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MEETING DATES:

9th August
11th October

Anticipated (but unconfirmed) venue for these meetings will be at CHS. Meetings start at 7pm. Email Debs if you are interested in attending.

CHESS still has stock of school song CDs @ \$12 and badges @ \$7 - email patjdouglas@jprimus.com.au

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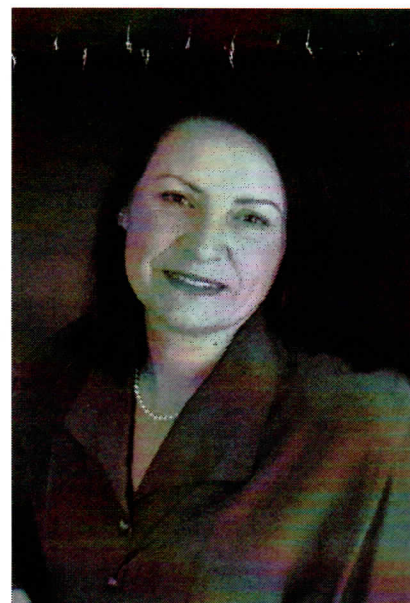
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CHESS REPORT

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR CHS AND CHESS

This is my first report to CHESS members since I was elected President in April. I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate outgoing President, Bernard Corser, who has most ably steered CHESS through the last 15 years. Bernard played a key role in the enormously successful CHS 50th year celebrations in 1991, hosting many student reunions, representing our association in the broader community, and most recently driving the development of a CHESS database. Bernard's optimism and enormous enthusiasm are next to none, and we are delighted that he will stay on the committee to ensure the delivery of a state of the art database. **Many thanks Bernard!**



Ms Jill Laughlin has commenced as CHS Principal. Mary Hill (CHESS Vice President) and I had a thoroughly enjoyable and productive meeting with Jill recently, who certainly embraces the importance of a thriving old students association. In future, CHESS will be represented at all school council meetings by Mary Hill as an observer. CHESS members will also be invited to contribute to relevant CHS activities such as careers nights and ANZAC day ceremonies. Jill would also like to see greater prominence at the school of old students who have achieved in the community, academically, and commercially. Current school student leaders will meet with CHESS to develop further avenues of working together. Future CHESS committee meetings will be held in the school conference room.

Jill will also attend CHESS functions, including being our speaker at the Kooyong September luncheon, and the October 40s & 50s reunion. A combined school/CHESS planning group will explore how we may suitably celebrate the school's 70th anniversary in 2011. Happily, Jill reported to us that she is very appreciative of the warmth in which the school community has welcomed her. In particular Jill commented on the very positive culture of the school, and the pleasant way in which the students interact with each other and staff.

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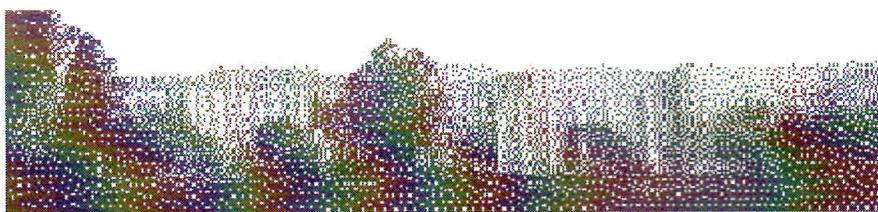
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We welcome any contributions from past students. Please contact Deb by post or email with any written articles. Also, if any CHESS members wish to place ads, please contact Bernard. Also please consider our chessmoves website for your advertising!

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As I am sure CHESS members will be very interested to know more about our new Principal, I provide the following information sourced from the school website.

Jill Laughlin (pictured here) is an authority in progressive education with expertise in many areas. 29 years ago Jill began her teaching career at Horsham High School, specialising in English and History. After a further stint at Springvale Secondary College she moved into the significant position of ESL Coordinator at Dandenong High School. The challenge was immediate - 90% of students at Dandenong use English as their second language.



