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## BELIEVED TO BE PHOTOGRAPH OF FIRST MEETING OF OLD BOYS

### CRICKET MATCHES

Send your application  
now

### Sydney O.B.U. v. School 1st XI

Sydney branch of the O.B.U. are organising a cricket match against the School 1st XI on Sunday, December 1, 1963, commencing at 10.30 a.m. The match is to be played at Tunks Park, Cammeray (under Northbridge Suspension Bridge). A barbecue lunch is being arranged for the School Boys. Old Boys wishing to play should contact John Lennox, 8/101 O'Sullivan Road, Bellevue Hill, phone 280551/365423. Old Boys requiring lunch should advise the Hon. Secretary, T.A.S.O.B.U. Sydney branch, W. J. Lewarne, phone BW 1916/JA3698. All Old Boys and friends are welcome to turn up and watch the match.



Back Row: A. S. Wiseman, F. G. Johnstone, W. Hardon, F. Wigan, E. Hayes, C. M. Wright, A. Dutton.  
Front Row: H. (Bob) Gordon, H. (Boy) Gordon, A. T. Nivison, A. W. Hyman, R. W. P. Burrow, L. Dutton, J. L. G. Johnstone, E. McDonald.

### Term Dates—1964

#### FIRST TERM

Wednesday 5th February—  
Wednesday 6th May  
Boarders return by 8 p.m.,  
Tuesday 4th February.  
Leave (except Cadets) a.m.  
6th May.  
CADET CAMP: 5th May—  
14th May (probable dates).  
EASTER BREAK: a.m.  
Thursday, 26th March to 7 p.m.  
Tuesday 31st March.

#### SECOND TERM

Wednesday 27th May—  
Wednesday 19th August  
Boarders return by 8 p.m.  
Tuesday 26th May; leave a.m.  
19th August.  
MID-TERM: 12.30 p.m., Fri-  
day 10th July to 7 p.m.; Sun-  
day 12th July.

#### THIRD TERM

Wednesday 16th September—  
Wednesday 9th December  
(Speech Day)  
Boarders return by 8 p.m.,  
Tuesday 15th September.  
MID-TERM (Leaving Certi-  
ficate candidates excepted):  
12.30 p.m. Friday 23rd Octo-  
ber to 7 p.m. Sunday 25th  
October. A. H. CASH,  
(Headmaster)

### Grafton Old Boys v. Catholic Schools Old Boys

A return "cricket" match is being organised by Neville Weiley and other Grafton Old Boys to take place, starting approximately 10 a.m., Sunday 15th December, at Yamba. Intending players and supporters should advise Neville Weiley, phone 3 Grafton. Players and supporters may assemble at The Pacific Hotel, Grafton. Should sufficient Old Boys be available on the Saturday evening of 14th December, a Dinner may be organised in Yamba or Grafton.  
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### Armidale O.B.U. v. School XIs

The Annual Old Boys' Cricket Matches against the School XIs will be played at the School on Tuesday 10th December, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Old Boys wishing to play should advise the undersigned by Friday 6th December. Lunch will be provided by the School for players.  
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### O.B.U. Scholarship

The Old Boys' War Memorial Scholarship of £50 per year to be awarded to the son of a returned Serviceman Old Boy is available for 1964. Applicants should give the following information:—

- Full name of father and son.
- Details of father's War Service.
- Son's age.
- Report from son's schoolmaster unless at T.A.S. already.

The Award will normally carry on until the successful candidate leaves T.A.S. Applications should be lodged by 10th December, 1963.  
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### ORIGINAL DONORS

#### 1959 APPEAL

See Overleaf

Message from . . .

A. T. Mitchell,

President O.B.U.

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### BUILDING APPEAL, 1963

#### G. A. Fisher Wing

This appeal was launched by the School Council in September, after the Old Boys' Annual Meeting had offered whole-hearted support to it. The Armidale Committee, Sydney branch Committee, and representatives in Brisbane and Newcastle have worked hard, as have Old Boys in the more isolated areas, to approach Old Boys and parents who did not contribute to the 1959 Building Appeal. Over £21,000 has been promised to date on a five year basis of giving. Previous donors, Old Boys, parents and friends are welcome to join in and assist if they wish. The O.B.U. President has a message about the Appeal to T.A.S. Old Boys:

#### O.B.U. President's Message

"We are now approaching the climax to our 1963 Building Appeal and it now appears certain that the target of £25,000 will be achieved.

"To the many Old Boys who held key positions, who worked so hard and who gave so generously to the Appeal themselves, I extend my sincere thanks.

"There are some Old Boys who have not been given the opportunity to support this appeal and quite a few original donors who have asked to be associated with the 1963 Appeal because of its special significance, i.e., the honouring of G. A. Fisher. Would any Old Boys who wish to donate to this Appeal indicate their intention\* at an early date in order that we can make this 1963 Building Appeal an overwhelming success?

"Wishing the Old Boys the compliments of the season".

A. T. Mitchell.

\* Return slip below.

#### Message From

#### G. A. Fisher . . .

In a letter to the Headmaster, Mr. G. A. Fisher expressed his deep appreciation of the honour bestowed on him and added the following message—"Would you please say how glad I was to hear of the new fund-drive and express my wishes to the fund for its further success? This will help to consolidate the fourth priority of the master plan which we visualised for so long".

