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space, and during wet weather, their work ceases, for there is no
covered area at all to fit their classes in. All available space under
school buildings is closed in to form temporary rooms, which presents
serious problem indeed for the accommodation of students during
lunch hour recesses in wet weather.

SPORT

Sport is carried on every Wednesday afternoon. All students are
required to participate unless medically unfit. The sporting activities
in which students can participate are numerous and include Football,
Cricket, Baseball, Squash, Tennis, Golf, Basketball, Gymnasium work
for the boys and Softball, Basketball, Vigoro, Tennis, Squash, Golf for
the girls.

In the Inter-House Sporting Competition, the Champion House
Trophy was won by Bowen. With such large numbers at the School,
there has been a tendency this year to concentrate more on the Inter-
House aspect of Sport. This is as it should be, because, instead of
participating actively in games, students became mere spectators, which
is not the objective of the syllabus. There seems to be more keenness
engendered in playing or watching Inter-House or even Inter-Form
games. The keenest football I saw played this year was between Grade
8 teams. And it has been a long time since I have seen enthusiasm and
interest displayed by a school to equal that shown by this School in
Inter-House Basketball games played on the parade ground during
lunch hours in the latter half of the second term.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS

I have already mentioned the problem of the lack of recreational
space that the School has. As we all know that most mischief comes
from idle hands, it has been a policy of the staff to foster as many
lunch hour activities as possible.
With this in mind, I was very pleased to see the classes leaving this year, the Seniors and Juniors, decided to donate books to the library as a token of appreciation for what has been done for them by the School. They have given £120 worth of books, thanks to the liberal subsidy by the Parents and Citizens, and, of course, by the Department. I sincerely hope that this will become a tradition within the School, for it is an idea well worth continuing, and I thank the present Juniors and Seniors for initiating it so generously.

For the present re-organised Library, I must thank all those who helped in the re-arranging of furniture, the cataloguing, maintenance and purchase of books, and the supervision of the students during Library hours. I may mention particularly Miss Lumb, who has been the inspiration behind all this work.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND

The General Purpose Fund is raised by receiving from each student a fee (25/- per year at this School). The Principal is its administrator, and he depends on it almost entirely to carry out the financial requirements of the School. I have already mentioned the amount spent on library books.

Major equipment also obtained through the General Purpose Fund includes an Electric Gestetner Duplicator, two T.V. Sets, a second Tape Recorder, a Portable Record Player, a Slide Projector, including Micro-Projection equipment, Daylight Screen equipment, and material for the darkening of two rooms as film rooms.

Add to these the costs of sporting equipment, of the hiring of courts and buses, of stationery, of the Magazine, of the costs of this Speech Night function, and of many and varied expenses which occur in a school of 1,200 and you will realise that without such a fund, the school could not function.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

I must say that I am really pleased with the co-operation and help offered by members of the Parents and Citizens'. I said last year that the meetings were small, and I said I was disappointed in that. I cannot say this year that the meetings have increased in number at all, in spite of the increase in student numbers. However, I have come to believe that the regular dozen who attend the meetings are in the nature of an Executive Committee who represent the whole body of parents. If this were so, I would like more parents to attend at least once a year, at the General Election of Officers.

The Fete, organised by the Parents and Citizens' in May this year, demonstrated the interest, enthusiasm, and support of many parents, and it was a pity to see it ruined by the weather.

COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR

One of the main advantages in having the Grade 8's in High Schools has been readily apparent in this third term. Students have been instructed in the courses which will be available next year, and most have already chosen what they will do in Grades 9 and 10. I feel that this choice has been made on a far better basis than has been the case in past years, for not only do the students know what is expected of them in the subject that they choose, but also parents and teachers are more confident in being able to advise them what to do in the light of their efforts after one year in a High School. I hope that the student misfits in an unsuitable course will no longer be with us.

