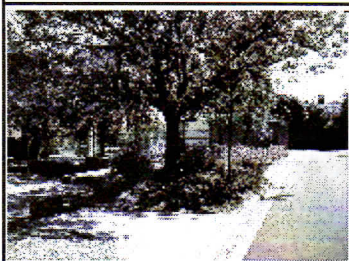




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August 11th

October 13th

Venue to be advised on
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**CHESS still has stock of
school song CDs @ \$10
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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear CHESS Members

Whilst Bernard is jaunting OS (lucky man!), I'm writing his column, so please bear with me. Our April AGM was really very interesting. In a masterstroke of time management, Bernard whipped through the elections in forty-five seconds, allowing us to concentrate on our guest speaker, Colin Green, of Melbourne High School Old Boy's Association, from whom we gleaned some excellent strategies. Our two WWWs (wonderful, willing workers), Pat Douglas and Deb Johnson, have achieved great promotion of this year's focus activity - the 80s & 90s Reunion. An A4 poster is already on the window of the office at Camberwell High School and a large sign will be outside the school in September. Do have a look if you drive past. Our thanks go to Principal, Elida Brereton, for putting these through. After all Deb and Pat's work I wonder how many people realise just how hard they work for CHESS and, now that I've retired, I'm endeavouring to offload some of their tasks but I'm only one person - do we have anyone else out there who could lend an occasional hand?



John Waters, Head Prefect in 1962 with Helen Menzies, is wanting to form a Tasmanian Chapter of CHESS. (He formed one back in the 60s.) If you are aware of any former CHS students, now living in Tasmania, please put them in touch with John in Hobart on 6275 2093 or email johnw43@bigpond.com

Further delights for exit-students of 1962 - Alan Petschack has placed a very funny video on youtube and it now appears on our website - Athol Jones, Miss Cameron and many "naughty boys and girls" appear and you are guaranteed a laugh!

Disco Consulere Aliis (please pronounce it correctly!)
Mary (Ellis) Hill (Class of 1960)

Mary Ellis Hill



CHS 80s & 90s Reunion

Saturday 18th
October @ 7pm

Kelvin Club,
Melbourne Place (off
Russell Street),
Melbourne CBD

\$45 covers finger food and school song CD plus huge slide show.
Drinks at bar prices. Jacket and tie. Reunion photos taken on night.
Teachers, past students and partners welcome.
Email landie@bigpond.net.au ASAP

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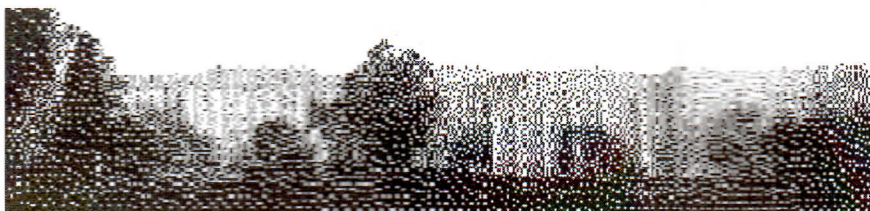
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We welcome any contributions from past students. Please contact Deb by post or email with any written articles. Also, if any CHESS members wish to place ads, please contact Bernard. Also please consider our chessmoves website for your advertising!

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Send all articles to
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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

My family and I joined the 7000 Australians making the pilgrimage to Villers-Bretonneux (in northern France) which is a village that was attacked fiercely by German forces in March 1918, and liberated by Australians under Australian command ... on April 25th 1918. After the war Victorian state school children contributed their pennies, and our government also gave funds, which rebuilt the destroyed primary school. I saw the sign "Never forget Australia" in English in the playground, and in every room there is a notice with the same message in French. The magnificent and heart-breaking Australian National Memorial lies on a hillside about 800metres from the village, and the names of my grandmother's two brothers are etched into the wall with thousands of others. Beautifully-maintained graves of known soldiers form countless rows amid the green lawns. My great-uncles died in the first days of the Battle of the Somme in this area around Villers-Bretonneux, no doubt a devastating blow to my grandmother and her parents. In all villages in the Somme valley seen by us, signs welcomed Australians. At the service at our National Memorial on April 26th we sat with a crowd of about 1000, a third of whom were French descendants of the villagers who were saved from the German Army on Anzac Day in 1918. The service, in the 90th year since the battle in which Australians fought and some died to save the villagers' lives and to halt the German advance on Amiens, was extremely moving.



