



CHESS MOVES

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Preserving our history

It was a marvellous coincidence that our AGM this year occurred at the same time as the Open Night. I greeted many of the prospective parents and students and spoke about our great school. It was good to meet a few of the parents whose mother or father went to the school. They are looking forward to keeping up the family tradition. Another parent wondered if I was there when the school opened 75 years ago! Many students and parents looked up at our Hall of Fame that was collated and displayed in 1991, our Jubilee Year. They also saw the photos of a few of our famous ex-students.

Since then, I've reflected on the opportunity to engage with the next generation of parents and students, and realised that as an ex-students society we are helping current and future students appreciate our history. We are also endeavouring to preserve our history using a variety of mediums.

- This newsletter, *Chessmoves*, has been preserving our history since it started in 1991. The old newsletters give a unique snapshot into the many ways the ex-students society engaged with our school. They will eventually be added to the website.
- Our website, www.chessmoves.com has thousands of photos that were diligently scanned by



Deb Johnson over 12 years. Our Prospice's date from the 1940s. Many of the scanned documents were donated by ex-students. Our comprehensive website ensures that our archives are preserved and accessible.

- Others have donated items of clothing and at the recent Open Day, the prefect's badge belonging to Jackie Lublin (Levy) was displayed on an old blazer. The library also has archives that they display, including 'The Big Book' which has old newspaper cuttings showing the development of the school since it commenced.
- In the main foyer of the school, the Hall of Fame features 18 of our ex-students. This display was collated

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as part of the wonderful Jubilee celebrations. The school has asked us to update it so that current students will read the information and continue to find the stories inspiring.

The Ex-Students committee will be calling for nominations from ex-students who left after 1991. The nominees may include war veterans, those who have received Australian awards, Olympians, or people who have, or are, excelling in their careers. These profiles will be displayed on the television in the main foyer. The committee would value assistance from those of you with an interest in preserving our history. We want to maintain a living history so that it is an inspiration to our current students and generations of students to come.

Yvonne Giltinan, President

Principal's Report

We are experiencing a high level of interest in the school and are currently running several tours a week. At the annual Open Night on 2 May our student guides excelled. Pairs of students led tours around the school and spoke about their experiences as students at CHS. Many of our visitors commented on the pride the students expressed and their confident manner. I accompanied some of our students when they returned to talk to Grade 5 and 6 primary school classes about life in secondary school. It was with a great sense of pride that I listened to our students speak about all that CHS has to offer.

The Year 12 Formal on 3 May was another occasion where I felt pride in our students. They arrived at Leonda immaculately presented and with infectious excitement. The formal enables the whole year group to come together as one and feel connected. This is an important part of the rationale for the evening and provides a great foundation for Year 12 students as they continue with a challenging year of study, filled with assessments.

It was with great delight that we officially opened the oval on Friday 12 May. Our guest of honour, Tilly Lucas Rodd, Carlton mid-fielder for the

inaugural AFL Women's League and ex-student, kicked the footy with our students. Students are thrilled to have this outstanding facility. Our school community worked for many years to complete this project, and it is a great message for all about the power of persistence.

On 18 May, the PFA prepared a wonderful morning tea to show their gratitude towards the staff. The morning tea also raises funds for the Cancer Council and we remembered those we have lost to cancer, including members of our staff and broader school community.

At the House Chorals festival our senior students developed scripts, music and choreography and taught the Year 7 students in preparation for the final competition. It was a wonderful celebration of student talent and team work, with Churchill emerging as victors on the day.

A Design and Development Team of 22 teachers and students has met with architects to develop the brief for the upgrade of the interiors of C and D buildings. We are pleased with the progress of the designs and look forward to sharing these with the school community.



In the next few weeks we have Year 10 work experience, the mid-year Music Concert and a parent workshop on Drug and Alcohol Awareness. All our events aim to develop respectful and responsible young adults who are ready to embrace life and make a positive impact in the world.

Jill Laughlin

Can you help us with our newsletter?

