

DIARY: 1962

[Copied from the diary given to me by Kartini with the note:

To Rex

with much love and best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

... Kartini

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JANUARY

10 Wed

Very hot trip back [to Wellington] in the railcar today. Our wing in the BI was shambles when I arrived. After unpacking I went to pick up Alf's car but it wasn't there. Kartini rang me up in the evening.

11 Thurs

Overcast first thing but soon cleared. Made my lunch then took a train out to Epunie. Met Kartini at the Hutt hospital and we took a train to Petone then a bus to Day's Bay. Came back at 1.30 pm as she had to be on duty at 2.30 pm. Matron discovered Alf's car in the side street. Finished writing my thesis and took it up to Mrs Perfect in the evening.

12 Fri

Overcast and very windy today. Took Alf's car today. We went for a ride out to Eastbourne then Day's Bay and had a lunch at Percy's Reserve. Cleared up a little then. Took back the wrong Christmas extras sent to us. Booked cinema seats for tomorrow night. Recommenced weight training this evening. Bought a bottle of flavouring and made some fruit drink.

13 Sat

Raining very hard all day. 'Slept' in the morning and after dinner then borrowed Alf's car to pick up Kartini and showed her the airport and around Wellington. We made our own tea then saw "Parent trap"; quite funny. On the way back to her hospital we ran through a big puddle which stalled the engine and mucked up the starter. Got home OK though.

14 Sun

Went to St Stephen's church Lower Hutt with Kartini and Lyn. Car was started afterwards by a passing breakdown truck. Kartini and I had dinner at the [hospital] hostel, talked then had a look over the museum. It cleared up and stopped raining in the afternoon. Went to church in the evening then showed Kartini the lights of Wellington. The car's fan belt was slipping and

we just got back to Lower Hutt. The car stalled when I got back and an Indian chap shifted his to get mine in to park.

15 Mon

Started painting the games room. Went down to the Standard Garage to see about Alf's car and eventually took it around the corner after lunch. Very fine day. Kartini rang me up when she came off duty and informed me that she at an N.C.F. meeting in the evening. Mrs Perfect finished my thesis typing and it took us three hours to check and correct it this evening.

16 Tues

Did weight training after seeing about Alf's Car. Ron called in the afternoon to get some notes for his thesis. Did more painting today. Intended to start writing up the remainder of my thesis but never got round to it.

17 Wed

Overcast in the morning but turned out fine in the afternoon. Alf's car battery was recharged today. Kartini and I spent the morning out at Akatawara; pretty good but it was cold swimming in the Hutt river. A man from Berger Paints called in in the afternoon. We had to cancel our water polo [?practice] for tonight. Eddie came here for a swim and spent the rest of the evening here.

18 Thurs

Very fine today. Painted nearly all day. Sunbathed at lunch time. In the evening, I started filling in all the extras in my thesis – a slow job.

19 Fri

Wt training in the morning. Went out to Cook's place after tea. Kartini and I just walked round the shopping area of Lower Hutt in the evening.

20 Sat

Ron, Eddie and myself went for a ride to Eastbourne then for a walk to Butterfly Creek and back. Kartini and Lyn came to Cook's for tea (which Eddie and I made) then we all went skating but the rinks weren't open so we went for a walk along the Petone foreshore. Took Alf's car back to Wellington in the afternoon.

21 Sun

Ron was speaking at church in the morning when Kartini and I went. Just 'slept' in the afternoon. Overnight at Ron's place; talked with him in the evening then went to bed 'early' (11

pm). At 3 am next morning we had to patch up a window which had been blown out by the wind.

22 Mon

Had breakfast at 11 am. It was raining hard. Played a game of 'supremacy' (similar to Monopoly) in the afternoon then saw "Tammy tell me true" at Petone. Went for a walk after this.

23 Tues

Got up at 10.30 am. Came back to Wellington by train. Painted all afternoon. Worked on my thesis all evening. A very fine day today.

24 Wed

Kartini and I spent the morning at Day's Bay. Continued painting in the afternoon. After tea, I took Alf's car to Naenae to pick up Colin to bring him in back for water polo which we lost 6-3 to Marist. Did thesis work for the rest of the evening. Eddie called in for a while too.

25 Thurs

Felt crook after wt training in the morning. Saw the bookbinders about my thesis today. We made up a foursome in the evening and saw the movie "Dentist on the job" which I had seen before.



26 Fri

Didn't get up for breakfast. Slept in till 10 am then worked on my thesis until lunchtime. Painted in the afternoon though I never felt like it and completed writing up my thesis in the evening. Listened to the National Orchestra Proms concert on my radio.

27 Sat

Hot day today. In the morning, I cut branches off trees for a couple of old women. Still felt crook today. Went out to Cook's early to help in preparations for the party. A good party too; finished at midnight. I eventually got home at 3 am. [Peter] Snell broke the world mile record at Wanganui tonight.

28 Sun

Very hot (81°F). K and I went to Wellington South [church] in the morning then had dinner at the hostel. She had to work in the afternoon. Last evening at church in Wellington tonight.

29 Mon

Took my thesis to the bookbinders in the morning. Painted all the afternoon and most of the evening – seven hours all together.

30 Tues

Finished painting the social room today. Picked up the needle from WRC.

31 Wed

Rained again today just as it has done every other day. Kartini had day off. We went to Butterfly Creek for the day. Good fun too. Lost out game of water polo 3-0 against Lyall Bay in the evening. Had to walk home as Alf was going to the movies.

FEBRUARY

1 Thurs

Did 101 little odd jobs today. Got my thesis back from the bookbinders in the morning. Spent the rest of the morning packing. Took my two suitcases to the railway station and checked them to Christchurch then took my theses up to varsity. Kartini and I went for a walk along Oriental Bay in the evening. Bought some very good fish and chips on the way home.

2 Fri

Went to bed for a couple of hours after breakfast then did some wt training. Got the BI fish (?) and booked a table at the James Smiths' restaurant in the afternoon. Had dinner with Kartini at James Smiths at 5.30 pm. The ferry left at 8 pm with Ron and I aboard. Had supper with Bartha [Kartini's older sister] and her friend. Went to bed in my cabin at about 10.45 pm.

3 Sat

'Woke up' at 6 am and the ferry tied up 40 minutes later in Lyttelton. Took the train into Christchurch then a taxi (8/6) to Adcocks (where I was to board) where I had breakfast. Ron and I saw [Peter] Snell break two world records [in the one race – 800 m and 800 yd] at Lancaster Park in the afternoon. Watched TV for 2½ hours in the evening then went to bed and slept soundly.

[Peter Snell came to Lancaster Park fresh from his world mile record at Wanganui, to race two top Americans, Jim Dupree and John Bork, over 880 yards. The result entered sports legend – an 800 time of 1:44.3 (1.4 s under the world record) and 880 of 1:45.1 (1.7 s under the world record). That was on grass, remember. His 800 m record remains the fastest ever run over that distance on a grass track, and is also the oldest national record recognized by the IAAF for a standard track and field event.]

