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PRINCIPAL'S FOREWORD

This magazine records the activities of our second year, a year of consolidation and progress.

Although the struggle of establishment has continued, we are not so conscious of it. The stream of visitors has dwindled, workmen have temporarily moved away, Pleasant Street has become more pleasant, and we feel that we are now accepted as a responsible institution. It has been a successful and enjoyable year of progress and we move on to School Certificate in 1961 with the determination to make our mark in this new field.

The most outstanding events of the year were the Official Opening performed by the Prime Minister in July, the first Social held in August and the first Concert held in October. These events helped to unite the school in a new manner, and all were thrilled with the great success of each one.

The school has been most fortunate to have been served by such a worthy staff of hard-working, conscientious and loyal teachers. The staff in turn has been greatly encouraged in their work by the excellent response from the pupils and the wonderful co-operation of parents.

It appears that the battle for grounds will never be concluded. We must have more grounds as the school grows and our present area must be brought up to standard. Progress has been irritatingly slow in spite of constant agitation from both Board and staff.

We have grown more rapidly than most new schools, from 190 pupils and 10 teachers in 1959 to 425 pupils and 19 teachers in 1960, while we expect the 1961 figures to be 600 pupils and 25 teachers.

We look forward to another busy year in 1961. Nine more teachers have been appointed and we will welcome a new batch of third-formers. Building extensions will commence, more equipment will arrive, and a comprehensive tree-planting scheme will alter the appearance of our grounds.

We look forward with confidence. We will work hard to maintain the tone we have established and build on it — by Loyalty and Courage.



THIS SCHOOL WAS OPENED
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OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY
THE PRIME MINISTER UNVEILING THE PLAQUE

THE SCHOOL OPENING

A hush fell, the school filed in and sat down. At a signal from Mr Riddolls, everyone seated in the hall stood, for the arrival of the Official Party, led by our Prime Minister. The Rt. Hon. W. Nash, C.H.M.P. Our teachers looked very impressive in their academic gowns billowing behind them as they moved through the hall. When they had reached their places on the stage, a chord was struck on the piano and the National Anthem was sung.

Mrs Barrett, the chairwoman, gave the opening speech, then announced in turn, the speakers. Mr L. A. Manning, Mayor of Onehunga, gave a very interesting speech on the "History of Education in Onehunga." Both the Hon. H. Watt, and Mr E. Le F. Ensor, spoke on their own schooldays.

Our Principal, Mr C. J. McCarthy, spoke on the "Progress of Our School," and the standards of work he expected from us.

After Mr McCarthy's speech, the moment we had all been waiting for, arrived. Mr Nash was to give his speech. Everyone sat silent and attentive to every word. He spoke about the importance of education. The applause Mr Nash received was proof of how everyone appreciated his address.

Between the various speeches, the school sang, "The New Commonwealth," "Go Forth With God," and "Funiculi, Funicula."

The highlight of the afternoon was the unveiling of the plaque, bearing the date of the Official Opening.

After visitors had inspected the school, afternoon tea was served in the hall. It had been a very successful day.

Lynne Cathie, 4 Latin.

STAFF NOTES

Eleven teachers joined the staff in February making a total of eighteen, but there have been several changes since. As the school was one Science teacher short, we were fortunate to secure the services of Mr Price during February, until University resumed, and then Mr Skinner, from Australia, as a relieving teacher for the rest of the year. Mr Lees left to take up another appointment in September. We were sorry to lose Mr Mountfort, Head of Mathematics, during the third term and wish him success in his new career in industrial scientific research. Mr Hunter has taken his place for the rest of the term.

With a further large increase in the roll next year, the school is fortunate at this time of serious post-primary teacher shortage to have been able to make sufficient appointments to provide a full staff at the beginning of 1961. The following teachers will be joining the staff next year: Mr C. C. Allpress, B.Sc. (Head of Mathematics), Mr A. J. Dreaver, B.A., Mr G. W. C. Drake, M.A., BCom., Dip.Ed., Miss J. E. Anderson, Miss J. P. Knight, Dip. H.Sc., Mr W. F. Linklater, Miss F. E. Mills, Miss J. E. Saunders, Mrs B. Dent.

THANKS

We have been helped in many ways this year, as in 1959, by many friends and parents. One outstanding example of this co-operation was shown in the magnificent afternoon tea provided by the parents and pupils for the Official Opening. The quality and quantity was amazing.

The following have donated trophies to add to the fine array already presented in 1959. Mr Vin Smeale, Mrs J. A. Dephoff, Hon. Hugh Watt, M.P., Clarkson's Ltd., Mr and Mrs C. L. Brock, Mrs C. R. White, Mr Roy Johnston. Engineering prizes were given by McDormott and Linn, Mr R. F. Crosby donated an anatomical exhibit for the Science Lab. Mrs Phoebe Meikle judged our Speech Contest. The Plunket Society and Miss R. Watson assisted with Mothercraft teaching in the Homecraft Course. The Onehunga Borough Council lent us Waikaraka Park for Athletic Sports and the War Memorial Pool for swimming sports. They also helped us with a cricket pitch. Again Seymour Park was made available for Tuesday sport by the Mt Roskill Borough Council. Manukau Intermediate has lent us various articles, including crockery and urns.

To all there parents, friends, and organisations, and to many others, we offer our sincere appreciation of their assistance.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The first Onehunga High School Concert is over. All the work, worry and mishaps have been forgotten, only the most outstanding items have remained in our minds. The programme was reasonably varied with perhaps a too generous helping of sketches and plays. Third formers appeared perhaps more than fourth formers and displayed considerable talent in many fields.

Few items were inaudible although the people at the rear of the packed hall had difficulty in seeing a few items.

The second night went perhaps more smoothly than the first night, the few mistakes of the previous night having been rectified. All items were well received although some items seemed to appeal more than others.

All in all the concert was a success and we can look forward to even better concerts in the coming years.

Kathryn McCleary, 4L

THE LIBRARY

In the third term the thousandth book was accessioned. It is pleasant to note that shelves are filling, and that even when many books are out the library still looks like a library. The reference section is much more satisfactory and classes using it during class periods can usually find something on their chosen subject.

With the increase in books comes an extra amount of duties for the librarians. Mrs Jackman joined us in the third term after Mrs Cross-

man's departure. Their help was much appreciated.

We have to acknowledge the donations of books made to us this year. We are very grateful for these gifts.

SCHOOL SOCIALS

Socials were held on July 15 and December 5. These proved to be popular and enjoyable. We are grateful to Mrs Jones, Sheryll Jones and Peter Anderson for providing such excellent music for the dances, and to Mr Thornton who was responsible for all the arrangements.

INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL YACHTING

Bruce Watson and Don Reddish represented the school in the Inter-secondary School Sailing Championships early in the first term. The race was held at Narrow Neck under the auspices of the Wakatere Boating Club. Disaster met our representatives fairly early in the contest as they capsized at the first buoy.

MUSIC

The Choir has met regularly at lunchtimes under Miss Robinson's direction and has made welcome contributions to the programme of the Concert and the Prize-Giving Ceremony.

A small group of recorder players has also been trained by Miss Robinson.

In order to develop the nucleus of a future school orchestra, a violin tuition class was started this year by Mr Robey, at lunchtimes and after school. After a slow start, a group of about twelve is practising enthusiastically and good progress is being made. As this part of the school's music develops, we look forward to the time when it will be possible for the school to benefit from the services of a visiting orchestral teacher.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Our numbers still being insufficient for a larger organisation we have continued with two houses, Red and Green, as the basis of our sports competitors. They have competed against one another in almost all branches of school sport. Red House established an early lead by winning the Athletics and Swimming but there are many other results to be considered before the winner of the Inter-house Cup is decided.

House Captains and Vice-Captains are:

Red, Boys: B. Travers, D. Reddish.

Girls: Linley Jones, Natalie Scott.

Green, Boys: B. Gow, J. Doherty.

Girls: Margaret Joyce, Anne Foster.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES:

- 4L Aggregate:** Daphne Wong Too 1, Kathryn McLeary 2. **Certificates:** Linley Jones — Maths.; M. R. Burdett — P.E.
- 4A Aggregate:** D. Jones 1, Margaret Winn 2. **Certificates:** M. Hadrup — P.E.; Robin Dixon — P.E.
- 4B AGGREGATE:** M. R. Pople 1, Adele Jolly 2. **Certificates:** A. R. Whistler — English; D. J. Reddish — Maths., Science; T. James — P.E.
- 4TA Aggregate:** G. J. McGillivray 1, G. Lawrie 2. **Certificates:** J. Doherty — Social Studies; G. E. Durham — P.E.
- 4TB Aggregate:** A. Sugar 1, R. G. Reece 2. **Certificates:** W. E. Hunter, R. S. Grant — Social Studies; W. D. Dickson — Maths.
- 4 COM. Aggregate:** Lynette Elley 1, Jeanette Mackie 2. **Certificates:** Coral Allen — Shorthand-Typing; Pamela Rawnsley — P.E.
- 4H Aggregate:** Barbara Whitehead 1, Antoinetta Weinbecker 2. **Certificates:** Heather Sullivan — Homecraft; Raewyn McCurran — Clothing; Shirley Orwin — P.E.; Carole Mann — Mothercraft.
- 3L1 Aggregate:** M. T. M. Jones 1, Diane Grainger 2. **Certificates:** Margaret Garrett — English; Diane Hodgson — Social Studies; P. E. Wright — General Science; Vivienne Forbes — Latin.
- 3L2 Aggregate:** P. E. Clark 1, Koa Bruford 2; **Certificates:** J. W. Cato — Latin; Barbara Chapman — English; Adrienne Carpenter — English, General Science; V. Mayes — P.E.
- 3A Aggregate:** Heather Carmichael 1, L. A. Clark 2. **Certificates:** R. Nielsen — Maths.; Carol Hornell — P.E.
- 3B Aggregate:** Lindsay Barrett 1, Melody Burrett 2. **Certificates:** Roberta Reynolds — English; Raewyn Burgess — Social Studies; G. Lewis — Maths.; R. C. Parker — French; Lynn Cunningham — P.E.
- 3TA Aggregate:** G. C. Dixon 1, G. B. Simpson 2. **Certificates:** D. J. Comber — English; D. T. Wardell — Maths.; W. R. Newsome — Woodwork; T. A. Roberts — Technical Drawing; D. Wade — P.E.
- 3TB Aggregate:** P. R. Linn 1, W. D. Gavin 2. **Certificates:** C. A. Davis — English; J. D. Thorne — Social Studies; J. McArthur — Maths., Woodwork; M. K. Gupill — Maths.; T. H. Hagen — P.E.
- 3 COM. Aggregate.** Betty Wong Too 1, Maureen Boag 2.
- 3T COM Aggregate:** Kathleen Williams 1, Jocelyn Leighton 2. **Certificates:** K. W. Gibbons — Maths, Metalwork, Woodwork; Savita Dhana — Core Maths; G. E. Rae — Technical Drawing.
- 3H Aggregate:** Katherine Callinan 1, Ann Cunningham 2. **Certificates:** Miriam Aylward — English; Lesley Siebert — Social Studies; Maureen Thomson — Core Maths; Raewyn Freer — P.E.

SPECIAL PRIZES:

Merit Cup for Boys: A. J. White.

Merit Cup for Girls: Daphne Wong Too.

Sir William Jordan Memorial Cup: M. T. Anderson.

Sir William Jordan Memorial Rosebowl: Rosalynn Laird.
Endeavour Cup: M. T. Anderson.
Science Award: Kathryn McLeary.
Magazine Prizes: Serious Prose — Margaret Garrett; Serious Verse —
Kathryn McLeary; Humorous Prose — Margaret Garrett; Light Verse
— Vivienne Forbes.

SPORTS PRIZES:

Athletics Cup — Boys: W. E. Hunter.
Athletic Cup — Girls: Nancy Walker.
Athletic Cup — Junior Boys (Presented by Mr R. Johnston) — R. Kelly.
Athletics Cup — Junior Girls (Presented by Mrs G. K. White) — Susan
Faulkner — Colleen Sergeant.
Steeplechase Cup: A. Harrison.
Steeplechase Cup — Intermediate boys (Presented by Hon. Hugh Watt,
M.P.): G. Lewis.
Swimming Cup — Intermediate Boys (Presented by Clarksons Ltd.):
L. R. Michalick.
Swimming Cup — Junior Boys (Presented by Mr and Mrs C. L. Brock)
J. Doherty.
Swimming Cup — Intermediate Girls (Presented by Mr J. A. Dephof) —
Finley Jones.
Swimming Cup — Junior Girls (Presented by Mr Virn. Smeale): Cyn-
thia Mold.
Cricket Cup: B. H. Travers.
Tennis Cup — Boys: P. Anderson.
Tennis Cup — Girls: Sheryll Taylor.
House Basketball Cup: Green House.
House Swimming Cup: Red House.
Interhouse Cup: Green House.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, MARCH 17,

Again this year our Annual Athletic Sports Meeting was held at Waikaraka Park. The grounds, prepared by employees of the Onehunga Borough Council, were in excellent condition and some good times were recorded. We also appreciated the generosity of the Onehunga Amateur Athletic Club in putting their sports equipment at our disposal, while several of their committee members acted as officials for us.

Results: R: Red House; G: Green House.

JUNIOR EVENTS

Boys' Championships (A Division):

100 yds: R. Kelly (R) 1, J. Doherty (G) 2, T. White (R) 3. Time:
11.8sec.

220 yds: R. Kelly (R) 1, J. Doherty (G) 2, R. Harlick (R) 3. Time: 27 secs.

