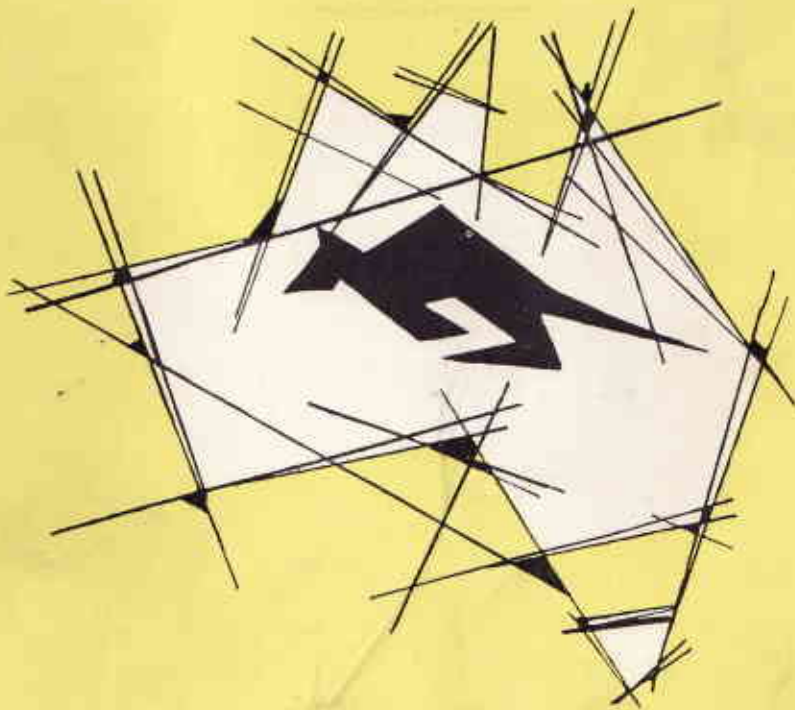


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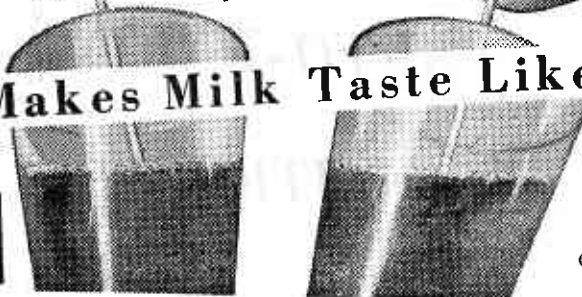
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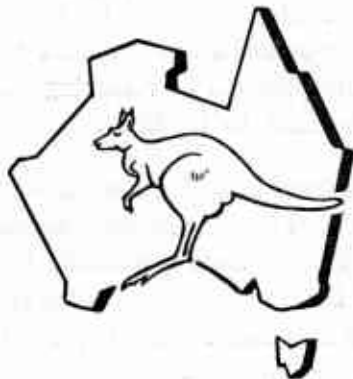
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FOREWORD.

The members of the Magazine Committee, Miss Bamberger, Miss Ward, Miss Sampson, Mr. Smith and Mr. McLaughlin, together with the contributors are to be congratulated on the production of a more robust "Austral" this year. Their objective is to make the magazine an interesting record of the school's development and activities. Limiting that aim, however, is the problem of financing the project. Space costs money: I have been warned to be brief.

This year will see the successful conclusion of the first phase in the growth of RAAF School. There have been serious difficulties and there still are, but they, I feel, have done something towards ensuring success. In the main, obstacles have strengthened the spirit of cooperation and service from all groups associated with the school. It must be with a feeling of gratification that many of the original members of staff will return to Australia in the near future—gratification felt for being able to leave behind a school soundly established. Their loyal labours are appreciated. Quite a measure of the success is due also to the group of very capable temporary teachers who have readily moved in to fill the vacancies created by a constantly increasing school population. Perusal of the following pages will indicate the admirable part played by Parents' Organizations, by the personnel at RAAF Base, and by the many people who voluntarily offered assistance for the benefit of the school.

A new school on March 1962 will open up the second phase of development. Acting on this assurance, we have prepared plans and made recommendations which, if implemented, will bring progressive changes, especially in the secondary department. But that is of the future, and there are so many "ifs" associated with the scheme that to elaborate further would be pointless, and maybe disappointing. Nevertheless we remain optimistic.

I will leave readers to the pages of this magazine to learn the more detailed story.

C. NOTT.
Headmaster.



Vale.

