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## OF THE SCHOOL TRANSFORMED

### Wonderful Day

The opening of the Fisher Wing on July 2 was marked by a genial warmth and friendliness which everyone enjoyed to the full. Old Boys, parents and friends gathered in force in an assembly of some 1500 people to pay tribute to Mr. Gordon A. Fisher (in whose honour the Wing is named) and Mrs. Fisher, who to our great delight were present for the occasion.

An added great pleasure of the day was to see Canon H. K. Archdall (headmaster 1919-1926) who was on a short visit to Australia and came as one of our guests of honour. The Canon rejoiced at meeting again old friends like Sir Michael Bruxner, Col. H. F. White, Brigadier J. L. G. Johnstone and Mr. Geoffrey Forster among the crowd of Old Boys.

#### Guard of Honour

The Cadets turned out a smart guard of honour, which was drawn up on the decking of the new covered way. The guard was inspected by our special visitor for the day, Dr. J. R. Darling, Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Commission and formerly Headmaster of Geelong Grammar School, and it then marched off along the catwalk which connects the decking to the science block.

#### Proceedings

Bishop Clive Kerle, as Chairman of the Council, welcomed everyone and spoke of the quality and concept of the building; the Headmaster, Mr. Cash, told us of the great benefit of the Wing in the growing life of the school, expressing the deep gratitude of the school to the architect, Mr. Reg. Magoffin, and to the builder, Mr. R. Lane. Mr. Paul Johnstone, as co-Chairman of the Appeal Committee, thanked all who had subscribed towards the cost of the building, particularly the hard core of people who had given in both the 1959 and 1963 Appeals.

#### Unveiling

Dr. J. R. Darling unveiled the plaque commemorating the official opening of the G. A. Fisher Wing. In doing so he spoke of the qualities of independence, of discipline and religious education as among the essentials of an independent church school. Among other things he gave us to think about were the following:

"It is the Old Boys and the friends of the school who have subscribed generously towards the \$115,000 which the new wing has cost. They cannot be expected to contribute unless the school maintains its quality; and quality I regret to say is expensive".

"Discipline is learning to count other people more important than oneself".

"Nobody can be proud of a place, or a regiment or a ship where things are too easy. The essence of right pride lies in discipline."

"It is not altogether silly that Guards paratroopers carry a tin of boot polish in their minimal equipment".



G. A. Fisher, Esq.; A. H. Cash, Esq.; Canon H. K. Archdall and the bell

### GENEREROUS GIFT

Incorporated in the Fisher Wing  
**THE MAIN STAIRWAY,  
BALUSTRADE, CLOCK AND BELL**  
are the gift of the Payne Family  
In memory of their father Stephen Payne  
and their brother Stephen James Payne  
July 2, 1966

#### "Should be Religious"

"Some people in the organised church, the institutional church complain that schools don't do enough for the diocese," Dr. Darling said.

"That is a completely upside down way of looking at it.

"Schools of this sort are what the church is doing in the world. They are the arms of the church thrust into the world, and there never was a time at which it was more necessary for the church to put its arms out into the community than at the present moment.

"If the church fails to find a way to do this, it will wither away itself and die".

If the school was to be an arm of the church pushed out into the world, it had to be armed with up-to-date religion, with modern theological thinking, Dr. Darling maintained.

Being up-to-date in religion was just as important as being up-to-date in science.

#### Heavy Responsibility

"These schools have a very heavy responsibility of showing the rising generation that religion is a real and relevant part of life today, that it is the mission that Christ started and has to be carried on by people who have the chance of learning at a place of this sort".

#### Wider Horizons

In a short address, Mr. Fisher expressed his and Mrs. Fisher's thanks and appreciation to the School Council, to the Appeals' Committee, to the generous and loyal donors who had made possible the fulfilment of the building scheme, and congratulated them on their achievement.

He spoke of the aims of such schools as T.A.S. to make young Australians hardy and self-reliant, to imbue them with awareness and sensibility, but above all with self-discipline.

