

November 2011 News

The School and Ex-Students' Association were saddened by the passing of **Mr. Geoff McComas** on 10th of September, 2011. He and his brother Warwick attended NHS in the 1930s. Geoff worked in a stockbroker's office and then for the Harbour Trust before going into radio with 3BA Ballarat and then 3DB in Melbourne. A well known announcer, he advanced to Studio Manager and then went into television announcing/news reading (HSV 7), etc. He trained people for media roles via his company Speech Dynamics P/L. He always supported NHS and acted as announcer at two major School jubilee functions (1976 and 1986). He was present at the School late in 2010 for the launch of the School history. He was Captain of Diamond House in 1939.

Vale Geoff!

Ex-students continue to contact the School to renew memories and let us know a little of their life journeys since leaving School;

***The Reverend Dr. Robert Goldstein** attended Princeton, Yale and Abilene (Texas) graduating in Theology. His calling was to the Lutheran Church of America where he served several parishes, key committees and Church agencies. He tutored in Theology at Yale and Princeton. He attended NHS from 1956 to 1960 and is in Melbourne at present.

***Malcolm Edmiston** (1955-56) is a Queensland JP and civil engineer. He has specialized in fire safety and served 21 years with the Royal Australian Army Engineers' Corps, including service in South Vietnam in the late 60s. Much of his later career was with local government and Queensland State Government.

***Joe Franzi** (1973-77) continues to have a distinguished career in the Federal Defence Department. His qualifications in intelligence telecommunications, signals and public sector management have served him well in his latest position as Assistant Secretary Information Security Operations, Defence Signals Directorate. He was the first civilian Director-General, Support for Military Operations, in key conflicts such as Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor.

***Paul Gallichio** (1971-76) has a degree in Business and an MBA. He worked for NAB as program director for NABConnect (online platform) and now for GE Capital Finance. He set up an operations centre for GE to support credit card offerings in Guangzhou, China.

The School and Association congratulate these four men on their achievements and distinguished service in their fields. They certainly have observed their School Motto, **Meliora Sequamur!**

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Aristotle Spencer (Sapountzis) has emailed the School after receiving his copy of *The Green, the Purple and the Gold*. He attended the School from 1960 to 1965 and was Deputy Head Prefect in his final years. He trained as a secondary teacher adding a Master of Education degree from Deakin to his qualifications in 2003. Inspired by his NHS History teacher Mr Itiel Bereson, he devoted most of his career to teaching history and school leadership positions. He has recently retired.

He was disappointed that the History did not say more about the Latin murals in Room 13. It is interesting to note that Aristotle and his classmate, friend Daniel Russo, created the murals as Year 9 boys in late 1962 under the supervision of Latin Teacher, Dr. Kovacs. The fine scenes depicting life and events in ancient Rome are still much admired for their drama and skill. Aristotle remembers working with difficulty but also enjoyment, on scaffolds made of class tables and chairs.

Aristotle believes the School helped to inculcate in him values of hard work, honesty, duty and perseverance.

Vale the Reverend Albert Bayne Mc Pherson , MA (Trinity, University of Melbourne), Th. L. Priest of the Anglican Church. Albert was a student at NHS in the 1950s and passed away very recently. His funeral was at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne on August 26th. He held various senior appointments in the Church including Archdeacon of Melbourne and Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral. From 1970 to 1971 he was an assistant priest at the Episcopalian Cathedral of St. John the Redeemer in New York. After his retirement as Precentor, Albert was Chaplain to the Arts and the Melbourne Arts Centre as well as to the Canterbury Fellowship. His life was one of devoted service to the Church and the community. *Meliora Sequamur!*

The School and Ex-students' Association is saddened to learn of the recent passing of **Neville Garner**, another fine student of the 1950s. Neville was a primary teacher with the Victorian Education Department. He added qualifications from Swinburne University and became a lecturer at the Police Academy (1970-75). He served as Deputy Principal of Collingwood Education Centre (1983), Principal of Spensley Street Primary School (1986) and as a School Support Officer at the now defunct Inner City School Support Centre. In this role he worked directly with his old school. He worked in Curriculum design and professional development, ran for the Seat of Sandringham for the Labor Party, was on the State Council of the Victorian Teachers' Union and travelled to the USA on a Brown Scholarship. His wider interests were skiing, real estate, the Bright Art Gallery and golf. His was a life of service to State Education and the community. He will be sadly missed by friends and former colleagues.
The Ex-students' Association extends condolences to the families of both men.