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## 2010 MEETING DATES:

**15th February**  
**19th April (AGM)**  
**21st June**  
**9th August**  
**11th October**

Venue is Conachie Hall,  
Rochester Road,  
Canterbury.  
Meetings start at 7pm.  
Email Debs if you are  
interested in attending.

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of school song CDs @  
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# CHES MOVES

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**October 2009**

## CHES REPORT

Dear CHES Members

Recently our school enjoyed wonderful publicity through the 3AW radio Breakfast Show broadcasting at the school for the entire program. Current CHS Principal Elida Brereton is to be congratulated for her role in this initiative, but unfortunately many past students and staff missed the program.

CHES is committed to improving communication and co-operation between current and past CHS communities, to ensure that we can strive together for best possible outcomes for all of us.

Camberwell High School will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011.

Over the years, the school has changed dramatically both physically and demographically to meet the needs of new generations. Most old students and staff enjoyed and value their time at CHS, and appreciate opportunities to relive experiences and friendships. We are also interested in learning about planned initiatives and developments for the school.

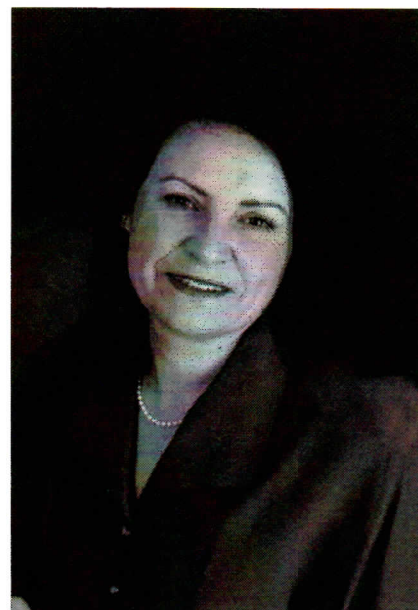
With this in mind, your CHES Committee is preparing to celebrate 2011 and we seek your input on suitable activities. Whether this includes commemorative structures, reunions, open days displaying memorabilia, a gala dinner or something completely new - we need to know what you think.

Current CHS students and staff must also be involved, and a taskforce of representatives from all stages of school history should be set up to develop and steer a full program of celebrations.

The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary should also acknowledge the considerable successes of many of our past students. So often we hear about past CHS entertainers, but little is known about the many civic, scientific and industrial leaders who have walked the corridors of our school. (For instance everyone knows how the name Minogue is linked to CHS, but what do we know about the name Taft?)

So if you would like to contribute to CHES, make suggestions or assist with 2011 celebrations, or simply to find out about that name 'Taft'.... Visit CHES at [www.chessmoves.com](http://www.chessmoves.com), or email Deb at [landie@bigpond.net.au](mailto:landie@bigpond.net.au)

**KATE HAMOND** (Katie Armstrong - exited CHS in 1970)  
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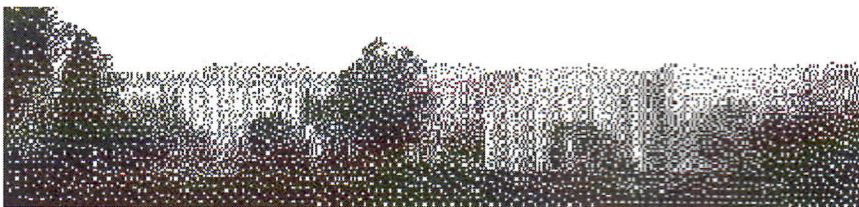
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Send all articles to  
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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

*What is success for our students? I suggest that doing one's best, going into depth in researching and producing assignments and all assessment items, being a good leader, modelling responsible behaviour and consideration for others, and being involved in school events, especially extra-curricular activities in music, sport, debating, House competitions and more as appropriate, allows students to achieve and to enjoy success. This term we received the results of participation by many of our students in the national Science and Maths academic competitions, and the results at this highest level are outstanding.*

*I am aware that in the Australian Maths Competition two students – Ethan Perry of Year 7 and Eddy Park of Year 10 won National Prizes for outstanding achievement, placing them both in the top 0.05% of Australian students in this competition. Our 90 Maths students entering this national academic event gained 2 National Prizes, 6 High Distinctions and 26 Distinctions and 32 Credits - an excellent outcome. Well done to all students and to your Maths teachers and families.*



