

on the Sunshine coast, took part in the *Newcastle to Sydney Race*.

The Race is over a distance of 108 miles and is limited to 100 competitors. The course comprises mountains and forest trails - it is a great test of endurance especially in temperatures of 35C and considerable humidity.

This year only 34 completed the race with Andrew coming 16th in 32 hours 50 minutes.

He was quite pleased with himself!

15th November 2010

Jill & Ann's Monmouth School Tour



Jack Reynolds (sixth form) and **Pat Davitt** (School Archivist) kindly escorted Jill Trew and Ann Callaway around Monmouth School on a rather cool November day.

Jill Trew and **Ann Callaway** met at secondary school on the outskirts of London... little did they realise how their hereditary paths were entwined!

Ann's father AEW Hodges (OM 1921-1929) was Head Boy at Monmouth School and her uncle John H Hodges (OM 1933-1939) was an old boy. Jill's great uncle Lionel James (OM 1906-1928) was Headmaster, her grandfather Cyril Pearson (OM 1909-1946) taught at the School and her mother lived on site at School House.

Cyril Pearson (OM 1909-1946) was appointed a teacher to Monmouth School in 1909 and remained at the school until his death in 1946. His subjects ranged from junior science and manual training to English and senior French. He commanded the Cadet Corps, the forerunner of the OTC from 1911-1918. He ran the Junior Boarding House for 15 years. During his later years at Monmouth School he was in charge of the School and Bricknell Libraries and for many years editor and **secretary of The Monmothian!**

JILL TREW	Great Uncle LIONEL JAMES OM Headmaster 1906-1928	Grandfather CYRIL PEARSON OM Staff 1906-1946	Mother Lived on site in School House
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AEW Hodges (OM 1921-1929) was an all round athlete, playing for the 1st XV 1925-1929, Captain of Football (Rugby) 1928-1929, Captain of Cricket 1929 and Captain of Fives 1929!!! He won the individual Fives Trophy in 1929. He was an Under Officer in the OTC involved in training juniors having obtained his Cert "A", House Commander of School House 1929 and Captain of School 1929... not much to aspire to then!?!?

John H Hodges (OM 1933-1939) was also a successful athlete playing in the 1st XV in 1936-1939. He was Captain of Football in 1938 & 1939 and Vice Captain of Hockey in 1939. He was an Under Officer in the OTC 1938 and a prefect in School House. He also won the senior Music Prize in 1939.

ANN CALLAWAY	Uncle JOHN HODGES OM 1933-1939	Father AEW HODGES OM 1921-1929
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Ann and Jill are tracking down their family history piecing together a little more detail on the story of school matron Ethel Clabburn and her marriage to head master Lionel James, as well as the marriage of her sister Dorothy to French teacher Cyril Pearson. **Thanks to Pat Davitt for retrieving these details from the School Archives and Jack Reynolds their sixth form guide who "...was a delight and his enthusiasm was a credit to Monmouth School.."**