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ANME's new Website and our first Newsletter

From the beginning of this year the ANME has developed a new website accessible at www.anme.org.au. In addition to containing information current on our original webpage on the University of Canberra website, our new website will enable ANME to include more material illustrating the varied and diverse aspects of our museum collections and themes. We are planning to include work-in-progress reports of a number of research projects the ANME is currently pursuing. It is still possible to access our original webpage through the University of Canberra website.

Recent ANME Visits and Tours

On the afternoon of 18th October 2011 an ANME visit to the recently opened Tuggerangong Schoolhouse Museum was hosted by this new museum's curator, Elizabeth Burness. In addition to the period classroom, our group was most impressed by the way Elizabeth had personally furnished the adjoining teacher's residence with antique furniture and historical items from the period 1890s-1910 consistent with the early decades of the school's history.

Recent Acquisitions

Two significant donations of items have been received during the last four months. The archivist of the Loreto College and Loreto Province Archives at Ballarat, Ms Robyn Scott, donated a CD disk containing a digital copy of the complete run of Loreto College's annual school magazines. The series dates from the first issue of the College's magazine, in the late nineteenth century through to the present. This series adds significantly to the ANME's representative collection of annual school magazines from Australian primary and secondary schools.

We were pleased to receive a donation of early twentieth century school textbooks and other documentary items from the estate of the late Thelma Chippendale, donated to ANME by her daughter. Thelma was a former teacher with a keen interest in the history of schooling in Australia. A generous Friend of the ANME and one of our Patrons, Dr. Lionel Gilbert OAM, continues to donate interesting and scarce items to our collection and we were pleased to receive recently from him another consignment of valued publications, amongst which was a school grammar, published in 1851 and bearing the bookstamp of the Parramatta Orphan School,

Fifth Annual Historical Perspectives on Education Lecture

On Wednesday 14th September 2011 the ANME Annual Lecture was delivered by Dr. Christine Trimmingham Jack, the title of which was "Female Teachers in Classic Children's Literature: A Transnational Project". Dr. Christine Trimmingham Jack was, until her retirement, a senior member of the Faculty of Education at the University of Canberra, a well known history of education specialist and a former Chair of the ANME Board of Management. The Lecture, held in the Brindabella Room

of the National Library of Australia was attended by an enthusiastic audience of over fifty ANME Friends and visitors. Our Curator, Dr. Malcolm Beazley introduced the Vice Chancellor of the University of Canberra, Professor Stephen Parker who welcomed guests and introduced Dr. Trimmingham Jack. The current Chair of the ANME Board of Management, Professor Barbara Pamphilon moved a vote of thanks to the 2011 Lecturer. The ANME records its thanks to Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, Director-General of the National Library of Australia for the use of the Brindabella Room, such a pleasant and prestigious venue for the Lecture. The function was followed by an informal dinner at Brassey House Hotel.

Visitors to ANME

In October 2011 Dr Beazley and Dr Burkhardt were pleased to host Dr Peter Stanley, Director of the Research Centre at the National Museum of Australia during his visit to ANME to view examples of late nineteenth and early twentieth century school text books from the ANME collection. Dr. Stanley plans to return to ANME early next year to continue his research on this aspect of Australian school history relevant to his current research project at NMA.

Vale: Professor Phillip Hughes

It is with sadness that we report the death of Professor Phillip Hughes at Canberra on Friday 14th October. Many of Phillip's former students and faculty colleagues at the University of Tasmania, University of Canberra and the Australian National University in addition to many scholars and friends from many countries around the world, will remember Phillip Hughes as one of Australia's leading educators. During his long national and international career Professor Hughes became renowned for his innovative contributions to educational leadership and research. Here, in Canberra, in addition to being the foundation Head of the School of Teacher Education at the CCAE, Phillip was the Foundation Chair of the newly created Interim ACT Schools Authority and played a leading role in the establishment of the innovative and progressive educational system of schooling in the ACT in 1974. The ANME Curator and Assistant Curator, together with many ANME Friends attended a Memorial Service for Professor Hughes at the Canberra Baptist Church on 19th October. A more detailed account of Professor Hughes' great contribution to Australian education may be found on the ANME's website under "Gallery of Distinguished Educators".

Recent Activities of ANME Curator Dr Malcolm Beazley and Assistant Curator Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt.

In early October 2011 Dr Beazley was invited as Guest Speaker at the inaugural meeting for the formation of the Hall School Museum Management Committee. His interesting presentation on aspects of school museum management was greatly appreciated by all at the well attended local Hall Village community meeting. In September 2011 Dr Burkhardt visited the Moonbi Public School Museum, an 1880s "Beehive" school building now located at the Calala House Museum managed by the Tamworth and District Historical Society. Geoff took a number of photographs of the school and its contents for the ANME's electronic database of Australian School Museums.

Activities Planned for the ANME during 2012

On Saturday 17th March, Friends of the ANME will visit Yass Public School which is a most attractive Victorian gothic architectural style building erected in 1879. Full details of the visit program will be placed on our webpage later.