4 Sun

Went to Moorhouse Ave church in the morning. In the afternoon Ron and I went for a short 'sightseeing' trip with his hostess – drove to the airport then through Papanui and the town. Mr Gumbo and the Kirbys were at church in the evening and there was also an after-church meeting. Met Lesley O'Kane in the evening too.

5 Mon

Slept in a bit in the morning. Went into town and bought a map of Christchurch. Visited Bob O'Kane [family from Gisborne now in Christchurch] at the YMCA for an hour. Rested in the afternoon then 'played' Adcock's piano. It rained in the evening and was very cold. Watched TV most of the night.

6 Tues

First day at Training college. Had an assembly at 9.30 then just listened to a lot of 'guff' for the rest of the morning. Filled in various forms in the afternoon and was free at 2 pm. Watched more TV in the evening. [Extra diary note: Run along Memorial Ave and back - 35 min]

7 Wed

Had 'lectures' today. Best was one on English grammar of all things. Had a chest X-ray in town when we got off at 2 pm. Went for a 5 mile (nearly) run out to the airport and back (32 min) after I arrived home. Wrote a couple of letters in the evening and so didn't watch much TV.

8 Thurs

Went for a 'stroll' with Ron around Hagley Park at lunch time. Had an assembly in the afternoon. Got home about 4.15 pm then went for a run (29 min). Felt very tired in the evening.

9 Fri

Nothing much happened today. Went for a walk down town to see about getting certain government publications.

10 Sat

Saw a Comet II arrive in the morning. Bill Penny was swimming Cook Strait at this time – he later failed by ½ mile. Ron, Neil and I went out to New Brighton beach in the afternoon – water was quite cold.

11 Sun

After church in the morning we went and had a look at the prize-winning street in the competition. Ron and I went for a ride to and a walk through the botanical gardens in the afternoon. Had tea at church then Bible class. After church had a cup of coffee in the youth group's coffee bar.

12 Mon

Rained quite hard in the evening. Went and saw about getting my bank account changed. Did some training in the Division A assembly hall after T.C. had finished. A chartered plane going to Milford Sound was lost today.

13 Tues

Rained hard most of the day. Were supposed to have gone for a swim in the afternoon but didn't. Got our first pay today. Managed to get a run in when the weather had cleared up a bit (28 min).

14 Wed

Rained all day today. Had an assembly with Div A in the morning when some chap from the Education Board spoke. Were divided into our various sports classes in the afternoon. We had another workout in the gym after college had finished.

15 Thurs

Cold and wet again today so couldn't go for a swim. Had assembly straight after lunch today where we discussed Div C union remaining separate from the rest of T.C.

16 Fri

Rained hard in the morning but cleared later. Got the two photos from Kartini today. Went for another run today too (27.5 min). Got my bank account finally changed today.

17 Sat

Fine day today – first time for a week. Slept in till about 9 am. In the afternoon, I watched Geoff recording on his tapes for his 'tape-pals'. Went for a run in the afternoon (27 min). Stayed at home in the evening.

18 Sun

Fine warm day all day. Went out to Brighton beach in the afternoon but just sunbathed as I thought I was going to get a cold. Never went to church in the evening either as Geoff was late in arriving home.

19 Mon

Had P.T. at T.C. today; learnt and played volleyball. Had an interview in the afternoon about our varsity work and payment of bursary, etc. [Run 27 ¼ min]

20 Tues

Enrolled in Education I in the morning and in two Dip. Ed. subjects in the afternoon. Overcast today but had our swim in out P.T. period. [Run 25 ½ min]

21 Wed

NZ won the final cricket test against SA thus squaring the series.

Colonel John Glenn successfully orbited the Earth this morning

[February 20, US date]. Took my form for a permit back to the P.O.

Saw John Todd [former Gisborne classmate, doing engineering at CU]

also. Didn't appear to have athletics today so Ron and I trained in the

T.C. hall instead. Went for a run round ½ of Hagley Park (20 min).



22 Thurs

Started our field study of the Avon [river]. Had to wade through it collecting samples.

Ordinary routine otherwise. [Run 26 ½ min – tired today]

23 Fri

Very hot day today (86°F). Went to see about buying second-hand book from SCM [Students Christian Movement] but they were all too expensive. Had a haircut after T.C. and bought some books for varsity too. Played volleyball before our last period in the afternoon.

24 Sat

Watched the floral procession for the festival in the morning. Had a run in the afternoon (25 ½ min).

25 Sun

Read and served at church in the morning. Not as bad as I thought it would have been. Had Bible class in the afternoon. Had choir practice after church.

26 Mon

Had swimming today instead of tomorrow; had to hire a pair of togs as I forgot to take mine.

Collected my bike from the [railway] station at lunch time. Turned out really hot in the

afternoon. Fixed up my bike lamp in the evening – had a dirty terminal, that's all. [Run 26 min]

27 Tues

Rode to T.C. today. Did training at T.C. today. Had our first varsity lecture; found the correct room eventually after having burst in on another lecture.

28 Wed

Had a talk during assembly time on blackboard writing. Had athletics at Rugby Park during the sports' period. Statistical Education 'practical' then Education I again in the evening. Enrolled for indoor basketball at varsity today too.

MARCH

1 Thurs

Fine weather predicted but rained. Another three hours of lectures today. Didn't do much work after I got home.

2 Fri

Enrolled for gym classes at varsity today. Practised choir pieces on the piano when I arrived home. Did more work on my survey and essay in the evening.

3 Sat

Went down with Geoff and Greg in the car to Lyttelton to meet Kartini. Went to the picnic at Woodend for most of the day; didn't go for a swim at the beach though it was a hot fine day. We went and saw a comedy (semi-horror). "What a carve (?) up" in the evening. Had coffee with Kashmir coffee house.

4 Sun

Rained very hard in the morning. Took Kartini to church in the morning. Went to the varsity church service then the museum in the afternoon. Had tea at Bible class in the evening. Sang my first hymn in the choir during the service. Weather cleared later on in the evening. Had to walk home ($\frac{3}{4}$ hour) as all the buses had gone.

5 Mon

'Wagged' the first period of T.C, and saw Kartini off. Mr Dugdale [Mathematics tutor] never noticed my absence when he bumped into me later on. Went to a varsity class for wt training at lunch time. Had a very good swim today too. Trials for basketball teams were held today in the varsity gym after tea. Worked on my field survey the rest of the evening.

6 Tues

Ron and I went to a keep-fit class then did some target training at lunch time. Ate our lunch in Education I lecture afterwards. Went to the public library to see about games for Saturday night's Bar-B-Q. Went to the first meeting for preaching in the evening.

7 Wed

Had a combined assembly when a chap from Consumer Service talked to us. Turned up for athletics but some school was having their sports. Collected 5/- BPOs [British Postal Orders] today for my M.Sc. gown for graduation in Wellington at end of term. Had 1 ½ hours basketball practice after lectures. Rained fairly hard on the way home.

8 Thurs

Collected more 5/- BPOs but then got in contact with a lady from whom I could get plenty without having to visit any more P.O.s. Did more target training today. Got quite wet riding home tonight.

9 Fri

Cleared up for most of the day. Got the rest of the BPOs. Did the 'standard' target training today – 22 ½ minutes. Saw Bob O'Kane at work in the afternoon and went out to their place in the evening to see about games for tomorrow.

