

Danebank Church of England School

The annual speech day of Danebank Church of England School, Hurstville, was held on Wednesday, December 9, presided over by Rev. R. F. Gray, B.A., Th.L., Rector of the parish. Among the guests were Ven. Archdeacon T. C. Hammond, M.A., Th.D. Girls of the senior choir rendered "Happy Day" (Mendelssohn), and the junior choir sang "Brownie" (A. A. Milne). Other items by the school choir were "Angels Chanting All Around Us" and the Christmas carol "Silent Night."

The annual report was presented by the newly-appointed headmistress, Mrs. J. Cowell, B.A., and disclosed that, during 1953, Danebank had grown in size and importance. The enrolment figure for the year was 139, as compared with 123 in 1952. The growth in the senior school, particularly, was most gratifying. The children have received instruction from a fine staff of teachers, under the guidance of the headmistress until her retirement later on in the year. Many improvements had been made in the school buildings. Members of the Parents and Friends' Association had worked hard all the year to supply the school with much appreciated amenities.

An appropriate address was given by Ven. Archdeacon T. C. Hammond, after which the prizes won during the year were presented. The prize-winners are as follows:

Divinity: Third Year, Margaret Lowe; Second Year, Patricia MacMurray, Veronica Gordon and Jan Starkey special; First Year, Diana Craig; Sixth Class, Mildred Jarman; Fifth Class, Dorothea Hillyer 1, Diana Way and Susan Jones special; Third Year, Jill Peacock (Dux), Margaret Lowe (second prize), Angela Ross (school spirit), Diana Waters and Jill Barden (honour prizes); Second Year, Jennifer Macfarlane 1, Jane Dawes 2, Olwyn Lowe (art prize); First Year, Sybil Waters 1, Janice Casady 2, Sandra MacIntosh (honour prize), Anne Sneddon (art prize); Sixth Class, Mildred Jarman 1, Carol Scrivener 2, Sue King (honour prize); Fifth Class, Jill Crothers 1, Pamela Hedgecock 2, Robin Wallace (art prize), Dale Hicker (improvement), Anne Dixon (consistent effort); Fourth Class, Peta Bolton 1, Janice Turbill 2, Carol Garratt (honour prize); Gillian Livermore (improvement), Irene Martin (homework prize), Nanette Nicol (homework prize); Third Class, Denise Butler 1, Lynne Bryant 2, Lesley Stockbridge (scripture); Upper Second Class, Gail Holmes 1; Second Class, Claire Geissler 1, Elizabeth Edwards (honour prize); First Class, Lesley Garratt 1, Lynette Elder and Judith Fulford (honour prizes); Kindergarten, Vicki Cole, Bronwyn Morris, David Martin, and Peter Stapela (honour prizes). The school championship tennis tournament cup was won by Margaret Lowe. Inter-house competition, Richmond House. Tennis awards were: Olwyn Lowe and Judith Elphick 1, Angela Ross and Julie Morgan 2. Physical culture prizes (senior division), Angela Ross 1, Marge Hurst 2, Diana Waters and Margaret Lowe 3, Jan Starkey, Sandra

honourable mention; Middle School, Marcia Turner 1, Delma Rohan 2, Carol Scrivener and Nanette Nicol 3, Diana Way, Mildred Jarman, Denise Barr, Diana Pakes, Jill Crothers, and Carol Garratt, honourable mention; Junior School, Leonie Talby 1, Karen Wolfe 2, Gail Holmes 3, Gillian Beckenham, Jay Stalker, and Patricia Jordan, honourable mention. A vote of thanks was moved by Rev. R. F. Gray to all who had assisted in the function.

Wallace, and Sybil Waters, honourable mention; Middle School, Marcia Turner 1, Delma