In his characteristic way, in referring to the language laboratory, Mr. Fisher looked, as a "Utopian-Nationalist", to wider horizons. He expressed the hope that the lab. would be used 'not only for the teaching of traditional languages, but of Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese and Russian. The histories of these countries, our near-northern neighbours, could also be studied.'

Mr. Fisher concluded with a tribute to the architect, Mr. Reg. Magoffin, and the builder, Mr. R. Lane, quoting the words of Ruskin: "When we build, let it be not for present delight, nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for".



Dr. J. R. Darling inspects the Guard

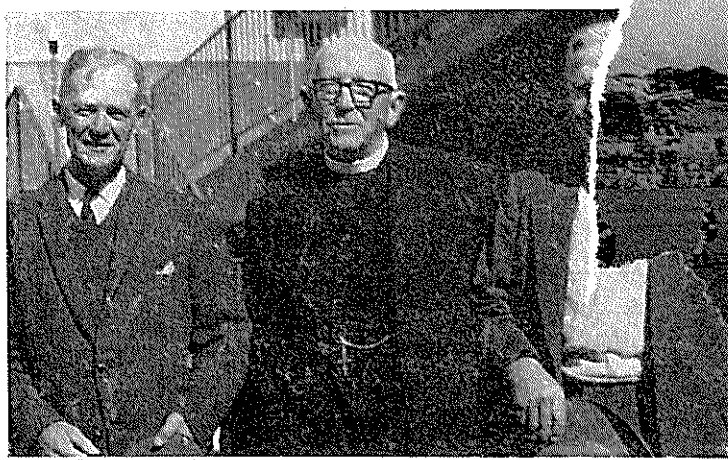
**Canon H. K. Archdall**

Before it was known that Canon Archdall was on a brief visit to Australia, the Council and the Headmaster had agreed and announced that the old Masters' Common Room would be redesigned and renovated as a reception room to be named "The Archdall Room" in honour of the Canon who has had such a distinguished career.

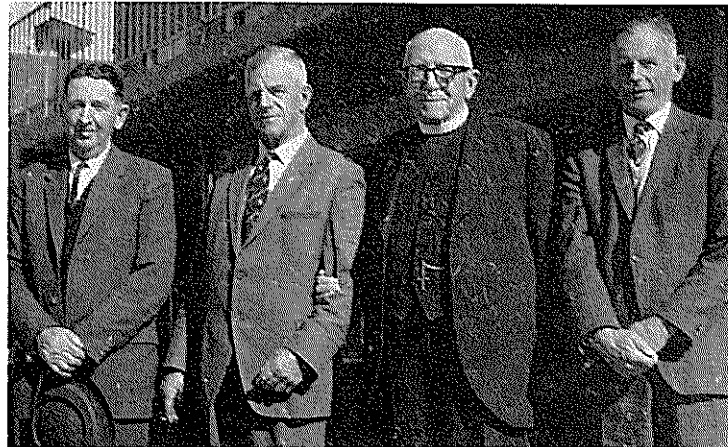
It was therefore a very special delight that the Canon was able to spend two days with us at the opening of the Fisher Wing, and a memorable occasion when he preached in Chapel at Evensong on July 3. For him it was a joy to think himself back forty years. Here is his curriculum vitae:

Born Sydney, March 2, 1886. Sydney Grammar School 1898-1903, Senior Prefect. University of Sydney, St. Paul's College, 1904-09. Woolley Travelling Scholar 1909. Trinity College, Cambridge, Advanced Student 1909-11. Fellow, Lecturer and Dean of Corpus Christi Cantab. 1911-15. Dean of Newcastle, N.S.W. 1915-19. Headmaster The Armidale School 1919-26. Headmaster King's College, Auckland, N.Z., 1926-35. Chaplain Wellington College, Berkshire 1935-38. Principal St. David's University College, Lampeter, Wales, 1938-53 and Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford for that period 1954-57. Visiting Fellow of Yale University, U.S.A. and Acting-Professor of Berkeley Divinity School there. 1957-59 Chaplain to Episcopal Congregation at H.Q., U.S. Army in Europe, Heidelberg, Germany. Special Preacher at Cambridge and Oxford and a member of the Faith and Order Committee of the World Council of Churches 1939-51.

