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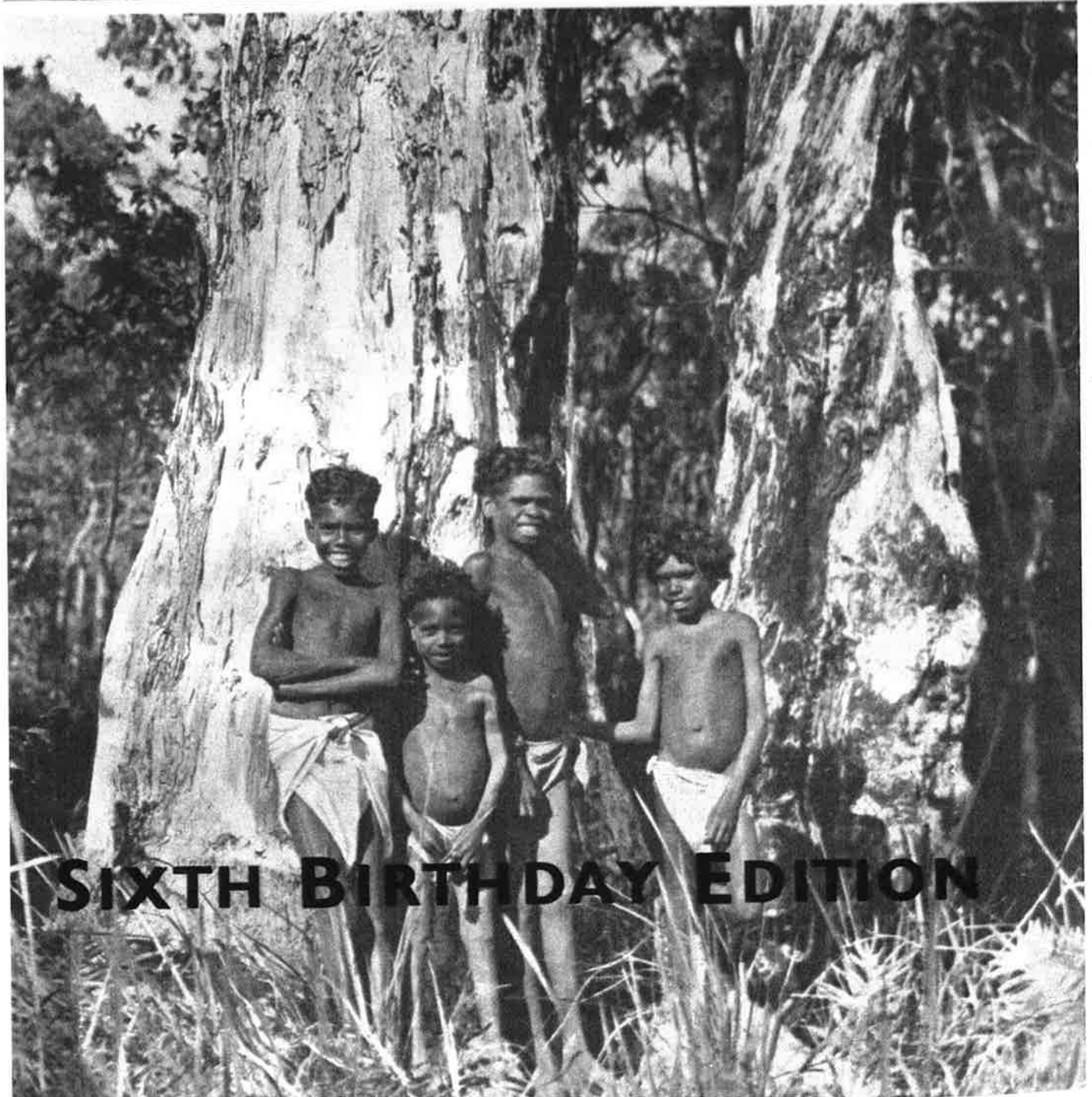
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SIXTH BIRTHDAY EDITION

CHRISTMAS TREE AT WRECK BAY

The Annual Christmas Tree and Presentation of Prizes at the Wreck Bay School was held at the Station Hall on Wednesday, 11th December.

Guests of the school included Lieutenant-Commander J. Nicholas, R.A.N., and Mrs. Nicholas, of the Royal Australian Naval College, Jervis Bay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Heaney, Station Manager, Mr. N. Lawson, Manager of Roscby Park Station, Mrs. E. Hill, wife of the Headmaster of Jervis Bay School, and Mrs. J. Gersback, the Headmaster's wife.