440 yds: R. Kelly (R) 1, P. Pratt (G) 2, R. Newsome (R) 3. Time: 62.2 secs.

880 yds: D. Comber (R) 1, N. Bowrey (G) 2, C. Groshinski 3. Time: 2m 35.4 secs.

Hurdles: R. Newsome (R) 1, R. Harlick (R) 2, N. Bowrey (G) 3. Time: 15 secs.

Broad Jump: R. Kelly (R) 1, J. Doherty (G) 2, R. Newsome (R) 3. Distance: 16ft. 1in.

High Jump: J. Doherty (G) 1, N. Bowrey (G) 2, R. Kelly (R) 3. Height: 4ft. 7in.

Discus: P. Pratt (G) 1, R. Newsome (R) 2, M. Hadrup (G) 3. Distance: 92ft. 1in.

Shot Put: R. Newsome (R) 1, M. Hadrup (G) 2, P. Pratt (G) 3. Distance: 27ft. 11½in.

Boys' Non Championship (B Division):

100 yds: R. Burgess (R) 1, W. Gavin (G) 2, H. Maskell (G) 3. Time: 13 secs.

220 yds: R. Burgess (R) 1, W. Gavin (G) 2, R. Crowhurst (G) 3. Time: 29.7 secs.

440 yds: R. Burgess (R) 1, M. Jobe (R) 2, B. Dixon (G) 3. Time: 69.2 secs.

880 yds: R. Adamson (R) 1, P. Marshall (R) 2, D. Schutt (R) 3. Time: 2m 41.6 secs.

Hurdles: H. Maskell (G) 1, G. Durham (G) 2, G. Dickson (R) 3. Time: 16 secs.

Broad Jump: R. Adamson (R) 1, D. Fisher (G) 2, G. Durham (G) 3. Distance: 15ft.

High Jump: G. Durham (G) 1, Greer (R), Marshall (R) and Smith (R) 2 equal. Height: 4ft. 1in.

Discus: B. Gow (G) 1, G. Durham (G) 2, W. Hanford (R) 3. Distance: 85ft. 4in.

Shot Put: G. Durham (G) 1, B. Gow (G) 2, W. Hanford (R) 3. Distance: 26ft. 10in.

Girls' Championship (A Division):

50 yds: S. Faulkner (R) 1, H. Stennett (R) 2, J. Barnett (G) 3. Time: 7 secs.

75 yds: S. Faulkner (R) 1, H. Stennett (R) 2, D. Hodgson (R) 3. Time: 10.1 secs.

100 yds: C. Sergeant (R) 1, S. Faulkner (R) 2, G. Williams (G) 3. Time: 12.8 secs.

Hurdles: H. Stennett (R) 1, M. Carter (G) 2, R. Dixon (R) 3. Time: 16.6 secs.

Broad Jump: S. Zane (R) 1, J. Leighton (R) 2, R. Dixon (R) 3. Distance: 14ft.

High Jump: C. Sergeant (R) 1, S. Stevens (G) 2, R. Dixon (R) 3. Height: 4ft. 1in.

Discus: S. Zane (R) 1, C. Sergeant (R) 2, K. Bruford (R) 3. Distance: 47ft 6in.

Girls' Non Championship (B Division):

50 yds: L. Bassett (R) 1, A. Friend (R) 2, M. Pleydell (R) 3. Time: 7.2 secs.

75 yds: P. Mathews (G) 1, L. Bassett (R) 2, C. Patterson (G) 3. Time: 10.9 secs.

100 yds: S. Orwin (R) 1, J. Rees (G) 2, A. Friend (R) 3. Time: 13.5 secs.

Hurdles: M. Boag (R) 1, S. Orwin (R) 2, L. Bassett (R) 3. Time 16 secs.

Broad Jump: C. Mold (G) 1, L. Peters (R) 2. Distance 11ft 11in.

High Jump: S. Orwin (R) 1, C. Mold (G) 2. Height: 4ft.

Discus: M. Pleydell (R) 1, L. Peters (R) 2, J. Coomber (R) 3. Distance: 52ft. 9in.

3 Legged Race: L. Bassett and M. Chamberlain (R) 1, P. Urwin and J. White (R) 2. Time: 11.6 secs.

Skipping: S. Orwin (R) 1, A. Friend (R) 2, A. Jolly (G) 3. Time: 11 secs.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

Boys' Championship (A Division): 6

100 yds: W. Hunter (G) 1, K. Appleton (G) 2, R. Grant (R) 3. D. Denton (R) 3 equal. Time 11 secs.

220 yds: W. Hunter (G) 1, K. Appleton (G) 2, D. King (R) 3. Time: 24.6 secs.

440 yds: A. Harrison (R) 1, K. Appleton (G) 2, D. Reddish (R) 3. Time: 59.1 secs.

880 yds: A. Harrison (R) 1, D. Reddish (R) 2, K. Appleton (G) 3. Time 2m 18 secs.

1 mile: A. Harrison (R) 1, D. Reddish (R) 2, K. Appleton (G) 3. Time: 5m 26.8 secs.

Hurdles: W. Hunter (G) 1, A. Harrison (R) 2, L. Michalick (R) 3. Time 18 secs.

Broad Jump: W. Hunter (G) 1, A. Harrison (R) 2, B. Cooper (R) 3. Distance 16ft. 10in.

High Jump: R. Huddart (G) 1, A. Harrison (R) 2, W. Hunter (G) 3. Height: 4ft. 10in.

Discus: D. Reddish (R) 1, R. Stevens (R) 2, G. Morewood (G) 3. Distance: 97ft 11in.

Shot Put: W. Hunter (G) 1, G. Morwood (G) 2, R. Stevens (R) 3. Distance 35ft. 5in.

Hop, Step and Jump: D. Reddish 1. Distance: 31ft. 7in.

Boys' Non Championship (B Division):

100 yds: G. Higgins (R) 1, G. Clarke (G) 2, R. Simonson (G) 3.
Time 12.3 secs.

220 yds: S. Pilbrow (R) 1, C. Martin (R) 2, R. Simonson (G) 3.
Time: 28.4 secs.

440 yds: S. Pilbrow (R) 1, M. Simonson (G) 2, C. Martin (R) 3.
Time: 65.2 secs.

880 yds: R. Simonson (G) 1, M. Simonson (G) 2, C. Guptill (G) 3.
Time 2m 32.7 secs.

1 mile: R. Simonson (G) 1, C. Guptill (G) 2, M. Simonson (G) 3.
Time 5m 50 secs.

Hurdles: S. Pilbrow (R) 1, F. Russell (G) 2. Time: 19 secs

Broad Jump: J. Sugar (R) 1, W. Parker (R) 2, M. Wright (R) 3.
Distance: 15ft. 2in.

High Jump: S. Pilbrow (R) 1, W. Parker (R) 2, B. Travers (R) 3.
Height: 4ft. 6in.

Discus: J. Sugar (R) 1, W. Parker (R) 2, M. Wright (R) 3. Distance:
101ft. 9in.

Shot Put: J. Sugar (R) 1, W. Parker (R) 2, T. Roxburgh (G) 3.
Distance: 32ft. 10in.

Girls' Championship (A Division):

75 yds: N. Walker (R) 1, E. Hancox (G) 2, N. Scott (R) 3. Time:
10 secs.

100 yds: N. Walker (R) 1, E. Hancox (G) 2, P. Craddock (G) 3.
Time: 13 secs.

150 yds: N. Walker (R) 1, E. Hancox (G) 2, N. Scott (R) 3. Time:
17.5 secs.

Hurdles: N. Walker (R) 1, C. Allen (G) 2, N. Scott (R) 3. Time:
17.3 secs.

Broad Jump: N. Walker (R) 1, E. Hancox (G) 2, J. Neve (G) 3.
Distance: 14ft.

High Jump: J. Neve (G) 1, C. Allen (G) 2. Height: 4ft. 4½in.

Discus: B. Berie (G) 1, N. Walker (R) 2, N. Scott (R) 3. Distance:
74ft. 5½in.

Shot Put: B. Berie (G) 1, E. Hancox (G) 2, N. Scott (R) 3. Dis-
tance: 25ft. 10in.

Girls' Non Championship (B Division):

75 yds: P. Rawnsley (G) 1, L. Cathie (R) 2, J. Rees (G) 3. Time:
9.6 secs.

100 yds: P. Rawnsley (G) 1, L. Cathie (R) 2, L. Allen (G) 3. Time:
13.4 secs.

Hurdles: V. Moore (R) 1, J. Rees (G) 2, C. Turner (R) 3. Time:
17 secs.

Broad Jump: G. Feisst (G) 1, M. Sherlock (R) 2. Distance 12ft. 8in.

High Jump: V. Moore (R) 1, C. Turner (R) 2. Height: 3ft. 10½in.

Discus: J. Gordon (R) 1, G. Feisst 2. Distance: 52ft 3½in.

Shot Put: L. Jones (R) 1, J. Gordon (R) 2, C. Mold (G) 3. Distance: 20ft 4in.

3 Legged Race: A. Foster and M. Joyce (G) 1, M. Avery and M. Carter (G) 2. Time: 11.8 secs.

Skipping Race: V. Moore (R) 1, C. Turner (R) 2. Time: 11.4 secs.

Relays:

Girls' Junior Overhead Basketball: Green No. 3 1, Red No. 3 2, Green No. 2 3. Time: 42.5 secs.

Girls' Junior Tunnel ball: Green No. 2 1, Red No. 1 2, Red No. 2 3. Time 37.5 secs.

Girls' Intermediate Tunnel ball: Red No. 1 1, Green No. 2 2, Green No. 1 3. Time 42.8 secs.

Girls' Junior Relay, 4-55 yds: Red No. 1 1, Green No. 1 2, Red No. 2 3. Time 30.7 secs.

Girls' Intermediate Relay, 4 x 110 yds: Green No. 1 1, Green No. 2 2, Red No. 1 3. Time: 60.7 secs.

Boys' Junior Tunnel ball: Green No. 1 1, Green No. 2 2, Red No. 2 3. Time 41.4 secs.

Boys' Intermediate Tunnel ball: Green No. 1 1, Red No. 2 2, Red No. 1 3. Time: 40 secs.

Boys' Junior Relay, 4 x 110 yds: Green No. 1 1, Red No. 1 2, Red No. 3 3. Time: 57.5 secs.

Boys' Intermediate Relay, Total of 880 yds: Red No. 2 1, Green No. 1 2, Red No. 3 3. Time 2m 1.1 secs.

House points for 1960 resulted in a very good win for Red House:

	Red House	Green House
Boys	293	267
Girls	311	213
Total:	604	480

Boys' Junior Championship: R. Kelly (R), 21 pts. 1, R. Newsome (R), 15 pts runner-up.

Boys' Intermediate Championship: W. Hunter (G), 26 pts 1, R. Harrison (R), 24 pts runner-up.

Girls' Junior Championship: Susan Faulkner (R) and Colleen Sergeant (R), 1 equal 13 pts.

Girls' Intermediate Championship: Nancy Walker (R) 28 pts 1, Elaine Hancox (G), 15 pts runner-up.

THE BOYS' ATHLETIC TEAM, 1960

For the first time in the life of the school, boys of Onehunga High School competed in the Auckland Boys Secondary Schools Athletic Championships. With 24 schools in the competition Onehunga

was placed in the "C" Division and competed at the Olympic Stadium, Newmarket. We were successful in several events and it was particularly pleasing to see the way our intermediate team, consisting of seven athletes only, did their best to try and overcome the handicap of competing with such a small team.

Intermediate (Results, finals only): A. Harrison: 440 yds 3, Hurdles 3, 880 yds 5; A. Sugar: Discus 5; W. Hunter: 220 yds 3, Long Jump 5.

O.H.S. was 5th in the relay, and finished 5th in the final tally of points.

Juniors: P. Pratt: Discus 4; R. Kelly: 440 yds 1, 220 yds 3; B. Gow: Discus 5; R. Newsome: Hurdles 2; R. Harlick: Hurdles 3; J. Doherty: High Jump 4.

O.H.S. Juniors finished 4th with $22\frac{1}{2}$ points.

THE SECOND ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1960

All boys except those excused on medical grounds, competed in the annual steeplechase run. With the increase in the age of our competitors this year, we were able to conduct an intermediate championship competition as well as a junior one.

Juniors: The junior competitors started mid-way down our football field, turned up Pleasant Street to do a circuit around Trafalgar, Symonds, Authur Street, up and around the Seacliffe Road loop and then back into the school grounds again, a total distance of about two miles.

Results:

G. Lewis, 3B Green House 1. Time: 13m 24.8 secs; P. Anderson, 3A Green House 2; M. Hadrup, 4A Green House 3; S. Spalding, 3TB Green House 4; B. Putt, 3T Com. Red House 5; R. Harlich, 3L2 Red House 6.

Intermediates: This course followed a different route turning down Pleasant Street, doing a circuit of the Queenstown Road Block, then along to Robin's Corner.

At that stage A. Harrison was leading and he continued to lead as the boys ran down Norman's Hill Road, into Arthur Street, up round the Seacliffe Road loop, then back to school. This course was 3.1 miles.

Results:

A. Harrison, 4L Red House 1. Time: 20m 23 secs; R. Adamson, 4TA Red House 2; C. Guptill, 4TB Green House 3; W. Hunter, 4TB Green House 4; D. Goldsbro, 4TB Red House 5.

Don Reddish 4B, Red House, and winner of the Junior Competition in 1959 was placed 6th in this grade this year.

House Points: In cross-country competitions the house with the least number of points is the winner. The first 50 boys home in each grade are placed.

Juniors: Green House 528 pts 1, Red House 717 pts 2.