Whilst I was away, on Tuesday April 22nd, a group of student leaders conducted a thought provoking and sombre assembly to recognise Anzac Day. Included in the program were recitations, readings and musical items which encouraged those assembled to consider the impact of war while recognising the important contributions of previous generations of veterans.

Mid-May saw a camp to Wollangarra in the cold alpine areas of east Gippsland with a group of hardy Year 8 students accompanied by Stephanie Porrino and Michael Godfrey; inter-school sports round robins for Intermediates and Year 7 students; Year 10 students attending a Careers and Employment Expo at Jeff's Shed; the Maths Challenge continuing, excursions for the Year 8 Healthy Living project; a Geography fieldtrip day for Year 9; the commencement of the new tennis courts, and Year 11 students doing mid-year exams. It is a tiring time of term but I commended students and staff for working well together and for ensuring that the school tone remained positive and the mood quite buoyant.

On the evening of May 30th I joined a group of CHS families as proud audience members who gathered at Caulfield Grammar School's beautiful performance centre (were we envious? Yes!) to be part of a prestigious concert featuring, by invitation only, senior ensembles from the elite government music schools Eltham and Blackburn High, a visiting US College band, and our own Senior Wind Ensemble, who played so well in this august company. Well done to Kathryn Cooper and her staff and to our students: we were extremely proud and the standard was impressive by any objective measure.

Elida Brereton
Principal

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

Pat Douglas, CHESS Secretary

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When CHESS was formed in 1991 our membership numbers were very good.

One of our first jobs was to contain the school records in proper and safe filing cabinets. Also the memorabilia and photos were in boxes in a dusty room next to the library.

For a couple of years we gave all year 12 leavers free membership hoping that this would interest them enough to participate.

During the first couple of years CHESS participated in a few school activities:- year 12 BBQ, reunions held in the Assembly Hall, attending A V G James lectures, organising the work experience evenings, attending P & F meetings, our meetings were also held at the school, donating money to the Principals Fund, donating money to help the garden look good.



Over the years we have found that Decade Reunions worked best for ex-student numbers. We tried a few venues to hold the reunions and found over time that the Kelvin Club in Melbourne was the most appropriate.

We have helped any ex-student who would like to organise a reunion with any names and addresses that we have on the database.

Every year I receive from the office at CHS a list of students who have left CHS during the year. These are added to all the other names that are on the database.

It is a constant job keeping the database current with up-to-date names and addresses.

If you have any information that will assist to keep the database current and you have not already passed this information on please let me know.

Pat Douglas
CHESS Secretary
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Anyone (from circa 1994) interested - please email Daniel Barker

Dear Camberwell High

As a Music student, class of '94, I would like to write to suggest a Choir and Music reunion for those students of Mr Brookes and Mr Cairns from that time. I am not sure of the year spread, as we would need to calculate numbers, but we would like to plan a night with performance for '89-'94 at least.

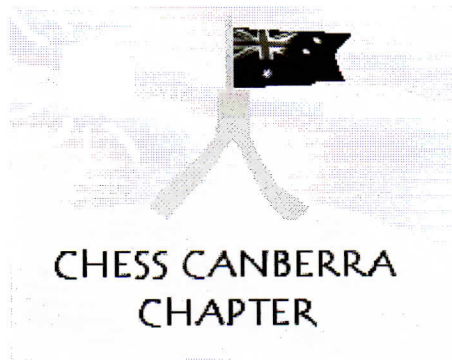
Recommendations:

Arrangement of 'Disarm' by Smashing Pumpkins (self-titled album) for orchestra and choir.