*The Melbourne School Bands Festival ended after a demanding fortnight with two ensembles gaining a very prestigious Silver Shield, and all but one ensemble being placed third or better. Given the quality of government and private schools involved, the overall outcome is quite outstanding. Congratulations go to all students, and to the music staff led by Director of Music Joanne Heaton, and to the parents who transported the students. Thanks for the early mornings and late afternoons, and time spent at rehearsal camp, all of which has been rewarded in large part by this success, of which we are very proud.*

*On September 2nd, the Education Sub-Committee of School Council led by Ruth Dann, held the annual AVG James Lecture named in honour of our first Principal, Dr. Albert James. Our speaker this year was Dr*

*Paul Sinclair, manager of the Australian Conservation Foundation's Healthy Rivers/Water Resources Department. Dr Sinclair spoke very well and with impressive knowledge about environmental issues facing our nation, and the audience appreciated his insights and lively delivery. Thank you Ruth Dann and committee, the Chamber Strings and David Hirst, the PFA for serving the supper, and all who attended the Lecture, including students.*





Sport has featured as usual for many students and staff. Well done to all teams and individuals who have achieved so well, and in particular, we congratulate our State Champions the Year 8 Boys Netball team (seen at right), coached so well by Fiona Howson, and the State runners-up the Senior Men's Lacrosse team and their coaches. Well done!

The victorious Boys Netball Team went on to play an exhibition match against the Female Teachers on September 16th.

Quote from our school newsletter:

"After a half of competitive netball, some great shooting and a few dubious umpiring decisions against the students, the score was 7-2 in favour of the State Champions. Although in the first half the student had the edge on the teachers, the second half was a different story. After the break the teachers came out firing with some good shooting by Ms Haughey and Ms Porrino to get them back in the game. The scores were level with 4 minutes to go and the atmosphere in the Sports Hall was buzzing. The last 4 minutes of the game were intense and both teams seemed to be making stupid mistakes and missing easy goals. At the end of the game the students had a courageous win against their superiors with the end score 10-9. All in all it was a great day with both teams battling it out in great spirit."



Following the recent broadcast from CHS by 3AW of their top-rating Breakfast Show (25/8) the school received much positive feedback, directed to the students who went on air, supported by Joy Bloumis, to the Senior Jazz Band for the quality of their performances, and to the canteen and manager Julie King who received, together with our canteen food, a wonderful tribute from the 3AW restaurant reviewer



"Lazy Susan". The Media Unit of DEECD was delighted that a government school was portrayed so positively, and that our School Captains Matt Kerr and Brittany Clark, plus the other students and the musicians, showed Camberwell HS to be the equal of any school. Ross Stevenson and John Burns referred to aspects of their visit each day for the rest of last week - all in favourable terms.

At the end of the Assembly on October 9th, I had the task, not easy for me, of sharing with the school my decision to retire at the end of the year, and to leave Camberwell High School after 15 and a quarter years, (and teaching and leadership covering 43 years). This has not been an easy and joyous decision, but I believe it is the right one. Camberwell High School is a wonderful school to be part of, to work at, and to lead. I feel, however, that the school needs a new Principal who will bring fresh ideas and new ways of doing things, which will ensure this school continues to be one of Victoria's most successful and highly regarded schools, and who will lead the way in addressing needs for improvement in its service to the school community where that is needed. I am retiring, not going to another school and look forward to some travel, but I may undertake some part time work for the DEECD in assisting with professional development of teachers and leaders.

The selection process for the new Principal is in the hands of the DEECD /Eastern Region and School Council, and School Council President Glenn Ryan is writing to you in this Newsletter (see below) about the process. I want to add my assurance that the selection process will be in good hands and hopefully a strong field of applicants will apply. The reaction of staff and students to my announcement has been extremely humbling for me, but I know that no-one is indispensable or irreplaceable, and the school will move on to "greater glory". Thank you in the meantime for the many warm comments and messages sent to me already, and I assure you that I will continue to do my best for CHS until my last official day in late January next year.

Elida Brereton  
Principal





### CHS 2009 Luncheon

Renowned Australian author and poet, Graeme Kinross-Smith was the guest speaker at the annual CHESS luncheon held at the Kelvin Club on 15 September.

The title of Graeme's speech was *The Truth Between the Lines - Telling Lies Nationally in Fiction and Poetry*. Graeme entertained his appreciative audience with several readings and background stories of his fascinating life travelling the world and honing his craft. The presentation was aptly enhanced with a series of extraordinary photographs illustrating the scope of Graeme's artistic talents.

