

The School Year

1956

February 1—The first term opened with a record roll of 508 boys. February 1-7—Annual “Barracks” was held at the School. A half holiday was given For the Show on February 3. February 14—Prefects were appointed. February 17—260 boys (VIa-IVa) attended at the Town Hall for the Governor-General’s address to post-primary students. February 21—Films on the Antarctic were shown in connection with the raising of funds for the New Zealand Antarctic Expedition. February 29—The Athletic Sports were held in good weather conditions. March 3—The Sea Cadet Unit paraded at the North Ground on the occasion of the visit of Admiral McBeath. March 5—The School attended a performance of “Twelfth Night” by the New Zealand Players. March 21—The Annual Meeting of the Parents’ Association was held. March 23—Anniversary Day holiday. March 24—The Inter-Secondary Schools’ Athletic Sports were held at Invercargill. March 29—The Governor-General’s holiday was observed. April 10—The Swimming Sports were held. April 12—The Rev. Dr. E. Orr addressed morning assembly. April 20—Winter games were commenced. April 24—The Anzac Day service was held at Assembly at which members of the Board and of the Old Boys’ Association were present. The speaker was Mr. P. S. Anderson. May 3—The band played at Assembly. May 4—End of the First Term. May 22—Second Term commenced. June 6—Annual Rugby, Association, and Hockey games with Otago Boys’ High School. June 14—One hundred and forty boys attended a lecture by Sir Edmund Hillary. June 18-20—Visit of post-primary inspectors (Messrs. Davidson, Gainsford, Robertson, Hunter, and Warren’). June 26-29—Mid-year examinations. July 5—His Worship the Mayor (Mr. L. M. Wright) and Mr. J. Hogg addressed Assembly in connection with the organisation of a copper trail for funds for the Old People’s rooms. July 6 - £400 was raised by means of the copper trail, Visit of Alexandra District High School team. July 9—Messrs. P. Johnstone and I. Kirkpatrick, members of the South African touring team, addressed the School. July 10—The South African team practised on the School grounds in the afternoon. First Hockey XI played Waitaki Boys’ High School. July 11—” Preview,” a demonstration of some important scientific experiments. was presented in the Hall by courtesy of General Motors. July 18—The Second XV played its annual game against Gore High School. July 23 -26—Pupils of the Cromwell District High School paid a visit to Dunedin, some members of the party being billeted by boys of the School. A rugby game was played on July 25 between the visitors’ team and our Third XV, July 25—The First XV and First XI (Association) visited Inver-

cargill for annual games with Southland Boys’ High School. July 30—Third-form pupils received BCG vaccination. July 31—An officer of the Transport Department visited the School to show films and lecture on traffic problems. August 1—The annual Parents’ Association social was held. August 6—The Otaki Scholar addressed the School at Assembly. Commander Ashdown, Naval Recruiting Officer, visited the School. August 7—Two junior rugby teams visited Palmerston for games with the local District High School pupils. A display of equipment was given by the Royal New Zealand Air Force during the luncheon period. August 8—Six boys took part in tree planting as part of the celebration of Arbor Day. August 9—The Second XV and a junior rugby team visited Balclutha for games with the South Otago High School. August 13-16—The First XV visited Invercargill to take part in a rugby tournament with the First XV’s of New Plymouth, Timaru and Southland Boys’ High School, as part of the Southland Centennial celebrations. August 17—Athletic and Swimming Sports Certificates were presented by Dr. Jefferson. End of Second Term. September 11—The Third Term commenced. September 17—Four hundred and twenty boys attended a concert by the National Orchestra. October 3—Members of the Board of Governors paid an official visit to the School to inspect improvements and renovations carried out during the year. October 5—The annual cross-country races were held. October 6—Band solo competitions were held. October 10—Fifteen boys took part in the Physical Education display held at Carisbrook as part of the Otago Education Board’s Centennial celebrations. October 11-17—Final examinations for fifth and sixth forms. October 13—The annual cricket game against an Old Boys’ XT was played. October 18—Major Webb, from Army Headquarters, addressed the School on Duntroon Military College and took the salute at a march past of the Cadet Unit. October 23—To mark the occasion of United Nations Day, the School was addressed by Mr. B. Aitken, who has recently completed his tenure of a UNESCO. fellowship. Mr. Aitken was accompanied by Mr. J. A. Scoular, of the local Rotary.

The Staff Plays the First Football Eleven



Staff and First Eleven pose before the match



Mr Stuart about to intercept the ball.



Mr. Coxon heading for the ball



Teams leaving the field



Mr Famlton about to make a goal kick



Notice teachers' downcast looks



THE SCHOOL DANCE

This year, the Prefects endeavoured to lessen the burden of increasingly intensive labour involved in the preparations for past dances, without lowering the standard of the decorations. In this they succeeded, although admittedly they poached a little on some of last year's paintings.

The theme, centered on "Hits," was illustrated in murals and also in the traditional corners. Guests arriving early in the Hall were greeted by a raucous horn, as the "Rock Island Line" goods' rattled through the toll-gate. Owing to its shattering effect on the nerves, however the horn was later silenced. Featured in the other corners were "See You Later, Alligator," "Sixteen Tons," and the overworked band which provided music almost without a break throughout the evening.