The theme is relevant to the War on Terror and we would love to re-unite with Mr Brookes and Mr Cairns for this performance. Please forward to Chess lists and to Mr Cairns, Mr Brookes, and Mrs Cirrito. I hope to hear back soon.

Yours Faithfully
Daniel J. Barker
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CHESS MOVIES



The Canberra Chapter has had two functions since my last report. The first was a barbecue at our home here in Melba in February. We had a smaller than usual number because of family commitments by some members. As usual the day was warm and fine. (Does it ever get anything else other than fine here in Canberra with the drought still well and truly with us?) This was the last Chess function we will have here in Melba as Judy and I are moving to a new house in Bruce, if the builders ever get everything finished.

Our second function for the year was a visit to the "Turner to Monet" Art Exhibition at the Australian National Gallery in May. This was a very popular exhibition, with many paintings from all over the world. The theme was to show the development of landscape painting from J.M.W. Turner, one of the earliest painters to focus on the landscape (including the sky and clouds) as the chief subject of a painting, to Monet who developed the form to its highest. There were many paintings which would be familiar to many Chess members from their own visits to Galleries around the world such as the Tait and The National Gallery in London. They also included some 'Old Favourites' such as Corot's "The Bent Tree" from the National Gallery of Victoria and Arthur Streeton's "Fire Below" from the NSW Art Gallery. The latter with its strong colours especially in the sky, made a very dramatic contrast with the softer pastel-like colours of the European paintings.

Because of the large crowds, we met for afternoon tea first before touring the exhibition. Fred Roberts, who was the convenor for about the first ten years of our group, is a volunteer guide at the gallery and took us on our guided tour. It was a great pleasure to welcome back to our group Graeme and Jan Cox, who were members some years ago before they moved to the South Coast of NSW, and have now returned to Canberra for family reasons. We also had Graeme's sister, who was visiting Canberra, join us.

If any Chess members are planning to visit Canberra and would like to join us for any function please let me know well in advance (say 6 weeks) of the visit to find out if we will be having a function during their stay. Our next function will probably be in mid August. We are also planning to go whale watching and to visit Chris & Ray Tynan again at Eden on 18 & 19 October. It is about three years since we last went down there and saw them. Chess members are welcome to join us if they can but please give us plenty of notice.

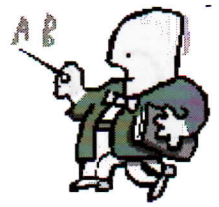
Allan Carter
Canberra Chapter Convenor
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Ed: The photos on the following pages were taken at our November 2007 visit to the Old Parliament House Rose Gardens





CHESS MOVIES



Which teacher inspired you at CHS?

Better to tell of the teacher who least inspired me. My father (a teacher himself) turned up at a parent/teacher night to find out why I was barely passing one of my subjects. The teacher said: "I don't know who he is, he must be one of the better behaved ones". Ten years later, I worked briefly with this teacher, who said he was sure he had met me before. I denied all knowledge.

Your funniest school memory?

With Brian Richardson as a friend, funniest moments were on the hour every hour. But the faces of the senior staff were funny as they endeavoured to get into the spirit of things when MPD came and played at the School Assembly.

What subject did you hate and why?

Teacher's reports indicated, I didn't hate any subject, I was just indifferent.

What school house were you in?

I went to Wyclif Congregational Church and we all ended up in McArthur. Apparently we kept claiming each other as cousins, if we weren't more directly related.

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

Only with a cricket bat.



Form 6B in 1970 with Tony (inset)

Do you still have any school library books?

In first form I was told I could not borrow from the "Senior" library until I was in third form. I never went back. (A Fitzroy Football club supporter, I also don't follow Brisbane.)

Your favourite sport?

The games before school of basketball with a football and no rules. I once drop punted the football through the basketball ring from 25 metres.

