

Danebank Church of England School

Speech Day at Danebank School took place on Wednesday, December 8, at St. George's Parish Hall, Hurstville. Rev. R. A. Johnson, Th.L., presided and delivered a short address. Girls of the senior choir rendered Offenbach's 'Barcarolle' and a Jacobite folk song, 'The Sky Boat Song.' The Junior choir rendered 'Duck's Dilly' and 'Hunting Song.' The school choir was later heard in the singing of 'White Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night.' An address appropriate for the occasion and one which paid tribute to the high standard of work at the school was delivered by Rev. A. A. Lurgdon, B.A., B.D., Dip. Ed., Dip. R.E. A vote of thanks was moved by Rev. R. F. Gray, B.A., Th.L., at the close of the function.

In her annual report the principal, Mrs. J. Cowell, said the aim of the Diocesan Council and staff was to make Danebank the kind of school which provides for the all-round development of the child, with religious instruction, physical education, team games, clubs, library and classroom instruction, all helping in the work of training the child to be a good citizen in a democratic community. During the first term Miss Hunt's class grew till there were 32 girls in the combined 5th and 6th class, so the council decided to divide the class into two separate classes and appoint a new teacher, Mrs. Rowen. This was a forward step for Danebank, as the two top classes in the primary school now have separate rooms and teachers, giving more opportunity for individual attention. Routine school work proceeded steadily during the year, and sixteen girls completed their education in the primary school and will pass on to the secondary department. Nine girls sat for the External Intermediate Examination, and it was hoped all would be successful. Four girls passed music examinations and, for the first time, candidates sat for Oral French examinations, two girls being successful, having passed the required standard. Sports days and other functions were held during the year, including a queen competition, play afternoon and doll show, barbecue, and fete, all of which proved successful. Mrs. Cowell paid tribute to the staff, the Parents and Friends Association, and all who had helped in the successful year just concluded.

Prizes were presented to the following scholars:—

Divinity: Third Year, Rosemary Davies, Jan Starkey; Second Year, Dianna Craig, Ann Sneddon; First Year, Carol Scrivener, Mildred Jarman; Sixth Class, Ann Roberts; Fifth Class, Margaret Godfrey; Fourth Class, Denise Butler; Third Class, Marilyn Cardon; Second Class, Gillian Beckenham, Sandra Russell.

Third Year: Dux Prize, Jane Dawes; 2nd place, Margo Hurst; History, Veronica Gordon; Geography, Patricia MacMurray; A.R. Barbara, Muriel School; Sports, Jane Dawes.

Second Year: 1st place, Janice Cassidy; 2nd place, Chandra Holcombe; French and Maths, Pamela Middleton.

First Year: 1st place, Mildred Jarman; 2nd place, Dianna Connor; Honour prize, Lynette Goodall.