago. We remember her for this, and for her work in singing and training the school choirs. It was most fitting that her choir was placed first in the recent Festival at the Town Hall. In very many ways she will be missed as a valued staff member. With her, Mrs. Rosetti and Miss Atcliffe, two rather recent staff members went and we were sorry to see them go too.

Committee.

In March of this year some members of the School Committee came to the end of their term, and an election was held. In consequence of this, the Committee has vastly changed.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Marsh and Mr. D. Keys, resigned as they no longer have children attending the school, but we must especially remember that these people too were original members from the opening of the school and have rendered sterling and loyal service for 7 years. We regret the loss of Mr. Marsh who has acted as secretary during all that time and Mr. D. Keys who was treasurer.

Mrs. Marsh too, has been a very active member and a past president of our Mothers' Club. We remember them for their contributions in founding and building the school to its present stature.

Dandenong North Primary School.

The Committee now comprises:-

Mr. A. Verey	-	Chairman.	
Mr. C. Cole	-	Secretary.	
Mr. N. Tulloch	-	Treasurer.	
Mr. A. Leed.			Mr. M. Titcher.
Mr. R. Howard.			Mr. A. Shimmen.
Mr. G. Manks.			Mr. K. Talbot.
			Mr. V. Canobie.

We welcome Mr. Titcher, Mr. Talbot and Mr. Tulloch as new members.

In conclusion, may I say how appreciative all school bodies are to note the very generous response of late in the monthly envelope contribution, and particularly in the Special Appeal at the end of last year for the Oval Fund. That Appeal alone raised approx. £120.

The Committee is now well on the way to settling the huge costs underlain lately and are truly appreciative of the support you give.

Term Dates 1962.

I wish parents and children a happy term holiday from Friday 18th May and we'll see the children back at school again on Tuesday 29th May, 1962.

R.E. MOSMAN.
(Head Teacher.)

MOTHERS' CLUB.

During our April Meeting we were visited by cameramen Bruce Allen and Louis Mattle from Channel 2. This television station is making a film "The Growth of a Community", and we were proud to have our activities included amongst those of our school children. This film will be shown early in June.

In April, we held a Market Stall and raised £34/5/-. The stall in the Town Hall during May raised £66/7/1d., amounting in all to the satisfactory figure of £100/12/-. We thank all mothers who worked so energetically to achieve this fine result.

Two pleasant social afternoons were held at the homes of Mrs. Cole of Ann St. and Mrs. G. Hutchinson of Oswald St. The first being a make-up demonstration by Mrs. Persse of Titchers Pharmacy, and the second a cake-icing demonstration by Mrs. Brown. These two "afternoons" held especially to raise funds for the school oval brought in £57/12/6d.

Our mothers will be happy to know that the Sport's oval is now finished and sown down with grass.

We have noticed the children enjoying the new play equipment our Club has added to their play-ground, which has included large pipes donated by Recla, a trailer donated by Mr. Oakenfull and a tram which we have purchased from the Tramways Board as an acquisition to the playground for amusement and for much needed additional shelter. We hope to add an old car to the kindergarten playground section shortly.

Material has been purchased, and mothers are sewing curtains for the classroom windows where they are required. Our thanks go to the mothers who are helping out with this task.

Our Mothers' Club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in room 16 of the school at 1.45 p.m. We welcome all Mothers and hope to see YOU there.

CHILDRENS' SECTION.

Keys House Report.

We are very pleased to have Mr. Hargraves as our House Master. At the beginning of the year the house captains were elected. Pauline Crawford and John Arnott, were elected, the two vice captains being Myra Funge and Ralph Eberlein. The Scholarship marks so far for the Work Book competition in which we came second and for Writing we came first. This year our marching is very good, we have had three wins and a few other placings. In the School Sports, Keys were represented by Linda Golding, Glenda McCalman and Kevin Orgill, and some others in our house were very well placed in their events. Results for Citizenship were awarded for marching and yard duty. We were placed third.

(Pauline Crawford)
(John Arnott.)

Marsh House Report.