The death of Mr. Joseph Gough Greening, Chief Inspector of Primary Schools, Department of Education, Victoria, on 19th April 1961, shocked his many friends and colleagues. Although he had been ill for some months, his death was unexpected. His passing brought to an end a long and distinguished academic, administrative and sporting career.

On the two occasions on which Mr. Greening visited our school, he displayed a keen and sympathetic interest in the individual and collective problems of staff and pupils alike. To those of us who had never previously had the privilege of serving under his leadership, he proved a ready friend and adviser. His passing is deeply mourned by all. His was a lifetime worthily spent in the service of the children of Australia.

A Message from our Officer Commanding.

The R.A.A.F. School in Penang is now completing its third year and the pattern of school life has become firmly established.

Compared with schools in Australia the school has great problems to overcome. These result from the relatively short tours of the teaching staff and the ever changing student population throughout the year, aggravated by a very low standard of accommodation and a lack of some teaching facilities. In a school subjected to such disruptions it would not be surprising to find poor standards and a lack of a vital school spirit.

However, such is not the case with our school where there is an infectious enthusiasm, the teaching standards are obviously of a high order, and the range of standards of the extra curricula activities would be envied by many schools in Australia.

The main credit for this must go to the Headmaster and the teaching staff. Not only have they applied themselves in a true spirit of service but they have also shown remarkable understanding of the problems which beset parents and children living in an Air Force environment.

But behind it all there is, I believe, a vital spirit within the school as a whole, which is a reflection of the high morale of the Royal Australian Air Force itself. Whether it is that the high morale of the service develops a pride in the families or whether the families, by their ready adjustment to service life play a large part in the high morale of the service is difficult to decide. It is more likely that the two are inextricably interwoven. Certain it is that great credit is due to the parents for their part in the life of the school.

Thus, in extending my congratulations to the Headmaster, the staff, parents and children on a most successful year, I should like to add my thanks to you all for your outstanding contribution to the efficiency of the R.A.A.F. as a whole.

Air Commodore G. C. Hartnell. C.B.E.

Inspector's Message.

I am happy to be associated with the second issue of "Austral" and to have the opportunity of writing this message.

My recent visit to the R.A.A.F. School, Penang, was a memorable experience. I was impressed by many aspects of school life but especially by the splendid effort being made to provide for such a wide range of educational needs.

The achievement evident, is a tribute to the educational philosophy, planning, organization and industry of the principals of the school and to the interest, the effort, the co-operation and the general contribution of R.A.A.F. personnel, members of staff, parents and pupils themselves. The success achieved under the difficult conditions prevailing augurs well for the future when circumstances will permit the extensions and the improvements which the provision of the new school and accompanying facilities will ensure.

I look forward to learning of your progress, and take this opportunity of extending to all my best wishes for continued satisfaction and for success.

P. Klineberg, M.A.,
Staff Inspector,
N.S.W. Education Department.

RAAF SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB.

On February 16, 1961 a meeting of the RAAF School Mothers' Club was held at the Australian Hostel. Many parents attended and the number showed a marked increase in membership.

Ways and means of raising money was the main discussion at this meeting. Since that date the club has been extremely active, and a considerable amount of money has been raised in various ways, making it possible for the club to procure further equipment for school use.

The voluntary, monthly contribution scheme which started in early 1960 continued to bring in a steady income.

It was decided to hold a Fete in the school grounds on July 15th.

In order to raise funds for the purchase of goods for the Fete, a novelty request was sent out to Fathers. The response was extremely gratifying, and together with the help of various donations, the Fete proved a great success. The amount of money raised far exceeded any previous functions.

The Annual General Election meeting was held on July 20th. The office bearers elected were :

President.	-	-	Mrs. Witty.
Secretary.	-	-	Mrs. Smyth.
Treasurer.	-	-	Mrs. Ross.
Vice President.	-	-	Mrs. Pitman.

A request from the Parents' Association for the Club to conduct a drink and ice cream stall at the annual athletic meeting proved popular; adequate drinks and ices were available for all.

During the year both Primary and Infants' Departments were presented with money. The following items were purchased: Subscription to National Geographic; Subscription to Child Education; Subscription to Grade Teacher; Nursery Rhyme and Scripture Pictures; Sport Equipment; Eikislide Projector; Library Books; Physical Education Equipment; Additional items for Percussion Band; Records for Music Appreciation Library; 8 sets Cuisenaire Rods; Record Player and Records.

A donation was also presented to the Parents' Association to help defray expenses of the Swimming Gala.

The members of the Mothers' Club feel that this year has been successful in all ways. May I, as president of the Club, take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped in so many ways.