Intermediates: Green House 537 pts 1, Red ouse 738 pts 2.

This resulted in a win for Green House in both divisions. They are to be congratulated on this success.

RUGBY

FIFTH GRADE

Although not successful from the point of view of results, this season was a most enjoyable one for the boys between seven and eight stone who made up a team to take part in the 5B competition. Play and conduct was always of a high spirit even though the team was sometimes down by almost twenty points. A vast improvement was shown during the season owing to the careful coaching of Mr Grigg, particularly in the development of combination and understanding. The team appreciates the help of many parents, not only for their support during the season, but also for help with transport.

The team: B. Travers (Captain), K. Ellis (Vice-Captain), W. Ellsmore, T. James. G. Rae, G. Dixon, D. King, P. Cheyne, K. Fletcher, N. Bowrey, A. Elwin, R. Jury, J. McArthur, J. Kaho, J. Gardiner.

SIXTH GRADE

This year's sixth grade Rugby team was made up from boys of both seventh and sixth grade weight, and consequently the team was lightweight when compared with the other sixth grade teams.

Four games were won, one drawn, and four lost.

Some very capable players emerged during the season. Matthew Cope was a strong-running, scoring back. Peter Marshall, though small, was reliable in handling and kicking the ball. Noel Littlejohn also displayed good ball sense as halfback. The forwards were a vigorous and hard-working pack. Ross Houltham proved to be an outstanding forward in every type of play. Peter Tribble in spite of his light weight, was a very determined player. David Schutt, as hooker, and Ron Magnusson were always very steady players.

The members of the team had an enjoyable season despite the wet season, causing cancellation and lack of practice. Thanks are due to parents for help with transport and to Mr Smith, the coach.

The team: D. Comber (Captain), M. Jobe (Vice-Captain), P. Marshall, N. Littlejohn, M. Cope, R. Glen, N. Browne, R. Houltham, D. Schutt, P. Tribble, R. Magnusson, M. Jones, C. Brown, D. Young, A. Phillips, G. Rimington, P. Turnbull, T. Hagen.

CRICKET

FIFTH GRADE

Cricket seems to be one of the stronger sports of the school after another successful season. The school team lost only once but were only not have as many outright wins as Tamaki. Batting and bowling were

second in the competition to Tamaki, whom they defeated, as they did of a high order with Hunter (who took 9 for 1 against Grammar) leading the bowling attack most notably and all the batsmen having the knowledge to score runs under the careful coaching of their coach, Mr Riddolls. The team is entered in the 5A competition and their turnout and team spirit is a credit to the school. The team beat such established schools as Auckland Grammar, King's College, Sacred Heart and losing its only game against St Kentigerns. The team for 1960 is: B. Travers (Captain), W. Hunter (Vice-Captain), S. Pilbrow, J. Doherty, D. Reddish, W. Ellsmore, N. Bowrey, K. Ellis, M. Jobe, T. James, L. Bicknell, K. Breeze, with K. Appleton as scorer. We wish to thank parents for their kind support.

SIXTH GRADE

This year the 6th Grade cricket team did reasonably well in the inter-school competition. We played four games in the first half of the season and lost only to Mt Albert Grammar. We commenced the second half of the season badly by losing quite convincingly to Auckland Grammar, the championship leader.

The team spirit, behaviour and turn out generally has been very good. The team should do well in the second half of the season despite losing the first game.

Two boys in the team, Peter Mayow and Peter Cheyne, have been selected to have cricket coaching at Eden Park each Tuesday.

Thanks are due to Mr Robey who has coached the team this year.

The team: P. Mayow (Captain), P. Cheyne (Vice-Captain), R. Harlick, R. Crowhurst, M. Guphill, N. Littlejohn, R. Kelly, M. Jones, W. Parli, G. Rimington, R. Houltham, W. Harford, G. Dickson, S. Spalding.

SOCCER

INTERMEDIATE A AND B

This season, despite shortage of players of this age, we attempted with the aid of some players of junior age to field two teams in this group, and managed to get through the season without defaulting a match. At times this meant calling on some of the junior team to play two games on Saturday morning.

This was our first season in the intermediate leagues and although our successes were not frequent they were very welcome when we did occasionally achieve them. Also our defeats though more numerous were never crushing. Both teams played with good heart throughout the season and did their best, never allowing themselves to be dismayed by their losses and towards the end of the season managed to gain a few points.

Our greatest weakness this year has been in the forwards who could not seem to achieve the combination and fast shooting ability

needed to score goals. The defence were steadier, especially the halfback line composed of Reddish, Hay and Goulstone. Reddish with his hard tackling and long kicking was always a player to be reckoned with and a danger to the opposing goalkeeper from anywhere in his opponent's half of the field. Hay and Goulstone although less spectacular were usually to be found doing the right thing.

We are now looking forward to next season and while hoping for a little more success will be very pleased if the games are played in the same spirit as throughout the last.

In the B team, B. McMahon, M. Burdett, G. Lawry, S. Dephoff and R. Adamson were reliable and hard-working players.

The teams were:

Intermediate A: R. Wileman, G. Morwood, D. Reddish, G. McGillivay, P. Goulstone, B. Gow, D. Hay, K. Gibbons, R. Smith, W. Parker, P. Geddes, R. Huddart, D. Denton, W. Milne.

Intermediate B: R. Adamson, E. Hardy, S. Dephoff, D. Bear, G. Barrie, D. Jones, M. Hadrup, G. Rowe, J. Anderson, B. McMahon, B. Lawrence, G. Laurie, R. Greer, M. Burdett, C. Pike.

Results:

JUNIOR A

The Junior A soccer team was as follows: R. Harlick, M. Hadrup, H. Maskell, T. White, D. Sharpe, P. Mayo, L. Bicknell (Captain) B. Charles, L. Clarke, T. Hardy, B. Putt, D. McKenzie (Vice-Captain), G. Dickson, M. German.

The junior team played exceptionally well and had a most successful season. Beginning well by winning their first three matches placed them in the A grade championships. Here the competition was much greater and the team did well to finish with two wins, two games drawn and three defeats. The biggest difficulty is the lack of playing area for practising and the wet weather which caused three games to be cancelled. The team would like to thank Mr Heywood for the help he gave them as their coach. Congratulation go to M. Hadrup and L. Bicknell who were fortunate enough to be selected to play for the under 14 years Auckland Representatives at Palmerston North.

SWIMMING

SCHOOL SPORTS

The school's annual swimming was held at the Onehunga Memorial Baths on February 23. The competition was twofold being for both individual and house championship honours.

The number of entries in both the straight and novelty races was quite pleasing and there was a spirit of keen competition among the competitors, helped by vociferous support from the spectators. There were a few parents present whose presence was most welcome and we would like all parents to know that their support at school functions

such as this is most appreciated.

The Onehunga baths with its irregular shape, walled sides, which provided seats for spectators and its surrounding lawns provided a pleasant, informal atmosphere in contrast to the usual rigidity associated with an event of this kind. As the day was also warm and sunny, we had a most pleasant morning's entertainment.

Linley Jones, who was Junior girls' champion last year, swam very well to take the intermediate championship this year, being undefeated in all her events. Leon Michalich also proved an outstanding swimmer winning all his races quite easily to gain maximum points. Lyn Cunningham gave a very good display of diving to win the girls title with Maureen Boag second.

In the Junior girls championship races all of last year's times were beaten by Cynthia Mold who won the freestyle, breaststroke races.

Results:

HOUSE CHAMPIONS: Red House.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS:—

Junior Girls: Cynthia Mould 1, Lyn Cunningham 2, Janice Leighton 3.

Intermediate Girls: Linley Jones 1, Judith Gordon 2, Jeanette Mackie 3.

Junior Boys: John Doherty 1, Carl Groshinski 2, Robert Kelly 3.

Intermediate Boys: Leon Michalich 1, Stevens and Guptill 2 (equal).

INTER-SCHOOLS COMPETITION

In this we were represented by a Junior team and Leon Michalich who swam as an intermediate and senior. Congratulations must go to Leon Michalich who swam very well indeed to win the 55 yds freestyle, the 110 yds freestyle and also the senior 220 yds freestyle. A really first-class performance.

The Junior team also put up an excellent show to take first place in their competition. John Doherty produced a fine burst of speed to win the 55 yds breaststroke, while Geddes was placed 5th in the backstroke. The relay was very exciting. Onehunga winning their heat and being beaten into 2nd place by just a touch in the final.

Altogether this was a very good start for the school in this type of competition and congratulations to our representatives.

Team. Intermediate: Leon Michalich.

Junior: John Doherty, Carl Groshinski, Robert Kelly, Peter Geddes, Joe Kaho.

P.E. GROUP

A gymnastics group has been formed in the school with the object of creating an interest in this type of sport. There are about thirty enthusiastic members at present and numbers are increasing.

Many of the members are already becoming adept and their influence tends to raise the standard throughout the school and create even more interest in the increasingly popular pastime. At present the club is still stronger on the girls side than the boys. This is a deficiency that is gradually remedying itself and will eventually disappear.

At the school concert this year the group put on a display of gymnastics, calisthenics and club swinging with illuminated clubs. The members of the club worked hard to achieve the standard reached in this show and next year we hope to go on to even more ambitious projects.

Our thanks must go to Mr McCarthy who has given support for this work at all times and for the funds made available to purchase equipment. Particularly the purchase of a trampoline, which by itself, is a very expensive item, and much enjoyed by all members of the school.

Now that the concert is over we shall be concentrating on gymnastics and hope soon to enter candidates for the incentive awards by the New Zealand Gymnastic Association.

FENCING CLUB

A Fencing Club has been formed in the school with the object of teaching students the most ancient and exacting of all sports. At present the club is small but next year we hope to increase our membership considerably.

This sport is open to both boys and girls, although they do not of course fence each other in competitions. At present all members of the club are learning Foil as the basic weapon but it is hoped that when some proficiency has been reached in this weapon the two others, Sabre and Epee will be introduced.

The club meets for two periods each week after school and the members although still in the elementary stages of fencing appear to very much enjoy time allowed from practice to free play with the weapons. By next year it is hoped that some members will be ready to participate in the secondary school and other junior matches.

BASKETBALL

This year we had five basketball teams entered in inter-secondary school competitions and all have been very successful. Teams 1, 2 and 3 gained special distinction by being placed high in their grades. Team 1 was placed second in the D grade; Team 2 was placed first in G grade, and to the members of that team go special congratulations; Team 3 was placed in H grade. Several players were selected for the rep. trials.

Our success has been mainly due to Mrs Ellis, who has given up much of her valuable time and has put a great deal of effort into coaching us. We are very grateful to her and hope she will be able to be with

us again next year. Special thanks also go to Miss Gee, in particular, and to Miss Goodenough and Miss Robinson for their great support during the season.

Team 1: Cynthia Davenport, Anne Foster, Judith Gordon, Elaine Hancox, Margaret Joyce, Jeanette Neve (Captain), Phyllis Rangi.

Team 2: Coral Allen, Leilani Allen, Carole Hunt, Delice Jackson, Noni Leng, Claire McIntosh, Jeanette Mackie (Captain), Nancy Walker.

Team 3: Margaret Avery (Captain), Gaynor Feisst, Diane Hodgson, Jocelyn Leighton, Marilyn Sherlock, Gail Williams, Shona Zane.

Team 4: Jeanette Barnett, Katherine Callinan, Jackie Curtain, Rae-wyn Freer, Janette Jones (Captain), Pamela Phillips, Patricia Turner

Team 5 and Reserves: Diane Blackford, Lynette Beehre, Sandra Bryant, Barbara Chapman, Judith Clarke, Joy Francis, Margaret Garrett, Diane Grainger, Norma Jackson, Sherral Mann (Captain), Jacqueline Sousa, Sheryl Smith, Gail Turner.

SCHOOL DIARY, 1960

February 2: The school re-opened for 1960 with 425 pupils and 19 teachers. All rooms in use. Classification tests for Third Forms completed.

February 4: Classification was completed and nine third forms were announced.

February 8: Timetable activities commenced.

February 11: Night school enrolling commenced 7 p.m.

February 13: Headmaster and Board met the Minister of Works the Hon. Hugh Watt, M.P. to discuss grounds and buildings. First competition games in 5A and 6A cricket commenced.

February 19: Headmaster advised staff to take children to cooler areas or cease formal work if temperatures rose above 85 deg. F.

February 22: Night school classes commenced with 17 classes and a roll of over 300 students.

February 23: School swimming sports in morning at War Memorial Pool.

March 4: Junior and intermediate boys' swimming teams, inter-secondary sports, B section juniors 1, intermediates 2.

March 16: Girls' team swimming sports. School gymnasium club started after school.

March 17: School athletic sports at Waikaraka Park.

March 30: Visit to Lynfield by softball, tennis and cricket teams.

April 2: Girls junior and intermediate teams inter-secondary girls athletics. Boys. Two representatives in inter-secondary yachting.

April 9: Boys' junior and intermediate teams inter-secondary boys' athletics "C" section, at Eden Park. Juniors 4th.

April 13-19: Easter Vacation.

