DIARY NOTES. The September meeting is the 6th September 2014 at 1.45pm for 2pm start, NOT 13th Sept. as mentioned at the March Meeting. The reason for the earlier start is to allow time to view the CRAFT items on display (see Presidents column).

LUNCHEON. The Luncheon will be on Saturday 18th October 2014 at 12 noon, in the Starlight Ballroom, Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club. Cost is $50.

Dear Members,
The cost of the Luncheon has risen by $2 this year which is the first increase since 2010. As we all know the overall cost of living has risen significantly since then, hence, our price rise. The Starlight Ballroom is a larger venue than the Viva Room which we have used in recent years, this will allow more space to move around as we are hoping for a larger number of members this year.

Those people who are able to attend please send the enclosed Application Form and money to Marion Malins at the address provided prior to the deadline date of 11th October.

The Bring and Buy at our March Meeting was a great success and raised funds to enable us to further help the school. Thanks to Marion and Carmen for their “Salesgirl skills”, and to those members for their contributions.

We are still to decide on the best way to provide further assistance to some of the students by way of financial help, apart from the Cantabrian Scholarship. Any ideas in this area would be appreciated.

Please bring a small plate and a raffle prize for our afternoon tea.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK.

Well, we are more than halfway through the year and our annual Luncheon is approaching. I hope the 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974 etc. are organising their tables now as we will be having a great guest speaker from 1954. Should any person require help with transport to the Luncheon please contact a committee member.

I read an article recently regarding the gender of the teaching staff in 1954–Male 7930 and Female 7548. Compare that to now–Male 14,227 and Female 32,721 (sourced from Dept. of Education).

I wish to pass on our congratulations to Dr. Rita Crews (guest speaker at the last Luncheon) in receiving an OAM in the Queens’ Birthday awards for her services to Music and Education. Well Done.

This next Meeting be a will be a CRAFT display, by our own members, of their works. If you have embroidery, quilting, knitting, crocheting, tapestry etc. we would like you to bring it along. We are also hoping some of the Textile and Design Year 11 and 12 students may contribute. All care will be taken of entries – it is not a competition but recognition of your skills.

Regarding the Scholarship Award for this year, we have set a date, but plan to attend the school to speak to the Year 10 students when we hand out the Applications and explain about the Association and what is required on the application form.