CELEBRATING THE PAST
SHARING THE FUTURE

It's good to see the school we knew,
the land of youth and dream,
to greet again the rule we knew,
before we took the stream.
Though long we've missed the sight of her,
our hearts may not forget.
We've lost the old delight of her;
We keep her honour yet.

Sir Henry Newbolt

This book is dedicated to the 8500 students who have attended the Pomona State School since 31st August 1897.

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The Under Secretary
For Education
Brisbane

Sir,

At a meeting of residents residing adjacent to Anakoon the day I was appointed Chairman & requested to visit for the purpose of obtaining a school for the children in the vicinity.

I would inform you that the present existing school is that a long time ago a school was established for the children in the vicinity. Since then the school has been abandoned and the land is practically cleared for the purpose of building a school.

The school will be about forty feet by thirty feet and will accommodate forty children. It is to be built of stone and will cost $500. The land is to be purchased for $100. The school will be ready for use in the next term.

I have further information that there is a similar school in the district of Anakoon.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

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From the Editor

My family's association with Pomona School spans 100 years. In 1897 my great-grandfather Henry Armitage was secretary of the first school committee. My father Les Armitage and his brothers, Percy, Bill and Vic. My brother Gordon and I, our cousins, and my sons Ian and Ross Christie have all attended this school.

I started school in 1946 in Prep 1 with Miss McKenzie. Although resources were limited to slates and basic readers, our education was sound. External examinations Scholarship and, two years later, Junior were major milestones in our lives. After Junior, I was accepted into Kelvin Grove Teachers' College and studied for my Senior at night. Then it was back to Pomona in 1959 to teach Grade 2, on staff with the teachers who had taught me just two years earlier.

After being transferred to Kalbar and later Cooroy, I married Doug Christie in 1966 and took time out in the early seventies to rear our two boys. In 1975 I rejoined the staff at Pomona, where I have enjoyed teaching to this day. I believe that, as well as learning the '3 Rs', students should develop self-discipline rather than have it imposed on them. Above all, they should enjoy school hence my love of craft and out-door education.

I feel I was 'rail-roaded' into the job of editor, but I must confess it has been a great pleasure to collate the information for this book to celebrate the Centenary of our school. My very special 'Thanks' must go to the team of researchers, writers, design artists, photographers, hard working typists, proof readers, members of the Coorora Historical Museum and the many past and present staff and students who have contributed to its production.

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Regards, Heather Christie

In memory of Henry Armitage Snr, by the Armitage descendants
Celebrating the Past – Sharing the Future

From the Principal

What is so special about a centenary? I believe it’s because a hundred years is a time span we can comprehend. It links us with our grandparents and our present or future grandchildren, and it signifies a major milestone in our personal history.

At the centenary milestone, we can pause to recognise the early European settlers, their drive and faith in the Pomona area, their willingness to invest their money, time and energy in creating a healthy and viable settlement, and their desire to educate their children.

We can also acknowledge that time about 100 years ago as a pivotal point in the history of the indigenous people who enjoyed this beautiful and bountiful place. In many ways, the co-incidence of the school centenary and the Year of Reconciliation with Aboriginal Australians is a true outcome of education, reflecting the need for all humans to learn to live together in peace and to celebrate our different gifts.

The hundred years of formal education in Pomona has been marked by notable successes and, as in all human experience, by great tragedy. Some past students have become famous in business, politics, sport and the arts. Many have gone from our school to serve others, some even to die in this century’s wars. Most have lived as happy people, managing their lives through the things they learned here.

Writing this foreword to the book which celebrates the centenary of Pomona State School is a highlight of my teaching career. It enables me to say ‘Thank you’ to all the teachers, teacher’s aides, janitors, groundspersons, cleaners and office staff who have dedicated their expertise and energies to serving the children of Pomona, and it gives me the chance to wish you well as you look through the memories this book contains.

Here’s to the next 100!

Peter Bradford

Sponsored by Percy & Carrie Armitage’s boys – Percy, Bill Vic & Les
Pomona Rural School
Centenary History

BY ALINE GILLESPIE

Magnificent stands of beech, cedar, hoop and kauri pine attracted white men to the district surrounding the future town of Pomona from the mid 1860s. As the land was cleared, it was cultivated for sugar cane and banana growing, citrus orchards and dairy farming, and more people settled on selections as they became available. Life was hard, but the thoughts of the settlers turned to education for the growing number of children. Small schools commenced at Mill Point, Cooran, Lake Cootharaba and Coolooin Creek, often with the funds and work of the settlers.

Pinbarren Siding started as a stopping point for the train on a bend in the railway line between Cooroy and Cooran, and grew steadily as a locality. A committee was formed to agitate for a school so local youngsters would not have to travel four miles or more to the closest school at Cooran.

On 17 December 1896, Henry Armitage, the Chairman of the Pinbarren Provisional School Committee, wrote to the Department of Public Instruction requesting that a primary school for approximately forty children be provided for the area. The Department agreed to build a school, on condition that half the estimated cost of £100 was met by parents. In early 1897, the Committee accepted the tender of the One Mile Saw Mill Co., Gympie, for the building and furniture.

A simple high-set timber building of one large room with a front verandah was erected on five acres of Crown land close to Pinbarren Siding, together with an 800 gallon tank and outside toilets. An amount of £10 already collected locally towards the school was boosted by another £16, the proceeds of a dance held at the opening of the school. Two committee members paid the balance of the money owing to the builder, by postal notes dated three months after completion. The determination of parents to have their children educated, when they were struggling to establish themselves under difficult conditions, was evident in the sacrifices made to have a

The original school built in 1897. This became the school house in 1909. (Courtesy Coorooroo Historical Museum)
school, in 1897 and later.

The Pinbarren Provisional School opened as a one-teacher school on 31 August 1897, with Miss Mary Anne Hensley in charge of twenty-five pupils. The number of families in the district increased and in 1907, seven years after the township was named Pomona, the committee notified the Department that the building was too small to accommodate over fifty pupils now on the roll. Children were leaving to attend State Schools elsewhere because of overcrowding. The Department undertook to upgrade the Provisional School to a State School, with one fifth of the cost to be borne by the community.

The era of female one-teacher schools ended when George Grant Dan was appointed head teacher of the Pomona Provisional School in August 1908. It was also the beginning of thirty-three years' dedicated service and influence by GG Dan, which were to have a profound effect on shaping the lives of the children under his care. The Pomona State School opened in 1909.

William Bytheway, a Gympie carpenter, won the contract to erect the new school building, with front and back verandahs, fences and gates. The cost of £813/17/- included shifting the old school to a corner of the grounds, and converting it to a residence for the head teacher. Mr Dan moved
EARLY YEARS

An extract from the 1908 Annual Return, which demonstrates Mr Dan's copybook writing and the high scholastic standard he expected of his pupils.

Below: Mr George Dan with the produce of his garden. (Courtesy Archie Dan).

Bottom: The Tennis Club of 1911 – taken at the court in the school grounds. (Courtesy Archie Dan).

into his new home on 20 May 1909 and was 'well-pleased' with it. Such proximity to the school grounds had the advantage of keeping him informed of activities in and around the centre. He could also watch tennis being played on the court that was established on the school reserve in 1910. He was a keen tennis player himself, and an enthusiastic gardener.
In 1902, pupils at the Pinbarren Provisional School enjoyed many school-free days. First, the school was closed between 20 February and 23 March as there was no teacher. Then there were the public holidays St Patrick’s Day on 17 March, Victoria Day on 26 May, two days for the new King’s Coronation on 26 and 27 June, the Gympie Show on 19 September, and the School Treat on 12 December.

In 1910, ten and a half holidays were recorded by Mr Dan, in addition to regular term vacations – on 11 March, an excursion on the Mary River, St Patrick’s Day on 17 March, Election Day on 13 April, the King’s Funeral on 20 May, Eight Hour Day on 27 May, King’s Birthday on 6 June, Friendly Societies’ Day on 12 September, Noosa Show on 16 and 17 November and the visiting Minister for Agriculture granted an extra day on 18 November. It was the custom for visiting VIPs to suggest to the head teacher that pupils have a day off from school, as soon as it could be arranged, and the children’s anticipation of this treat was rarely disappointed. Entertainment of the children occupied another half day on 9 December.

Mr Dan applied to the Education Department to sell one quarter acre of the school grounds to the Postal Department in 1912. Permission was granted, and while it is not certain that the sale eventuated, money was urgently needed to enlarge the school building because of increased roll numbers. From an average attendance of 48.4 in 1910, the 1912 figure had almost doubled to 86.3. The classroom and both front and back verandahs were extended by a further thirteen feet six inches in 1913.

Teachers and students suffered a personal loss during the First World War when the school’s first pupil teacher, William Ronald, who enrolled as a student in 1900, taught from 1909 to 1914, and enlisted in 1915, was killed in France in 1918.
1908 Pomona in the News

EXTRACT FROM
THE NAMBOUR CHRONICLE 1/8/1908

The Pomona Rifle Club held their annual general meeting on the 11th inst. About 30 members were present and the officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months – Captain, J. Lane; Secretary, Mr Depper; Treasurer R.H. Davis; committee, J. Saunders, J. Bunter, W. Beal, and J. Muney; selection committee and handicappers, W. Lane, A. Read and E. Carter; Auditors, R. N. Graham and J.M. Tomkins. The balance sheet for the last term showed a surplus, so it was decided to allow the secretary's remuneration of £5.5s per annum. The rifles have arrived and each member is now in possession of one, so more interest will now be taken in practice.

Miss Emily Mayhew, head teacher of the Provisional School, severed her connection with the school last Friday, after being stationed here close upon 7 years. Just before school closed last Friday, the committee waited upon Miss Mayhew to bid her goodbye, and made her a presentation of a silver teapot, biscuit barrel, and breakfast cruet, on behalf of the parents. The chairman (Mr H. Armitage) made the presentation and in a few well chosen remarks praised Miss Mayhew as a teacher and resident. He stated that he had been a member of the committee for the whole of Miss Mayhew's term, and he could not remember the least bit of friction occurring between them. Miss Mayhew feelingly responded and thanked the parents for their kindness towards her during her term, also for the nice present they had made her.

Mrs Kelly and Miss Hughes arrived here on Friday from Moore to take charge of the school, but as accommodation could not be obtained for Mrs Kelly and her family she was forced to leave again by the afternoon train. Those responsible in the department should feel ashamed of themselves for putting the lady to such a lot of worry and trouble, when it would have been an easy matter for them to find out the state of affairs, if they did not know.

The Annual Ball of the Axeman's Union took place on Friday night when despite the rain and bad roads, a large crowd turned up. A program of about 20 dances were gone through, which took till daylight the following morning. Mr C. Gosley officiated as M.C. while Mr J. Pild (accordion) supplied the music. During the evening a few songs were interpreted, also a step dance by a young lady from Brisbane. Refreshments were handed around and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves immensely.

Remember When...

(Mind you, you'll have to be over eighty-eight to remember this one.) Les Armitage was caught by Mr Dan with a note he had received from the girls? The order was given, ‘Come out here Armitage!’ On the way out Les ate the note, saved the girls and got ‘six of the best’ for his troubles.

The favourite game was a twelve foot plank round-a-bout attached to a stump with a large spike. Children seated at each end were swung around until they were dizzy. After an accident or two, this game was banned and replaced with ‘See-Saw’.

Hands up if you remember Pinwill's horse, 'Moscow', that used to pigroot when it was kicked in the rump?

Speaking of horses, remember when (again over eighty-eight years ago) Brian Grabam used to ride to school and put his horse in the horse paddock opposite the Post Office? Everything was fine until home time, when it took six people to catch it – every afternoon!

Bill McConnell and Les Armitage had a huge fistfight in front of the local store? They could never remember why they fought, but they do remember attracting a large crowd of onlookers.

Little Mary Bazzo, who was in Grade 1, fell asleep at her desk each afternoon? She, like many other students of that time, had to rise very early, help with the milking, then walk two to three miles to school.
Rules for Women Teachers

The behaviour of female teachers was tightly controlled and supervised in 1915, as the Rules for Teachers show.

1. You will NOT marry during the term of your contract.
2. You are NOT to keep company with men.
3. You MUST be home between the hours of 8pm and 6am unless attending a school function.
4. You MAY NOT loiter down town in ice-cream stores.
5. You MAY NOT travel beyond the city limits without the permission of the chairman of the board.
6. You MAY NOT ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
7. You MAY NOT smoke cigarettes.
8. You may UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES dye your hair.
9. You must wear AT LEAST two petticoats.
10. Your dresses must NOT be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.
11. To keep the school room clean you MUST: sweep the floor at least once daily; scrub the floor with hot, soapy water at least once a week; clean the backboard at least one a day; start the fire at 7am so that the room will be warm by 8am.

The following account by Eileen O'Rourke, who taught at Pomona State School from 1915 to 1921, reveals that conditions might not have been as grim as the above Rules indicated.
Teaching in 1915-1921

BY EILEEN O’ROURKE, PUPIL TEACHER

Extract from the Pomona State Rural School Golden Jubilee book 1897-1947

I was appointed to the staff as a pupil teacher in September, 1915, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Ronald’s enlistment. He had been a P.T. as well, and Mr Dan and Miss Neil felt his going very much. I had the infant classes, so the work was easy for me. The senior pupils all seemed to be my own age which fact alarmed me very much, but I soon got over that.

As in all country schools, the weather affected the attendance to a great extent. Many of the children lived a distance out and several had to ride to school. A number also travelled by train from Yuru. As a result, bad roads and flooded creeks prevented many from attending regularly. Happily, these conditions do not exist today. Good roads, bridges built over flood level, and good transport facilities have removed a lot of this trouble. It was a source of anxiety for the parents as well.

Each year the enrolment rose steadily. As the township expanded, new families arrived. The local butter factory and two saw mills were erected, thus giving permanent employment to a number of men. New businesses were opened and the dairying industry seemed to make rapid progress. All these factors kept the families here permanently, and so avoided the casual floating population which affects the attendance and progress of any school.

Eileen O’Rourke on her Wedding Day. (Courtesy Maureen Holmes).

Later on, in the course of the war, Mr Ronald was reported killed. As he was a local boy and well respected by all, his death was felt very keenly.

At this time the Nambour Rural School was open and many of the senior girls travelled down to take subjects there. They found them very interesting and useful after leaving school. Later on, Miss Neil was transferred and her place was taken by Miss Leslie. The school continued to expand, and Miss Shanahan was transferred to the staff.

Under Mr Dan, conditions were always pleasant and agreeable, and he was always ready to help and advise us in any way. The school committee was ever ready to assist him in any way.

In six years, a large number of pupils passed through the school—sturdy, healthy types. As in all farming centres, many of them had to work hard before and after school. However, their school work did not seem to suffer, and they were as industrious as the rest. There were few amusements for children at that time, and no such thing as interschool sports, so all fun and enjoyment were found in the school grounds. They made their own amusement and seemed happy amongst themselves.

Many names come back to me—Pepper, Morgan, Bull, Blanckenship, Baker, Bazzo, Lindsy, Graham, Grant, Mussig, Nugent, Cooper, Armitage, Lawrie, Alfredson, Straker, Ransome, Parker, Collett, Ralph, Keileher, Brown and Edwards.

William Ronald, former pupil and pupil teacher, killed in WW1 in 1918. (Courtesy Coorooroo Historical Museum).
Mr Dan was only fifteen years old in 1890 when he commenced his teaching career as a Pupil Teacher at the Charters Towers Boys' School. School began at 7 am, as Pupil Teachers had two hours of instructions each morning. Junior and Senior examinations were completed over a number of years. Mr Dan was transferred to Moreton Provisional School near Cooktown in 1895 and in the same year, he took charge of Queenston School near Charters Towers.

In 1908, he came to Pomona as Head Teacher. At that time, he had only one assistant teacher. For thirty-three years, under his efficient guidance, the school continued to grow.

Mrs Dan taught the girls sewing. In fact she was instrumental in the making of the fancy dress costumes for the School's first dance. The Dans were active members of the Pomona Tennis Club and Mr Dan was a very keen gardener.

He passed away in 1953.

Owing largely to the untiring efforts of Mr Dan, I was successful in gaining a place among the Bursary winners at the end of the year 1909. In those days about 40 Scholarships were awarded to boys, and seven bursaries worth £30 annually for three years were awarded to children whose parents had limited incomes. The bursary enabled me to attend the Brisbane Boys' Grammar School for three years. I cannot speak too highly of Mr Dan's efforts. He gave much of his own time, both before and after school, in helping us through. I say 'us' because Will Ronald was a pupil teacher taking the same examination, and Roy Armitage was a candidate for the Bursary. In the years after, I have always looked back with feelings of the utmost gratitude to Mr Dan.

*This is now the old school site on the corner of Reserve Street and Memorial Avenue.*
Harry's Memories

BY HARRY ROBB

Harry started school in 1921. These are some of his memories:

- Playing bushrangers over on the rifle range.
- Swimming in the creek over past the Majestic Theatre in the lunch-hour, then racing back to school, being a bit late. (The teacher knew they had been swimming by their wet hair, and a few cuts of the cane was the result!)
- One time he was in a 'pig club'. A number of boys each had a pig. They built pens by the fence opposite Turnbull's cafe. The pigs were taken in there for judging. The boys had to dig trenches around the camphor laurel trees and shovel the manure there.
- To level out the tennis court, the bigger boys had to drag a bullock wagon steel tyre across the court. (Not all of us were able to play tennis — depression and drought caused our parents to be unable to afford a tennis racquet.) One time Mr Dan and two other teachers were very ill for a week. Miss Core ran the whole school on her own by putting older students in charge of the younger ones. She asked the children to be very quiet during their playtime, so as not to disturb Mr Dan, who lay nearby. When he returned, Mr Dan thanked them for their consideration. Miss Core made a great impression on her students — which Harry remembers to this day.
- Harry was no singer. During singing lessons, those who couldn’t sing had to go out and work in the garden.
- Memories of break-up day: custard being churned in wooden churns packed around with ice — to make ice-cream! Also every child received a gift, either a pencil case, or a book.
A Patchwork of Memories

BY FORMER STUDENTS VIENNA COOKE, GLENN DEPPER, BOB PAGE & SYLVIA LENNOX

School in those days was quite different from what it is today. The schools were small and spread around the countryside. As there was no transport, most children either rode horses or walked two to three miles to school each day.