April 22: First Term exams commenced. Poppy Day collection. Head-

master talked on the significance of Anzac Day at Assembly.
 April 23: Three school soccer teams, two intermediate and one junior began 1960 competitions.
 April 23: Anzac Day holiday. School represented by about ninety boys and girls at Anzac Day Memorial Service at Onchunga.
 April 29: Sowing of Grounds completed.
 April 30: Two school rugby teams, 5th and 6th Grade, commenced season.
 May 3: Form Photos. Winter sports commenced, boys at Seymour Park.
 May 6-24: First Term holidays.
 May 24: Winter uniforms worn. Demotions and Promotions in third forms.
 May 26: Parents' Meeting to discuss First Term reports.
 June 6: Queen's Birthday holiday.
 July 2: Official Opening of the School, by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Walter Nash C.H., M.P. A special holiday was granted to the school for Monday, July 5.
 July 15: The First School Social was held in the School Hall.
 August 2-6: Second Term examinations.
 August 19: End of Second Term.
 September 13: Third Term begins.
 September 15: Parents' Meeting — Second Term reports.
 September 19: Enrolment of in-zone pupils for 1961.
 September 23: Children on new grassed areas for first time.
 September 26: Trampoline in use for first time.
 September 27: School Steeplechase — juniors and intermediates.
 October 13 and 15: First school variety concert on two nights.
 October 18: Sports photos taken.
 October 29: Intersecondary Boys Cricket competitions restarted.
 October 31: Hon. Hugh Watt, M.P., Minister of Works, inspected grounds.
 November 1 and 2: Official inspection of the school by a team of five departmental inspectors.
 November 3: Preliminaries of Speech Contest.
 November 4: Finals of the Speech Contest, judged by Mrs Phoebe Meikle.
 November 7: Change to summer uniforms.
 November 9: School Tennis championship commenced.
 November 10: Two boys and two girls, the winners and runners-up in the speech contest, accompanied the Headmaster to Rotary luncheon to give their speeches.
 November 16-20: Third term examinations.
 November 25: Finals tennis championships.
 November 30: Parents' meeting to explain options for next year's fifth forms.
 December 5: Final school social for the year.
 December 8: Prize-giving for 1960 in Hall.
 December 9: End of School year 1960.

FORM NOTES

4 LATIN,

We started the year with twenty-four,
But since have lost three more.

 This year has been most trying,
 For we have been deciding,
Which subjects we can top,
And which we should drop.

 Daphne Wong too is still the best,
And with Kathryn McLeary she leaves the rest;
Still we have our sporting ones,
Of which Allan Harrison runs,
 He won his race, the steeplechase,
 In both ease and grace.

Many take part in school teams,
And they are doing well it seems,
 But when it comes to swottin',
 More tired we are gettin',
With clauses, statements and the rest,
We're just not up to our best.

 With Mr Van Sambeek behind us,
 We have avoided many a crisis;
When things just don't go right,
He makes us see the light.
 But we are a happy crowd,
 And of our record (whatever it may be), are quite proud.

Editor's Note: The author of this poem does not do justice to herself. She won the swimming as easily and graciously as Allan Harrison won in his sport.

4A FORM NOTES

4A crew commenced the voyage for 1960 with twenty-seven ship-mates and Mr Robey as skipper.

We have had a successful cruise this year year, several of our members distinguishing themselves in various activities. Once again, Bruce Travers skippered the school cricket 1st XI with remarkable success. Claire gave admirable support to Team 2 basketball, which enabled them to win championship honour in their grade, whilst Sherral steered Team 5. Bruce Gow captained the school soccer 1st XI and was assisted by Michael Hadrup and David Jones. Our worthy rugby reps. were David Schutt and Allan Phillips. The "Creeps" and "Terrors" gained

further honours for our crew by becoming winners and runners-up respectively in the lunch hour indoor basketball competition.

Rosalynn, Robyn, Robin, Colin, David and Michael all added variety and spice to the school concert, while in the speech contest we had the largest number of entries and three of our crew Rosalynn, Stewart and David reached the finals with Rosalynn emerging the winner in the girls' section and will receive the Sir William Jordan Cup. Stuart Pilbrow was highly commended.

The school library has been in the hands of Margaret Winn (Head Librarian) capably assisted by Gary, Robin, Robyn, Lesley, Rosalynn and Sherral. David, Jones, the form genius, was top in the first and second term examinations.

We wish to express our thanks to all teachers. In conclusion, it only remains for us to do some plain sailing through the forthcoming exams and reach port safely.

FORM NOTES, 4B

As 1960 draws to a close, 4B is able too look back on a fairly successful year. We have had several form teachers and our present one is Mr Skinner.

Several members of our class competed successfully in our own School Athletic Meeting which was held at Waikaraka Park. The girls Intermediate Athletics Cup was won by Nancy Walker. Bogdana Beric was also successful in winning the shot put and discus. Three girls from our class and one boy represented the school in the Intersecondary School Sports.

Carl Groshinski successfully represented the school in the swimming sports. Three members of our class were in the First Eleven Cricket teams — Don Reddish, Trevor James and Bill Elsmore. Trevor James and Bill Elsmore were in the 5th Grade Rugby team, and Bill Parker, Don Reddish, Don McKenzies, Dudley Sharpe and Peter Geddes distinguished themselves in the school soccer team. Nancy Walker and Lynnette Beehre played basketball for the school.

In the concert, 4B was again ably represented by Mark Anderson and Gordon Clarke.

The Thrift Essay was won by Yvonne Kelly for the second year.

4B was crowned with final glory in the Speech Contest where the boys' section was won by Mark Anderson.

4 COM. FORM NOTES

We began the year with 20 girls, but we are now a select little group of 14. In spite of our small numbers, we have made an impressive record of achievements in school, and outside affairs. Six of us, Diane Blackford, Judy Gordon, Carole Hunt, Leilani and Coral Allen, and Jeanette Mackie are in Saturday basketball teams, and Jeanette Mackie upheld the honour of the form at the swimming sports, while Pamela

Rawnsley and Jeanette Mackie were in the tennis team which visited Lynfield College. Janette Aberhart and Jeanette Mackie are in the Recorder group. Coral Allen, was one of the five girls chosen to present bouquets to the official party at the School opening.

Our choir members, Janette Aberhart, Jeanette Mackie, Carole Hunt, Elaine Roach, Margaret Pleydell, Lynette Elley and Pat Annabell, practise regularly, and the whole form combined in hard work, and enthusiasm, to provide a concert item. We are a happy form, and are proud of the fact that we have learned to co-operate with one another, to form a compact friendly group.

Our form teacher is Mrs V. Prendiville.

FORM NOTES, 4 HOMECRAFT

This year 4 Homecraft was given a series of mothercraft lessons by Nurse Watson of the Plunket Society. At the end of the course we visited the Plunket Rooms in Symonds Street to see work done there. Later, we sat an exam and the top girl, Carole Mann, was awarded a book prize.

About mid-year some of the class had the privilege of going to the Onehunga Woollen Mills to inspect the stages through which wool goes from raw wool to the finished garment.

During the third term, our form took turns, in pairs, to prepare a luncheon for six people. We were able to invite two girls and two teachers, or four teachers by a formal invitation. We would also choose our own menu.

After morning interval, the two girls rushed over to the homecraft flat, consisting of an entrance hall and dining room and kitchen. They hurried to be ready in time for the guests who were due to arrive at 12.45 p.m. One girl had to receive the visitors in the entrance hall and one girl entertained during dinner, while the other served the meal. Our form teacher is Mr N. J. G. Smith.

4 Homecraft.

FORM NOTES, 4TA

4TA is divided into engineering and woodwork classes. Mr Lillie is our present form teacher and he has taken the place of Mr Lees who left at the beginning of the third term. Our form captains for this year have been John Doherty, Denis Burt, and Glen Rowe.

In first and second term examinations, Graeme McGillivray came first with Gavin Lawrie second. The winner of the Thrift Essay for our class was Des Hay.

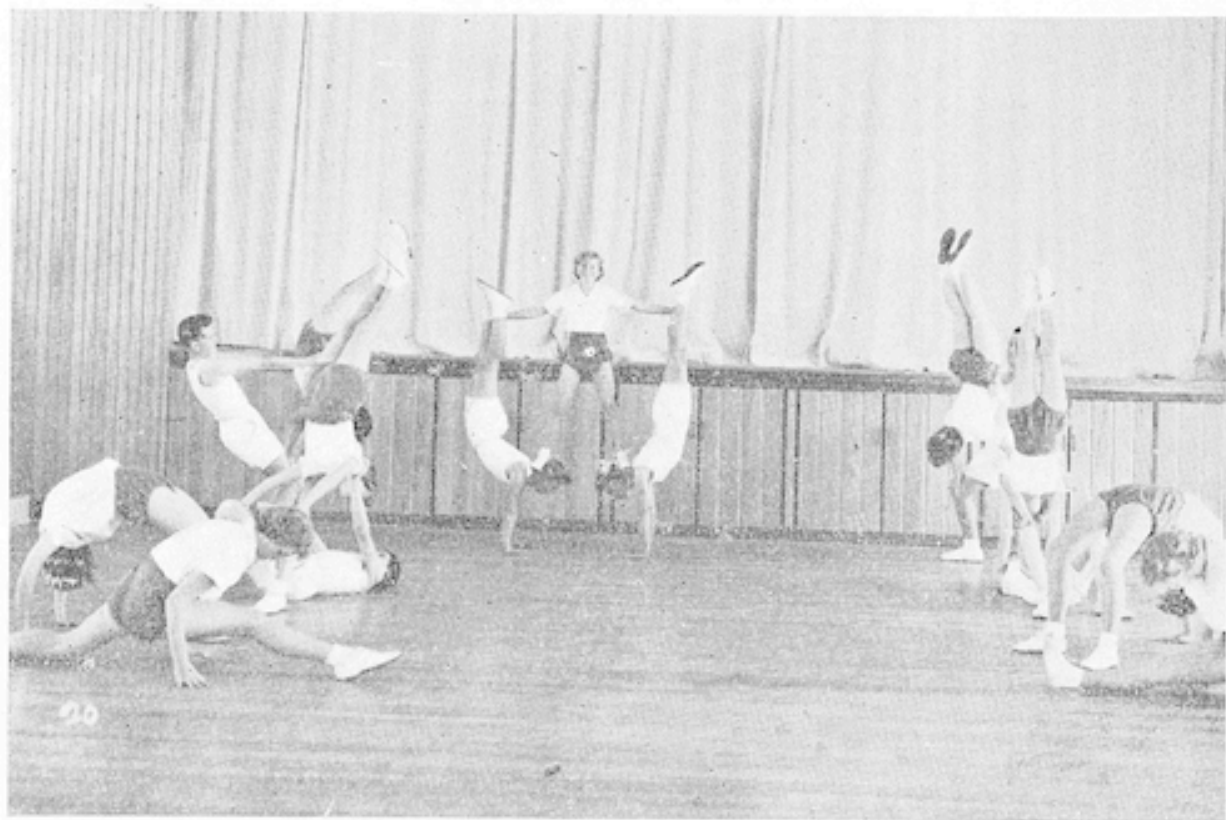
Most of our boys played either soccer or rugby this winter. John Doherty came third in the junior section of our athletic sports and first in the Junior Swimming Competition. Ray Adamson was second in the Intermediate section of the school Steeplechase. In the boys' Fourth Form Indoor Basketball Championship, our team was third.



BOYS' CRICKET FIFTH GRADE

BACK ROW: K. Ellis, W. Elsmore, L. Bicknell, J. Doherty, D. Reddish, S. Pilbrow, M. Jobe, T. James.

FRONT ROW: Mr Riddolls (Coach), N. Bowrey, W. Hunter, B. Travers (Capt.), K. Breese, K. Appleton.



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FIFTH GRADE RUGBY

BACK ROW: R. Jury, T. James, G. Dixon, J. Kaho.

MIDDLE ROW: J. McArthur, A. Elwin, D. King, W. Elsmore, P. Cheyne, W. Hanford, G. Rae.

FRONT ROW: Mr Grigg (Coach), J. Gardiner, K. Ellis, B. Travers (Capt.), K. Fletcher.



SIXTH GRADE RUGBY

BACK ROW: R. Glen, D. Young, C. Brown, M. Jones.

MIDDLE ROW: D. Schutt, G. Rimington, M. Jobe, P. Turnbull, A. Phillips, R. Magnusson, T. Hagen.

FRONT ROW: Mr Smith (Coach), P. Marshall, N. Littlejohn, D. Comber (Capt.), N. Browne, P. Tribble.



INTERMEDIATE A SOCCER

BACK ROW: D. Hay, W. Parker, G. McGillivray, G. Morwood, D. Denton, D. Reddish, R. Wileman.

FRONT ROW: Mr Lillie (Coach), P. Goulstone, P. Geddes, B. Gow (Capt.), R. Smith, K. Gibbons.