F. WITTY.

LIAISON.

The office of RAAF School Liaison Officer is to be of service to and to assist the Headmaster of the RAAF School and members of his staff in their day to day dealings with the RAAF Base. He also represents the RAAF point of view in discussions with the Headmaster.

My associations with the school during 1961 have been very pleasant. As an ex-teacher, I have appreciated the opportunity to take an active interest in a school once again. The staff and the pupils have worked under most difficult conditions in the present buildings and we all look forward to next year when the new School will be in operation.

J. C. BURLEY.

Squadron Leader.

Senior Education Officer.

STAFF MOVEMENTS.

Since the last edition of AUSTRAL several staff changes have occurred. Miss A. Holland returned to Healesville and was replaced by Miss N. Sampson from Toora State School; Miss M. Begg returned to Mont Albert, being replaced by Miss P. Kee from Mildura State School. Miss B. Hennings was appointed to Unanderra Infants' School and Miss H. Coughlin from Manly Infants' School replaced her. Mr. R. Carter came from Aberfeldie State School to replace Miss J. van Leeuwen who was appointed to Coburg State School. At the conclusion of Term I. Miss F. Horne took up her appointment at Burwood Girls' High School; she was replaced by Miss L. Ward. Mrs. P. Smith was replaced by Mrs. B. M. Evans, Mrs. Cowman and Mrs. Watson joined the Primary Staff. Mr. J. White replaced Mrs. G. Pallot on the Secondary Staff. Mrs. B. Prain, Mrs. W. Charlesworth and Mrs. D. Read joined the Infants' Staff.

At the end of Term III, Miss Woodhall will return to take up appointment as Infants' Mistress at Newport. Mr. J. White has been appointed Head Teacher at Lyndhurst State School. To Silvan goes Mr. L. Christian as Head Teacher. Mr. L. Smith will take up duty as Principal, Primary School, Mullumbimby. Miss J. Bamberger and Mr. D. Lyons will be returning to Australia but have not, as yet, been notified of their appointments.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL.

What might be termed "Phase 1", of the R.A.A.F. School Penang, is drawing to a close. The completion of this term will see the departure of the majority of the original teachers appointed to this school. Few of them will ever teach in a school of relative size, which has a greater annual turnover of pupils. At the time of writing over one thousand pupils have passed through or are on the way through our three departments, whilst the present enrolment figure stands at 587 with 40 awaiting Kindergarten enrolment. The school population has more than doubled the original figure.

The rapid growth of school population has severely taxed available accommodation, especially in the Infants' Department. The garage has had to be extended, the kitchen houses a Kindergarten, the Office has had to be removed to make way for another Kindergarten and having had the shelves removed from the pantry, Miss Woodhall has, she hopes, finally found a refuge, so small, that more than a class of five would not fit.

Tireless efforts by all concerned have been rewarded by the promise of a new building for the school, to be ready for occupation during first term 1962. Our children will then have the opportunity of studying in conditions more conducive to the assimilation of knowledge. The various kitchens, pantries, bedrooms and garages of our present establishment may then be put to their appropriate uses.

Form III was integrated as a full-time teaching Form in 1961. The 1960 School Inspection by the late Mr. J. Greening B.A., B.Ed., Chief Inspector of Primary Schools, Victorian Education Department, in conjunction with Mr. A. McKibbin B.A., Staff Inspector, N.S.W. Education Department, resulted in the school being recognised as an "approved school" for purposes of Intermediate Certificate Examination. The pupils of this class, on successful completion of the year in appropriate subjects, will be eligible for N.S.W. Intermediate Certificate and Victorian Proficiency Certificate.

Miss Horne's return to Australia in May, and the unavailability of replacement for her, presented a major problem for those pupils who required Art, Needlework and Home Economics for examination purposes. Fortunately, the services of Miss L. Ward were available and this difficulty was overcome.

At this juncture I feel it appropriate to express our gratitude to those ladies who have been members of our Temporary Staff at any time since the School's inception. Their willing cooperation at all times, often at great inconvenience to themselves, has permitted us to overcome, otherwise impossible, staffing conditions. To them we extend our sincere thanks for a job well done.

The 1961 School Inspection has been completed by Mr. P. Klineberg M.A., Staff Inspector, Department of Education, New South Wales and Mr. H. Reynolds, B.A., B.Ed., Inspector of Schools, Victorian Department of Education. The implementation of their report, in addition to the proposed new school with its specialist classrooms, will allow a further broadening of the scope of subjects available to our Secondary pupils.

C. L. SMITH.

A FAREWELL MESSAGE.