Retired 1959 to 51 Victoria Avenue Porthcawl, South Wales.



R. H. Vyner, Esq.; Canon H. K. Archdall; G. L. Braund, Esq.



J. M. Mitchell, Esq.; Sir Bernard Croft, Canon Archdall and R. M. Croft, Esq.

**Mementos**

Small wooden plaques bearing the School crest were presented to Mr. R. J. Magoffin, Mr. R. Lane, Dr. J. R. Darling and to Mr. G. A. Fisher. In presenting the plaque to Mr. Fisher, Mr. Mattingley asked him to receive it "as a mark, but not as a measure," of the affection and esteem in which he is held by the School community.

**Thank You, P. & F.!**

After the ceremony, many people availed themselves of the luncheon which was generously and expertly provided by the Parents and Friends' Association.

**Visitors' Book**

Mr. Fisher very kindly presented the Common Room with a Visitors' Book to record visits of V.I.P.'s, a gift we acknowledge with sincere thanks.

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up of specialise... the care of masters in charge of specific subjects. A new edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica has been purchased and specialised books for departments are being bought all the time.

Great encouragement has come by the generous donations received from parents and friends of the School, and it is hoped that these will continue. They are very much valued and appreciated.

It is a sign of deepened interest in the Library to see more and more boys using it for private study. This is particularly heartening in view of the demands made by the Wyndham Scheme curriculum.

**DISPLAY**

A show case is to be built in the window alcove for the display of items of literary interest.

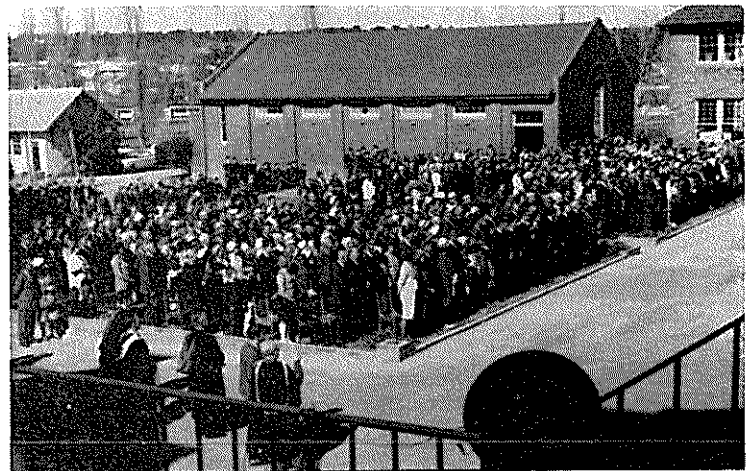
If any documents, unusual books or manuscripts, particularly anything that might well go into school archives, could be donated for this purpose, they would be gladly received and would doubtless prove of inspirational value to future generations.



Sir Michael Bruxner with Mrs. H. F. White and her husband, Colonel White.

**CHAPEL**

- July 3—Canon H. K. Archdall kindly assisted at the Holy Communion and preached at Evensong, when his text was, "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth".
- July 31. Stuart John, son of Mr. Graeme and Mrs. Hartigan, was baptised during Second Chapel. The water used was from the river Jordan which had been sent out by friends to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Coventry, and has been kept for the baptism of members of the family; the font bowl was one which has been used for some hundred years in their family.
- August 21: Professor the Rev. John Bishop preached at the O.B.U. Service.
- October 2: Thirty-five boys were confirmed by Bishop Clive Kerle.
- Altar Flowers: We have greatly appreciated the flowers brought in for the Chapel by Mrs. Dick Croft more than once when she has been coming to the School.



Part of the Crowd

**HEADMASTER OVERSEAS**

Mr. A. H. Cash has been awarded a Study Grant for six months by the Australian-American Education Foundation.

He is to undertake a 3 months' course in Educational Administration at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, U.S.A., and then a special programme of visits to schools in the eastern States.

Afterwards Mr. Cash will go to the United Kingdom to visit Gordonstoun and other schools there. He proposes to return via Europe and Greece, with a week or so in Athens,

and will be back here during first term, 1967.

