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## MEETING DATES:

**April 20th (AGM)**

**August 10th**

**October 12th**

Venue is Conachie Hall,  
Rochester Road,  
Canterbury.

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  
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# CHESS MOVES

**CAMBERWELL HIGH EX-STUDENTS' SOCIETY INC.**

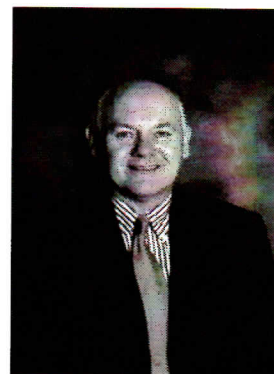
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**March 2009**

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear CHESS Members

2009 has commenced with a whirlwind of natural and financial disasters. The death of Brian Naylor and his wife Moiree in the Kinglake bushfires is a note close to home for CHESS as Brian had been a supporter of our activities. I thank Debs, our Media Officer, for liaising with Brian a few years ago to create his Gallery Of Honour entry - Debs has also written Brian's obituary. CHESS has made a donation of \$500 in memory of Brian Naylor.



CHESS is still working to increase the photographs on [www.chessmoves.com](http://www.chessmoves.com). Camberwell High has been approached for a meeting about the collection of data by CHESS from the Year 12s. Our aim is to capture data for an electronic data base to supersede the mailing list by post. Colin Green of the Melbourne High Old Boys has offered to lend a hand and a meeting is to be arranged with Elida Brereton.

Chess member Bruce Hayman is again supporting the annual luncheon where an ex-student is the guest speaker. This year we anticipate that the date will be Wednesday 16 September at Kooyong Tennis Club. More on this in the next edition.

Remember to complete your membership forms and send in your annual fee plus any donation that you wish to make. All contributions to CHESS go into furthering the archive work and other activities of our ex-students group.

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Bernard Corser  
Class of '71

**Annual CHESS Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, September 16th, 2009**  
**Kooyong Tennis Club**  
**\$45 per head**  
**Guest Speaker to be announced**



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT  
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May 15th, 2009.  
Send all articles to  
Debs.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*On behalf of the staff of Camberwell High School including me, I welcome you all to the 2009 school year at Camberwell High School, and in particular, I welcome new families to the school. Our wish is that they will find that Camberwell HS meets the needs and aspirations of their children fully, and that at the end of the year they will feel that all that could be done by this school (within the constraints of funding etc) to enhance students' lives and education has been done.*

*Requests for enrolment at CHS for 2009 have continued to be heavy, and we have had waiting lists at all levels. Class sizes have been kept to a maximum of 26, with most classes on 25 and many VCE classes much smaller. Our overall numbers are anticipated to be slightly greater than last year, but we do keep very close to the capping we instituted with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) of around 1,200 students.*



*Our VCE results in 2008 were a little disappointing, although the median study score did not fall, telling us that last year's cohort of Year 12 students did not have the number of students with extremely high ENTER scores as in recent years, but at the same time our "tail" of lower achievers was not as long as in some years. In the last few years we have had students gain perfect study scores (three in 2006) and Premier's Awards and VCAA Top Acts awards, but this will happen again, and Head of Senior School, Daryl Bennett, has told our Year 12 students that their work ethic and motivation to reach the highest scores possible rather than work and aim for some vague and less demanding target is the key to individual and group success.*

*A very positive outcome is the fact that 89% of our Year 12s gained a tertiary offer, with 42 students being offered places in courses at the University of Melbourne and Monash (in courses including Biomedical Science, Arts/Law, Optometry, Engineering and Music Performance), 21 at Deakin, 18 at RMIT University (City), and student offers from many other tertiary institutions. Our Dux, Rusy Gallardo, an excellent student leader and fine contributor to CHS, gained a score of 99.45, which is outstanding. Two others were offered places at the Victorian College of the Arts on the day their results came out, which is a special tribute to them, as it is very difficult to enter. Overall, congratulations to our students and their teachers for the achievements of the students who gained the best results of which they were capable, and our best wishes go with them as they move into the next phase of their lives. Parents who would like to boast about the achievements now and in the future of their children as they study and later take up careers are asked to let us know: our Gallery of Fame needs some new members!*