On behalf of the audience, CHESS President Bernard Corser thanked Graeme for his excellent presentation, and generosity of time and spirit.



### Our plans for the future....

**40s & 50s** CHESS has decided to explore the feasibility of holding a 40s & 50s Friday afternoon tea at the school in October/November, 2010 - we would love to see if any of our original 1941 students would be available to attend.

**2010 CHESS Luncheon** Our 2010 CHESS Luncheon will be held earlier in the year around July, perhaps at Kooyong Tennis Club if their renovations are completed.

**CHS Anniversary** Do we go with a 70th or wait for a 75th?

### The movie KNOWING

We recently decided to see the movie *KNOWING*, which featured Camberwell High. The highlight being Nicholas Cage ripping the storeroom door from next to the old Sloyd room! Other recommended scenes were the front of the school where the time capsule was buried and retrieved, the interior of a classroom near Room 1 and also the locker bay area of the 70s building. Rivetting stuff!

The film was going swimmingly until the first hint of aliens appeared in the script. ...from then on, it lost the plot. We decided to hang in there until the bitter end, enduring technical difficulties, just to finally discover what happened in the end....so we could sleep at night. Neil, our Treasurer, wrote a gripping film review - the likes of which should be in the EG.

**His critique:** If I knew now in hindsight rather than unknowingly seeing "Knowing" I now know I would not knowingly see "Knowing" again. Highlight was Intermission with the president's report - always a must see that item.

Rating: The school facade gets 10 out of 10.  
Available on DVD.

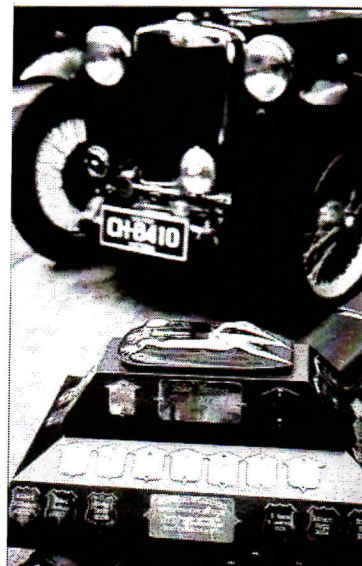


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From: "philip badger" <pdbadger@bigpond.com>  
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Subject: Miss Representation

Dear Editor

I type to correct some Serious Miss Representations in Chess Moves July 2009  
I have done very well "Trophy-wise" as you can see from the enclosed photo. I was suggesting that a  
"Trophy-wife" to go with the MG would be nice-----but perhaps I am advertising in the wrong Journal !!!!!!!  
All those people with long memories who know all about the history of RF784 or WQ676 ,or who want to buy  
her ,or who know of secret stores of spare parts , should contact me on 0429 900 140 !!!!!!!  
But thank you very much for printing my story---I hope it gives some a laugh.  
Kind Regards Philip Badger



The Editor  
Chessmoves.

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Dear Deb,

I am not sure if Chessmoves allows for "Letters to  
No Editor" or "we were wrong" or if, by October, all  
MS Representations will be long forgotten!!

I have enclosed a photo to show that  
"Trophy-wise" I have done very well. It is the  
Goldie Gardemans Award and you get it by just attending  
the most functions in the year !!! (Yes they do mark the  
Roll)

The misprint in the mobile number matters not  
- it is not connected and I'm sure that you can  
re-direct the flood of callers about the MG.

Once again, thank you for printing my story, and  
I will quite understand if the matter of the "Trophy-wife"  
disappears without trace --- they would probably be  
far too "high maintenance" anyway.

yours faithfully

MS Representation

A.K.A. Philip Badger.

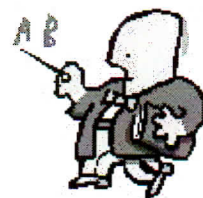
Dear Deb

Last issue you published a photo of the 1954 prefects in connection with the death of Elaine French, whom I remember, as that group were only a year ahead of me. In the photo was Miss Robertson, who was acting senior mistress before Miss Trickett arrived. The photo reminded me that my mother had said to me at some time that it was quite common in earlier years for Australians, even of a number of generations settled in Australia, to refer to England as "Home", although the habit had since died out. Miss Robertson was my English teacher in 1954 and was a rather old fashioned type of person. Well one day she astounded me by referring to someday she knew as "going Home" when they were travelling to England. I have never heard anybody else before or since speak this way, not even Bob Menzies.