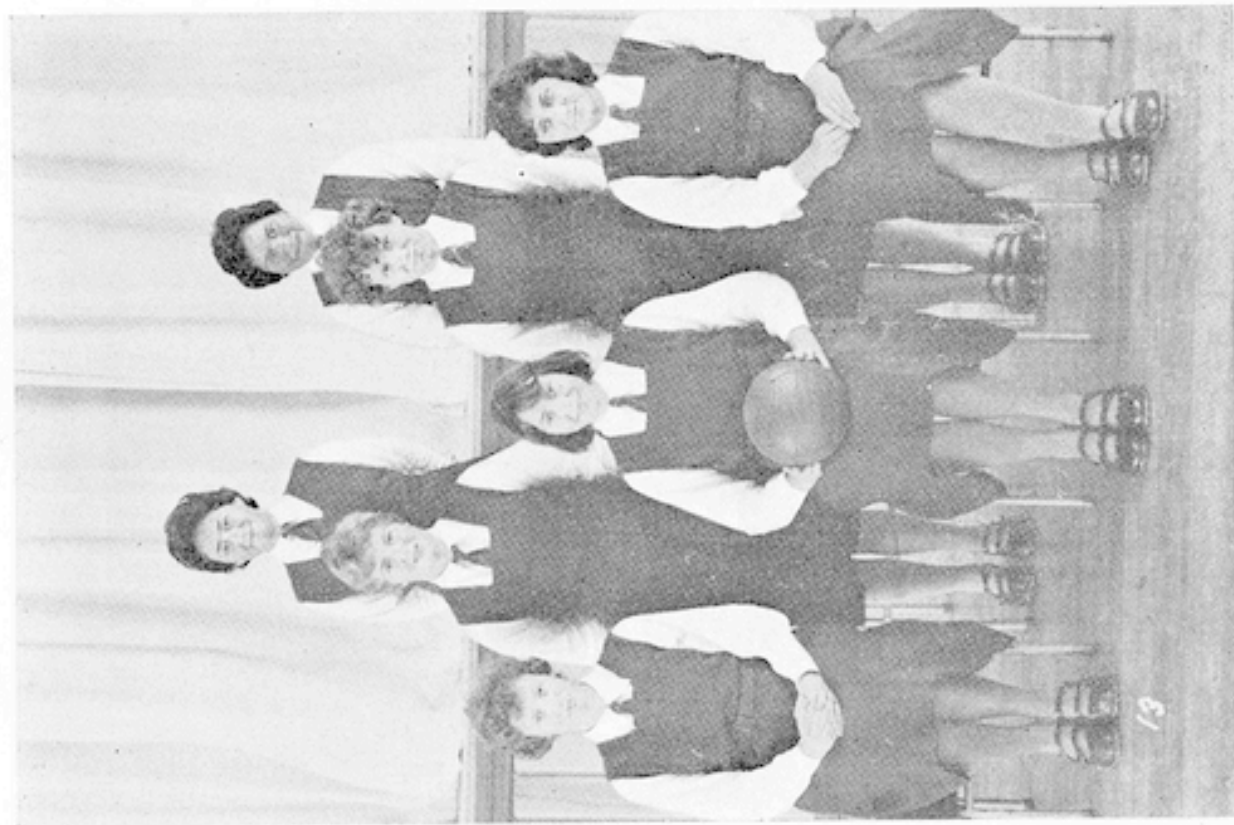


JUNIOR A SOCCER

BACK ROW: H. Maskell, R. Harlick, D. Sharp.

MIDDLE ROW: T. White, M. German, L. Clarke, M. Hadrup, D. McKenzie, E. Hardy, P. Mayo.

FRONT ROW: Mr Heywood (Coach), B. Charles, G. Dickson, M. Bicknell, B. Putt.

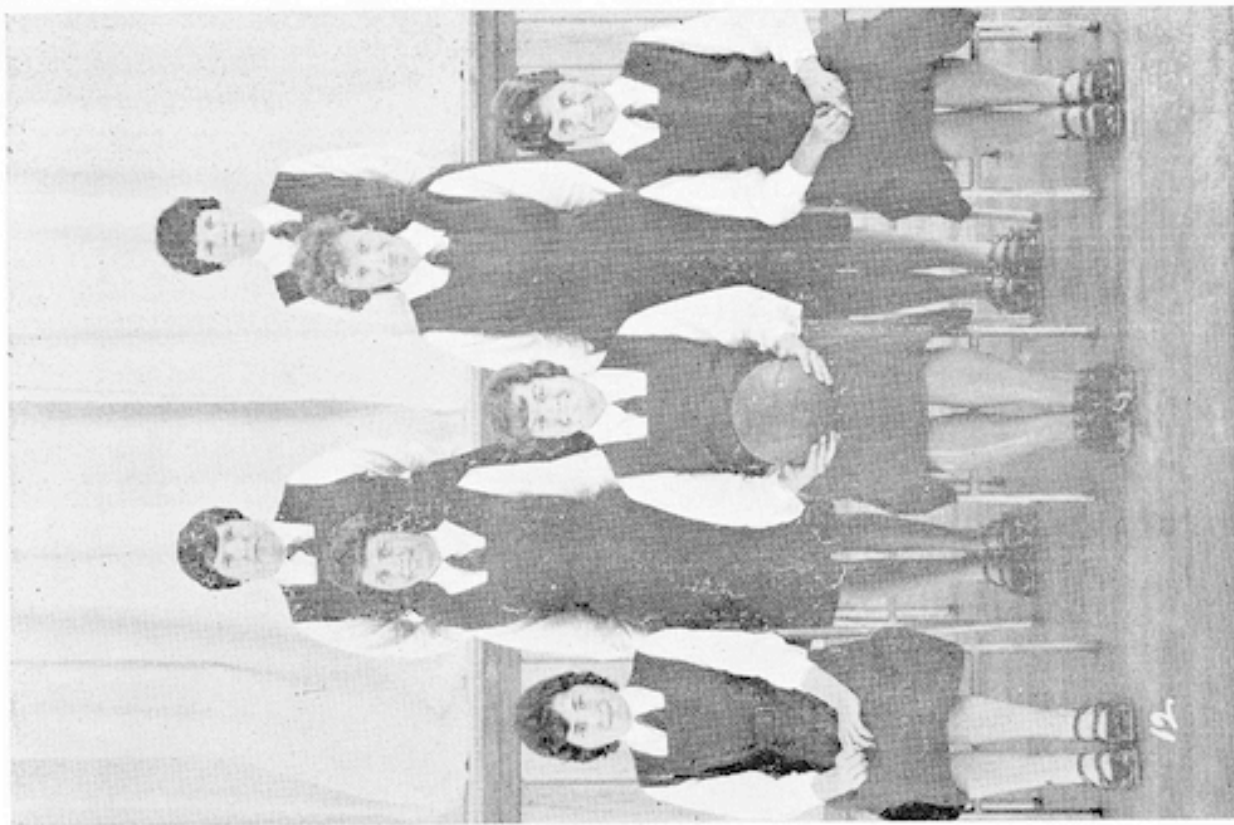


GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM I

BACK ROW: Cynthia Davenport, Phyllis Rangl.

MIDDLE ROW: Judith Gordon, Elaine Hancox.

FRONT ROW: Delice Jackson, Jeanette Neve (Capt.), Margaret Joyce.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM II

BACK ROW: Claire McIntosh, Nancy Walker.

MIDDLE ROW: Leilani Allen, Delice Jackson.

FRONT ROW: Carole Hunt, Jeanette Mackie (Capt.), Coral Allen.

Many of our boys helped to prepare the hall for our first school social by putting up decorations and arranging the seats. On the occasion of the school opening, 4TA helped in many ways to tidy up the school. In the school concert, we had three boys, Kelvin Breese, Glen Rowe and Lawrence Henley in the P.E. display while another two, Graeme MacGillivray and Des Hay, operated the hall light and amplifier. 4TA has helped, and always will help, in many school functions.

4TB FORM NOTES

When we returned to school this year it seemed very strange as there quite a few new teachers but it wasn't long before everything was running smoothly again.

Our class started off at the beginning of the year with twenty-nine boys but it slowly diminished. As the boys turned fifteen some left and went out to work.

We were presented in every sport possible for boys. Leon Michalick was a champion swimmer. Wayne Hunter represented us in cricket. Dennis King and Robin Jury were in the rugby team. Richard Grant and David Denton are specialists in softball, so we haven't done badly in sport.

We were lucky to have a form room as Mr Riddolls kindly gave us the use of his room. Our present class captain is William White and our previous captain was Richard Grant.

In the Intermediate school steepglechase, Colin Guptill came third, Wayne Hunter fourth, and Don Goldsbro fifth.

Our form teacher is Mr Fisher.

FORM NOTES, 3LI

Mr Mountfort is the captain of the good ship "3LI"

For brains and brawn and beauty, they're parallel to none.

To start off with the brawny types: at sport they're hard to beat

To watch our swimmers, runners, athletes, it really is a treat.

Boy's Junior Champ is Kelly, just one of our crew,

And a sturdy little runner is S. Faulkner, known as Sue.

Another sport, which the crew all love, is swimming

(Good for building muscles and extra good for slimming).

Champs at this sport are Kelly and Cynthia Mold

Who, on the chilliest days, willingly face the cold.

Our team is Boys' Champion on the basketball court

And in the semi-finals our Girls' team bravely fought.

We have our reps in school teams of rugby, soccer, basketball

Sporting types and agile but collecting many a fall!

Now that the annual school concert is slowly drawing near

That 3LI are brilliant actresses is really very clear.

"Fishing" is our form item: performed by a famous troupe

But we also have members in the choir, and recorder group.

So, now that I've described us, you can see the reason why

All the teachers are so fond of us; and praise us to the sky!

FORM NOTES, 3L2

During the year our form, 3L2, had three form captains. Jeanette Barnett, Ross Harlick and Koa Bruford.

The thrift essay was won by Marilyn Goodin.

Our class put on several items in the school concert. There were 3 poems from "Archy and Mehitabel" and Barbara Chapman, Grant Dickson, Koa Bruford, Marilyn Goodin, Jim Cato, Graham Harrison and Shona Zane took part. Joan Salisbury took part in a Hungarian Dance, Graham Harrison played the Clarinet, Jacqueline Boarman and Lynette Jones sang three songs from "My Fair Lady" and four people took part in the gym display.

During the second term seven people went to see "Mary Rose" in the concert chamber.

Not long ago there was a speech contest. There were five entrants from our class and Graham Harrison was a finalist.

In our form room this year there has been a wall newspaper. Some very interesting articles were put up, as well as jokes, reviews and letters to the editor. Later on we started a Latin magazine.

Many pupils from the form have entered in to school sport. Adrienne Carpenter and Kerry Ellis belong to the fencing group. In swimming, Ross Harlick, Kerry Ellis and Wayne Hanford were placed. Shona Zane, Jeanette Barnett and Heather Stennett had wins in the athletics. Ross Harlick came first in the hurdles. Two girls represented the school at the Olympic Stadium.

Two boys played in the 5th grade rugby team, two in the soccer and five in the cricket team.

There were three girls in the school junior basketball team.

During the year we had lots of fun together even though we got into some scrapes. I think everyone enjoyed being in 3L2.

Our form teacher was Mrs C. Hankin.

3A FORM NOTES, 1960

3A started the year as a group of 27 boys and girls, all from different schools and strange to one another. Through the year, we have had many changes in the class — we are now one of the largest classes in the school with 30 pupils — but we now know each other well and act together as a class. Our form teacher this year has been Miss Goodenough and our form captains were Peter Anderson, Geoffrey Walsh, and Rex Nielsen.

Our form room has been in the only prefab. the school possesses, and, although we have had occasional trouble with our door, with the rain and with the cold, we have found it a good classroom.

Some of our class members have had some success in school events. Peter Anderson starred in both the School Concert and the first School Social, where he provided the music. Raewyn Sherlock was among the five girls in the finals of the School Speech Contest. In

the School Concert, some of our class acted a French play and we all sang in a French song group. Some of our girls were also in the choir while Raewyn Sherlock and Heather Carmichael were in the Gym Group.

Peter Anderson came second in the Junior Steeplechase, and in school teams were Pat Turner and Judy Clarke (basketball), Carol Hornell (softball), Peter Anderson (tennis), Winn Parli (cricket), Les Clark (soccer). Alan Synnott won the Thrift Essay in our class and Heather Carmichael has come first in both term examinations.

We have almost completed our first year at high school and are looking forward to the holidays, followed by a year in the Fourth Form.

3 COM. NOTES

After the classification of forms in the first week of school 3 Com. consisted of thirty girls, one of the largest forms in the school.

The year started off very well, with the Swimming Sports taking place at the Onehunga War Memorial Pool. Several girls in our class; Janet Coomber, Janette Jones, Leonie Watson and Maureen Boag took part. Janette and Maureen represented the school at Inter-secondary School Swimming Sports.

Later in the first term, the Athletic Sports were held at Waikaraka Park. Janet Coomber gained a third place here in the discus, and Maureen Boag took honours in the hurdling events.

Janette Jones was the second term class captain. Kwai Sue, Phillipa Le Marquand, Janice Carter, Marie Clair Cousins, and Judith Fobister, came up from 3 T. Com.

When the choir and gym groups were started, there was a good response from 3 Commercial girls; and five were in Saturday Basketball Teams. Many Commercial girls joined school parties to attend the concerts given by the National Orchestra, and the Festival Operas; "Madam Butterfly," and "The Marriage of Figaro."

The third term, with Pam Phillips as class captain has been very good. A thrift essay competition was won by Joy Francis. Betty Wong Too took the first position in the class after both first and second exams. Our Form teacher is Miss M. Robinson.

FORM NOTES, 3B

During the course of the year we had three class captains, Margaret Chamberlain, who went up to 3A, Richard Parker and finally Raewyn Burgess.

In the second term we all wrote a thrift essay and Raewyn Burgess came first.

Also in the second term we acquired two new members for our form.

Miss Robinson started an orchestra which one of our girls joined. In the sporting activities, Lindsay Bassett won several events in

the non-championships athletics, and in the swimming Joe Kaho won the championship for breaststroke, Lyn Cunningham won the girls diving and B. McMahon was second in the boys diving. The most outstanding event in our class was the steeplechase won by Gary Lewis. In the football one of our boys was in soccer and two in rugby. Finally Mr Lillie started a fencing club and one of our class members joined.

Our form teacher is Miss L. Trowern.

Lindsay Bassett, 3B

FORM NOTES, 3TA

3TA was a large form of 29 boys. During the year 1960 we had three very good form captains. In the first term the boy chosen was Roberts, in the second Dixon and in the third, Newsome.

In the school concert our form contributed a Shadow Play in which six boys acted. Mr Grigg, our form teacher, helped us in the many rehearsals and lent a large quantity of equipment for the act.

The Thrift Essay winner from our class was Kerry Metcalfe with his story "Saving Money for Public Benefit."

