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CHESSMOVES goes electronic!!!

One of our first initiatives as your new committee is to send out our newsletters electronically in future. This will save Deb, our media manager and Pat our secretary, many hours of work posting by hand.

We are confident that this will be successful, particularly as it will enable you to forward it on to other school friends who are not yet members. Please contact editor@chessmoves.com with any comments.

Yvonne Giltinan



MEETING DATES:

Monday 13th August

Monday 8th October

Venue is in the conference room of CHS - enter side court and use entrance at back of main building. 7pm start.

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CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS' SOCIETY INC.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

School of our youth, to thee we give our heart.....

As the new President of CHESS, I am delighted that our call for assistance was heard and a strong and committed group of 14 former students are ready to build on the good work that a very faithful and loyal committee has done for many years.

At the AGM we thanked and farewelled our Treasurer, Neil Bouvier, who has left CHESS in a healthy position after 18 years of service. The dedicated efforts of both Deb Johnson and Pat Douglas were also acknowledged and new committee members have already offered to take on the role of treasurer, assist in organising reunions and carry out some of the tasks that Deb and Pat do, including the website, database and the distribution of the magazine.

It is a privilege to serve as President. I shared with the new committee that Camberwell High School has a special place in my heart and that I am very keen to give back to a school that gave me so much. I came to Camberwell High in 1962 after having failed everything except Art and Craft in Year 10. The headmaster at my former school believed that I would never matriculate so my parents made a brave decision and decided to send me to Camberwell High School. I had to go back into Year 9 for two terms to "catch up," even though I had already passed Year 9. It was hard but I was very determined. I remember writing up a whole term's notes in every subject while I was studying the next term's material.

Somehow the music teacher at that time, Miss Cameron, 'found me' and in Year 10 I became the Junior School Pianist. Year 10 was also a very good year because even though the boys and girls were not allowed to talk to each other in the school grounds, Phil Giltinan and I started going out and got married 6 years later! In Year 11 and 12, I conducted my house choir Montgomery at the Choral Festival, continued leading the school as School Pianist, and became a prefect. As a result of Miss Cameron's influence, I went on to study music at The University of Melbourne and became a Director of Music in a number of schools. I have continued to conduct choirs throughout my career and now have my own community choir in Hawthorn, Yarra Gospel. In 2005 I formed our own CHESS "choir for the day" to record our school song. Although in her 90's, Miss Cameron was there to support the project and a number of us were able to acknowledge the impact she had had on our lives.

I tell this story because I believe it not only demonstrates that a school can be a redemptive place where students can have a second chance, but also it is a place where many students will make choices about their careers that will have a lasting impact on their future. As a Careers Consultant at Victoria University, I now work with university students and graduates who often pay tribute to a teacher who nurtured and encouraged their skills and talents. We are being encouraged to engage in lifelong learning and the values that we enthusiastically sang about many years ago, are values that still resonate with me today.

*School of our youth, to thee we give our heart,
Through thee we strive to play a worthy part.
Give us the strength to follow truth and right,
And ever guide our thoughts towards the light.*

*When we look back at close of life's long day,
May we feel proud that we chose the nobler way
With courage and faith to always strive for right
School of our youth, be still our source of might.
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Interested in talking about your career with a current student?

As a result of a request from the Principal Jill Laughlin, CHESS is working to establish a **Career Advisory Network** of Camberwell High ex-students.

The staff and the committee are excited about the possibility of connecting current students with people who have had or are still enjoying a variety of careers. We believe that at this critical stage of development when students are making important career choices, it would be invaluable to find out career information from an ex-student.

If you, or anyone you know who went to Camberwell High School, would be willing to share about your career please send your name, profession, email address and phone number to Yvonne Giltinan: giltinan@bigpond.net.au
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Principal's Message - Jill Laughlin

The 2012 school year commenced with our first whole school assembly. It was a special occasion as we welcomed back our VCE High Achievers from 2011 and acknowledged the Student Leaders for 2012. We are extremely proud of the 46 students who achieved ATAR scores of 90 and above and we recognized the excellence of their results. At a morning tea which followed students were able to meet up with their teachers and celebrate their success together. Three of the students spoke to the school about the ingredients of their success. They spoke about hard work, goal setting and maintaining balance.



