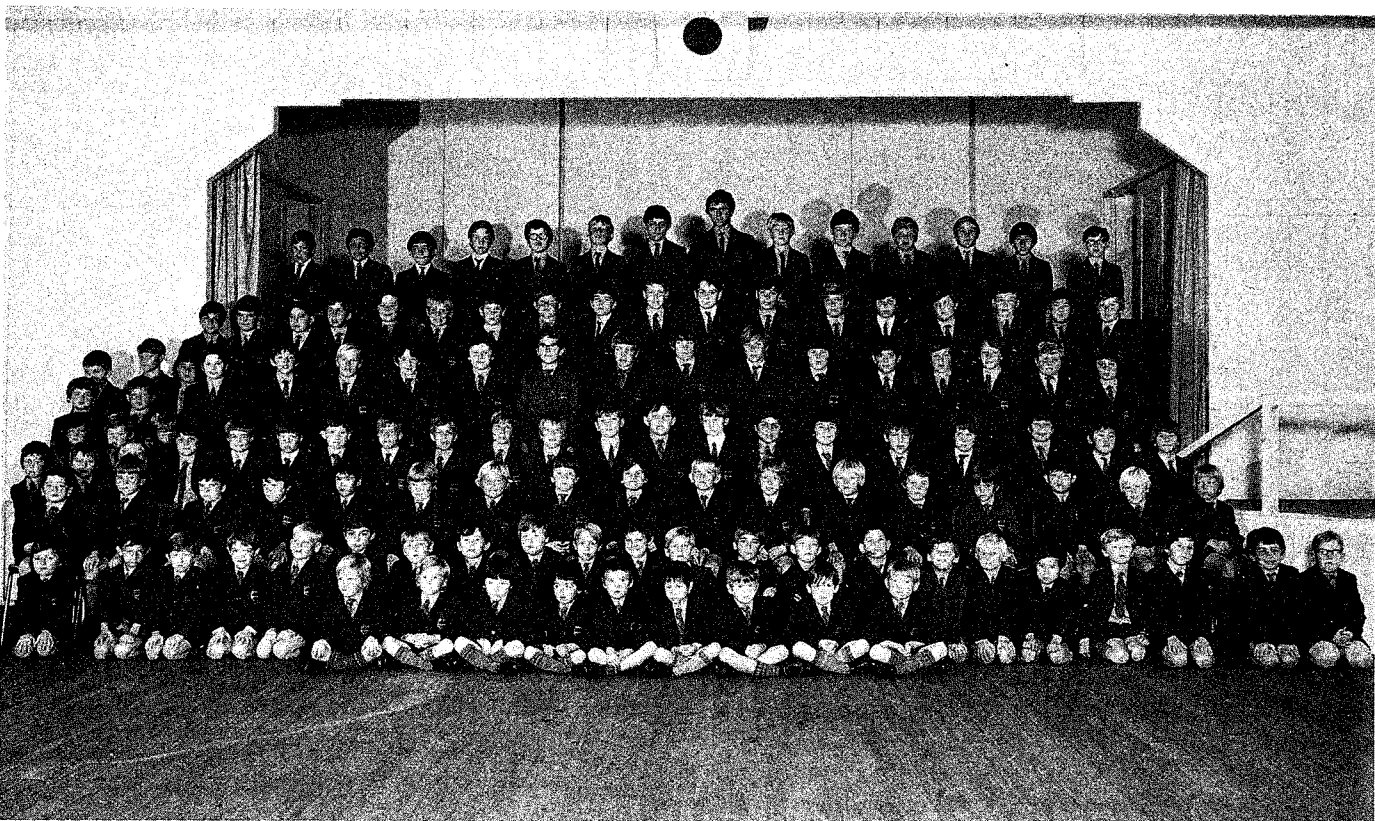




# THE ALPHA

1973



THE SCHOOL — 1973

## COOGEE PREPARATORY SCHOOL STAFF — 1973

PRINCIPAL	Mr. A.N. Brown, B.A.
ASSISTANT MASTER and Sports Master	Mr. G. Hewitt, T.G.C.
MISTRESSES	Mrs. B. Furnage Mrs. J. Heming, T.C. Mrs. D. Turner, T.G.C.
MUSIC	Mrs. M. Patterson
FRENCH	Mrs. A. Brown (Dip. H.M.)
SPEECH TRAINING	Mrs. S. Trainor, F.T.C.L.
TENNIS	R. Newman, Esq.
BOXING	J. Gare, Esq. (Bjelke-Petersen Sport Cert.)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	B. Allen, F.P.C.V. (Bjelke-Petersen)
SWIMMING	Mr. A. Vockler

## SPEECH DAY 1973

The Speech Day and Presentation of Prizes was held at the Randwick Town Hall in December with the Reverend Stuart Clements as Chairman. We were privileged to have the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Nicholas Shehadie to present the prizes.

### EXCERPTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

#### PRIZES.

Often towards the end of the School year, when Speech Day draws near, I look at the extensive prize list which has been drawn up and I wonder how so many prizes and trophies can have been won by a mere 120 or so boys.

So partly prompted by this thought and partly by a comment made about prizes to me by a very good friend of the School - a friend who is also an Old Boy and a parent whose opinions I respect - I have been prompted to ask myself, this year, a few questions about our prizes. Questions like: "Is a laden table of prizes like this one a desirable thing?" "Is there any real educational or character building value in the awarding of prizes?" or conversely "Are there any dangers in prize giving, for instance, in the heaping of awards on one individual?"

I think most will agree that the main reason a prize is given is as a reward for effort. Closely connected with this, however, and some would say too closely, is the fact that the reward becomes an added incentive to give effort in future; the prize becomes another reason, in addition to the activity itself or the aim of the activity, to give of ones best. The opinion may be held that in this there is the danger that the prize can become the end in itself, that the activity becomes of secondary importance and the cup or book or banner becomes the main reason for effort.

After watching many boys' work and play, win and lose I firmly believe that this criticism has little, if any, foundation in fact. Alex Whitehead, the Dux of the School, did not do hours of study to win this Cup - the Peter's Cup, but he did so because he had a thirst for knowledge and desired the Honour of being "Dux of the School".

Scott Wagstaff did not push himself around the football field to win that huge trophy - the Davidson Cup given to the best footballer - but because he felt intense pleasure in pitting his strength, speed and endurance against that of his opponents to help his School football team. Whitehead and

Wagstaff will no doubt be immensely pleased to receive their rewards - and justly do they deserve them - but it was for far more than the cups alone that these boys strived so hard.

I chose these two examples because the 2 boys are in 6A, and therefore well known, and because the two activities involved are opposite, academic on the one hand and violently physical on the other; but I could have chosen any other prize winner this afternoon, looked at his motives and come to the same result.

"Alright", the critic of prizes might say, "that's fine for Whitehead and Wagstaff but what about poor old John Bloggs, he tries his heart out but he just does not have the natural ability to be first. How does he get his reward for trying?"

My answer to this would be simple; I would just point to the table and say that you will probably find John Bloggs's prize on it. Indeed that is the reason for the apparently vast number of prizes before us, an effort to allow as many boys as possible to receive a reward. To this end each class has a prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, effort and improvement, and for writing and neatness; banners are presented to most sporting representatives and even the comic and handicap races of our swimming and athletic carnivals carry prizes which are presented today. Thus GLEN KELLY in transition will be rewarded for his effort of winning the egg and spoon race at our athletic carnival just as DAVID SIMMONS will be for coming top of the same class. Indeed 104 boys of the 127 in the School and every boy in fifth and sixth class will come to the stage for an award today.

I shall deal with only one more criticism that may possibly be labelled at a prize giving like ours, namely that sometimes one boy is literally heaped with prizes and this could be damaging to his character.

If a school is going to offer many awards for the reasons I have just outlined, it is inevitable that a boy of high all round capability is going to receive numerous prizes. The main aim of this school is to try to develop the growth of a boy along the lines of the Rhodes Scholar - athlete, gentleman, scholar, and it is usually the good all rounder who would be heaped with prizes. Who more fitting, then, to receive many honours and who more able to accept the honours and prizes without developing a swelled head in the process, than a boy who is outstanding mentally and physically and has developed the personality and character to balance these God-given attributes.