In retrospect, our term in Malaya has been of very short duration. The memories we carry back to Australia will last for many years. We, whose privilege it was to open R.A.A.F. School Penang, have had our years of service enriched by our experiences here.

The heterogeneous nature of our school population has brought together, under one educational roof, representatives of the education systems of all States of the Commonwealth of Australia. The welding of all into a common unit has been an experience happily shared by all and beneficial to all. In the Federation of Malaya, we see a welding of diverse races being undertaken on a national scale, patiently and with forbearance. May we take away with us a little of this social tolerance and goodwill. May the friendships we have made stretch out over the years as a link between "our sunburnt country", our "land of rolling plains", and this verdant strip of Asia.

You children, who have had the great fortune to travel to other lands, must realize that this is a privilege denied to thousands of your fellow-Australians. May you absorb all that is good and worthwhile from the cultures of the various races which comprise this newest of Federations, and may you, in turn, have made a contribution to the enrichment of Malaya by your dignity and national pride as Australians.

May your sojourn in the Federation of Malaya have taught you that the pigment of your skin is of little moment, that the all-important axiom is the message of the first Christmas, "Glory to God in the Highest; and on earth peace, goodwill towards men."

To you all, children, parents, citizens of Malaya and fellow teachers, go our sincere thanks for having made our stay amongst you a happy and most memorable one.

J. Woodhall.

J. A. White.

J. Bamberger.

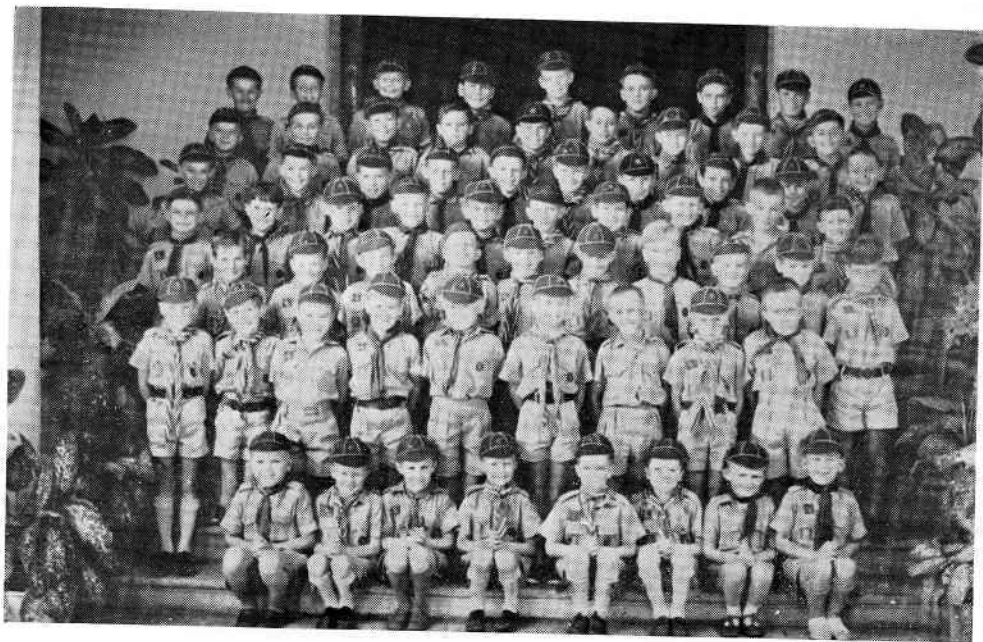
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Junior Red Cross Unit.



12th George Town (S) and 23rd George Town (N) Cubs.

RED CROSS UNIT.

Every Monday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. members of our Red Cross Unit hold their weekly meetings in the Second Form room.

During the first term members learnt the basic systems and structures of the body, how to treat shock, injuries to joints and muscles and how to apply bandages to different parts of the body.

On the 11th, 12th and 13th of August an Inter-Unit Camp was held at "Heah Lodge" Batu Ferringhi and six of our juniors took part. Every minute was filled, during the three days stay, with lectures, games, a quiz, a "Talentine" Contest, folk dancing, films and on the last day a few hours were spent entertaining some blind children from St. Nicholas' Home for the Blind. Our last night was wonderfully ended with a campfire on the beach.

At the beginning of this term all our new members were enrolled in the Red Cross Society. Mrs. Ng Kam Leong, Director of the Federation of Malaya Red Cross Society and Mr. James Ng, the Assistant Director of Youth, officiated at the ceremony.

In a few weeks time there will be a First Aid examination Part I and our juniors are hard at work learning and practising their First Aid in order to gain their certificates.