David Wardell, our first-aider, who is a member of the St John Ambulance Brigade, has helped the boys many times with his knowledge.

In the inter-form boys basketball the "Tech Terrors" (our class) were the runners-up. The team was defeated only once.

In the school athletics Newsome gave a very good performance. Pratt gained several places, and Comber won the 880 yards race. All three represented the school at the inter-school athletics.

Six boys played rugby for the 5th or 6th grade teams. Comber was the captain of the 6th grade team. Mr Grigg acted as coach for the 5th grade team.

Only one boy, Charles, represented the school in soccer.

Houltham and Crowhurst are in the 6th grade cricket team.

In the swimming sports Dixon received several placings.

3TB FORM NOTES

The twenty-three members of our class have participated in many activities. Hagen, McArthur, Littlejohn and Tribble are in the rugby team, and Littlejohn and Guptill represent us in cricket. Two of our form members Hong and Tribble played softball at Lynfield College, while Spalding was fourth, and McArthur seventh in the Steeplechase. Russell was a worthy representative at the swimming sports. Our form teacher is Mr Heywood.

FORM 3H

Our group of twenty-four has many interests. Raewyn Freer, Phyllis Rangi, Cynthia Davenport, Sandra Bryant and Katherine Callinan

are members of the Saturday basketball team, and our form were the runners-up in the form basketball competition. Phyllis Rangi and Cynthia Davenport represent us in the choir, and work by the united form enabled us to present an acceptable concert item. We are proud that Colleen Sergeant tied for first place in the Junior Athletic Championship. We felt that we have had a successful year. Our form teacher is Miss Harris.

FORM NOTES, 3T COM.

Our class, at the beginning of 1960, had 15 girls and 10 boys, under the supervision of Mr Thornton.

During the first term the athletic sports were conducted by Mr Thornton. Most of our pupils took part in the events and some did very well. Also during the first term the swimming sports were held, in which Jocelyn Leighton did very well. She was chosen to represent the school at the Inter-secondary Championships. At the end of the first term we had exams. Kwai Sue came top, Phillipa Le Marquand second while Judith Foubister and Janis Carter came third equal.

The class captains that had been picked were Jocelyn Leighton and Matthew Cope.

At the beginning of the second term, five girls joined us from 3 Com., while some of our girls went up. Phillip Hong went into 3TB. We had to pick other class captains and this time it was Judith Baird and Peter Marshall.

Then the day came when our school had to be officially opened by the Prime Minister of New Zealand. During the second term we were busy playing basketball while the boys played football. Now second term examinations came. This time Margaret Ashforth came first, Savita Dhana was second and Marilyn Sherlock third.

The third term has started and once again we are playing summer sport, tennis, swimming, cricket and softball.

EVENING CLASSES

Evening classes were started this year in Woodwork, Metalwork, Painting, Millinery, Owner-Drivers, Hairdressing, Dressmaking, Maori, Language, Floral Art, Typing and Shorthand-typing.

ORIGINAL SECTION

IN A POLYNESIAN VILLAGE

First Prize. Serious Verse.

His bronzed chest a-tattooed,
In crazy twirls
Like the poi he whirls,
As he does his native dance.
As he does his dance
While the drummer in a trance
Beats out the rythm
The steady pulse quickens
The crowd thickens
Then they all break into dance.

The flax skirt, drum and poi
Keep the beat
In the noon-day heat
And the hard-baked ground
And the hard ground
Vibrates the sound
Through the island
To the bush clad slopes
The music floats
The natives are dancing all day.

—Kathryn McCleary, 4L.

WILD ONES

Galloping high,
Galloping low,
Galloping over the paddocks of snow.
Galloping here,
Galloping there,
Galloping, galloping everywhere.

Over the rise,
Heading for skies,
Go the white horses with black and white eyes.
Over the plains,
Heading the rains.
Tail streaming out like their flying white manes.

Galloping long,
Galloping strong,
Galloping on while the world goes along.

Never they stop,
Never they drop,
Every day dawns with their clippetty clop.
Pauline Fraser, 3LI.

THE TRAIN

Now the train's off
First slow, then faster, faster, faster,
The iron beast moves obeying its human master.
Now we're covering ground,
As fast as sound
Over hills,
And over dales
Seeing sheep,
Seeing sails
By the sea,
By the farm
Through tunnels
Over bridges,
Over hills and over ridges
Daisies bobbing merrily,
Birds chirping cheerily
We've covered miles.
We're coming home
All have smiles.
The train slows
The whistle blows
There is a clank and a rumble
A yell and a laugh
And people tumble
Out onto the path.
Now the train is in the station,
Meet your friends and relations
Meet the sick
Meet the well
Then go and see what the shops have to sell.
Home to bed
Out to tea
A business deal or a friend maybe.

—Roberta Reynolds, 3B.

THEY DIDN'T COME

Old Mrs Harris was sitting in her rocking-chair waiting. It had been at least two weeks since her son and his family had come to visit her. They used to come every Sunday but as the weeks passed they came less and less. "Of course," Mrs Harris thought, "they can't come every week. They must have some time to their own" and — and — yet, she did so like them to come. She was proud of her grandchildren

and they used to bring her flowers and talk about the things they did at school. If they were to come they would be there at about two. It was early yet and she knew that Sue would still be at her dancing lessons.

The sun was hot and it streamed in the window of her little room. She stopped her knitting and looked out the window and saw that a car had pulled up outside, but it wasn't theirs. Theirs was blue, and this was red. She then looked around the room and wondered. She saw the little couch that her son had given her as a present once. There was the piano where, when the grandchildren came, they would play their latest tune that they learnt when they went to music. She spied on the little table a book. It was Carol's French book. She knew French, and when they came to supper she would help Carol with it.

Suddenly, the phone rang. Mrs Harris walked over to it. It might be them saying they would be there soon and that they were just leaving. But no, it was only a wrong number. The cuckoo clock on the wall said two o'clock. That meant they would be here soon, and that they were coming now. She looked out the window but it was only a group of children walking up the road. They could have been delayed or something, she thought as she continued her knitting.

Two thirty came, and the sun got lower in the sky. Three. They would be here any time now. The time lagged on and the sun went slowly on its tracks. Grandmother Harris grew tired. It had been a long tiring day and they would probably come now or they would not, why should they? They were young and had other things to do. Mary her daughter-in-law, was going to have a baby and she might not feel up to it — but all the same she did so want them to come. It was now a quarter past four and the shadows were growing longer with every passing minute. She took a photo on the table beside her and looked at it. "Ah, the children." She grew desperately tired and slowly her eyelids closed. There was a deep sigh.

She did not hear the car outside. She did not hear the car horn to tell her they were here. She did not hear the footsteps coming up the path. She did not hear a thing. They walked into the little room with shouts of "Hi Gran" and "Sorry, we're late, but we had a puncture." Granny Harris didn't stir.

"Mummy, Look! Gran's asleep, and she was looking at the photo of us."

"Yes, my dear, she has gone to sleep and she will always wonder if we were coming."

Mark Anderson, 4B

NIGHT

The wind is howling, howling,
The moon is dark and gray,
The clouds have shut out the light.
Which once was . . . day.

The grass is blowing, blowing,
Against the old fir tree
And no one wanders out tonight
Except me.

I have a desperate yearning,
To feel the wind on me,
To see the old fir blowing,
And the sea.

For the waves are tossing, tossing,
They are roaring in my head,
But up the hill I go to my house,
And to bed.

—Barbara Chapman, 3L2.

OUR EFFORT

Our team runs out onto the field
To do our best and not to yield
The other team's a constant threat
But with high hopes we'll beat them yet.

The sun shines brightly on the ground
On which our boots will beat and pound
We won't score at the rate we're going,
A bit more zest we should be showing.

The ball is passed along our line
So far our team is doing fine
Two rapid tries, hurrah! we've won,
How they kept us on the run!

—Lewis Proctor, 3B.

CASTLE OF DREAMS

Have you a castle of dreams,
Up high on a silver cloud,
Of a sweet little country cottage,
Away from the maddening crowd?

Or is your wish to be praised,
To be rich and full of fame,
To have diamonds, and rings, and houses,
And a poodle and a Great Dane?

Or is your castle of dreams,
Something you cannot tell,
Is it your own special secret,
That only you know very well?

—Barbara Chapman, 3L2.

FIRST PRIZE. LIGHT VERSE.

OUR CONCERT

Everybody's in a flurry,
Run, run. Hurry, hurry
Choir practice day and night
Non-performers can take flight
(And on assembling the Head says
"Hurry, only ten more days!")
Practice in Maths time—English too—
That's one think we are glad to do,
Stage littered with ladders and curtains
It should be good: that is certain
(And on assembling the Head says
"Hurry, only two more days!")
French choir trilling away,
Many practising at the play,
Costumes are nearly ready,
Everything is going steady.
(And on assembling the Head says
"Well, well. Tomorrow is the day")
We are now singing the opening song
But time quickly marches along
The piano chord warns the waiting throng
And with gusto we sing the farewell song
(And on assembling the Head says
"On with hard work," We can't laze).

—Vivienne Forbes, 3LI.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

A Curtain Man's Thoughts

The boys thought the concert was fine for sure
In the comfortable seats at the side,
But I thought the concert was all a bore
For I thought I'd been "took for a ride."

I think I was all tensed up you know,
Wouldn't let go of those strings, ropes and wrapping,
For if I relaxed and took note of the show,
I'd get carried away and start clapping.

This was disastrous for more than me,
For the poor blokes still standing out there
Were waiting there twiddling their thumbs you see,
For they couldn't just vanish in air.

I frantically pulled the curtain across,
And the actors gave me the rasb'ry

May be a frown from the teacher, my boss,
Or a glare from the stage crew and party.

At last I got the hang of the ropes,
And managed the curtains and so,
Even relaxed and enjoyed the blokes
Who were the "noise" of the show.

There were plays, songs, sketches and a clarinet,
And a poem by Clinton Brown
Dances of all kinds, well danced you bet,

In "The Fashions" were many a gown.
(But these were the craziest gowns I did see,
And I shudder to think what they'd look like on me.)
—Peter Lacy, 3LI.

NETTING

We're going netting,
Would you like to come.
The tide's just right,
And it's lots of fun.
Wear old clothes,
You're sure to get wet,
Get a bag for the fish,
While we get the net.
Take hold of this end
While Dad rows the boat.
When he's quite ready
We'll pull on the rope
"I see lots of piper"
Tom calls out with glee
"It looks like a net-full
Of piper for tea."

—Joan Laing, 3L.

THE LIFE OF A BUS DRIVER

"Come on dearie,
Mind the door,
Move right along,
There's room for more."
That's the life of a Bus Driver.

The clicking of tickets,
The ring of the bell,
The beep of the horn,
You never can tell
If you really like the life of a Bus Driver.

Rowdy school kids,
Chatting ladies,
Old drunk men
And squawking babies
That's the life of a Bus Driver.

Slow moving trucks,
Shaky old trams,
Dozens of jay-walkers
Mothers with prams
That's the life of a Bus Driver.

Dozens of green lights,
Which I always miss,
While an eager young man,
Tries to steal a big kiss,
While his dreamy young maiden
(He's gone to her head)
Dreamily waits for the light to turn red
That's the life of a Bus Driver.

When at last I come in
To collect my small pay
I hastily think, "I've given wrong
Change six times to-day.
Well! That's the life of a Bus Driver.

—Barbara Chapman, 3L2.

EXPLORING

The sun was shining brightly overhead as we pulled out from the beach on our way to a nearby stream. As the distance was so short, and the sea was calm, we did not mind having to row our twelve-foot clinker dinghy.

In about twenty minutes we reached the mouth. On the right-hand bank there was a motor camp. We entered the stream and, because we had worked out the time at which the tide turned, we were slowly pushed up stream by the current. We passed many large launches moored in mid-stream, as it was not so very deep, safe from any storm which might blow.

We drifted under a bridge and soon found it necessary to keep a close look out for submerged tree trunks. Suddenly there was a flapping of wings and three ducks appeared on the water about fifteen yards ahead of our boat. They swam just ahead of us the whole way up the stream but we saw no sign of them on our return.

The stream was getting very narrow and shallow now and we were finding it hard to squeeze beneath the overhanging branches of weeping willow trees. So we decided to get out and have our lunch

on the bank in the shade.

After eating our lunch we climbed to the top of the opposite bank, which was very steep and high, and looked down on a small quarry. As the tide had been going out for some time we were forced to return, and arrived home well pleased with our outing for the day.

Geoffrey Stone, 3L1

THE STEEPLECHASE

Running, puffing, panting,
Up the hill I go,
Around the block and down again,
But the pace is fairly slow.

The race is halfway over,
The field is spreading out,
I'll have to catch the leaders,
While the issue is in doubt.

One by one I pass them,
Only two more further on,
Caught them now, I'm winning,
Hurray, the race is won.

—Gary Lewis, 3B.

DEPARTMENT STORE

Hustling, bustling, coming, going,
Queues of people slowly flowing.
Piles of sweets, clothes and toys,
Impatient little girls and boys.
Mothers buying pots and pans,
Little girls swishing cheap plastic fans.
Teenage girls trying frocks and coats,
Toddlers boys clutching big toy boats.
Boys who don't want to try on shoes,
Bathing suits in reds, greens and blues.
Tennis rackets, cricket bats,
Piles of books, ladies' hats.
Everyone seeming in a great hurry
Rushing hither and thither in a flurry.
Nieces, nephews, sisters, brothers
Unruffled fathers, panicky mothers.
People of all ages to seventy or more
Caught in the web of noise of the store.