In October 2012, Chessmoves was revitalised when Helen Cumming offered to assist us. At the end of this year Helen will finish her long association with the school as a parent, and with CHES. The November Chessmoves will be Helen's last production. As a desktop publisher Helen has brought a high level of professionalism and made our newsletters very attractive to read. We are indebted to you Helen. Thank you very much. CHES is seeking another desktop publisher. Chessmoves is produced three times a year.

All the material is provided in a word document on a USB and each newsletter takes about 2–3 hours to format. Helen has offered to provide hand-over training and any advice that may be required. The final copy is sent to nearly 1000 ex-students by email and post.

If you have desktop publishing skills, or know someone who could assist us, please contact Yvonne Giltinan on 9816 9413 as soon as possible or email: chs.chessmoves@gmail.com for further details.

School News

The Robert Ewins Memorial Fund generously donates new books to the Brereton Library

Mr Robert Ewins (1933–2013) was a fine and beloved teacher at Camberwell High School where he taught from 1958–1964. He often spoke of his years at CHS as being the most enjoyable of his teaching career and attributed this to the students' being very engaged in their schooling and wanting to learn.

Mr Ewins was deeply passionate about sharing his love of English literature with his students and wanted them to fully appreciate the beauty of language, which he achieved through his inspirational teaching. An interesting anecdote reveals a conversation he had with one of his students who asked: 'Mr Ewins, what is the most important thing that has ever happened

to you?' 'That's easy – learning to read.' Mr Ewins replied.

To honour the memory of Mr Ewins, a fund was established by members of CHES. Every year the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund makes a very generous, and much appreciated donation to the Brereton Library. This year a selection of quality, non-fiction titles were purchased for the Library with these funds. All these books have a special bookplate inside which acknowledges this very kind donation and honours the memory of Mr Ewins.

Pictured below is the President of CHES, Yvonne Giltinan who presented the gifted books to School Captains, Grace Scorgie, Aaron Cheng, and SRC Representative Mia Clifford.

Rachel Bailey, Brereton Library Manager



New sports oval open



Former School Council President Judy Crigan and James Nicolas. Front left Cr. Lisa Hollingsworth, Principal Jill Laughlin and member for Hawthorn John Pesutto.

James Nicolas (class of 1984) attended the opening of the new sports oval. Here is his report.

A big crowd turned out for the official opening. This brand new multi-purpose facility with artificial surface is a far cry from the sometimes muddy sports oval of yesteryear.

Special guest was former student and now Carlton women's competition footballer Tilly Lucas-Rodd who was interviewed and kicked the first ball on the oval.

Jill Laughlin talked about the journey involved to bring the dream of this facility to fruition.

It was an honour to represent the former students and CHES on the day.

Mid Year Luncheon

'Please convey to the CHESS committee my heartiest congratulations on a wonderful luncheon that you organised. The speakers were great, the food was good and it was great to re-connect with some of my old class-mates. Well done.'

On a sunny but cold Sunday afternoon in July, the Ex-Students committee welcomed 60 guests to the Mid-Year Luncheon at Box Hill Golf Club. Ex-students from 1941 to 2013 mingled and exchanged different memories.

We were privileged to have former Principal, Elida Brereton, speak and she

regaled us with hilarious stories of her 15 years at the school and her short, but memorable career, as Miss Murray on the ABC program *Summer Heights High*.

It was also very good to welcome former Principal Ann Rusden, whose support and encouragement is always

appreciated, and ex-students who travelled from Launceston, Perth and our Canberra Chapter. The current school council president, Ngaire Burn, also spoke briefly about current works that are occurring at the school.