Good luck to Judith Gurr, Judith Pallot, Wendy Dollison, Wendy Evans, Sandra Ross, Sandra Wright, Carol Silcock, Gwen Howie, Joan Howie, Stephanie Nichol, Christine Richards, Maureen Strickland, Leone Davy, Christine Burge.

L. WARD.

12TH GEORGETOWN CUB PACK.

There are 30 wolf cubs in our Pack at the school and 8 blind wolf cubs at the St. Nicholas' School. We have 4 sixes. Chester White is the "red" sixer, Geoffrey Philpott, the "yellow" sixer, Dennis Christian the "green" sixer and Roger Wale the "blue" sixer. We meet at the school at 3.20 p.m. on Tuesdays. Mrs. Ilton is "Akela," Mrs. Hewson is "Baloo" and Mrs. Truman is "Bahgeehra." Elizabeth Sweetman and Barbara Ward take the Blind Cubs at St. Nicholas' School at 3.30 p.m. on Fridays. During the year we have been on some interesting excursions. We are all working very hard for our First and Second Stars. Mr. Christian is our G.S.M. and tests us on star work, while Mr. Lyons is our swimming badge examiner. We are looking forward to our Camp Fire next month.

Dennis Christian.



12th George Town (S) and 23rd George Town (N) Scouts.



"Akela" helps solve a "knotty" problem.

SCOUT NOTES.

The 12th Georgetown (S) H Q. troop consists of 28 Scouts divided into four patrols. They are Panther patrol, Kingfisher patrol, Wolf patrol and Eagle patrol. The patrol leaders are Robert Ford, Owen Jeans, Yeap Chye Choong and Tony Fairy respectively. Among the scouts there are English and Australians as well as eight Chinese boys from the Salvation Army Boys' Home.

Our Scouters are Mr. Fairy (S.M.), Mr. Christian (G.S.M.), Mr. Hully (A.S.M.), Mr. Martyn (A.S.M.) and Mr. Eyres (A.S.M.). We meet on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. at the Coronation Scout Camp, off Waterfall Road.

Among our activities are scout camps. During the last term holidays we held a 5 day camp. Panther patrol won the patrol competition. The third day was open for the parents to come and see what is done on the camps. At 7.30 p.m. that evening a campfire was held. This was attended by the 12th Georgetown cubs and scouts, the 19th Georgetown cubs and quite a number of parents.

The 23rd Georgetown (North) consists of cubs, scouts and senior scouts. The cubs' meeting place is at the Cub Den in the Australian Hostel ground on Saturday afternoon from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. The scout troop consists of our patrols, Eagle, Tiger, Buffalo, Kangaroo which have a Patrol leader and a patrol second.

They have one scout master and two Assistant Scout Masters. They go on a camp every three months. While they are on camp they make a lot of useful gadgets (e.g. tables, chairs, plate racks). One scout patrol went to Kuala Lumpur to take part in the Champoree. In each patrol they have about six boys. The senior troop consists of eight boys, and four of them went to the Champoree in Kuala Lumpur. The senior scouts help the scoutmaster to run their troop. They have one scoutmaster and an A.S.M. who help them with their scout work. With the cubs, scouts and senior scouts they have about one hundred and ten boys.

Carl Witty and Jim Tomson.

METEOR HOUSE.

House Teachers.	-	Mrs. Watson, Mr. Carter, Mr. McLaughlin.
House Captains.	-	Barbara Ward, Geoff McGuinness
House Vice Captains.	-	Judy Smith, Victor Rudling.

The House Athletics of 1961 proved to be the most successful of days for Meteor House. At the beginning of the day, Meteor lagged behind

Sabre and Canberra, but soon caught up when the team events started. This showed the other houses that individual events are not important but team spirit and keen competition play a major part in the athletics meeting.

Seventeen first places really swelled up the point score, with B. Ward having 4 firsts, D. Therkelson having 3 firsts, by G. McGuinness 1 first, D. Swanson 1 first, A. Bolger 1 first, R. Martyn 1 first, A. Holt 1 first and N. Fay 1 first. Out of these people, Barbara Ward and Dennis Therkelson won the Senior Girls' and Junior Boy's cups.

Our congratulations go to Canberra and Sabre, for giving Meteor such hard fought competition. Also, thanks to all competitors during the day, because without your contribution, whether large or small, the Athletics Carnival would not have been possible.

Finally, on behalf of all the members of Meteor House, we would like to thank Mrs. Watson, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Carter for their leadership as Meteor House Teachers, and their contribution to the swimming carnival in the teachers' race. Throughout the year, the lively spirit of the Meteor members has shown their attitude and willingness to take part in all House activities. Each person has played a major part in helping the House become a team.