With the fuses loaded almost to the limits, the Hall was lit by one hundred and fifty coloured lights in addition to the normal white ones. Further illumination was provided by the blue-light centerpiece of last year (with M. C. Fraser patent regulator) and an automatic spotlight that swept to and fro during the "twilights," successfully dazzling all who dared look it in the eye. To counteract the revealing efforts of his work, Fraser had tutored Warrington, jnr in the art of "dimming." This he carried out very successfully, except in the case of the spotlight which seemed to be a sore point with John Hayward.

The streamers, at a minimum height of seven feet, gave the Hall length, and greatly added to the general gaiety of the scene. Credit must go to D. B. Simpson and W. Scott for their untiring efforts here. The supper rooms and corridor were also attractively decorated, the latter mainly due to the efforts of the assistant electrician, A. E. James.

All in all, the decorations were good, and the crew who worked hard to make them so had their reward in the success of the evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The supper itself, excellent both in quality and quantity, provided welcome refreshment for the two hundred and thirty-odd thirsty dancers. For the organisation of this most important part of the programme, the Prefects owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Hayes and her hand of helpers.

Finally we thank Mr. Familton for his efficient oversight and direction of the preparations and general management; Ian Bassett, Dave Brunton and Graeme Geary for their paintings; and all the others who by their help, made the night of September 22 such a memorable success.



Graeme Geary and Polly Shirley preparing a corner for—"See you Later, Alligator"



Adjusting Decorations



The theme of the School Dance was "Modern Hit Tunes". This corner picturing a mine, represents the hit "16 Tons".



Graeme Geary and an admirer

The School Cross Country Races

The Cross Country Races were held at Chisholm Park on October 5, in ideal conditions, the afternoon being mild and windless. The course was slightly longer this year owing to lupins having grown over a track previously used. This may account partly, but not wholly, for the generally slower times.

Entries were very good; 200 juniors made up the largest field we have ever had, and the senior entry of 115 was also an improvement on that of recent years.

W. J. Townsend made good use of his handicap in the Senior race. He took the lead fairly early, maintained a solid pace, and won comfortably from M. L. Farrant who had come from a back mark to gain fastest time. M. Gibbs was third. Second and third fastest times went to N. Hamilton and R. W. Bishop respectively.

The Junior race was also won convincingly by D. Lough, whose time was third fastest. R. J. Hunter was second and K. Towns third.

P. Dey came strongly through the big field from the scratch mark to finish in ninth place and record fastest time. I. F. Farrant, who started 10 seconds before Dey, finished only eight seconds behind him, and gained second fastest time.



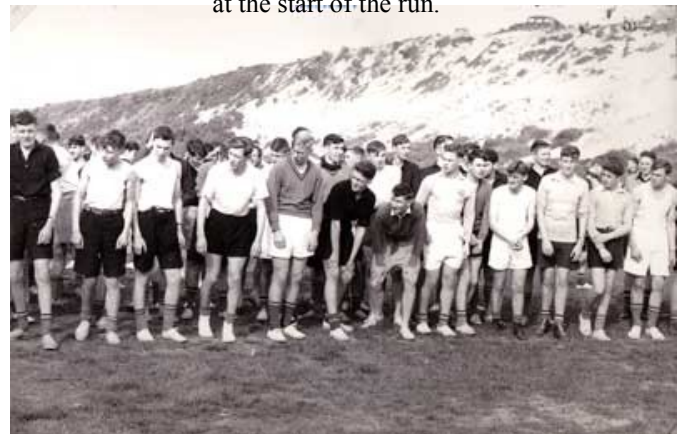
Ready for the start of the 1956 Cross Country races at St. Kilda



Digby Flockton leads the way as the runners turn into the road at the start of the run.



Kennelly leads the way



Waiting for the word



Geoff Couling in the lead

Cross Country Results:

Junior Handicap (L. K. White Cup).—D. Lough 1, R. J. Hunter 2, K. Towns 3.

Junior Fastest Time (Caversham Harrier and A.A. Cup).—P. A. Dey, 11min. 52sec 1; I. F. Farrant, 12min. 10sec. 2; D. Lough, 12min. 48sec 3,

Senior Handicap (Civil Service Harrier Club Cup).—W. J. Townsend 1, M. L. Farrant 2, M. Gibbs 3.

Senior Fastest Time (Caversham Harrier and A.A. Cup) – M. L. Farrant 14min 52 sec 1; N. Hamilton 15 min 20 sec. 2; R. W. Bishop, 15 min 25 sec. 3.



W. Townsend winning the
Senior Race



M. Farrant Senior Fastest
Time



D. Lough winning the Junior
Race



Fifth Form Examinations in the Assembly Hall



Einsteins of tomorrow in the Chemistry Laboratory



The School Drama Club



"Dress through the ages" Members of the Drama Club—R.P. Stuart, P Mulqueen, K. Mills, L. Dickie, P. Gordon



Biological Survey—Second Beach, St. Clair



Collecting Specimens



Todd

