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Headmaster's Message



The opening of a new Swimming Pool in Penrith has made available to pupils of Penrith High School opportunities that they have not previously enjoyed.

Every pupil should now learn to swim, then to swim well and then endeavour to obtain some knowledge of life-saving. Pupils at this school have had many successes in sports. Now the opportunity exists to excel in swimming.

There are many other such activities for pupils of Penrith High School. These are class, inter-class and inter-school debating competitions and a high standard of debating has been achieved.

Dances have been organised by the School Social Committee and the P. & C. Ladies' Auxiliary.

All pupils should become proficient in swimming, dancing, debating, public speaking and a number of team games.

It is possible to take part and attain a reasonable standard in all of these without sacrificing standards in school work. I am sure that pupils who do this will add much to the enjoyment of life.

Pupils should be very careful not to emphasise any one of these activities to the detriment of school lessons. A good examination Certificate, school reports and school reference must always be regarded as the best foundation for a successful career.

J. P. SHARPE, Headmaster.



THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Once again the L.C. Examinations are fast approaching and soon another group of Penrith High School students will leave the portals of the school for the last time and enter the vast ocean of opportunity that lies in the outside world. It is with a certain reluctance that we prepare to leave behind us the schooldays in which we have not only been educated in the arts and sciences, but in which we have learnt the true meaning of team spirit and companionship.

Only now are we beginning to realise how greatly we are indebted to the members of the staff for their help, encourage-

ment and guidance throughout our five years at Penrith. In particular we thank the Headmaster, Mr. Sharpe, the Deputy Headmaster, Mr. Byrne, and the Prefects' Master, Mr. Edwards, for their constant and untiring interest in Fifth Year as a whole, and Mr. Edwards for his help in the various problems which the prefect body has encountered. Our thanks are also due to the P. & C. Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary for their interest in the welfare of the school.

We would also like to thank the Prefects and Fifth Year for their unflinching support and loyal co-operation through-

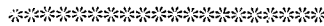
out the year. Although the Prefects of 1963 are as yet unchosen, we wish them every success in their term of office and hope they are as fortunate as we have been in receiving the full co-operation of the remainder of the school.

In conclusion, to each pupil of the School we say that the degree of success which you attain in life depends largely on your own efforts. You have to strive to obtain anything worthwhile. So, to

gain the maximum benefit from your time at Penrith High, we urge you to take advantage of the varied curriculum available to you. Above all, live up to our School motto: "Altiora Peto"—seek the higher things: Truth and Peace and Love for God and Man.

Your Captains,

JULIE CLARK and DAVID HENDERSON-SMART.



INVESTITURE OF PREFECTS

The Investiture of Prefects for the year 1962 was held in the School Hall before an audience of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Year students. This important school ceremony was attended by the Mayor of Penrith, Mr. Chapman, and Mrs. Chapman.

The Headmaster, Mr. Sharpe, welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress and the parents of prefects, and paid tribute to Mr. Edwards, the Prefect Master.

Mr. Edwards explained the system of electing Prefects and the main duties of the Prefects. They must provide firm leadership for the pupils, they must not betray the teacher's trust in them, and they must uphold the honour and name of Penrith High.

At the conclusion of this speech, the Prefects took the pledge, and David Henderson-Smart, the Boys' Captain, was introduced to Mr. Chapman. After he had been invested with his captain's badge, David introduced the Vice-Captain, Robert Coburn, the 5th Year Prefects, John Cameron, Hugh Christie, Murray Fragar, Peter Muir, Robert Palmer, Elio Paschitto, John Patter, Bruce Thomson, Neil Whitton and the 4th Year Prefects,

Peter Coburn, Geoffrey Edwards and John Hollier.

The Mayor then gave a short address in which he thanked Mr. Sharpe for the invitation he and his wife had received to be present at the ceremony, after which Julie Clark, the Girls' Captain, was introduced to Mrs. Chapman. Having received her badge, Julie introduced the Vice-Captain, Lorna Brown, and the Prefects—Barbara Crossing, Helen Edwards, Anne Farmer, Kay Hunt, Margaret Miller, Sally Parker, Helen Pickering, Virin Smith, and Cheryl Wright. Fourth Year Prefects are Catherine Dutton, Elizabeth Finnimore and Wendy Loundar.

Each Prefect signed the Prefect Register after receiving his or her badge.

The School Captains moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mrs. Chapman for their part in the Investiture of Prefects.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Mayor and his wife, together with the parents of the Prefects, were entertained at an afternoon tea prepared by the Prefects.

PENNY WENSLEY (4th Year)