Regards Allan Carter

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### *Our questionnaire....*

*Replies from Helen Gordon (CHS 1963- 1968)*

*Which teacher inspired you at CHS?*

Michael Selleck and..well there were a few. Miss... Can't remember (Physics)

*Your funniest school memory?*

Being busted and suspended by Miss Pettitt for bleaching my hair. Also Mr Petrie (he of the Citroen Goddess) throwing one of the class's Latin Primers from the window, top floor to the front courtyard below.

*What subject did you hate and why?*

Didn't hate any really.

*What house were you in?*

Montgomery

Conducted the House with "And Did Our Feet...." (Jerusalem) in the choral festival.

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

Not any more - too many fags!

*Did you still have any school library books?*

No. But I did when I left school!

*Favourite sport?*

I liked gymnastics the best.

*Last day at school.*

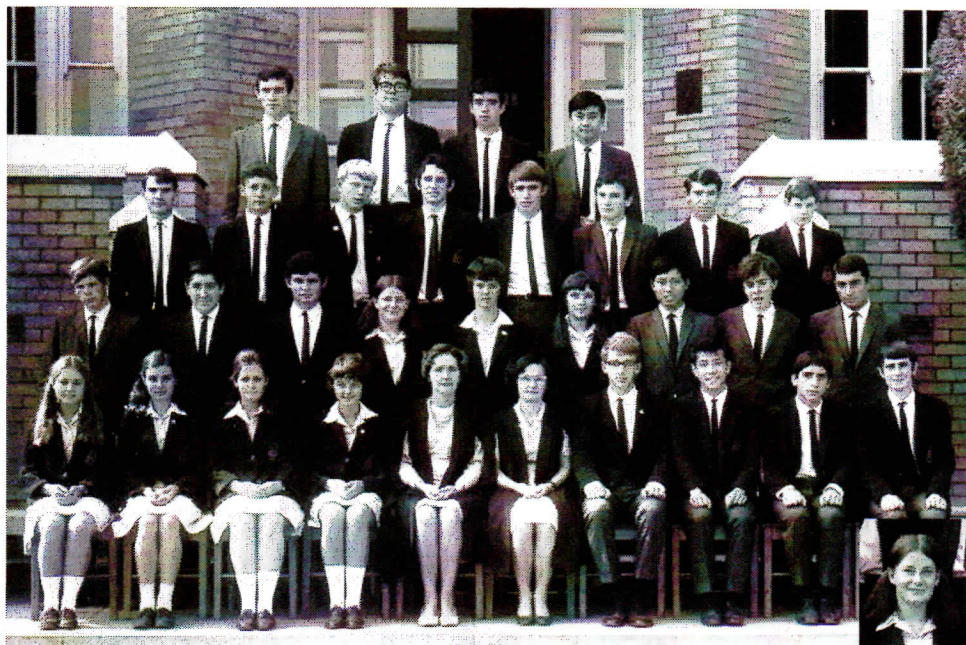
Something about beer bottles cemented into the parapet around the roof.

*Who were your best friends at school?*

Jan Kleiman

*What book are you reading now?*

Paulo Coehlo Eleven Minutes.



*Form 6, with Helen (inset)*

*Did you have a crush on a classmate?*

Yep. Peter Caldwell

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

There were a few. Need time to think about this. Something about Mr Bragg and a junior history class springs into my memory! And there are few Daddy Dawkins memories in there somewhere.

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

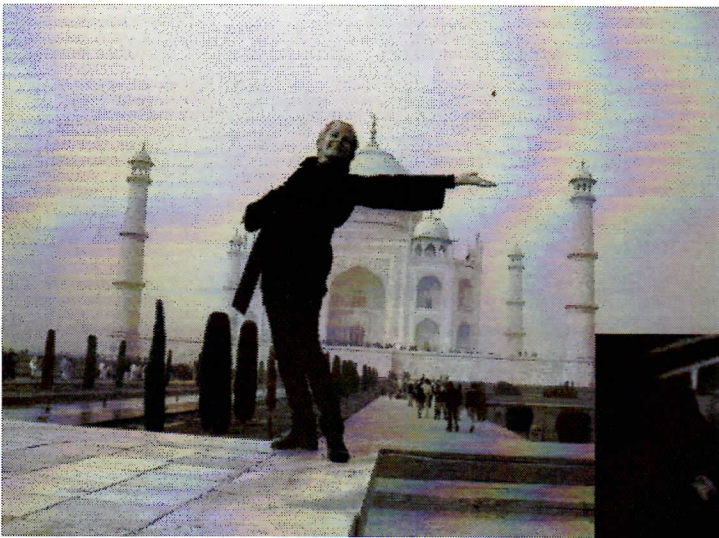
Absolutely, but not in any specific ways. I had a great all-round education there- something that wasn't so fashionable at the time. And I had a hell of a good time.



