

**DANEBANK SCHOOL,  
HURSTVILLE.**

The annual break-up party of the Danebank Preparatory School, Hurstville, was held in the Masonic Hall last Friday afternoon. A Christmas tree was provided for the children, and each received a present, in addition to sweets, etc., adults being provided with afternoon tea. A concert programme was provided by the pupils.

In her report to the parents the Principal, Miss Ball, said this Christmas party also celebrated the fourth anniversary of the school. Attached to the school, which was self-supporting, with a fine building and playing grounds and gardens in an ideal situation, was a fully-trained assistant teacher, with visiting mistresses for art, music, elocution, and French. The children's constant visitor and friend was the Rev. G. S. Richmond, who assisted much in the work. At the present time Danebank School only accommodated children up to twelve years of age, a period of important preparatory work. A school should be a place where children learned to live rightly, and with a love for God and their neighbours. Visitors had remarked on the happiness and healthiness of the pupils of the school, and, after all, health and happiness were two essential features. The new education had shifted the emphasis from the school to the child, from mere learning to understanding, thinking, and doing. A small number of children provided this golden opportunity. In order to encourage and bring about an understanding of new education methods a University tutorial class of child psychology was organised, and a series of twenty lectures held at the school during the winter, with an adult membership of 42. These lectures were so much appreciated that another course would commence next March.

Mr. L. S. Roseby presented the prizes as follow:—Form I.: Barbara Thorp, Moya Rau, Anthony Birdsall, John Middleton, Barry Middleton, Form II.: Barbara Shallard, Rosemary Crakanthorp, Yvonne Thorp, John Crawford, John Birdsall. Form III.: Diana Sulman, Patricia Webb.