#### Headmaster's Appreciation of Goodwill and Gifts

The Headmaster, Mr. A. H. Cash, speaking of the Appeal said recently: "The enthusiastic initial response to the 1963 Appeal has heartened us all at T.A.S. tremendously. After only five weeks, the success has been such that we are enabled now to proceed confidently to the preparations of detailed plans to provide teaching facilities and general amenities worthy of the school in the G. A. Fisher Wing.

Wherever I have met parents and Old Boys during this campaign, there has been a great willingness to help. Realising the urgency, they have contributed generously and early to ensure that the wing will be built as soon as possible. These meetings have been a pleasure to attend and both Mr. Mattingley, who visited some centres, and I have been once again impressed by the goodwill that exists for T.A.S.

"In a lifetime there are many sunny days: the day on which the total reached £20,000—I remember it will—in one of the country towns—was one of those sunny days. Our target is now in sight, and I wish to thank all those who have worked for the campaign and those who have given or are in the process of doing so for their wonderful response. Through your efforts and support, we shall be able to cope adequately with the new demands. Thank you again—this new wing will make so much difference to our work and conditions that all who have shared in its cost will surely feel proud that they have been associated with it".

### Observance of Easter

#### Bishop's Letter to Parents of N.E.G.S. and T.A.S.

For some years following the change over from four terms to three, the 'New England Girls' School has not released the girls for the Easter period. The Armidale School has released the boys at that time for ranging periods. The difference in practice between the two schools has caused great dissatisfaction.

Easter is a religious Festival and Good Friday a Holy Day. This has been the reason for the New England Girls' School practice. Neither day is a holiday in the usual sense.

On the other hand, the period gives an opportunity for families to spend Easter together and this was the background of The Armidale School practice.

Recently, believing that there should be a uniform practice for the schools, I had a conference with the Headmistress of the New England Girls' School, the Headmaster of The Armidale School and the Chaplains of the two schools.

We agreed on the following arrangement to try to give weight to both ideals, viz., that where Easter occurred more than three weeks before the May holidays (i.e. approximately mid-April under the present system of school dates) the schools would close for the Easter break; where the May holidays fell less than three weeks from mid-April, the schools would remain open and the children remain, but Easter Monday would not be observed as a holiday, but as a working day. The arrangement for each particular year would be decided by consultation between the two schools.

I hope this uniformity of action and the emphasis of the two ideals will appeal to parents and scholars alike.

Thus in 1964 where Easter comes on March 29, the Schools will close for Easter from Thursday, March 26 to Tuesday, March 31. In 1965 when Easter comes on April 18 the schools will remain open and the staff and students will remain at the schools.

I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
JOHN S. ARMIDALE.

### NEWS ITEMS

Carol Service—  
December 10, at 6.45 p.m., in St. Peter's Cathedral.

Speech Day—  
December 11. We look forward to the visit of Sir Robert Menzies who has agreed to come.

G.P.S. RUGBY DRAW, 1964  
Four matches at T.A.S.

Matches next year for 1st XV games in the G.P.S. competition will be:—

Round 1—  
Round 1: June 6: T.A.S. v T.K.S. at Armidale.

Round 2: June 13: T.A.S. v T.S.C., Bellevue Hill.

Round 3: June 20: T.A.S. v St. J.C., Armidale.

Round 4: June 27: T.A.S. v S.C.E.G.S., Northbridge.

Round 5: July 4: T.A.S. v N.C., Armidale.

Round 6: July 11: T.A.S. v S.H.S., Mackay.

Round 7: July 18: T.A.S. v S.I.C., Armidale.

Round 8: July 25: T.A.S. bye

Round 9: August 1: T.A.S. v S.G.S., Weigall.

August 8: G.P.S. v. C.H.S. Sportsground.

Second XV games will be played on the same dates but the venue in each case has yet to be decided.

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#### Working Bee

Old Boys intend to work at the School on Sunday, December 1, to construct the approaches to White House, complete drainage and generally tidy up. Volunteers are welcome from 8 a.m.

#### An Old Boys' Union Extraordinary General Meeting

Will be held in the SCHOOL LIBRARY on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1963, at 6 p.m. to consider:—

1. Recommendation that R. J. Magoffin be appointed an honorary Life Vice-President.
2. Notice of motion that B. J. Mattingley be elected an honorary Life Member.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Cricketers will be excused for attendance in cricket togs.

P. J. JOHNSTONE,  
Hon. Secretary

To: Hon. Secretary,  
T.A.S.O.B.U.,  
Box 196, ARMIDALE.

I wish to nominate my son.....

for the O.B.U. Scholarship available in 1964. I enclose full particulars.

NAME.....  
(Block Letters)

ADDRESS.....

To: The Appeal Chairman,  
T.A.S., ARMIDALE.

I wish to join in and contribute to the 1963 Building Appeal.

I hope to give £..... per annum over 5 years.

OR

I am willing to carry on my previous yearly donations for a further 5 years.

I enclose my first donation herewith

OR

Please send me a reminder on..... of 19

NAME.....  
(Block Letters)

ADDRESS.....

To Neville Weiley Esq.,  
Weiley's Hotel, GRAFTON.

I wish to play cricket on 15th December at Yamba.

I am interested in a dinner on 14th December

NAME.....  
(Block Letters)

ADDRESS.....

Phone No.....

To Hon. Secretary,  
T.A.S.O.B.U.,  
Box 196, P.O.,  
ARMIDALE.

I wish to play cricket for Old Boys at the School on 10th December. Details of recent cricket form are.....

NAME.....  
(Block Letters)

ADDRESS.....