## A bit about me.....

I am currently Vice Principal of Hanoi International School. Have been in Vietnam for 7 years; prior to that 5 years in Botswana and prior to that Istanbul and before that in Beechworth, Victoria. Before becoming an administrator, I taught English Literature and an IBO course called Theory of Knowledge in international schools.

Have 3 girls all in their 20's and living in Melbourne. All gorgeous, creative girls. Am divorced now. Kids spent their early years in Beechworth where I taught and had one of the first gardens in the Australia Garden Scheme. At that time of my life I was still living the hippie dream of growing all my own stuff and preserving it on the wood stove, etc.



I have always been into fitness and outdoor stuff but am starting to get a bit aged for too much of this! Still go to a gym a couple of times a week. Am just back from a trip to Northern Thailand with a Grade 9 group where we rock climbed, abseiled, white water rafted, etc A five day trip turned into 2 weeks when we couldn't get home because of the airport situation.

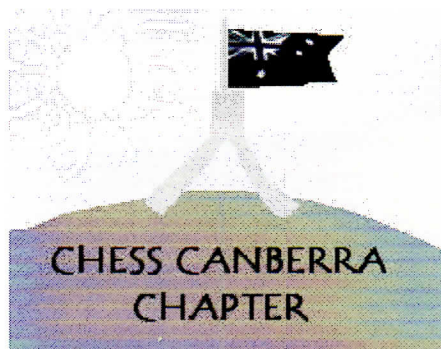
Obviously I have travelled a lot, am a Buddhist, but one with vices! Still lots of energy to get out there and do things.

Helen Gordon



From top to bottom:  
Helen in Thailand, December 2008; India 2007; Great Wall, October 2008; as a kangaroo, International Week, Hanoi Int School, October 2008.





## Canberra Chapter news.....

Our most recent function, on Sunday 23rd August, was a visit to the "McCubbin: Last Impressions" exhibition at The National Gallery of Australia. Our tour was, as usual for such functions, guided by Fred Roberts, our tame (and friendly) NGA Volunteer Guide.. After the exhibition we adjourned to the members' lounge for lunch.

The exhibition comprises many of Frederick McCubbin's works painted over the last ten years of his life (he died in 1917), following his only trip overseas to England & Europe. Many CHESS members will be familiar with his earlier works, especially those in the National Gallery of Victoria, such as his very popular triptych "The Pioneers". The later works in this exhibition are much lighter in tone and more colourful than the earlier ones painted during and after the time when he was a member of the "Heidelberg School".

As we are all former residents of Melbourne we were very interested in the many paintings which were painted in and around Melbourne. McCubbin lived in South Yarra, next door to Como, on land which ran down to the Yarra river just across from what is now a boat harbour and which then was becoming a quarry, near what is now Heron Island. He lived at Brighton for a short while and also at Mt Macedon. Many of the paintings are scenes of his South Yarra home and of Richmond across the Yarra. We were able to identify a number of landmarks which were familiar to us back in our CHS days and which are still recognisable today. Other paintings were done at Williamstown, Brighton and country scenes around Mt Macedon.

The exhibition closes on 1st November. Next year we hope to be able to go to a new and exciting exhibition "Masterpieces from Paris" which will feature over 100 works from the Musee d'Orsay while it is being refurbished. There will be paintings, which rarely leave Paris, by Van Gogh, Gaughin, Cezanne, Seurat, Monet, and others. This exhibition will run from 4 December 2009 until 5 April 2010. We hope to go probably in February, after school goes back and before the usual end-of-exhibition rush, possibly on Sunday 7th or Sunday 14th February 2010.

If any CHESS members wish to come to Canberra to see this exhibition and to join us there, please me know ASAP. We will also have another outing in late November.

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## VALE

*Lachlan Christie (CHS 1945 - 1946 Year 11) passed away 12th January 2009*

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