10 Sat

Slept in a bit in the morning. Later on, Geoff and I went out to Hibburt Park to work. Had a barbecue in the evening and a bit of a social. 'Ferried' everyone back to Shirley [Christchurch suburb] then came home.

11 Sun

Wrote a letter to Joshua Taylor (with enclosed BPOs) in the afternoon to order an M.Sc. gown. Had another choir practice after church. Wrote a letter to Esme Tomblason today too. [Why? She was the MP for Gisborne.]

12 Mon

Fine morning but rained on my way home. Got posted to our first 'section' [teaching practice] schools – me to Burnside High School. Spent most of the evening writing up my Education I essay.

13 Tues

Did the standard target training with Ron at lunch time. Had another swim in the Centennial Pool today. Second sermon constructing class today.

14 Wed

Drizzled a bit during the day then cleared up. During assembly had a piano recital by Peter Cooper; quite good. Didn't have sport today; nobody turned up for some reason or other.

15 Thurs

Had executive elections today. During assembly this afternoon there was a commemorative service for a past member of the staff and a lectern was presented to the college. Very cold in the evening.

16 Fri

Cold morning but a warm day. Joined the keep fit class today. Saw the RNZN gymnast team giving a display at 1 pm. As Mr Dugdale was away, most of our group came and watched too. Went down to Lane, Walker Rudkin Ltd and bought myself a suit then went for a long bike ride up through Riccarton and Ilam.

17 Sat

Sunbathed at 'home' in the morning as it was really hot. Went for a 30-mile bike ride down to Rolleston and back. Stayed at home, watched a bit of TV in the evening.

18 Sun

Biked to church as Mrs Adcock has sold the car. Had a service at Linwood in the afternoon to welcome back Mark Wendelborn from the USA. Had an official welcome after church in the evening.

19 Mon

Very warm day today. Went down to the WRC and got my 'Eroica' Symphony [record]. More wt training at lunch time. Had out first tutorial of the year at 4 pm. Quite interesting too. Had a choir practice in the evening also.

20 Tues

Very hot today (83°F). Went to a keep fit class then did target training, and it was tough. Had a swim in the afternoon during out PE period. Beautiful clear full-moon evening tonight. Mr Gross spoke at the lay-preachers' class tonight.

21 Wed

Cold and drizzly today. 'Lobs' (?) O'Brien turned up at T.C. today. Had a talk about 'Tobacco and alcohol' this morning during assembly. Too wet for sports. Had AGM for basketball club after the practice in the evening. Went till 12.15 am before going to bed.

22 Thurs

Pretty warm today too. Got my mystery envelope 2/- brush today.

23 Fri

Got the parcel containing my pullover and new shirt today. Intended going to bed early because of my getting up early tomorrow morning. Did get to bed a little earlier. Wrote a letter to Alf today.

24 Sat

Woke up at 5.50 am went to O.Kanes. Bob and I drove to Lyttelton to meet Bruce. Had breakfast at O'Kanes. Had a 'game' of basketball later in the morning. Had dinner at O'Kanes. Present of a cardigan arrived from Kartini too. Had the church tea at 5 pm (2/6) and afterwards we watched the Harewood Church of Christ [later renamed Bishopdale C of C] concert and it was pretty good. Ron and I never went to the Group M party. Bruce and I went to the airport in the afternoon.

25 Sun

Served in Geoff's place at church in the morning. Went to O'Kanes in the afternoon for tea. Got a toll call from Wellington from Kartini in the evening after I came home from choir practice.

26 Mon

Nice fine day again (my birthday too). Wore the jersey Kartini knitted for me to T.C. today. Continued my second essay throughout the day and night. Got a reply from Joshua Taylor Ltd today saying my gown was on its way.

27 Tues

Had a medical exam at varsity in the morning. Had our last swim in the Centennial Pool. Our pay cheques hadn't arrived in time either. Preachers' class was at St Albans tonight instead of Moorhouse Ave.

28 Wed

Had a talk by Dr Moffat on yoga during assembly this morning. Had a student meeting regarding the unofficial 'strike' yesterday and some of the reports in the paper. Started our Education I practical classes properly today.

29 Thurs

Very warm today. Felt very tired during target training at lunch time. Got our field studies in General Science back this afternoon. Had a 'free' afternoon tea in town; one of my mystery envelope's prizes.

30 Fri

Last day at T.C. for this term. My bike packed up on the way to T.C. this morning. Ron and I discussed the sports and games for tomorrow at lunch time. Tried to fix my bike when I got home. Spent most of the evening planning the games for tomorrow afternoon.

31 Sat

Overcast in the morning – very surprised. Clive and I left at 7.45 am for Hibburt Park. Had three hours of study that morning. I ran the outside games in the afternoon which included a swim at the beach for me and a few others. Ron ran the evening programme. Got to bed at about 11.30 pm but never got any sleep.

APRIL

1 Sun

The girls visited our dorm very early in the morning. Had a service in the YWCA next door at 9.30 am. Packed up and cleaned up in the afternoon. Neil brought us back. Dr Coulter spoke at the evening service. Was very tired that night and felt a bit crook too.

2 Mon

First day at Burnside High School. The head showed us around for the first two periods then we just observed for the rest of the day. Got my first Education I essay back during tutorial this afternoon.

3 Tues

Had a third form class all day today. Had a visit from Ron after school. Had our first game of basketball this evening; we lost to 'Rex B' 25-21 (4 points for me).

4 Wed

Fourth form today – 4PC2. Arranging winter sports in the afternoon; went up to Burnside Park with the Rugby squad. Got our IQ boxes at varsity today.

5 Thurs

Started our permanent timetable today. Only went to half of Education I lecture today due to choir practice at 7.30 pm.

6 Fri

The chap from AMP had a talk with me after school and then took me down to varsity where I got a couple of library books which should help me with my Education I essay. Went for a run in the evening – firstly down to the PO where I posted a letter to VUW re capping.

7 Sat

Nice fine day when I got up but this soon turned into a cold wet day. Had to work all day – writing up my section [teaching practice] book all day and my Education I essay in the evening. Went for a run in the evening again (27 minutes). Got a telegram from Esme re M.Sc. gown.

8 Sun

Went to Harewood church with Clive in the morning. Bruce wasn't there; he had shifted to the YMCA in town. Had to be early for Bible Class tea as was 'on duty'. Two Aussie girls were at church on Sunday visiting NZ for seven months.

9 Mon

Taught my very first lesson today – could have been worse I suppose. Rang Bruce in the evening. [Run – 26 ¼ minutes]

10 Tues

Gave 5P2 the lesson that I taught yesterday. Rained quite hard in the morning and looked really black in the afternoon but it didn't rain heavily. Missed the bus to take me to basketball by about ½ minute and so I came back and did work which needed to be done.

11 Wed

Had one Maths lesson to give in the afternoon. My bike appeared to get three punctures at varsity today. Had to push it home. Spent the rest of the evening preparing tomorrow's lessons.

12 Thurs

Fixed the third of my rear tube this morning. Found I had to take all today's classes for Mr Fitzgerald; still took my original four planned lessons though. Sleeping bag arrived today.