Keep it up Meteor House!

When Meteor was placed third in the 1961 Swimming Carnival, it emphasised the fact that although there can be only one first, honour, dignity and fierce loyalty can ensue just from the way in which members compete.

Entries which produced maximum success were, Judy Smith who gained four firsts, Melanie Tongue, three firsts and the following pupils all gained first place in one event, Debra Bensley, Peter Lewis, Alison Holt, Barbara Richards, Drew Cornwell and Cheryl Pitman, not forgetting the members of the Junior Relay Team and the Junior Medley Relay, and last but not least the concluding event of the day, the Teachers' Race. Congratulations to these folk.

Also big thanks go to all House members who competed in any event whether they were placed first or last.

Lastly, three cheers for the Meteor spectators, pupils and parents. No carnival would be complete without the barracking, and Meteor needs those loud cheers to spur us to greater efforts.

To Sabre House, congratulations on your win and also to Canberra for their keen competition.

All houses remember in future, "MIND MIGHTY METEOR."

Barbara Ward and Geoffrey McGuinness.
House Captains.



House Captains—Vice-Captains, and House Leaders.



Girls' Basketball Team.

CANBERRA HOUSE.

House Teachers.	-	Miss Ward, Mr. Lyons.
House Captains.	-	Penie Betteridge, James Rudling.
Vice Captains.	-	Fay Grinter, Ian Alcock.

I would like to thank all the members of Canberra House for the wonderful effort they all contributed during the swimming carnival and the athletics.

Despite the fact that we were unable to secure the Athletics cup, we were extremely pleased to see Meteor house race ahead and win the carnival. This, as everyone knows, was due to all the effort and time put in by their Captain, Barbara Ward.

We are all very proud of our Captain James Rudling, who, in the final event took first position in the mile race. Also Ian Alcock, our vice captain, who managed to win every event he entered. He is our divisional champion, and holds a senior championship cup.

During the swimming carnival, Kevin Moon and Ian Alcock proved invaluable to the house. Their attempts are to be commended. Susan Tongue also did extremely well along with many others of our enthusiastic competitors.

We congratulate Sabre and Meteor for their respective successes in the swimming and athletics carnivals. Keep up the good work every-one, and Canberra keep trying. It's your turn next year.

Penelope Betteridge.
House Captain.

SABRE HOUSE.

House Teachers.	-	Miss Bamberger, Mr. White, Mrs. Cowman.
House Captain.	-	Jennifer Gamon, Gary Cooper.
Vice Captains.	-	Helen Liebke, Kevin Wilson.

Due to the fine sportsmanship of our house we are honoured to say that we won the "Motiwalla" Swimming cup for the first time this year. In all there were eight individual divisions. Four of the winners were members from Sabre House. They were Neville Fairleigh, Christine Philpott, Chester White and Bevan Liebke. Sabre House performed well

all the way with frequent cries of encouragement from their fellow members and was led to victory by excellent team work and house spirit.

Although Sabre House did well in winning the Athletics Carnival in 1960, we were not so successful this year. But, in spite of this, quite a few of our team members proved outstanding. Kevin Wilson who made an excellent effort in coming second in the 400 metres and Senior Broad jump, and scoring many well-earned points in several other events. Mike Nott gained 3rd place in the 200 metres, and 1st place in the discus throwing. Christine Myers, who is quite a recent member of our house, boosted our point score by gaining 1st place in the 60 metres Skipping race together with Julie Bowes who was a close 3rd.

We all lent encouraging shouts to Sue Erickson who skimmed past the finishing line in 1st place in the girls Junior Championship. Kelvin O'Neil showed fine house spirit in coming an equal first in the Junior High Jump Finals, and Peter Herman followed up the good work by gaining 1st place in the boys 100 metres.

During this carnival four of our members won championship cups—Chester White, Margaret Gamon, Sandra Ross, and Conrad Harding.

To all our Sabre House members we say very grateful thanks, and we trust that the new year will bring in many more enthusiastic members.

Jennifer Gamon and Gary Cooper.
House Captains.

THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS

Annually it falls to the lot of one or more teachers to collect advertisements for the School Magazine. It has been my pleasant duty to perform this task on behalf of the R.A.A.F. School, Penang. My task was made pleasant by the courtesy and consideration extended to me by all our advertisers. We sincerely hope that our readers will remember this generosity when considering purchases of items stocked by our advertisers.