*Maureen Salter has overseen the new canteen/multipurpose space/change-rooms/outdoor eating area development which is now complete. The huge area created for multi-uses where the old canteen and other spaces were is now known as The Hub, and it will prove to be a great asset to our school. Thank you Maureen, the builders and architect, Facilities and Environment Committee and parents contributing so faithfully to the school Building Fund, for this wonderful improvement in our facilities.*



The first whole-school Assembly was held in the Assembly Hall on Friday morning February 13th, with the theme of Leadership. AP Maureen Salter organised an excellent program which was led by our School Captains Brittany Clark and Matt Kerr. We began with a minute's silence for the victims of the bushfires, living and dead, and it was immediately obvious that despite being packed into the Hall "like sardines" the students were respectful and compassionate towards those suffering loss and injury. The School student leaders were announced individually and each came forward to receive his/her badge and the recognition of the school. I congratulate them for their election by peers, and for the qualities they have now and which will be enhanced through the many opportunities for leadership at CHS.

At this Assembly our Year 11 Dux in 2008 and thus winner of the Monash Prize, Laura Kerridge, was applauded by those present as she received the Prize, worth \$1,000 plus other financial benefits and opportunities. Well done Laura! I hope her success will inspire this year's Year 11 students to aim to achieve this level of academic excellence.

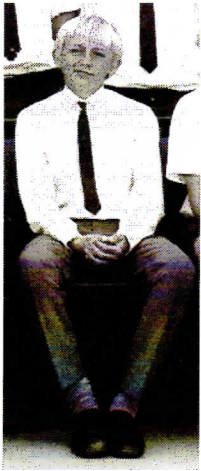
On a sad note, Camberwell High School acknowledges with sadness the tragic death in the fires at Kinglake of loyal ex-student, Brian Naylor. Many tributes have been paid to him from all walks of life in Victoria and beyond, and I want to add mine, as Brian was generous to the school and attended reunions at our request, always graciously and as a proud former student of this school. He was a household name and nationally-known figure as he read the News and was involved in Carols by Candlelight and many community events. His reputation as a very decent and compassionate man made Brian Naylor someone of whom this school can be very proud. Vale, Brian, from us all.

Elida Brereton  
Principal



## TREASURER'S REPORT

(annual satirical piece by Neil Bouvier)



### CHESS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

What can I say – we can't say the R word in this economy so no doubt the only dreaded R word I'll hear at next month's AGM is the Re-election word as Treasurer. I'm starting to get a bit over this whole job as I've done it the last 16 years so any new blood would be most welcome. To break it up, I'm on the local primary school board and the tennis club committee but this CHESS position has been hanging around like a fox terrier at a postie.

In a brilliant manoeuvre, to cut back on the CHESS involvement, we have decided not to have a reunion at all this year and hold only 5 meetings in 2009. I was pleasantly surprised when the president and the rest of the committee sanctioned it but then again the 80's and 90's reunion had more committee members there on the night than ex-students. So I'd say the 2010 re-union will be the 40's and 50's - and the cycle will go on with then 60's, then 70's, and the 80/90's one of 2013 in a phone box near the school.

I've prepared the attached Treasurer's Report for 2008 and despite the obligatory lurks of petty cash theft, junkets, embezzlements and the personal Dan Murphy account CHESS incredibly made a surplus of \$4930 for the year. Amazing!

Like last year we have stockpiles of mass destruction in the very choice and highly desirable range of CHESS collectibles of Badges and School Song CDs. I thought this merchandise would be so popular I considered getting Tony Grieg and Ian Chappell to flog it on telly during the cricket. Marvellous!