We have an outstanding group of young people in place as our Student Leaders this year. Our School Captains hosted the first assembly and together with the SRC Presidents are meeting with me on a weekly basis. They prepared a 2012 action plan for Student Leadership in the school and our House Captains have run house meetings in preparation for the athletics and swimming carnivals which were both held in Term 1 this year.

In Term 1 I taught Year 11 English while a teacher took leave. It was a pleasure for me and I hope for the students as well. I have given feedback to my students, to the staff and to the Senior School at assembly on my observations. The students were articulate and confident in presenting their ideas. They enjoyed learning through talking and listening. They have high levels of confidence in sharing their opinions and in their capacity as learners.

The Swimming Sports held on March 6th ran successfully with great enthusiasm demonstrated by all of the students as swimmers and as House supporters. Despite chilly conditions in the morning the sun came through in the afternoon. There were many excellent individual performances and some great team performances in the relays and the novelty events. The 'Continuous Relay' was a great addition to the carnival this year and the 'Crocodile Race' also provided additional fun. House Captains played central roles in organisation, participation and leadership. A highlight of the day was the massed dancing in Houses of the Macarena and YMCA. The PE and Sports Department under the Leadership of Fiona Howson did an outstanding job of organising and managing the day. Montgomery won the day with 2,712 points.

Our Anzac Day Assembly on Monday 23rd April was conducted with great dignity and solemnity. The students entered the Assembly Hall in silence and without lighting as photo images taken by staff and students of The Western Front and Gallipoli on the recent European and Classics Tours were shown. The Australian Flag was held aloft by army cadets who stood vigil throughout the assembly. A wreath was carried in and would later be taken to the Shrine for the dawn service by our student leaders. The student led assembly included reflections by students on their experiences visiting Gallipoli and the Western Front. Music from WWI was featured and we concluded with David Hirst playing the Last Post and Reveille. The Music Department provided a great sense of occasion and atmosphere. It was a moving and fitting tribute to this important event in the calendar. All students behaved respectfully and remained in silence for the entire assembly.

Wintry conditions on Tuesday 24th April did not deter over 200 families visiting us for Open Night. Prospective parents and some current ones took tours of the school visiting many classes and experiencing some of the day to day activities at Camberwell High School. We concluded the evening with addresses from our Acting Junior Sub School Leader, Geoffrey Menon, School Council parent member, Ron Harper standing in for School Council President Craig Parker, and the Principal. Many positive comments were passed on to us during the evening. It was a great example of how Camberwell High School community does things. Students took tours and participated in demonstrations, teachers prepared displays and led experiments, responded to enquiries, conducted ensembles and met with parents. We also had the tremendous support of the PFA and Friends of Music welcoming new parents to the school. It was an excellent evening and one I enjoy enormously each year.

Chinese teachers from Suzhou No 10 High School visited us on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th April. This visit enabled our Chinese partner school colleagues to see Camberwell High School in action. The 5 teachers visited a total of 20 classes over the two days gaining an overview of the curriculum and pedagogy. We had a rewarding meeting on Tuesday in which we planned many aspects of the student and teacher exchange visits for 2012. We also shared professional learning about our netbook program and online resources. Every student in the school has a computer for personal use at school and to take home. This was of great interest to our colleagues. The Year 9 students who will be visiting Suzhou in October this year shared morning tea with the Chinese teachers and introduced themselves. This was a highlight for our visitors.

We have continued to engage with Asia in May. Camberwell High School together with 9 other schools in the Eastern Region has participated in the production of a series of documentary films to be screened on Channel 31 based on our projects with China. Most of our 15 Year 9 students who will be travelling to China in October this year were captured on film as they participated in a lunch time lesson which included Chinese language and cultural elements. Teachers also spoke about their role in the program. We look forward to seeing the final cut and to viewing the program on TV.

Our Innovation Centre is progressing well toward completion at the end of August; I had the pleasure of a tour through the building and was delighted with the sense of space and light within. Most importantly it will be a wonderful building to learn in. We look forward to holding a grand opening toward the end of Term 3.

I am now in the third year of my role as Principal of Camberwell High School. It is a busy and challenging role but also a great honour and professionally and personally rewarding. I hope that in my role I always honour the history and traditions of the school and embrace the excitement of the future. I look forward to working with the newly elected CHESS Leadership team.



