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Notes from the Headmaster

The School welcomes the publication in January and July of two additional Chronicles of the size of this issue. Old Boys, parents and present boys will thus be informed of important dates and will receive brief reports of what has happened in the school since the last large Chronicle was published. Full accounts will be given in the following copy.

STAFF

We lose the services this year of Mr. N. E. Peard, who has been appointed master in charge of the Middle School (Preparatory) at Pulteney Grammar School, Mr. B. H. Phillips who becomes science master at Westminster School, Mr. N. G. Kesting who proposes to travel abroad for some time, Mr. I. M. Watson of the Prep. School Staff who joins the Psychology branch of the Education Department, and Mrs. D. Swaby, our part-time teacher of biology. In their place we welcome Mr. R. H. (Rob) Prest, Mr. W. R. Allen, Mr. J. Wolstenholme, and Mr. D. C. Kitney who returns to us after a year in Melbourne. Mr. David H. Prest, already on our staff, takes Mr. Peard's place as housemaster. He has had experience of the house, both as a boarder and as a junior housemaster.

Mr. G. M. Potts who retired from full-time teaching in 1960 was teaching half-time in 1961. He now wishes to retire and we wish him all that is good in his retirement. There were nine boys in his 1961 Leaving Latin class and six of them gained credits (A grade passes).

We have just learnt that Mr. John Keeves has accepted a position with the Australian Council of Educational Research in Melbourne.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

In the Leaving Honours examination R. B. McFeat, N. A. M. Paterson and G. W. Trott had our best passes. Each passed in five subjects with three credits. G. H. Searle was placed equal first in Economics. Paterson was awarded a Leaving Honours Bursary.

In the Leaving examination, A. J. Blake had six credits, and P. J. Freeman, K. Gehan, R. B. Marlow and W. D. Riceman each had five credits. Boys in VI A gained seventy-four credits, one less than the record number gained by that form in 1960.

In the Intermediate examination D. M. Close, R. J. Hedde and J. A. Trott gained six credits, and seven boys five credits. Dux of VUA, J. M. Hunter, had credits in the five subjects in which he sat, an appendicitis operation preventing him from sitting in Latin and French.

SPEECH DAY

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Mr. C. J. Glover, distributed the prizes on Speech Day. G. W. Trott was dux of the School and N. Gehan of the Preparatory School.

CRICKET

P.A.C. won the cricket by six wickets. It was a low scoring game with the bowling of a good standard throughout, but with the batting uninspiring until our second innings.

TERM DATES

First Term: Tuesday, 6th February to Thursday, 10th May.

Second Term: Monday, 28th May to Tuesday, 21st August.

Third Term: Monday, 17th September to Friday, 13th December.

It will be noted that school will re-open on a Monday in the second and third terms and close on a Tuesday at the end of second term. Before the term dates for 1962 had been altered to fit in with the Royal Show, arrangements had been made for P.A.C. to be the host school for the triennial meeting of the Australian Headmasters Conference commencing on Monday, 27th August. It is therefore necessary to end the second on Tuesday, 21st August to give the domestic staff time to prepare the boarding house for the influx of headmasters.

DATES TO REMEMBER

First Term

Friday, 9th March—Swimming Sports.

Saturday, 31st March—Intercollegiate Tennis.

Saturday, 7th April—School Sports.

Saturday, 14th April—Head of the River.

Saturday, 5th May—Preparatory School Sports.

Wednesday, 9th May—Combined Schools Sports.

Friday, 11th May—Cadets enter camp.

Second Term

Sunday, 24th June—Mid-year Church Service.

23rd-29th July—Old Boys Week.

28th July—Intercollegiate Football.

President's Message

The Committee of the Prince Alfred Old Collegians Association is delighted that the School has decided to publish more frequent issues of the School Chronicle. This new move will allow your Committee to keep in much closer contact with members, and give news of coming events, of sporting clubs, and of the personal achievements and doings of Old Boys.

It is my privilege this year to be leading yet another very strong Committee. At the Annual General Meeting, all retiring Committee members who were available for re-election were returned, and although Laurie Lawrence and Bill Patterson, who were not available, will be a great loss to the Committee, we were very fortunate to have added to the team, Jim Lang, Norman Harris and Bill Johnson.