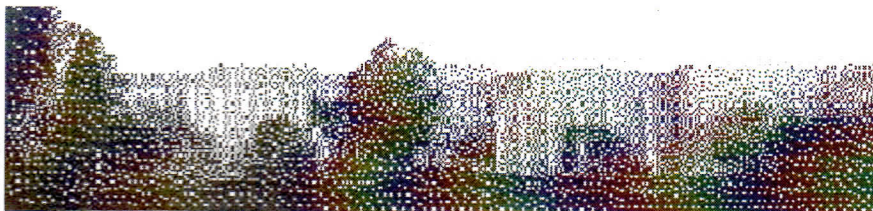
In 2007 Dandenong merged with two other local high schools, a \$45 million project which Ms Laughlin co-directed in her new role of Assistant Principal. Along with the building development she was also responsible for creating a new curriculum and for founding a school structure based on convergence and belonging. Providing direction and hope for a multi-cultural community was the basis of her achievement.

She is equally determined to improve outcomes for all students at Camberwell High School and to empower them to take responsibility for their own learning. She holds a strong belief that the use and understanding of digital technology is a key to this goal. Pastoral care will continue to be a focus under her governance and apart from promotion of opportunities in sport, music and performance, she intends to create a greater emphasis on social awareness and community involvement. There will be a general enrichment of the whole educational experience and its outcomes. 'Every student here will be made aware of his or her own potential and given every opportunity to achieve it' declared Jill at her first school assembly as Principal.

Ms Laughlin is married and has two daughters at University. She is passionate about ballet, contemporary dance and musical theatre. She loves cooking and eating and likes to venture to Asian countries to indulge in the local cuisine.

Kate Hamond (Class of 1970)
CHESS President

Editor - We look forward to reading Principal's Reports from new CHS Principal, Jill Laughlin, in future issues.



CHS News - Innovative Learning Centre planned for CHS

Planning is continuing for the new building to replace the current oval portables. A team of teachers has expressed interest in further design and development work for the new building. Dr Julia Atkin, an internationally recognised educationalist will be working with this group over the next term to develop the teaching and learning practices to be used in the Innovative Learning Centre.

Work Experience 2010

Editor - Even though our issue might be too late for the placements here, if there are any former CHS students who can help, please contact Don or Maureen. Even if just to register your business as a future resource for the school.

Camberwell High School Year 10 students will all be completing Work Experience in the last week of this term, from 21st June – 25th June.

We currently have quite a few students who are having difficulty finding a workplace to take them on during this time. We are actively calling on the CHS community who may be able to assist in providing this experience. The following occupation areas in particular are needed:

- Sports Management /Sport Science
- Writing/Journalism
- Computer Games Design
- Chemical Engineering/Science
- Chef
- Sound Engineer/Aeronautical Engineering
- Fashion Design
- Hairdressing
- Advertising
- Law
- Graphic design
- Vet Science/Medicine
- Stock Broker

If you or someone you know are able to assist or would like more details of what is involved, could you please contact either Don Gibbons, Careers' Coordinator or Maureen Salter on 9836 0555 or by email to sa@camhigh.vic.edu.au

Maureen Salter
Assistant Principal

DIARY DATES

40s & 50s Reunion

Friday 15th October between 2pm and 4pm

Wattle Park Chalet

Cost: \$25 per person for finger food. Drinks at bar prices.

CHESS Annual Luncheon

Wednesday 1st September between 12.30pm and 3.30pm

Sir Norman Brookes Room, Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

Speaker: Jill Laughlin, CHS Principal

\$45 per person

Set two course menu. Drinks at bar prices. Jacket and tie.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK - Pat Douglas

This is my 20th year on the job and all I can say is where has the time gone?

Over the last year the ex-students data base has been up-dated and is easier to access.

I have had a number of requests from ex-students who are looking for friends who they have lost touch with, either just to catch up or to include in a reunion. I am always happy to help and send out any lists that I can print.

Our CHESS membership has been very steady over the years and we look forward to increasing these numbers. This year we will be holding a 40's and 50's reunion Afternoon Tea. We are hoping to have some ex-students who attended the school in 1941.

Our Annual Luncheon will be held later on in the year. We are hoping that this year the luncheon will be well attended by ex-students.

If anyone has any information about any ex-student that can be added to the data base please send the information to my email address.

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Citation of Award of University's Silver Medal to Miss Ann Rusden

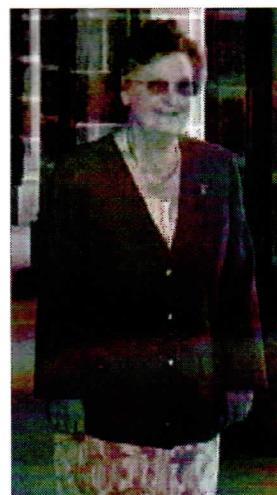
On the afternoon of December 7th 2009 the Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, the Honourable Alex Chernov AO QC presented the University's Silver Medal to Miss Ann Southcombe Rusden in a ceremony in the Council Chamber before members of the University Council.

