

I present the report of sporting activities of Newcastle Boys' High School for years 1967 to May, 1968.

The School Swimming Carnival was again held under the divisional system, with slight alterations to that previously held. Under the new system the boys are graded from the fastest swimmer in each house age group to the slowest, and the best two from each house compete against each other, then the next two and so on down the list. This to my mind: to more closely measure the depth of strength of swimming within the house and no more do we see a house with a couple of champions winning the carnival. It is now a measure of house participation and ability. The day was perfect for the Carnival and both staff and pupils had a most enjoyable and rewarding day. Shortland House was Champion House for the day after a very close struggle in which relays decided the Championship.

The swimming squad, chosen after the carnival, trained enthusiastically. We were placed 1st in the Boys' High Schools competition beating our old rivals Maitland. This year it was our strength in the relays which won the day for us as we won four of the relays, the four of them in record time. The most pleasing feature however was the spirit of the boys and the vast improvement some of them made in times between our carnival and the area carnival. A great deal of credit for the success must go to the manager of the team Mr Barnett for his enthusiasm and organisation of the team. It is also pleasing to note that our greatest success came from the younger age groups so that we can hope for continued success in swimming.

Ages division champions names are given at the end of this report.

An intensive period of Life-Saving was held at the end of third term. First and Second Form boys attended and from this 454 awards were gained and a number of boys were taught to swim. It is the chief aim with swimming in the school that everybody become a competent swimmer.

The 62nd Annual Athletics Carnival was held in April this year. We have plans for a long training period leading up to the Zone and Area Carnivals in August, and a large squad has been chosen. From this squad the team will be picked. From the boys with the best performances at the time regardless of places at the School Carnival.

The Carnival itself was most successful with more boys competing than ever before. Run under a similar system to the Swimming Carnival it truly gauged the depth of strength and the enthusiasm of the Houses.

In the younger age divisions there was practically 100% participation with 14 divisions of 8 runners competing in the 100, 220, & 440 yds within the 13 yrs age group.

Bigger fields competed in the field events and some very good performances were recorded.

However, the highlight of the Carnival was undoubtedly the distance races. The boys had all been timed in P.E. classes for the 100, 440, 880 and mile. From these times select fields were made up from the top 10 to 20 runners in each age group. For the Championship 880's and Miles with the rest of the boys competing in Age division novice events. These novice fields were very large, there being up to sixty in some and all boys finished their event and finished strongly. We are hoping for considerable success in these events at the Zone and Area Carnivals.

It is now up to every boy chosen in the training squad to work hard and bring success to the school.

In the summer months, swimming, cricket, tennis, basketball, squash, golf, gymnastics and weight training are available as the boys choice of sport. Some of these

have to be restricted to Senior years.

In winter the boys have the choice of Rugby League, Soccer, Australian Rules, Basketball, Tennis and Golf as inter-school or inter House competitions and Squash, Gymnastics, Weight Training and Athletics for sport. Each boy is so graded within his chosen sport that he competes with and against other of his own age and comparable ability.

It is expected that every student where physically able, will select his own sport and enjoy it to the full. This year again, Sixth Form students enjoy the privilege of engaging in sport or study at school. Many avail themselves of the opportunity to do both; many are still worthy participants in our representative teams, especially in the winter months. I would like this opportunity to thank these Senior Students for the manner in which they have responded when the call has gone out for more boys for some of our representative teams.

Once again a large number of boys from the school have been chosen in State and Area Teams. Sixteen boys from the school have been chosen in State Teams during the past 12 months. Some of these have moved into those teams directly from school sport while other have gained this honour with sport outside of the school. The accomplishments will be tabled later in this report. These boys are to be warmly congratulated on reaching such a high standard, and shows just reward for the time and effort they have put into their sport.

Our 1st Grade Rugby League team for 1967 enjoyed a fine season, winning the Evans Shield for Inter Zone competition and reaching the final of the University Shield when they went down in a close match to Orange High School.

One member of the team John Davis was awarded a C.H.S. Blue for his play during the University Shield matches. John was also chosen in the C.H.S. Rugby Union team which toured New Zealand and for this received a C.H.S. Blue for Union; probably the first time in C.H.S. history that a boy has won this double honour.

The team for this year started off in great fashion - winning early trials by big margins. They fell away in the early competition matches possibly due to a number of injuries to team members. However I am pleased to report that they have found excellent form again, and we are hoping for big things from Mr Gardiner and the 1st XIII.