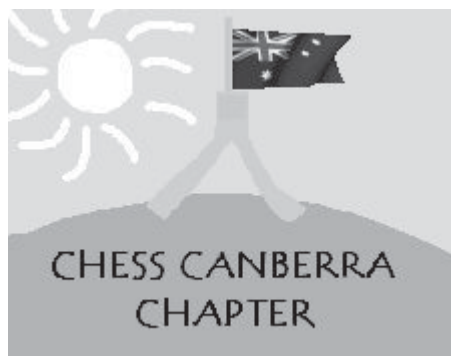
Senior School Leaders
Hugh McRae & Kate Kasby
Junior School Leaders
Nikhil Selvaratnam & Molly-Rose Coulter

Jill Laughlin
PRINCIPAL

Editor - We received a request from the school for work experience placements for Year 10 students but unfortunately, the dates were after the publication date for this newsletter. I would implore any employers that can help with placements in mid-2013 to contact the school on 9831 8350 and leave contact details with the Careers Team.

If you, or anyone you know who went to Camberwell High School, would be willing to share about your career please send your name, profession, email address and phone number to Yvonne Giltinan:

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Canberra Chapter

Chess doings in your national capital.

The Canberra Chapter has had two functions since our last report. In March eleven of us gathered for lunch at The George Harcourt Inn at Federation Square, a tourist village development just beside the Barton Highway on the northern edge of Canberra. The Inn is a Tudor style English pub, which is across the road from the well-known Cockington Green model English village. It was pouring rain outside and consequently the pub was very crowded, however we all enjoyed our "English" pub lunch.



From left to right clockwise around the table: Bob Bell (husband of Thelma), Agnes Boskovitz (wife of Victor), Victor Isaacs, Sue Thomas (Roddick), Judy Carter (my wife), Thelma Bell (Cocks).



Background - Agnes, Victor, Sue, Judy (back to camera).
 Foreground - Fred Roberts, Ron Jenz (Ursula's husband), Eric Turner (Lyn's husband), Lyn Turner (Young), Ursula Jenz (Fisch), Lois Roberts (Fred's wife).

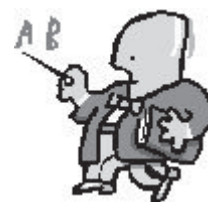
Our second function, in June, was lunch at the Pomegranate Bistro, which is part of the Surveyors Hill winery. This is about 30 mins from Canberra in the Wallaroo district off the Barton Highway northwest of Hall. While the winery has been established for some time, the Bistro, and their B & B are only about two years old.



Thirteen of us (Fred & Lois Roberts, Sue Thomas, Thelma & Bob Bell, Lyn & Eric Turner, Ursula & Ron Jensz, Victor & Agnes Isaacs and Allan & Judy Carter) enjoyed a particularly fine lunch from a reasonably large range of menu choices. We also enjoyed fine views from their picture windows of the surrounding countryside running down to the Murrumbidgee River valley, and including the nearby Surveyors Hill itself. You may recall that when we went to Cowra last October we visited the Age of Fishes Museum at Canowindra, with its 360 million years old fossil fish. Surveyors Hill is a volcanic plug, also about 360 million years old, and therefore active in much the same time span.

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Our questionnaire....

Replies from Helga Linacre (née Wilke) CHS 1971-1974

Which teacher inspired you at CHS?

Mr Robertson my Form 6 English teacher was terrific. He managed to make Solzhenitsyn and Bertrand Russell interesting.

Does anyone else from HSC 1974 remember sitting through the film "One Day in the life of Ivan Denisovich" in the stifling Athenaeum theatre in 40 degree heat? The packed theatre of sweating kids sighed with envy when the opening scene showed Ivan trudging through the Siberian snow. I'm sure it wasn't the reaction intended by the film maker.

Your funniest school memory?