Mrs. Cash will join her husband in America in mid-October for a short time and will return ahead of him via U.K. and Europe.

We send them both all our good wishes and look forward to their coming back.

Meantime Mr. B. J. Mattingley is Acting-Headmaster and Mr. R. W. L. Crossle is in charge of Tyrrell House.

Incidentally, Mr. and Mrs. Crossle will be leaving in December for a year in England.

## DRAMA

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● And to the Orchestra without whom G. & S. could not go on;  
● And to all the other artists behind the scenes, not forgetting those in Inverell who provided dinner for the whole troupe before the performance there.  
The proceeds in Inverell were again given to Legacy.

### "TRIAL BY JURY"

As usual with T.A.S. stage shows, a good time was had by all. It was an ambitious venture, and survived rather because of the spirit of the boys than because of any outstanding talent, but as usual, it had the kind of enthusiasm that puts a show over.

"Trial by Jury" is an exacting trifle: it requires full voice, enunciation and verve to make its point. Some of the songs were hard to hear, but the by-play was good, and the sense came over very well. The Usher (P. Johnstone) and the Judge (C. Kemp) were good; the defendant (P. Williams) was not so much at home, but acted with a sort of nervous delicacy

which almost ennobled the part. The Foreman (R. Doyle) creaked appropriately and Boozie Floozie (W. Richard) had a wonderful time. The other "ladies" were as stunning as ever, if a little light in voice.

The amazing thing about Gilbert is the way he retains topicality: we are still arguing about the jury system! The musical ensemble which always gather under Mr. Bell's baton showed its competence and some imagination. The insertion of a T.A.S. song sung by the Judge is of course conventional and very refreshing.

On the whole, a success, if a little below the flare of Ruddigore and the Mikado.



Study Room—Fisher Wing

## DISCOMFITURE

Owing to unforeseen circumstances and a locked door, the only possible means of entry into F3 in the G. A. Fisher Wing was through the window. To make matters more difficult, I was carrying books for three periods and there was a desk in my path as I came through the window. This desk had to be pushed out of the way as I was half way through and along with it, the chair beside it.

Before entering, I had to lift the window higher so that I could climb through. This meant putting my books down, picking my books up quickly once I had lifted the pane, and climbing quickly through lest the window should decide to slide down before I could get in.

Half way through the window my leg got caught on the window sill, making it even

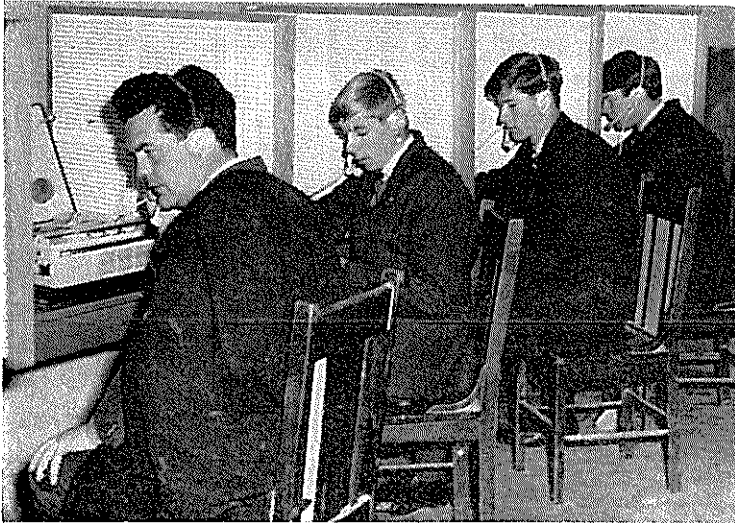
more difficult for me to enter the room.

Thinking that there was no Master in the room, for the door was locked, it did not enter my head to look to see if there was one. Again, by the time I arrived, generally all the Masters from the previous lesson had departed, and as we were not having a Master to take us for third period, it never occurred to me to look.

You will say that that is no excuse; all I can say is that you don't do or say the same things in front of a Master as you do in front of boys.

I suppose the real reason for my swearing was the difficulty and inconvenience of coming through the window, a difficulty aggravated by catching my leg on the sill.