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

Greg Moran's mum managed a pub in the city and after a long day we went there. She refused us entry, but the Duke of Kent in Lonsdale Street was more accommodating, a sixteen year old female in her school uniform (with a background in local government) being quite acceptable.

Who were your best friends at school?

I had a wide range of friendships many of which lasted well after I left school.

What book are you reading now?

Redemption Song The Definitive Biography of Joe Strummer by Chris Salewicz.

Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?

When I was at CHS, it was in transition. In my time, hats and caps disappeared, seemingly taking with them a clear role for prefects. In my last two years I had terrific teachers and subjects in which I had an interest. More importantly, I was at CHS when I discovered the Velvet Underground and Neil Young amongst many. Of course, they weren't part of the official curricula.

A bit about me.....

I went to Monash and joined the Commonwealth Public Service in late 1973. The Department of Education was wrestling with the new Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme, having planned for 9,000 applications and received 27,000. Education had rapid promotion, unlimited overtime and an average age of 23.

In this period I assisted in setting up an overpayments unit, which discovered that 40% of our own staff had a debt on their student grant, proving Geoff Glenn's efforts, in assisting me off the football ground were not totally wasted.

From 1971 to 1976 I stayed in touch with plenty of people from CHS, one key reason being I was the often only one not living at home with their parents. Managing junior cricket at Wyclif Cricket Club and playing with plenty of CHS talent also maintained these links, players including David Owen, Col O'Grady, Ian Moorfield, Bill Lawrence, Stephen Goddard, Stuart Rintoul, Glen Rickard, Neil Bouvier, Jeff & Stuart White, Hayden Corser, the late Steven Karastavrou, Dave Tyson, Bob Rainey and later Steve Jencik, Siggie Rempel, Roman Dodig and Tony and Sammy Cincotta amongst many others.

By 1976, at Education in the midst of a major down-sizing arising from the Phil Lynch razor-gang, I headed for a ditch, resigned and travelled overseas.

In London I worked at an Ice-cream factory, in the wettest winter for 100 years, which followed the hottest summer for 100 years. We made plenty of ice-cream but sold little, leaving plenty of time for cricket, punk and new wave.

The best kept secret at the Ice Cream business was not the one million pound computer in a back room that no-one knew how to use, nor the daily production runs of ice-cream that we dumped in the neighbouring canal but the absence of caps on the ISD telephone lines. Not surprisingly, an enterprising (Australian) company took us over.

Back in Australia, I rejoined the public service, working in Social Security, the alternative being Taxation. Shortly after that, unemployment doubled but our staffing numbers didn't. Based in the inner city, we had unlimited overtime again.

In 1983, I began working in the homelessness programs for the Commonwealth later the State Community Services department, which resulted in the closing of Melbourne's "Dickensian" inner city night shelters and their replacement by modern crisis accommodation facilities as part of extensive new networks of services to tackle homelessness.

In the 1990s I worked for The Salvation Army in a range of roles from managing a juvenile justice service, to negotiating with Commonwealth and State Governments to replace outdated buildings and fund new community services all over Australia, as well closing the last children's homes. At various times I was also President of Council to Homeless Person Australia and of Wintringham, the first provider of aged care services for people who have been homeless.

A conversation in a lift; an inquiry as to whether I was bored; lead to a move to the Department of Human Services in 1999, where I now work in public housing. I still play cricket at Wyclif, and am currently writing its history. In recent years, we again are lucky to have a crop of good young cricketers currently at CHS.

Tony Newman

YOU MUST SEE THIS.....

Camberwell High School final Matric day 1962

www.youtube.com/watch?v=onCiYcgAuAA

www.chessmoves.com (where you can also view this)

Alan Petschack took this great footage. "This film was taken on the last day for Year 12 matriculation students at Camberwell High School, in suburb of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Filmed using Sekonic standard 8 (silent) movie camera, and edited in 2008 using Adobe Premiere CS3. Staff names in order of appearance were 1. Miss A.E. Cameron, 2. Mr R.A. (Roy) Andrews (Principal), 3. Mr D.A. (Don) Gibb, 4. Mr P.C. Joyce, 5. Mr. A.J.H. (Athol) Jones, 6. Mr M.J. O'Brien, 7. Mr A.V. (Tony) Pugsley, 8. Athol Jones"



THE ONLY DAY

Mark Carter from sunny Naples, Florida, USA

When asked by Debs to write a piece for the newsletter I was both excited and perplexed.