You will see printed in this issue of the Chronicle dates of all old scholars functions for the year. I suggest that you keep it in some handy place, as a reminder, and support the work of your Committee by attending whenever you possibly can.

Please remember that your Committee looks for your constructive criticism, and asks that you do not hesitate to let us know, whenever you feel that we are erring or are not doing things which you feel would be of benefit to the School and our Association.

A.W.C.

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CALENDAR OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS FOR 1962

February 16	New Old Boys "Get-together"
February 21	Close Bowls Match, Toorak
February 28	Bowls versus St. Peter's Old Boys at South Park
March	Tennis versus St. Peter's Old Boys *
March 31	South-East Dinner, Lucindale (Brian Copping, Convener)
May 12	Mid-North Dinner, Appila (Syd Catford, Convener)
May 26	Upper Murray Dinner, Berri (Dick Morris, Convener)
June 9	Yorke Peninsula Dinner, Maitland (Don Gunning, Convener)
June	Close Golf, Grange *
July 23-29	Old Boys Week
August	Ashbourne Picnic Golf Day *
September	Combined Squash Match and Smoke Social with St. Peter's Old Boys at Public Schools' Club *
October 26	Eyre Peninsula Dinner, Port Lincoln (Glen Walkom, Convener)
November	Committee visit School *
November	Annual General Meeting of Association *

* Date to be arranged



OUR NEW PRESIDENT

ALAN CROMPTON

At School 1931-1940.

Member P.A.O.C.A. Committee since 1952.

First third generation Old Boy to be President of P.A.O.C.A.

Served as a pilot in the R.A.A.F. (1942-1945). Discharged with rank of Flight-Lieutenant.

Employed in group of family businesses.

Member of the Apex Club of Adelaide since 1949. Has been President of that Club, a District Governor and a Zone President of the Association of Apex Clubs. Recently made an Honorary Life Member.

Member of Board of Management of the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

SPECIAL NOTE

The New Old Boys Meeting. This gathering is a must for any old scholar who has left the School in the last three years. There you will meet many of your old friends of school days, you will hear of Association activities and you will be well entertained and fed. The Association needs you and you need the Association.

Three Country Dinners will be held before our next Chronicle issue. We would draw the attention of all old scholars in the South-East, Mid-North and Murray districts. Contact your local conveners as soon as possible.

CLERICAL

At the recent Conference of the S.A. Methodist Church the following old scholars were ordained: Ian Parsons and Maurice Secombe (an ex-master of the School).

Three probationary ministers received their first appointments: Doug Allington to Port McDonnell, Geoff Bridge to Salisbury, and Colin Oldfield to Wilmington.

Don Catford has been accepted for Wesley and will start his theological training there this year.

The congratulations of the Association go to these Old Boys on their appointments and we wish them well in following their high calling.

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Purely Personal

John Trestrail is President of the Cummins and District Rural Youth Club. John Kirk is secretary of the club and John Richardson treasurer.

Dr. Sandy Skinner, who completed his M.D. degree at the University of Adelaide last year, has been awarded a C. J. Martin travelling fellowship from the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia for the year 1962 and will do research work at the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, U.S.A.

Hubert Mellor is a Councillor on Cleve District Council.

At the recent Biennial Conference of the Game Fishing Association of Australia, Bill Coombs was appointed honorary secretary and Ron Howe executive member. They are currently President and Immediate Past President, respectively, of the Game Fishing Club of South Australia.

F. W. G. Symons has been awarded a fellowship in the General Electric Co. and will be in Coventry and London for several years.

G. D. Symons is doing research in nuclear physics at the Australian National University, Canberra.

B. A. Chartres, who obtained his Ph.D. last year, is doing cosmic ray research at Sydney University.

W. S. (Stan) Kelly, whose home for eighty years has been at Giles Corner, has gone to Melbourne to live with his daughter.

Dr. David Dunn and Dr. Malcolm Miller have been admitted as members of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

The Rev. Guthrie C. Hutchinson is President of the S.A. Methodist Conference for 1961-62.