It was to recognize Miss Rusden's sustained and outstanding service to the University at Faculty and Central levels. Miss Rusden obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in the 1960s and had a distinguished career teaching Science in Australia and England, culminating in appointment as Principal of Camberwell High School.

She was a member of the Victorian Universities Schools Examination Committee for Physics and, later, the Victorian Institute of Secondary Education Physics Committee. She was a member of the University's Committee of Convocation representing Graduates in Science from 1988 to 2007 and a Member of the President's Advisory Group of this Committee from 1996 to 2007.

She served as Convocation Member of the Science Faculty Board from 1995 to 2006. She is a Committee member of the Friends of the Baillieu Library and a member of the Graduate Union. The Citation reads, "Miss Rusden was an active member of the Committee of Convocation and the Science Faculty Board, attending most meetings and providing frank comments and constructive suggestions on issues of concern to alumni. While she was an advocate for the University's Graduates, she also took into account the concerns and interests of the University itself."

Courtesy of The Melbourne Graduate, February 2010. Article by Gary Israel. Many thanks to Frank Pagram for alerting us to this.



CANBERRA CHAPTER - Allan Carter

Our last two functions were firstly a lunch at "Cello Cuisine" at Shaw's Winery near Murrumbateman on 29th November, 2009; and secondly a visit on 14th February to the "Masterpieces from Paris" exhibition at the National Gallery of Australia. For various reasons we did not have many people at the lunch at Shaw's vineyard restaurant nevertheless those who came enjoyed an excellent lunch.

Shaw's has now changed its caterer, so we will have to try the new one some time in the future. The view from the restaurant is over neighbouring sheep paddocks, and last time we were there a couple of years ago, all the paddocks were brown and burnt off from the drought. This time we had had some rain and the change to green was wonderful to see.

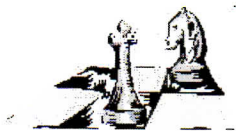
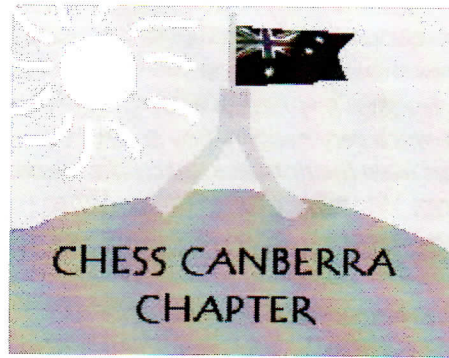
Our February function was a well attended visit to the NGA blockbuster exhibition "Masterpieces from Paris" which featured over 100 works by French artists, including Van Gogh, Gaughin, Cezanne, Seurat, Monet, from the Musee d'Orsay in Paris. We had 17 people enjoying this marvellous exhibition of French masterpieces. We were pleased to have Betty Lewis and John & Sandy Worcester joining us from Melbourne.

Because of the very large crowds attending the exhibition, particularly at weekends, Fred Roberts advised that the best time to visit was after about 2:00 pm. Accordingly we met for lunch at the "Cafe-in-the-House" at Old Parliament House (now the Museum of Australian Democracy) and were able to have our usual long chat before walking down to the NGA at about 3:00 pm. This arrangement worked very well as the crowd gradually diminished until by the time most of us left about closing time, there were only few people there. This made it easier then to go back and have a second look at those paintings which interested us the most, without having people getting in the way.

Exhibitions like this one are interesting for a number of reasons. First of course is the intrinsic worth of the artistic expression and who the artists are. Secondly is the subjects themselves, particularly when you know them, and how the artists have depicted them, including using artistic license to vary each subject from its real self. A third aspect is how the works, and their background or provenance, can reflect aspects of their culture. The Masterpieces reflected this in the way the Musee had acquired some of the artworks, as a number were obtained as releases from (French) taxes and another one or two were obtained from Japan as war reparations.

Now that the masterpieces has closed, the current exhibition which has just opened is Hans Heyson, which runs from 14 May to 11 July.

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chessmoves committee news

Our CHESS committee is really looking forward to working with Jill Laughlin, the new CHS Principal. Already Kate Hamond, our new President, and Mary Hill, our Vice President, have met with her. Mary will attend the next school council meeting and report back to us. From 2011 onwards, our CHESS meetings will be held at the school, which is fantastic as it brings us back to our alma mater.