Our Tasman Cup Soccer team this year, including 4 boys chosen in the C.H.S. State open team also could do big things for the school. They are unbeaten in the Zone competition and have won both of the Tasman Cup matches to date, defeating Ashfield 10 - 1 and Swansea 5 - 3. The team has a wealth of very talented players, however as yet the boys have not welded into a team unit. If Mr Barnett can achieve this unity then I am sure we have an excellent chance of winning the Tasman Cup.

Our Shell Cup Basketball team has also played and won two matches in their competition and we are hoping for continued success, however before we go too much further we will have to play Meadowbank - last years winners who have a good combination.

It is pleasing to note however that most of this team will be retained within the school for several more years, and I feel that before too long we can stake and even stronger claim on the Shell Cup. These boys have already won the 2KO Cup for competition amongst schools within the Hunter Valley.

The Open Cricket Competition for 1968 has been completed and our First and Second teams are co-premiers in this competition.

Nineteen students have been awarded "Blues", the school's highest sporting honour. Eight of these students receive bars to awards gained in 1966. These appear later in the report. It should be the ambition of every boy in the school to win a Blue in his chosen sport.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continues to be a real interest to the boys of the School. This year Bruce Kerridge brought great credit to himself and the school when he was presented with his Gold Medallion by His Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. Clive Gregory has just completed his silver award and will move on for his gold.

The wide variety of sporting activities available to the boys of the school necessitates the provision of adequate sporting equipment. Such equipment must be constantly maintained, and with the purchase of new material at regular intervals the needs of the school are well provided for.

This year a considerable sum of money has been spent on clothing for the various sporting teams. The teams are all correctly attired and there is a noticeable lifting of team spirit especially in the Basketball, Soccer and Australian Rules.

The school, and the City Council have combined in a project to erect three basketball courts at the back of the school and when this project is completed we should see a great improvement in the standard of basketball in the school.

The school extends its thanks to the many sporting associations which have assisted us with donations of sporting material. Such equipment has been put to good use and is very much appreciated.

Our thanks also are offered to those Officials, Umpires and Administrators who have helped to foster sport in our school; to the Principal, Staff and Students of neighbouring schools and those further afield whom we have engaged in competition.

We are indebted to the many Parents and Friends of the school who have billeted our guests during sporting commitments and to those who offered such warm hospitality to our own students engaged in similar fixtures away from home.

Thanks also to the many parents who have attended our sporting activities and given our boys so much encouragement.

We thank members of Staff who have coached our teams and prepared them for competition.

The following record the achievements of the school in sport during 1967 and 1968, other than those which appear on the Programme.

The following boys were outstanding in sport and were chosen in Newcastle Area Representative Teams.

Open Area Cricket: G. Gilmour, S. Hatherall, G. Valentine, E. Wilkinson, R. Walker, J. Peady.

14 Years Area Cricket: M. Murray, T. Edwards, N. Kellner, N. Davidson.

Open Rugby League: J. Davis, J. Tevillian, P. Briggs, R. Cummings.

8 Stone Rugby League: R. Worth.

Australian Rules: J. Peady, P. Jessop, E. Craney, J. Moore, A. Whiteside, G. Gregory, G. Flynn, G. Honson, P. Graham, G. Duggan, G. Puxty, R. Cleaver, T. Cooper.

Basketball: W. Taggart, W. Donnelly, P. Haines, W. Cropper, P. Idstein, T. Antcliffe.

Athletics: J. Hawkins, R. Walker, S. Reeves, Burgess, S. Goodbar, P. Grivas.

Swimming: G. Blundell, J. Lawrie, B. Taggart.

The following boys were chosen in N.S.W. Teams:

Open C.H.S. Soccer: E. Howell, T. Smyth, R. O'Hearn, R. Shand (1968)

Basketball: Under 16 W. Cropper (1968) Under 18 P. Idstein (1967)

Cricket: Under 14 M. Murray (1968)

Rugby League: Russell Worth (1967) Rugby Union: C.H.S. - J. Davis (1967) State Country

Athletics: John Hawkins U.18 - J. Trevillian & D. Parke (1967)

u.16 - P. Hawkins (1967)

Baseball: State U.18 - G. Gilmour chosen in Australian Team after interstate series

State U.16 Mark Daley & Chris Jensen.

Weightlifting: Neil Allen State Light Heavyweight Champion -

Joe Drzyzga - Middleweight Champion.

Surfing: Greg Price swam 3rd in N.S.W.

State Cadet Surf Race and 4th in Australian Title.