John F. Lavis has been appointed President of the S.A. branch of the Australian Dental Association.

Peter Morton has been awarded a Full Blue (football) by the Adelaide University Sports Association. Half-blues have been awarded to Robert Pearlman and Anthony Clarkson (cricket), and Club Letters to Peter Humble (boats), and Rex Pearlman and Wayne Phillips (cricket).

Bernie Basedow is recruitment officer for the Market Research Society of Australia (S.A. Division).

Brian Fricker has been elected Chairman-of-Committees of the Public Schools' Club.

Mr. P. R. Claridge has been re-elected President of the Board of Governors of the Burnside War Memorial Hospital.

Geoff Sowden is advertising manager of the Hills Hoists group of companies and has recently visited the companies' branches in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and Western Australia.

Rex Lloyd has shared the 500 guinea J. F. Bett prize for the best use of plywood in an architectural design. The prize is an award made annually by the Australian Plywood Board.

Bill Menz, Jr., is organizer of the Apprentice of the Year project conducted by the Adelaide Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Ross Catchpole is a director of C.M.A. Ltd., credit mercantile agency.

Jack Gerard returned from an overseas trip in December. While in London he met Dr. Stanford

Howard, London Branch Secretary, who repeated his invitation to visiting Old Reds to call on him. Dr. Howard's new address is 148 Harley Street, London, W.1, England.

Professor Renfrey Potts is currently Chairman of the University Sports Association.

C. R. (Bert) Kelly was re-elected M.H.R. for Wakefield at the recent Federal Elections.

Scott Dolling is Officer-in-Charge of the C.S.I.R.O. National Field Station, "Gilruth Plains," at Cunnamulla, Queensland.

Stephen Gower has won the two top awards for graduating cadets at Duntroon Military College. They are the Sword of Honour, for exemplary conduct and the performance of duty, and the Queen's Medal for the graduating cadet first in his class.

Colin Hassell, accompanied by his wife, has recently made a trip to the Far East and the U.S.A. He has been asked by the School Council to prepare plans for a new Assembly Hall.

Mark Skinner set a new South Australian junior residential high jump record of 6 feet 2½ inches during the inter-club athletics meeting held in December. This bettered the old record by ½ inch.

Through a slight indisposition Gilbert Potts missed Speech Day last December—the first he has missed in forty-three years.

W. S. (Bill) Shephard was again selected in the South Australian golf team.

Oscar Seppelt was presented in Melbourne with a fifty-year C.T.A. membership badge. The presentation was made by another old scholar, R. E. G. Mattison, who is a life member and currently Vice-President of the C.T.A. (Adelaide).

The Collins family of Mount Bryan were prominent at the recent stud sales in Perth when they set a world record price of 9,000 guineas for a Merino ram.

Paul Goode, O.B.E., was recently invested at Government House with the award "Knight of Grace" of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Tom Flint is Chairman of the S.A. Yacht Racing Association.

At the recent annual University Blues Dinner two of the three oldest Blues present were old scholars. They were Dr. Dick Stoddart (Football, 1908—the first year that University Blues were awarded) and Gilbert Potts (Boats, 1909). The third was Alec Kennedy (Boats, 1908), an old St. Peter's College boy.

Dr. Lance May has returned to the Waite Research Institute from overseas study leave spent largely in Europe and America.

COMING EVENTS

On the other side of this tear-off slip, three coming old scholars' events are mentioned.

The Close Bowls event at Toorak on the 1st February is probably one of our most pleasant social events of the year. Youth and lack of experience are no bar and the Committee welcomes all applicants for this game. Make up a rink with your friends and post your application in early.

The Bowls Match against St. Peter's is always a well fought contest. Dr. Mervyn Evans who organizes this

event is always on the look out for good players. In making your application name your club and the division in which you usually play.

The tennis match against Saints is another pleasant event. Here again, if you are interested in playing please include your qualifications with your application.

Ladies are welcome at all these events which are held in pleasant surroundings and at each refreshments are provided.

So post in your application by return mail.

Country Dinners

EYRE PENINSULA

This dinner was held at the Hotel Boston, Port Lincoln, on Friday, 27th October, with Trevor Pearson as chairman.