What could I, a Physical Education Teacher from the early eighties offer to some people I knew a generation ago, some before that, and many others I had not even crossed paths with. That time seemed light years ago.... would I talk about my life...would I talk about my time as a teacher... tell a few jokes...write some amusing anecdotes?

I thought about my predicament. This was the first time I had been asked to write anything since my own days in High School.

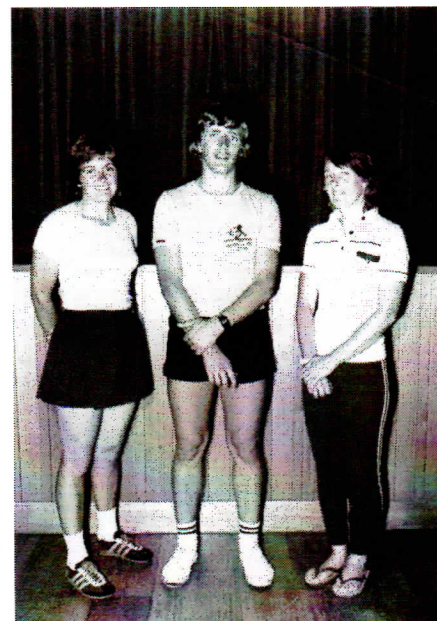
As I thought, I glanced at the T.V and saw the comforting image of a favorite movie. At that moment, Burt Lancaster as Doctor Moonlight Graham in Field of Dreams said "You know we just don't recognize the most significant moments of our lives while they're happening. Back then I thought, well, there'll be other days. I didn't realize that that was the only day." Lightning!

That is why people come to this website, that is why people fondly remember their High School days, whether student or teacher. That is why I wanted to write a small piece and once again embrace the memories that had passed, not to happen again except in the mind of a middle aged one time teacher. And that is what I want to tell all of you, past students, present students and anyone else who would care to listen.

We all remember, mostly with affection, our High School Days. Those special first time moments, those rare individuals we meet, those days we think will come again but not realizing that this may be the only day. Embrace and remember your days at school but if you learn anything from that experience, learn that everything that occurs in your life from the simplest things to the most complex may be THE ONLY DAY.

So enjoy time with your partner, with your kids, with your family. Enjoy your successes, address your failures and treat people as you would like to be treated because one day, just like your time at Camberwell, you may not have other days and this may be your only day.

With kind thoughts and well wishes to all those I taught and met at Camberwell High from 1979-1985.
Mark Carter
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From L to R: Jan Berry, Mark, Barbara Bates



chessmoves committee news

A lot has been going on here - we're busy organising a DOUBLE-DECKER reunion...which involves more scanning of photographs....a lot of sleuthing has gone on into locating missing years from 1988 - 1998 (not in archives and also pre-digital when photos were given to the school on DVDs). I was faced with the task of scanning poor quality photos from old Prospices (in the missing decade there were often no class/group photos in some Prospices!). Yesterday, the school rang to tell me they were located! I am ecstatic! There are some missing years in our CHS archives - early 60s and 1974. I implore anyone out there who has photos NOT on the website, please email me. Every digital image I create will be kept on the CHS computer server archives with identifying info on the subjects for future historians. Plus I also do backup on an external hard drive here. And speaking of archives, I was disappointed to learn that the promised storage room did not materialise and was allocated to staff from the adjacent downstairs classroom (old SLOYD room).

CHESS has had two meetings with MHSOBA earlier this year and one involved a dynamic presentation from Colin Green, the President of their past students' body. We are yet to discuss formally any aspects of their database garnishing and management that we might implement here. Watch this space.