You know, I feel there is a great need in education at the moment for a vast debunking movement, for a sweeping away of much of the psychological and technical jargon which, unfortunately, seems to accompany new theories and methods. Theories and methods which in themselves are valuable but which are often over complicated by meaningless words and needless worries. If a child does a good job, give him a prize, his neighbour is not going to be consumed with jealousy nor is he going to be puffed up with conceit; if a child is disobedient and a constant distraction to a class, a sharp whack on the bottom soon allows his neighbours to learn in peace.

The simplicity of a classroom teacher who applies sound common sense, a firm but fair discipline, good humour and patience can only improve the psychological stability of his or her pupils.

As Rudyard Kipling put it, "Teach us delight in simple things and mirth that has no bitter springs".

The last thing I want to say about prizes and in particular our prizes, is that the vast majority of them are donated by parents. All but one of the large trophies, of which there are 31, bear the name of the donor and the names of the winners of the trophy stretching back as far as the 1920's. in some cases. This has three major advantages, firstly it helps establish a tradition of School Spirit - now I know many people would like to "debunk" that term, but school spirit is a fact and an important one, for if a boy has school spirit he likes his school and if he likes his school, he works better, and if he works better he will be better educated, which is why you sent him there. Please, parents, don't "knock" school spirit for it is in your son's interest to foster it.

Secondly, it is a great incentive for a boy to have his name included on a trophy which may well carry names like the late Judge Ashburner or John Salmon or Ken Catchpole or Greg Rogers.

And, thirdly, the presentation of a trophy is an ideal way for a parent to perpetuate his name in connection with School or to express gratitude to it.

Our cup prizes have been built up in this way over the 60 years of the School's existence and, indeed, is continuing to be built up, for I am pleased to announce that next year there will be a further trophy donated by the Wagstaff family to be presented to the leading point scorer of the 1st XV. This is a particularly apt trophy to bear the name Wagstaff for during the past seventeen years there has been a footballing Wagstaff at Coogee Prep. First Paul who played full back for our 1st XV, then Mark,

a Second Rower and then Scott who as a breakaway won the best footballer award this year.

However, the connection of this family with the School goes even deeper for Mr. Trevor Wagstaff's brother, Ray, attended the School as did Trevor himself - and played on the wing for the 1st XV, Mr. Wagstaff has been President of the Old Boy's Union since its inception in 1966 and Mrs. Wagstaff was President of the Parents and Friends Association for a record period of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years.

May I take this opportunity to thank Shirley and Trevor Wagstaff not only for the donation of the trophy but also for their loyalty and support to the School and its staff, and for the great personal help they have been to me during the entire 15 years that I have been teaching here.

#### INTRODUCTION:

One of my most important and pleasant duties today is to introduce our guests and, in particular, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Shehadie.

As Lord Mayor he needs no introduction to us, but it may not be so well known to everyone that he has had a very long standing connection with this area and indeed with Coogee Prep. School. When I was a pupil of this School some 23 years ago I remember being thrilled when Mr. Nimmo told us that the great Randwick and Australian Rugby player, Nick Shehadie, would be visiting our football training session from his place of business in Belmore Road, Randwick, to give us a few tips.

It is a great honour, Sir, for us to have you present the prizes particularly when it is in such a busy schedule and I would ask the boys and parents to express this appreciation for your presence and their congratulations for your recent election with acclamation.

Thank you also to our regular guests, Chairman Rev. Clements and my wife, Judy, who helps with the teaching of oral French in the top four classes.

I am sorry that both the Lady Mayoress and Mrs. Clements have been unable to join us.

In the early 1920's my father A.M. Brown attended Coogee Prep; some 20 years later another A.M. Brown came to the School, the latter is now the Deputy Town Clerk and is here on stage representing the Administrator of the Randwick Municipality, my father is in the audience and I bid both of

these gentlemen a very warm welcome.

#### ACADEMIC STANDARD.

In the years since the A.M. Browns left Coogee Prep. there has been a great deal of change in educational ideas and practice and, of course, in Coogee Prep. too. Yet much of the best of Coogee Prep. has never changed and certainly the aim of trying to maintain the highest possible academic standards was held before the boys in 1973 as it was by Mr. Nimmo in 1914.

Again this year, boys of 6A sat for the High Schools' Entrance Test as well as for entrance scholarships to several of the G.P.S. and Associated Schools. Last year our boys were successful in winning 4 such scholarships, 1 to Kings, 1 to Cranbrook and 2 to Scots. Bryan Chen topped the Cranbrook Scholarship and then won a minor scholarship to Scots, and in so doing, set a very good example for his cousin Rodney Sue to follow in 1973, for Rodney this year was granted an exhibition to Cranbrook and then a week later, was notified that he had topped the St. Andrew's entrance scholarship. Between these two pieces of good news came a telephone call from Mr. Wilson of Scots College to announce that Stephen Simmons had topped their entrance scholarship and won the Major Scholarship, which is full remission of tuition fees for 6 years.

These 3 scholarships take the total number of awards to boys of the School during its 60 years to 140.

The very high standard of the top half of 6A is illustrated by the fact that neither of the scholarship winners is Dux of the School and a fourth boy Stephen Duncan tied with these two for second position in class. I knew that these four boys would be close but I was amazed to find that out of a total of 2600 examination and class marks there were only 3 marks between these three boys, while Alex Whitehead scored some 40 marks more to become Dux.

It was only at the end of last week that the High School placements were announced, and Stephen Duncan qualified for the selective Sydney High School.

Of course the results that are attained in Sixth Class are due not only to that year's work but to the habits of study and knowledge that have been accumulating throughout the six previous years.

To the teachers responsible for the ground work, Mr. Hewitt in 3A and 4A,

Mrs. Hemming in 1A and 2A and Mrs. Furrage in Transition, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation for a job well done this year. Mr. Hewitt has graduated from the Guild Teachers' College, has attended to the arrangement of inter school sporting fixtures as sportsmaster and has been of invaluable assistance to me, particularly during my recent illness.

The retirement of Mrs. Booth last year - and I am pleased to see that Mrs. Booth is with us today - left a vacancy which was filled by Mrs. Hemming when she took over 1A and 2A in February. I had hoped, and I am sure she had too, that her stay with us would have been longer than just the one year. However, this was not to be for, by force of circumstances, she is returning to her home state, Queensland, where she will be living and teaching on the Gold Coast. I wish to thank her for taking over in such a capable fashion, to assure her that there were many very sad little boys when her leaving was announced and to wish her the very best of luck in the future.

It probably seems to Mrs. Furrage that one has to leave or get married to receive a special word of appreciation but I think she knows just how important her loyalty, her helpfulness and her teaching have been to me during the 15 years since we began teaching at Coogee Prep. together.

To our visiting specialist teachers, I also extend the gratitude of the school. The value of the work of Mrs. Patterson - Music, Mrs. Trainor - Speech Training, Mr. Gaie - boxing and Mr. Allan - Physical Culture has been ably demonstrated in the very high standard of the end of year displays held in the last few weeks: The Speech Training and Music adding a further facet of artistic appreciation to the art and craft taught in the usual classroom situation.

Mr. Newman held weekly Tennis Coaching classes while as already mentioned, Mrs. Brown helped with Oral French.

This year too, Mr. Alf. Vockler has been conducting learn-to-swim classes on two afternoons per week at his home pool, an innovation which is proving a valuable and popular service to parents. The all too frequent occurrence of swimming pool tragedies is a constant reminder of how important it is that children learn to swim.

#### SPORTING RESULTS.

Sport at Coogee Prep. is looked on as more than just relaxation and games, for we believe that learning how to win and lose gracefully, learning of fatigue and endurance and of leadership are important character building

experiences which help develop a full personality and outlook.

In addition to our School Athletic Carnival and the House Carnival, in which every boy in the School competes, there were two inter-School Athletic Carnivals, the South Harbour and the Newington Invitation Carnival. Despite the fact that we were by far the smallest school competing, we managed 24 places (7 firsts) in the former and no less than 42 places (17 firsts) in the latter.

In swimming also, there were four carnivals, The Council Carnival, The Pitwater Invitation, The South Harbour and our own School Carnival. Probably the most outstanding feature of our swimming season was the excellent effort of Boyd Wright who won all four of his 9 year old events at the South Harbour Carnival.

