

Chez Nous



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FOOTBALL;

We are an out; to start training for* 1940..Every boy, no doubt, is keen that all school teams will have a successful season and finish at the top of their respective sections. The success of any team depends upon the efficiency of its members, and every boy physically capable of playing football can do his share to raise the standard of efficiency of his team. The standard reached in our 2nds., 3rds., and Under age teams will effect the standard of our 1st XVIII; the higher we can make this standard the better. I often think that boys in this school find it too easy to become members of our teams and thus lose the valuable training of having to make that extra determined effort to qualify for membership of first teams. Successful football depends mainly upon the speed and certainty of the players getting the ball and their speed and accuracy in disposing of it. As far as possible training should be under match conditions. Learn the rules and avoid as far as possible the infringements. Practice marking and ground play against opposition, kicking whilst on the run, turning and twisting to get clear of opponents and short bursts of ten to 15 yards. Learn to kick with both feet. In this connection your attention is directed to an article in the Pegasus, Oct. "36. Kick for kick practice will help every boy to become efficient. Above all realise:

EDITORIAL.

I hope I said the benign old gentleman to the cockney mother, your child will grow into a worthy and upright man'. Ah, that I won't, she replied, 'I'll see she'll be a good girl'. Although we may be thinking likewise, we want here to consider the future of Chez Nous or how long do we expect to keep going? What improvements do we intend to make? Our ultimate aim is for Chez Nous to become the official school organ, issued frequently and dealing with the rather informal side of school life: the "Pegasus" then becoming more of an Old Boys' magazine - and of a formal record. We contemplate very soon getting Chez Nous published by a printer and in the process somewhat enlarging it. If these improvements can be carried out as we hope, Chez Nous will improve, but in spite of all our planning and in spite of all our work, its ultimate success depends on you. Help us by keeping Shandy chock with those queries for "You asked. or it" that you must have.

(Football, etc.) her that physical fitness is essential, so take every advantage of the opportunities provided by the School. In conclusion never be satisfied until your good becomes better and your better best.

Signed,
V. H. Moffitt

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by boicus
A week ago Mr. Mitchell, for various reasons, resigned from the rowing club and is now coaching the 4ths. I don't think many people realise just what he has done for the Rowing Club in the last 2 seasons, or what a great worker he has been for the rowers. He has had to work on his own except for the little help he received from the rowers themselves. If anything was wanted Mr. Mitchell procured it, and often received unjustified criticism and serious discouragement. The reason why the junior crews are not as good as they should be is because they receive insufficient coaching. Instead of one coach for all, there should be one coach for each crew. Supervision of the rowing is not a job for one master. Mr. Mitchell tried to be that one master and succeeded very well but like others before him could not keep it up under the strong opposition. Two more coaches are needed. Perhaps then, rowing would receive due consideration and not the lack of co-operation and open hostility it receives at present. 2nds. v Scotch. On Sat. at 11am. our 2nds. rowed the Scotch 2nds. The Scotch crew used a G-rammar boat and we rowed in the Shannon. College got away to a better start than their opponents, but were overhauled about half way. Scotch held their lead and won by a length and a canvas. The 3rds. had a practice run with the racing crews. Scotch were the guests of our 2nds. for the afternoon



J TIT-BITS
 They say:
 that one of the crew had a Birds-ey(e) view of the whole dance.
 that for some it's "June in January": for others it's June for the whole bloomin' year.
 that although Mr. Tait was mainly occupied in playing gooseberry, he managed to work in a few hand's of bridge.....
 that a "big-dormer rises early every morning.....

SHANDY.
 Re-pl.v to -'Motto " : So long as a boy remains at school the motto on the blazer is an award not a presentation. See diary page 133. The motto remained on the cap to distinguish Senior School boys from those at the Preparatory School.

SOCIAL
 The Informal Dance The prefects and Senior boys were the hosts to girls of "Morongo" and "The Hermitage", and others, at an informal dance in the Morrison Kail oh Saturday night.

THE CHANGE-OVER
 And so we come to the end of yet another cricket season. Our 1st. XI didn't finish in a blaze of glory, hut they did win a match! The 2nds. were more successful, losing only 2 games; The under 14*s were the most successful under age' team.

Would it be possible to have a private telephone at the school? last time I spoke on the phone there were 5 gaping prefects in the room. A phone call is private and if we can't have a private phone, the prefects should leave the ro ora. (Talkat ive)

The ladies were received by Miss Reeves and Sister lingford, in the foyer. Dancing started at 7:30(???) and finished at 10:30(.».'.'). An excellent supper was served by Miss McRae at 9:30.

With the approach of winter, we turn towards football—perhaps we welcome it, perhaps we don't. During the football season it will be the aim of this column to give you a little of the atmosphere as well as the statistics of the game»As it is our policy, we will endeavour to give prominence to the teams of lower standing. But if the XVlll win a match this may be abandoned. We suggest that there would be a definite improvement in the kicking and marking abilities of College footballers, if more chaps went out for a kick on the "Cow Paddock".

Why are the bathroom taps of the sprinkler '3T^e an& not of the more satisfactory faucets, (high Pressure)

One of the most forward (sorry, prominent) was the College Head Prefect, who was dressed in a neatly cut suit of blue serge, buttoned up the front and trimmed at the throat with white and green. He was partnered by Miss Orchard. One of the surprises of the evening was the arrival of Messrs J.ii-.Aitken, I.A.H. Turle r, and D.S. Adam, who are low students at Ormond College.

Can some rule be enforced whereby b3'-s seated at prefects' tables are equally served at meal times.! am unfortunate enough to be seated at the far end of a table, where the prefect and those around him receive very much more than we do every time.

Other guests were present from Melbourne, Misses Peggy Hyett and Gwen Pirrier, from Janet Clark Hall and Misses Virginia Aitken and Cynthia Peterson

ERRATA
 In our last issue, we mentioned "Gunn's Alley" in connection with the old gym. We have since been told that the correct name is "Gun Alley" Jso called because of- the Gun Alley murder in Melbourne.

(s.Kuff)
 I protest against the increasing number of criticisms scribbled in library books. They are objectionable, unnessecary, and very often quite incorrect. (I.E.)

Some of the couples were: Miss Martin and Mr, Shox, Miss Backwell and tfr. Hawkes, Miss JcKinmouth and Mr. Dennis, Miss Maltby and Mr. Bartlett, Miss Good and Mr. Iaidlaw, Miss Bechervaise and Mr. Hill, Miss Birdsey and Mr. Excell, Miss Chisholme and Dir. McKinley, Miss Bartiett and Mr. Menzies, Miss Spar go and Mr. Russell, Miss Dowling and Mr. Barrett.

Senior House has a nice Chinese Checker set and other viseless things, but no wireless. We are not allowed to have a wireless in the dorm and must rely solely on the morning papers for the news. A second hand set would cost only a few pounds. (Eig Dormer)

YOU ASKED EOR IT
 //as there a swimming pool in the school once? Yes, of a kind. It was really a tiled bath about 12'x4'x3'(at the deep (?) end) and situated where the entrance hall is now. Called the "swimming bath", it was used mainly to duck new boys. The water was emptied very periodically and in a shortage was used for watering the oval. Condemned by Health Authorities, it was removed in 1909 =

^Sprinkler taps are used to save waste of water caused by boys who fail to turn off the taps. There is a small valve in each tap, which lessens the flow, and increases the pressure. Ed.)

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"Rise and shine."