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Former school council president Lawrence Gebert and Lyndie Gebert
Elida Brereton, James Nicolas, and class of 2012 and 2103



Lawrence Hodgson, Prof. John Spicer, Beth Reid,
Cathie MacKiggan, Audrey Broomhead



Jill Davies, Ken James and Marnie Kok



Elida Brereton, Joel Porter



June Thompson, Renee Head, Prof. Geoff Head, Peter Wilke,
Rex Thompson and Ann Rusden



James Nicolas



School Council
President Ngaire Burn



Ash Wah, Elida Brereton, Em Antonenko,
Joel Porter, Jess Boyle

Alumni@Work

Frank Tisher OAM Class of 1961

After progressing through the feeder schools of Auburn South PS and Camberwell Central, I entered Year 9 in 1958. The years at CHS were enjoyable, but a lot of that four years is now just a distant memory. I do remember taking the tram home as far as Camberwell Junction and indulging in blue heaven milkshakes at Six Ways, a milk bar where many of the CHS students congregated. Sadly, that milk bar is long gone.

A few teachers still come to mind. Robert Ewins was a splendid history teacher. After failing Maths 2 in Year 11, I changed to economics with Mr Joyce. He was a great economics teacher and I came 2nd in the state in that subject.

1961 was the year of the first credit squeeze in Australia since the end of WWII. For my father, things were grim in architecture and he did not encourage me to follow him into that profession. Having done so well in economics, I chose to do a combined Law-Commerce degree at Melbourne University. I became more and more immersed in the Law side of the course and did very well, coming top in several subjects and equal third in final year. I also passed the honours exams.

I started work as an articled clerk and was admitted to the Supreme Court to practice as a solicitor in 1968. I continued to work at the law firm of Abbott, Stillman and Wilson until 1970 when I commenced my own practice under the name of Frank Tisher & Associates. In 1972 Dennis Liner became a partner and for 45 years it was Tisher Liner FC Law. Our offices are on the corner of Queen and Latrobe Streets. I have always enjoyed that part of town – it is near the courts and the Titles Office, Hardware Lane with its many restaurants for lunch and near Victoria Market.

Over the years, I have specialised more and more. I was one of the first lawyers to sit for the accreditation exams in the early 1990s and I am an Accredited Property Law



Frank Tisher OAM

Specialist, having sat on the Law Institute Property Law Committee.

I have devoted myself to other causes and have served on numerous committees and boards including the National Gallery Society of Victoria, the Lorne Sculpture Committee, Ajax Tennis and Ski Clubs and the Jewish Museum of Australia. For 25 years I have served on the board of Emmy Monash Aged Care as President and currently as a Director, and received the OAM Honour in 2014 for my contribution to aged care, cultural and sporting organisations.

I have always felt that it is important to give back to the community and help set an example for future generations. As I approach my 73rd birthday, I can say that I feel content with my life. I am blessed with a loving wife and family. I have satisfaction from my work (which I still do four days a week) and I have many interests, which include galleries, music, theatre and travel. In its own way, I can thank CHS for the start it gave me many years ago.

In Short

News from the Committee

At the 2017 AGM the following ex-students were re-elected to the committee.

President: Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren); Vice-President: Joel Porter; Secretary: Geoff Head; Treasurer Ken James. Committee members are Ashley Wah, Steve Callinan-Moore and Bob Taylor. Jill Fletcher (Davies); Audrey Broomhead, Neil Robson and Marnie Kok (White) provide valuable assistance. Our committee represents members from 1946 to 2013. The President's Report and Treasurer's Report can be viewed on our website: <https://chessmoves.com/membership>

REMINDER: It's not too late to pay your 2017 Membership fees! Options include:

- Annual Membership: \$25 for a calendar year
- Membership for 5 years: \$120.
- Membership for 10 years: \$200

The membership form can be downloaded from <https://chessmoves.com/membership>

Addendum to Don Walker's Reflection on the First Days of CHS

Fred Roberts (class of 1946) from the Canberra Chapter, has provided a brief expansion to Don Walker's excellent contribution in our March Chessmoves.

He adds: 'In 1944 some CHS boys completed Year 3 in the Prospect Hill building while it was still occupied by Melbourne Boys' High School. MBHS had five Year 3 forms: 3A, B, C, D, and E. Then there was 3X. This was the form made up of boys who were going to stay on in 1945 as CHS pupils when the main body of MBHS boys returned to their own school premises.