On behalf of our Magazine Committee, may I extend our sincere thanks to the Advertisers whose generosity has made possible the printing of "Austral".

C. L. SMITH.

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT.

The most important development in the secondary school this year has been the incorporation of Third Form in the program of direct teaching. On the recommendation of the visiting inspectors in 1960, this school was "approved" for the conduct of internal examinations in connexion with the award of New South Wales Intermediate Certificate and Victorian Proficiency Certificate. In most instances, the subjects offered will permit candidates to meet the requirements for both certificates. Children interested in subjects outside our range have been able to continue their studies by part-time enrolment with the Correspondence Schools of the two States. Twelve candidates will present for examination in mid-November.

Staff changes occurred during the year. Miss Horne returned to N.S.W. at the end of term 1. The Education Department N.S.W. was unable to spare a replacement teacher, and, had it not been for the ready assistance of Miss Ward, certain subjects would have been deleted from the curriculum. Mrs. Pallot was granted leave in the middle of the year, and Mr. White, after five months of excellent work with a composite Grade IV-V in the primary school, moved in to teach in the secondary school. These teachers, together with Mr. Christian, Mr. Lyons and Miss Bamberger have cheerfully borne the inconveniences of working under present conditions to give sound and continuous instruction to secondary children.

We are gradually becoming accustomed to the constant movement of pupils from and to this school, but in the secondary school transfers have been such that a steady population of 80 children has been maintained. It is to the credit of most of the incoming students that they have been able to adapt themselves readily to different conditions and subjects. Most of the problems associated with the change have been resolved satisfactorily.

It is above the third form level that diversity of studies is noticeably evident. Members of this group study with the assistance of correspondence schools in Australia. Altogether five correspondence schools are involved. The Victorian Correspondence School provides excellent guidance to one Matriculation student (6th year), six Leaving candidates (5th year), and two attempting Intermediate (4th year). Blackfriars of N.S.W. is giving full-time tuition to one student doing Leaving (5th year), another in fourth year, as well as a number who are supplementing their studies with additional subjects. Perth Technical College assists one girl who wishes to follow a career in nursing and another who is training for commercial work. Four children are taking their sub-junior year with Queensland's Secondary Correspondence School, while the Primary Correspondence School has two pupils following its courses. The high standard

of tuition provided by these schools, together with the assistance given by staff members, ensures that the conscientious student suffers little by having to study by correspondence. Given average ability, it is only the less responsible type who experiences difficulty.

Maintenance of a forward-looking policy is the objective throughout the school, and it is hoped that 1962 will bear witness to further progress. Recommendations and plans for improvements next year, already in the hands of the responsible authorities, will, if implemented, effect considerable changes in the secondary school. They are chiefly dependent on the provision of a new school and of adequate staffing.

C. NOTT.
Headmaster.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS — 1960.

Students attending RAAF School, Penang, but studying under the guidance of State Correspondence Schools, presented for external examinations in November and December of 1960. The following results were obtained.

Leaving Certificate, N.S.W., 5th year secondary.

Jocelyn Lindsay: Passed English, Modern History, General Maths, French, Geography, Ancient History.

Leaving Certificate, Victoria, 5th year secondary.

Sandra Connolly: Passed English, Economics.

Intermediate Certificate, Victoria, 4th year secondary.

Michael Nott: Passed English Expression, English Literature, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Geography, History of Australasia and the Pacific, History of British Empire, Art.

Patrick Armstrong: Passed English Expression, English Literature, Mathematics A, French, Mathematics B, Latin, History of British Empire.

John Paget: Passed English Expression, English Literature, Mathematics A, Geography, History of Australasia and the Pacific, Art.

Neil Fay: Passed English Expression, English Literature, Arithmetic, Geography, History of Australasia and the Pacific, History of the British Empire.

Helen Liebke: Passed English Expression, Geography, Commercial Principles and Practice, History of Australasia and the Pacific.



Correspondence Students.—Miss Ward—Mr. Nott.



Boys' Hockey Team.

Fay Grinter: Passed English Expression, English Literature, History of Australasia and the Pacific.

Kevin Wilson: Passed English Expression, Arithmetic.

Neville Riddock: Passed History of Australasia and the Pacific.

Intermediate Certificate, N.S.W., 3rd year secondary.

Cheryl St. John: Passed English, History, Geography, Mathematics I, Mathematics II, French, Needlework.

Michael Gibb: Passed English, History, Geography, Mathematics I, Mathematics II, Descriptive Geometry & Drawing.

Lynette Stratford: Passed English, History, Mathematics II, Mathematics I, French, Geography.