—Jeanette Barnett, 3L2.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The first item on the programme,
Was of course by far the best.
Some songs by 3LI, 3L2, and 3A,
Which shone above the rest.

Next was a piano item,
Which showed the French song group too
This was a mistake,
But next time we'll know what to do.

Then came plays and singing,
And everyone heaved a sigh,
All the items were so good,
At Onchunga High.

On walked one staff member,
In a very embarrassed way,
to remove the microphone,
From the gymnastic display.

Now that it's over,
We laugh at our mistakes,
And say, "Well, next year,
We'll have just what it takes."

—Sheryl Smith

A MEETING WITH A HEDGEHOG

"Oh! What a simply gorgeous day,"
Said Willy as he stole away
To escape away from home.
"I haven't been away for long
So mom'll know I've done no wrong,
Or follow where I roam."

"And since there is no horrid man
To stop me, I've a lovely plan
To do a piece of fishin'.
I'd be so pleased if I could take
Some fishes home with which to make
A lovely fishin' dishin'."

Then as he was about to pass,
A rustle in a clump of grass
Attracted his attention.
He saw a beast so prickly and sore
That he had never seen before
Or heard his mother mention.

Seeing this small and ugly sight,
Away ran Willy in a terrible fright
As fast as he could scamper.
Cured of all desire to roam
Sadly at last he reached his home
Like a tired and weary tramp.

—Barry Lawrence, 4TA.

INTRODUCTION TO RUGBY

First Prize. Humorous Prose.

"What!" exclaimed my host. "You've been in New Zealand for two weeks and you haven't seen a Rugby match yet!"

Feeling that I had committed some terrible crime I admitted that this was so. And that was how I found myself walking . . . walking . . . walking. When my friend had announced in delight that he hadn't expected to find a parking place so near to the park my spirits had soared but now, having walked at least two miles, I was thinking wearily of a nice, comfortable grandstand seat.

This illusion quickly disappeared as we arrived at the park and began a tramp around what looked like a solid wall of humanity. Suddenly my host exclaimed that he could see a space. I decided that he must have terrific eyesight but I followed and soon found myself squashed into a tiny patch of concrete.

"These are the terraces," my companion announced. My attention was now focussed on the game. After a few minutes, rather to my delight, the game finished. I got to my feet and said heartily:

"Well, that was very nice."

"What do you mean 'very nice,'" snapped my host, "That was only the curtain-raiser!"

Trying to look as if this announcement delighted me I sat down again—to immediately jump to my feet as there was a horrible crunching sound.

"Mum!" bawled a child behind me. "That man's sat on my potato chips!"

To quell the noise I handed the child half-a-crown and smiled to show everyone that I absolutely adored little kiddies. "God Save the Queen" was then played and this time I carefully checked my two square inches of concrete before sitting on it.

Although I still don't quite understand it I must admit the game is exciting. For my more ignorant readers the game is played with a leather ball, pointed at both ends. The idea is for each man to get the ball to its end, which occurrence sends half of the audience into hysterical happiness and conveys the other half to the depths of despair. One privileged member of the scoring team is then allowed to try and kick the ball over some posts while the other

team line up under the posts and pull faces at him to try and put him off.

Merely to confuse newcomers to the game, a few expressions are introduced such as "off-side," "forward pass" and so on. Another interesting item is a "scrum" which consists of the strongest in each team putting their arms around each other, tenderly, then suddenly pushing at each other, not so tenderly.

Well I could go on and on describing the delights of this gentle game. (While I was there there were only two cases of concussion, one broken leg, one sprained ankle, four blood noses and roughly thirty black eyes.) But I must stop now as my host has left the celebration party downstairs and is coming up to see if a "little drink" would help my aching soles, my tramped-on toe, my raging headache and, I'm half-ashamed to say it—my almost non-existent voice!

—Margaret Garrett, 3LI.

GOING TO THE FILMS

Have you ever been in a hurry? Of course you have—many times. Isn't it funny that, always, when you decide to be in a hurry, things happen and really you turn up late for whatever you are hurrying for. Let us take an example.

All is quiet. It is one of those lulls which you know won't last for long. You are right, for, just as everything is at its quietest, Dad says there is something in the paper he wants you to see. You prick up your ears hoping that they have changed the Government overnight or someone has fallen off the Eiffel Tower. There is a notice on the left-hand corner of page three stating that a film that you wanted to see particularly is on down the road for one night only.

The film is one of those you have missed about three times and you are "dying" to see it. It has your favourite film star in it, and it is supposed to be the best he or she has ever made. In fact every time you miss it, the quality of the film gets better and better. It is about time you had a night out anyway, so you decide to take the family as well. The show begins at seven-thirty, so you look at your watch and to your horror, it is a quarter past.

The first calamity arrives when you discover you can't find your shoes. You look everywhere, under the bed, in the cupboard, under the stairs, in fact in all the places shoes could get lost. After much frantic searching, you find them, in the dog's kennel with a hole neatly torn in the soles. "Oh, well, no one will see that," you hope. So you put them on.

All are ready to leave and you have seven and three-quarter minutes to get there before the National Anthem. Suddenly the phone rings. You hurriedly pick up the receiver and put it to your ear.

"Oh, is that you Alfie?" says a troubled voice over the phone, "I wonder if you could skip our date tonight 'cause Mum 'as just swallowed 'er false teeth and the dear old soul 'as to be taken to the 'ospital to get 'em taken out. Do you mind, Alfie? Blow us a kiss over the phone like we used to in the good old days. Oh, go on, Alf? Please, Alf?"

You tell her as quietly as you can without telling the whole neighbourhood that you are sorry for her dear old "mum" but you are afraid that she has the wrong number. You slam the front door and say goodbye to the Vicar who has just called to see about Gerald's behaviour in church.

You are almost there. The cinema is a few hundred yards down the street. Suddenly one of the family asks, "Did I turn the gas on or off?" You take no notice of this nerve-shattering remark but park away up the end of a small alley that has a notice saying, "No Entrance."

You procure your tickets and a bag of nuts with chocolate all over them—at least that is what you are told they are—and troop into the theatre. You grope around in the dark looking for your seat since the usherette has gone off duty. You find your seats and also find that you are one seat short. So one of you has to go and change the seats. You relax, after missing the newsreel, and a cartoon. All that is left of the first half is an advertisement on "Brylcreem, the new wonder Shampoo." You have to tilt your head this way and that because there is a lady in front with a very large hat with a feather in it. To cap it all, someone in the row behind gets out a paper parcel and begins to munch on a stick of rhubarb. You think that nothing more could happen but it does. Ten minutes after the main feature has begun a notice is flashed on the screen. It reads: "Would the owner of the car No. 18580 please remove it from its present position immediately." That jerks you somewhat, as the car belongs to you. You go out and sheepishly move it.

After returning, you sink back into the rather hard foam rubber seat and for some strange reason you fall asleep. When you get home you are given a "tongue bashing" by the rest of the family, and resolve never to go to a film again.

—Mark Anderson, 4B.

BABY SITTING FOR ME?

Did I ever tell you about the time I minded Tommy? No? Well I shall do so right now.

Tommy is my cousin and at the time of this story he was nearly a year old, not plump, not bonny, but very full of mischief.

Tommy arrived at my home about half past one in the afternoon, plus bottle, plus rattle and the usual "spare parts" that babies need.

I placed Tommy on the settee, gave him his bottle and sat down with my knitting in peace.

The peace was soon broken when Tommy threw his bottle over onto the floor, spilling milk in all directions. While I was busy wiping up the milk, Tommy took off with his queer crawling action toward the kitchen.

At that moment the phone rang and after a brief conversation I hurried back to my charge. What a sight met my eyes. Yes, you've guessed. Tommy had opened the door of the grocery cupboard and was happily sitting on the kitchen floor eating cocoa by the handful.

The next half-hour was peaceful as I took my young charge for a ride in his pushchair.

On our return I left him munching a biscuit in the garden while I went inside to prepare the dinner. Coming back, I found him happily eating daisies.

So the afternoon wore on with Tommy "wearing me to a frazzle." Would his mother ever arrive? Well, at last she did, and instead of greeting his mother with a welcoming smile, Tommy clung to me.

Thinking it over, I am sure he enjoyed having me on a string all afternoon. Suffice it to say, we've been firm friends ever since, though I cannot say I can recommend baby sitting as a peaceful pastime.

—Joan Laing, 3LI.

THE SHOCK

Have you ever seen in a train carriage, just behind the door, an exciting-looking red lever? Have you ever had the chance to pull it.

When I woke that morning, I felt a surge of excitement when I remembered that today was the day of our Sunday School picnic. We were going down to Frankton by train, then catching the bus to Hamilton Park.

At the station there was confusion. I was one of the fortunate ones to get a seat near a window. Doors clanged, whistles blew, people shouted and we were off.

Cows were lazily grazing in the lush grass and the trees rustled in the breeze. The land was flat but had been built up where the railway lines were. As I gazed dreamily out of the window I saw a round, black object roll down the embankment.

Suddenly, I realised that it must be a train wheel. Panicking, I shouted, "Stop this train," but my voice was not heard above the confusion of voices. Remembering the emergency lever, I started to push my way through the crowd.

Pushing, and elbow jostling, I finally reached my destination — the red emergency lever. Closing my eyes I pulled. It felt rather stiff so I put all my strength into turning it. With a sudden jerk it pulled loose, and I was left standing there with the handle in my hand.

Amazed, I looked up at the gaping hole from which it had come. I had been turning it the wrong way. I gave a sudden gasp when I thought of my fate.

The next moment (as I thought) a soft voice started to talk to me. "Where a-am I?" I stuttered.

"You are at the picnic grounds," the voice said.

"But what happened?"

"You fainted," the voice came again. "But why on earth were you holding the lever?" At that I awoke with a sudden start. "The wheel!" I gasped, "the wheel came off! I saw it?" There came then a quiet chuckle. "Why, that was only a bowler hat."

THE FUN OF CAMPING

We arrived at our destination — a small farmer's paddock surrounded by bush. I carried our heavy camping gear across the river, helped by my brother, but as we were half way across my brother's foot slipped on a slimy rock. There was a splash and in he went — a second splash and in went the camping gear. My gaze was cast downwards and I laughed heartily at the sight of the icy water. Next moment there was a third splash but this time it was no laughing matter. I felt like a frozen sausage in the South Pole and my brother who had already reached the bank with the camping gear nearly split his sides with laughter.

Once across the river we pitched the tent or at least tried to. My brother was putting the final peg in when he trod on my foot and I stepped back to find myself entangled in the guy ropes with the tent on top of me. As I crawled out from the tent there came a ripping of canvas and I stared in amazement at a large gash in the side of the tent. That night, after a meal of raw potatoes and burnt chips we hung up our safe in a tree.

The next morning we woke up soaked to the skin as it had been raining during the night and water had fallen through the gash in the tent. We found a trail of blood leading from our safe, on the ground, unlocked. On further investigation we saw an empty tin of raspberry jam, two empty milk bottles — one broken, bits of bread everywhere and a half-eaten cake of fat. After blaming each other for the fallen safe, we came to the conclusion that the opossums had learnt of our visit.

We started to cook our breakfast; I went for firewood, my brother prepared the remaining food supplies. After half-an-hour and two boxes of matches we managed to make the fire blaze. At least the sausages and porridge were untouched. The sausages sizzled well over the fire but alas the fat caught on fire and so did the sausages. Oh well, at least we could settle down to a warm plate of porridge but what a catastrophe! My brother bumped the makeshift table and next moment hot porridge trickled down our legs.

"Ah!" we thought. "Camping is certainly the life."

Garry Osborne, 3L

THE OCTOPUS

I gazed at it in awe. Its spreadeagled tentacle-like arms seemed as weird to me as the noisy machinery which kept it in motion. I remembered when I had first agreed to come to our town's local carnival with two of my friends. At the time I had firmly promised myself that I would keep right away from anything even faintly resembling an octopus! I had always had a fearful dread of some of the weird contraptions people (strangely enough!) enjoyed themselves on at the fair, and the octopus was definitely included in my fear. Yet, here I was, amidst the noisy, bustling crowds at the carnival, being urged by my two friends "to come and have some fun on the octopus with us."

Five minutes and one argument later I found myself perched aloft in one of the brightly-painted seats on the ends of the octopus' tentacles." Sitting beside me, smugly grinning, were my two friends! Up to this day, I can't for the life of me, understand how they managed to persuade me to go on the octopus. Anyway, there I was, feeling sicker every moment, waiting for the big monster to move. Half-a-minute later it did! At least I suppose that an ear-splitting noise, and a sudden, violent whirl from the whole machine signified movement. I clutched the sides of my seat with terror, as the octopus gathered speed, and I found myself being giddily swirled round and round in the air.

When I realised that the octopus wasn't going to tip me out of my seat or try to fatally injure me in some other way, I decided that perhaps it wasn't such a vicious contraption, as I had first thought it was. All it needed was getting used to. (I had almost convinced myself.)

Very soon I found myself climbing down, a trifle unsteadily. I had, by then, very firmly decided views on the above, and a day in bed, including several violently sick and giddy bouts did nothing to alter them.

I firmly resolved to have nothing more to do with octopuses or octopie, in any shape or form.

Jacqueline Sousa, 3L1

THE "OLD BOY"

Ever since I can remember there have been pheasants every morning on our front lawn. Some of them have had names but the one bird that has become a really firm favourite is the "Old Boy." Each morning this bird, who must be at least five years old, appears on the back lawn to demand his breakfast in a raucous voice. His breakfast consists of crusts from the toast and stale bread and if this has not arrived by seven-fifteen he starts to complain very loudly and has several times saved us from sleeping in by crowing and rushing up and down the lawn.

