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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

You must pardon me for harping once again on my favourite theme -- co-operation. And let me begin by reminding you that the word means "working together for a common purpose." In this case, the "common purpose" is your education.

Quite a number of organisations and people have a part to play in this task. The Department of Education supplies the buildings and equipment. It also pays your teachers, who are responsible for instructing you in the various subjects. Your parents provide you with a home, food, clothes and money. The Parents and Citizens' Association raises funds for additional equipment, for playing-fields, for library books, and many other things. Finally, there are you boys—a thousand of you—whose job it is to attend the school and make the most of your opportunities while you are here.

The point I want to impress on you is that

all these people must work together if Epping Boys' High is to become a really first-rate school. We owe our new Assembly Hall to the co-operation of the Minister for Education (Mr. Heffron), our local member of Parliament (Mr. Hearnshaw) and our P. & C. Association. We owe the outstanding success of our Fete to the co-operation of our P. & C. Association, your fathers and mothers—and yourselves.

Epping High has a great deal to offer you; but it is worth remembering that you can't take out more than you put in.

You have a school worth working for; and in your parents and teachers you have people who will be happy to work with you. Are you willing to do your part? In what ways?

Think it over.

H. E. M.

## 1959 FETE HUGE SUCCESS

By any standards at all the School Fete was a fantastic success. The results far exceeded the hopes of the organisers, and gave a most welcome surprise to the parents, the boys, and the staff who all worked together to make the Fete such an outstanding success. The success was so complete and the co-operation between all groups so outstanding that it would be unfair to single out any one group for special comment.

The effort they produced was a credit to all who took part, and is one of the reasons why Epping Boys' High School will, undoubtedly, become one of the leading schools in the State within a very short space of time.

The gross amount of money taken at the Fete was in the vicinity of £2,400. A splendid result. This will be reduced as the expenses of the Fete are paid, but the nett amount should be in the vicinity of £2,000.

All those who visited the School, and who made the Fete a financial success, seem to have enjoyed themselves. Almost every Stall sold the entire range of goods they had for sale, some of them selling out quite early, but all of them feeling very happy with their own results. Visitors to the School were estimated to be almost 3,000 people. Some idea of this number could be gained during the fine display by the Marching Girls, when the visitors were packed almost 10 deep around the outside of the main playground.

The officers of the Post Master General's Dept., who provided an interesting display of Electronic equipment were delighted with the number of people who visited their display. The officer in charge said: "We do this sort of thing every week but this is the greatest crowd we have ever had."

Mr. Caletti again demonstrated his versatility. During the afternoon he was seen conducting the Dance in Room 22 with all the aplomb of Arthur Murray.

Everything about the day was most pleasing. Perhaps the most pleasant was the magnificent weather which

turned on a bright sunny day without any trace of our usual winds. While everyone is recovering after this year's effort, plans are already being made for a bigger and better Fete next year.

## Canberra Visit by 1st Year Boys

(BRUCE McATEER)

23 boys of Class 1C will be leaving Sydney by train on Saturday, 12th of September, to visit Canberra, and will be returning on the evening of Sunday 13th. The purpose of the visit is to study Canberra as a High Popularity Density area with an Administrative function. During the visit, the boys will be taken by special bus to places of interest, and it is expected that these will include the National War Memorial, the Houses of Parliament, the National University, Mount Stromlo Observatory, and the Duntroon Military College. The boys will stay at the Hotel Kurrajong during their visit and the total cost will be £5/10/0.

A visit is proposed for Class 3F to the Blue Mountains to study a Dissected Plateau Landform Area. The tour will be a one-day bus trip, making the outward trip through Richmond and will return through Penrith.

## NEW CLASS CAPTAINS ELECTED

At the end of June all the Classes of the School were given the opportunity of electing new Class Captains for the second half of the year. In all cases the boys elected new Class Captains to represent them. We wish the boys well who were elected to this important and responsible job.

## Assembly Hall Nears Completion

After almost 3 months on the job, Monier Builders Ltd., who are erecting our new Assembly Hall are within sight of their completion date. Given favourable conditions, Mr. John Harris, the Project Foreman, estimated that he will have the Hall completed by mid-September. Here are some of the details of the Hall which will answer many of the questions which have been asked.

The Hall is 102ft. long, 60ft. wide, and 18ft. 6in. ceiling height. The overall height of the Hall is 30ft. The internal floor area is 75ft. by 60ft., and this is floored with Tallow Wood, which makes it excellent for dancing. The stage is 40ft. by 24ft. with a ceiling height of 15ft. On either side of the Stage are galleries 15ft. by 10ft., reached from the Stage, while beneath the Stage is 950 sq. ft. of space for the storage of scenery. Beneath the Galleries are a Kitchenette and 4 Toilets on one side, and 2 Dressing Rooms and 2 Toilets on the other. The entire roof of the Hall is insulated with Aluminium Foil, and the ceiling immediately in front of the Stage is covered with special acoustic material.