This is Marsh House report for this term. I am pleased to report the citizenship results for February and March. The houses were judged on marching and yard duty and we came first each month. In Scholarship for February - work books were judged and we were placed fourth. We were placed third in March results judged on writing. Football matches have been played at Cleeland St. oval the last two Fridays. First match Marsh defeated Leed 1 - 8 to 1 - 1. Second match Marsh defeated Keys 7 points to 1 goal. Next week Marsh battle against Verrey.

(Robert Stevenson)
(Captain.)

Verrey House Report.

Verrey House Master is Mr. Edgoose. The captains and vice captains are Ann McDonald, Jeffery Elliott, Ernie Whitehead and Yvonne Milnes. February and March scholarships results were judged on work books and writing, we were second. Verrey house football team were unlucky last week. They were beaten by Leed 2..1..13 pts. to Verrey 1..1..7 pts. But the week before when they played Keys, Verrey won 4..5..29 pts. to Keys 2..3..15 pts.

(Ernie Whitehead, vice captain.)
(Yvonne Milnes, vice captain.)

Leed House Report.

This is Leed House report for the first term. I would like to report the citizenship results for February and March. The houses were judged on marching and yard duty. We weren't quite lucky enough to come first in either of the two months. The Scholarship points for February and March which were given on work books and writing. We came first and fourth. Football matches have been played at Cleeland St. oval on the last two Fridays. In the first match Marsh defeated Leed - 1.8 to 1.1. In the second match, Leed defeated Verrey 2.1 to 1.1. Next week Leed play against Keys.

(Daryl Cheeseman, Captain.)

Somers Camp.

The reason for the camp is to bring children from different schools in Victoria together to learn to be friends and look after themselves. Our work consisted of English, Health, Boating, Nature Walks and Bivouac, which is learning how to camp out. Domestic Arts and Physical Education were also taught. The work was very easy. The social life was kept alive with games in the recreation building, concerts, library, swimming and films in the cinema. The teachers were very kind and taught us many new things. The visiting teachers were in charge of the huts. The living quarters were long buildings divided into rooms with twenty girls in a building. The five girls from our school who attended the camp were:- Ann McDonald, Mandy Pearce, Carol Gillbee, Robyn Pretty and Pauline Crawford.

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The unfortunate teacher was Miss Templeton.

(Carol Gillbee)
(Robyn Pretty)

Pipes from Rocla.

A gift from Rocla of 3 pipes, the largest weighing $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons, has been made to the Mothers' Club. These pipes have been delivered and set in the ground by L. Fielder, J. Upham, D. Nish and R. White. Already they are proving very popular with the pupils in the Infant section of the school.

(Ron. Smith.)
(Robert White.)

Swimming.

During the 1961-62 swimming season, ninety-seven Grade 6 pupils at this school attended swimming instruction. Ninety-five learned to swim, fifty-five of these obtained Herald Certificates, forty Junior Certificates, and four Seniors which were won by Dennis Nish, David Kelly, John Orr and Karry Vanderley. There were four swimming instructors supplied by the Education Department. The lessons were given at the Dandenong City Baths. We feel that these lessons are very worth while and the figures speak for themselves.

(David Mackay)
(Dennis Nish)

Combined School Sports.

At the Annual Combined School Sports which were held at the Dandenong Show Grounds on April 4th, 1962, Dandenong North won the Girl's Aggregate with 94 points, second Dandenong with 33 points and third Doveton West with 30 points. The Boys Aggregate was also won by Dandenong Nth. with $53\frac{1}{2}$ points, second Lyndale with $49\frac{1}{2}$ points, third Dandenong West with $34\frac{1}{2}$ points. We also won the Grand Aggregate Shield with $147\frac{1}{2}$ points. The shield is known as Mr. Stock's shield and has been won by us for the third successive year. We won 18 events and were unplaced in only 2 events. In the marching the girls came 3rd in an event won by Dandenong West. The boys marching was won by Harrisfield.

(Ann McDonald)
(Daryl Cheeseman.)

Student Teachers.

Students who have already visited our school are those training for Infant Teachers Certificates, some who are doing their 2nd year and some who are doing their 1st year of training. Lecturers from the College visit the school weekly to see the students taking their lessons.

