



CHESSMOVES

JUNE 1998

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the second edition of CHESS MOVES for 1998. We are planning our reunion for October, being for the 1970s. Please contact me on 9427 9757 (b) if you would like to assist in telephoning your fellow ex-students for this year's event. CHESS has recently donated some of our members' contributions to the garden works of the school and this will be celebrated with a plaque at the front of the school. We are also contributing to a BBQ that will be used for CHESS events as well as for current school activities. This year the CHESS funded a mail-out to some 2000 ex-students had us making contact with a number of past students pleased to register their interest in the old school by joining our membership in 1998.

You can phone one of the committee listed above with any questions regarding CHESS membership.

Remember the 1970s event and your committee looks forward to seeing you there on the night.

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Bernard Corser (Class of 71)

FOUND

We will be able to find YOU if you put us on your list of people/memberships to notify when you move house, interstate or overseas. (Yes, we have members everywhere!)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (SUMMARY)

The joy, praise, and positive affirmation associated with the four public performances of the school musical "My Generation" continues unabated with letters, cards, faxes and phone calls pouring into the school from delighted families, primary school teachers and members of the wider community.

Open night was a great success also, with over 700 parents and children in the Hall for the Information Session and up to 900 visitors touring the school from 6pm. Our student volunteers who conducted the frequent guided tours of the school were an ornament to Camberwell High School.

I have been invited by the Secretary for Education, D of E, to join a small team which will visit the United Arab Emirates with a purpose of reviewing their entire educational system

and sharing with them, Victoria's educational policies and practices. My main role will be to liaise with female educators and share my experiences as an administrator in the Victorian Educational system with them.

After many years teaching instrumental music at CHS, Tony Brookes announced to us his intention to leave the school to pursue other musical interests. Tony's contributions to public performances of music at Camberwell High School over the years has been enormous.

It has been mentioned that the school has acquired the Camberwell swimming pool site (0.6ha) and we have now appointed an architect to complete the masterplanning services for the school. The firm appointed is Bruce Baade and Associates who have vast experience in school work, particularly in the D of Ed.

The school Assembly Hall is available for long and short term hire. If you know of any group (s) or individuals interested in hiring our hall (at reasonable rates) please ask them to contact Jeanette Botham at the school.

Elida Brereton (Principal)

OBITUARIES

Geoffrey Leonard SHAW - Year of 1960 (passed away 6.12.97)

Pamela Louise GILBERT - Year of 1965

June ROBERTSON (nee DENNIS) passed away 26.8.96

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The model schoolboy and schoolgirl outside Miss Egan's office (3rd Floor)?

The schoolgirl who wore the only summer uniform what was produced. No further material was available during the war years. The dress had a fawn background with a raised red stripe one way and a raised green stripe the other way.

I don't remember what the boy's uniform was except that I believe it was grey. I hardly knew what a boy was in those days! Do any of the 'ex-boys' remember or weren't you sent to Miss Egan's room as I was?

What was produced for the girls was a dress the same colour as Mangarra's but the most awful material cut on the cross. It was almost impossible to have a straight hemline and absolutely dreadful for iron. I'm glad my mother always looked after my uniform but I remember everytime it was ironed she became a nervous wreck!

Thank goodness the school rid itself of those.

Then there were the original stockings - ginger in colour and our mothers had to boil them up in coffee to get the colour right (of course we couldn't buy them) and after a few washes they had to be boiled up again.

Thank goodness they've gone too.

These days the girls would just simply refuse to wear them but no-one told Miss Egan what he, or she, would not do.

Hats and gloves had to be worn at all times outside the school. The hats had to be worn flat, not on an angle. Those of us with long plaits had no end of trouble trying to keep those hats on as the elastic had to be under the plaits. BUT do you remember the beautiful green velour winter hats? Unfortunately, small fingers usually had holes in the sides from pulling the hats down!

Ah well.....

Naomi Harrison (nee Carter)

Perhaps CHESS members would like to submit more "Do you remember?" articles for CHESS MOVES. Our next edition is due out in September. Give it some thought.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Since re-forming in 1991, CHESS has sponsored an annual sausage sizzle for the previous year's school leavers.

This year was no exception but there were one or two changes. Previously, the occasion was held in February or March and outside the school because of the warmer weather. This year it was agreed the function be held a little later in the year, possible May, and that it would be held on the same night as the school's musical event, My Generation, was held.

This proved very successful and the old 'common room' as it was called in my day, was the venue. Our sincere thanks to Elida, Ken Tenner and Glenn Linton for, as usual, their invaluable help in running things and welcoming their past students. At 7.30pm, we adjourned to the hall where a most enjoyable music program followed. I think the same format will be followed next year, as this year, it seemed very successful.

Approximately, 40-50 ex-students were present and notwithstanding a speech by Bernard, judging by the noise level, a good time was had by all!

I take this opportunity of reminding you all of our 70s reunion to be held on the school on Friday, 16th October. The guest of honour is not yet decided, however, publicity is the name of the game at this stage. If we are to have another successful night, please do your bit to publicise and any offers of help in other areas will be greatly appreciated.

Yvonne Wray (Vice President)

A WORD FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

This year we will be holding a reunion for the pupils who were at the school in the 1970s. In the past our reunions have been very successful and there have been a number of small gatherings that have spun off.

If anyone would like to try and contact any old school friends and perhaps arrange a reunion of their own and would like to get a list of their school year, please get in touch with Pat Douglas at the above address or phone number.

The Committee is looking forward to seeing all those who will be present at the 70s reunion.

If any CHESS member has not paid their subscriptions we would appreciate it if you could do so. Please support your old school.

Pat Douglas

LOST

I am seeking the address of a past student named SHEILA WALSH who attended Camberwell High School between 1966-68. Sheila was in the 1966 girls athletic team and.....1968 bounceball and hockey teams. I hope you may be able to help me in some way.....

Excerpt from ex-student's letter...

Please contact Pat Douglas if you are able to help ut here.

**1970s
REUNION
Camberwell High School
7.30pm Friday October 16th, 1998**

Guest Speaker
Memorabilia on display
School Tours
Door Prizes
Lots of catching up to do....

\$20 a head - includes food and drink
RSVP to CHESS