13 Fri

Quite warm today. Teaching all day today too. Went for a different run today – down Glenderry Rd – Wairaeke Rd – Greers Rd (27 ½ minutes).

14 Sat

Worked all day. Did an IQ test in the morning. Started writing out my third essay in the afternoon. Geoff and I went to Clive's 21st [birthday' party] at the church lounge in the evening. It was very wet when we come home.

15 Sun

Rained hard and was cold all day. Rode to church on my bike in the morning and got a ride home afterwards. Had a service at Langford House in the afternoon; pretty good too. Had our Easter choir service this evening. Got a ride home.

16 Mon

Very cold again (44°F). Had four free periods at school today; only taught twice. Had a tutorial at 4 pm. Swotted in the evening for Wednesday's Education I exam.

17 Tues

Fine day today at last. Only taught once today – 5L1 Algebra. Biked over to Aranui stadium and back for basketball – took about 37 minutes each way. We lost to Wigram 40-22.

18 Wed

Fine and warm today. Just taught once today – 5P1 Maths. Had a meeting with Mr Cross after school. Tested a young boy (11-yr old) for his IQ; tested with Helen Dewar. Quite good fun doing these IQ tests. Had an Education I exam after that.

[Fri – Mon: Away at an Easter camp in Nelson or was it Dunedin?]

24 Tues

Back at Burnside High School again. Didn't feel the best though. Took my IQ test into Dr Small on the way to varsity.

25 Wed

Woke up at about 9.30 am and got up at 11.45 am having had breakfast in bed. Did my IQ writing up during the afternoon and lesson preparation in the evening.

26 Thurs

Had Wednesday's timetable at school so only had to teach once. Got back Dr Small's question in last week's exam. Got a reply from VUW re gown and hood. Also a telegram from Kartini.

27 Fri

Drizzled in the afternoon. Taught five times today. Had a haircut at the local barber's this evening. Wrote up my 'criticism' [visit by tutor] lesson for Monday.

28 Sat

Worked all day again catching up on past weeks.

29 Sun

Low cloud all day. Called round at O'Kanes in the afternoon to check about going there after the holidays. Had the conference meeting after church today. Airport was closed for most of the day.

30 Mon

Had my 'criticism' lesson today; not 100% pleased with it. Wrote some of my Education I essay in the evening. Played table tennis after school on the stage.

MAY

1 Tues

Not quite as foggy today. Took 5L1 for the last time today. Actually handed in my fourth Education I essay on time. Rode out to Aranui stadium for basketball and lost to Varsity A 47-30 (I got 5 points). Thick fog on the way back.

[Holiday period. To Wellington for capping ceremony. Then to Gisborne.]

28 Mon

Drizzled throughout the day and poured in the evening. Set up a General Science experiment at Teachers' College today. Collected my gown and hood which had arrived on May 11th. First tutorial of the term today too.

[Does that mean that I had no gown for the capping ceremony in Wellington??? Perhaps that is why I had to contact VUW.]

29 Tues

Overcast today. Went for a run at 7 am even though I felt a little bit crook (30 minutes). Played cards all lunch time today. Came home after TC and finally got my bicycle going again.

Rode to the lecture and also to basketball that evening; we lost 30-11 against Rex A. Ogiers were visitors in the evening.

30 Wed

Only had one period of work at TC. At 10.30 am we watched the Southern Comedy Players Trio perform and they were pretty good. Had basketball practice for TC sport. Ron, Jean and I went to a Quaker meeting at lunchtime. Rained quite hard during the evening. Wrote up an essay due in tomorrow. [Run 27 ¼ minutes.]

31 Thurs

Rained steadily and hard all day. Didn't go for a run today. Did target training – 21 minutes.

JUNE

1 Fri

At 1 pm had a lecture in the varsity hall on the Rudolf Steiner education system. Gave a Binet test to a Burnside High pupil in the evening.

2 Sat

Wrote a varsity essay in the morning. Robyn [O'Kane] had a birthday party in the afternoon and it was quite a party too. Went for a run in the evening (25 minutes).

3 Sun

Held a service at Langford House in the afternoon. Bought some fish and chips for tea.

4 Mon

Queen's Birthday [holiday]. Went out to Arthur's Pass for a special excursion trip. Rained in the hills and up to the waterfalls included wading through icy streams. Quite a rabble in the train though.

5 Tues

Thick fog in the evening. Lost our game of basketball to B.G.H. by 31-27.

6 Wed

Finally got around to paying my examination fees today. Played basketball for sport in the afternoon.

7 Thurs

Had target training again today. Assembly at TC was in the first afternoon period instead of the usual last; this caused much confusion for the next two periods. Went to Morrison's for choir practice after varsity.

8 Fri

Bought myself a study desk for 25/- today. Went to wt training after TC. Swotted all evening for exam in just under two weeks.

9 Sat

Fine warm day. Swotted most of the day. Went to Marylin Jones' (?) place for a house party in the evening.

10 Sun

Fine warm day today. BC tea followed by Decision Sunday service where there were 10-15 decisions.

11 Mon

Did some weight training at lunch time. Baby sat in the evening while Bob and Lesley went out.

12 Tues

Rained today. Had two periods of gymnasium at TC today. Got a haircut too. Lost to Wigram 41-16 after leading by 13-11 at half time.

13 Wed

A chap from the Soviet Embassy spoke to us during the TC assembly. Called in at Wesleyhaven at lunch time. Had TC sport in the afternoon and the usual basketball practice in the evening.

14 Thurs

Rained quite a bit today. Got our section postings – Riccarton High for me.

15 Fri

Fine day today. Played 'soccer' in the quad at TC between lectures. Ron and I went for a walk at lunch time. Did wt training in the afternoon.

16 Sat

Fine. Swotted all day. Went for a run just before dinner (25 minutes).

17 Sun

Fine. Was 25 minutes late for BC today. A special GLB service in the evening . John Bashcomb didn't visit our coffee bar in the evening either. When I got home we talked until 12 pm on such things as insurance, pre-destination, etc.

18 Mon

Rained later in the afternoon. Wt training again at lunch time.

19 Tues

Fine and warm all day. We were on morning tea duty today. However, there was no third period as a token of remembrance for the death of John Rankin (from cancer). Visited WRC at lunch time. Also tried to buy some basketball boots but couldn't. Lost to Varsity A 48-28 having been down 27-6 (I think) in the first half.

20 Wed

Thought we were going to have a roll check in assembly but didn't. Went to a student panel on Christian education at lunch time. Didn't go to basketball practice due to tomorrow's exam.

21 Thurs

Did morning tea duty again this morning. Target training at lunch time. Also collected my travelling allowance then. Had our Adolescent Development exam in the afternoon. Didn't do any work this evening ; just mucked around.

22 Fri

Last day at TC before going on section. Bought some new basketball boots at lunch time. Also got some definitions of intelligence from the library. Wt training after TC had ended.

23 Sat

Nice sunny day. In the morning our youth group helped chop and stack wood etc. for old people's fires. Swotted and wrote an essay in the afternoon. Had a district CYM social in the evening.

24 Sun

Very warm in the morning but poured in the afternoon when we had a youth service at Wesleyhaven.