# C.H.E.S.S. Camberwell High Ex-Students Society Incorporated A004831

## 2008 Year Financial Statement - cash basis

ABN 54 448 712 733

**Total**  
from 1.01.08  
to 31.12.08

Opening Balance at National Bank **\$3,990.21**

**RECEIPTS**

Badge Sales 29 @ \$5	145.00
Donations from Members on top of Subs :	2,543.87
Luncheon Kooyong Tennis Club 19 Nov 08 28 @ \$45	1,260.00
Reunion Income 80's&90's - Kelvin Club 18/10/08 29 @ \$35ph	1,015.00
School Song Sales 46 CD's @ \$10 incl 29 sold on reunion tickets	460.00
Subscriptions:	
2009 at \$20	2,560.00
2008 at \$20	3,700.00

**TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS \$11,683.87**

**PAYMENTS**

Annual Statement fees - Consumer Affairs	73.00
Badge Expenses	36.00
Bank Charges and Taxes - NAB Account Fees	41.60
Bank Charges and Taxes - NAB Merchant Fees	245.97
Dinners - Meetings, Christmas & AGM - CHS Staff & Committee	204.00
Donation - CHS Student Welfare & Valedictory	400.00
Donation - Principal's PA retirement	31.96
Luncheon Exps - Printing (tickets) & Postage	984.00
Membership Secretary - Out of pocket expenses	150.00
Postages - CHESSMoves	555.50
Printing - Labels, Membership & Acceptance forms	29.98
Printing - CHESSMoves & memberships	718.01
Publication - CHESSMoves	300.00
Reunion Exps - Printing (tickets) & Postage	579.95
Reunion Exps - Stationery, PowerPoint & Sundries	734.00
Reunion Exps - Kelvin Club finger food 45 @ \$20 ph	900.00
School Song - CD mailers & mailout to financial members	63.75
Stationery - Cartridges, disks, pens etc	56.90
Webpage Hosting & Updates www.chessmoves.com	650.00

**TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS 6,754.62**

Cash Surplus (Deficit) for the period **\$4,929.25**

**Cash Balance - Surplus (Deficit) YTD \$8,919.46**

**TOTAL ASSETS**

Closing Balance at NAB Cheque Account : 50 - 723 - 8691	\$8,919.46
Purchase of Digital Projector - for reunions 50% share	\$1,200.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,119.46</b>

**MEMBERSHIP (PAID UP) HISTORY**

No. of 2009 Subscriptions banked this year	128
No. of 2008 Subscriptions banked this year	185
No. of 2008 Subscriptions banked last year	57

**TOTAL PAID 2008 & 2009 MEMBERS TO DATE 370**



## CHESS CANBERRA CHAPTER

Since my last report the Canberra Chapter has had two functions in the second half of 2008. The first was a lunch in late August at the Poacher's Pantry & Smokehouse and Wily Trout Winery. This is a very popular spot on weekends as it is only about 30 to 40 kms from Canberra. They specialise in smoked meats and of course their own wine, all of which can be purchased there as well as being on their café menu. We had 12 there, including newcomers to our group, Chris and Sandra Bunn. Chris who was at CHS from 1957 to 1962,

contacted me earlier in the year about joining us, so it was great to see them there and we hope that they will continue to join us at future functions.

Our second function was when seven of us again went to Eden in mid-October to go whale watching and to visit Chris & Ray Tynan. We were there for a similar very enjoyable weekend three years ago, however this year was even better as far as seeing whales was concerned. We saw 2 pods of mother & calf, plus a fifth whale nearby. They all came quite close to our boat so we were able to see them quite close to.

On Saturday 18th October we all drove to Eden, which is about 3 ½ to 4 hours drive from Canberra. However Lyn & Eric Turner decided to try out their GPS navigation system so they went a longer route via Bombala and the Imlay Road. They found out that the GPS is "uncomfortable" with remote localities. As they already knew enough about the road they were not led astray. That evening we all had dinner together at quite a good motel restaurant.