We discussed the need to follow up our big project, moving school photos, Prospices and albums, etc to the archives by returning to the school to collate these in the new archives storeroom. Also, liaising with the school to facilitate our proposed database project, to be overseen by Colin Green of MHSOBA.

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Our questionnaire....

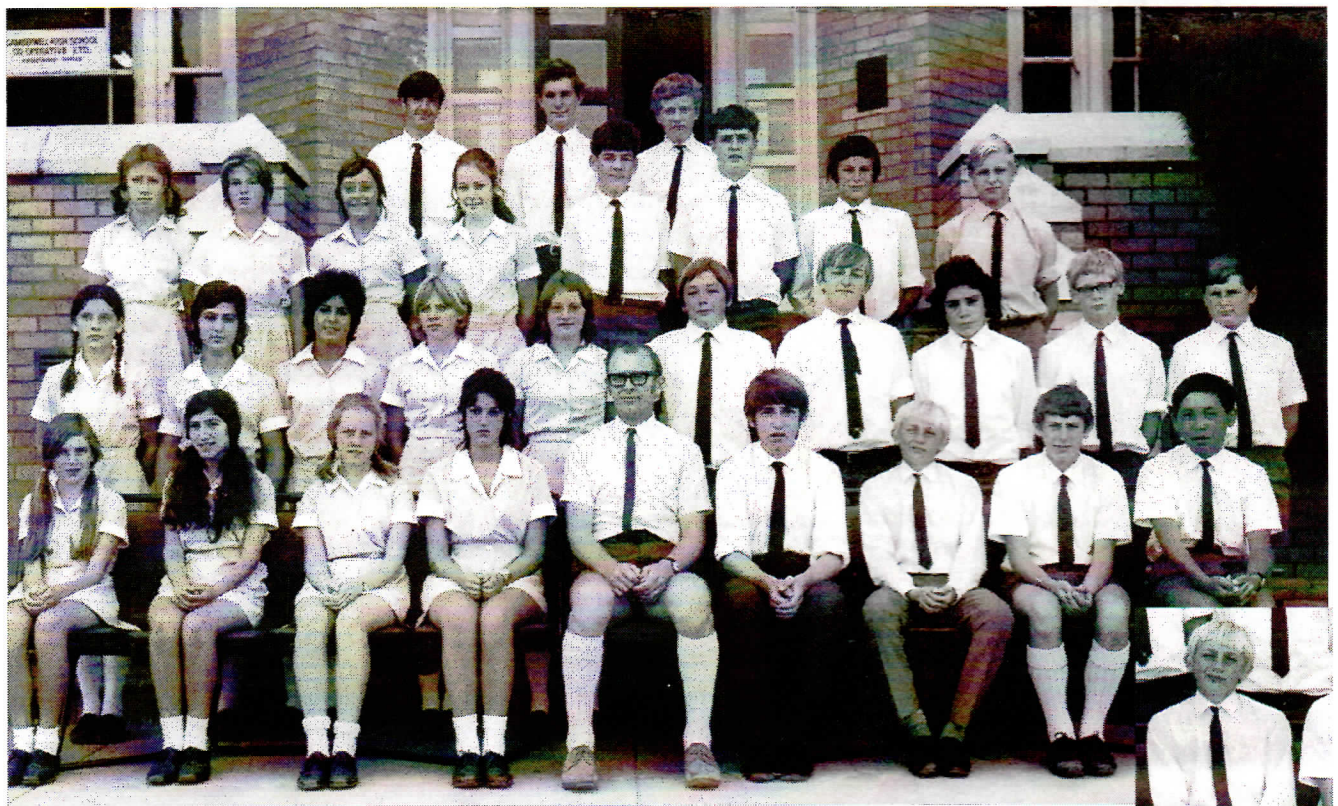
Replies from Neil Bouvier (CHS 1969 - 1974)

Which teacher inspired you at CHS?

I was always a very naughty boy at school as evidenced by my school reports. I quite enjoyed stirring the teachers up and apart from the normal suspects like "Pedro" Pollock and "Barney" Whitcroft, I did give my English teacher in 3rd & 4th form, Val Smith, a torrid time.. When I did start to mature I thought Roy Wigg (the accounting teacher in 6th form) was "grouse".

Your funniest school memory?