25 Mon

First day at Riccarton HS on our second section.

26 Tues

Tried my new basketball boots out today. We beat Rex A by 23(?) - 14 – our second win this season!

27 Wed

Rained hard in the afternoon and got soaked coming home after varsity. Taught the lower 6th form Physics this morning.

28 Thurs

At lunch time, went to the Chem lab to prepare experiments for 6A; they didn't work properly either. Got a ride down to varsity after school. Never got our exam marks back either.

29 Fri

Helped supervise an exam for two sixth formers today. Went down to the university gym and did a lot of wt training. Never felt much like swotting in the evening.

30 Sat

Swotted all day. Fine day too. Went for a run just before tea (14 ½ minutes).

JULY

1 Sun

Had to work shifting wood which would have otherwise have been stolen [?where]. Turned up in the morning but no one else did. Read at church in the morning. Had an after-church meeting for Mr Gross who leaves for Melbourne tomorrow.

2 Mon

Taught once at school today. Saw some Rugby test films at school too. Mr Gross left for Australia at 4 pm today.

3 Tues

Only three of our regular team turned up for our basketball game. We lost 23-16 to BGH A, the championship co-leaders.

4 Wed

Warm morning but poured with rain later. Managed to dodge it all the time however. Inspectors again at school.

5 Thurs

Last day of inspectors' [visit] today at Riccarton. Very fine and warm. Got our Adolescent Development marks back; I came first in the class! Sat our Education I term exam; not too pleased over it either.

6 Fri

Only had one teaching period today apart from two periods of supervision. Didn't do any weight training after school as it was raining. Went and heard Kenneth Goodman playing the organ in the Repertory Theatre. He was excellent too. Had supper at Halkett's place afterwards.

7 Sat

Did my first test (Revised Stanford Binet) on a child for the particular set of tests for Dip Ed. Went for another run before tea (24 ¼ minutes). Had a mystery hike in the evening. Started from the hall and eventually ended up at the minister's place for supper.

8 Sun

Gave the prayers of the church in the morning. Presided over the after-church service in the evening. Had choir practice too.

9 Mon

Slept in for a bit this morning. Then continued my testing of Anne in the morning. Wrote letters and went for a run in the afternoon (24 ¼ minutes). Had a meeting at St Albans about our 'Talent Scheme' in the evening.

10 Tues

Back at school again. Taught once. Drizzled later in the evening. We lost our basketball 56-19 to Y Boys – six points by me. Went to the airport for 7 pm and saw Mrs Adcock and Greg leave for Australia.

11 Wed

Started the day off with a puncture. Still, borrowed Lesley's bike to get to school. First two lab periods which I wasn't looking forward to went off like a charm. Had a basketball practice this Wednesday. Fixed (or hope I did) my puncture in the evening. Started work at about 10.10 pm.

12 Thurs

Spent one period in the morning, half lunchtime and all afternoon in the preparation of my experiments for tomorrow's criticism lesson.

13 Fri

Had my criticism lesson second period. Went reasonably well. Taught all afternoon today. Did a bit of weight training after school.

14 Sat

Finished off the attainment tests etc. this morning then worked out the results after lunch. The O'Gradys visited us in the afternoon followed by one of the Piper twins and his wife. Read paper by Professor Nibbett. Wrote out my sermon in the rest of the evening.

15 Sun

Very warm day – warmest July day since 1922. 'Rested' in the afternoon. Preached at Harewood in the morning. Had to take devotions impromptu at BC in the evening as I had forgotten about them.

16 Mon

Had another CYM meeting – this time at Barry Brown's place in the evening.

17 Tues

Taught nearly all day today. Won our game of basketball 22-19 against Rex A in the evening.

18 Wed

Heaviest frost so far this winter at about 13°. Warm day though. Taught five out of the seven periods today. Didn't go to the gym in the evening.

19 Thurs

Taught 5 of 7 periods today too. Prof. Nibbett spoke during our Education I lecture. Only one lesson to prepare in the evening; continued writing up schemes.

20 Fri

Last day on section. Taught twice – one impromptu. Did some wt training at university. Wrote up my section book in the evening.

21 Sat

Helped knock down a house in Madras St in the morning. Finished my section book in the afternoon then at last got my bike cleaned. Had café Chantant (?) in the evening – was pretty good too. I was a waiter.

22 Sun

Very warm day again today. Visited Langford House in the afternoon then had a fish and chip tea. Rev Alan Brash of the NCC [National Council of Churches] spoke at the evening service and again in the coffee bar after church.

23 Mon

Back at TC again; had our first lecture with Mr McCurdy. Played 'golf' during our PE period today. Did some wt training at lunch time.

24 Tues

Quite a pleasant day today. Ron and I went for a bike ride at lunch time. Lost to Varsity A 50-26 having held them to 16-all at half time.

25 Wed

Had combined assembly again with Div A. Mrs Cargo spoke and some Indonesians performed a couple of items. Had basketball 'practice' in the sport's period.

26 Thurs

Played 'hockey' in between lectures today. Resumed target training with a good 20-minute standard. Got our Education I exams back - Paper A anyway; only got just over the mean mark.

27 Fri

Went over to the varsity library during the lunch hour. More wt training after TC. Worked on my assignment but never got very far.

28 Sat

Went to the manse in Colombo St and helped clean up some bricks. Went ice skating with O'Kanes for part of the afternoon. It was pretty good fun. Finished the rough copy of my second last Education I essay then did a bit more research towards my assignment.

29 Sun

Rained quite hard in the morning. Called in at Wesley Lodge on the way to church. Had our CYM re-dedication service at St Albans in the afternoon. followed by a film on freedom from hunger then tea. Had a 'Marriage-vow' service (?) at Moorhouse Ave in the evening.

30 Mon

Nothing much happened today.

31 Tues

Visited Kempthorne-Prosser's [?fertiliser] factory in the morning as a TC group. Played and nearly beat BGHS 'A' in basketball; lost 35-32 having lead at half-time by 21-16.

AUGUST

1 Wed

Got off TC sport an hour earlier; came home and wrote up TC test reports. Had no practical today. After Education I lecture, went to Morrison's place for choir practice.

2 Thurs

Did my first 'super' in target training today – hard too. Worked on my assignment all night again.

3 Fri

Played hockey for our Maths-Chem group at Hagley Park during the lunch hour against the English group. It was a 3-all draw. Did some duplicating on the Banda [an early primitive copying machine].

4 Sat

Continued my assignment all day. Went for a run on a new course – up to St Bede's College and round about (32 minutes). Auntie Nell rang [mother's auntie on the Vallance, not the Harper, side].

5 Sun

Went to church at Harewood. Following this we had dinner at Hay's factory in Papanui. Jean and I then watched all the kids for about 1½ hours. Had our youth service at Wesleyhaven Lodge in the afternoon.

6 Mon

Had an extra choir practice at church for about 1½ hours in the evening. Very cold during the night.

7 Tues

Nice day. Booked my fares at the Government Tourist Bureau at lunchtime. Got Mum's letter telling me about Pop's resignation today. Lost to Y-Boys by 41-19.