I couldn't do anything but apologise.



Mr. P. Rogers and three 5th Years in Mini Lab.

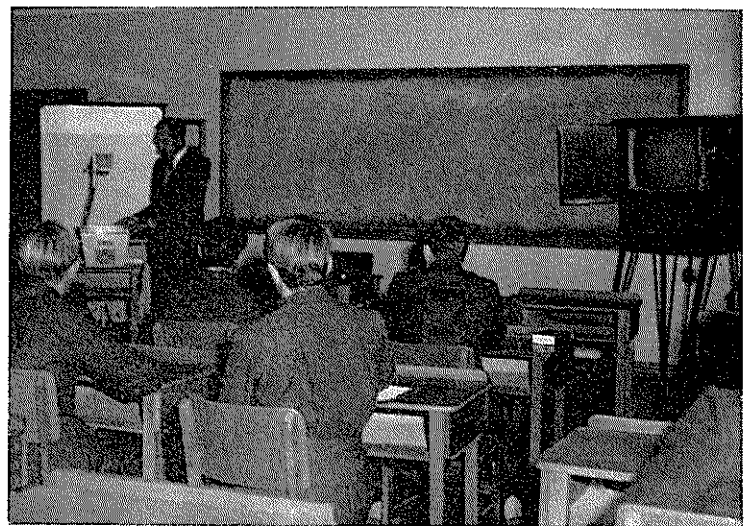
### ANDROCLES AND THE LION

For a school with little dramatic tradition, beyond Gilbert and Sullivan, to attempt a Shaw, is perhaps rather venturesome. It is, of course, true that the Prologue is often presented by amateurs as a tried and true "work-horse", but then it is the farcical elements which carry it through. Once the play settles into the First Act, then in "Androcles and the Lion" Shaw tends to become his didactic self and wordiness slows down the action at critical points. To be successful, a production of this play must, I feel, highlight the comedy parts without descending altogether to outright farce, whilst representing the serious parts with all the sincerity that can be mustered. To say that this is not an easy play, is stating the obvious—indeed any cast which can prevent the whole thing grinding to a halt half way through the final act, is doing remarkably well. In addition to this, so many of the characters are required to spend a long time on the stage with apparently little to do beyond form the background to the action or duologues going on before them. Thus, the pit-falls are many—but, when one sees a performance such as this one was, so are the rewards.

Prime credit must inevitably, go to the leading parts, but first mention must be made of the people who so successfully played the thankless parts—the Christians, the soldiers, the gladiators, the servants, the slaves—these were the ones who by their constant concentration on the action in hand ensured the credibility of the over-all action.

One embarrassing feature of so many amateur productions is the movement—feet and hands seem to be divorced from the body; moves are made without apparent reason, the crowd scenes degenerate into a mob. Here we saw none of this, whether the scene was an intimate one between the Captain and Lavinia or one in which almost the whole cast was assembled at once... even more remarkable when it is realised that almost no-one had ever been on the stage before. Only rarely was one conscious that these were boys acting—Lavinia was Lavinia, Caesar was Caesar and so on down through the cast. They enjoyed themselves and their enthusiasm came down across the footlights to the audience.

"The most gloriously improbable kitten ever to reach six feet".



Visual Aids—Fisher Wing

It would almost be invidious to pick out individuals in such a performance where teamwork was paramount, but perhaps mention must be made of Charles Topp as Androcles, Haddon Witten as Lavinia, Charles Palmer as the Captain, Charles Linsell as the Emperor, and George Souris's Ferrovius and, for a beautiful little cameo performance—John Creighton as Magaera, the domineering wife of Androcles. It was these actors who built the picture around which the others were able very successfully to form a framework. Of course, as the programme advised us, we shall not easily forget Peter Quayle as the Lion.

For the technical side—the stage crew, set designers, wardrobe mistresses, the lighting crew—there can be nothing but praise. The effect was one of splendid yet well chosen, balanced and well blended colour.