In cricket, we field two representative teams which play on Saturdays. The first XI finished the season on a high note, winning its last two games to give it 4 wins, 3 losses and a draw while the seconds did not fare quite so well winning 2 and losing 6.1st XI Captain, Steven Duncan, achieved an outstanding treble by scoring most runs, taking most wickets (34) and accepting most catches.

Our three football teams had mixed success and almost identical statistics for both Colts and Seconds had 4 wins and 4 losses, while the Firsts had 4 wins, 4 losses and a draw. Scott Wagstaff was the best all round footballer, while Simon Renilson, nicknamed LURCH for obvious reasons, showed some of the ability of his ex-international father to score most points.

#### CONCLUSION.

Before closing this 1973 report, I should like to express the appreciation of all on the staff to you parents for your help and co-operation in so many ways. Typical of your support was the spontaneous help given in supplying refreshments for two visiting country football teams and again the wonderful amount of food provided for the Xmas party. The Parents and Friends Association, under the Presidency of Mrs. Linden-Smith, has had a most successful year and I should like to congratulate her, the Secretary, Mrs. Pollock and her Treasurer, Mrs. Bodnar, for the way they have led the Association this year.

I am now going to read the names of the boys in 6A who are leaving this year, and the School to which they are going. As I read your name, please stand and when all are standing, repeat with me the words of the

anonymous poem which was Mr. Nimmo's piece of advice.

Brett Bernhardt	:	Cranbrook
Simon Bouda	:	North Sydney High School
Paul Camillos	:	
Ricki Conlin	:	Maroubra Bay High
Stephen Duncan	:	Scots
John Glare	:	St. Andrew's College
Lindsay Hawkins	:	Randwick North
Simon Renilson	:	Scots College
Stephen Simmons	:	Scots College
John Storch	:	Scots College
Stephen Svare	:	Randwick North
Rodney Sue	:	St. Andrew's
John Tindall	:	
Simon Withers	:	
Alex Whitehead	:	Newington

Thank you and good luck for the future.



# PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

As President of the Parents and Friends Association for 1973 it gives me great pleasure to report the year as being quite rewarding socially and financially. I would urge more parents to take an active interest in the monthly meetings and social functions, as the attendances have not been all we could hope for.

I would like to thank the committee for their tireless work and assistance throughout the year; the committee comprising Shirley Wagstaff, Jan Heathwood, Laraine Clark, (Vice Presidents), Margaret Pollock (Secretary), Elizabeth Bodnar (Treasurer), Lee Boyden (Asst. Treasurer) and Jan Storch (Social Secretary).

My thanks also to the parents not on the committee, for their assistance and help at many of our functions. We can always rely on these parents to come forth and offer their services every year.

To the teachers who are always willing to assist the Committee in many ways, "Thank You".

This year I am pleased to report, the bubblers and troughs, sink and paper towel containers are installed and being used by the boys and we are grateful for the generous contributions towards this project.

We were fortunate this year to be given as a donation, a painting by Hannah, (Miss Gloria Thompson) which was raffled and duly drawn at the Annual Dinner Dance. Not only did Miss Thompson donate the painting, but also gave a very interesting talk at one of our luncheons.

The boys participated again with the committee in raising more funds, namely the spellathon. This was a very good financial effort. In return for their marvellous work it was decided to reimburse the boys with some of the profit by buying vaulting mats.

The Pet Show, Annual Dinner Dance, Rocks Ramble, Ten Pin Bowling, Fashion Parade, Wine Tasting and Macleay Theatre were some of the other successful functions held during the year.

Last but not least, the Xmas Party for the boys was as usual a wonderful day. Our willing workers found the event most enjoyable, as it is a great thrill to see the boys so happy and makes the years work really worthwhile. Our Santa (Eric Rowe) was marvellous - Thank You.

As your retiring President, I wish La'raine Clark, your new President for 1974 "good luck". I know La'raine will enjoy her term as much as I have enjoyed mine.

Nova Linden-Smith

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## FUNCTIONS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Wine Tasting      | (5) Bowling Nights    |
| (2) Luncheons         | (6) Evening Functions |
| (3) Mannequin Parades | (7) Melbourne Cup Day |
| (4) Rocks Tour        | (8) Dinner Dance      |
| etc. etc.             |                       |



# HOUSE REPORTS

## McKEON HOUSE

R. Sue & S. Wagstaff

McKeon House had a clean sweep in Football, Swimming and Athletics, but came second in Cricket.

### FOOTBALL

We scored well in the Firsts and Seconds defeating Nimmo and Storey Houses. McKeon House did well in Football.

### SWIMMING

The swimmers in McKeon House did well to win the swimming as well as football. The results were good for the House winning many points over the other Houses. Wright, our best swimmer, won all his races giving us a clear victory.

### ATHLETICS

McKeon also won in this event having fast runners in every age group. We had a clear victory before the relays had started, coming first in two relays and a close second in the others.

### CRICKET

Although we tried hard we came second to Storey losing by one run. We were very unlucky losing in cricket preventing a clean sweep in all four sports.

We still became overall champions of this year's sports and believe we will have a clean sweep in the future. Bad luck to the other Houses in the sport.

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## NIMMO HOUSE

L. Hawkins

### FOOTBALL

Although the football was a bad one this season, I think that the other two

Teams were just too good and we wish Nimmo good luck in the future. The two best try scorers were Steven Lambirinos and Stuart Jones.

### CRICKET

This year's cricket was a very exciting climax, Storey beat McKeon by 1 run and Nimmo just didn't seem to have any luck.

### ATHLETICS

Athletics was a very hard competition, we had a few good runners and we finished very well but it was too late.

### SWIMMING

I think we went well in swimming but we could have done better in it, and I wish Nimmo good luck in the future.

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## STOREY HOUSE

J. Clare (GA)

This year we took our share of defeat and victory.

### FOOTBALL

We were defeated in this and we did not score well, as the power and speed of McKeon House was too much to overcome.

### CRICKET

This was the sport in which we had our share of victory. I was very pleased with the boys.

### ATHLETICS

This was held on August 23rd, and although we did not win, the boys did their best by coming second.

### SWIMMING

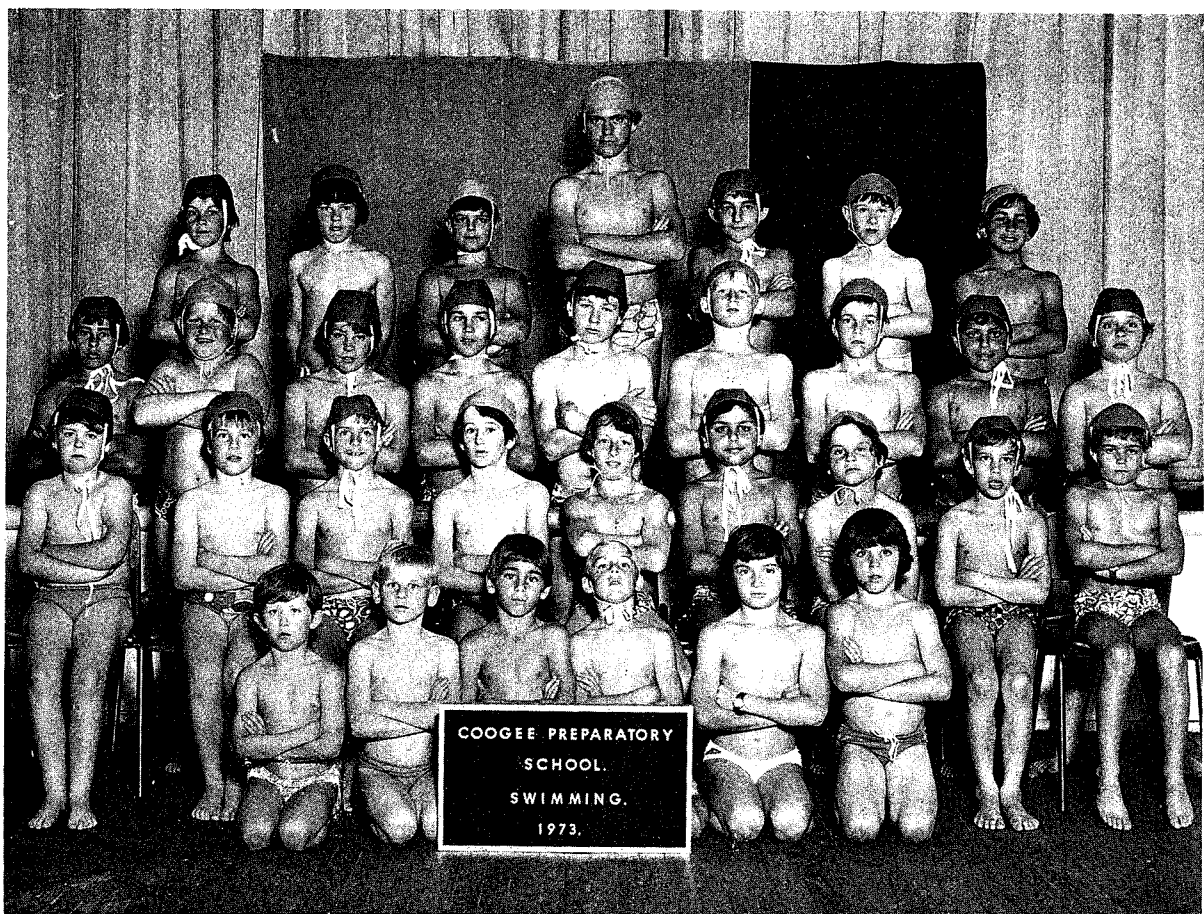
Again we did not win, but as usual we came second and did our best.