8 Wed

Didn't have proper basketball in the afternoon. Ron and I went for a run round Hagley Park instead (19 minutes). Continued my 'mini-thesis' (in Adolescent Development course) during the evening.

9 Thurs

Did 'super' target training today. Got below the target by doing 22'. Did a test in the morning for Mr Conway's Dip Ed thesis; about 100 Qs [which] took me 87 minutes. Bought my tea in the café after lectures then went to the Odeon cinema to see "Exodus". After 15 minutes screening, the projector room or something caught fire. Four fire engines and two ambulances turned up. We all went home; I continued my assignment. Will see the picture sometime next week during a repeat special screening for ticket holders.

10 Fri

Gave my demonstration to the Maths group at TC. Did wt training at lunch time. Met Auntie Nell [4 pm at Armstrong's] and then had afternoon tea with her. Drizzled on the way home and in the evening.

11 Sat

Snowed during the morning but didn't gather on the ground but melted. Helped cart bricks from Colombo St to Hibburt Park then helped shift a bit of old wood. Continued on my assignment in the evening.

12 Sun

Had visitors in the afternoon. Our Moorhouse Ave choir sang at St Albans in the evening in a choral service.

13 Mon

Mr McCurdy was away today with the flu. Got a refund for the "Exodus" picture from [last] Thursday. Went to do wt training at lunch time but there was a fencing tournament on in the gym so Ron and I went for a run instead (21 minutes).

14 Tues

Had quite an easy day at TC; first two periods to ourselves. Got two cheques today; one for the holidays. Played volleyball for most of the first and second periods in the afternoon. Played Rex B at basketball and won by 39-16.

15 Wed

Mr McCurdy arrived back this morning when Ron and I were playing volleyball. An Ethiopian and a Yank spoke at the morning assembly. Played volleyball during sports period then Ron and I went for a run again (~21 minutes). Bought the first issue of "Understanding Science"; quite good. Finished my 'mini-thesis' more or less in the evening.

16 Thurs

Had a very nice day at TC. Had one lecture outside in the Sun. No lectures in the afternoon so I came back and worked. Went for a run right around Hagley Park at lunchtime today (24 ½ minutes). At 5 pm, got called down to 187 Colombo St to shift bricks. Went to bed a bit earlier as was feeling a little bit miserable.

17 Fri

Felt a bit crook today. Still did some wt training at lunch time though. When I arrived home at about 3.10 pm I went to bed till about 5 pm. Went to the NZ Industries Fair in the evening; came home with Bob.

[Term holidays. Went to Wellington by overnight ferry and then to Gisborne. The diary contains 11 items; these must be for runs in Gisborne which I had with Roger White, my cousin, who was boarding at our place there. Same route – from home up the hill to the hospital, down the other side to Valley Rd, around to Ormond Rd and back home again. Evenly matched but I was very competitive; I would often sprint the last 800 metres or so along Ormond Rd in order to beat Roger. Times started at 30' 15" down to a best of 27' 25".]

SEPTEMBER

4 Tues

Arrived back OK - rail to Wellington and overnight ferry to Lyttelton/Christchurch. Got buses back here. Went down to the 'Y' to get my bicycle at morning interval. Played our last game of basketball this evening when we beat BGH 'B' by 34-23.

5 Wed

Had my first polio vaccination at Woolworths in the morning. Did some wt training at lunch time. Didn't go to sports in the afternoon as wasn't sure what was on.

6 Thurs

Pretty cold all day. Did a 20-minute standard target training run at lunch time. Had Mr Nutthal instead of Mr Lenz for lecture today. Handed in my 'Adolescent Development' assignment/'mini-thesis' (a lady in Gisborne typed it up for me - free - in the holidays). .

7 Fri

Went down to the WRC at lunch time and 'blew them up'. [*Don't know what they had done wrong*] Did more wt training after TC.

8 Sat

Fine all day. Second Rugby (?) test between NZ and Australia at Dunedin; 3-0 to NZ. Went for a run and was 'stuffed' by the time I was half way round (31½ minutes).

9 Sun

Bit of a thunderstorm in the afternoon. Had the service at Langford House. The choir sang at Linwood church in the evening for their choral service; had supper there afterwards.

10 Mon

Warm day today. Did gymnastics during our PE period.

11 Tues

Got a little sunburnt on my face today. Went to the 'keep fit' class at lunch time (had a game of basketball) then did a beginner target training (took 16½ minutes). Played volleyball at PE. Bob O'Kane rang up Pop in the evening. [*Had he already come to Christchurch to look for work?*]

12 Wed

Gym club put on a display at the morning assembly. No sport for us today so I came home and worked.

13 Thurs

Dad arrived [??at O'Kanes or in Christchurch] just as I was about to get out of bed. Had more discussions in the Sun at TC today. Had our short-answer exam in 'Tests and Measurements'; held during lecture time today. Saw a Boeing 707 after take off just after breakfast.

14 Fri

Last day at TC before going on section at Kirkwood Intermediate School. Played volleyball for an hour at lunch time. It rained quite hard in the evening.

15 Sat

Swotted all day then went out to Hibburt Park with Neil in the evening. Got back just after midnight. Cold evening too.

16 Sun

Warm day today. Had the Russ' up for dinner and the afternoon. Sang our choral service at Moorhouse Ave in the evening.

17 Mon

[Note in diary: Tomorrow is Kartini's birthday]

Got up about $\frac{1}{4}$ hour earlier today. First day at Kirkwood Intermediate [School] too. Not much to do though. In our university tutorial, we discussed finals' papers. Dad went back on the ferry tonight. Rang Jean R up tonight.

18 Tues

Intended to get up a little bit earlier and swot for the exam but I slept right through. Helped in sport at school today. Exam at varsity; not as bad or as good as it could have been. Never did any work in the evening; tried some Binet tests on the [O'Kane] kids.

[Note in diary: Call and see Mr McCurdy tomorrow at 4 pm.]

19 Wed

Went and saw Mr McCurdy at TC after school. Then went and got my picture tickets from Bruce. Got our 'Tests and Measurements' exam results back during practical; I came 10th in the class. Was dog tired most of the evening.

20 Thurs

Looked like rain later in the morning but it cleared up well. Followed the class round on interchange this afternoon. Got off a little earlier so did some target training at varsity; was 3 minutes slower than my best standard time.

21 Fri

Looked like rain all day and finally drizzled a little towards the evening. Took Jean R to "A Touch of Mink" in the evening. Not a very good film. Had coffee at her place afterwards.

22 Sat

Overcast all day but didn't rain. Got half my breakfast in bed. Listened to some of the Rugby test NZ v Australia, with NZ winning 16-8. Mucked around, wrote up a bit of my section book, that's about all. Baby sat in the evening while Bob and Lesley went to the movies.

23 Sun

Went and heard Dr Niermoller at the Civic Theatre in the afternoon; couldn't get in though. Had a Bible Class tea today.

24 Mon

Did some wt training after school.

25 Tues

Tested a kid at Riccarton High School [Binet IQ test I think] this morning extending into lunchtime. Intended doing some target training but the showers in the changing room had been pulled out so I came home and went for a run instead (28¾ minutes). Wrote up the results of this morning's test in the evening.