The over-all impression remaining from this production is of a highly successful experiment. As previously said, the boys appeared to enjoy and obtain satisfaction from their performances; they must have benefited from the experience. It may be that it will not be possible to fit anything similar into the school calendar in future years. If this is so, perhaps serious consideration could be given to something along similar but modified lines.

**SPORT SUMMARY**

**FOOTBALL, 1966**

This year has been a very satisfying year for Rugby. Many more matches than usual have been played in all grades; all teams have had their share of successes. The general tone of football has been excellent and every boy has realised how important it is that T.A.S. teams keep their reputation of being clean and hard players.

The 1st XV played 16 matches—3 wins, 13 losses. With a regular place-kicker in the team, the team could have won two G.P.S. matches and gone very close in three others! (124 points for; 235 points against).

The 2nd XV played 16 matches—8 wins, 7 losses, 1 draw. Their last G.P.S. game was a great thrill, as they defeated Grammar who were runners-up in the 2nd grade competition. (143 points for; 153 points against).

**SCRUM MACHINE**

The School is most grateful to all who have given support in so many ways this season and particularly to those who have generously donated a scrum machine, which will be used by teams throughout the School.

**SOME FIGURES**

Some 25 schools and colleges were played by various teams during the season. Eleven thousand team miles were travelled; the equivalent for an individual boy would be 187,000!

**MOST IMPROVED PLAYER IN 1st XV**

Mr. Peter Phipps who has given much interested and capable help to our senior football this year has kindly presented a cup to be awarded each year to the most improved player in the 1st XV.

The first winner of the cup is E. N. A. Palmer.

Mr. Phipps was himself an Australian "Wallaby". He manages "Brentwood" on Puddledock Road.

**Congratulations—**

The following boys have qualified for the Junior Referees' Badge:

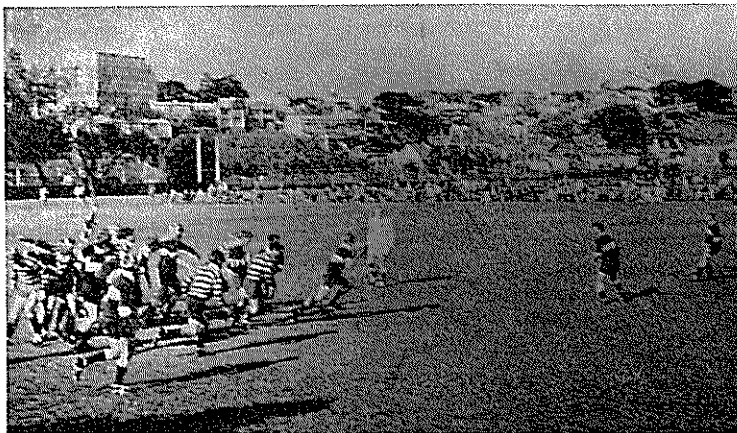
K. Amos, J. Croft, T. Farrah, R. Farrell, W. King, J. McIntyre, E. Palmer, G. Souris, J. Tilbury, Q. Wright, K. Yabara.

**ATHLETICS**

- Saturday, September 24: 73rd Annual School Sports, and the First Combined School and House Competition.
- Many visitors, most of whom remained for the Buffet Tea, arranged by the P. & F. in White House Common Room where they enjoyed themselves very much indeed.
- One record only for the day: G. C. Moore lifted the U17 high jump to 5'7" from 5'5".

**Championships**

- Open: R. D. Nicholls 1, W. G. Hutchinson 2, J. C. Garraway 3.  
 U17: P. H. Kemp 1, R. L. Clisold 2, M. O. Robertson 3.  
 U16: S. K. Wood 1, M. Casey 2, G. H. Hall 3.  
 U15: A. C. Heap 1, B. Kaman 2, J. Evans 3.  
 U14: A. Amet 1, D. N. Hall 2, G. Munsie 3.  
 U13: A. Adams 1, W. Toppin 2, C. Lawrie 3.  
 U12: P. L. Taylor 1, K. G. Cosh 2, R. J. White 3.  
 U11: G. Kemp 1, R. Dawson 2, M. Brent 3.  
**House Competition**  
 White 1, Tyrrell 2, Abbott 3, Broughton 4.



