



The following is from emails (August 2020) by John McKenzie, School Captain 1953.

Constable Pike was an Annual Visitor to the Primary Schools of Newcastle as he travelled, from one to another, giving talks on road safety. Here, in 1947, using the battered solar topee that served him as a makeshift "traffic-cop", the good Constable, sheltered by the Boys' Toilet Block at *The Junction Public School*, takes instruction from Ken Bailey (left) and John McKenzie (right).

From the interest being shown by Constable Pike, they must have been treating him to a riveting display.

Suggested caption: "(Sigh) And after this, I have Cooks Hill tomorrow."

The scene being enacted would have been to reinforce (i) the use of the correct hand signals and (ii) the 'give way to the right' rule.

The photo was sent to John by his long-time friend Ken Bailey, who is still in Newcastle, living across the road from John McNaughton.

John writes: "The original photo would have been a Press photo (probably from *The Newcastle Sun*) and I guess that Ken or his Mum or Dad espied it in the glass-fronted display case that not only contained numerous press photos for sale - apply within etc - and thus beautified the facade of the Herald/Sun Building in Bolton St. but provided daily entertainment for ephemeral little assemblies of prospective photo buyers, their friends, their relatives and the kindly (and the unkindly). Ken must have bought a copy. From the blown-up copy of the photograph, the onlookers that are actually pictured, appear to be (from left to right) *Ian Barton* (far left), *John Pulver* (2nd from left), *can't place* (3rd from left), *Bob Jones* (4th from left) *Chris Woodcock* (5th from left) and (I think) *Keith Atkins* (at the RHS of the photo).

Ian, John, Bob, Keith and I subsequently enrolled at NBHS commencing in 1949.