GENERAL NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

First of all, I should like to comment on one aspect of school life which most of us would prefer not to be part of school life—that is HOMEWORK. All of us realise that it is essential. If the syllabus is to be covered, if the individual student is to consolidate the work done at school, if he is to find out his weaknesses in that work, and more important, if he is to learn responsibility and self-reliance, he must do his homework. And parents, you may rest assured that each student is to do some homework each night of the week—even the Industrial boys. With the large classes teachers have nowadays, the individual correction of homework becomes well nigh impossible and, with class correction, it becomes very easy for the student to avoid doing his homework. I believe the parent must bear a good deal of the responsibility in ensuring that the student does do his homework, not only by seeing that he has definite hours set for it, and as congenial conditions as are possible, but also by interesting himself in the work that is done, and the progress that is being made.

Next, I would like to make a plea to those students of Grade 10 who earn good passes in Junior, to consider seriously going on to Senior. There are always some of these, especially girls, who do not believe it worthwhile to carry on. The financial side should be of little worry, for the students I am referring to would most certainly obtain one of the Scholarships I have mentioned earlier. I think that most of those who, in the past, have had the opportunity and ability and not taken it, have come to regret it later on in life.
I know that most of you are interested in knowing how the new Grade 8 classes have progressed. But, here are a few comments in passing. The settling-in period for the Grade 8’s was much longer than usual because of many reasons: the lower maturity of students, the building going on about them, the late availability of books and, most important, the fact that there were 750 new students to the School out of the total 1,180. I am pleased to say that the Grade 8’s are now an integrated part of the whole School. Some parents or students may be worried that the prescribed textbooks or the syllabus will not be completed this year. Don’t worry. Some textbooks were not meant to be completed and all the syllabi have to be reviewed later this year.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Once again, I come to the most important part of my report. A successful year’s work can result only from the co-operation and hard work of the staff, and I must say that I have received all the help that could possibly be given from all members of the staff, both teaching and non-teaching. In particular, I would like to mention the indispensable assistance given me by Miss Green, Mr. Williams and Mr. O’Keeffe. I am sure that all the students would join me in saying “thank you” to all of the staff.

My thanks also go to the Prefects. They are the first to be appointed, and the School is very fortunate that they have set such a high standard of devotion to their duty. I only hope that all future Prefects will try to do as well as they have.

I have mentioned the good work of the Parents and Citizens’ Association and the Women’s Auxiliary. To all those parents who have worked so hard to provide the School with so much, I offer the sincerest of thanks and I am sure all the Staff and students will echo my sentiments.

I wish to congratulate all you students who have worked hard and are tonight receiving tangible evidence of your efforts. I also include in these congratulations all you students who have worked hard and not received tangible evidence of your efforts. It is unfortunate in a way that all of us cannot come first, but the real reward, I think, should be the satisfaction that you have tried your hardest. My best wishes to you Seniors and Juniors who are sitting for examinations in a few weeks’ time, and I hope that you will like your papers.

Finally, I hope that all students have spent a profitable time here, and will associate with pleasant thoughts, their 1964 year at the KELVIN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL.

PREFECTS’ NOTES

This will be short and sweet. This is the first time that Kelvin Grove has had any Prefects and I sincerely hope that it has been a successful project. We were invested by that wonderful man and orator at heart, Mr. Tooth, M.L.A. (Cabinet, too), who pinned on our badges and so instigated the first round of martial law at Kelvin Grove.

A Prefect’s life is not what it is cracked up to be and any aspiring leaders would be better employed trying to talk sense to a brick wall, a job just one degree lower than trying to convince twelve hundred screaming adolescents that law and order must prevail in this modern society of ours.

Nevertheless we cope somehow and, I am pleased to say, nobody is the worse for wear. We were “privileged” to have our own room, Room 9, the den of the Commercial and Domestic 11’s with no Tele or Billiard Table like our G.P.S. counterparts. (Ugh.) While I write these notes my thoughts again fly to my books, gathering dust in the next room, and in conclusion I would like to wish everyone the very best in the future, especially those who will be leaving school this year.
House Notes

BOWEN HOUSE

House Teachers: Mrs. Gedge, Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Hasenkan, Miss Garratt, Miss Ryan, Miss Trickey.
Messrs. Rackermann, MacDonald, Colston, O'Keefe, Keenan, Glasby.

House Captains: Peter Mole, Frey Mulder.

House Colour: Blue.