After our whale watching on the Sunday morning we adjourned to Chris Tynan's home to enjoy a relaxing and leisurely barbecue lunch. Following lunch we then either headed back to Canberra or stayed another night in Eden or elsewhere. Once again a very enjoyable weekend, and no-one was seasick.

As I write this I am listening to a radio broadcast about the opening of the new National Portrait Gallery here in Canberra. Later in 2009 I will arrange a visit of our group to the gallery and let you know about it in CHESS Moves.

Allan Carter  
Canberra Chapter Convenor  
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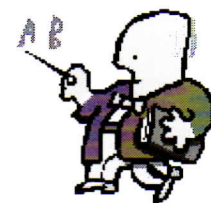
Seated from left to right: Lois Roberts, Fred Roberts, Judy Carter, Allan Carter, Eric Turner, Lyn Turner (hidden at the back), David Harewood, and Chris Tynan at the front.



Aboard the Cat Balou for the whale watching trip (from left to right): Lyn Turner on the left, Chris Tynan and Judy Carter







## Our questionnaire....

Replies from Marjorie Keeble (née Butler) - Matric 1958

A group of about ten of us came from Balwyn High as there was no Matriculation class at Balwyn that year. We were the original students of Balwyn High and added to the already large Form 6 at Camberwell. It was difficult coming from a small new school to Camberwell as we had been big fish in a little pond at Balwyn, but it was probably difficult for our classmates to have an influx of new students. There were also quite a few Asian students who were new too.

### Which teacher inspired you at CHS?

I enjoyed Geography with Mr Foster, who prepared us well for our exams and I rather enjoyed Mr Jones, the History teacher, as he was rather refreshing being a Labor supporter in that part of the world. French had never been my strong point and our French teacher was not inspiring at all, so much so that I have no recollection of his name.

### What school house were you in?

As we were only there for one year, I'm afraid I didn't become very patriotic to the school, although I think I recall being in Macarthur and the singing competition where we all sang "All in the April Evening".

### Did you have a crush on a classmate?

The guy who sent in his memories and the photo of the football team was a good sport and good looking, and I remember Tony Willing and Brian Blanksby, but friendships were mainly platonic. I was the tallest girl in the year and found socials difficult as I was taller than most of the boys who were still growing.