2nd XV in play v. S.G.S.

**TERM DATES**

**DECEMBER—**

7th, Wednesday: Speech Day Term III ends.

**FIRST TERM—1967—**

Tuesday, 31st January: New boys arrive.

Wednesday, 1st February—Wednesday, 10th May\*

(Boarders return by 8 p.m., Tuesday, 31st January).

\*End of Term depends to some extent on Cadet Camp dates.

Parents should allow up to 8 days extra for Cadets.

Mid-Term—Easter Excise: a.m. Thursday, 23rd March to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 28th March.

**SECOND TERM—**

Wednesday 31st May—Wednesday, 23rd August.

(Boarders return by 8 p.m. 30th May).

Mid-Term: 12.30 p.m. Friday, 14th July to 8.00 p.m., Sunday, 16th July.

NOTE.—August-September vacation will be of four weeks.

**THIRD TERM—**

Wednesday, 20th September—Wednesday, 6th December.

(Boarders return by 8 p.m. 19th September).

Mid-Term: 12.30 p.m. Friday, 20th October to 8.00 p.m. Sunday, 22nd October.

SPEECH DAY—Wednesday, 6th December.



D. W. Willis (Capt.), receives the Premiership Shield



Shooting Team—1966

**OLIVER SHIELD**

- Results:**  
 T.A.S. 1, De La Salle 2, A.H.S. 3.  
**New Records:**  
 16 years High Jump: G. C. Moore (T.A.S.), 5'8".  
 15 years, 880 yards: A. Wood (T.A.S.), 2.9-6.  
 15 years hurdles: M. J. Wilson (T.A.S.), 12.8.  
 Minor Relay: Dem. School, 56.3.

Mrs. H. R. Beattie. It was a great pleasure to all that Mrs. Beattie, mother of the Senior Prefect, was able to come to present the cups.

**CRICKET**

- September 17: T.A.S. v. T.G.S. in Armidale. Won 199-192.  
**Fixtures—Sydney . . .**  
 • 1st XI and 2nd XI v. Trinity, Thursday, December 1.  
 • 1st XI v. S.G.S., Saturday, December 3.

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Wednesday morning the 2nd team shot, with a creditable second place. We won the Buchanan Shield by a comfortable margin, T.K.S. coming fourth; thus we secured the Premiership by a margin of one match point.

This is only the second time that the School has won the Premiership outright, the previous time being in 1959 by a legendary School team which also became Champion School by winning all three trophies.

This splendid effort by the School would not have been possible without the assistance, gladly given, of many Old Boys. R. C. Moffatt, Esq. and R. J. Magoffin, Esq., were outstanding in this respect and our thanks to them are without bound. Our thanks go also to G. F. R. Cowdery, Esq., for his voluntary assistance and invaluable experience.

Aggregate: Congratulations to W. G. Thompson upon winning the aggregate. T.A.S. has now won this five years in succession: R. N. Blomfield 1962, '63, '64; M. J. Pileher 1965. . . . .

**Passing-Out Parade**

The Passing-Out Parade will take place on Friday morning, October 21, the day Mid-Term begins.

Major-General I. N. Dougherty, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, E.D. will take the salute. . . . . will review the parade

**NOTE—Old Boys**

Peel Valley, Liverpool Plains Old Boys' DINNER

at QUIRINDI  
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28,

**T.A.S. OLD BOY SEES THE WORLD**

In March this year a Luft-hausa (German Air-Lines) jet left Mascot for Europe via Darwin, Singapore, Karachi, Athens to Rome. An Old Boy, Bill Roberts, was aboard to enjoy leave granted by his employers, the Bank of N.S.W.

He is at present in Cologne, the famous city on the Rhine, studying German Language at the University there. Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, Denmark, have all been visited; England, too and a trip to Scotland on "The Flying Scotsman"

Bill left home carrying his possessions in a ruck-sack. He has made much use of Youth Hostels, where he has met people from all parts of the world. He has stayed with pen-friends made during his years at T.A.S. He has a great capacity for friendship; he writes with perception and a love of human beings. The world is a great and fascinating one in which to see and wonder . . .