26 Wed

Observed Ian Palmer doing a Binet test. Got my June record from WRC today – the Haydn symphonies. Interviewed Tony Raper [in what?] during Tests and Measurement practical class.

27 Thurs

Overcast all day. Rained in the afternoon slightly and in the evening.

28 Fri

Took my first proper lesson at K.I. this morning; went on for a little longer than planned. Toll call from home [Gisborne] came through in the evening.

29 Sat

Beautiful and fine in the morning but was very overcast about 5 pm though cleared up again at night time. Had visitors who were at the gym championships at lunchtime. Auckland v Wellington Rugby 20-8. CYM had a film evening at 5 pm "A pair of briefs" followed by tea in the coffee bar then a social cum dance afterwards.

[time of 28½ minutes in diary – must have gone for a run.]

30 Sun

Service at Wesleyhaven in the afternoon. I went down and had tea at Moorhouse Ave. Missed most of choir practice in the evening as we were having a scientific discussion in the coffee bar.

OCTOBER

1 Mon

Swapped classes in the afternoon taking the lowest Form 1. Did some target training after school at university gym. Got four records from WRC – three dividend records [?free or cheaper] and one that had been ordered.

2 Tues

Kirkwood had its athletics and tabloid sports all day today. Overcast and drizzled a little bit at lunchtime. Wt training today.

3 Wed

Did some target training after school then went to our last 'practical' for about 30 minutes. Came home intending to find the Education Gazette [in which teaching jobs are advertised] but it wasn't here.

4 Thurs

Woke up and it was a very fine morning but it drizzled later in the day. Did more target training. Last day of university lectures today.

5 Fri

Fine warm day. Coached Form 2 teams at hurdling all afternoon then did some wt training at varsity. My Education Gazette arrived today.

6 Sat

Lesley had a 'Church history' exam so we had lunch about 1.45 pm. Went over to Huntsbury Hill in the afternoon [?with my father] about a house to rent or to buy; not worth it though. Came back; went for a run (28¾ minutes).

7 Sun

Had to use the church hall for the morning service as the church was full of gas from a leaking tap. Had a combined service in the cathedral in the afternoon as today was world communion Sunday. Had quite a good discussion on 'The purpose of the church' during Bible class tonight.

8 Mon

Very windy again today. Had my lunch in Hagley Park. Coached hurdling all afternoon at school. Did a fast target training time – 19 ½ minutes for standard. Copied out some exam questions after this. Wrote out my teaching applications [for jobs] and posted them at about 8.30 pm.

9 Tues

Sunbathed at lunch time again. Watched softball in the afternoon during sport. Wrote out a tentative criticism lesson for Thursday.

10 Wed

Coached hurdling all afternoon again. Went to TC to collect some apparatus for my criticism lesson. After this, I had an interview with Mr Ryan, head of Mairehau High School. Spent quite a bit of time preparing my criticism lesson.

11 Thurs

Had my criticism lesson today; didn't go as well as it could have. Got a telegram from Mr Cross at Burnside High School [*probably for an interview*]. Rained in the evening for a long time.

12 Fri

Cleared up today. Last day at school too. Had two interviews today. One at lunchtime at Burnside High School and one after school at Cashmere High School. Coached hurdling all afternoon again. Finished (almost) my section book in the evening; there was no time left for swot.

13 Sat

Nice warm day. Helped Bob with quite a lot of concreting for his garage and path.

14 Sun

Had visitors in the afternoon. Had a lively Bible class discussion in the evening. Bob spoke at the evening service.

15 Mon

Got offered a job at Burnside HS and Mairehau HS; turned down the latter and accepted the former. Did a very good target training time at lunchtime – 19 minutes for the standard, a record for me. Got another record from WRC after TC. Had a meeting for our 'Talent

Scheme' in the evening and also did McCurdy's assignment. So I never had any time left in which to do any swot.

[This was the first day schools could announce their acceptances of new teachers. Rather an anxious day. Got a telegram from Mairehau at TC about 9 am accepting me and stating that I had to reply by 4 pm that day! However, I actually wanted the Burnside job and it was not till much later in the day that an acceptance came from Burnside and I could then reply to Mairehau saying no thanks. Didn't ever hear from Cashmere but it didn't matter.]

16 Tues

Last day at TC till varsity exams are over.

17 Wed

No training college for me as we have time off until varsity exams have finished. Didn't do any physical exercise today.

18 Thurs

Did a 'super' target training run today. Got under the target (27 ½ minutes) but was absolutely stuffed. Bob's garage was in the process of being assembled when I got home. Put an ad in the paper re board for Pop. Spent 2 ½ hours getting things cyclostyled (copied) for out Talent Scheme.

19 Fri

Went to the gym and did a bit of wt training. Visited the library after that – unshaven and wearing my old pullover. Got about six replies to my ad re board for Pop.

20 Sat

Overcast all day; drizzled at times. Went for a run in the afternoon (28 minutes). Cancelled the ad that I had put in the paper for today. There is a CYM conference in Chch this weekend; billet arrived here at about 10.45 pm.

21 Sun

Met the chap staying here who was down for CYM conference – Bill Walker. We all went out to Ilam in the afternoon to visit the Canterbury Horticulture Club place. Had a good sing-song in the coffee bar after church.

22 Mon

We helped Bob fit the roof on his garage after breakfast. Swotted all day (and night). Felt really 'stuffed' after my run today (28¾ minutes).

23 Tues

Found it hard to settle down to swot in the morning. Went in and did some wt training in the afternoon.

24 Wed

Dad arrived this morning and had breakfast here. Had a haircut at Papanui just before tea time. Final revision before Education I 'A' paper tomorrow. Went to bed earlier tonight.

25 Thurs

Had Education I 'A' exam in the morning; not too bad. Did some target training after the exam; set a personal record for the 'standard' – 18½ minutes. Sunbathed in the afternoon. Felt tired in the evening so went to bed a little earlier (ca. 11.15 pm).

26 Fri

Overcast all day compared with yesterday's 80°F temperature.

27 Sat

Rained all day. Harewood concert in the evening but I couldn't go as I was swotting.

28 Sun

Sunny and warm again. Had the Langford House service ½ hour earlier today. Then we had a service at the Papanui prison at 5.30 pm. Saw a film at church in the evening.

29 Mon

Did a 'super' target training workout today – took 27¾ minutes though. Swotting the rest of the day for tomorrow's exam.

30 Tues

Did quite a bit of light work [i.e. study] in the morning before the exam this afternoon. Adolescent Development – not the best selection of questions. It was raining this morning too. Dad went down to Dunedin and Invercargill today.

31 Wed

Quite cool today. Nothing much happened; only swotted though did a bit of wt training.

NOVEMBER

1 Thurs

Cold and wet all day. Had to put my heater on in the evening. Didn't go down to the gym as it was too wet.

2 Fri

Wet again though cleared slightly in the afternoon. Not wet enough to stop me going to the gym to do some wt training.

3 Sat

Cleared up today at long last. Dad came round in the afternoon then we had (?) over Simpson's house. Went for a run afterwards (28½ minutes).

4 Sun

Wesleyhaven next week? Was elected as BC president at the AGM this afternoon. Sunbathed between lunchtime and BC.