Proceedings started with a concert. Opening item was the School Choir, conducted by Mr. J. Wright, singing Po Kara Kara Ana, Maori Canoe Song, and I Got a Robe. Then came the Lower Division Percussion Band. The Upper Division gave an exhibition of Folk and Square Dancing. Highlight of the concert was the Puppet Play—the Valiant Knight. The Lower Division then delighted with some dancing, and the concert concluded with the choir singing Christmas Carols.

Following the concert the school prizes were presented by Mrs. J. Nicholas. The list of prize winners is given below.

A Christmas Tree wouldn't be a Christmas Tree without Santa, and great excitement prevailed as Santa entered the hall, with two huge bags, to the accompaniment of "Jingle Bells". Every child on the Station received a very nice present.

To conclude, the children were all given ice cream, fruit, sandwiches, cake and cool drink. Everybody agreed that it had been a wonderful afternoon.

PRIZE LIST

- 6th Class: 1st Place: Ken Ardler.
Most Improved: Colleen Moore.
Neatness: Phyllis McLeod.
- 5th Class: 1st Place: Patsy McLeod.
- 4th Class: 1st Place: Elaine Ardler.
Most Improved: Chris Bloxsome.
Neatness: Isaac McLeod.
- 3rd Class: 1st Place: Patsy Brown.
Most Improved: Eric Ardler.
Neatness: Larry Ardler.
- Sewing: Faith Ardler.
- 2nd Class: 1st Place: David McLeod.
Most Improved: Joy Jarrett.
Neatness: David McLeod.
- 1st Class: 1st Place: Colin Moore.
Most Improved: Dawn Brown.
Neatness: Robert Chapman.
- Kindergarten: Best Boy: James Mundy.
Best Girl: Mary Moore.

The Headmaster, Mr. J. Gersback, thanked all parents for their support during the year, and particularly for the wonderful way all children were dressed for the concert. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Heaney and Mrs. Hill.

At the conclusion of the afternoon Mrs. Heaney served a tasty afternoon tea to all the guests.

SANTA CLAUS AT WELLINGTON

Nanima Aboriginal School, Wellington, was the scene of a fine Christmas Party on Saturday, 7th December. The arrangements were in the hands of a committee of citizens of the town who have displayed keen interest in the Nanima School over the last six years. About 2.30 p.m. the Party opened with entertainment provided by the school children. This followed afternoon tea for the children, with plenty of cakes, sweets and drinks for all. Santa Claus arrived by car, and was greeted with loud cheers; he distributed presents from the Christmas tree. After Santa left, there were icecreams and more drinks, and everyone went home feeling most satisfied that the party had been a success.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Brewarrina Function

A total number of 75 children from the Reserve and from the town attended for the service which was conducted by Mrs. Dunbar. A number of parents of the children together with the white members of the church did really fill the church hall to capacity.

With Sister Ethel Hellier at the organ, hymns were sung by the children led by Sister Lorna Latimer. The kindergarten also sang under the direction of Miss Mary Symes. All the children sang very well indeed.

The lesson was read by Mr. Gordon Osmond, a teacher at the Public School in Brewarrina. The address given by Mrs. Dunbar was cleverly stressed with the aid of a bright box of soldiers and the national flag. The colours in the flag were interpreted to mean Red for courage, White for purity, and Blue for loyalty.

The offering of the week was collected by Miss Dawn Morris and Master John Black.

The presentation of the prizes was by Miss Mary Symes, who has devoted many of her Sundays to the cause of the children for a long time. However, Miss Symes is leaving Brewarrina shortly and she and her good work will be greatly missed by the children and the Sisters alike, who are kept very busy in their daily work throughout the district of Brewarrina. Nevertheless I am sure that we all wish Miss Symes good luck in her new appointment.

A list of prizewinners is as follows:—Junior department, Joy Hardy 1st, Sandra Gordon 2nd and Kay Williams 3rd. In the Primary department, Joan Fazeldene 1st, Barry Hardy 2nd and Stephen Gordon and Roley Frail both 3rd. In the Intermediate, Mary Black and Dawn Morris were 1st.

How often can stray drips of cream from the cream jug ruin a clean tablecloth or dress. To prevent this, rub a small amount of butter, dripping or margarine on the spout of the jug. The drips of cream will not pass this rim, and will fall back into the jug.