(Lynn Morton)
(Sandra Vagg.)

Childrens' Hospital Appeal.

Our recent appeal for funds for the Childrens Hospital was the most successful ever conducted by this school. We are proud to say we were able to hand in £58/2/5d. to this worthy cause. Later in the year Mr. Mosman will be asking us to collect rags, so will you please start saving your rags now. Last year the sum of £45 was obtained by these means. Let us see if we can do even better this year.

(Sandra Gillespie)
(Daryl Cheeseman.)

Football.

The Dandenong District State School Football Association is preparing for teams from each school in the Dandenong District to play every Friday. This year the football team should prove satisfactory as we have many promising players. Lyndale should be the toughest team to beat, as they won the premier-ship last year in brilliant form. We play nine teams this year.

Fixtures.

All matches played on the grounds of the first named team.

June 1. Dandenong East V Dandenong North.	July 6. Harrisfield V. Dandenong Nth
" 8. Dandenong North V Lyndale.	" 13. Dand. Nth. V. Dande. West.
" 15. " " V Doveton West	" 20. Greenslopes V. Dande. Nth.
" 22. Yarraman Park V Dandenong North.	August 3 Dande. Nth. V. Dande. Sth.
	" 10 Doveton V. Dande. Nth.

(Les. Fielder)
(Alan Cater.)

The School Oval and Garden.

Oval. Plans were made last year for the rebuilding of the school oval. The money was collected from a special appeal which raised £100. The Mothers' Club helped by giving donations and so did the School Committee, The Council was very helpful and the Education Department gave a large sum of money to help. The large quantity of 4,000 yds. of soil was tipped into the ground in two days. People helping to make the ground up were the School Committee, the Dandenong Council and Contractors.

Garden. At present our school garden is in urgent need of reconstruction, so Mr. Mosman has announced on behalf of the School Committee that there will be two working bees for fathers on Saturday 12th May, one will be at 9.30 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m. when it is hoped to put new drains in, and repair the garden by putting in new soil. When they have finished we hope to have a very smart school.

(Coralie Hayse)
(Lorraine Tebb.)

Basketball.

This year our school will play nine other schools in basketball, such as Harrisfield, Doveton West and other schools around the district. Before we play any other school we have to practice very hard, which is something we are doing at the moment. There are two teams, A team Grade 6, B, Grade 5. Seven girls play in a team and they have to be very quick because they are only allowed to hold the ball for three seconds. Mr. Smith is our coach, and he is only going to select the ones who practice hard and show the best form, so there is keen competition amongst the girls to gain selection. Our first game will be played on 1st June against Dandenong

(Lorraine Scales.)
(Angela Duffy.)

Visits by Miss Moore.

We are very fortunate at this school for receiving regular visits from Miss Moore of the Speech training staff. Miss Moore who recently toured overseas, is instructing us by modern methods. Recently teachers from grades 5 and 6 of all the neighbouring schools attended a conference at this school conducted by Miss Moore. Grades 6E and 5S were used to give demonstration lessons before teachers attending the conference.

(John Upham.)
(Barry Richards.)

Anzac Day.

Anzac Day, being a holiday; we had our school ceremony on 19th April. Many grades made colourful wreaths. The wreaths were taken out and placed round

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the flagpole. Children of all ages paid their respects to many gallent men and women who fought and died for us to make Australia a free country. After the ceremony the wreaths were taken to the cenotaph in Dandenong.

(Lynette Smith.)
(Jillian Cheeseman.)

The Day Channel Two visited our School.

On Monday 9th April the cameramen from A.B.V. Channel Two came to our school with a young actor named Gary Gray. They took a film of the assembly and a film of Grade 6S. The whole of the series is being filmed in Dandenong. It is called "The Growth of a Community." This series will start on June 4th. The following day they took an aerial view from a helicopter, of the children out at play. Again on the Wednesday they came and took pictures of a Mothers' Club meeting. We do hope we can see ourselves on T.V.

(J. McPhee)
(B. Wallace.)

Greenslopes.