In 1945, most of the former 3X went on to become CHS's 4th Form and in 1946, its 5th Form. Our Principal, Dr A.V.G. James, had hoped that CHS could start a Matriculation year in 1947, but too few of us qualified to go on. In fact, CHS couldn't support a Matriculation year until 1956. Those seeking 6th form education had to go to other schools and, ironically, in 1947 half-a-dozen or so of us found ourselves 'back' with the Melbourne High School boys'.



150th Anniversary of Camberwell Primary School

A number of events are planned, including an Open Day on 19 August 2017, the official 150th Anniversary. The Celebrations Committee is

trying to locate past students to learn more about the school's history and about life in years gone by. They are also seeking memorabilia (uniforms, certificates, school books etc.) that could be photographed or loaned for display at the school during the Open Day.

If you can assist contact Claire Evans on 0423 734 153 or email stuandclaireevans@gmail.com

Class of 1977 Reunion

Saturday 21 October 2017

Palace Hotel

Contact Gareth Husband for details: 0449 047 292

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/471919519839856>

If 2017 is also your reunion year, CHESS can assist with your reunion. We have an extensive database that will enable you to start contacting people in your year group.

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Tributes



John Eastham CHS 1952–1956

Dot Browne (Green-Class of 1958) shares some fond school memories of former school friend, Jim Eastham.

'I first met Jim when he joined our class at Camberwell High School back in the early 50s. He was a year or so older than us and had a maturity that we all valued. He was a very popular student and he and I were elected Form Captains in 1955 and 1956.

He was an integral member of our friendship group and the girls' and boys' gangs used to hang around together all the time and be invited to each other's teenage birthday parties, where we would play embarrassing games like 'Spin the knife' and 'Pass the apple under your chin, with no hands allowed'.

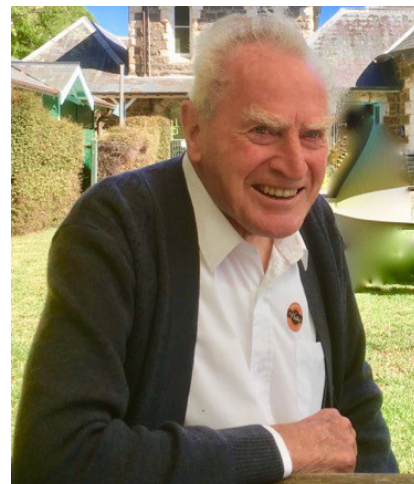
In years 10 and 11 we all went to Dance Court in Hawthorn after school,

and became competent ballroom dancers.

Jim's main claim to fame was that he and Geoff French were fantastic tennis players. Jim had a magnificent serve, throwing the ball up high and slamming it down to clean up the opposition in inter-school sport. During school holidays, we all used to catch the tram down to Kooyong Tennis Courts to watch Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall play exhibition tennis.

Jim left school before HSC and went to join Shell Oil Company. He asked me to partner him to a couple of the Shell Oil Company balls at the St Kilda Town Hall. They were always enjoyable nights, but we were never serious partners, just really good friends. He was a special man and will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Rest in Peace, dear Jim.'



David Poynton CHS 1941–1943

David attended Camberwell High School in 1941 after spending a year at Box Hill High.

At CHS David met Bruce Hayman and they became life-long friends. David said those years were 'among the happiest of my life'.

After leaving school David worked in admin as a trainee executive while studying at night school to become an accountant.

He then became an ordained minister and served the parishes of Ouyen, Mooroopna, Black Rock and Colac before retiring at age 65 and moving to Rye.

David enjoyed his semi-retirement in Rye, and as a Uniting Church minister took weddings and funerals, visited nursing homes and hospitals, and was involved in the church community.

He was always available for a chat and a cuppa and the door was open to all.

Births, Marriages, Farewells

Chessmoves would like to hear from you if you have celebrated a birth, marriage or are aware of the passing of a former student. Contributions of up to 100 words are welcome, with photos if appropriate, to: chs.chessmoves@gmail.com