# SWIMMING

I would like to thank all the boys who participated and played well.  
Thank you boys!!!

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The swimming went quite well this year when we had the South Harbour carnival. Boyd Wright won all of his four events in the Pitwater Invitation.

<u>Firsts</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Thirds</u>
S. Renilson 2	D. Donohoe 1	S. Simmons 1
B. Wright 3	A. Gulsen 2	J. Dale 1
D. Misson 1	B. Wright 2	T. Simmons 1
J. Storch 1		

## School Carnival - Championship Results

	<u>Firsts</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Thirds</u>
11 - 12 yrs.	S. Renilson	S. Withers ) A. Whitehead	-
11 - 12 yrs.	J. Dale	T. Simmons	S. Brown
10 yrs.	B. Wright	S. Simmons	D. Donohoe
9 yrs.	D. Ward	G. Parker	A. Steiner
8 yrs.	A. Gulsen	D. Cruickshank ) P. Heathwood )	-
7 yrs.			

## Council Carnival

The boys who were in the Council Carnival heats which were held in March are as follows:-

S. Renilson	D. Donohoe
D. Misson	J. Dale
R. Hill	T. Simmons
D. Ward	J. Storch
G. Parker	G. Jowett
A. Gulsen	S. Simmons
	D. Cruickshank



17.

# CRICKET

S. Duncan

## Firsts

This year's cricket was highly contested in the firsts by all the boys who participated through the year. All the boys lacked experience in the first season but in the second season improved exceedingly in all fields of the game. This was because of the helpful training down at the racecourse each Thursday.

## Analysis:

<u>Batting</u>		<u>Wickets</u>		<u>Catches</u>	
S. Duncan	149	S. Duncan	34	S. Duncan	5
S. Simmons	87	S. Macey	14	S. Macey	3
R. Conlin	73	J. Storch	7	D. El-chah	2

Wins 4 - Losses 3 - Draws 1

## Seconds

The second's best player was Stuart Jones who bowled very well all year round.

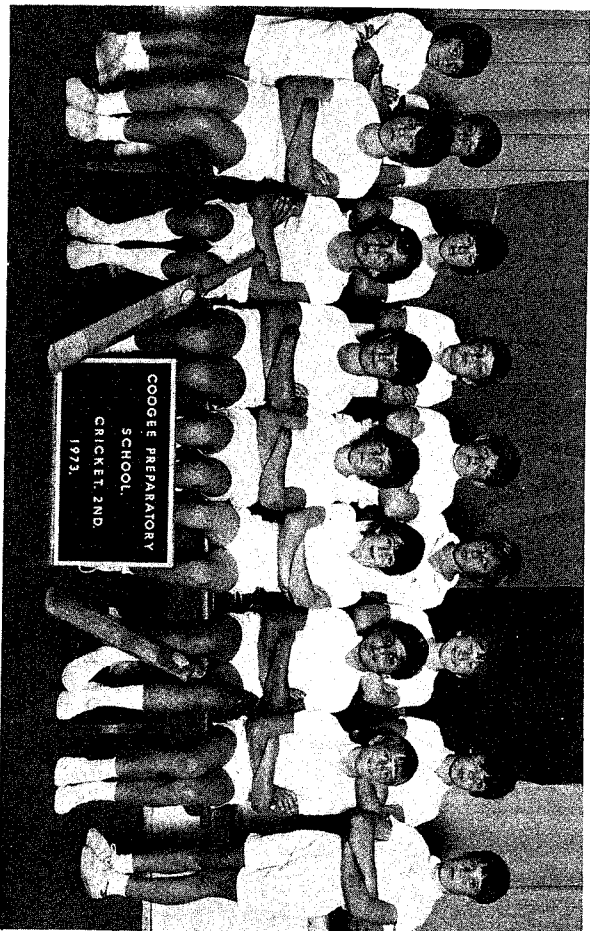
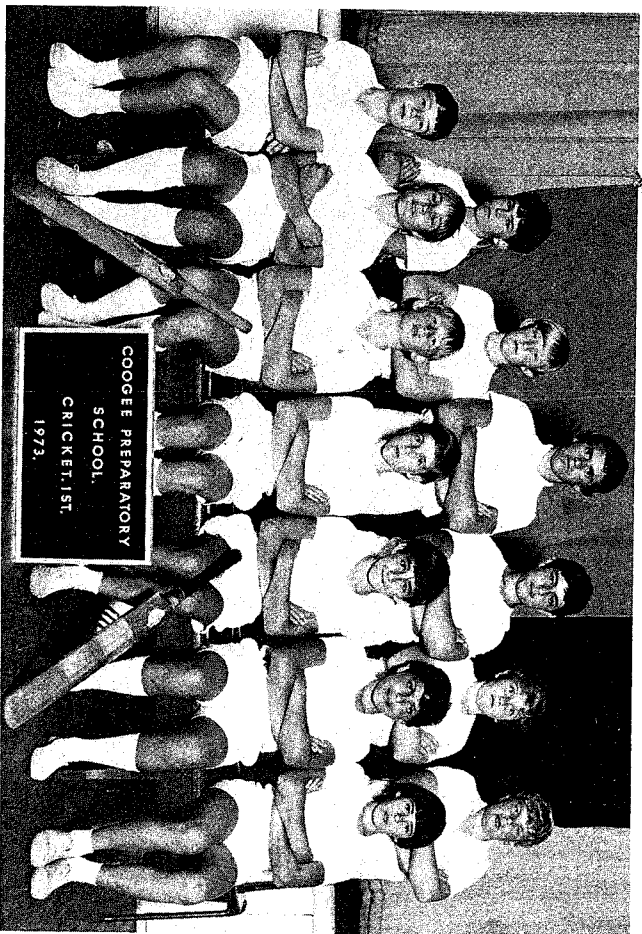
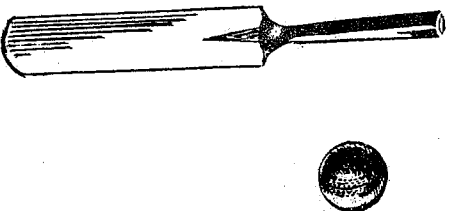
The highlight of the year was when Coogee had Mosman all out for a mere 12 runs.

## Analysis:

<u>Runs</u>		<u>Wickets</u>	
S. Brown	66	S. Jones	25
S. Jones	45	G. Pollock	19
S. Simmons	39	J. Storch	10

Played 8 - Won 2 - Loss 6 - Drew 0

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# FOOTBALL

S. Duncan

The firsts had a pleasing season with 4 wins, 4 losses and 1 draw. The enthusiasm of the boys was most notable.

All forwards played exceptionally well during the season. I felt that the decision to move J. Storch, one of our most outstanding forwards, to outside centre was a good idea.

The first's best player undoubtedly was S. Wagstaff who played copybook football all year round.

The seconds played well through the year and there is no doubt that Stuart Jones was their best player.