The Hall is equipped with a False Stage which, when assembled, covers an area of 33ft. by 5ft. and can be used to vary the stage layout. It will be of particular use for Mannequin Parades. Externally the Hall will be finished in an "Exposed Aggregate" and Tyrolean finish, while the inside will be coloured Smoke Grey, with white ceiling, and with contrasting, contemporary wall colours.

The front of the stage is of Pacific Maple and is finished in its natural colour with a clear plastic finish. All in all the Assembly Hall should be a most attractive building and one of which the School can be justly proud. A special feature of the Hall is that it is to be fitted with an Air Conditioning Plant costing £5,000, which will change the air inside of the Hall at the rate of 25,000 cubic feet per minute. The construction of our Hall has been in the hands of Mr. John Harris, the Project Foreman. Mr. Harris is a third generation builder, following the trade of his father and his grandfather before him. He has praised the co-operation he has received from the members of the School during the building operations, and stated that this has materially assisted them in their work.

## Open Night for Education Week

Education Week which runs from August 2nd to 9th opened with an "Open Night" held at the School. Most of the School buildings were open for inspection and displays were organised by many of the Departments of the School to illustrate to the parents the work being done by their sons. In the Science Department parents were able to watch their sons at work on Chemistry experiments, while other interesting displays were organised by the Departments of Mathematics, Geography, and Manual Arts using the work produced by the boys.

The Library was open for inspection and was visited by many interested parents. The new Reference Section was on display together with a selection of the recently purchased books for the General Section.

Considerable interest was aroused by the Debate, arranged by the English Department, between Classes 1A and 2A. Although this feature was one of the earliest on the programme it was impossible to gain admittance owing to the great number of parents who gathered to hear this debate. The result was a narrow victory for 2A by 5 points.

The most spectacular display of the night was provided by the Department of Physical Education. Mr. M. Foulkes, together with members of the Olympic and State Gymnastic team, provided a display which drew large crowds of spectators and many favourable comments.

Those parents who attended the School commented favourably on the displays they saw, while it was most heartening to the Staff to find so many parents interested in their sons' activities at School.

## News from the Debating Club

(Bruce Kops)

This is the first year in which we have entered a team in the Teasdale Competition for schools up to Third Year. Our showing in the Competition has been excellent. In our first debate we were narrowly defeated by Narraburn but this provided excellent experience for following debates. In every other debate we have been successful, our final victory being against Hornsby Girls' High.

This victory won us the competition for this area and we now go on to the Final where we meet Narraburn Girls' High who are, at present, undefeated.

Throughout the debates the Team has comprised John Prowse, Michael Moulton, John Wotton, Bruce Kops, and David Brace. Against Narraburn the team will be John Wotton, John Prowse, and Michael Moulton.

## A.H.S. Soccer Carnival at Wollongong

Mick Hewitt (2H) was selected to represent the School in the A.H.S. Soccer Team in the Carnival at Wollongong between June 19th and 24th. The team played three matches during the Carnival against Illawarra, Combined High Schools, and Newcastle.

The results were a loss 2-0 against Illawarra; a loss 5-1 against C.B.H.; and a win 3-2 against Newcastle.

On his return, Hewitt said that of all the teams at the Carnival, Illawarra fielded the best team. Their forwards were tall and very fast, and they were particularly good at passing. He feels that the Carnival stressed the importance of Teamwork, Good Passing, and a Close Game as opposed to distant shots.

His overall comment was that the grounds were very greasy, and none of the teams were able to produce their best form.

## BOYS VISIT ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

(Geoff Robertson)

This year three groups of boys have made trips to the Sydney Town Hall to hear orchestral concerts.

These concerts are given free by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and are conducted especially for school children. They generally feature the works of popular composers and, under the baton of Joseph Post, do much to encourage the appreciation of popular classical music.

The final concert of this series will be held on October 1st., and those boys who wish to attend are advised to lodge their names with Mr. Shirley.

## DANCE BAND HAS A BALL

(Peter Carter)

The members of the School Dance Band, Peter Carter (Drums); Graeme Antill (Piano); Robert Martin (Guitar), and John Lego (Clarinet) had themselves a Ball at the School Fete. We are all pleased at the fact that we raised an amount of £37 through the Dance. The hall was full all the afternoon, with no less than 100 people there all the time. Everyone had a very good time and enjoyed themselves. The boys of the Band played like professionals.