On a sad note, Glenice Porter, a pivotal CHS office staffer, is leaving CHS. For Pat and I, Glenice has been wonderfully supportive of CHESS and has facilitated our contact with the school. Meetings, envelopes for CHESS, printing, liaising, etc....and finding those missing decade photos!!! All the best wishes for your future, Glenice, from we at CHESS.

Deb Johnson
CHESS Media

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VALE

Max G. Chapman (CHS 1943 - 1949)

Max Chapman's widow, Judy, has mentioned that any of Max's friends who wish to contact her can email her via judray31@bigpond.com

John Duncan (CHS 1952 - 1954)

Geoff Davidson wrote - "I lost touch with John during last few years, but he was living in semi retirement at Yarrawonga with his wife of 45 years Merle. John was a better than average sportsman at school, playing cricket and football for CHS. School work interfered with his passion for sport, he was able to adapt to any sport such as table tennis, snooker?, and tennis. He met the love of his life when he was 16yrs, and got married at 24. Both John and Merle lived in Richmond when they met, and purchased there 1st home in Burnley. John started his employment At General Insurance P/I in Queen Street and rose in stature to Asst. Manager, before deciding to "go it alone". He stayed in the general insurance industry, and built his own business through his network of clients from General Insurance to his sporting connections. He undertook personal development courses in Financial Planning and Superannuation and built on his already successful business. He sold his business in Melbourne and moved to Wangaratta and continued in the industry that he loved. Unfortunately, John was diagnosed with liver cancer about 12 months ago, and passed away peacefully on June 8th 2008, leaving behind his dear wife Merle and 2 sons."



1954 Eleven:

Back Row: Left to Right: Geoffrey Davidson, Peter Friend, Rodney Moore

2nd Back Row: John Stavenden, Brian Firth, John Massey, Brian Edwards

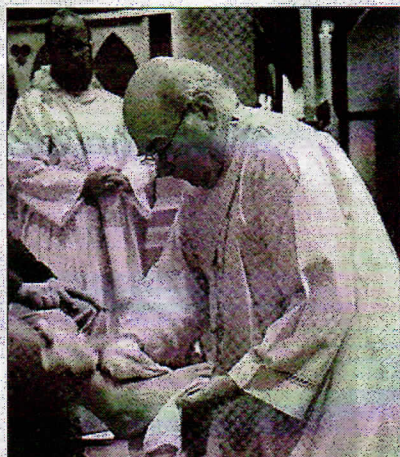
Front Row: Lesley Davis, John Duncan, John Macarthur, James Coyle,

John Ingram

VALE

Bishop Owen Dowling (CHS teacher) Former Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn

A controversial bishop, who was among those in the Anglican Church hierarchy who worked for the ordination of women. Passed away on May 8th this year. I am indebted to Allan Carter, who sent me an obituary from the Canberra Times. Allan wrote that Owen Dowling became a highly respected Bishop in Canberra.



COURAGEOUS STANCE: Bishop Owen Dowling washes the feet of congregation members.

Bishop Dowling was born in 1934 in Camberwell, Victoria. By 1951, he was assistant organist at St James, East Malvern. As a Melbourne University student, he led summer schools for choirboys. He married Beverley Johnston in 1958. After a short time teaching, he chose the priesthood and served in several Melbourne parishes before moving to Goulburn in 1965 as priest and organist at St Saviour's Cathedral. From 1968, his involvement with the development of the Australian Hymn Book became a big part of his life. From 1967, he served in the Parish of South Wagga Wagga, until his appointment in 1972 as priest of St John's, Canberra. He was appointed assistant bishop of the diocese in 1981 and was elected its bishop in 1983. His wife died in 1985 and he later married Gloria Goodwin. Bishop Dowling is survived by his wife, two adult sons and an adult daughter. His funeral was held in St Paul's Anglican Church, Manuka, and a service of thanksgiving was held in St Saviour's Cathedral on May 19th.



Form 2B, 1957: with form master, Mr Owen Dowling
(currently Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn)