

Run, Robert, Run

Twelve-year-old Robert Veen, of Albury, beat 479 competitors to win a tough 4-mile cross country run early in May.

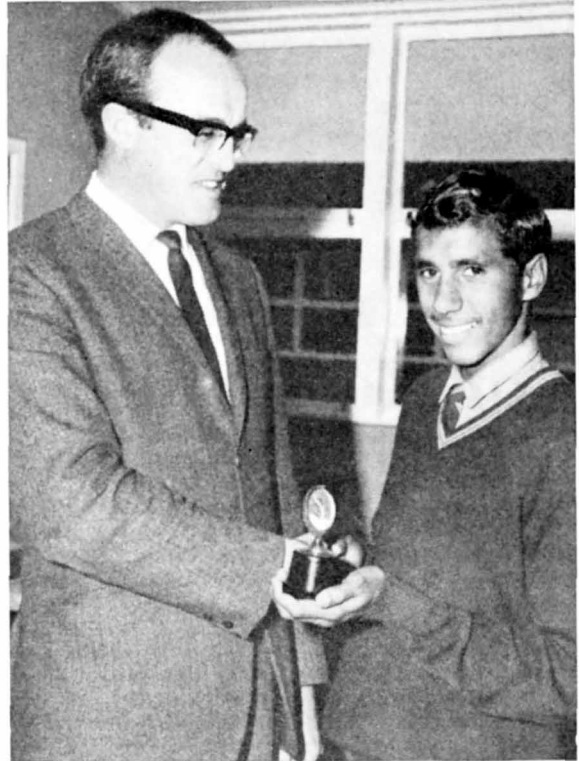
Robert crossed the finishing line more than 200 yards in front of his nearest rival.

The cross country event is held each year by Robert's school, Wodonga Tech, and boys from all sections of the school enter the race; this year four teachers entered, too.

Robert also does well in competitive swimming. Mr Carmicheal, deputy headmaster of Wodonga Tech, said that Robert set a new record for the under 13 years 50 metre freestyle event at a recent combined schools sports day. His time? A stunning 34'8 seconds.

Mrs Dorothy Hall, Aborigines welfare officer at Deniliquin, says that if Robert is able to show as much ability in school room subjects as in sport his future is assured.

Mr Thomas, headmaster of Wodonga Tech, presents Robert Veen with his trophy for winning the tough 4-mile cross country run



Holiday Fun at Purfleet

Children of Purfleet Aboriginal Reserve had plenty of fun during school holidays in May, reports Mr H. F. S. Roberson, Aborigines welfare officer at Taree.

Their time was filled by attending a daily vacation Bible school in the Purfleet hall; as well as Bible instruction, the children enjoyed the other activities which included singing, quizzes, games and watching films.

Mr John Ramsey conducted the school with seven other trained teachers. Mr Ramsey is a lecturer at the Newcastle Teachers College.

On average 60 children attended the school on each of the four mornings. Mr Ridley, pastor of the United Aborigines Mission at Purfleet, said that the school was a great success.

Organizers hope to conduct a similar school for the children next year.



Christine Maher, of Purfleet, looks at a strip-film projector with Mr John Ramsey, who conducted the school