# NEWS FROM THE HOUSE MASTERS

## HARRIS -- Mr. Thompson.

Congratulations once again on your splendid response to the School Fete appeals. Even though we didn't quite meet the mark regarding the vouchers, we did very well in the donations for the stalls, topping the graph for two weeks. Our Comic Stall at the Fete completely sold out very early, making a very good effort.

Again and again we also excel ourselves in the Stewart House Appeal. This is a very worthwhile organisation and we are doing a really excellent job here.

Our Sports totals have tended to drop off lately. Let's see if we can boost them up a bit at the Athletics Carnival—the same as we did at the Swimming Carnival.

Without doubt, the BEST House in the School, let the others see that we Harrisonians will live up to this reputation ALL the time.

## TERRY -- Mr. Cooper.

Up to the present we can only claim small success in the House Competition. Our effort in the Winter competition shows that we are improving. We are hoping and working for even greater success in the Athletics Carnival.

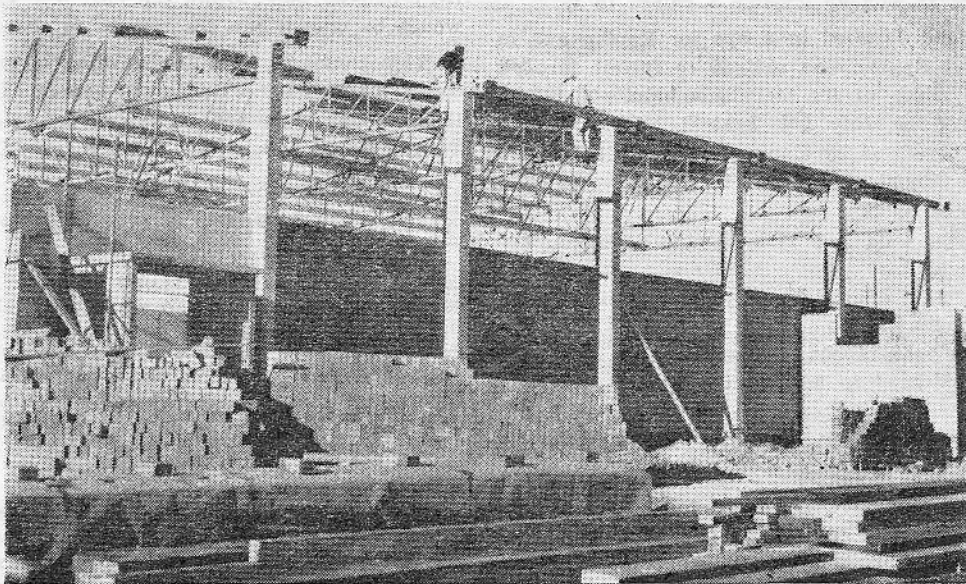
My thanks, and those of the House, must go to those Boys who did so much to make the Record Bar such a success on the day of the Fete. For the remainder of the year, boys, make sure that you do everything in your power to help the House in all its activities.

## MIDSON -- Mr. Russell

We have been successful in our competition with the other Houses in the Fete appeal. This showed that we have some keen, hardworking supporters. However we have an apparent absence of Sportsmen as we have been unsuccessful in the House Competition. There has been little activity on Midson Avenue as the grass has been recently top-dressed. However, with the coming of Spring there will be a need for some keen gardeners.

## DARVALL -- Mr. Kimball

The Sundin Shield is to be given for Scholarship, Sport, and Service. Each is important, and while Darvall House has done reasonably well in Scholarship and Sport, it has lost points on the Service side. Scholarship and Sport are taken naturally in the normal course of school activities, but Service requires some extra thought and effort on the part of each individual boy. One aspect of Service on which Darvall House has fallen down is the Stewart House Appeal. So far, not only has Darvall failed to reach its quota, but on each occasion it has yielded the poorest result in the collection. How about it, Darvall? The House has just put up a good record in winning the Winter Sports series. It would be an honour to win the Sundin Shield in any year, but it will be the greatest honour to be the first House to win it, and be the first name engraved on the Shield. Go to it, Darvall.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST

The Competition for the best photograph of School interest was won by Alan Outhred (2A). He used an Agfa Isolette Camera, Verichrome Pan Film, and a medium yellow filter for the above photograph.

Unfortunately few members of the Camera Club entered the Competition. This was possibly because the Club, at present, does not own an Enlarger. When this deficiency has been overcome it is hoped that competition will become much keener.