Despite this ferocious procedure he is a firm favourite with the smaller birds, such as sparrows and white-eyes. On one occasion a sparrow fluttered right up his tail and onto his back!

The "Old Boy" has a harem of shy, silly hen pheasants that he herds around the lawn, chasing any panicky female who dares to get out of line. Occasionally he struts proudly along with a brood of little, fat chicks but as there are a lot of wild cats around our home, only a few of the brood survive.

The "Old Boy" himself is beautifully coloured and looks a fine specimen when he is not moulting. When this happens he loses most of his tail and his feathers are all ruffled and discoloured. At other times however, he has a lovely, long brown tail, a russety chest and back and a sheeny green head. Around his neck he has a white band which shows that he is not a true-bred pheasant. His womenfolk are drab brown in colour and have stumpy, little tails.

On frosty mornings the silvery lawn is criss-crossed with marks showing where the "Old Boy's" tail has dragged in the grass.

When I look at this bird I feel glad that the bush and all the land around is a bird sanctuary.

Margaret Garrett, 3L1

WALK TO THE DARK SUMMIT

"Let's take a walk to the Dark Summit," said my sister. I agreed readily for I had always wanted to climb the forbidding Dark Summit which dominated the farmland around Warkworth.

We set off late that afternoon. I had my binoculars, and, perched on my head, a ridiculous straw hat. We climbed and climbed, pushed our way through thick manuka, stumbled over rough terrain, slipped on rocks, but apart from these misfortunes we safely reached the top and sat enjoying the soft breeze which blew playfully through our hair.

It was then that I thought I would like to explore, so leaving my sister sitting on the summit, I wandered off over the rolling slopes. I had not gone far when I heard a rustle in the bushes and directly in front of me I saw the grass sway. Sweat appeared on my brow. "Wild pigs!" was my first thought. My sister told me how dangerous they were. There were no trees near, so I turned tail and ran back through the bush. Unseen hands reached out hindering me, I tripped on loose pebbles, slipped on the clay, my breath came in short gasps. Then I realised I could hear nothing pursuing me. I stopped and look back. There, where I had heard the noise was a small brown rabbit looking at me with intense curiosity. It sat there for a second then, with white tail bobbing, it disappeared into the bush.

Lynne Cathie, 4L

SCHOOL ROLL

4L

Mr A. L. Van Sambeek.

Boys:

Bowrey, N. C.
Burdett, M. R.
Dephoff, S. B.
Derrick, G. H.
Hardy, T. W.
Harrison, A. F.
Jobe, M. B.
Stewart, A. J.
White, T. J.

Girls:

Avery, Margaret
Carter, Mavis
Cathie, Lynne
Hancox, Elaine
Hazleman, Cheryl
Heath, Dorothy
Jackson, Delice
Jones, Linley
Joyce, Margaret
McCleary, Kathryn
Neve, Jeanette
Rennie, Judith
Summerville, Eileen
Wong Too, Daphne

4A

Mr A. L. Robey.

Boys:

Anderson, J. R.
Appleton, K. J.
Goulstone, P. N.
Gow, B. J.
Hadrup, M. V.
Higgins, G. W.
Jones, D. F. M.
McCallum, B. D.
McCallum, S. J.
Morphett, P.
Morwood, G. D.
Patterson, L. A.
Phillips, A. A.
Pike, C. E.
Pilbrow, C. S.
Schutt, D. W.
Sutton, B. J.
Travers, B. H.

Girls:

Cromwell, Robyn
Dixon, Robin
Laird, Rosalynn
McIntosh, Claire
Mann, Sherral

Pert, Marie
Peters, Lesley
Winn, Margaret

4B

Mr G. M. Skinner.

Boys:

Anderson, M. T.
Clarke, G.
Elsmore, W. S.
Geddes, P.
Groshinski, C. L.
Henderson, B. J.
Honey, T. R.
James, T.
Jolly, D. R.
McKenzie, D.
Martin, C. K. P.
Parker, W. R.
Pople, M.
Reddish, D.
Sharp, D. W.
Whistler, A. R.

Girls:

Beehre, Lynnette
Beric, Bogdana
Jolly, Adele
Keen, Gayleen
Kelly, Yvonne
Scott, Natalie
Walker, Nancy

4 COM

Mrs V. R. Prendiville.

Aberhart, Janette
Allen, Coral
Allen, Leilani
Anderson, Jeanett
Annabel, Patricia
Blackford, Dianne
Broadhurst, Carol
Elley, Lynette
Fielding, Phyllis
Gordon, Judith
Hunt, Carole
Mackie, Jeanette
Morrison, Beverley
Pleydell, Margaret
Rawnsley, Pamela
Roach, Elaine

4 HOMECRAFT

Mr N. J. G. Smith.

Chapman, Sharron
Cross, Thelma
Feisst, Gaynor

Foster, Anne
Hall, Marion
Hansen, Beverley
Leng, Noni
McCurran, Raewyn
Mann, Carole
Moore, Vicki
Naylor, Diane
Orwin, Shirley
Smith, Colleen
Sullivan, Heather
Swallow, Lyn
Taylor, Sheryll
Turner, Carol
Turner, Gaile
Watson, Carolyn
Weinbocker, Antonetta
Whitehead, Barbara

4TA

Mr P. W. Lillie.

Adamson, R. F.
Bancroft, G. W.
Barry, J. G.
Beer, D. J.
Bicknell, L. N.
Breese, K. W.
Burt, D. W.
Coubray, F.
Craig, D. J.
Dansby-Scott, G. W.
Doherty, J.
Donn, D. S.
Elwin, A. H.
German, H.
Hay, D. R.
Henley, L. R.
Huddart, R. E.
Judd, D. T.
Kesha, A. W.
Kestle, R.
Laurence, B. M.
Lawrie, G.
McGillvray, G. J.
Milne, W. E.
Morrow, J. R.
Rowe, G. R.
Smith, E. A.
Smith, R. E.
Wileman, R. E.

4TB

Mr E. J. W. Fisher.

Boys:

Bree, O.

Cameron, B. T.
 Chamberlain, L. E.
 Clancy, G.
 Cooper, R. D.
 Denton, D. R.
 Dickson, W. D.
 Goldsbro, D. M.
 Grant, R. S.
 Guptill, C. J.
 Hancock, D. J.
 Higgins, H. P.
 Hunter, W. E.
 Jerkovich, E. A.
 Jury, R. H.
 King, D. E.
 Michalick, L.
 Milne, W.
 O'Malley, C.
 Reece, R. G.
 Simonson, M. J.
 Simonson, R. E.
 Sugar, A.
 White, W. J.
 Wood, R. J.
 Wright, M. W.
 Young, D.

3LI.

Mr M. V. Mountfort.

Boys:

Brown, C. D.
 Cheyne, P. D.
 Greer, R. T.
 Jones, M. J. M.
 Kelly, R. C.
 Lacy, P. S.
 Magnusson, R. J.
 Maskell, H. J.
 Mayow, P. F.
 Osborne, G. A.
 Rimington, G. R.
 Stone, G. H.
 Tucker, P. L.
 Wright, P. E.

Girls:

Brister, Mary
 Crawford, Betty
 Day, Robyn
 Faulkner, Susan
 Forbes, Vivienne
 Fraser, Pauline
 Garrett, Margaret
 Goldsbury, Patricia
 Grainger, Diane
 Hodgson, Diane
 Laing, Joan
 Macpherson, Isobel
 Mold, Cynthia
 Smith, Sheryl

Sousa, Jacqueline
 Williams, Gail

3L2

Miss C. Hankin.

Boys:

Baumber, Isobel
 Cato, J. W.
 Clark, P. E.
 Dickson, G. C.
 Ellis, K. M.
 Hanford, W. M.
 Harlick, R. I.
 Harrison, G. J.
 Mayes, V.
 Watson, B. R.

Girls:

Armitage, Gay
 Barnett, Jeanette
 Boorman, Jacqueline
 Bruford, Koa
 Bryson, Marilyn
 Chapman, Barbara
 Carpenter, Adrienne
 Goodin, Marilyn
 Hatton, Adella
 Jones, Lynette
 Salisbury, Joan
 Stennett, Heather
 Wisnesky, Anne
 Zane, Shona

3A

Miss J. F. Goodenough.

Anderson, P. M.
 Burrus, D. A.
 Clark, L. A.
 Edwards, L. J.
 Fielding, I. C.
 Highway, J. T.
 Howat, P. E.
 Lander, E. J.
 Nielsen, R.
 Parli, D. W.
 Rundle, W. I.
 Smith, P.
 Synnott, A.
 Wald, J. D.
 Walsh, G. L.
 Wood, R. F.

Girls:

Carmichael, Heather
 Chamberlain, Margaret
 Clarke, Judith
 Currey, Margaret
 Hadrup, Carol
 Hamer, Jocelyn
 Hornell, Carol

Jenks, Adrienne
 Mann, June
 Peters, Kathlyn
 Schellback, Cheryl
 Sharples, Pamela
 Sherlock, Raewyn
 Turner, Patricia

3B

Miss L. Trowern.

Boys:

Brown, N.
 Burch, G.
 Carpenter, C.
 Currie G.
 Derrick, R.
 Ewen, M.
 Glen, R.
 Hetaraka, S.
 Kaho, J.
 Lewis, G.
 McMahon, B.
 Nelson, R.
 Parker, R.
 Proctor, L.
 Smith, B.

Girls:

Bassett, Lindsay
 Burgess, Raewyn
 Burrett, Melody
 Cunningham, Lynn
 Finlay, Yvonne
 Heape, Alice
 Marshall, Cheryl
 Mathews, Pamela
 Pike, Jeanette
 Reynolds, Roberta
 Vant Veen, Anneke

3 COM

Miss M. H. Robinson.

Bailey, Christine
 Basham, Dawn
 Bell, Fiona
 Bennett, Deirdre
 Boag, Maureen
 Brown, Diane
 Carter, Janis
 Coomber, Janet
 Cooper, Dianne
 Cousins, Marie Claire
 Curtin, Jacqueline
 Durham, Leanne
 Foubister, Judith
 Francis, Joy
 Graham, Dorothy
 Irwin, Patricia
 Jackson, Norma

Jones, Janette
 Kum, Iessie
 Legg, Sharon
 Le Marquand, Phillippa
 Murphy, Janice
 Nash, Pauline
 Patterson, Cheryl
 Phillips, Pamela
 Rundle, Dianne
 Sue, Kwai
 Watson, Leone
 White, Jeanette
 Wong Too, Betty

3TA

Mr R. K. Grigg.

Abrahams, W. J.
 Andersen, R. G.
 Ashby, A.
 Brewster, C. R.
 Charles, B. J.
 Coomber, D. J.
 Crowhurst, R. G.
 Dixon, G. C.
 Elwin, P. J.
 Fisher, D. A.
 Fletcher, K. H.
 Fletcher, P.
 Gardiner, J. M.
 Gray, R. F.
 Houltham, R. A.
 Luen, G.
 McGrath, R. P.
 Metcalfe, K. J.
 Newsome, W. R.
 Pratt, P. D.
 Richardson, W. D.
 Roberts, T. A.
 Simmonds, H. W.
 Simpson, G. B.
 Somers, R. F.
 Thomson, A. C.
 Turnbull, P. J.
 Wade, D.
 Wardell, D. T.

3TB

Mr S. Heywood.

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 Burrell, A. R.
 Davis, C. A.
 Eagleton, R. A.
 Gavin, W. D.
 Guptill, M. K.
 Hagen, T. H.
 Henrie, P.
 Hong, P.

Horan, T.
 Lawrence, G. E.
 Linn, P. R.
 Littlejohn, G. N.
 Mansell, J. P.
 McArthur, J.
 Phillips, B. A.
 Poa, T.
 Rawlins, K. L.
 Russell, F. G.
 Spalding, S.
 Thomas, D. H.
 Thorne, A. Mc.
 Thorne, J. D.
 Tribble, P. R.
 Walker, W.
 Wolfe C. R.

3 HOMECRAFT

Miss B. J. Harris.

Ashe, Christine
 Aylward, Miriam
 Barnes, Auriel
 Bird, Karen
 Bryant, Sandra
 Callinan, Kathrine
 Colledge, Robyn
 Craddock, Patricia
 Cunningham, Ann
 Davenport, Cynthia
 Freer, Raewyn
 Friend, Adrienne
 Gurnick, Marlene
 Hinga, Emily
 Keane, Sheryl
 Lacey, Pamela
 Legg, Sandra
 Merwood, Valerie
 Patel, Madhuben
 Rangi, Phyllis
 Selwyn, Lila
 Sergeant, Colleen
 Siebert, Lesley
 Sloggett, Katherin
 Stephens, Susan
 Thomson, Maureen
 Trengrove, Jill
 Wallis, Jean
 Wood, Yvonne

3T COM

Mr A. J. Thornton.

Boys:

Cope, M. F.
 Gibbon, K. W.
 Graham, N. V.
 Green, J. B.
 Hosking, P. R.

Marshall, P. A.
 Orwin, P. J.
 Putt, B. J.
 Rae, G. E.
 Roxburgh, T. R.
 Tyrrell, R. J.
 Walker, F. J.
 Wetherall, E. A.

Girls:

Ashforth, Margaret
 Baird, Judith
 Brown, Sharon
 Dhana, Savita
 Dunsmuir, Kathleen
 Hadler, Carole
 Heath, Carol
 Leighton, Jocelyn
 Mansell, Karen
 Marcus, Shirley
 Mathewson, Helen
 Mattson, Fay
 Morrison, Carole
 Sherlock, Marilyn
 Tohia, Jeanette
 Weller, Norma
 Williams, Kathleen