5 Mon

Called in at Wesleyhaven on the way to the gym. Did a very good 'super' workout (25 minutes). Bob and I went for a ride to pick up a concrete mixer in the evening. Guy Fawkes night tonight; nothing much happened though.

6 Tues

We just missed the cloudburst that other parts of Chch got. Broke my 'super' time today doing 24 minutes. Called round to Clive's place and borrowed his sleeping bag.

[No entries for Nov 7 – 11. This include a St Alban's Family camp, though this would probably be only from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.]

12 Mon

Slept in till 8 o'clock this morning and so was quite a rush, getting to TC a couple of minutes late. Did a bit of weight training at lunchtime.

13 Tues

We did morning tea duty today. Did another 24-minute target training workout today. Went for a swim in the baths at PE time. Good too. Visited Christchurch West High School after TC to get the low-down on the field survey we're to do in about a fortnight.

14 Wed

Had out TC photo in the morning. A probation officer spoke to us at TC assembly in the morning. No sport in the afternoon; had a student assembly which finished early. Sunbathed at home. Had out first BC meeting tonight to discuss end-of-year programme and tentative arrangements for next year.

15 Thurs

Got my 'super' down to 23 ½ minutes today. A chap from Oxford at TC was speaking to us during Education lecture. Visited Burnside HS to find out re classes but they weren't ready yet. Went to St Albans manse to print Talent Teller. Got back home at 12 am.

16 Fri

My foot was really in a bad way following the camp last weekend. Tried to do a bit of wt training but gave up. Visited Whitcombe's in the evening then went to our CYM dance at Moorhouse Ave; not many there but was good fun.

17 Sat

Went out to Hibburt Park all day. Came back looking like a lobster. Went for a swim there [i.e. at the beach] at lunch time. Intended doing the TC assignment in the evening but was too tired.

18 Sun

Had the service at Wesleyhaven in the afternoon. Took my first BC as president today.

19 Mon

We went to the Heathcote Estuary in the afternoon. It poured hard at tea time but soon cleared up. Went to choir practice in the evening.

20 Tues

Went to the Christchurch sewage farm in the afternoon. Barry Davenport swam Cook Strait for the first time today.

21 Wed

Best target training time to date even though I didn't really seem to feel like doing it. Went to the CYM meeting at Moorhouse Ave at 5 pm. Bought my tea including fruit. Clive and I went and saw the movie "Flame in the Streets". Quite good. Had supper in the 'Attic' afterwards. Had the 'gripes' later in the evening, probably because of the fruit I had been eating.

[Or else from food at the restaurant.]

22 Thurs

Nothing much unusual today. Actually did some TC work in the evening. The British Empire and Commonwealth Games at Perth were officially opened today.

23 Fri

Went to the Government Tourist Bureau and bought tickets for going home [to Gisborne]. Played tennis with Ron after TC for over an hour. Worked all evening on my talk for next Tuesday.

24 Sat

Fine and hot. Ron and Neil picked me up at 9 am and we went out to Hibburt Park again for the day. Went for a swim at lunch time.

25 Sun

Quite a day today! Arrived at church in the morning to find it half gassed out again. Still had the service there though. Had dinner there followed by 'CYM day of discussion' till about 4.45 pm. Alan and I bought some fruit for tea then we had our last formal Bible class for the year. Had choir practice afterwards again.

26 Mon

After target training and lunch, went to Christchurch West HS with Ian Palmer to give the introductory lesson for the field survey we're taking a class on. Choir practice in the evening. Heard Snell and Halberg win gold medals at the Perth Empire and Commonwealth games.

27 Tues

Had the morning more or less to ourselves as McCurdy went out with the others to their field trips. Did some proper wt training – first time for a long time.

28 Wed

Took P4C out to the estuary for the morning. Quite good too. Went to the gym and arrived back half way through Dr Moffat's lecture. Ian and I discussed the follow-up lessons after that.

29 Thurs

Had a lecture on nutrition but Ian and I left it early and went to West [HS] to give out first follow-up lessons. Had a haircut after TC. Went and heard Dr D. T. Niles in the evening. Good. Finished my Form 6B chemistry assignment tonight.

30 Fri

Took P4C at West [HS] though they turned up $\frac{1}{4}$ hour late. Put an ad in for tomorrow night's paper re board. Called at BHS and got a few textbooks. Heard Drs J Fleming and D. T. Niles in the evening; pretty good.

DECEMBER

1 Sat

Went out to Hibburt Park again. Didn't go for a swim as it was somewhat cooler today. Listened to the final day of the games for much of the evening and so started my TC assignment rather late. Rained hard early in the morning and late at night. Bruce here for tea – took him back to the YMCA in the van.

2 Sun

Went to Harewood's Sunday School anniversary in the morning and to the laying of their foundation stone in the afternoon. Had BC break-up; I had to work the projector and it took $\frac{3}{4}$ hr to get it going properly. Had a good tea though. Had broadcast service over 3YM [radio station] when Mr Nyoni spoke.

3 Mon

Fine morning but was cloudy in the afternoon. Went for a swim during PE period then training after it. Another extra choir practice in the evening.

4 Tues

Had the day off today. It drizzled most of the day. Called in at varsity in the morning to see if I'd passed my exams. Called in at Millers' to pick some beach material. Then did some wt training. Sent a letter off to England in the afternoon [?for what]. Called in at a place re board for next year in the evening.

5 Wed

Had a combined assembly first thing. Got four records from the WRC today. Had a Div C assembly in the afternoon then were free. A Vulcan bomber flew over this afternoon.

6 Thurs

Had TC Break-up in the Civic Theatre in the morning followed by morning tea at TC. Banked my large cheque, called on Bruce then had my lunch in the Botanical Gardens.

7 Fri

Spent most of today looking for wooden balls for molecular models. Called in at Burnside HS in the afternoon again. Tried some records out with the new needle in the gramophone. Had a BC meeting in the evening.

8 Sat

Spent the day at Hibburt Park again and also went for a swim at lunch time.

9 Sun

Dad and I played records in the afternoon. Made my own tea. The Sunday School had their anniversary during the evening service tonight.

10 Mon

Ron and I spent the day working at Hibburt Park doing painting. etc. Went for a swim at lunch time.

11 Tues

Very hot today. Started painting the roof at Hibburt Park. Ron and I went and saw Spike Milligan in "Postman's Knock" in the evening.

12 Wed

A little cool today – not much though. Went for two swims – one after work. Had a 'Talent' meeting in the evening.

13 Thurs

Were 'told off' by a cop when double parking outside the WRC this morning. Had an additional choir practice this evening.

14 Fri

Mr Nyoni came out and worked with us at [Hibburt Park] camp[site] today. We nearly finished the roof – ran out of paint instead though. Visited one possible place for boarding next year, in the evening. After a week of very hot temperatures, it rained a little in the evening.

15 Sat

Spent the day at Hibburt Park again. We had tea at about 8 pm this evening.

Note: This is the last diary written in New Zealand for a number of years. The reason was that I was living at home so there was no need to keep a diary as the main reason for this was to keep notes of what had happened to help when I wrote my weekly letters home. The next diary did not appear until 1970 when I was in Hong Kong.