



*San Clemente
Dominican Convent,
Mayfield*



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The year 1955 began normally with the greeting of old friends and the welcoming of the new ones. However, we did not long pursue the even tenor of our way, for towards the end of February there came with appalling suddenness, the most disastrous floods in the history of New South Wales.

The result of this was a tremendous influx of Maitland girls, the majority of whom swelled our ranks merely for a period of six or eight weeks, though three Fifth Years and four Fourth Years have remained with us. We take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to our Day-pupils' parents, who extended their hospitality to the overflow of Maitlanders when San Clemente's elastic walls were incapable of further expansion.

As soon as the state of the roads permitted, many of us spent our weekends at Maitland helping the Nuns to evolve order from the chaos left by the flood waters.

San Clemente's enrolment this year reached the high figure of 180. Among our scholastic achievements we note five Leaving Certificate passes. A Commonwealth Scholarship to the University was gained by Joan Mulhall, who also won a Teachers' Training College Scholarship as did June Peck, Loretta Scala and Jadvyga Zakarasukas. The least-named two proceeded to the Newcastle Teachers' College and have just completed their first year. Nineteen girls gained their Intermediate Certificate.

As in former years San Clemente sent representatives to the Y.C.S. Summer School which was held at Sacre Coeur Convent, "Stuartholme", Brisbane. During their stay the girls took the opportunity of visiting "San Sisto", the youngest Dominican foundation in Australia.

The results of the Music Examinations conducted by the A. M.E.B. were pleasing. Forty-three passes were obtained including fifteen Honours and eighteen Credits.

In the Elocution Examinations conducted by the Trinity College, London, all the candidates presented secured either Honours or Merit. The outstanding success was scored by the Fourth Year Verse-Speaking Choir, which gained 98 marks in Grade VIII the highest Choir Examination.

Our success in the realms of Art, Needlework and Cooking may be judged to-night by the display in the Home Science Room and the School Hall.

Extra-curricular activities included an educational tour of the B.H.P.; visits to the Symphony Orchestra concerts; Ballet performances; an unusual entertainment by a team of Danish Gymnasts; an interesting lecture entitled "Travels in the Arctic Circle" given by Philip Allen and illustrated in coloured lantern slides; instructive and entertaining films, some of which were shown in our School Hall.

The School contributed two items to St. Patrick's Concert in Newcastle, "A Village Fair Scene" and "Barney O'Hea". On St. Dominic's Day the Fourth Years demonstrated their dramatic ability by the presentation of scenes from the life of St. Dominic.

In the field of Athletics San Clemente was well represented in the Health Week March, while the Annual Sports Day aroused customary enthusiasm. It resulted in a win for the Red Team captained by Margaret Thomas, who also won the Tennis Cup presented by Father Coffey.

At the Physical Culture Display held a fortnight ago, in addition to the usual exercises and marching several colourful and charming dances were presented, a tribute to the training of Miss Ball of the Graham-Burrow School of Physical Education.

Our spiritual wants have been ministered to by Father McNamara, whom we are glad to see recovered from his prolonged illness, Father Coffey, our chaplain, and Father Hefferman. Father Vill, a Palottine Father gave our annual Retreat and Father Featon supervised our Y.C.S. activities. We marched in the procession held in honour of Christ the King and attended the Mass for the Dead at Sandgate.

In conclusion we wish to tender our thanks to His Lordship, the Most Reverend Dr. Toobey for presiding at our distribution of Prizes to-night. We also wish to express our gratitude to the priests of the parish, the sisters, our parents, the hard-working members of the Auxiliary, and to all those who have helped us in any way. May God bless and reward you all and grant you a holy and a happy Christmas.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE RESULTS

Beatrice Cosgrove, Rosalie Ferris, Andrea Fulop, Delta Grainger, Beverley Harbiter, Noela Hiscox, Joan Lydlford, Evelyn McCrobban, Teresa Mihelcic, Patricia Moir, Margaret Pearce, Patricia Peet, Rosemary Slack, Barbara Soos, Clare Tolhurst, Barbara Towers, Judith Wunnocott, Mary Woods, Colleen Young.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS

JOAN MULHALL: English A, Modern History B, Ancient History B, Geography B, Physiology and Hygiene B.

