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ACCEPTANCES/ PAYMENT.

There was a mini rush of acceptances and payments over the weekend but we are still way short of the numbers I was expecting. We have acceptances of 43 for Friday, 59 for Saturday and 47 for Sunday. I had heard through many sources that a lot more were interested. Some have made arrangements to pay when they get here (OK) but others

Please fill in [this form](#) and send it in, we need to know how many people to cater for. I don't want to run out of food (or wine).

As an incentive, if you accept by September 30 your name will be placed in a hat for a lucky draw - the prize is a framed, matted enlargement of this [sixth form photo](#) taken at the end of 1968. It is almost 100 cm x 50 cms. Henry Kark was kind enough to do the cropped enlargement. There are 133 students in that photo. If you don't want the prize I will refund \$100 instead.

QUIZ/ STORIES/ PHOTOS.

Here is a quiz - no prize for this. Well, the prize is the pleasure in reading the biographical story submitted by one of your fellow Teloopians.

The question? Who used the word 'crepit' in his story? That's the only clue - it is a he. It narrows down the possibilities because there are more girls' stories than boys' even though there were less of them (52 girls/ 81 boys in that sixth form photo). We now have 45 personal stories on the website and 97 photos taken in the 21st century, keep them coming. And to save you time, no, you won't find 'crepit' in the dictionary (I looked) but I know what he means.

Today, courtesy of Karen Scott, we have added one of the two missing class photos (5E4). Now only one is missing - who can find 5E5?

There has been quite a bit of interest from teachers, we may now have ten attending the Friday event and some on Saturday and Sunday. The latest teacher I spoke to was Mr Street in Bowral.

OTHER REASONS TO COME TO CANBERRA.

Do you non Canberrans need more incentive to come to Canberra for the reunion?

Well, Floriade is in full bloom.

There is a magnificent exhibition of [Fred Williams at the National Gallery](#) and if you haven't seen the new entrance, new wing and the expanded display of aboriginal paintings you should, a real treat.

At the National Archives the 2011 winners of the [Waterhouse Prize](#) are on display, one of my favourite annual exhibitions.

And if you haven't been to a [National Portrait Gallery](#) (there are only three in the world) you should allocate a few hours for this. It only opened in it's wonderful new location in December 2008 after starting its life at Old Parliament House.

RICHARD NORRIS'S FUNERAL.

A few words on Richard Norris's funeral.

The service was moving, serious and sad, uplifting and enlightening and beautiful and even humorous in parts. What a fellow, what a story, what a life. I think there were more people outside the chapel than inside. The [Order of Service](#) is here, together with some memories sent to me by fellow students. As usual you learn so much about a person that you wish you had known before. Richard's brother Murray gave a magnificent eulogy, followed by Richard's daughters Nicki, Emily and Allie speaking bravely and beautifully about their dad. Tributes were paid by two academics who worked with Richard and also by Stephen Parker, the Vice Chancellor at the University of Canberra where Richard was Emeritus Professor in Freshwater Ecology. Here is a [tribute](#) from the university. Richard had represented Australia in sailing, triathlon and a form of martial arts. He was superbly fit and competitive for a man his age. Sad that he went so soon but as was said, he squeezed in more than most do in a much longer life. Someone said it's not what you bought but what you built, not what you learnt but what you taught and Richard built and taught a lot. It was also an example of the power of music. It was done well, and I'm sure Richard had an input. He knew this was coming but faced it bravely, with that wonderful smile that so many of us remember.

I told his wife Ursula about the huge response from you fellow students to me via email after I notified you of his death. And I've promised to print off the comments and share them with her and Richard's daughters. If anyone else would like to send me something, please do. On a personal note, the last time I was at the crematorium was for my father's funeral in January last year.

PRESIDENT'S CUP.

Finally, the golfers among you might like [this photo](#). It is [The President's Cup](#), which will be competed for in Melbourne in November. It was in Canberra last week and I just happened to be playing when it was being displayed at my golf club. I said yes when offered a chance to hold it in my (gloved) hands.

Today's big news is that Steve Bisset is now definitely coming from California so both of our school captains will be here.

See you soon,

Don't forget to send your acceptances (and your money),

Brett