



CHESSMOVES

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A CALL TO ARMS!

Now, more than ever before, Camberwell High needs a strong and supportive body of ex-students. We at CHESS would like you to be part of that, and - while we understand that relatively few of the 12,000 former students will be in a position to be actively involved - we would like your support and we'd like to be able to keep you informed about the progress of your old school.

The easiest way to achieve both is for you, either to renew your membership of CHESS or to join for the first time. Please use the subscription form enclosed and send it to us with your cheque. The annual subscription is a modest \$10. For new members, a one-off payment of \$15 will carry your membership through to the end of 1994.

If you would like to help even further, in covering heavy expenses like postage, we wouldn't complain if you made your cheque out for a little more, but that's entirely up to you. Or, if you don't feel like getting involved at all, a dollar or two to say 'thanks for thinking of me, this will cover your mailing cost' would still be appreciated.

Apart from keeping ex-students in touch with the school and with each other via our regular newsletter CHESSMOVES and lending moral support to the endeavours of the school staff and Council, we have - since we were formed three years ago:

- made significant donations towards the needs of disadvantaged students, school and house trophies and banners, and the School Building Fund;
- supported Friends of Music and the Parents' Association;
- provided reunion barbecues for recent school leavers;
- conducted annual Vocational Breakfasts for Year 12 students to help them in their preparation for the 'real' world;
- organised some social functions to bring ex-students together.

Any support you can give us, and therefore the school, will be greatly appreciated, not least by the young people who are following in your footsteps as students at Camberwell High School.

VOCATIONAL BREAKFAST:

A good turnout at our annual Vocational Breakfast in the School Hall early on July 30th. Some 40 Year 12 students came along for informal conversation with volunteers from among the CHESS membership (with one or two most welcome 'ring-ins' from elsewhere), over orange juice, cereal and croissants. A snap poll indicated that all those who came along enjoyed the time and found it useful. Considerable attention is now being given by the

CHESS committee to how we can build on the successful foundation we've laid over the last three years, and further expand the concept. As ever, all suggestions will be welcomed.

TRIVIA NIGHT:

This was planned for August 27th, but has been cancelled due to lack of response. Our apologies to those who had it in their diaries. Read on for details of another social activity which may prove rather more accessible.

1970-1971 REUNION:

All 1970-71 graduates welcome at an informal reunion at the Stokehouse Bistro, Marine Parade, St Kilda, at 2pm on Saturday August 21st. Please phone Rosemary Peratinos on 568-4939 so that she can book tables.

CAMBERWELL CUP FAIR:

At the school on Saturday October 23rd, from 10am to 2pm. This is a major fund-raising event for the school with special emphasis on the Sports Hall project. All tastes will be catered for, not only on the abundant food stalls, but among the craftwork, book, xmas decoration, white elephant and assorted other stalls. Foot and facial massage will be available, your favourite AFL footy stars will take part in a valuable long kick competition and there will be rides and games for all.

CHESS committee members will be staffing an Information Desk in the courtyard at the rear of the school throughout the day's festivities, as a focal point for ex-students who would like to know more about our activities, or to track down old schoolmates. From 2pm onwards, after the running of the Camberwell Cup itself, we'll be holding an informal reunion - with refreshments provided - in the same courtyard for all ex-students who would like to join us. Come along. Have a cup of tea or a glass of wine and catch up with friends from earlier days. You'll be made most welcome.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

As of the end of July, our Treasurer, Bob Knowles, reported a current balance of \$5221.74.

REMINDER:

You'll find enclosed a subscription renewal form. If you haven't already paid your \$10 for 1993, we would greatly appreciate your doing so. If you have paid, how about passing the renewal form on to an ex-student friend? The greater our membership, the more help we can offer the school and its present student body.

We would also urge you to fill in the enclosed form seeking vocational details. It would help us enormously when it comes to planning next year's Vocational Breakfast, and other activities we have in mind to help today's (and tomorrow's) students make that increasingly difficult transition from school to the world beyond. Thanks in anticipation.