JUNE PECK: English B, French B, Modern History B, General Mathematics B, Geography B, Physiology and Hygiene B.

ANNE RINGLAND: English B, Modern History B, Geography B, Art B.

LORETTA SCALA: English B, Modern History B, Geography B, Physiology and Hygiene A, Art B.

JADVYGA ZAKAURAUSKAS: English B, Modern History B, Ancient History B, Geography B, Art B.

MUSICAL PERCEPTION

Grade V	NORMA TRANTER	Honours	87
	ELAINE HOW	Pass	73
Grade IV	CONSTANCE BOLAND	Honours	88
	URSULA KAMENE	Pass	71

THEORY OF MUSIC

DAQMA KAMENE	Honours	89
RENATA KOLEHA	Honours	87
JANICE MULHEARN	Honours	89
OLGA HEDDEN	Pass	71
LOURRAINE FAIRHALL	Pass	70

SPEECH RESULTS (Trinity College of London)

Grade VIII	4th YEAR CHOIR	Honours	88
Grade VI	3rd YEAR CHOR	Honours	85
	COLLEEN YOUNG	Merit	75
Grade V	2nd YEAR CHOIR	Honours	80
	YVONNE BURNOOD	Merit	79
	GERARDINE YOUNG	Merit	75
Grade IV	PATRICIA HINCHEY	Honours	81
	ROBYN HOLDERHEAD	Merit	79
	CAROL ARNOLLI	Merit	79
	SUZANNE DICK	Merit	77
Grade II	PAULINE PIERCE	Honours	89
	ROBYN FRIGGUSON	Honours	85
	HELGA YANSOVKE	Merit	83
	IRENE O'NEILL	Merit	79
	MARIE LOUISE BRICE	Merit	78
Grade I	SUZANNE KIMPSON	Honours	83
	LOIRRAINE TOBIN	Merit	81
Initial	JOY de LORE		
	VIRGINIA DICK		
	CECILIA MORRIS		

MUSIC RESULTS 1955

Grade 7	NORMA TRANTER	Honours	88
	MAUREEN BOLAND	Credit	79
Grade 6	CECILY DONOVAN	Credit	75
	MAUREEN RICHARDSON	Credit	75
Grade 5	CONSTANCE BOLAND	Honours	85
	ELAINE HOWE	Credit	75
	URSULA KAMENE	Pass	66
Grade 4	DENISE WILSON	Credit	71
	MARGARET WALMSLEY	Credit	75
	MARY CUNNINGHAM	Credit	75
	JANICE MULHEARN	Pass	72
	RUTH WINS	Pass	72
	DAOMA KAMENE	Pass	65
Grade 3	IRINGO SZABO	Honours	85
	JANET NIALL	Credit	83
	JANETT BROWNE	Credit	81
	PATRICIA BRASKE	Credit	77
Grade 2	SHIRLEY ALFORD	Honours	89
	ROBYN LAWSON	Honours	89
	CATHERINE QUAINÉ	Honours	88
	RENATA KOLIBA	Honours	88
	CATHERINE HANES	Honours	85
	JANET KACHEL	Credit	82
	OLGA HERDEN	Credit	(V) 82
	JUDY LYNCH	Credit	(V) 81
	KERRY HOLDERHEAD	Credit	(V) 80
	KAY BAKER	Credit	89
Grade 1	PATRICIA COUGHLAN	Credit	75
	IRENE O'NEILL	Credit	77
	WENDY SINGLETON	Credit	75
	HELEN KACHEL	Pass	73
	SUSAN HURT	Pass	67
Preliminary:	KAY BONNER		80
	SUSAN McDONALD		80