The colts also went quite well during the year and their best player was G. Parker who was good in attack and defence.

Analysis: Firsts Played 9 Won 4 Lost 4 Drew 1

Highest scorer - S. Renilson

Best and fairest - S. Renilson - 11  
J. Storch - 11  
S. Wagstaff - 9

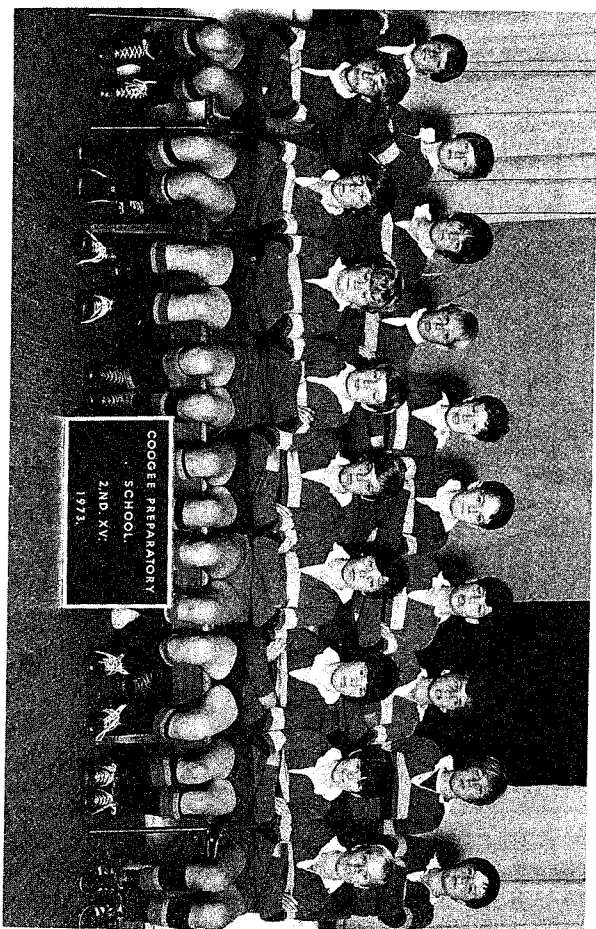
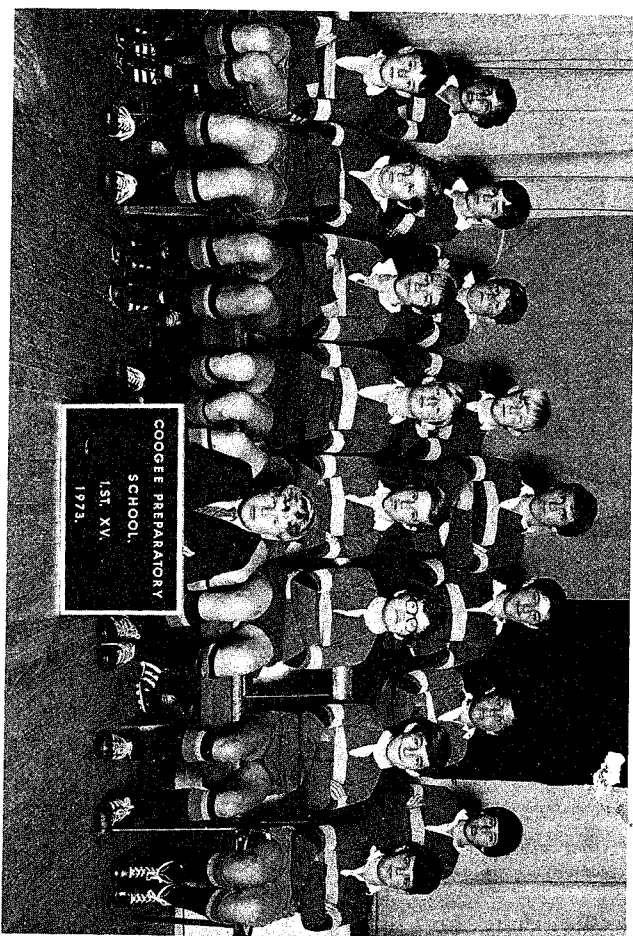
Seconds Played 4 Won 4 Lost 4 Drew 0

Highest scorer - S. Jones

Best and fairest - R. Stuart-Jones - 13  
S. Simmons - 7  
B. Jowett - 4

Colts Played 8 Won 4 Lost 4 Drew 0

Best and fairest - J. Woodward - 7  
A. Sparrow - 5  
A. Vlachos - 4



## ATHLETICS

J. Storch

All the carnivals in which we competed we did very well. Our most successful carnival took place at Newington where we obtained - 17 firsts, 13 seconds, 12 thirds.

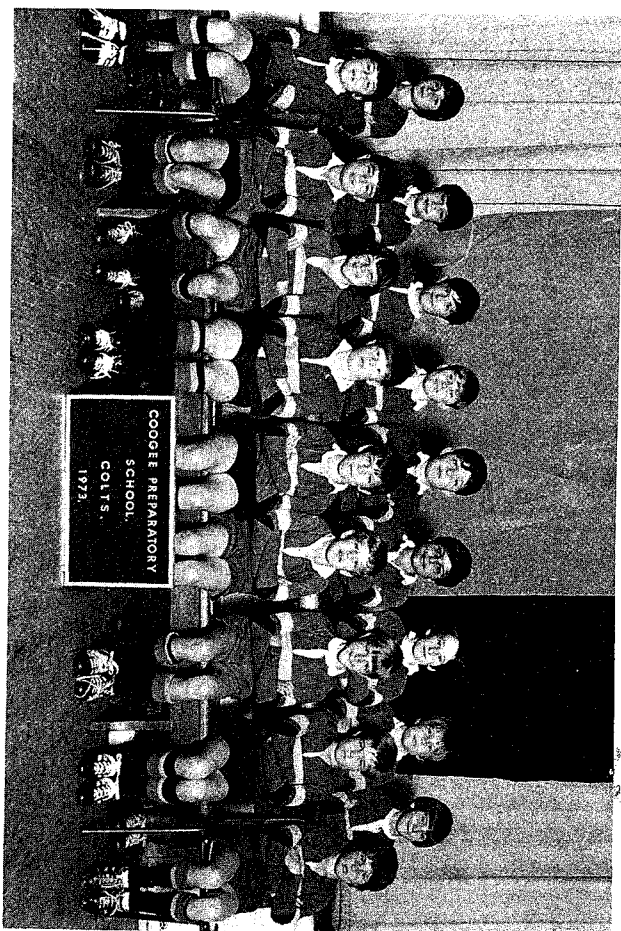
In the South Harbour carnival we also did quite well with 7 firsts, 5 seconds, 6 thirds, 6 fourths.

The most important function was our own carnival at Coogee oval.

### School Carnival - Cup Results

5 yrs.	Grant Cup	P. Howard
6 yrs.	Moore Cup	D. Misson
7 yrs.	Basetti Cup	R. Fagan
8 yrs.	Irish Cup	D. Ward
9 yrs.	Bayley Cup	R. Stuart-Jones
10 yrs.	Davidson Cup	G. Pollock
11 yrs.	Roden Cup	S. Wagstaff
12 yrs.	Denison Cup	J. Storch

Congratulations to all boys. Everyone tried very hard this year.



### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Stephen Simmons and Rodney Sue who between them won three Scholarships to Scots College, Cranbrook and St. Andrews School.



# CHESS CHATTER

F. O'carroll

This year the senior and junior Chess Competition entrants battled against each other for the title of either junior or senior Chess Champion.

After many games the finalists in the senior division were Stuart Brown, Stephen Duncan and Frank O'carroll.

The first game was O'carroll vs. Brown. O'carroll won. The next was O'carroll vs. Duncan. O'carroll won. The final game was Duncan vs. Brown. Duncan won.

The placing in the chess competitions were 1st Frank O'carroll, 2nd Stephen Duncan and 3rd Stuart Brown.

The finalists in the junior chess were R. Stuart-Jones, A. Sparrow and A. Steiner.

First - Stuart-Jones      Second - A. Sparrow      Third - A. Steiner



## IT IS ALL SO SIMPLE TO A FIRST GRADER

WHAT IS SIN?

Sin is ..... quiet.

..... a prayer.

..... something bad.

..... bad breathing.