### Who were your best friends at school?

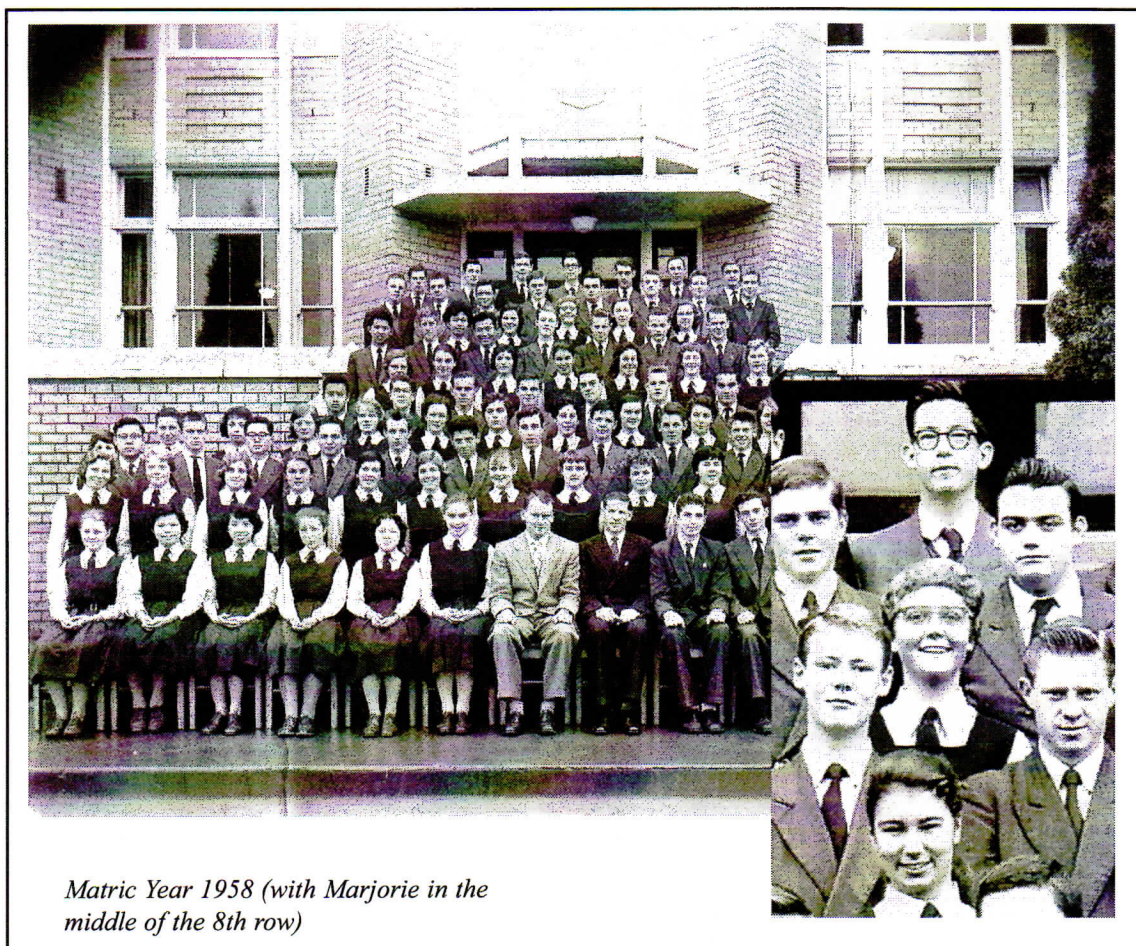
My best friend was Elizabeth Hayes (about the shortest girl) and Isabel Geyer, who both came from Balwyn too. We are still good friends after more than 50 years.

### What book are you reading now?

I have just finished reading *The Kite Runner*, which I have enjoyed.

### Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?

Although I was only at Camberwell for a year, I was glad that I went there as it was a good year for my academic development with a bright group of students and good teaching on the whole.



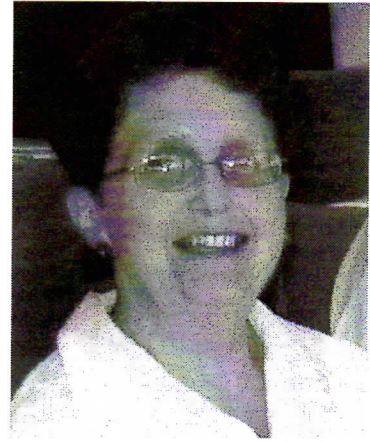
Matric Year 1958 (with Marjorie in the middle of the 8th row)



## A bit about me.....

There were quite a few from Camberwell High who went to Melbourne University in 1959 and I took a Studentship with the Education Department to do an Arts degree and Education. I was sent to Casterton High where I met and married a grazier, Russell Keeble, and we had three daughters. We bought a farm nearer to Hamilton when the girls were teenagers and I taught for ten years at Hamilton High. Since Russell had a stroke and died, I have lived in the town where I am now the Pastoral Assistant at the Anglican Church and take services in the surrounding towns. I enjoy travelling and have been overseas quite a bit, especially to China, where I was born and spent my childhood.

Marjorie Keeble



## The 80s & 90s Reunion Kelvin Club, October 18th, 2008

Our 80s & 90s Reunion was not as well attended as we had hoped, though everyone who came had a thoroughly good time. It was the first time that we had christened our new digital projector and screen (a great saving in terms of not forking out money to hire equipment to mount our big slideshows). The bar ran smoothly, the gourmet finger food was delish and the photos from those two decades were very



popular. Many thanks to Yvonne and Phil Giltinan for attending. Yvonne did a sterling performance at the piano for the school song. Also wonderful to see Peter Frost and Elaine Hamilton, both current teachers at CHS, there to catch up with their former students.