When Pomona School opened, there was only one teacher for all the grades. Sometimes the older children, monitors, helped the younger children with reading, spelling and tables. As the number of students increased, more teachers were appointed to the school until, in the 1920s, there were three teachers plus the Head Teacher, Mr Dan.

We used slates and slate pencils, which were sharpened on rocks or concrete each morning. Sponges and rags kept in bottles and small tins, were used to clean the slates. As we grew older, we learned to write in note pads with pencils or pen and ink. Copy books lessons were conducted each week, and we also had to write one ‘exercise’ in good writing every week. Our writing pens and pencils were kept in wooden pencil cases.

Left: Six pairs of twins at one school. The State School at Pomona, on the North Coast Line, boasts of no fewer than six pairs of twins amongst its pupils. Here are five of them, 24th December 1931. Back left to right: Sylvia & Hazel Everett, Alax & Lionel Bohman. Middle row: Albert & Tom Suttle, Ella & Lena Bazzoo. Front: Dorothy & Phyllis Impey. Missing Audrey & Gladys North.

Bottom left: Clarice Everett and Connie Culley on the steps of the school.

Remember When...

We produced fancy Old English beadings on our exercises?

The ink monitors used to mix the ink and fill the ink wells?

Girls’ plaits seemed to be made to just put down the ink well in the desk behind?

All the pet calves were brought to school on Calf Club days?

We had to produce the paperwork to show how often our calf was fed, groomed and generally cared for?

The Ministers of Religion took us for Religious Instruction under the camphor laurel trees? We used to take the forms out to sit on.

There were six sets of twins attending school?
Drill sessions were held every day, so that all parts of the body were exercised, and marching was also taught. Children did not slouch into school. They also did not speak in class unless instructed to do so. Any misdemeanor was dealt with by the ruler or stick. For major breaches of discipline, the cane was given, six cuts, three on each hand, being the maximum punishment. This was recorded in the Corporal Punishment Book. Bob Page recalls that he averaged two cuts a day, as he always spoke out of turn.

Another remembered occasion in the 20's, was the day Bert Court, our school teacher, married Molly O'Leary in the Roman Catholic Church. It must have been a school day because we, who were in his class, went up to see the bride and groom come out of the church.

We did not wear uniforms and seldom wore shoes. Everyone played marbles and we also enjoyed ball games, rounders and cricket. School began at 9.30 am and finished at 3.30 pm but milking families left at 3.00 pm to go home to help in the dairy.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our Rural School lessons each week. The only problem was that we had to travel by train to Nambour, catching the 7.30 am train and returning on the mail train about 12.30 pm.

Dolly Cooper and Edie Doughty. (Courtesy Tom Sanderson)
On the Buses

In the years following the turn of the century, many small schools were opened to serve the families in the outlying districts of Pomona. As the enrolments declined in the 1930s and 1940s, these schools systematically closed.

Furniture, readers, slates, writing equipment, blackboards and later some of the actual buildings became part of the fabric of the Pomona State School. Students were then transported to school by bus. This was the beginning of the present network of buses which carry over 344 young folk to the Pomona Primary and Secondary Schools.

CHAPPY’S BUS

Chappy’s bus had padded seats running lengthways along the bus. This was a luxury as students who travelled on other buses which doubled as cream trucks, often had to sit on bags of corn and meal or planks placed across the bus. On one occasion, Ray Hempsall and Garth Frederickson were misbehaving and were eventually ‘put off’ the bus by the driver. Mr Chapman drove on about 100 yards and waited for the boys to catch up. They decided to hide and then walk home across the paddocks leaving Mr Chapman frantic with worry.

The bus regularly stopped on Green’s flat (along Louis Bazzo Drive), so that the travellers could feed the birds with left over lunch scraps and on the last day of the year Mr Chapman bought everyone an icecream at the Majestic Cafe.
The Mill School

Opened pre 1874. Closed 1892. Located by Lake Cootharaba, approximately two kilometres north of Elanda Point.

The Mill School was the first school to be opened in this district. No information is available from the Queensland Education Archives as the school building and the grounds were private gifts from the Mill owners. The school was subsidised by the Government of the day to the extent of £60 per annum.

The following information is taken from extracts from the Brisbane Courier 1877, 1886 and the Gympie Times 1886. "A short distance from the mill, on the southern half of the point, is a roomy school house built and furnished by the proprietors. There was also a library and reading room where over 4000 books were available. The school was apparently opened in 1874' and closed upon the closure of the mill in 1891 although it was listed until 1892.

Jessie McLeod was the first teacher. Mrs Winnett was another popular teacher. In 1877 the school had an attendance of 30 pupils. The school apparently doubled as the community hall. The Gympie Times reported on 18 May 1886, "a concert was held in the schoolroom on May 6th to bid farewell to Mr & Mrs McGee. The weather was unfavourable, heavy rain having set in during the afternoon, and continued far into the night; but in spite of drawbacks, bad roads and pitch darkness, an attendance of nearly a hundred was there. The concert was a great success. A fine piano and two violins constituted the orchestra. At 10 o'clock the room was cleared for dancing, and a right merry time was made of it until the 'wee sma' hours'.

Certificate presented to Mill Point schoolteacher, Mrs Winnett.
Pinbarren Creek State School

Opened as a Provisional School 22 February 1905. Became a State School in 1908. Closed July 1939 (off the record 9 October 1939). Located on the Pinbarren Kin Kin Road, just under Pinbarren Mountain.

TEACHERS’ ROLL CALL
1. Davies, Hattie 1905-1908
2. Grealy, Margaret 1908-1912
3. Morre, Annie 1912-1914
4. O’Keefe, Winifred 1914-1915
5. Walker, Charlotte 1915-1916
6. Wallis, Ethel 1916-1917
7. Holmes, Susannah 1917-1920
8. Adams, Amy 1920-1922
9. Bury, Evelyn 1922
10. Forsyth, Annie 1925
11. O’Rourke, Eileen 1925
12. Cavenagh, Mary 1926
13. Simpson, Alexander 1926-1936
14. Smith, Harvey 1936-1939
15. Lawrie, Elinor 1939-1939

Mr Muldoon and Miss Edwards were relieving teachers in the late 30s.

Student Roll Call for Pinbarren Creek School not available from the State Archives. Our apologies.

An Extract from a letter written by Alan Brims

Remember When...

Mr Muldoon the Head Teacher used to walk from Cooran to Pinbarren each day.

The pupils of Pinbarren Creek State School planted Kauri Pine, Silky Oak, Hoop Pine and Flooded Gum, the beginning of the Memorial Forestry Plot?

We used to take our calves across the paddock to school for Calf Project day. We liked to choose a pretty roan Illawarra and lead them around in a circle. Remember the log books we kept on feeding and grooming?

We went swimming in Pinbarren Creek water hole instead of going home. Harvey Smith HT caught us and we all got the cuts next day.

We used to play ‘Mince Meat’. It was a bit like ‘Drop the Hankey’ only you were bit with a strap. Even Harvey Smith HT played as well.

We played rounders, cricket and tennis.
Kareeva & Boreen Junction State Schools

KAREEWA STATE SCHOOL
Opened January 1898. Closed 1933. Located at the triangular corner of Ringtail Road and the old Cootharaba Road opposite Houghton's Saw Mill.

BOREEN JUNCTION STATE SCHOOL
Opened 1933. Closed June 1947. Located at the junction of Cootharaba Road and Boreen Point Road (part of what is now Etherington's farm).

The history of the Kareewa State School is an interesting one. It opened its doors in January 1898 as Cooroura Provisional School. It became a State school in 1910, which meant the Government of the day was responsible for the expenses of maintaining the school building and its requisites. 1911 saw a name change from Cooroura to the Aboriginal word Kareewa, meaning the purple wild flower, Hovea, which grew in abundance in the area.

Geoff Shapcott recalls being fascinated as a child in the late 20's, with the bush honey bees which made their nests in the walls of the school.

By 1932, the building was in a sad state of repair, as the white ants had literally taken over. Many of the students attending the school at the time, came from the Upper Cootharaba area and the parents requested the Government to resite the school to the junction of Cootharaba and Boreen Point Roads, rather than rebuild on the current site. The request was granted and the newly built school became Boreen Junction State School and the education of local students continued until its closure in June 1947.

The history of the school doesn’t end there, as the building was pulled down by Mr Arthur Brady, his son Spencer and Jack Armitage, who rebuilt it at the Pomona State School. By 1950 it was in use as the Science Room and much later, the Staff Room.

Where is it now? We wonder?

TEACHERS’ ROLL CALL
1 Wright, Margaret 1898
2 Cafferky, Edith 1898-1999
3 Hooper, Sarah 1899-1900
4 Douglas, Agnes 1900-1906
5 Connelly, Jessie 1906-1909
6 Phillips, Sarah 1909-1910
7 Hughes, Agnes 1910-1917
8 McKinlay Robina 1917-1918
9 Williams, Gwendith 1918-1921
10 Baulch, Mary 1921-1925
11 McCarthy, Mary 1925-1929
12 Riddell, Elia 1929-1931
13 Bestmann, Leila 1931-1933
14 Briddy, Edna (Acting) 1932
15 Roberts, Ethel 1933-1939
16 Lammas, Ruth 1939-1940
17 Colvin, Elva 1940-1942
18 Priddy, Zelma 1942-1945
19 McDougall Mary 1945-1946
20 Hamwood, Esme 1946-1947
21 Ganley, Leslie 1947

Students’ Roll Call available from the Pomona State School

A teachers request that parents tidy-up and bath a certain lad prompted a note saying ‘we know our boy don’t smell like violets - teach him, don’t smell him!’

Left: Gwen Williams, Teacher at Kareeva 1918-1920. (Courtesy Ruth Verdon nee Armitage)
Right: Illustration by Paul O’Neil

Sponsored by George (deceased) & Ruth Page’s family - Heather, Ken (deceased) & Allan
Teacher’s Report

BY RUTH PAGE (NEE LAMMAS), FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER

During the Second World War when the Japanese were threatening Townsville, air raid trenches were dug at the back of the school grounds. At certain times we had to practise getting to them in an orderly fashion, the bigger children helping the smaller ones.

At Kareeua, Fred and Bill Houghton had a saw mill and a large shed where dances were often held. These were very popular and people came from far and wide. Stan Groth supplied the music. Boreen Junction School held fancy dress balls in ‘Houghton’s Hall’ to raise funds for the school.

Charlie Gordon drove the cream truck from the district to the Butter Factory at Pomona during the week and on Saturdays took the teachers and others to Pomona to do their shopping and meet their friends.

Top right: Ruth Lammas on the steps of the Boreen Junction School. (Courtesy Val Skyring)
Coolooin Creek State School

Opened 16 August 1915. Closed 31 December 1936 due to low attendance. Located near the junction of Boreen Point Road and McKinnon Drive.

TEACHERS' ROLL CALL
1 MacCallum, Isabella Jean 1915-1917
2 Newell, Ethel Olive 1917
3 Kittie, Edith Grace 1917-1919
4 Waddell, Mary 1919-1920
5 Harper, Lavina Kate 1920-1921
6 Keenan, Mary Agnes 1921-1925
7 Ingram, Lucinda Jane 1925-1927
8 Ginn, Irene 1927-1928
9 Barth, Elizabeth Magdelena 1928-1930
10 Primus, Alexander George 1930-1935
11 Statham, Laura Ethel 1935
12 Westaway, Joan Mary 1935-1937

Students' Roll Call available from Pomona State School

ARBOR DAY REPORT 1927
HT Irene Ginn reports that on the 29 July 1927, trees were planted in the school grounds to celebrate Arbor Day. Coolooin Creek school children prepared two holes fifteen inches deep by five feet wide and planted one Bougainvillea and one Sterculia Lurida. Fourteen trees previously planted, were alive on the school grounds. The parents brought a picnic lunch and this was enjoyed by all.

Right: Jean MacCallum, the first teacher at Coolooin Creek State School was just 17 years old when she began teaching at this small one-teacher school.

Below: Coolooin Creek State School 1916. Glen Depper is in the centre of the front row, her two sisters to her left, and her two brothers on the extreme left and right in the back row. (Courtesy Glen Depper)
THE SMALL SCHOOLS

Cootharaba Lake State School

Opened 23 August 1909. Closed 1943. Located on the corner of Kildey's Road and Lake Flat Road.

In 1946, the Cootharaba Lake School was pulled down and relocated to Pomona Rural School where it became the Infants classroom. The furniture, books and other items were put to good use at Pomona.

TEACHERS' ROLL CALL
1 Taylor, Florence 1909-1911
2 Bailey Leslie 1911-1913
3 Holmes, Susannah 1913-1917
4 Etherington, Frederic 1917
5 Stack, Sarah (Act) 1917-1918
6 Kittle, Isabel (Act) 1918-1920
7 Gooderham, Maud 1921-1924
8 McCarthy Mary 1924-1925
9 Palmer, Margaret 1925-1927
10 Mahoney, Annie 1927-1929
11 Yeo, Lilian 1929-1936
12 Gannan, Ursula 1936-1937
13 Stevenson, Margaret 1937-1939
14 Bond, Madge 1939-1942
15 Haywood, Ellenor 1942-1943

Student Roll Call available from Pomona State School

Below: Cootharaba State School 1912.
Ringtail State School

Opened May 1912. Closed December 1943. Located Ringtail Road.

In 1946, the Ringtail School was pulled down and rebuilt at Pomona School where it was used as a classroom and eventually became the Library.

Above: Ringtail State School. (Courtesy Coorooma Historical Museum)
Below: Teacher Maud Ferguson

TEACHERS’ ROLL CALL
1 Groth, Louisa Mary 1912-1915
2 McCullagh, Margaret 1915
3 Carsen, Mabel 1915-1916
4 Carroll, Thomas 1916-1918
5 Southerdon, Vera Louisa 1918
6 Enright, Annie Irene 1918-1919
7 Ferguson, Maud Evelyn 1919-1931
8 Flynn, Veronica 1931-1934
9 Shelley, Rolland Robert Stanley 1934-1935
10 Lewis, Ivor Norman 1935-1938
11 Barkley, Mavis Jean 1938
12 Concannon, John Joseph 1939-1942
13 Storer, Bernard Kevin 1942
14 Jones, Sylvia Anne 1942-1943

Students’ Roll Call available from Pomona State School

Remember When...

In 1936 or thereabouts huge bush fires surrounded the Ringtail School? The terrified students had to remain in the school building until their parents could get through to collect them. Some children were there till quite late. Jack Horsley, the fruit inspector at the time, owned a Ford V8 Tourer with a canvas hood. He and Bob Page went out to help rescue the school children. As they drove along, Bob had to stand on the running board and brush the branches off the canvas hood before it, too, caught fire. Napier’s house and a shed of pine stored at the foot of the Cootharaba Range were lost in those fires.

Ivor Lewis, who was HT at Ringtail at the time of the fires, boarded at Mrs Stjernqvist in Pomona. When he drove out each day in his two-seater car with a ‘Dicky Seat’ boot, he collected some of his students as he travelled along. Incidentally, Mrs Stjernqvist was Mary Baulch, who taught at Kareewa School from 1921 to 1925.

Ringtail School closed in 1943 and Mrs Chapman drove the girls to school in the ute, picking up other students on the way. This was the beginning of Chappy’s bus run after the war.
THE THIRTIES

The Rural School

BY ALINE GILLESPIE

The next major development in the educational life of Pomona occurred when vocational training was added to the curriculum. On 24 October 1925, a meeting of the School Committee unanimously resolved that the Noosa Shire and district needed a Rural School at the central location of Pomona, which was also the Shire headquarters. In a letter to the Department of Public Instruction, the Committee said a large number of students were already travelling by train from Traveston, Cooran, Pomona, Skyring Creek, Black Mountain, Cootharaba, Kanaewa, Kin Kin, Pinbarren and Cooroy to attend Rural School at Nambour. More time was spent by these students getting to and from Nambour than was spent in class at the school. The Committee requested that a more accessible Rural School be built for their children.

Rural schools provided useful and practical tuition for boys and girls in preparation for their future in a farming community. Introductory manual skills, such as the use of tools in sheet metal and wood work, enabled boys to be employed locally, either on family farms or in trades. Domestic Science training for girls, most of whom would be married within a few years of leaving school, included cooking, dressmaking and housekeeping classes. The Department refused the first and succeeding applications by the School Committee, citing lack of finance and more urgent needs by other districts for Rural Schools as the reasons. Ten years were to elapse before Pomona added such a school to its complex.

The head teacher George Dan and the School Committee fought numerous battles on behalf of their students. As well as trying to obtain a Rural School, in late 1925 they resisted an attempt by the Pomona branch of the Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade to take over the horse paddock in the school grounds to build an ambulance station. By December 1926, the school was grossly overcrowded – 181 children in a space suitable for 130 only. An appeal for additions fell on deaf ears, instead the verandahs were enclosed with duck blinds to make extra classrooms. A new wing, twenty-two feet by eighteen feet, was added in 1928. In 1933, the horse paddock was again the target of predatory eyes, when the Police Department wanted the land for Police buildings and a Court House. The School Committee strenuously rejected the proposal, and the Education Department notified the Police Department that its application was refused.

Letters and deputations continued to go to the Department over the years to obtain a Rural School. Outlying schools supported the project, and by September 1929, £300 had been subscribed towards running costs. Local clubs and organisations, especially the Country Women’s Association, raised money for the school. The local Member of Parliament the Honourable H F Walker also supported the school’s application over many years.

In 1932, the Department advised that the money collected should be placed in a fixed term deposit, as it was unable to proceed with the building of the
school in the midst of a depression. The cost of building in 1933 was estimated at £1,427, with running costs a further consideration. Finally, in December 1934, the School Committee advised the Department that it intended to return over £300 held in the Rural School account to the donors. With yet another delegation from Pomona on its doorstep, the Department responded with the welcome news that the necessary buildings would be erected to enable Rural School instruction to commence in the 1935-36 year.

Two buildings, one for boys' classes in metal and wood work, the other for girls' cooking and dressmaking classes, were erected in the school grounds and the Rural School was opened by the Honourable F A Cooper on 26 October 1935. Its first intake of pupils was in January 1936. As electricity was not yet connected to the town or the school, the preparation of dishes and sewing by the girls was done by hand. The boys also made articles manually, but in March 1941, Mr Dan confidently predicted the coming of electricity by the end of the year, and ordered new equipment for the boys. Electricity was connected in late 1941 and a former pupil remembered that the new street lights in the town were tempting targets for young slingshot owners, himself included.

When the Rural School opened, a flag was requested from the Department. This was attached to a flag pole, and each morning the pupils assembled before classes began, saluted the flag as it was run up the pole and sang 'God Save the King'.

In August 1938, Mr Dan wrote to the Department requesting that a kindergarten class be accommodated at the school. An infant class teacher Miss A M Lundager was already training in kindergarten work at the Windsor (Brisbane) school for this purpose. Approval was given by the Director of Education.

By May 1939, conditions at the school were deplorable, with overcrowded rooms and lack of facilities for staff. Six grades with a total of 117 children occupied one room and a verandah, and three teachers struggled to teach five classes in one of the rooms. Underneath the school was bare ground and very dusty. The District Inspector Mr J Farrell strongly recommended that urgent alterations be made to make the classrooms fit for both teachers and students to work in. The building was extended by eight feet, the area was divided into three classrooms, lighting was improved, and underneath the school cemented and enclosed. Separate closets for teachers and a teachers' retiring room were also provided.

Another change occurred in 1946, when the School Committee which had striven to bring the best in education to Pomona children for so long, followed modern trends by becoming a Parents and Citizens Association. A highlight of 1947 was the Golden Jubilee celebration of the school's opening, attended by 500 former teachers, pupils, parents and other people.

Left: The Manual Training work room in the 50's ('It hasn't changed much') and the Domestic Science room. (Courtesy Pat Jones)
Happy Days as a Student

BY VAL SWEENEY (NEE UHLMANN)

I remember in the Thirties, the happy times when we used to ride our horses to school – Primary of course, as there was no High School then. My home was at Skyring Creek, four miles from Pomona.

Firstly I met up with Frank Cash, who was older than me, and who looked after me so well. My mother could watch from home to see that we set off together on our horses. We were then joined by Ivy Robb, the Arthy girls and finally a few closer to town. It was quite a mixed group – some on horse and some walking. On arrival at school, our horses were relieved of their saddles and bridles (which were put out of the weather) and put into the horse paddock, which was well grassed and shady.

Our fun time was the ride home jumping logs, racing up the old road, stopping to collect bunya nuts not far from Robb’s home, and best of all, in flood times, swimming our horses through Skyring Creek. Just as well our parents didn’t find out!

I remember a few of the excellent teachers – HT Mr Dan, Mr Daddow and Mr Roy Howard. Miss Maltman, another dedicated staff member, made sure that we became proficient in Domestic Science, as it was then called. Mr and Mrs Dan had a large garden, part of which the upper classes used for our gardening project club. We enjoyed seeing our efforts rewarded when we produced lettuce, carrots and beetroot, to name but a few.

Those early school days were happy and carefree, and I was very homesick when I left at the beginning of 1939 to go to boarding school in

Reminiscences

BY IVY MADDSON, FORMER STUDENT

In 1928, the day I was to start school, I didn’t arrive!

My older brother had left early to catch the train to Nambour, where he was attending Rural School, so I was placed in care of the Cash boys. We were walking and had met up with other children along the way. Shortly before reaching the school, a brief shower of rain sent us scurrying under the bushes. The others then went on, but my escorts (not really wanting to go to school after the holidays) asked me if I wanted to go on, or being slightly damp, should we return home? Of course – I opted for home!

So the following day had to be first day all over again! Miss Core was my first teacher, and we were accommodated on the front verandah of the main building. The junior building was under construction – and what a thrill when we moved in, with brightly coloured pictures of butterflies, birds and flowers decorating windows and walls.

A regular thing we had to do every morning before school, was to sharpen our slate pencils on the cement gutter!

I remember one afternoon the whole school stood outside for several hours watching the sky. Bert Hinkler was due to arrive in Brisbane after his epic flight from England. None of us had ever seen a plane, and we didn’t quite know what we were looking for. Of course he flew nowhere near Pomona – to the disappointment of children and teachers!

One time we were practising for a concert and after school were taken over to the picture theatre.

I was about six and knew I should be gone home with the boys – but I was afraid to say anything. Quite late, the teacher realised I was still there and said, ‘Oh, you had better go quickly.’ Home was a two and a half mile walk, and by the time I reached Arthy’s hill it was quite dark. To help myself be brave, I remember marching down the road singing ‘John Brown’s body lies a mouldering in the grave!’ Half way down the hill I met my very relieved and anxious mother, who had come looking for me.

From about eight years of age I rode my horse to school, my companions being Frank Cash and Val Uhlmann on their horses. Sometimes there were high-jinks. Cars didn’t travel so fast in those days, and we took great delight in racing up the old road as the cars went up the new. Quite often we beat the cars. We also became experts at jumping our horses over the logs in the bush. One day Frank’s horse went too close to a tree. He got knocked off with his foot through the stirrup, and was dragged along. I don’t know how I did it, but I managed to race and stop his horse. Apart from being a bit dazed, not too much damage was done to Frank.

When I was about eleven, I was running late one morning so was cantering along alone when my horse shied at something. I went flying off and badly injured my wrist. No way could I remount, so
I was walking along the road crying and leading my horse. Cars were few in those days, but eventually someone came along in a horse and sulky. This gentleman helped me onto my horse and said ‘Just ride along slowly, I will go ahead and tell Mr Dan’. I had about a mile to go. As I approached the school, it was a bit of a shock to find everyone lining the fence waiting for me! My parents were notified, and of course a visit to the doctor with time off school with a broken bone.

A portion of the school grounds was fenced off as a horse paddock. One afternoon we came out of school and not a horse was in sight! We had to scatter and search for them. Fortunately we found them up near the Catholic Church. I had a particular friend, Eileen Moore, who lived at Pinbarren. Her horse ‘Tom’ and my ‘Mystery’ were also mates. One day we caught them – they were the culprits! Standing at the gate together, there was old ‘Tom’ with the wire loop between his teeth – about to open the gate! Being reported, there was soon a different fastening on the gate and their little game was stopped.

A boarding house had been burnt down in Pomona, and there were big old guava trees. We didn’t realise we were pinching – we thought the trees belonged to nobody. At lunchtime some of us would run over and fill up our school bags with guavas. Through the depression years, nearly everyone went to school bare-foot. Our parent could not afford shoes for school. Well, there was I running down to the guava trees. A piece of barbed-wire was lying there and my foot went under instead of over. A large rip down the top of my foot required stitches – and the scar I will carry to my grave!

We had various organised games – rounders, basketball etc, but we also had to make our own fun. There were not trips away or school camps. Sometimes on Saturdays some of us could get together at somebody’s place out on the farms. A bit of a hill below our house was a favourite place to go sliding down on bags, or swim in the creek. Several times a number of us went to the bush, blackened our faces with charcoal, and formed into two ‘tribes’, imagining we were Aborigines having a corroboree. (Little did I realise then that years later, I would spend a number of years in Arnhem Land listening to the real thing every night!)

One time there was a diphtheria outbreak – some children gravely ill were taken to hospital in Brisbane. Throat swabs were taken of everybody else – it was found that many children, though not ill, were carriers. They were isolated for a few weeks in the Show Ground, with people caring for them. The school was closed, and then I heard that those in the Show Grounds were having a great time! There was I, healthy, stuck at home and nobody with whom to play!

Break-up time for school holidays was great. Some years we marched through the town to the Show Grounds where we had a wonderful day of fun and games.

The Domestic Science and Manual Training buildings were opened about 1936, which ushered in a new era at the school. However it was unfortunate there was no high school. A few children went away to boarding school, but most parents were unable to afford this – recovering from the years of depression and with a war looming on the horizon.

Later on I did my nursing training, then through special circumstances, spent a year at Sydney University. However there was always a gap – ‘minus high school’ – especially those occasions when I had to fill in forms where information was required about education!

However we were well taught in the three Rs plus a few other things. Mr Dan always made sure that our writing was correct. Any lesson would be stopped if we scrawled – and we would be given yet another writing lesson!

I am ashamed to say it – but woe is me, if he could see my scribble today!!!

Towards the end of my schooling, my mother was able to give me sixpence per week. On Fridays I took no lunch. Instead I went to Lathouras’ cafe, buying a hot pie, and a ‘pyrammid’ chocolate coated ice-cream, each costing three-pence.

Some may remember old Mr Wells in his shop, peering over his glasses, where we bought pencils, rubbers and maybe a handful of lollies for a penny.

Looking for nits. Wash hair with a mixture of kerosene and sheep dip. Also place school hat in a paper bag and place in the oven to kill the lice.

(Illustrations by Paul O’Neill)
The Dentist was Feared by One and All!

BY ALINE GILLESPIE

The Department of Health and Home Affairs provided dental services for schools in the 1930s and 40s. Few parents in country districts could afford private dental care and most of the school children required treatment. Arriving by train and carrying his equipment with him, the dentist examined the children's teeth and did necessary repairs. An injection was given for extractions, but not for filling of cavities. Drilling of the decayed tooth was followed by a temporary filling, which was often replaced by another, before a permanent filling was inserted. It took several weeks to finish. Without the benefit of anaesthetic, it was an agonising process long remembered by the unfortunate patients.

In October 1943 the visiting dentist at Pomona State School extracted seventeen teeth and filled 108 cavities. In November he extracted fifty-eight teeth, and filled eighty-four cavities. In October 1944, 125 children were examined, and a total of 209 defective permanent teeth were found. By

1949, the improvement in dental hygiene showed in the number of defective teeth which had decreased to 152. Extractions were down to one and fillings to fifty-two.

A visiting School Sister also examined the children for medical conditions. In 1947 and 1951, throat and nose ailments were at the top of the list; there were also instances of defective vision, deformities, bad posture, and malnutrition. The Noosa Shire Council arranged for diphtheria immunisation and boosters for school children in the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

Arbor Day

BY ALINE GILLESPIE

It seemed fitting that, in an area where timber getting was the first industry, trees should form an important part of the school’s environment. Trees gave shade from the hot Queensland sun, and were part of the playground equipment. A small forestry plot existed in the southern boundary line of the grounds and an annual Arbor Day was observed as a means of fostering care of trees. Arbor Day originated in Nebraska, USA, in 1872, to raise public awareness of the value of trees and to encourage their planting.

Preparations for Arbor Day on 6th May 1938 consisted of digging five holes and clearing growth away. Three Cassia shrubs were planted on the day, with the planting of two Poincianas delayed until September when the danger of frost was past. One Poinciana planted the previous year had died from that cause. Addresses were given in the schoolroom as the weather was showery. In July 1940, a garden plot was made and fenced with wire netting. By 1941, 111 ornamental shade trees and 114 Pinus taeda (Loblolly pines) planted in the school grounds were surviving, despite poor soil and shortage of water.

Arbor Day was held at the school until combined with the Forestry Club Field Day at the new forestry plot at Pinbarren in 1942, where public interest was much higher than before owing to wartime anxieties. It later reverted to the school and in 1951, when Mr Arthur Vise was head teacher, twelve rose trees were planted in the front garden.

Fifty parents and citizens attended the combined Club and Arbor Day held on 18 June 1953. Planting was delayed as improvements were being carried out in the school grounds. Afterwards, restricted playing area at the school prevented any trees being added to those already there—a few more roses were planted instead.

Possibly due to classroom extensions the number of trees, apart from those in the forestry plot, had decreased by 1962, with camphor laurels the most numerous. Teachers’ patience must have been sorely tried in 1963 which was very wet. By May, the main playing area had not been dry, pupils were unable to play outside, the gardens were washed out and Arbor Day was limited to talks given in class by assistant teachers. 1964 was equally wet and gardens could not be cultivated. The P & C pruned the badly infested camphor laurel trees from mistletoe.

On Arbor Day 1970 (16 October), the children were marched to the Ellis Estate grounds and trees were planted on

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Sponsored by Ella (nee Bazzo), Noel, Jim, Gail & Vicki Neilsen
The Forestry Plot

From 1938, a serious attempt to grow trees by Pomona State School commenced, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and Stock. A fenced area at the Pinbarren School reserve, about four miles north-east of the Rural School, was cleared and fifty-four Pinus Taeda seedlings supplied by the Beerwah State Nursery were planted on 20 July 1939. These were followed by another thirty-six on 14 July 1941, this time from the Imbil nursery. The new trees joined silky oaks, hoop and kauri pines and Pinus Taeda already on the site. On 11 November 1942, 325 hoop pines were planted and on 17 December, another 474 were added. By April 1943, 1382 trees had been planted, some of which replaced those which had been lost through frost.

Records were kept by Forestry Club members of rainfall received, heights reached by the growing trees and of thinning and clearing of the plot. In 1942, in the darkest period of World War II, the plot was renamed the Pinbarren Victory Plot. On 31 October 1944, with victory in the air, it was called the Pomona Memorial Forestry Plot in memory of local servicemen who had lost their lives in the struggle for freedom. It is believed that this was the first Memorial Forestry Plot in Queensland.

Mr Dan retired at the end of the school year in 1941, after thirty-three years as head teacher. He was succeeded by Mr Alfred (Bunney) Horne, whose period of service was also a lengthy one (1942-1949). Both men took a keen interest in the forestry plot and in Mr Horne's tenure many more trees were planted – 324 in 1942, 400 hoop pines in 1943, 175 flooded gums in 1944 and another 384 hoop pines in 1945. In 1948 there were 2,430 trees growing on 3.57 acres of ground.

By 1950 the grounds contained a shelter shed, earth closet and a tennis court. Wattles, groundsel, lantana, wild tobacco and kikuyu grass competed with the trees for growth and needed to be cleared regularly. In 1965 £23/10/6 was received from thinnings sold to Mr D Kildey, sawmillier of Cootharaba. With no more ground available, plot maintenance and improvements were carried out until 1980, when the last report was made. The forestry plot with many flourishing pine trees is still in existence in 1997. A memorial cairn to mark the jubilee of the Secondary Department was placed in the clearing in the Forestry Plot in 1995.

Above: Tree planting at the Pinbarren Memorial Forestry Plot.

Below: 'Let me have a better look at these pansies and stocks'.
1943 Annual Return

Right: Copy of the first draft of the 1943 Head Teacher’s Annual Return.

Below: Pomona Tennis Team 1942. (Courtesy Coorora Historical Museum)
EA 'Bunney' Horne 1942-48

After completing a Junior Scholarship at Teachers’ Training College, ‘Bunney’ Horne became a teacher at the Eagle Junction State School in 1923. He was appointed Head Teacher at Hodgleigh in 1927 and was transferred to Tallegalla in 1934 and to Clifton Rural School in 1940. When he was appointed as Head Teacher at Pomona Rural School in 1942, he was a comparatively young man. During the difficult war years, he carried out his duties capably and energetically.

His son Ken recalls ‘My father was a perfectionist. He seemed always to be striving for improvement in the demonstrated achievement of his school and of its students. He always seemed to be a little apprehensive about imminent school inspections, but similarly was always pleased, perhaps even pleasantly surprised, at the good reports he received. He was a very firm disciplinarian, whose attitude to classroom behaviour and punishment would not be acceptable today. He came down very hard on those who flouted the rules. But he was also fair and I believe he was respected by parents, teachers and pupils. He did work long hours on preparation and school administration. Most nights he would go back to the office after tea, with the tilly pressure lamp and worked until well after I had gone to bed.

He encouraged participation in sporting activities, but his personal love was for gymnastics. Gym classes on the horizontal and parallel bars and on the tumbling mats were regular after-school events. He also took swimming classes and, as I recall, the creek at the foot of Pinbarren Mountain was our swimming hole.

The Pinbarren forestry plot was also a pride and joy and a project that perhaps could identify my father as one of the early conservationists’.

Those of us who remember Mr Horne, recall a man we were a little in awe of, and certainly one for whom we had a great deal of respect. A man not easily forgotten.

Post-war Expansion

BY ALINE GILLESPIE

The parents of Pomona once more combined to obtain greater educational advantages for their children in 1944. With the war approaching a victorious end, planning for a peaceful and promising future became a priority. Without a local high school, pupils who finished their primary schooling were forced to travel daily to the nearest large towns, Gympie and Nambour, live in Brisbane or board at one of the private secondary schools in Toowoomba, Ipswich or Southport. Many parents were unable to afford boarding fees and most were concerned over the lack of parental guidance for children as young as fourteen when they lived away from home.

The Department this time agreed readily to the proposal, but failed to take into account the extra staff, transport for students outside Pomona, increased classroom accommodation and toilet facilities required for the intake of sub-Junior students at the start of the 1945 school year. Wartime shortages of teachers, building materials and builders compounded the familiar financial problems of the Department. The Secondary Department opened as planned, fitted into the Rural School premises, which already had overcrowded, sub-standard buildings and lacked sufficient outdoor space for a total of 432 students. It was the first Secondary Department in the Queensland Educational system.

Buildings from closed regional schools were brought in to add more classrooms, and the old school now took on a U-shape, with an asphalt assembly/playground area in the middle. The closure of these schools placed additional strains on the Pomona School, as their pupils were now bussed in from country areas to swell the numbers there.

George Furner was the inaugural winner of the Napier Memorial Bursary in 1946. Two CWA bursaries had also been instituted. Students from thirteen centres were transported by bus or came by other means to the Pomona Rural School for vocational classes. One hundred and forty-six students were enrolled in these courses in 1950.

Despite the cramped, and at times unhealthy conditions, restricted choices and other disadvantages, pupils enjoyed their time at the school, and good results were obtained in most areas. Former pupils had fond memories of their school days and many went on to successful careers in professions and trades. One was Ken Home who recalled, in 1995, the good times he and his friends had at Pomona State School and in the early years of the 'High Top'. Ken later qualified as an engineer, working on hydro-electric projects in Australia and overseas. Another was Neil Lennox who worked for an elevator company after finishing an electrical/mechanical apprenticeship, eventually becoming an Inspector of Machinery with a Western Australian government department.

The School Inspector noted in 1947 that congestion had eased, owing to the opening of another primary school in the town (St Patrick's Convent) and the provision of two additional classrooms. An alternative site for a secondary school was sought however. The search ended in the purchase of seventeen acres known as the Ellis Estate situated about one mile from the old school. Hopes for a speedy resolution of accommodation and facility deficiencies, not to mention aging buildings constantly in need of attention, were dashed by departmental inaction over more than twenty years. The site was used by the school as sporting grounds while waiting for building to start on the long-awaited separate high school. This eventuated in 1967.

Air Raid Drill. ( Cartoonist Paul O'Neil).
The Golden Jubilee 1947

Back left to right: Reg Hubbard, Cec O'Halloran, Bill O'Callaghan, Geo Sedgeman, 'Doc' Johnson Front, Noel Seeney, Val Ulhmann, 'Bunney' Horne, Edith McKenzie, Ivy Keil (Bubbers), 'Judge' Frecknall (School Archives.)

Below: 1947 all students at the school.
Teaching in the Forties

BY CYNTHIA JAMIE (NEE TICKLE)

I spent thirty-seven years teaching and enjoyed every minute of it.

In 1941 I sat for the Senior Examination at the Gympie High School and having attained a pass I was awarded a scholarship to Kelvin Grove Teachers' College and started in February 1942. This was war time, and before long most of the men in our year had left and joined the Armed Services. We started out with thirty-six men students but ended up with only one, who was rejected by the services due to flat feet.

Most students were appointed at the end of the year, but I wasn't. When I asked why, I was told that something special was being reserved for me. I returned to College in the new year and did continuous prac. teaching at West End School until I was appointed to Pomona School on the 12th April 1943. I replaced Norah Carter, a school friend of mine, who had been transferred to a school outside of Gayndah.

I arrived in Pomona and was met at the station by Dick Ellis, a Manual Training teacher, who escorted me to Mrs Depper's place where I was to board. I reported to school on Monday morning and met Mr Home, the Head Master. I was assigned to grades 1 and 2 – sixty one in Grade 1 and ten in Grade 2. The Grade 1 class was in the same room as Mr Home's class and the Grade 2 class was on the verandah outside. We really did things tough in those days. Edie McKenzie taught the Infant classes, Alice Dick had Grades 3 and 4, Reg Hubbard taught Grades 5 and 6, and Mr Home had the Scholarship class. Pomona was a very happy school and there didn't seem to be many problems. I can't recall any trouble I had, managing my seventy-one pupils.

I remember very vividly my first inspection. As I had been on probation since my appointment, this inspection was to find out if I were competent enough to become a certified teacher. I had no idea what to expect as far as an inspection was concerned, as the only previous contact I had had with an Inspector was as a pupil and then I was of the opinion that the Inspectors were testing us, the pupils. This particular Inspector didn't appear to be very keen in my lesson but was more interested in the birds which were feeding in the school grounds. He asked me what I knew about currawongs, suggested I do some research on them and then give a lesson on them to the whole school which was assembled in one of the rooms. I must have performed reasonably well, as news of my qualification came through in a few weeks, with a significant rise in pay. This pay rise was most welcome as up till then I was getting the equivalent of $10 a fortnight. As I was paying $6.00 a fortnight in board and $2.00 train fare home at the weekend, there wasn't a lot left to live on. It was just as well my parents didn't charge me board for the weekend.

Later on in 1945, Mrs Depper gave up boarding the school teachers and we found accommodation at the Majestic Hotel (near the picture theatre). The hotel was run by Mr Lavarack, a relative of the then Governor of Queensland. We were supplied with breakfast and dinner at night, but had to find our own lunches.

During my years in Pomona I was a leader in the National Fitness movement. I had always been interested in Physical Education and had attended camps in Mackay, Southport and Toowoomba. In December 1945 I went to a camp in Toowoomba and while there was asked if I was interested in going on to the Physical Education staff. I indicated that I was and in March 1946 I was transferred to Brisbane and joined the Physical Education staff.

I was sad to leave Pomona School, as I had made some very good friends there. Mr Crossman in particular was very kind to me and helped me a lot. I remember the setting up of the High School Top in 1945 and the teachers who taught there.

The National Fitness Team. (Courtesy Cooroora Historical Society.)
Do to Learn

BY ALINE GILLESPIE

‘Do to Learn’ was the motto of the Projects Clubs, which were started in the 1940s to encourage children to extend their interests, develop club spirit and serve as an educational aid. A major project was the Pinbarren Forestry Plot, with others being vegetable and flower gardens, and care of the lawn at the front of the school, which was a special interest of Mr Bunneye Horne, head teacher from 1942 to 1949.

Students from Grades II to VII were involved in projects, which were well organised. Meetings were conducted, of which records were kept and monthly entries kept in work books. Members were encouraged to give talks on subjects of interest and to have small garden and forestry plots at home. Mr Horne in particular took care to ensure that those involved in various projects understood both the practical and the theoretical aspects of what they were doing. Time spent at flower and vegetable plots served as part of science lessons, while visiting experts helped to improve the knowledge of club members and assist with any difficulties encountered.

Included in the 1947 programme, under Mr Horne’s overall supervision, were the Forestry Plot (Mr Hubbard), Vegetables (Carrot Club Mr O’Callaghan), Gardening (Flowers Miss McKenzie) as well as Domestic Science (Mrs Bubbers) and Manual Training (Mr Frecknell). P J Wilkes was the visiting club organiser who inspected the year’s work. Plant life, general culture and insect pest evidence and control were studied. Twenty long rows of carrots were sown by Grades IV and V, and the class teacher reported that, with keen competition, good results in quantity and quality had been obtained. Grade VI and VII boys in the Manual Training class displayed examples of woodwork and trade drawings, while girls doing Domestic Science set a luncheon table for fourteen children and four adults and showed for judging the best arranged salads.

Nominations were submitted for attendance at the Gatton Agricultural College Summer School. The Pomona Forestry Club played a leading role in entertaining boys chosen to tour State forest areas. Those with vegetable plots in home gardens in 1948 were handicapped by the absence of ‘laid-on’ water during very dry conditions. One member had a forestry plot at home with forty trees growing. Vegetables grown in school plots in succeeding years were tomatoes, cabbage and lettuce.

Without the enthusiastic support of Mr Horne, after he left in 1949, the school vegetable and flower growing plot effort lapsed and it was not until some years later that interest revived. Lack of rain, a school water supply and insufficient tools limited Grade VI students in their vegetable plots. Home gardens continued with good results, indicating that the earlier training may have had lasting effects. The Domestic Science, Manual Training and Forestry Plot classes continued to function.

By 1954, Mr Vise was head teacher and enthusiasm ran high again, especially with the likelihood of a bore being put down to ensure a good water supply for the growing of vegetables. The visiting Club Organiser Mr Wilkes spoke highly of the 1955 club presentation at the public meeting, which was well attended. The young speakers delivered lecturetes, he said, in a fluent manner which would have done credit to much older children. Members raised five pounds from produce grown in their home gardens which they sold on club day.

A change occurred in 1957 with an Agricultural Project Club formed for experimental work. Several different fertilisers were used on six garden beds each twenty feet by three feet which contained lettuce. Shortly afterwards, staffing difficulties and shortage of playing space in the school grounds appeared to mark the end of what had been an interesting learning experience for children, and perhaps one which fostered in them an appreciation of plants and their cultivation.
Exciting & Optimistic Years

BY DICK ELLIS

After the depressing Thirties and the warring Forties, people were more optimistic about life. Exciting things were being done – polio was beaten, Everest was conquered, the world’s first space satellite was launched. People were eager and able to acquire what had been considered luxury goods – washing machines, vacuum cleaners, radios, cars, telephones and later, television sets. Bill Haley was singing Rock Around the Clock (welcome Rock and Roll), Elvis Presley was a hit, Marlon Brando was a star. It was a good time and Pomona was a good place to be. There was time to appreciate the excitement without being overwhelmed by it. We still liked to go to the pictures at the Majestic, and we danced to Wagner’s band in the Memorial Hall.

I taught at Pomona in the early Forties for a bit over a year then went into the RAAF. I returned to the school in 1949 and stayed there until the end of 1961, first as a Primary then as a Secondary teacher. My wife, Phyllis, was a Pomona girl – we were married in Pomona in 1948. My two children were born in the Fifties while we were in Pomona.

The school was still located just across from the business centre. The buildings were a mixture – the original central school, a separate Manual Training building and a separate Domestic Science building. Plus a couple of single classrooms that were formerly one-teacher schools now relocated (Boreen Junction was one, I think) and an extension to cater for the growing enrolment.

The school provided Primary and Secondary education. The sections then called Domestic Science and Manual Training, catered for upper primary students from Pomona and other centres including Cooran, Traveston, Kin Kin, Cooroy, Eumundi, Tewantin, Federal and Black Mountain, one day per week, plus Secondary students who studied Domestic Science or Manual Training Subjects in their courses. Outside students came by rail motor or bus – often a cream carrier’s vehicle.

Head teachers of the Fifties were Lionel Stevens, Norman Adsett, Arthur Vise and Charles Carter. Many teachers, well remembered but too numerous to list here, staffed the school and a few taught there for all or most of the Fifties – Bill O’Callaghan, Pat Jones, Dick Ellis, George Arthur Sedgey. As the decade progressed and a new decade started, well-known Pomona names,
Armitage, Wagner, Craven, Schreiber, were appearing on the lists of teaching staffs.

Most primary students lived in Pomona but busses also brought students from Cootharaba and Pinbarren. Some secondary students were locals, others came daily by rail motor or bus from Eumundi, Cooroy, Cooran, Federal, Kin Kin, Pinbarren, Cootharaba. Tewantin/Noosa students started to attend in the mid to late Fifties. Courses leading to the Junior Examination were the top offering until 1957 when Senior courses were introduced. This was great. Previously students used to board away from home or travel daily to Nambour, using a train service that was reliable in the mornings (a passenger train) and very unpredictable in the afternoons (a goods train).

Anniversaries invite memories – I mention just a few of mine:

- The Primary School Reading Books – I recently bought from Goprint, Brisbane a facsimile edition of Queensland School Readers Preparatory 1 to 4 and Grades I to VII. These eleven readers are 1989 reprints of the ones used before and during the Fifties in all Primary Schools. Remember stories and poems like The Ugly Duckling, The Pied Piper, The Tar-baby (don’t fling me in the briar patch), Where the Pelican Builds (The horses were ready, the rails were down, But the riders lingered still), The Bush (Give us from dawn to dark, Blue of Australian skies), Horatius Defends the Bridge.

Above: Trade drawing in session. Courtesy Pat Jones.
Below left: The 1956 Junior Commercial class with teacher, Lesley Wait (Hodge).
Below: Judy Chapple and Ken Page with their decorated bikes from the Jubilee 1957.
THE FIFTIES

- The Project Clubs – I remember well the Gardening Clubs. Cows seemed to manage to get in and eat the plants just before the Club Organiser came for Club Day. Remember Club Day? On this day, students conducted a meeting in the presence of the Project Club Organiser from the Education Department. Parents attended. Home and school projects were inspected.

- The class visits to the Butter Factory.

- The fancy dress balls in the Memorial Hall Remember the Grand March? Did you go as a penguin, or Little Bo-Peep, or the Purple People Eater?

- The Speech Nights in the Majestic.

- The sports in the showgrounds.

- Vigoro and cricket in the old horse-paddock opposite the Post Office. I sometimes worried the windows in the houses across the road were in danger.

- Water melons and cordial on Breaking-up Day. For older students, a mountain climb or picnic at the National Park, Noosa

- The Cross-country Run.

- Mental arithmetic and notation and spelling tests. Weren’t they a lot of fun?

- The wonderful help given to the school by parents on P&C’s, at fetes and other school activities.

In writing this, I am constantly reminding myself that 1950 is now 47 years ago and even 1959 is 38 years ago. It’s a long time isn’t it? The details may be fading but there clearly remains the joy that Pomona and the school gave us.

Left: Inflating sheep’s lungs in Physics!
Bottom left: The 1958 Science class.

Remember When...

Coming to Rural School by bus and rail.

Buying fish and chips at the cafe. One year’s potato crop failed and we had sweet potato chips and finally pumpkin chips.

Making whistles from sheet metal to trade the girls for toffee.

Flattening pennies on the railway line.

Ice fights at the station using ice from the Butter Factory.

Sneaking off at lunch time to climb the mountain.

NEVER using a t-square as a hammer for the drawing pins.

NEVER sharpening a pencil with a chisel

Jonesy’s choice of straps for corporal punishment.
The Old School

THE FIFTIES

The Rural School—1947

Sponsored by Val & Jack Armitage's family - Warren, Mark & Rachael
The Forties and Fifties had dedicated, well remembered, long serving teachers – Edith McKenzie (Infant Teacher to Prep Grades), Cynthia Tickle (Grade Two) Alice Dick (Middle Grades) and Reg Hubbard who taught Scholarship. 1947 saw the commencement of George Sedgeman’s long association with the High School Maths and Science classes of the Forties and the Fifties. Lessons were never dull and added to that, he was a crack tennis player.

Richard Ellis began his teaching career at Pomona as a Manual Arts Teacher in 1942. He hadn’t been here long when he joined the RAAF and was based in West New Guinea, now Irian Jaya, during World War II.

After his marriage to Phyllis Buhmann in 1948, Dick was back in Pomona. On 1 April 1949 he began teaching but this time he was on the Primary Staff in charge of grade 3 and 4. Dick had a good singing voice and was a great square dance caller. Many former students will remember the square dancing classes on the bitumen parade area behind the school.

He had a great sense of humour and his students enjoyed his company, both inside and outside the classroom.

In 1957, Dick became Acting Principal of the Pomona State School. This was the year that saw the introduction of Sub Senior classes at Pomona. When Mr Charles Carter came, Dick transferred to the High School. In 1962 Dick and Phyllis, with their two children Jenny and Bob, moved to Brisbane where Dick became Deputy Principal of Yeronga High School.

Dick was later Principal of Charters Towers High School and then Cavendish Road. Eventually he was appointed District Inspector of Secondary Schools. He remained in this position until his retirement in 1984.

Top left: Sack race left to right, Dick Ellis, Pat Jones, Bill O’Callaghan & Vince Carroll. Courtesy Pat Jones.
Centre: High school break up day at Noosa 1955.
Bottom left: Richard Ellis.
The Vises Remember

BY ARTHUR A. VISE, 1997

Pomona was an ideal appointment after a stint in the west. Among names I remember well were George and Bob Page, Depper, Blunt, Overrell, Ashton and Collett, to mention but a few. Jack Collett and his bullock team were well known in the town. In the school grounds there was a huge gum tree which was neither use nor ornament. I was never much for red tape so I had it cut down. Jack Collett and his bullock team took it to the sawmill where it was cut into planks for seating under the school. George Page, with his planing machine, did the rest. It was left to my successor to explain why the tree was cut down without permission. A local doctor, who shall be nameless, would frequently come over and berate me for not wearing cap and gown around the school. The reputation of a school depends a lot on the annual visits of the inspector. With this in mind, one has to comply with certain requests, however reluctantly. One inspector always wanted pineapples (gratis) to take home. Another asked if he could stay in our house until time for the Rocky Mail at 3.00 am to save hotel expenses. All things considered, Pomona and its school were a most enjoyable experience.

Below: Arthur Vise.

BY SYBIL A. MCD. VISE

My memories of Pomona are happy ones. As a primary teacher, I was readily accepted by the other members of staff – the Principal’s wife had no special privileges. I was pleased to become involved in fundraising and helped organise school concerts, fancy dress balls and the fete. To celebrate the Queen’s Coronation, the twins’ decorated bikes and our utility took part in the procession which then headed for the Showgrounds. I was always impressed in the mornings as the students marched into school to stirring music after parade. Friendly parents, staff and students, all contributed to happy teaching years at Pomona State School.

Pleasant transfer from the west
Offered living at its best.
Mountain, beach and Gympie near,
Official staff became so dear.
Nostalgia for the good old days –
Ancient theatre and bullock drays

BY LYNETTE (REILLY) AND AILSA (WHITE)

Forty years on, my memory holds a kaleidoscope of events both happy and sad. Ailsa and I have happy memories of climbing the mountain after Junior, playing vigor and tennis and travelling to Gympie and Nambour for matches, doing phsy-ed for the first fifteen minutes of each school day, being in concerts and plays, dressing up and doing the Grand Parade at the fancy dress balls, even counting the number of times our science teacher said ‘Just a minute’ in a lesson. The saddest event was the death at Easter 40 years ago this year, of our favourite teacher Miss Kathleen Gill. She remained my inspiration when, many years later, I too, became a teacher. We have happy memories of our primary teachers too – Mr Ellis (grades 5 and 6) and Mr O’Callaghan (grades 7 and 8). Pomona was a good school to grow up in. As my father said at his last speech night there in 1956, “The first consideration of all members of this staff is the welfare of the children in their charge.” I’m sure not much has changed.

In memory of Sybil Vise – sponsored by Arthur Vise & the twins Ailsa White & Lynette Reilly
After Mr (Judge) Frecknall's death in 1948, Pomona Rural School was without a Manual Training teacher for three months. Mr Pat Jones, who was training to be a Manual Training teacher, was induced to take a transfer to the 'seaside' town of Pomona. Pat recalls that when he looked at the map to see where it was, the name 'Pomona' actually did go into the sea.

As it was only three months to the Junior examination, Pat was worried about his own ability to teach. He corrected the students' work, then boarded the train for Nambour or Gympie and had more experienced teachers correct his corrections. He has warm memories of Mal Ewart's ability in the work room and his academic achievements.

Pat himself was highly regarded and well remembered by his students and fellow teachers during his ten years here. A man not easily forgotten.

He spent the next twenty years teaching at the Valley and Newstead Opportunity Schools, until his retirement in 1977.

These days, Pat has a workshop set up under his...
house and all the ‘oldies’ from round and about come to do their shoe repairs and other ‘bits and pieces’ there, while Pat makes all the birthday and Christmas presents for the family.

To keep himself out of ‘mischief’ Pat makes a top home brew. His son Mick gave him the recipe for ‘Munton’s Stout’ – guaranteed second to none! If it does half of what Pat says it does, he’s far from out of mischief!

Above: Manual Training class. Gary O’Donald (left) and Dennis Jones in the foreground. Behind (left to right) John Williams, Graham Collett, Earle Henry. Courtesy Pat Jones.


Warmest & fond memories of my great mateship with Jack Collett – Bullock Teamster ‘Little Kid’ 1940’s, Jim Lightfoot
The Bee Club

BY ALINE GILLESPIE

With the closure of the vegetable patches, an innovative study in natural science commenced in May 1958 when a Bee Club was formed. Bee Notes and pamphlets supplied by the Department of Agriculture and Stock were used for guidance on the subject. The club lacked funds, so the first hive was bought by Mr Faulconbridge, the manual arts teacher, while other teachers, including the head teacher Mr P C Carter and the class teacher Mr R J Craven helped students to establish the project. A youthful chairman conducted meetings, for which minutes were kept, and lecture sets were given by members on Club Day. Record books, including a diary of field observations, illustrated lesson summaries and correspondence with other clubs, were maintained. By November 1958, five hives were being well tended and plans were made to rob the hives when examinations were over. Four girls, Elaine Collett, Joan Lindsay, Leonie Ferguson and Roslyn Newby, topped the class for their work at the end of the year.

The Bee Club was the main project undertaken by the school by 1961. In 1963, the school apiary consisted of seven hives with a registered number P91. Interest was still high, with meetings following correct procedures and members gaining confidence by giving talks on aspects of beekeeping. This year three boys, Peter Bubbers, Christopher Rookwood and Allan Page, gained best marks for their knowledge, records and reports.

Fifty pounds of honey was extracted from seven hives in the early months of 1965 and, in 1967 sixty pounds had been extracted by the end of September. The proceeds of the sale of honey went towards club funds and members received business training in the giving of receipts and the keeping of cash book entries. The beekeeping activities appeared to cease in the 1970s.

1954 Sports

Left: Bill O’Callaghan’s Suicide Battalion.
Below: Ball games with Mt Cooroora in the background.

Courtesy Pat Jones.
NOOSA STATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS' AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

10 a.m. Friday, 28th May, 1954 at the POMONA SCHOOL GROUNDS

PATRON: D.A. Lea, Esq., M.L.A.
PRESIDENT: Mr A.D. Vise
SECRETARY: Mr T.P. Jones
TREASURER: Mr W.A. O'Crowley

COMMITTEE: Head Teachers and Teachers of Affiliated Schools

COMPETING SCHOOLS

(With abbreviations)

Division A: (Coxer 100)
COOROY SHIELD
Cooroy (CP), Pomona Rural (PR), Teewantin (T).

Division B: (30 100)
POMONA SHIELD
Cooran (CO), Federal (F), Kin Kin (KK), Pomona (P), Tinnenburra (T), Balgalga (W).

Division C: (Under 30)
TEWANTIN SHIELD
Black Mountain (BM), Coles Creek (CC), Kin Kin (KK), Junction (J), Ridgeway (R), Cooroy West (CW).

ADULTS 2 / CHILDREN FREE
10.00 a.m. Commence Marathons.

EVENT NO. 1 BOYS 50 YDS 1947
Heat 1: T. Buncey (W), G. Humphries (F), E. Ward (F), J. Blackwood (MK), M. Connor (GO), J. Black (CO), B. Craven (PK), R. McClellan (CW), D. Williams (CW).

Heat 2: J. Lister (W), B. Turner (G), T. Condon (CO), T. Brittain (KK), V. Salloway (CW), K. Mansfield (CP), T. Taylor (CP), P. Patterson (CW).

EVENT NO. 2 BOYS 50 YDS 1946
Heat 1: J. McGregor (CO), R. Evans (F), K. Miller (CO), L. Frank (MK), J. Hilder (CN), R. Curlewis (PC), R. McClellan (PK), M. Isaac (CW).

Heat 2: B. Hawtin (F), C. Matheson (F), G. Geier (KK), R. Delight (CN), A. Arthy (CN), K. Knowles (PC), M. Flannigan (CW).

EVENT NO. 3 BOYS 50 YDS 1945
Heat 1: M. Cherry (CW), R. Hayes (PC), N. Connor (CO), J. Straker (CO), M. Stark (KK), H. Haydon (T), K. Ghilfo (F).

Heat 2: B. Doyle (PC), R. Lally (PC), B. Connor (CO), B. Connolly (KK), J. Morris (KK), S. Massan (T), A. Turner (W).

EVENT NO. 4 BOYS 60 YDS 1947
A. CLASS: K. Moody (KK), M. Carter (CO), B. Lembrechtten (CO), K. Page (PR), K. Gallager (PR), R. Bредlock (PF), G. Telford (T), T. Mayne (T), J. Gillingham (T).

B. CLASS Final of Event 1.
C. CLASS: R. Scudtite (TIN), J. Haylock (BB), T. Sprunt (CO), B. Christensen (KK), D. Sharp (BM).

EVENT NO. 5 BOYS 50 YDS 1946
A. CLASS: R. Fraser (C), J. Durham (C), B. Edwards (C), A. Rodger (PR), M. Jones (PR), V. Ashton (PR), J. Heth (W), W. McKern (W), P. McKenzie (W).

B. CLASS Final of Event 2.
C. CLASS: J. Young (BM), G. Dwyer (BM), C. Hawke (BM), D. Donnelly (PR), F. Thompson (BM), W. Brooker (KK), K. Gartinner (CC), D. Dwyer (CC), T. Brown (MK), G. Davis (MK), D. Haylock (BM), B. Shipp (BM).

EVENT NO. 6 BOYS 50 YDS 1945

B. CLASS: Finals of Event 3.
C. CLASS: N. Muggle ridge (BM), R. Wickersham (TIN).

EVENT NO. 7 BOYS 60 YDS 1944
A. CLASS: R. McConnell (KK), E. Maguire (KK), L. Bath (KK), G. Giese (PR), K. Tindall (PR), C. Heere (PR), F. Morgen (T), M. Spenning (T), J. Bienert (T).

B. CLASS: W. Treeck (W), B. King (F), L. Lee (F), R. Lee (F), P. McHugh (CN), E. Rogers (CN), A. Gollin (KK), A. Tilton (KK), R. Gollin (KK), R. Geary (PK), W. Taylor (PC), H. Gifford (PK).

C. CLASS: B. Gantry (TIN), R. Stewart (TIN), G. Living (BM), G. Donnelly (CO), R. Christensen (KK), T. Brooker (CO).

EVENT NO. 8 BOYS 60 YDS 1943
A. CLASS: E. Hargrave (PR), M. Marchett (PR), D. Dyer (BM), B. Beering (PR), G. Fritik (PR), K. Dyer (BM), B. King (T), G. Duchman (T), W. Buchanan (T).

B. CLASS: M. Berbiter (PK), G. Connolly (KK), J. Forsey (PR), G. O'Neill (KK), A. Jones (CW), E. Haack (cw), B. McCloud (CW), T. Harnen (CW), B. Davison (CN), B. Current (CN), A. Metzer (CO), J. Young (F).


EVENT NO. 9 BOYS 75 YDS 1942
A. CLASS: B. Schule (C), C. Peachy (C), R. Davis (CO), E. Ashton (PR), N. Forde (PR), R. Jeffery (PR), R. Sailer (T), F. Sander (T), C. Semple (T).

B. CLASS: A. Grady (W), R. McCall (F), R. Johnson (C), R. Miller (C), F. Johnston (CN), J. Potts (DK), J. McGregor (MK), R. O'Neill (KK), C. Crave (PC), C. Clifford (PC), M. Geary (PR), C. Bancroft (BM), B. Dyer (BM), C. Christensen (KK), J. Brooker (CO), K. Tomkinson (KK), A. Mainstorn (KK).

EVENT NO. 10 BOYS 100 YDS 1941
A. CLASS: R. Paxton (C), B. Ray (C), C. MacDonnell (CO), J. Edwards (PR), G. O'Donnell (PR), W. Ward (PR), J. Butler (T), T. Trowder (T), B. O'Brien (T).

B. CLASS: R. Reel (C), R. Wells (RR), R. Parker (KK), W. Haack (CO), W. O'Sullivan (CN), J. McNamara (CN), B. Johnson (F), K. Deitshmek (CO), R. Andrews (F), B. Thompson (F), K. Watson (F).

C. CLASS: A. Gramont (KK), T. English (KK), K. Walker (CC), T. Christensen (KK), L. Allery (TIN), J. Wickersham (TIN), D. Wickersham (TIN).

EVENT NO. 11 BOYS 100 YDS 1940
A. CLASS: C. Turner (TIN), B. Backhouse (PR), B. Taylor (PR), F. Spier (PR), B. Jones (PR), E. Sailer (T), M. Gibson (T), A. Perrett (KK), R. Brooker (C), F. Harwood (C), G. Jester (KK), K. Rawen (PR).

C. CLASS: N. English (KK).
What about the Sixties

BY PATRICIA FEENEY NE DAVESON

We had the Beatles and Elvis, the Happy Venture Readers, the female staff in the flat next to the Council yards paying 35 shillings per week and safety was such that no-one ever had to lock doors.

Remembering back thirty years to a special time in my life and the life of our school is a great experience for me. There was so much activity and so many people who contributed to our success that I would need a book to do justice to all. As I can't have that much space, I will share some background comments, some colourful spots and some of the personalities seen through my eyes as a young, enthusiastic member of the secondary staff.

We were keen on academic results. In those days, results were printed in the papers (under the school name). Students and staff fought together to make sure we would do well against those 'foreign' examiners. Pomona always achieved equal to the most prestigious schools. I remember in my first year at Pomona, holding voluntary Saturday morning classes to catch up on Year 9 history in preparation for the Junior Examinations and all the students came. I recall dinner time drills in French verbs and vocabulary!

In the sporting field, the track events were exciting and teachers and sports leaders energised their teams with stop watches, war cries and strong verbal encouragements. Our footballers were strategists on and off the grounds. However, what I remember most, were the jacaranda and white uniforms of the Coorong hockey teams. Teachers and towns people joined together for the senior teams and there were two schoolgirl teams. Every Saturday in the hockey season, off we went to Gympie where we played our hearts out, umpired and cheered on our teams. Many of our players...

Back row: Jean Ringland (Lane), Desley Schreiber (Watson), Winne Webster, Heather Armitage (Christie), Doreen Hawken (Bazzo), Lesie Schieber (King), Carmel Wagner (Frederiksen). Front row: Christian Oxley, Pat Daveson (Feeney), Julanne Doran (Brown), Judy Chappio (Mull), Cheryl Chalmers (MacDonald).
made representative sides. Our own school sports days at the showgrounds showed the whole school in action, primary and secondary teachers and students. You might even remember school students marching from the school over to the sportsground, all in disciplined files and no one making any objections in the process. Cross country days allowed the students to show their grit and perseverance!

Pomona staff and community were always conscious of the need for citizenship, for students learning to take their place in society and to contribute to others. In the sixties, students expressed their ideas and visions in public speaking and debating competitions.

When Pomona lost classes to the High School at Cooroy, the year 10s became able and trusted leaders, running the school dances and organising the fete and other fund raising events. Students prepared and maintained their library. Students at Pomona in the sixties would go to Saturday night movies and actually listened to the movie – quite a different approach from what happened in those movie houses in other places, at that time.

Pomona was ahead of its time in fostering creative endeavour. We always held a Ball and the students had several fascinating dinner time sessions, gliding to and fro while we taught the Gypsy Tap, the Barn Dance, the Waltz Oxford, the Price of Erin etc and boys practised asking their partners to dance! Every year we had a concert as part of Speech Night. I remember Joh Bjelke Peterson coming as the invited guest when we performed one hour of ‘Calamity Jane’ and then went to supper afterwards for the culinary masterpieces of the Home Economics Department.

Talking of the Home Economics Department, the sixties were the years when the creative endeavours of this area shone with cake decorating and fashion. We saw wonderfully finished efforts in bridalwear, coats, jackets and suits. The level of accomplishment was amazing. Their counterparts in Manual Arts produced ‘jobs’ for home that delighted the parents and ensured the beginning of training as future tradesmen.

Against the background of developing the well-rounded students, there were also some special events for the school. Who could forget the ‘It’s Academic’ team reaching the state finals? The town came out to greet the bus returning victorious from the field. I still recall taking a group of Year 10’s to Teewah for their break up time. The boys camped in Olsen’s beach house while the girls camped at the Feeley Beach residence – great fun, good food, healthy activities.

It’s hard to select the personalities! There was ‘Stoofy’ who ruled the physics and maths 2 classes, Jocelyn Wagner there for the commercial department and tickling the piano keys, Dick Ellis who had served in manual arts, primary maths and English and who always sang a song to the students at the end of Speech Night practice. Who could forget Charlie Balwin with his Beetle V Dub?
I can't miss out on mentioning Heather Christie who personified the willingness of teachers to work in their own time for the personal growth of the students. We had some wonderful couples who taught at the school. There were Alison and Bill O'Callaghan – Alison renowned for giving such a good start to the littlies in the school and Bill for his long time service to sport, geography and his quirky sense of humour. Margaret and Moss Dixon were genuine educational leaders and workers. Kevin Feeney and Pat loved the place, respected the town and took part in the hockey and the academic effort.

What about students? There were the great hockey players like Margaret Clifford, Carol Cave, Colleen Christie, Elaine Messer, Faye Brittain, Dianne and Cheryl Tierney, Annette Playford and many others. There was the academic team, Helen Alcorn, Billy Brown, Elizabeth Olsen and Linda Olsen. There were the tough boys from Tewantin who went on to become builders and entrepreneurs, Harold Boreham and Ray Scholes. There were the craftsmen Brian Adams and Alan Page who are still working and providing work in Pomona. There were cricketers Greg Bull and Malcolm Bunney. I remember especially the seniors Margaret Clifford, John Zillman, Colin and Nola Matheson, James McGrath and the others in that year.

What about the Lindsay Family who contributed so strongly to the academic life there? Remember Peter Bubbers in Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Nights Dream' and Frank Carroll writing the best summaries I have seen. I can't forget all the

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**Remember When...**

Pat Davison used to park her motor scooter under the school and the High School boys used to 'hide it'?

We used to have swimming lessons in Lake Cootharaba? The only time we could dive for the brick was when the lake was flooded up to the big Ti-tree on the beach

We caught the 7.30 am train for Nambour on a Saturday so we could do the swimming tests in the swimming pool in Howard Street?

We used to receive 'Free Milk'? Some lucky students used to bring flavoured straws! Some of us poured ours down the drain when we thought the teacher wasn't looking or gave it away!
THE SIXTIES

Left top: Grade One Concert item 1961.

Left middle: Off to Gympie for Sport in "Chippy's" Bus.

Left bottom: Grade 6 and 7 girls perform a marching routine for the concert 1961.

Right top: Teacher Kevin Feeney with the Grade 7 class of 1966 (Courtesy Hazel Boal (Bampton)).

Right middle: Grade 1 1967. Note the polished black shoes and three box pleat uniforms with the white blouses. (Courtesy Hazel Boal (Bampton)).

Right bottom: Principal Ron Wright and teacher Pat Feeney with the 1969 Year 10 class.
Pomona Primary School in the Seventies

BY MOLLY ENCHELMAIER

During the Seventies primary school teaching became much more interesting for teachers and students from Year 1 to Year 7.

In Maths, the change from old currency to decimal currency had to be conquered and metric measures had to be taught and used from Year 1. Reading lessons were not limited to departmental reading books. The students had the use of a variety of books, comprehension cards and reading sheets etc as they were able to cope with more difficult and more interesting reading assignments.

Other enjoyable activities were crafts, Bee Keeping Projects and Club meetings.

Sports such as vigoro, basketball, softball, cricket, football and soccer. The Education Department appointed physical education teachers who went to all the schools in the area. As there were no swimming pools at that time, upper primary school children were taken by bus to swim in the Noosa River enclosure. All primary students joined in with sports days. (Remember the egg throwing competitions?) As there was not enough room for a full sports day programme at the school, the whole school, primary and secondary all marched over to the Pomona Showgrounds.

A recorder band was trained and they played for primary school functions and marching into school. Primary and secondary schools combined in presenting a high standard concert at least once a year in the Pomona Memorial hall. A primary school fancy dress ball was also held there once a year.

1970 saw the beginning of the move to the Ellis Estate, firstly the High School and eventually the Primary School in 1976. The move to the Ellis Estate was the beginning of a new era. The primary school buildings were much larger, well equipped and furnished. With two teachers and two classes in each long room, students could be integrated into either class for special lessons, combined or separate as necessary. The very well-organised library was used by secondary and primary students as required. It also contained a TV viewing facility.

The sports oval was completed and there was plenty of room for all secondary and primary sports.

The Noosa District High School swimming pool was used by Pomona School until a pool was built at Pomona, along with tennis courts. Instead of the Bee Project Club, an area was set aside as an environmental study area. The Club continued to look after that section and held regular Project Club meetings.
THE SEVENTIES

1970 Staff. Front row: Christine Clifford, Lesley Hodge, Alison O'Callaghan, Molly Enzelmayer, Meg Watson, Myra Dobson. Back row: Garth Baker, Kevin Feeney, unknown, Ron Wright (Principal), unknown, Helen Wood, Charles Baldwin, William O'Callaghan, John Campbell. (Courtesy Hazel Boal (Sampton)).

1971 Staff. Back row: Bill O'Callaghan, John Campbell, Anne Larod, V.V. Treifeldt, Mrs Enzelmayer, Peter Clifford, Garth Baker, Charlie Baldwin. Front row: Meg Watson, Lesley Hodge, Mrs Bubbers, Diane Stevens, Bronwyn Harrocks, Christine Clifford, Alison O'Callaghan, Mrs Singleton.
800 CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY
OF POMONA SCHOOL

A CROWD of approximately 800 gathered in the street and schoolgrounds last Saturday to watch the procession which set off the Pomona State School's 75th birthday celebrations.

Although the sky was overcast, there were short periods of sunshine, and the rain held off till early in the night.

The parade, which left the fire station, was led by Janelle Playford and Kaylene Shea on grey ponies. It proceeded along Reserve Street, School Street and back into Station Street where the lead was taken over by the school's fire band, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides who led the procession back through the main street and into the school grounds.

The parade was the best seen for a number of years and the committee are very grateful to all those local organisations who joined in the festivities.

They included J. Armitage (builder), Show Society, Pomona bakery, Truss and Son (electricians), Lennox (butcher), fire brigade, J. Hauett (hardware store), Younger Set, L. Bazzo (carrier), Page Motors, Page Furnishers, L. Andreasen (produce), Red Cross, Noosa Shire Council, Pomona Transport, Pinbarren School bus.

After the procession, the official luncheon then took place in the Memorial Hall where the P. and C. Association entertained a number of visitors including two first day pupils, Mr Frank Baker, of Pomona (now 81) and Mr Frank Blenckensee (83) of Noosaville, and Mrs Blenckensee.

Mr E Soller presided at the luncheon and read a number of apologies. One minute's silence was observed for the late Mr M. Macartney, a former principal, who passed away a short time ago.

Mr P. Cave president of the Parents and Citizens' Association, extended a warm welcome to everyone. Among the gathering were Sir Charles Adernmann; Mr Evan Adernmann; Mr D.A. Low M.C.A. and Mrs Low; Councillor Holt and Mrs Holt; Councillor Bazzo, four former principals Mr A. E. Horne and Mrs Horne; Mr A. Vise and Mrs Vise; Mr M. Dixon and Mrs Dixon; and Mr Carter; Ms El Daly (former Teacher); Mrs E. M. Don (widow of the late Mr
G. Dan, a former head teacher for many years; Mr Wilson, representing the Education Department, and Mrs Wilson; Mr L. Shea (present principal) and Mrs Shea; Rev. and Mrs D. Williams; Rev. and Mrs Falkenhagen; Mr V. Depper (past president of the former school committee and Parents and Citizens’ Association) and Mrs Depper (first president of the Ladies’ Auxiliary); Mr W. Blunt (past president of the P. and C. Association) and Mrs Blunt; Mr G. Page and Mrs Page (past secretary of the Ladies’ Auxiliary); Mrs S. Brown (president of the Ladies’ Auxiliary; Mesdames Wood and Bubbers (past president and treasurer of the Ladies’ Auxiliary); Mr J. Hayes (president of the Lions Club) and Mrs Hayes.

TRIBUTE

In his remarks, Mr Cave said he could not let the opportunity pass without paying tribute to the late Mr. Hal Wood, and to the late Mr. A. Bubbers for the many years of service they had given to the school.

Responding for the visitors, Mr. M. Dixon said how pleasant it was to come back and meet his old friends.

Councillor Holt spoke on behalf of Noosa Shire Council.

Mr E. Adermann moved a vote of thanks to the ladies who catered, and Mrs S. Brown responded. The gathering then adjourned to the school where the main part of the celebrations was held. A visitors’ book was signed and well-stocked stall did a brisk business. Among the gathering at the school were many former teachers and pupils, and it was a most happy and informal get together. Some had not seen each other for 40 odd years.

Mr Low was the chairman for the session at the school.

OPENED IN 1897

He stated that the school was opened as a Provisional School (Pinbarren) on August 31, 1897. The name of the school was changed in 1906 to the Provisional School, Pumona, and it became a State School in 1909. A rural school was opened on January 28, 1936, and a secondary department was opened in February 1945.

The first head teacher was Miss M. A. Hensley, who taught only till the end of the year. Other head teachers were Miss Gertrude Cullen, Miss Helen Rankin Gibson, Miss M. Manswaring, Miss E. Mayhew, Messrs. G. Dan, A. E. Horne, L. G. Stevens, A. Vise, R. Ellis, P. Carter, E. Twine, M. Macartney, A. Dixon, R. Wright, V. Von Treifeldt.

The original school committee consisted of Messrs. H. Armitage (chairman), R. R. Nugent (secretary), J. Ronald, R. P. Grant and E. Von Blanckensee.

Timber was bought from the One Mile sawmill in Gympie and transported free to the Pinbarren railway siding by the Railway Department.

A request for land for a new school was made in April, 1907, and the new school was finished on May 20, 1909. The old school was then turned into a teacher’s residence.

PRESSURE

Just under 18 acres of land were required for a new school site on the Ellis Estate on August 20, 1949, and since then the residents had been pressing for the establishment of a new, complete school.
Moving to the Ellis Estate

BY ELAINE BROWN
An extract from 'Remember the Days'

For students, the biggest change was the move, at last, to the Ellis Estate. In 1970 a new Vocational Centre, comprising Manual Arts and Home Science rooms, was opened by Gordon Chalk, the Queensland Treasurer, in the presence of Alan Fletcher, the Minister for Education, and David Low, the Member for Cooroor, who had done so much for the school and after whom the school library was eventually named. The Department of Public Works hurried to complete the toilet block so the new facility could be brought into use. Until the rest of the school was built in 1976, students were driven to the new centre by Les Coles or science teacher Garth Baker in Les Coles's old blue bus.

The 1970 building was traditional in design – of timber construction, with verandahs, on an elevated brick base. The rest of the school was of a new design – six long, low buildings on concrete slabs, connected by covered walkways. The large oval, constructed during the early 1970s, provided, at last, enough space to hold important sporting events. Later a second oval was built, and on 6 July 1979 the tennis courts were opened by the Member for Cooroor, Gordon Simpson.

Some classes moved to the Ellis Estate during the second half of 1975 and the whole school was functioning on the new site in 1976. Of the buildings at the old site, only one, the 1909 to 1913 set of three classrooms (now the Pomona Kindergarten) is still in place in 1997. The 1954 set of three primary classrooms was removed to Cooroy State School in 1977. The Home Econom-
ics building became the clubhouse at the Pomona AFL grounds and the other buildings were removed to become part of other schools in the district.

In the mid-1960s, the old Head Teacher's residence was removed and a modern house, where the Principal resided, was built on its site. Much of the old school grounds is now Stan Topper Park, a memorial to the popular, long-serving primary teacher who was for many years the driving force behind the King of the Mountain race, which has been held in Pomona every year since 1979.

Below: The Primary Wing on its way to Cooroy Primary School. Bottom: The Infants Room, originally the Cootharaba Lake School, about to be loaded on to trailers to be taken to the Gympie Pistol Club.
The Seventies

Remember When...

We used to march into school each day with the Recorder Band, trained by Mrs Enchelman, providing the music.

The big parties we used to have on Break-up Day and the egg-throwing competition?

Cbarlie Baldwin drove his ‘beetle V Dub’ to
school?

Debbie Window wouldn’t run in the three legged race and Mrs Enchelman ran with her?

Lennie Blair used to sing ‘I’m Louis de Fly’?

The nesting magpies that wouldn’t let us go near
the toilets? Mrs Enchelman loaned us her umbrella. Mrs Watson had to escort her class or they wouldn’t go!

Mrs Flanagan taking the Year six and seven girls
to Cooran in her car all seven of us to play Netball?

We bought hot chips for 5c and 10c a packet at
Tilney’s Cafe? What a line up!

Mr Weston would always umpire lunch time
cricket games but found the need to sit. Would
bring a chair along and sit behind the wickets.

Little did he know that he had become a better
target than the wickets.

Bill Chalmers was a bit tired one day and
decided to have a bit of a nap during class.
Unfortunately it was Mr O’Callaghan’s class. As
Bill nodded off, Mr O’Callaghan stopped close
beside him with the end of his one metre ruler in
his hand, the other just under his foot. He then let
off and it made a loud crack on the floor. Bill
jumped up straight and further punishment
followed. Bill was not inclined to sleep in class
again. Well – not in Mr O’Callaghan’s classes
anyway.

A game of Bedlam got out of control at the old
school? The boys, including Brad Carswell and
Geoff Window among others, were playing
Bedlam down in the bottom area near the front
gate in Reserve Street. Some of the boys had to go
down town to buy their lunch at Tilney’s Cafe
and so the game continued – down the street –
through the shops, the hotel and all over town.
Needless to say, word filtered back to school and
Mr Shea was waiting for them when they
eventually returned. About 15 of them lined up
for the cane in the office and out onto the
verandah. Aah – that was a day to remember!

Steve & Jeffrey Remember When...

Lunch time near tuckshop. Group fooling
around. Someone yelled out ‘Last one standing
on cement loves Isabella Smith’. Everyone
jumped on tables. Again someone yelled, ‘Last
one standing on tables loves Isabella Smith’.
Everyone jumped and grabbed hold of water
pipe under school, Pipe collapsed under the
weight sending water everywhere and soaking
all.

Found old cat roaming round school. Decided to
see how many times cat would land on its feet
when thrown from veranda. When Mrs
Enchelman found them, much trouble!

Steve noticed snake coming out of a hole in a
bank on the way to school. After further inves-
tigation, found freshly hatched baby snakes and
eggs. Decided to take to school for a bit of show &
tell and stuffed pockets full. Mrs Hodge was not
amused but wasn’t getting too close to punish.

Metal class at new school. All the class would
come to a halt when a train came past, as
everyone was watching George sitting at the
window counting the carriages on the train.

Grade 8. In metal room. Boys had found a .22
rifle shell. Wound up tight in vice trying to make
it explode. This didn’t work so they thought they
would help it along a bit and hit it with a
hammer. The explosion brought teachers from
all directions and from the look of the boys pale
faces, no punishment was required.

Herb Andrews would always chew the end of his
pencils. Jeff decided to fix him and rubbed a
freshly picked chile on the ends. Needless to say
there were no more chewed pencils.
Principal in the Seventies,
Len Shea

Len was one of nature's gentlemen and was Principal at Pomona from 1972 to the end of 1979. During this time he helped organise the Seventy-fifth Jubilee Celebration, the move from the old site in Reserve Street to the Ellis Estate in Station Street in 1975 to 1976 and the demise of the old school.

He capably guided and attended to the administration of the school as well as teaching Mathematics in the High School. Students well remember his many 'War Stories'.

During World War Two, Len was called up in 1942 and completed thirteen months training in the RAAF mainly in Australia and in Canada. In England he was a navigator attached to the RAF, the only Aussie in an English Squad.

Before coming to Pomona, he spent three years in Aramac and seven years at Kiora just east of Gympie.

Len and his wife Helen, were valued members of this community and were keen bowlers. On his retirement, they continued to live in Pomona until Helen's unexpected death. Len has now moved to Boronia in Victoria.

Back row: Stan Topper, unknown, Alison O'Callahan, Len Shea (Principal), Heather Johanson, Rita Rowell, Peter Shaw. Front row: Molly Enchelmaier, Irene Christie, Judy Topper, Heather Christie, Christine Klodey (Clarke). (School Archives).
Girl Friday, Chris Clarke

Chris was the first secretary of the Pomona State School. She was appointed in 1972 and was Mr Shea’s ‘Girl Friday’. Chris was always ready to help. Her ready smile and cheery nature made her a favourite with both students and staff.

Chris married Graham Clarke in 1984 and they have two children Donna Maree and David. The family live on the outskirts of Pomona.

New School Opening Day

SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER 1976
The following is the programme of events at the new school opening day.

1.00 pm
Stalls, etc, open to the public.

1.30 pm
Official opening of School by the Hon. C.A. Wharton, M.L.A., Minister for Aboriginal and Islanders’ Advancement and Fisheries.

2.00 pm
Gymnastic and physical education displays. shot-put, javelin and discus competitions (Parents V High School students)

3.30 pm
Opening of ‘D.A. Low Memorial Library.’

4.00 pm
Afternoon tea.

4.30 pm
Tour of school buildings by Official Party.

4.45 pm
School buildings open to the public.

The triumphant ‘It’s Academic’ team Mr Feeney, Helen Alcorn, Bill Brown, Elizabeth Olsen, Ron Wright (Principal). (Courtesy E.J. Brown.)
Preschool Years 1976-1985

BY DEL ZAUNER

Late in 1976, the old original section of the Pomona State School in Reserve Street (which now houses the Pomona Kindergarten) rang with the happy laughter of children who were the first Pomona Preschoolers.

What a wonderful Preschool. We had so much room inside and I’m sure no Preschool outdoor playground had the area we had a whole town block.

I wonder if they, and those who followed, remember the trampoline which we kept upstairs inside the building? (It was not only the children who enjoyed this experience. Some parents wondered if they could bounce high enough to touch those lovely high ceilings.) Remember the magpie hats we made so that we could go to the toilets which were then way up the yard towards Hospital Street; the old wood stove next to the sand pit (under the shady old camphor laurel trees) that we used for mud pies and sand cakes; the mud patch and the waterslide over the bank in the now Stan Topper Park and the interesting Parent nights when Mum and Dad were invited to join in the favourite activities of their young ones. The Dads around the carpentry table or with the block building and train sets (most popular), were cornered into playing with the playdough, being challenged by jigsaw puzzles or just being asked to read a favourite story.

The Parent Group worked hard and later the Contribution Scheme provided so many extras. As a result, the children had a large variety of equipment both indoor and outdoor that was able to cater and provide much of the stimuli necessary to form the basis for their future education. Their social, cognitive, physical as well as the emotional skills were an important phase of their learning.

They were educational, fun-filled learning days which both Helen Chapple and I remember so fondly. Helen continued on when the Preschool moved to its new site in the Pomona State School grounds and I was transferred to another centre within the region. Happy 21st Birthday Pomona Preschool.

Endnotes:

Preschool Years 1985-1997

BY ANNA KEIR

In 1985 Pomona Preschool moved to the new site in Station Street, trampoline and all. Veronica Darcy had the challenging task of setting up the new preschool unit. John Byrne was appointed to Pomona Preschool in 1987. During his three year service at Pomona, John was to see the growing numbers of preschool children catching the buses from Boren Point, Federal and Cooran. To cater for these children and the needs of the parents, John embarked on changing the Preschool Programme from five half days a week to a full day programme. This involved the two groups of twenty five children attending five full days a fortnight. But how would the children cope? How would the teachers cope? Careful planning was required and of course a need to get hold of stretchers for the children’s afternoon nap!

Since I have had the pleasure of teaching at Pomona Preschool (end of 1993 to now), the full day programme has had other implications. From 1987 to 1993 the teacher and aide took turns to have lunch during the day. This of course was quite difficult with 25 little 4 to 5 year olds needing attention. In 1994 this changed with Primary school teachers doing ‘lunch duty’ at the Preschool giving the teacher and aide a formal break. At last!! Not only do we now get a break but the preschool children have the opportunity to get to know their future teachers making the transition from Preschool to Year One much easier.

With the recent advent of non-contact time for all teachers, the Preschool children now attend phys ed and music lessons with specialist teachers. Once again this makes excellent preparation for the beginning of Year One.

Del Zauner’s recollection of Pomona preschool reminds me of how much things have changed over the years. The new workplace Health & Safety modules issued to all schools details specific guidelines on how certain activities are to be conducted. Use of the Trampoline now requires at least four supervisors around the outside of it with one person being trained in this area. So, as you can see we had to say ‘Goodbye’ to the good old ‘tramp’. No more parents trying to touch the ceiling!! Other fixed outdoor equipment has been removed and the parent group have been invaluable as they’ve raised funds to replenish our outdoor area with seesaws, balance beams, large saucers and tunnels. The parent group have also played a major role in keeping the preschool up to date in the area of technology and have recently purchased a computer and printer for the children’s use.

During my short time at Pomona I have enjoyed working with Bev Cox, Denise Ward and of course the parents. Although the Preschool has seen changes, the basic philosophy of Preschool Education will always remain play is the main vehicle by which children’s learning occurs and the environment provided for this should be caring, supportive, challenging and stimulating, with the parents and teachers working together in partnership to provide quality education.
Over the years, Pomona State School has seen a number of husband and wife teams, working together for the benefit of their students. These partnerships began in the Mid-Sixties and continued through the Seventies and Eighties.

Peter and Wendy Woodward are still at the school in the Nineties. Other remembered couples are Peter and Christine Clifford, Michael and Jenni Ashton.

Bill O'Callaghan who spent 35 years at Pomona State School, was its longest serving teacher. After completing Senior at Brisbane State High School, he trained as a Primary Teacher at Kelvin Grove Teachers College in 1942.

His first appointment was Charters Towers but after only a month there he decided to join the Air Force. He served as a radar operator in New Guinea, first New Britain and then at Hollandia.

After his discharge from the Air Force he returned to teaching at Charters Towers where he met Alison. After his transfer to Pomona in 1947, they were married.

Bill taught Grades IV and V and, after Mr Reg Hubbard was transferred to Kedron, became the Scholarship teacher. When Scholarship was abolished in 1964, he transferred to the Secondary Department with the Grade VIII’s, teaching maths, physical education, English and geography until his retirement in 1982.

He was an outstanding sportsman and became very involved in coaching all school sports particularly cricket and tennis. He was one of the many organisers of inter-house (Horne and Dan Houses) and inter-school sports days which ran like clockwork. All of Bill’s students had a healthy respect for him as a leader and educator. He touched and influenced many young lives.

Alison was awarded a Junior scholarship to Teachers’ Training College in 1942. Her first appointment was to Richmond Hill in 1943 where she taught until 1947 when she resigned to be married to Bill O’Callaghan who had been transferred to Pomona. She had several temporary appointments in this area from 1956 until she was transferred to Pomona in 1965 as the infant teacher, having little experience in that area.

Being the keen and dedicated teacher that she was, Alison made it her goal to send her students on, able to read and to be competent in Maths and worked tirelessly to that end.

In the late sixties, Alison complained that Bill wouldn’t give up his sport to study for his degree. A friend remarked, in quick defence of Bill, ‘Well you probably wouldn’t want to do it either Alison’. That was enough for Alison! She was determined to further her own education, completing her Bachelor of Arts in 1976.

Alison was a truly dynamic teacher always receptive to new ideas. After her resignation in 1987, she and Bill retired to Peregian Beach where they spend much of their time playing bridge.
The Feeneys

Pat Davey was transferred from Townsville to Pomona Secondary Department in 1960. One of her first accomplishments, and one which impacted greatly on the community of Pomona for many years, was to form the Coorora Hockey Team. With her new recruits, none of whom had played before, she played and umpired hockey matches every Saturday afternoon in Gympie. On the field, Pat was a very formidable opponent and went on to become captain of the Gympie Rep team. It was around this time that she met Kevin Feeney of Tewantin and they married in 1963.

Together they taught at Pomona. Pat teaching mainly English, history and french and Kevin teaching in the primary school. Classes over forty in Grades 6 and 7 were not uncommon to Kevin. When Charlie Baldwin was transferred to Pomona, Kevin changed to high school teaching.

Since their transfer to Acacia Ridge in Brisbane in 1970, the Feeneys have moved far and wide over Queensland to Maroochydore, Noosa and then on to Cairns. The next transfer was Charleville where Pat was appointed principal and for Kevin teaching maths and animal husbandry, looking after goats! Angora of course! It was then a return to this area for both. Pat retired as principal of Coolum High a few years ago and Kevin has now retired from Nambour High.

Pat and Kevin have two children Susannah who is married with three lovely little daughters and Simon, who works at the Internet TAFE in Brisbane, having completed a degree in Media Studies.

Pat works three days a week in mediation for separating and divorcing couples. Kevin recently contested the Noosa Shire Council elections and plays bridge for his recreation and competitive spirit.

The Dixons

After serving a number of years in the flat, dusty, treeless plains of far North West Queensland in a period of prolonged drought, a transfer to the green hills of Pomona was a shock. They couldn’t believe their eyes. Here were tall trees and to them, precipitous hills and streets! Their children Nick and Jan had been accustomed to a ‘wide brown land’ and the contrast was to prove disastrous to Nick when he came off his new friend’s (Peter Bubbers) bike on a steep hill and spent most of his first few months in hospital or at home recuperating from serious head injuries. Not a recommended way to start in a new school!”

Mos and Margaret had difficulty at first adjusting to the more formal school environment (tie, Mr and Mrs etc) after the informality of the west, but with kindness and friendship of their new colleagues, they were soon converted to Pomona supporters. The school was regarded as a ‘good’ school. Academic, sporting and other achievements were high and the school community worked hard.

Margaret was a dedicated teacher with a special interest in helping students who were unable, or
found it difficult to read. She was committed to helping others and worked tirelessly for the school, the church and the wider community.

When people speak of Mos, they talk of a forward thinker, a progressive educator who was aware of students' needs and did his best to cater for those needs. A man ahead of his time, Mos went on to become Director of the Curriculum with the Department of Education.

Their memories of Pomona have always centred on the people with whom they mixed, at school, in the general community and in connection with sport. Moss and Margaret recall 'Our stay at Pomona was an extremely happy one and a period in our family's experiences cherished by us all.'

The Woodwards

After completing a three year course in Home Economics at Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education in 1974, Miss Wendy Busted was transferred to Bowen State High School where she met, and later married, Mr Peter Woodward who had just completed his Bachelor of Applied Science at Queensland University of Technology and his Diploma of Education at University of Queensland. Bowen was the first appointment for both of them.

Wendy and Peter were transferred to Bundaberg and it was there that Christopher was born in 1977. Peter was then appointed to Dalby High as Mathematics Subject Master. After Leanne was born, the Woodwards moved to Tewantin when Peter became Assistant to the Principal at Pomona State School in 1980.

As the years have gone by, Peter has been Curriculum Master, Acting Principal and is currently Deputy Principal of the Pomona Secondary Department. Peter is a man of vision, quietly spoken, with tremendous organisational skills.

Wendy has taught several Adult Education classes at various TAFE colleges around South East Queensland. In 1984, two years after Kylie was born, Wendy joined the Pomona Secondary Staff teaching maths, science and home economics. Following the retirement of Mrs Ivy Bubbers at the end of 1984, Wendy concentrated on the Home Economics Department. She completed her Bachelor of Education through external studies in 1991. Wendy is currently Acting Head of Department Curriculum Secondary Department – a teacher with a creative flair, who likes everything to be 'just right' and works tirelessly to achieve that end.

Together, the Woodwards make a dynamic team.
The Enchelmaiers

Eddie, as he was affectionately known, had a long association with Pomona State School from 1961 when he became a stalwart of the P&C. In 1975, he was appointed Pomona State School's first Janitor Groundsman. Edwin had previously worked for the Public Works Department and his skills in carpentry etc were soon put to good use. The school grounds were extensive and all that Eddie had was a push mower and an old Fergie tractor.

He set out gardens and the school always entered flowers in the annual Noosa Show, taking out many prizes, his favourite blooms then being pansies, stocks and iceland poppies. Eddy retired at the end of 1983, and he and Molly moved to Maryborough where he now tends his own garden.

Molly's first teaching post was Oxley Montrose Home for crippled children and afterwards the Wilston Ophthalmic Hostel. Both these positions required much patience and dedication. During the war years, Molly was moved around from school to school in the Hendra Sandgate area. She was later transferred to Watch Box, a one teacher school near Kingaroy.

Molly returned to teaching in 1969. In those days, students were marched off parade to the sound of the recorder band trained by Molly. Her classes, as well as achieving academically, enjoyed great art and craft lessons. When she retired in 1981, she was greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Above: More snap dragons. The tuckshop has already been extended and so has the garden. Eddie Enchelmaier (his wife Molly taught Primary) our first janitor-groundperson mowing out the front. The adventure playground is taking shape – ‘Fort Robson and Topper Tower’!
The Toppers

It was January 1974 when recently married Stan and Judy Topper moved to Pomona to live and teach. They had both spent previous years teaching in various schools in Central Queensland. Stan was then on staff at Pomona until his death in 1990. Judy spent a year at Imbil and then Cooroy before returning to Pomona 1975 to 1976 when she left full-time teaching to raise their family Simon (1976), Adam (1978) and Mark (1981) who all attended Pomona State School from Preschool to Year 10. After supply teaching for fourteen years, Judy resumed fulltime teaching at Pomona in 1991 where she is presently on staff.

During the 1970s great changes in teaching styles and classroom arrangements were evolving and the Toppers began teaching Years 3, 4 and 5 by opening the centre doors of adjoining single classrooms. Students of this era will have memories of the Hut Club which raised money for school equipment, the adventurous five day coach tour of Central Queensland November 1975, camps at Ringtail Forestry and A-Flat, an exchange visit with Virginia State School and a tour of Brisbane.

When the move was made to the Ellis Estate site in 1976, Stan was instrumental in organising the construction of the original adventure playground, the planting of many of the now mature trees in the school grounds and the fundraising for the swimming pool. He became very interested in the King of the Mountain Race and Festival and had the school become involved through various stalls, activities for children and relay events. The World thong throwing competition had its beginning on the oval at Pomona School!

While Judy was supply teaching and ‘at home’ with the three boys she was active in the church, taught Sunday School and Religious Education, was Cub Scout leader for the Pomona Group and formed the first Pomona Playgroup.

Stan, Judy and their family enjoyed an unforgettable world trip in 1988 and visited schools in the United States. Children from Pomona (Australia) consequently formed penfriends with students of similar age from Roosevelt Elementary School in Pomona (USA).

The Stan Topper King of the Mountain Bursary is held each year in October for Year 7 students in memory of Stan and his dedication to the school and wider community.

Adam, Judy, Simon, Stan and Mark Topper, 1984

Sponsored by Stan, Judy, Simon, Adam & Mark Topper
DYNAMIC DUOS

Pomona in the News Again

1974 HUT CLUB

The pupils of Grades Three, Four and Five at Pomona State School recently formed "The Hut Club", named after the bark hut they built in the school ground.

Office bearers elected were:
Chairman, Paul Sadler; secretary, Robyn Ethridge; treasurer, Karen Lenske.

With the proceeds of a grocery art union conducted by the club, the students have purchased five books, 24 library records and accompanying books, a tape recorder and many craft materials.

The next fund-raising venture will be an "Odd Jobs" weekend, when the students will be willing to undertake any task for a small fee.

1978 CAMPING STUDY

A three day camp at the Mary Valley Field Study centre has been undertaken by 32 grade five and six Pomona State School students.

They were accompanied by Mrs A. Kelloway and Mr and Mrs Topper.

This followed a two day camp at the field study centre at Ringtail in April. Camp teachers were Mrs Sandra Burke and Mr Phil Maynes.

The children planned the menu prior to the camp, estimated quantities and purchased food.

Each child was rostered several times to prepare meals, collect firewood and wash up.

The group made a detailed study of the area, identifying all plants and traces of animal life and inspected the hoop forest plantation.

Spotlighting was another activity and many pademelons, bandicoots and a wallaby were seen.

The campers were early risers and were able to see the sunrise and hear the morning chorus begin.

1975

When 39 Grades Three, Four and Five pupils of Pomona State School went on a five-day camping tour of Central Queensland, it was the first time most of them had seen so much of their home State.

On their return, the children were asked to write about their impressions of the trip and from the concise, but detailed, descriptions which many of them put down on paper it would seem there are plenty of budding journalists at Pomona State School.

But the letter which really conveyed the sheer joy of the whole trip was that written by Terry Hazelgrove in Grade three, which I quote in full;

"I really liked wiping the dishes. We had counted kangaroos near Theodore and that was fun. At Cooee Bay, we slept at a youth hostel where I slept in the top of a double decker bed that kept shaking. That was great fun and Craig Coles in the bottom bunk ended up wriggling me to sleep. I'd be ready to go on the trip again tomorrow.

Julie Lake

1976

A large crowd of parents and friends attended a barbecue and slide evening at the new school last Saturday night.

Mr and Mrs S. W. Topper, of the school staff, organised the function. After tea those present adjourned to the school room where they were shown slides taken during the recent educational tour to Central Queensland.

Grades 3, 4, and 5, who went on the trip, were there in full force to see themselves on film. It was an interesting evening, and Mr Topper thanked Mesdames Kelloway and Easton and Mr Polley for their help, and expressed appreciation to the parents for their interest and co-operation.

Mrs J. White, speaking for the parents, thanked Mr and Mrs Topper for giving the children the opportunity of going on such a tour, and for taking such good care of them.
Back to the Future

BY JO JESBERG & SUE FERRIS

This decade could be aptly named 'Back To The Future'. Many events, inventions and introductions that were started during this decade would continue to have an impact on the future of Pomona School, its students and its wider community.

The now famous 'King of the Mountain' Festival had its resurgence during this decade. Many of the original cast who helped re-establish the Festival have moved on, but the town still gears up for THAT day in July. Who can forget an event that almost made Thong Throwing and Nail Driving a national pastime? In the 4 x 800m relay teams, Pomona State School remained undefeated in both boys and girls events for close to six years. The effort made by the school's runners equals

1981 Staff, Front row left to right: Kaye Philips, Debby Crang, Ivy Bubbers, Peter Woodward (Assistant to the Principal), Dennis Brennan (Principal), Carmel Byrne, Roslyn Faulkner, Alison O'Callaghan, Christine Kildey (Secretary). Second row: Molly Enchelmair, Tom King, Stan Topper, Bill O'Callaghan, Barry Dwyer, Len Luxton, Wesley Pullard, Garth Baker. Third row: Doug Collins, Joanne Jesber, Heather Christie, Bevan Mahoney.
the pride and pain of all those runners who made it up and down the mountain each year.

The school pool was planned and designed during the eighties. The project was paid for through some very innovative measures. The P&C organized Casino Nights and later ran them for other organisations. The small band of 'croupiers' enjoyed those evenings as much as the players. This was a very active time for the P&C.

The school saw the introduction of computers (1 for 200 students), instrumental music took its first tentative steps, family dances and school concerts found their way on to the school calendar and the preschool was moved from the Stan Topper Park on site to the school.

Multi-age grouping became a popular class structure and established Pomona State School as a progressive school on the Sunshine Coast. Dress up days became the thing to do to celebrate anything – the Bicentennial, Queensland Day, Australia Day and the, now famous, camping programme had its beginning in the eighties. Oh no. Not another Bunyip Trail!!

The eighties were a very busy progressive and exciting time in which to be part of the school community.

The girls break the drought! Winners of the King of the Mountain Relay 1997, left to right: Roxanne Batchelor, Erin Patton, Jessica Joyner, Annabelle Jones.

Swimming Pool Diary

It was with great determination, enthusiasm and united strength that the Swimming Pool Committee was formed on 18 February 1982 at the P&C Annual General Meeting.

Led by President Joe White, Publicity Officer and Fund Raising organiser Stan Topp and Secretary Denise Debus, the original target of $25 000 was raised within 10 months by 24 July 1983. By 11 April 1984 the pool was completed and ready for eager swimmers.

This wonderful asset to the school and town became a reality because of the fantastic support and hard work from so many in the local community. Here follows a summary of the action during 1982 to 1984 from conception to official opening of the pool, as recorded by Stan Topp.

1982
18 Feb – Steering Committee formed at P&C Annual General Meeting.
4 Mar – 1st Meeting of Steering Committee.
4 Apr – Public Meeting in Memorial Hall to gauge public support for the pool.
19 Apr – P&C decided to build a Swimming Pool.
13 Sep – P&C received $10 000 in grant.
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24 Sep – Fund raising started with a $5 entry fee.

1983
22 Mar – Site for Swimming Pool surveyed; Matha-thon started.
18 Apr – Swimming Pool Committee joined Cooroy/Pomona Lions Club to organise 1983 Pomona King of the Mountain Festival.
7 May – “Casino Night” $4000; Horse Raffle drawn for $1600.
23 May – Subsoil samples taken from pool site.
3 Jun – Theatre Restaurant with “Ah Cruel Fate!” by Majestic Players $700.
9 Jun – Petrol Raffle started (petrol donated by Fage Motors), drawn 17 July $2000.
24 Jul – Pomona King of the Mountain Festival $5000.

REACHED ORIGINAL TARGET OF $25 000
26 Jul – Swimming Pool Plans approved subject to some minor alterations.
28 Jul – Chocolate Drive by Student Council.
15 Aug – Bus Trip to Brisbane $150.
29 Aug – Tenders closed. Lowest tender from Welsh Contracting Pty Ltd about $41 000.
15 Sep – P&C received $10 000 tender from Welsh Contracting Pty Ltd for approval.
15 Sep – Held a casual meeting at Cooroy Tag Fishing Day $80.
22 Oct – Held an informal meet at Kin Kin Festival $200.
23 Oct – Held a special meeting of the Swimming Pool Committee.

1984
27 Jan – Australia Day Dinkum Dance.
2 Mar – Street Festival $300.
17 Mar – Bowling Day at Kingaroy $200.
17 Mar – Olympic Casino Night cancelled.
30 Mar – Non-Casino Night $300.
1 Apr – Pool opened and keys handed over.

12 Apr – Year 3 had first class swim in Pool.
19 Apr – Final payment of $46 341.50 made to Welch Contracting Pty Ltd.
29 Apr – Raffles Day $250.
5 Jun – BIKI Bike Raffle (donated by Chandler) $200.
22 Jun – Music Hall Dinner Dance $300.
1 Jul – Sydney Holiday Raffles (week at Koorina Oxford Square Motel for 2) flying with Ansett Airlines, $200.
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P&C
17 Feb – Horse Raffle started (horse donated by Brian and Gail Thorburn).
5 Mar – Cooroy P&C Street Festival $50.
17 Mar – Donation from 4GY Community Chest $100.
18 Mar – Street Festival $300.
21 Mar – Clean-up of Rodeo grounds $80.

(covered costs)
31 Oct – Government Subsidy on construction cost of pool increased by $10 000 to $70 000.
1 Nov – Melbourne Cup Luncheon $200.
5 Nov – Wacol Street Festival $250.
18 Nov – Pool Opening $300.
21 Nov – Work on the construction of the pool began.
22 Nov – Donation from 4GY Community Chest $200.
2 Dec – Hot Dog Days at Tashkun $100.
3 Dec – Watermelon Festival (raised off) and Christmas tree $100.
4 Dec – Bowls Day (raised off).
6 Dec – Pomona and District Community Calendar produced $300.
17 Dec – Christmas Raffle (cake, donated by Pomona Bread Shop, and iced by Shirley Friends) $80.

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REACHING THE TARGET

Pomona's community has made a significant start toward raising the funds required to build a swimming pool at the local school and a money barometer has been erected to show the progress being made toward the public fundraising target of $25,000.

Swimming pool committee president Joe White is pictured painting the third bar on the barometer indication that it now tops the $8000 mark.

Apart from catering for the teaching of swimming during school hours of children to Pomona, Kin Kin, Cooran and Federal schools, the pool will be open to the public before and after school hours, on weekends and over holidays. The running of the pool outside of school hours will be under the control of the committee.

To have the pool constructed in 1983 it appears that $120,000 is required. This will be made up through a State Government subsidy of $60,000, a Noosa Shire Council grant of $35,000 and the public's contribution.

To boost the funds a special "pay now, swim next year" scheme has been introduced which give the opportunity to purchase a season ticket at either $20 for a family or $10 for single persons and pensioners at the same rate for up to ten years. This offer closes on November 30, 1982.