The new school Greenslopes opened last Monday 7th May. 86 children from Dandenong Nth. School, who live in the Greenslopes area, transferred to the new school. However, most of the boys and girls in grade 6 were allowed to remain Dandenong North for the rest of this year. Besides the children, 3 teachers, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Rossetti and Miss Atcliffe went to Greenslopes to teach. The new school has 14 class-rooms, mens and ladies staff rooms, girls and boys toilets, shelter shed, a store room and a sick room and office. They have no proper playground, only an assembly area and a flagpole. All the rest is grass and dirt. Greenslopes is close to the far side of Heatherton Rd., near Menzies Av., Lyndale.

Miss Christenson.

Miss Christenson is our school singing teacher. She teaches all grades from 2 to 6. Miss Christenson is one of the favourite teachers in the school, all hope she keeps coming to teach us singing. Some of the songs she has taught us are, Nautical Yarn, The sailor, Mexican Woodpecker, Village Talk, Sneezing Fisherman and Andulko.

(Rhonda Rankin.)
(Ruth Honeysett.)

Physical Education.

This year our school is lucky to have two physical education teachers, Mr. Nielsen and Mrs. Nosedá. Mr. Nielsen has arranged to take the boys in grades 1 to 6 on Tuesdays at separate times. Mr. Nielsen has been with us for about three weeks and will be staying till November, and then take grade 5 for swimming. Owing to illness, Mrs. Nosedá has not yet been able to come along to teach the girls. We hope to have her with us after the May holidays.

(David Kelly)
(Benton Woodhead.)

Mothers Club.

This year the Mothers' Club raised money to help the Committee in their job of improving our school playground. They have bought \$5 worth of scissors, paid for material for our first aid kit, and concrete pipes for the playground. They are looking for more things for the infants playground. They will also supply pies and pasties for winter lunches later on. We are now hoping they will buy us a new school pennant and a banner. We would like to thank the Mothers' Club for all they have done for our school.

(Kaye Hearn)
(Myra Funge.)

The Choir.

This year the school choir had a wonderful success in being placed first and winning £20 and a certificate in the section for primary school choirs at the Festival of Music and Arts. We sang "My Brown Highland Cattle" and "Fairly Lullaby."

The choir consisted of:-

Ingrid Visser, Rhonda Rookes, Sandra Rookes, John McPhee, Marilyn Long, Lorraine Scales, Joan Chalmers, David McKay, Olga Szewcsuk, Yvonne Mills, Pauline Crawford and Helen Auldrige, all of whom were altoes.

The sopranos were:-

Michael Kovacevic, Joy Partridge, Lois Hurst, Helka Tokkema, Lynette Olds, Barbara Sharp, Anna Spruitenburg, Marilyn Bates, Elizabeth Simms, Joy Millier, Mark Pearce, Jillian Long, Ralph Eberline, Ina Pinkster, Valerie Sheard, Anna-Chris-Val, Lynn Morton, Philip Kavanagh, Maria Bertagno, Coralie Hayse, Robyn Pretty, Anne McDonald and Pam. Logan.

But bad luck has struck the choir because some of the children and our conductress, Mrs. R.E. Andrews had to go to the new "Greenslopes" school.

Some of the children who have gone over to Greenslopes were in the small choir so Mr. Mosman or Mr. Edgoose brought them over from Greenslopes every afternoon at 30'clock Monday to Friday.

The small choir sang "Crimond" and "Santa Lucia" on the 11th of May, but did not get a place this time.

(Pam. Logan)
(Helen Auldrige.)

The Working Bee.

On May the 11th, it had been arranged to have a working bee to smooth down the mounds of dirt in the front playground, and also to tidy up the grass along the pavement. Mr. Tatt brought his tractor which helped a great deal. Mr. Kelly and about 20 other men were there, and Mrs. Titcher and Mrs. Cole helped also. Mr. Titcher painted one of the old trucks and it looks much better now. There was one working bee at 9.30 a.m. and another at 2 p.m. The school would like to thank Mr. Cole and all the men who came along and also the women for supplying afternoon tea.

(David Kelly.)