1964 has been a year to remember for Kelvin Grove, what with Prefects, Seniors, Grade 8's and all, nobody has had space or time to do anything. It has also been an excellent period for Bowen House—the Black Sheep of K.G.

We won the Swimming, Cricket and Football outright and gained second place in the Athletics behind our old rivals Herbert, and under stiff opposition from those very impartial organisers, Mr. Natalier and Mr. Low. Laurels must go to our swimmers for their efforts and to our athletes for the improvement which they have shown this year.

Not only in the sporting field is our potential shown, but there must be something in the fact that five out of the twelve Prefects are Bowen, and our name is mentioned in all the best circles—with envy.

PETRIE HOUSE NOTES, 1964

House Teachers: Mr. Wilkie, Miss Sergeant, Mr. Williams, Mr. Berry
House Captains: D. Roach
J. Hackett

House Colour: Tangerine

Once again time has come for us to report on the activities of our House for this year, 1963-64.

Although not extremely successful this year sportwise, I am extremely happy to report that spiritwise we are much improved. With the coming of the 8th Grades to our school we found many young bodies eager to compete and cheer our competitors on.

In the Annual Swimming Carnival our House, although we did not gain the title, gained the distinction of being the most enthusiastic competitors. One of our girl swimmers, Sylvia Hall, won the Under 16 School Championship and went on to gain a place in the Queensland State Secondary Swimming Carnival.

Our moment of glory was found to be in the Cross-country, when in the boys' event we won on the overall total and by a clearcut win by Joy Beirne in the first Girls' Cross-country of 11 miles.

Before our August holidays the members of our House took part in the athletic carnival at Finsbury Park. In this instance we were successful in gaining two of the championships, Joy Beirne, Under 16 Girls' Championship and Jeff Hackett, equal, Open Boys' Championship. The active members and cheer squad are all to be commended on their efforts.
Finally, on behalf of all the members of Peters House, I would like

to thank all our House Teachers, whose efforts inspired us to
greater heights and to this year's Senior and Junior candidates go our wishes for success.

J. R. Hackett

HERBERT HOUSE NOTES

*House Masters:* Mr. Barnes, Mr. Miller
*House Mistresses:* Miss Crowther, Mrs. Edwards, Miss McCallum,
Miss Ryan
*House Captains:* Adele Raeburn
David Phillips
*House Colour:* Gold

This year our House has proved itself capable of maintaining the
standard of bygone years. In the swimming carnival held earlier in
the year, we managed to secure second place. Our greatest achievement,
however, was in the Inter-House Sports Carnival held in second term.
Here we won the day by a considerable lead. Our congratulations
must go to Margaret Whiston, Mick Tanner, Annette Murfathy, Janice
Budden and Larry Weatherhog, for their outstanding accomplishments.
Both the House Captains would like to thank all those members of
the House who competed, whether successfully or not. It was, after all,
those people who tried even though they THOUGHT it hopeless, who
boosted up the score to victory!

Our thanks must go to the Ladies Auxiliary for their much
appreciated efforts on the day of the carnival and also to all the members
of the staff who worked to organise and carry out the day's programme.

LUTWYCHE HOUSE NOTES

*House Teachers:* Miss Gollcher, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Low, Mr. Natallier
*House Captains:* Anita Spleiss
Gary Campbell
*House Colours:* Mauve

Despite the protests of Mr. Natallier, Lutwyche House decided to sit
back on its laurels this year and let the other Houses win a few points.
Congratulations to Herbert House on winning the Athletics and to
Bowen House for winning the Swimming.

Yet we have been successful in an entirely different way. Although
we came third in athletics and second in swimming, we discovered a
number of champions and potential champions. Tim McInerney is open
champion and Roy Ryan under 16 years champion in athletics and
Jennifer Carrington is the under 16 years swimming champion. Most
important of all we found an unsuspected spring of House and School
spirit among the first years (Eighth and Ninth Grades) who are
potential leaders in the House.

In both cross-country races, Lutwyche House was very well represen-
ted and obtained a fair share of the points allowed.

I am taking this opportunity to extend the thanks of the whole
House to the teachers without whose help all this would have been
impossible.

"THE HUNT"

Black and White Sketch by Maureen Andrew, 1963