

Burnt Bridge News

SCHOOL'S CONCERT, PRIZE GIVING.

Burnt Bridge Aboriginal School, which has an enrolment of about 100 pupils, held its annual concert and prizegiving function recently, when over 200 people were in attendance, under the Chairmanship of the Headmaster, Mr. M. A. Perrin.

The pupils provided a very entertaining programme including "The Old Man," a humorous action song by the infants; the playlet, "The Three Bears," and a number of happy songs.

Second and Third classes contributed a play, "Magic Slippers," songs and folk dancing.

The senior children's contribution included the play "Aga Boo," several songs, and a sea chanty, "The Mermaid," to the delight of all present.

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ADVICE TO CHILDREN.

Mr. Perrin, in a brief address to the parents and children, urged that as many children as possible go on to High School to further their education.

Mr. Perrin thanked the P. and C. members for their assistance in organising the function and the staff for their co-operation.

Mr. Perrin commended the children on the winning efforts at Kempsey Eisteddfod and in football competitions, and said that there might be a future Olympic champion in their midst.

Mr. N. R. Luschwitz, Manager of Burnt Bridge Station, urged the parents to support their school and to send their children regularly. On behalf of the people of Burnt Bridge he thanked Mr. Perrin and the school staff for their work during the year.

Mrs. Norton, whose husband is District Aboriginal Welfare Officer, presented prizes to children first in their classes as follows:—

Kindergarten, C. Bradshaw and Sam Davis; second class, Michael Kelly; third class, Bet Kelly; 4B, D. Quinlan; 4A, D. Thompson; 5th, Robert Campbell; 6th, A. Thompson; Sewing, H. Thompson, B. Jarret, E. Campbell, M. Quinlan; Manual work, P. Silva; Music, P. Morris; Improvement, P. Smith; Attendance, R. Gray and D. Thompson.

Pennants were presented to the 5st. 7 lb. football team, which won the interdistrict Knockout Competition held at Kempsey and Coff's Harbour.

A happy dance followed the presentations.

WALLAGA LAKE

The Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree was held at Wallaga Lake on Saturday the 15th December, 1956, when 50 children received gifts and sweets, etc., from our old friend Santa Claus. Some of the younger children who met the snowy bearded old gentleman for the first time didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Many decided to cry. However, before the afternoon was over most of the tear-stained faces gave way to smiles as Santa produced many nice toys and sweets from his big bag, which were followed by soft drinks, ice cream, sandwiches and cakes.

The huge pine Christmas tree reached from floor to ceiling of the Recreation Hall and was gaily decorated with coloured electric lights, artificial snow and many of the toys.

A great number of parents and adult visitors, too, decided to have a look at Santa bringing joy and cheer to the children yet another year when, apart from the gaiety of the occasion, most of us remember the true significance of Christmas.

It was pleasing to note that a number of visitors from Bega, Tilba Tilba and Central Tilba were present.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Bega Committee, who worked so hard with the Management to make the Party a success, and also supplied the lovely things to eat at supper time.

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This pretty little lass with the mighty dog is Shirley Simon of Waratah.