The party from Adelaide included the Headmaster, Mr. J. A. Dunning, the Association President, Dr. Alan Clarkson, the Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Alan Crompton and Don Davies, and a number of members of the Committee. The chairman welcomed all present and made reference to the Adelaide party including the Hon. Glen Pearson. The toast to the School was proposed by Dr. David Wibberley, who traced the origin of independent schools in this country from great English Public Schools and their church counterparts. This religious factor together with discipline, culture, tradition, learning, sports and service, provided a basic training in citizenship. P.A.C. and its present Headmaster had always upheld these things, and Dr. Wibberley concluded with an expression of confidence in the future of the School.

The Headmaster, in responding, referred to the death of the Rev. C. J. Perry and Mr. W. L. Davies and the pending retirement of Mr. G. M. Potts—all great men of P.A.C. He also made reference to the new Assembly Hall, the continued high level of Public Examination results, and the good work being done by various members of the staff in sporting and other school activities. Doug Pitman, in proposing the toast of the Association, said, "The Association was a living body bigger than all of us individually and collectively, which when all its component parts and branches are welded together, makes for a strong and virile organization, which has been in the past, and will be in the future, a ready source of help to the School."

Dr. Clarkson in a thoughtful response said amongst other things that this dinner was unique for three reasons. First: because of the church service for old scholars held on the Sunday evening. Second: because of the large team which always comes from Adelaide. And third: because Laurie Lawrence is always with us. He referred to Laurie's impending retirement after twenty-five years of invaluable service to the Association. He said he considered country dinners one of the most important activities of the Association.

Ties were presented to Arthur Cooper (oldest), John Richardson (youngest), Peter Dunn (furthest travelled) and Hubert Mellor (services rendered).

Most of the Adelaide party went to Coffin Bay for some good fishing. The wonderful work done by Lloyd Clarkson (host extraordinary), Glen Walkom (secretary) and their wives, and the help given by Hubert Mellor earn the sincere thanks of the Association.

ROUND-UP OF SPORTING CLUBS

Three clubs are taking part in regular fixtures this summer, viz., the athletics club, cricket club and squash club.

The athletics club, after winning four out of the last five A grade premierships, is not faring so well this season. The A grade team has had only one win in seven triangular matches, and with several seconds, is lying sixth out of nine clubs. Graham Taylor is Club Captain, with Andrew Jeffery his deputy. The Bs are lying fourth out of six teams in B grade. Outstanding performers have been Mark Skinner (high jump) and Peter Whitham (walks).

The Cricket Club has two teams, one in A1 grade and the other in A4 grade of amateur turf. The As, with Don Davies as Captain and star all-rounder, have won one match outright and one on the first innings out of the first six games. They are lying about half-way down the list. The Bs have won only one match, but have had several close games. Don Packer is Captain, and Peter Dalwood's mighty achievement of a century in each innings against I.C.I. must be mentioned.

The Squash Club has both its teams top at present. The As, with Dalwood captain, lost only two of their first round B grade summer games and came out on top. The Bs are undefeated after one-and-a-half rounds in the Public Schools' Club competition. Ian Roark is captain.

P.A.O.C. MONTHLY LUNCHEONS, 1962

Roster of Chairmen

Mr. N. S. Angel	January	16
Dr. M. W. Evans	February	20
Mr. E. F. W. Hunwick	March	20
Mr. R. B. Craven	April	17
Mr. Andrew Jeffery	May	15
Dr. D. S. Riceman	June	19
Mr. G. C. Hall	July	24
Mr. J. T. Lang	August	21
Mr. N. A. Harris	September	18
Mr. W. M. Johnson	October	16
Mr. A. W. Crompton	November	20

If you are interested in playing in any of the following events please indicate as shown.

Tear off slip and post to:

SECRETARY P.A.O.C.A.

185 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

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| 1. Close Bowls, Toorak, 21st February | YES | NO |
| 2. Bowls v. St. Peter's Old Boys, South Park, 28th February | YES | NO |
| 3. Tennis v. St. Peter's Old Boys, March | YES | NO |