Jill Bamberger: Passed English, History, Mathematics II, French, Geography.

Anthony Murphy: Passed English, History, Geography.

Brian Victor: Passed English, General Mathematics, Art.

Margaret Victor: Passed English, General Mathematics, Needlework.

Judith Turvey: Passed English, Home Economics, Needlework.

Judith Smith: Passed English, Geography.

Paul Francis: Passed Technical Drawing.

Scholarship—Queensland—8th year primary.

Jayne M. Ross. Murray W. Harris.

CORRESPONDENCE CLASS NOTES.

The room at the top of the stairs! What significance has this? Well, this is the Correspondence Class.

On the left hand side of the room we find the hard working boys.

Gary Cooper—Gary is sitting for his Intermediate Certificate at the end of this year and we hope he succeeds in passing.

Kevin Wilson—A Leaving Certificate Student. We believe that his ambition is to be a diving champion—Good luck Kev.

Peter Edgar—is in his Sub-Junior Year and his ambition, so we hear, is to be Cha-Cha Champ of the Kangaroo Den.

Mick Nott—A hard worker and a good sportsman who achieved success in the Malayan National Swimming Championships.

Ian Alcock—We congratulate him on his success in the School Athletic Sports and wish him luck in his Leaving Examination.

Neil Fay—Neil is one of the remaining members of the first Correspondence Class and also one of the most consistent workers.

Michael Gibb—Mike is doing 4th year studies and hopes to become an architect.

John Mason and Ray Eyres—The two youngest boys in the class who are in Form 2 and Form 1 respectively. They are also very keen scouts of Penang.

The hard working girls are:—

Barbara Ward—A pat on the back to Barb, Senior Girls Athletic Champion and a hard worker whom we wish success in her Matriculation Examination.

Elizabeth Sweetman—Elizabeth is doing a Nursing Course by Correspondence from Western Australia and will be going home to commence her training next year at the Royal Perth Hospital Western Australia. She is also an announcer on Radio R.A.A.F. Butterworth.

Jacky Sparling—is sitting for her Leaving Examination at the end of this year and then hopes to go into training as a Play and Film Critic.

Fay Grinter—Fay is nearing the completion of her three year stay here and will sail for Australia in November after sitting for her Leaving.

Helen Liebke—(She is also a Leaving Candidate). Helen is a keen swimmer and spends quite a lot of her spare time at the Swimming Club.

Carla Paff—has just arrived here from Western Australia (Perth) and is starting a Commercial Course. She hopes to go back to Perth when she has completed this course and take up a position in an office.

Carol Bedford—Carol is in her Intermediate Year and will be sitting for her examination at the end of next year.

Kathy Hermes—Kathy is the consistent worker, who sits at the front of the room and does a hard day's work.

Janet Eyres—is in her Sub. Junior Year and receives her work from Queensland. She also enjoys swimming at the Penang Swimming Pool.

Fay Grinter and Elizabeth Sweetman.

P E N A N G .

Just off the coast of Northern Malaya, and just South of the Thailand border lies the small island of Penang. To many this would be but a name on a map, but to those who live and work there, Penang provides a constant source of interest, intrigue and beauty.

Penang is approximately one hundred and four square miles in area, rising from sea-level to a relatively small range of hills in the centre. The climate is pleasant, and the scenery attractive to tourists.

The main town of Penang, is Georgetown. Here one finds an exciting combination of old traditions and the modern world. The waterfront is always lively with movement of the fishing junks and sampans coming and going, and the berthing of modern cargo ships and liners. The contemporary Ferry Docks provide strong contrast to the primitive, but picturesque attap houses which sit, seemingly insignificantly, alongside it. In Penang Road the streamlined cars, buses and taxis travel swiftly past the trundling trishaws, makan stalls and bullock carts. A colourful contrast is found in the nationality and dress of the people passing by—the elegant sari-clad Indian woman, the friendly Malay in her traditional sarong, the petite Chinese clothed in a Cheong Sam or Sam Foo, each happily tripping past the Europeans in their sophisticated Western dress. The bazaar, where people of all races meet, bargain, buy and sell, is always irresistible to the curiously interested tourist.

Contrasting with the hustle and bustle, colour and gaiety of Georgetown are the quiet beauty spots—panoramic beaches where blue sky meets green sea on pearly sands; the shady coconut groves where the graceful palms sway rhythmically in the gentle breeze; the pretty paddi fields dotted with tiny figures knee-deep in water, tending rice; the wooded hills where lush, green growth forms a canopy overhead, and the tinkle of icy hill springs echoes through the stillness.