..... a lie.

..... a bad thing.

..... a sun.

J. Smith

D. Misson

M. Craig

G. Boyden

C. Rieger

R. Slazenger

D. Wroe

WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is ..... a wedding.

..... when you get in love.

..... when you get married.

..... when you kiss somebody.

..... happiness.

..... when people like each other.

..... eating.

G. Fine

T. Brogan

A. Pilarsick

E. Kalatziis

C. Rieger

R. Fagan

Anon

..... EVEN AN EXCITING STORY

One day I was in my boat and it tipped over and I went home and I got in trouble.

D. Harrison

One day I got lost, I got very scared and was sad - I found my dad.

C. Rieger

I think an exciting story is at the Banks. Sometimes people rob banks and sometimes the policemen get them.. and an exciting story is when somebody gets hit hard and another thing is don't get mad and get excited.

P. Polydor

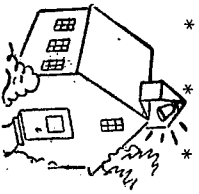
# BOYS' CONTRIBUTIONS

## FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE SUM UP FOR US

The main problem facing the world today is. . .

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|---|---------------|
| .... Invasions.                           | D. Richardson |
| .... Mad drivers.                         | P. Camillos   |
| .... Strikes.                             | S. Brogan     |
| .... World wide food shortage.            | A. Whitehead  |
| .... Atomic War.                          | S. Macey      |
| .... World War Three.                     | R. Melki      |
| .... Little green men out of space ships. | A. George     |
| .... Disease.                             | P. Shalhoub   |
| .... The garbage men on strike.           | K. Coutts     |
| .... Inflation of cars.                   | S. Brown      |
| .... Lack of transport.                   | H. Criticos   |
| .... Inflation of toy costs for children. | R. Conlin     |
| .... Petrol strikes.                      | M. Heinrich   |
| .... Man.                                 | S. Simmons    |
| .... Over population.                     | Anon          |
| .... Taxes.                               | S. Heathwood  |
| .... Rising Costs.                        | R. Sue        |
| .... Cruelty to boys from teachers.       | S. Wagstaff   |

The two most popular answers by far were: School and .... Pollution.



**SCHOOL**

One day a little boy went in the woods and a hunter found the boy - the hunter took the boy to the police.

*R. Fagan*

One day a little boy got shot in the woods by a hunter and the doctor said it was very serious and the boy nearly died, and soon the doctor said the boy would be all right in two days - and then he lived happily ever after.

*D. Misson*

When I got on a ship it was sinking and I had to swim out of the ship.

*R. Slaenger*

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### RUMOURS

How do rumours begin? Why are they often devoid of truth?

To demonstrate how the repeated word may be distorted some of the classes were asked to whisper a message from boy to boy around the room. Following are some of the distortions that were discovered.

#### Original Message (1)

Next year the Arabs are going to attack three countries in the Middle East.

#### Message Given

In two years our ships are going to attack the Russians.

#### Original Message (2)

Tell the Commanding Officer that a platoon of Commandos is going to attack the armory at 10.15 next Thursday.

#### Message Given

Tell the Commanding Officer to retreat.

#### Original Message (3)

Harbour Bridge.

#### Message Given

Hyperidge.

#### Original Message (4)

At 12 o'clock strange creaking sounds could be heard throughout the old house.

#### Message Given

At 10 o'clock we heard a strange noise.

#### Original Message (5)

The waves crashed upon the rugged rocks.

#### Message Given

The man ran to the rugged rocks.



## SOME ODD VERSES

Little Joey kangaroo  
Sleeps and plays all day  
One day he saw a lady roo  
And asked her if she'd play. (P. Shalhoub)

Little Joey kangaroo  
Went out one day shopping  
He saw a girly kangaroo  
Which sent his eyes a poppin. (Scott Brogan)

A little bear slept in  
His little bear skin  
He was snug and warm  
I know one night I slept in  
My little bear skin  
And all I got was a hell of a cold. (J. Dale)

I'm a K.B. stockist and I've got 3 legs  
I've opened 600 and 82 kegs  
I go to the stockroom and find someone near  
Drinking my 600th and 82nd beer. (S. Brown)

I had a friend whose name was Mike  
Who loved to ride a dragster bike  
He went speeding round the corners  
Until one day his friends were mourners. (R. Melki)

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## INDIVIDUAL ESSAYS

THE GREAT CHARGE - S. Simmons 6A (Part 1)

On the 27th October, 1871 in New Mexico, General Wheeler planned a mass attack against the Mexican Army.

On Monday night the General gave the orders to saddle up and stand by! Everyone was very tense as the Mexican's force was 500 and the Americans only had 250.

What was the General waiting for? everyone asked. But no-one knew! Five minutes later everyone was out of camp except for the cook. They were 60 miles from the Mexican army. It was a long hard ride over high mountains through swamps and in deep canyons. Finally, they reached the Mexican army, everyone was silent - not a sole was speaking. General Wheeler ordered the machine guns on either side of the canyon, the cannons in front of the army and behind the Mexicans! The General's army was divided into four platoons; each platoon went on different sides of the canyon. When everyone was in place the General shouted "CHARGE!" (to be continued)

DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S EXCITING EPISODE OF THE GREAT CHARGE....

Everyone came pouring down the walls of the canyon. The Mexican army was taken by surprise! The machine guns were almost out of ammunition! Then the cannons started... there were bullets flying everywhere... the sudden gushes of bullets came like wild rain storms - there was dust and sand everywhere in a few minutes - half of the Mexican army were dead! Just as the Americans were about to be beaten reinforcements came that was what the General was waiting for and it was something well worth waiting for. Almost as soon as the Mexicans saw the reinforcements they retreated and gave up. (Part 11)

It was a great day for the Americans. Only 50 Americans were killed or injured and 250 Mexicans. This charge saved many American and civilian lives.

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GALLEON WRECK - A. Whitehead 6A

The submarine silently surfaced, and the frogmen slipped into the water. Swimming down, down to the darkest part of the ocean we saw the old wreck of a Spanish Galleon which lay rusted and corroded. We swam in and around the wreck hoping to find some kind of treasure. But we

found no sign of any treasure.

Suddenly a shark approached me and I dashed for the surface while it swam toward me. Quickly I boarded the submarine and soon I joined Scott in the Captain's cabin.

"The wreck is there all right," said Scott, "but we have not found a way to get inside to explore."

"I guess you will have to try again," said the Captain.

"Yes, sir!" We saluted, and left the cabin.

Scott and I set out for the wreck once more and I then noticed a door. I signalled to Scott who came across. We pushed and pulled at the door until finally it moved and as we stepped inside our eyes filled with delight at the sight of the wonderful jewels, spilling out of an old sea chest.

We took the treasure back to the submarine where it was examined.

"These coins are more than four hundred years old," said the captain.

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#### THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE CURTAIN - S. Bouda 6A

The crowd was tense and anxious to hear the great Opera singer Yvonne Cratea.

Something was wrong, the crowd were still there after the show had been delayed for an hour. Soon after two hours of waiting everybody left.

The next morning the police found Yvonne Cratea dead. After a great deal of investigation, the police knew it was suicide.

The next Saturday night a show was to be held at the same theatre. The people waited and waited but the performer didn't turn up. The police put out a search for him. Later they found him dead in a nearby lake.

That night someone rang up the police and stated that she heard a scream. The police drove there straight away - they saw a lady dying on the path. They saw a man running away, chased him, caught him and took him down town. He wrote in his statement: "They fired me and I decided that they deserved something."

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#### MOUNTAIN CLIMBING - J. Glane 6A

One cold and wet day my friends and I decided to go mountain climbing. After deciding on our plans, we set off to take the task of climbing the west side of Mount Kosiosko. We gathered our day's supplies and left on the journey.

We arrived at the Kosiosko National Park, after 6 hours of hiking, and we received information on the climate. It was very cold and some light snow was falling. When we reached the mountain bend we saw a steep sheer cliff ahead of us.

The snow was falling harder, and it looked like a blizzard. So it was on with the Traversial skis and we were off....

It was a hard climb, as it was side step all the way except for a section which had to be roped and polled. And when we achieved the Mountain top, our task had been completed.

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#### THE SARGEANT MAJOR - J. Glane 6A

He stands in front when battle is on,  
He finds a place to hide.