## Hockey

The First Grade Hockey Team this season won six matches and lost three. The team attained the semi-finals but was defeated by Mosman 3 to 1. Epping also played in a knockout competition but was defeated by Meadowbank 2 to 0. The only team not defeated by Epping at least once was Meadowbank. Throughout the season the First Grade team scored 17 goals while 13 were scored against it. The main goal scorer was Croper, who scored 9 goals.

On the whole, the team played well throughout the season and five of its players were selected for the Combined High Schools teams which went to Newcastle. These players were: T. Harris, R. Walsh, D. Croper, D. Gilroy and M. Lindsay.

### SECOND GRADE

The Second Grade won two matches, lost three, and drew three in this season's competition. The team scored 7 goals while 16 goals were scored against it. The goal scorers were Tilson, Hamilton, Lindsay, Quinn, and Birrell. Francis played well in the halves and the forwards combined well. With a little more competition and practice this should be a hard team to beat next year.

## Report from the School Chess Team

(P. Sommerich)

Despite the fact that our School Chess Team has had little experience in the Inter-School competition, it has done remarkably well, having won 6 rounds out of the 7.

The first round was played on Friday, May 29th against Normanhurst II, Epping winning 3 games to 2.

The second round was scheduled to be played against Knox II on June 5th, but this date coincided with examinations and was postponed. The match was played on June 26th, and was won by Epping, 4 games to 1.

The third round resulted in a bye for Epping and in the fourth round Epping was obliged to forfeit through the absence of many of its team members. The fifth round was played on July 3rd against Normanhurst I and this match was won by Epping, 4 games to 1.

In the sixth round on July 10th, Epping defeated Barker I, 3 games to 2.

In the final round on July 17th, Epping defeated Barker II, 5 games to 0.

Despite this fine effort, Epping, through its loss in round 4, will not be eligible to play in the Finals. However if the School can repeat this performance next year they will be very hard to beat in the Finals.

## GENEROUS GIFT by ANTHONY HORDERNS

The lobby to the Headmaster's office has been fitted out with a very attractive Lounge covered in green Vinex. This lounge was donated by the Management of Anthony Hordern's Ltd. of West Ryde. It was a very generous gesture by this long established company, and one which is very much appreciated. It is very pleasing to see so many large companies of this nature establishing businesses in this area. Apart from the added convenience this brings to shoppers, there is the wider range of positions which these businesses make available to boys leaving school.

## POETS' CORNER

### "THE THINGS GOD GAVE US"

(R. Derbyshire, 1B.)

The twirling sea,  
The enchanted land,  
All are the makes,  
Of God's great hand.  
In the morning,  
The whistling song  
Of one of His birds,  
Whistles sweet and strong,  
And speaks of Love.

### "MY FRIEND THE NIGHT"

(John Neville, 1G)

One fine moonlight night  
I heard some footsteps then a light,  
I looked a bit closer without a fright  
and there was a man, his name was "Night."  
"Night" said to me, I have your dreams right  
here with me.

I opened the sack and there it was  
As I have always wished for, too  
A big black mare, and a bridle, too  
And there at the bottom was a saddle.  
As I looked up the "Night" was gone  
But a message was left to say his deed was done.

### PRAISE FOR MR. CALETTI

Towards the end of June we had a visit to the School by Dr. C. B. Newling who was, until recently, the Principal of the Armidale Teachers' College. Dr. Newling complimented Mr. Caletti on the splendid job he had done in developing the gardens and lawns at the School. He predicted that, within the next few years, this School would be one of the showplaces in the State.

This comment from Dr. Newling is praise indeed because the Teachers' College is one of the scenic attractions of Armidale and is a point of interest to all the Tourist buses which pass through the City.

### GLIMPSES FROM THE PAST

This is an extract from the "History of English Education", H. C. Barnard, (Lond., U.O.L., 1947), and tells something of one of England's oldest schools.

"At Eton the boys had to wash at the pump, and the dormitories were damp. Discipline was often very harsh. John Keates, Headmaster of Eton from 1809 to 1834, although only 5ft. tall, won a reputation as a flogger. On one day in 1832, in his 60th year, he flogged 80 boys. These drastic punishments were largely necessary through the huge size of the forms. Keates took all the Upper School at once - 198 boys.

When he retired in 1834, having brought the numbers in the Upper School to 570, there were still only 9 Masters. The Assistant Masters were not expected to assist with discipline, and the senior boys were often ringleaders in disorder.

In 1793 the boys held Winchester College buildings for 2 days, and, inspired by revolutionary France, set up the red cap of liberty. In 1818 another rising at Winchester had to be put down by two Companies of soldiers armed with bayonets. At Rugby in 1797 the boys blew up the door of the Headmaster's study with gunpowder.