# CHILDREN'S MOVIES





## VALE

*Louis Jacobs (CHS 1945-1947) passed away 12/12/2007*

*Kenneth Engelsmann (CHS 1950 - 1951) passed away 28/8/2008*

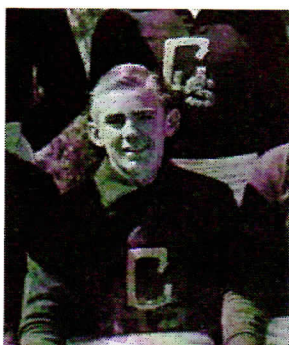
*Janet Pugh (CHS 1952 - 1957) passed away 12/6/2008*

*Jan attended Camberwell High School, studying commercial subjects and later continuing Accountancy part-time. However, due to health problems, she was unable to complete her course, and forced to retire early. Jan and her brother spent a quiet retirement in Ferntree Gully, where she passed away suddenly at her house in June.*

## Obituary - Brian Naylor (CHS 1945-1946)

*Camberwell High School and the CHESS Committee were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic death of Brian Naylor and his wife, Moiree, recently in the recent Victorian bushfires.*

*Brian was an enthusiastic supporter of the school and also CHESS activities.*



*At left is a 1946 photo of the First XVIII with Brian in the second row, second from left.*

*There was a terrible tragedy involving CHS footballers that year. The CHS players were returning to the school by tram, west down the Riversdale Road hill, near Middle Camberwell shops, when the tram was ploughed into by an oncoming truck, which had swerved to avoid a car from a side street. Killed instantly was student, David McConnell, with Brian Naylor and Alex McClelland receiving facial injuries. It cast an awful pall over the extended school community for a long time.*





After Brian left CHS, he worked for Australian Paper Manufacturers as a production cadet, then later left to work in a company manufacturing wood-weave blinds, which Brian promoted. A twist of fate saw him begin a career as a radio announcer with 3DB, with Ernie Sigley as turntable operator. This was where he launched the Swallows Juniors on radio, which was later broadcast to a burgeoning television audience by HSV7 in 1958. That talent show became Brian and the Juniors (a show that anyone of my generation compulsorily watched) The program was telecast to more than 20 stations and lasted 12 years. Thus began a media career that would span 42 years.



In 1970, Naylor became HSV 7's chief newsreader and in a move that made headlines, switched to GTV Channel 9 in 1978 at the instigation of Nine's news director, John Sorell. Brian Naylor replaced Sir Eric Pearce as GTV 9's chief newsreader and held that position, until he retired in 1998 and was replaced by Peter Hitchener. Considered the doyen of Melbourne newsreaders, Naylor's catch phrase "may your news be good news" had been part of National Nine News viewers' lives, week nights for 20 years.

On 10 occasions, Brian hosted the annual Carols By Candlelight spectacular from the Myer Music Bowl and in 1988, the father of five was voted Father of the Year by the Victorian Father's Day Council.

Many will remember seeing his travels, aboard a catamaran, Skedaddle, featured in a series of documentaries, filmed and produced by his son, Greg. He also had a love of flying and obtained his pilot's licence in 1962.

Past students from his time at CHS remember him fondly. My mother, for years, told me that he blew a whistle down school passages (to announce the end of each period) and would wink at her when he passed her classroom! I personally met him at the 1991 Jubilee Ball at the Hyatt and enjoyed a brief conversation with someone I would describe as a lovely and amiable man, just like his on-air persona.



Pictured left:  
Pictured on the  
school oval:  
Brian Naylor,  
with Lou  
Richards to his  
right, Tony  
Jones to his  
left, and Miss  
Rusden, CHS  
Principal.

In memory of Brian, who frequently contributed much to the Camberwell High community, with mentoring and support, CHESS has donated \$300 to the Bushfire Appeal, with a further \$200 to the Kinglake West and Whittlesea CFAs as per the wishes of the Naylor family, left behind by this tragedy. Vale Brian Naylor.

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