But when it's time to really go  
He leads his men on wide.

The battles on - he leaves his hole,  
As the men follow, and sometimes roll.  
Its run, and shout, we've won the match,  
The enemy lost, they've paid their toll.

So when he's back home, and all is well,  
He shouts his men "a beer, I tell"  
"We've won the war there's nothing left,  
but to say we've done our best...."

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#### COMPOSITION (EXAM) - F. O'Carroll

I could see the wheel tracks on the soft grass - I knew then how the sheep were being stolen....

A few months ago my great great grandfather was in hospital, he was 109 and he died from pneumonia after two days. He had written his will long ago and he had decided to give me his sheep ranch in the outback. It



was very large and he owned 500,000 acres of land. Of course a 109 year old man could not herd sheep. He hired people to take care of it for him. After my grandfather's funeral I decided to go and live at the ranch. It was 500 km. from Sydney. My friends were going that way in two day's time so I packed my bag and they gave me a lift.

The day I arrived the ranchers seemed worried. Jack Rogers, the head man said "one hundred sheep have disappeared every day." After a while he said "Meet Billy Jones, Tom Smith, Scot Smith and Buck Graham." The next morning I was talking about the sheep disappearing mysteriously. Jack said "Why don't we go out and see if we can spot the thieves?" We called to see if Buck, Scott or Billy were up - they weren't in their beds. Tom was, so we took the land rover and drove off. "Probably off herding sheep somewhere" said Jack.

We drove a few miles in time to see fresh tracks in the grass. We knew who stole them too because Buck, Scott and Billy were right behind us with rifles. They took us captive to a special pen for sheep and explained it. They were selling sheep so they could buy our land dirt cheap when I moved out, as there was a large deposit of oil underneath. "Now we will shoot you and get it over with" they said. Suddenly I kicked a rock at him. He shot in the air - a mob of kangaroos were grazing nearby and were frightened by the shot and trampled them. The police put them in gaol for five years.

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#### COMPOSITION (EXAM) - P. Shalhoub 5A

I could see the wheel tracks in the soft grass. I knew then how the sheep were being stolen.

I worked on a sheep farm near Alice Springs, the owner of the farm was Mr. Beljem. He owned over 1,000 sheep and in the last 12 months we had lost 63 of the sheep.

"Damn it!" said Mr. Beljem, "I want every man I've got on close guard tonight" he said. "It's about time somebody did something around here" he said as he slammed the door.

That night we split into 10 groups of 2, in the groups included Mr. Beljem, the Sheriff and Deputy of Alice Springs. We waited all night but no one turned up. Mr. Beljem was so angry he nearly began to cry.

Every time we had lost sheep I marked it on my calendar. I took a good look and noticed that every night they struck it had been the first quarter of the moon. The next first quarter would be in three weeks time. I walked around outside and found more wheel tracks. They looked a lot different than the ones I had found before. I called the Sheriff

and told him to bring his tyre machine -- (2 hours later) -- "Those tyre tracks belong to a sheep truck" the Sheriff said. "They belong to the same truck except he must have changed the tyres." After I told Mr. Beljem and the Sheriff about the first quarter of the moon, they thought it would be a good idea to wait for them on the 1st quarter of the moon.

(3 weeks later). We had split into groups of 2 again, and we were waiting near the soft grass where they took the sheep from. Quietly a truck moved in and began to load the truck with sheep. I waved the lantern, we began to close in on them. Suddenly the Sheriff called out "This is the Sheriff here, we've got guns pointing at all of you, move into the corner of the house."

"Run," shouted the leader, and three men and two laddies drove off in a truck. I aimed my gun at the tyres... boom! boom! The truck was helpless as it rammed into a tree. The other men were caught and the Sheriff took them into custody.

The men were charged with a number of offences including sheep stealing and insulting a Sheriff. They received three years imprisonment. The laddies were charged with helping in the last robbery and were put on a bond of good behaviour for 18 months.

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#### COMPOSITION (EXAM) - J. Tindall 6A

I could see the wheel tracks in the soft grass. I knew then how the sheep were being stolen.

My father's flock was being drastically reduced. Our prize sheep, worth \$50 a head, were disappearing each night. Although I was only 11, I had decided to solve this mystery.

The sheep tracks led to a pair of deep tyre tracks. Obviously the truck had been waiting for the sheep to be collected then they had driven off.

I followed the tyre tracks just 100 yards into a smooth field. The tracks stopped then drove off with shallower tracks. The sheep must have been unloaded. I went back to where the tracks stopped, 50 yards away I noticed that the grass had been flattened... Why?

Thoughtfully I walked home. My thoughts were interrupted by a crow flying from the abandoned airport, crowing loudly. Then a fantastic idea formed in my mind. I ran into town and dashed into a costume shop. My purchase was a sheep suit.

That night I "grazed" in the paddock. I was then herded and driven into a truck with other sheep by a drover on horseback.

After a 5 minute drive we reached the paddock. To my surprise I saw a transportation helicopter! We were driven into it and took off.

Meanwhile, in the 'copter I took off my suit and hid. About 10 minutes later the 'copter landed. When the men and sheep had left the 'copter I looked out a porthole. WE HAD LANDED IN THE OLD AIRPORT! Cautiously I moved into the cockpit where I found a book labelled 'Helicopters - How to Fly.' Reading the simple instructions to my delight I managed to take off! Soon I knew how to steer it. The copter landed neatly in the road outside the police station. In a quarter of an hour the sheep stealers were collected and charged.

Best of all Dad got all his sheep back. You see the crooks had not sold them yet. I, well, I got a new watch, waterproof and shockproof, from Dad!

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#### THE HAUNTED HOUSE - B. Thomson

One day it was a very nice day. Mark, Lesa, David and I set out on a trip. Dad and Mum came with us. We took a train to a place named Coolagong. We all took a car out into the bush - it took 3 to 4 hours.

At last we got there. Mum and Lesa unpacked the car - Dad and us three boys went to look for fire wood and a perfect spot to camp. At 4 o'clock we three boys went to find a place to stay.

Mark said "Look over there beyond the trees... a house." Dad said it looks very weird. So I said lets go and investigate, "Oh no," said David, "May I say one word before we go". "Yes". "Come back" I said. David said "Ladies and citizens first." Well, here we were, David said "Watch out, I am going to break the door down... Bang! We entered, there's no back door! "There is now."

"This looks very weird," David said, "I'm getting out of here." "Let's look around" he said, the stair case was very old and broken. David and Mark went back to get the girls and got back. We went into the backyard, it was a graveyard. We all turned out the lights and we all kept hearing noises in the distance and wind.

We were looking around and we saw a freezer with a head, legs, arms, all wrapped in paper - they all started moving around and we got the axe and chopped it up. We dug a grave up and put a stake right through the vampires heart.

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#### CHIFLEY - Anon 3A

Chifley is my dog. He's a very powerful dog, he is half hairy Labrador and half Kelpie.

He looks like an old man because he has a beard. He loves to play with the cats but the cats don't like playing with him because he's a bit too rough and puts his mouth over the cat's head, and most of all he likes cats' food.

Every time I play chasings with him I chase first, and every time he stops, digs up the grass, and every time he enters a room he smiles, and every time my friends come to play with me they say "Chifley speaking".

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#### THE AUTOGRAPH - J.R.

Richards the name - Autographs the game. By this time I was the pick of the bunch and to prove my techniques, in autograph hunting I was the President of the A.H.A. (Autograph Hunters' Association).

Being a man of great ingenuity I decided to sneak into a Crawford Radio Van. I made sure I had my wits about me - you need all the wits you can get on a job as dangerous as this.

Most people wouldn't do this kind of job, they would probably be laughed at and made fun of. But nobody laughs at me - I had more autographs than anybody in Australia. My record total was 1,199 autographs and I had to get one more - Leonard Teale.

After walking up a tiring - what must be 150 steps, I decided to give myself a rest. I thought I was going to die of thirst. Then I noticed a drink machine beside me so I bought a can of coke. After finishing my coke I said to myself I had better get going, but as I got up I saw a crowd of reporters surrounding somebody. I thought it must be a movie star... but which one? Quickly I raced into that mob but in the mad rush I had found Ted Hamilton not Leonard Teale.

