



CHESSMOVES

JUNE 1994

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The next CHESV Vocational Breakfast for Year 12 students will take place in the School Hall at 7am, on Thursday, July 28th. The theme this year will be 'pathways to a career', with a small number of speakers who will briefly address the students on their journey through academic and professional life, and take questions. The gathering will include breakfast, and a chance for students to meet volunteers from among the ex-students body who are also invited to attend and to be available for questions. Mr Peter Frost, the school's career adviser, is working with CHESV to make this event happen and of use to the prospective school leavers.

Our committee met at Sofia's Pizza in Burke Road, Camberwell, in April, for a brief Annual General Meeting. During dinner, office bearers were elected for 1994-95 and Mr Geoff Sinclair spoke to the meeting about developments and new directions for CHS.

One of those developments, the maintenance program budgeted for \$500,000, has now commenced, with repairs and painting now underway. This will immediately improve working conditions for both staff and students, with a consequent uplift in morale. The next step will be to confirm the start of building work on the Sports Hall, now that funding arrangements are in place.

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Bernard Corser

FINANCIAL REPORT:

CHESV continues to be in healthy financial shape with some \$5000 on current account or fixed term deposit, after recent outgoings for postage and the Year 12 reunion barbecue in March.

THE SCHOOL:

Apart from the developments reported above, Acting Assistant Principal, Claire Bolster, brought the committee up to date at our June meeting on some other moves:

Swimming Pool: CHS is now confirmed as the operator of the swimming pool and developing a management team to look after it.

Self-Management: Under the government's new policies, the Acting Principal and his senior colleagues are now responsible for hiring teaching and other staff, and that change of direction is well under way.

Uniform: A thorough-going review of all aspects of the school uniform is now getting under way, after re-affirmation of the basic belief that uniform is desirable and should be observed in the wearing. The task now is to devise a set of uniforms - boys, girls, winter, summer and sport - which are effective, attractive and appropriate to the last decade of the twentieth century and beyond.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday July 28th: As outlined, and in accompanying material, CHESS's annual Vocational Breakfast...0700 in the School Hall.

Wednesday August 3rd: AVG James Lecture. Speaker: Hon. Justice Sally Brown, former Chief Magistrate. Details available from the school.

Saturday October 22nd: The Camberwell Fair, the school's annual fundraising and getting-together day. CHESS will be represented, and ready to welcome existing and new members.

Late edition: Saturday August 6th: A Family Bush Dance, organised by the PFA, in the School Hall. BYO supper and drinks. Tickets \$10 adult, \$5 student, \$25 family. Music by "Shenanigans".

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Art Exhibition:

On Monday June 20th, ex-student Gabrielle O'Connor opened the VCE Art Exhibition at the school's art centre. The corridor of the centre and the Drama Room were converted into a gallery with work of a high quality on display. A number of the works were sold.

The exhibition closed on Wednesday evening.

The school is grateful to Friends of the Arts, a group of parents who provide support for our art teachers and students. Would you like to join this school support group? Contact the school.

Combined Music Concert with Canterbury GSC:

This was held in the Great Hall of the Arts Centre on Monday June 27th. It was a marvellous evening of orchestras, concert bands, instrumental soloists, choirs, duets and ensembles.

Talent Quest:

At the time of writing, this has not occurred. I can confidently predict it will be a couple of hours of song and dance and various permutations on these, traditionally held on the last day of Term 2. This is run by the SRC, who make a truckload of money from the event. Shane Bourne, Melbourne comic and raconteur, will comper and adjudicate.

Major Maintenance:

The contract is half done - rooms are being refurbished at a great rate. The science rooms in the 'new building' will be completely renovated. A new room and an exterior paint job is involved. (The total contract is worth \$460,000)

Schools of the Future:

We are in intake 3, and have just been to our first briefing. Schools of the Future is the political tag given to the notion of schools being 'self-managing'. We will have a global budget, have the responsibility of employing our staff, maintaining the fabric of the buildings - and probably the fabric of society.

Don't you wish you were still a student?

Geoff Sinclair
Acting Principal