Imagine a third form English class being taught by, the fresh out of teacher's college, Miss Smith. She was dressed in her favourite green mini dress with bright tree frog green stockings. It was hot and half of us were dozing as the afternoon sun streamed through the windows of one of the class rooms facing the oval. The other half of the class was fidgeting, throwing things at each other and steadily getting more out of control. Miss Smith decided to make an example of one of the more disinterested members of her class – the then slight, blonde, somewhat dishevelled Neil Bouvier, who was day dreaming in his seat next to the windows. Miss Smith crept up behind Neil and screeched, "Neil Bouvier ! CONCENTRATE!!!!" At which Neil gave a start, leapt out of his chair, and then jumped out of the nearest window. It was a 2 meter drop to the garden bed below.. Without looking back he then sprinted across the oval before flying over the fence and disappearing up Prospect Hill Road in the direction of the railway line.

I have an enduring memory of Miss Smith's silhouette leaning out of the window, banging the sill with her fist and calling out at the top of her voice Neil! Neil! Coooome baaaack heeeere Neil! While behind her the class was in an absolute uproar

I ran into Miss Smith some years later and she told me she had given up teaching at the end of 1971 and had taken up nursing!

What subject did you hate and why?

Typing with Mr Davies on the clunky old manual typewriters. I never could get the hang of touch typing. During typing tests, Sue Allen's fingers flew ceaselessly over the keys while my fingers tangled and my paper consisted of white out marks.



Form 4D in 1972 - Helga is in the third row, three from the right.

What school house were you in?

MacArthur. I can't recall us winning much while I was at school.

Can you hit the high note at the end of the school song?

Never - I always lip synched.

Do you still have any school library books?

If I did, my younger brother now has them if you are still looking for them.

Your favourite sport or, conversely, what sport did you try to get out of?

My favourite sport was swimming and I was pretty hopeless at everything else. I don't think I featured in a single sport photo while at school.

What did you do on the last day of school? (we won't tell the police)

I was pretty tame. The only weird thing I did was wear my roller skates to school – promptly confiscated by Mrs Moore.

Who was your best friend at school?

I was great friends with Ruth Nicholls and Janet Davey. We have remained firm friends to this day.

What book are you reading now?

The Book Thief

What classroom prank can you recall? (we know nothing)

I lived in terror of Mrs Moore and her little room at the top of the stairs so I didn't get into trouble for anything. However I was in the class room when Mal Humphreys Grey climbed into the display case in the Geography room and then lay there like an exhibit for the first 10 minutes of a class given by, I think it was, "Barney Banana"

Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?

Absolutely. I am incredibly proud of having gone to the school. Outstanding teachers made it possible for me to enter my chosen university course and profession. I had a great time, saw some of the funniest things and made enduring friendships. Because both my brother and sister, sister in law and many of my friends went to the school it was very important in my life. What I learnt both in the class room and as life lessons from class mates has remained with me

A bit about me.....

After leaving school I went to Monash University and graduated with an Arts Law degree. I have since then worked full time mainly as an in-house corporate lawyer and chartered company secretary for ASX listed companies. The fun in the job comes from the colourful characters I have worked for or with.

I have been very happily married to Doug Linacre for nearly 30 years and have one son. Since my son has gone to university, Doug and I are re-discovering the forgotten pleasures of doing "our own thing". My main interest however remains keeping in touch with the members of my extended family and my friends.



For any past students who wish to make up a table or donate goods to the alma mater...please ring Susan Arthur on 0433116608 or Nikki Capp on 0418532451.



**CAMBERWELL
HIGH SCHOOL**

TRIVIA NIGHT

7pm Saturday 4th August 2012

Parents our annual Trivia night is coming and we need your help.

We need items for the silent auction...if you are able to give a gift, have a business and can donate something, have contacts or know someone who may give please do so...

Whatever way you could help would be great, all money raised goes back into our school to help our children.

Ticket and General enquires
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VALE

Marcia Allwell (nee Whitehill)

CHS 1946 – 1950

Passed away November 11 2011

Marcia is greatly missed by many, and particularly by a group of special friends who still meet regularly for lunch.

We were among the 1946 first intake of girls to CHS following the resettlement of Melbourne High boys to their own premises, after the RAAF occupation of their buildings ended after WW2.

Marcia's leadership qualities were recognised by her election as Form 5 Form Captain in 1950. At that time, in order to complete our secondary studies we had to leave CHS following Year 11.

Marcia gained her Year 12 qualifications at Taylors Business College. She maintained a wide range of interests and concerns, contributing her skills energetically in many aspects of community life. We miss her vibrant contributions at our 'Ladies Luncheon' meetings.