A dear friend of mine who created Australian History in Australian History by getting 5% in that subject's final exam. What beggars belief was that he sat the exam for 2 hours in the old Exhibition Buildings - I thought writing your name and school in the first 5 minutes would have got you the 5% straight up so goodness knows what he wrote about for the rest of the time.



Form 3D with Mr Drent and Neil (inset)

What subject did you hate and why?

English without a doubt and found Mr Robertson the most boring and uninspiring teacher I ever had. Unfortunately my sheer apathy resulted in getting an H in Term 3 in Fifth Form. I thought to get an H which is below 20% and fail Social Studies as well and only get Passes in the other 4 subjects and still go up to HSC was a brilliant achievement. The worst day of my school life was I found he was my English teacher again in Form 6 and just to upset him I eventually passed English for once in my final term of HSC.

What school house were you in?

I was in Macarthur and completed an unremarkable sporting, scholastic, artistic and singing career by not featuring in any Prospeice in my 6 years at CHS.

Do you still have any school library books?

Was there a library?

Your favourite sport or, conversely, what sport did you try to get out of?
Not really sport but woodwork. I found Mr Shipley slightly eccentric to say the least. I even took up the clarinet (badly) I was that desperate.

Who was your best friend at school?

I had a habit from Form 3 onwards of befriending students that were repeating which I don't think was the wisest strategy especially when they tended to drop out by years-end. No wonder my attitude at school was not the best. In keeping with having friends a year above me Haden Corser became a life-long great mate who was part of the last lot of defects, sorry prefects, in 1973. I have made him and his older brother Bernard solely responsible for why the prefect system was closed down in 1974.

What book are you reading now?

I'm still trying to finish *One Day in the life of Alexander Denisovich* from 1972. It's got "property of CHS" on the back cover but sadly I never could find that library.

Did you have a crush on a classmate?

There were a couple of girls a few years above (one was Janice Adair) in the pool with cut-off jeans who jumped off the mini trampoline that would have done a James Bond movie proud. In my year and I had to look up a Prosprice to spell this name – hope there's enough room to type this – Brenda Kowalczewski.

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

Jumping out of school windows to avoid detention – the ground floor ones of course.

Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?

I'm sure it did down the track but I think I enjoyed more the social aspects and being the "class clown" – as per what Mr Wilson, my science teacher, wrote in Form 3. To actually pass all my subjects in the final Matric exam was a great relief to me and a great shock to everyone else.

SCIENCE	E	Has done very little work, spending most of his time being the class "clown."	ABW
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A bit about me.....

I enjoyed accounting at school and have followed that occupation all my life. After 6 years night school at Swinburne and working full-time I got my degree and went over to Perth for two years and got my Professional Year and became a Chartered Accountant. I had a great time in the West and had a lot of fun despite not knowing anyone before I went over.

I learnt that any place is what you make of it and with that philosophy I worked in PNG for 4 years with first Coopers & Lybrand and then Steamships Trading Co. Training the local national staff in line with the localisation policy was a challenge that I really embraced. There are a lot of stories I could share about my life and times up there but my lawyers have advised against it!

I left before you get too "long long" and returned to Melbourne. I've lived here ever since 1987 and worked with some interesting people/companies like Joseph Gutnik, the AWB and Pivot.

I met my wife Bernadette in a pub as you do and got hitched in 1995 in the Goulburn Valley town of Stanhope near her home town of Girgarre. We have a 10yr old girl Renee and a 7yr old son Patrick and live in Mordialloc. Bern, being the catholic, had the wins with religion and education so my win was football, so I got them to follow Geelong and now everyone is happy. One sport I have done for over 20 years is a game called Royal Tennis.

Neil Bouvier June 2010



THIRD TERM. Hardest working and most intelligent lad I've ever known or read about

Conduct Its just perfect

Roy Wigg Form Teacher M J Kesser Head of School
Signature of Parent or Guardian m. Jorwan

Next Term begins NEVER when this book should be returned to the School
duly signed by Parent or Guardian

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Editor: The above 'report' is an attempt at humour and is entirely fictitious, as are all signatures thereon.

*On that note, I place this WANTED AD:
CHESS Treasurer needed. Accounting experience required.
Computer skills essential. Needs to present Treasurer's
Reports at our bi-monthly meetings at CHS, plus present
Annual Reports. Sense of humour compulsory. Amnesia
regarding school conduct would be helpful.*

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