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By Old Boys who were in Form 5 in MHS in 1966

Mr Low Cheng Kim, Rugby Teacher

Those of us in Form 1A will always remember this incident. We were new in High School. Our classroom was near the tuckshop by the school field. In one of the changes of period, our teacher in charge was late in turning up. We were noisy and creating a ruckus. Along came Mr Low Cheng Kim on his way to another class. He popped his head into our class, "So you boys want to make noise, I want all of you to stay back and wait for me after school." He did come around after school. He made us carry our chairs on our heads, run round the school field in the hot 1pm sun, all the time shouting "hoo, hoo, haa, haa" at the top of our voices. "You want to make noise, now you can do it," he told us. We did more than two rounds before **Tong Chiew** came to our rescue. He fell or fainted. Mr Low must have been worried and stopped the punishment then.

Did we bear a grudge against Mr Low? Definitely no, he went on to be one of the more liked teachers. He took us for a poetry lesson outside the classroom, under the trees. He introduced us to rugby which was great fun in the wet soggy school field, especially when it rained.....Quee Leong

Mr SPS Pillay, Maths Teacher

I was warned about him before we even got into Form 1 - the most feared maths teacher. He finally caught up with our class at Form 4.

He once asked a maths question. He loved to start with **Shantinath**. Shanti could not answer and was slapped. Two others were similarly slapped. **Ann Mean**, sitting in front of me, was next and I was shivering in my pants as I also did not know the answer. Ann Mean saved me! He did not know the answer, Mr Pillay gave him a big slap, his spectacles went flying. It must have shocked Pillay himself as he stopped then. Thanks Ann Mean for saving me.....Quee Leong

He was kind actually, asked me to take off my spectacles first before delivering the tight slap. The consolation is that he loved to claim that he slapped so-and-so and today he is an engineer, a doctor, a lecturer, etc.....Ann Mean

There were several incidents when Pillay slapped us. **Shanti** was slapped many times and I was slapped a few times too when I could not solve the problem written on the board. It was not because I didn't know the solution but it was hard to think when you're terrified!Chee Weng

Mr Peter Lim, PE Teacher

"400 metres round the field. First 3 qualify for the standard test".

Johnny Yoong Yew Pin: "I'll be lucky if I can even finish last".

Yew Pin, **Richard Dutton** and I were real buddies during our lower secondary days in and outside school. Richard would get us into trouble but Johnny would look at the funny side and made us laugh. One time we "ponteng" class and hung around City Park. In the afternoon, still in uniform and with school bags, we sneaked into Rex theatre. Pitch dark, we found 3 empty seats. Before I could settle down, one of them grabbed my arm and we scooted out of the cinema. "School prefects in other seats" said Johnny.Hai Heng

We were kicking football about during PE. When we were supposed to have stopped, I accidentally kicked a ball which hit **Palani**. He shouted a whimpy complaint and Mr Peter Lim gave me a slap. I got to know Peter Lim much better after that through athletics.....Quee Leong

Mrs. Owen Liu, Geography Teacher

Our form teacher who made me draw maps on the board during the geography lessons. As a reward she would loan me her geography books so that I could copy the maps and notes at home.....Chee Weng

Miss Lucy Tan, Geography Teacher

She taught me English Literature and Geography in the Sixth Form. A dedicated teacher who took her teaching seriously. I had a few discussions with her on Christianity after school and found her to be a devout Christian.Chee Weng

Mr. Michael Chin, Art Teacher

My Art Teacher in Form 3, and one of my favourite teachers because he was gentle and kind.....Chee Weng



Reminiscing over our school days

Extreme left: Hai Heng (right hand holding tea cup)

Extreme right: Ann Mean (blue shirt), Quee Leong (white shirt) and Chee Weng (back to camera)