Sadly I walked into the Secretary's Office and the Secretary was a man. I stumbled to think he was wearing priceless sun glasses and a solid gold watch, his cuff links were made out of silver and his tie pin was platinum. It would have to be a movie star just covering up. Then he looked up... it was Leonard Teale... I'd know him anywhere! Then he spoke, he said "You know it's me, don't you?" I said "Of course I do." "It's obvious with that fancy watch and I knew it was you right away". Leonard Teale said: "I suppose you want my autograph?" I said "You guessed it." I continued, "with this one autograph in my cupboard then I'll have 2,000. I'll be honoured at the A.H.A., I'll be called king

Autograph and I know how good that is because I lived up to my name.

"But! There is one thing wrong, I can't go past two thousand it's against the rules, but I can always resign and try my luck for three thousand."

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#### THE BATTLE - D. Ward 3A

The rocket slowly rose from the destroyer's deck, speeded up and headed for its target. Its target was an enemy space ship which had come to invade earth. The enemy space ship sent out some of its missiles. The missiles just missed the rocket and fell harmlessly into the sea. The aliens on board were getting angry because the missiles were making no explosions. They wondered why. Now the rocket was about one hundred yards away. It sent out some of its missiles and they hit the enemy ship. When the smoke had cleared away the ship was in the same place as it was before, but now they were out of control and could do nothing but wait to get destroyed. The rocket soon finished it off.

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#### THE BATTLE - D. MacDonald 3A

The rocket slowly rose from the destroyer's deck, speeded up and headed for its target. It was a U.F.O. Suddenly a ray shot out of it and made the rocket explode. The destroyer shot another one but the same thing happened. With that the destroyer turned around and sped off to base. The U.F.O. shot at destroyer, it made a gigantic hole in the side of the huge boat. It began to sink. Suddenly another destroyer appeared behind it and shot it down and so the little but hard battle had been won.

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#### THE ARGUMENT - J. Glare 6A

The Board of Commissioners was discussing the problem of "The Children's Liberation Movement" led by J. Glare.

He wanted children to have as many equal rights as adults. "If there were any legislations at all of the ruling of children, the organisation would rebel against our present government and probably our Island would be run by children," said Lord Snodenburg. "We can't have that," said Roger Kaputnik. The speakers adjourned the meeting. This was the dawning of the "Children's Liberation Movement".

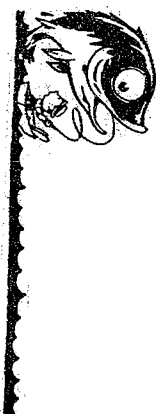
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#### WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED BY TEN FOOT WOBIDIGOO'S - Anon 5A

The story started when I was fishing off the Great Barrier Reef. I was catching snapper, bream, whiting and tailor. At sunset I decided to go fishing for wobbidigoo's. Wobbidigoo's are a native superstition. They think that if you stroll in the sea you are sure to catch a wobbidigoo but natives are so superstitious that they won't eat a tailor or tuna which they catch in their fishing boats.

I had been fishing for about half an hour when a super big bite straightened out my fishing line. I thought it was a snapper but when I got it within sight it was a ten foot fish which was a mixture of tuna and tailor. It suddenly started to bite the line and attack the boat. I then threw a pint of blood into the water so that sharks would come and kill the wobbidigoo. Soon after, all the wobbidigoo's were eaten and I never fished anywhere near that spot again.

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# SCHOOL ROLL 1973

## KEY

- A - Placed within first five in class
- B - Represented in Athletics
- C - Represented in Swimming
- D - Represented in First XV Football
- E - Represented in First XI Cricket
- F - Best all-rounder in the class.

### SIXTH CLASS

BERNHARDT	Brett	B,C,D.
BOUDA	Simon	B,D,E.
CAMILLOS	Paul	
CONLIN	Richard	D,E.
DUNCAN	Stephen	A,B,D,E,F.
EL-CHAH	David	B,C,D,E.
GLARE	John	D.
HAWKINS	Lindsay	
HEINRICH	Mark	
LAMBRINOS	Steven	B,D,E.
RENILSON	Simon	B,C,D,E.
SIMMONS	Stephen	A,B,C,D,E.
STORCH	John	A,B,C,D,E.
SVARE	Steven	D.
SUE	Rodney	A.
TINDALL	John	
WAGSTAFF	Scott	B,C,D,E.
WITHERS	Simon	C.
WHITEHEAD	Alexander	A,B,C.

### FIFTH CLASS

BROGAN	Scott	
BROWN	Stuart	A,B,C,D,F.
COUTTS	Kevin	A,B,D,E.
CRITICOS	Harry	
DALE	James	C,D.
GEORGE	Allen	B.
HEATHWOOD	Scott	A,D,E.
MACEY	Stephen	B,D,E.
MELKI	Richard	
O'CARROLL	Francis	A.
POLLOCK	Geoffrey	B.
RICHARDSON	David	
SIMMONS	Terry	B,C,D.
SHALHOUB	Paul	A.

### FIFTH CLASS (cont'd.)

SMITH	Timothy	
THOMSEN	Brentland	B.

### FOURTH CLASS

BODNAR	Michael	
DONOHUE	Danny	A,B,C.
HAZELTON	Kirk	B.
JOWETT	Brett	B,C.
MURRANT	Peter	A.
NOTLEY	Scott	
PARKER	Gregory	
RICHARDSON	Timothy	B,C.
ROWE	Vaughn	
SPARROW	Adam	C.
SPRYER	Matthew	A.
STORCH	Andrew	A,B,F.
STUART-JONES	Rhett	A,B,C.
WRIGHT	Boyd	C.

### THIRD CLASS

COMBES	Paul	C.
COOPER	Richard	
CRUICKSHANK	David	C.
EL-CHAH	Anthony	B,C.
PACKRELL	Peter	
GREENHALGH	David	
GULSON	Adam	A,C.
JOWETT	Gary	
MACAROUNAS	Tim	B.
MACAROUNAS	Mark	B.
MACDONALD	David	
SCHILLING	Adrian	A,B.
SHALHOUB	David	C.
STEINER	Anthony	

# SCHOOL ROLL (cont'd.)

## THIRD CLASS (cont'd.)

SUE	Michael	A.
SWATOSCH	Peter	
VLACHOS	Andrew	A,B.
WARD	David	A,B,C,F.
WOODWARD	Jason	B,C.

## SECOND CLASS

CLARKE	Rex	B.
DAVIS	Andrew	
DANSWAN	Stewart	
HARRISON	Daniel	B.
HEATHWOOD	Paul	A,B.
HAZELTON	Luke	B.
LAU	Barry	
LINDEN-SMITH	David	
MARKWICK	Jason	A.
MAW	Jonathan	
McLEAN	Stuart	B.
PARRAS	Colin	
ROWE	Christopher	A.
STRATTON	Adam	
TASSELL	Robert	A.
PERUGINO	Nicolas	A.
WRIGHT	Glen	

## FIRST CLASS

BRIDGE	Gregory	
BROGAN	Todd	A.
BOYDEN	Grant	
FAGAN	Rhys	
FINE	Gregory	
HILL	Rodney	
KALAITZIS	Evan	
KENNY	Nils	
MISSON	David	A,B,C.
NICOLL	Leonard	
PILARCIC	Anthony	
RIEGER	Colin	A.
SLAZENGER	Richard	A.
SMITH	Jason	C.
SKEELS	Andrew	A.
WONG	Brendan	
WROE	Darren	

## TRANSITION

CHIVERS	Darren	
COSTER	Leonard	A.
COUTTS	Leslie	
CRAIG	Malcolm	
DREW	Damien	
GAIOLO	Peter	
HAMBLY	Peter	
HEATHERINGTON	Mark	
HOWARD	Paul	
KELLY	Jason	
KEEGAN	Lucas	A.
KMIT	Michael	
LINDEN-SMITH	Ian	
QUINLAN	Matthew	
RICHARDS	Sean	
RAUTER	James	
ROWE	Nicholas	
SIMMONS	David	A.
SEDER	Michael	
SKEELS	Michael	
STEINER	Paul	
THORNE	Nathan	A.
TAI	Sean	
VAN-LIJF	Michael	
WOOD	Matthew	
WILLIAMS	Julian	A.
WONG	Sheldon	
COOMBES	Lionel	