The swimming pool committee's major fundraising event for this year is a casino night to be held at the Pomona Hall on Saturday, November 27, with champion swimmer Lisa Curry as special guest. Tickets are available from most Pomona shops.

Above: Extract from the Noosa Citizen 17 November 1982.
Below: Extract from the Noosa News – Stan Topper with Shane Reid and Tony Debus waiting for the catch.

BAT(TLING) FOR FUNDS

A cricket bat autographed by the 1984 Australian, West Indies and Pakistan test teams will be raffled to help boost Pomona community swimming pool building funds.

Pool committee public relations officer, Stan Topper, a teacher at Pomona State School, said the bat had been donated to the committee by Greg Chappell and Castlemaine Perkins.

The raffle will be drawn at 10.30 am at the Pomona Olympic Casino Night on March 31 and organisers are hoping Greg Chappell will be available to draw the winning ticket.

Mr Topper said the pool should be completed within three weeks and ready for use next swimming season.

The committee, after receiving $70,000 from the State Government $35,000 from Noosa Shire Council and raising about $35,000, was still about $10,000 short of the total cost of $150,000.

However, the raffle, proceeds from the casino night and Pomona's King of the Mountain race on July 21 -22, were expected to make up the difference Mr Topper said.
The Library

BY BARRY DWYER

The writing programme as part of the Library was very important while I was in Pomona. I usually took ten or so students of similar ability and wrote all types of poems and other genre. Writing has to be for publication and over the years, the children wrote several dozen booklets of their work. My best experience was with a group who found writing difficult. They told me the story they had devised and I typed up the text. They selected graphics and pasted up the masters. After we printed and assembled the books, the proud way they showed them off and the interest and envy shown by the rest of the class made it one of the best days in my teaching career.

Apart from actually camping, the camp generated several weeks of library activity as children researched fauna and flora of the area as well as local history and industries. Follow-up also included writing camp diaries and expanding on site research.

An extension of the writing program was the writers’ camp. These were begun for all of the Wide Bay Region but few students could gain a place as numbers were limited. To solve this, we began the Noosa Shire Writers’ Camp and I was given the job of organising the camp and producing the camp book. Other stalwarts of the camp held at Mt Timbeerwah and Lake McDonald were John Beaufoy, Mike Flanagan and Judy Askham with Gwenda Marriott Burton as our main guest writer.

As the school and resources expanded, so too did the Library. Wonder of wonders, the architect asked what I would like and after spending ten sweltering years in a windowless building, requested lots of windows which helped to make the building bright and airy. Typically, after enduring several months of dust and noise and hard work of redesigning the interior, I was transferred.

Stan Topper had spent several years raising funds and buying resources and looked on the Library as his. He spent several years with my demanding he use the borrowing system, and his trying to circumvent it. When I bought a new set of Australian Encyclopaedia, he took the old set to his room. It really made his day when I had to go up and borrow one of the books as the new set didn’t cover that item of information.

Wet days were always crowded, with teachers on playground duty pushing the children into the library. We countered this, by playing video cartoons. The favourite was Rikki Tikki Tavi and most of the students of the 80’s could recite the sound-track from memory.

I remember one Year 1 student who would go to sleep leaning back on his hands during their afternoon storytime. One day we left him and he slept from lunchtime to the 3.00 pm bell. After the year 1’s and 2’s left, there would be twenty or so small piles of sand that fell out of pockets or socks.

In the thirty years I was there, I think the whole sandpit was brought to the library.

I used to wear brown suede desert boots and the little ‘kids’ used to push forward so they could draw patterns in the suede. One day I remember crossing my legs and kicking one of the children in the jaw so I then had to make a point of keeping them at a distance.

The yearly stock take was a traumatic time with Heather Flanagan putting all the resources in order and then we would take several days to check against the catalogue. There were usually dozens of books that had to be chased up mainly from teachers. Most missing resources would usually turn up the following year. It used to annoy Heather that my ‘guessimate’ of resources before the stocktake, would be so close to the tally, after two weeks of boredom.

These days, the stocktake can be done with the swipe of a light pen with the resources in any order.
Barry Dwyer was the first Teacher-Librarian at Pomona, appointed in July 1978. As money was hard to come by in the early years, Barry had to be very resourceful in acquiring requisites for the Library. He was a great asset to the staff and students when it came to quality writing. His writers’ group produced many works of literary merit. Barry also attended many school camps and guided groups with research work. His efforts were appreciated by the entire school community.

Unflappable Heather

Heather commenced at the Pomona State School on 4 February 1974. She worked in the library and in those days she was called a Library-Aide. As the population of the school was small, there was no Teacher Librarian and Mrs Sweet would catalogue the books for her on Wednesday afternoon while the High School had sport.

As Heather had an interest in netball, she coached a school team and she and Mr Shae took the team to a carnival in Gympie. On Fridays, when visiting schools came for sport, Heather often umpired the netball matches.

Remember When...

It rained ‘beeps’ at Booloombo Creek and the causeway flooded and we thought the bus wouldn't be able to get in? It did. Just!

A certain teacher left the hot dogs behind?

It stormed all night at Elanda Point camp and we had to sleep on the concrete under the shop awning of the kiosk?

Next morning, Gary Page’s tent was still standing and all the rest had blown down? Well a possum took over his tent and bit him!

We were dragging our canoes to Kinaba and we were sure we’d seen a stingray? About thirteen of us jumped into Mrs Christie’s canoe to escape and we sank to the bottom of the lake!

We had our camp concert at Mon Repos and all the year Fours and Fives invited all the other campers in the Caravan Park to come and see Mrs Christie do her Elvis Act?

Mr Dwyer, who was dressed as the Queen, ‘died’ and fell on top of the ‘dead’ King. Mrs Christie and squashed her. Mr Brown was the Princess and Mrs Sylvester was the Duke. How we cheered when all the teachers ‘died’.

Brandon Donaldson was Alfie?

Mr Rob Watson slept through all the storms in his tent? We found him early next morning, still asleep on his air bed floating in 5 inches of water!

Mrs Blackmore and Mr Brown dragged the canoes back through the water from Mill Point to Elanda. Who came back the easy way?

Steve Becker had wet clothes, wet sleeping bag and wet tent at that camp?

We pick pocketed Mr Shepherd’s keys and bid them for ransom? He wouldn't pay up.

When the move was made to the present site, Barry Dwyer was appointed Teacher Librarian. When Barry was transferred, Kaye Mills took his place.

At various times, Heather has worked as Teacher Aide for many teachers. She is currently back in the library working with Teacher Librarian, Sue McKenna, as well as assisting in various classrooms.
The Camping Programme has been an important part of the primary experience since the mid 1970s. Stan Topper organised two long tours. The first was to Central Queensland and the second was to Brisbane where the students were billeted out at Virginia School. We visited City Hall, Parliament House, the Airport and a TV Station during a three-day stay.

Joanne Jesberg organised day camps for year 1 and 2. Tents were pitched at the back of the oval and campers were cooked in open fires.

When these students reached year 4, their real camping began under Heather Christie’s direction. As a male teacher was also needed, I was dragged from the library to take part.

My first experience was so bad that the later camps seemed like holidays. We were dropped at Booloomba Creek and just after the bus left, the first of five storms swept the area. Many of the tents fell in under the weight of the rain but Heather was not concerned. We went off to the creek for a swim, where I badly bruised my foot rescuing some child. As night fell, so did the rain. The fire died so we cooked for sixty children on one gas stove. I finally dined on a cold steakette on a bread roll without butter and washed it down with lukewarm coffee. So to bed to find all the homeless kids were in my tent. I spent the night with 19 children as the next three storms passed over and dumped several inches of rain.

Breakfast was cereal and bread rolls with peanut paste plus scrambled eggs. At lunchtime I got a fire going and when the larger pot of water boiled, Heather found she had left the hot dogs at the butcher shop.

We returned to Booloomba Creek several more times over the years and have managed to laugh at our first attempt.

Elanda Point has also been a favourite place where we have held several camps. We usually spent one day crossing to Teewah and the second canoeing or hiking to Kinaba Ranger Station.

After some practice, we were ready to move further afield and Mon Repos near Bundaberg was selected. These camps were expensive, so energetic fund-raising was necessary. The craft stall at King of the Mountain was usually popular but these camps should be known as ‘Popcorn Camps’ as hundreds of bags of popcorn were sold. Principals were known to cry, when the notices went out, because the school usually looked like a snowfield for several days.

When Peter Robertson arrived at school, my part in the school camps came to an end and I missed the several Double Island and Harry’s Hut camps organised in the late 80s and the 90s.
THE EIGHTIES

Year 2 Day Camp on the Oval.

Teacher Bernie Blackmore

Left: Anchors Away – setting

Get a gander at that! Mon Repos 1989.

Well somebody has to do it! Mon Repos 1989.

Sponsored by the Hawken Family – Middle Creek
THE EIGHTIES

Sport & Culture!


Surrender now Jack Doolan for you’re three to one.

Doin’ what comes naturally

Egyptian Dancers, Year 5 boys 1985.

Sponsored by the Blackwood girls - Kylie, Rachelle & Melita
The Eighties

Roseann McKeen conducting the choir 1987. Remember 'Walk with me'.

Fun on the Oval.

1982, Interhouse Sports

1982, Interhouse Sports

Sponsored by Jim & Bill Grant's family
A Teacher to Us All

BY TERRY WATSON, FORMER TEACHER

Foremost in my memories of my time spent at Pomona State Primary School, is my first teaching partner, Stan Topper. Wherever Stan went he took with him his most endearing asset, his wonderful sense of humour. Although he was always willing to trial new methods, Stan was basically a traditional teacher who advocated teaching 'The Basics' and worked hard to encourage self-discipline in his students. (No doubt many parents and students will be eternally grateful for this.) However, although he preferred old fashioned methods, this did not mean that there was ever a shortage of laughter in his classroom. School may not have been all fun and games, but Mr Topper certainly made the day much more enjoyable when he shared his jokes and his smile with both students and staff.

Whilst most of us seem to be forever searching for the life that we want, Stan was one of the few people that I have met who had arrived at exactly where he wanted to be. His life revolved around his loving wife Judy, his three wonderful sons, Simon, Adam and Mark, his teaching career and his other great love, coordinating the King of the Mountain festival. Perhaps the greatest lesson that this teacher ever taught was not taught in the classroom but by the way that he lived his life doing what he did well and enjoying all that he did.

Stan was my teaching partner for eighteen months and during this time there was much that I learnt from him. He taught me about teaching and he taught me about living but most importantly, he taught me how to see the world the Stan Topper way - with a sparkle in your eye, a smile on your face and good hearty laugh at the ready. Although Stan is no longer with us, I know that he will always live on in the memories of many of us and I will always be grateful for the time that we shared together in the classroom.

Below left and right: the adventure playground. This was Stan Topper's idea. Logs and labour were supplied by Dads and working bees were on Saturday mornings.
The Nineties

BY BERNADETTE BLACKMORE & KAY STEVEN

The Nineties have seen great changes at Pomona State School. Enrolments grew rapidly and it soon became obvious that we were going to outgrow the present site. Plans were made for the new secondary campus and in the year of the school's Centenary, this move has been completed. The relocatable classrooms which mushroomed during this period of growth, are now being removed and primary classes are moving into the vacated secondary rooms. Murray Judge, our jovial 'Big Muzz', was principal from 1989 to 1993. Murray was always keen to introduce new ideas and soon we were all involved in the exciting world of The Six Thinking Hats of De Bon and Reality Therapy! Staff conferences were held at Lake Cootharaba – hilarious times which helped forge strong staff bonds.

In 1994, Tracey Jessie was appointed principal at Pomona and then in 1995, Dion Coghlan was appointed deputy principal as a result of continued increasing enrolments. Tracey continued the process of staff development and we all became very familiar with that term Annual Operational Plan! Tracey also introduced a new Behaviour Management Plan ('Ed speak' for the way to deal with student misbehaviour!) Green slips and Community Service are now terms with which miscreants are familiar. Older students now help solve playground disputes by Peer Mediation.

It is interesting to note that the last entry in the Corporal Punishment Register was on 17th May 1990. Four boys each received one stroke on the left hand for wilful disobedience. Compare this with the 'records' set for 'the cuts' in earlier decades.

The days of inspectors were over and Collaborative School reviews were all the rage. The terms, School Development Plan and Corporate Plan,
became commonplace. Now even the Education Department has had a name change to Education Queensland.

Curriculum changes in the Nineties have been significant. Now all primary students have access to computers. Video cameras are used to present material which has been filmed and edited by students. Parent nights have become a chance for students to show a video of their camp, not just talk about it.

It was a ‘back to basics’ approach and teachers were encouraged to place emphasis on thinking skills and problem solving. Japanese is taught in Years 6 and 7, whilst in English, ‘genre’ analysis and writing is the latest curriculum development. Also, primary teachers were at last granted preparation and correction time!

King of the Mountain stalls and relays formed a major part of the school calendar in the early Nineties. This has grown to be a huge annual town festival.

School concerts, musicals and plays offer a chance for students to display their talents. In the classroom, outside experts have shared their talents in workshops of art, Aboriginal studies and Torres Strait Island art and artefacts. Various authors have shown how a book is written and inspired many children to write.

The Nineties have been the decade of the acronym. See if you know what these stand for SPS, KLA, AOP, CCT, SDP, ELIC, FLIP, ELA, QLPS, HRE, EA, LOTE, LTLTR, CSR, HOD, SIMS, PP & R, FSS. Yes we have had to learn what all of these mean!

Camping is a major focus at Pomona State School. A camping policy was developed and tents and equipment were purchased. Favoured camping spots include Mon Repos, Tucheoki, Luther Heights, Freshwater, Elanda Point and Fraser Island. Anecdotes from these memorable trips which could fill a whole book of ‘do you remember’ – viewing turtles at 2 am, trudging along bush tracks, canoeing, snorkelling, camp concerts. Memories are made of these.

Yes, we have seen many changes but one part of schooling stands the test of time. The bond between committed teachers, parents and community members – a bond that forms the foundation for educating our children Pomona State School – ‘Sharing the Past, Celebrating the Future’.
THE NINETIES

Showtime

Sponsored by Beryl Price (nee Johnson) – 1938, 1939, 1940
Camping in the Nineties

BY PETER ROBERTON

In 1990 we decided to go to A-flat, an old forestry camp the other side of Kilkivan. Some people thought we passed the Black Stump on the way. This was a very picturesque area and the resident teacher ranger, John Josefski did some great activities including listening to the heartbeat of trees with stethoscopes. Because of the popularity of this camp, we were not able to choose the time of year for our visit. Consequently, we went in mid-winter — morning temperature 2°C!

Still recovering from frostbite, the following year our venue was Freshwater camping ground near Double Island Point. After a bus trip as far as the bus could go, students walked the last eight kilometres carrying all their gear. That was the theory anyway, but the 4WDs and trailers which were to take just the tents, food, lights etc were well loaded. This was a great camp with swimming in Lake Freshwater and a visit to the ‘Cherry Venture’ and Double Island Point Lighthouse.

Following the success of this camp and warm weather by the sea, the next step of course was overseas! And so began plans for the first of the Fraser Island adventures. With the very generous assistance of people like Sergeant Brian Chap-

man, Alan Page, Michael Ryan, Barry Stewart, Geoff Brown and many others, these camps have been very educational, enjoyable and fattening. Heather Christie’s supply of delightful meals is legendary! The one comment I have never heard from parents or students is I wouldn’t go again! The only criteria to be met to be a parent helper for a Fraser Island camp is to be able to get four days away from home, cook, repair, fix, help etc from 6 am until midnight and own a 4WD (preferably large).

Then there was the big Canberra Trip in 1993 when we took two Polleys Coaches and a little
Urvan loaded with students from years 7 to 10, to our capital city. We saw Parliament House, the Mint, the Electoral Education Centre, Black Mountain Tower and even went ice-skating – we had a ball. With a change of drivers for the buses, we drove all night to save on accommodation costs. My most vivid memory is how the other eager drivers of the Urvan lost their enthusiasm around midnight and left me to it, wedged in between two giant hurtling buses for protection against wayward kangaroos, all through the back of NSW. The highlight of the trip for many of the ‘kids’ was attending a Canberra Raiders training session and meeting Mal Meninga and Laurie Daley!

One-night Mary River camps began. The first Primary School Video presentation was filmed with help from the Film Unit from the Nambour Education Centre (since closed down). Papua New Guinea cookouts were very successful. Students cooked their own meals in pots they had made. After two hours of cooking, some groups had their food up to normal room temperature but still 100% raw. However it was worth waiting for and no one went hungry.

Other successful camps with different classes have been held at Mon Repos, Coolum, Mt Tuchekoi, St Helena and Elanda Point. With much of our own camping equipment, plus borrowed luxury items (like lights) and the continued enthusiasm of teachers, parent helpers and students, the Pomona School Camping Programme should continue to flourish.
THE NINETIES

Sponsored by the Elsie (deceased), Iris (deceased), Doris, Reg, Harry, Vivian, Yvonne, Gordon...
...and parents Len & Beatrice (deceased)

The Centenary art display. Working on it, left to right: Toby Ryan, Jeunae Rogers, Erin Patton.
The finished result above, proudly displayed by Scott McLaughlin, Josh Dubois, April Gray, Jasmine Haddow (in shop window) Natasha Kastrissios.
THE NINETIES

1997 Staff

PRIMARY PRINCIPALS
PRINCIPAL
Tracey Jessie (On leave)

ACTING PRINCIPAL
Peter Bradford

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Dion Coghlan

Jane Lusher (Music)
Mary Jones (Japanese)
Trish Fox (Music)
Patricia Collis (Music)

PRIMARY TEACHERS’ AIDES
Denise Ward (Preschool)
Shayleen Brock (Primary)
Heather Flanagan (Primary/Library)
Colleen Bryce (Learning Support)

PRIMARY ADMINISTRATION
Natalie Richter (Registrar)
Sari Melrose (Administration Officer)
Denise Beckinsale
Roseen Lopeman

ANCILLARY
Bruce Dawson (Janitor Groundsperson)
Val Barden (Cleaner)
Daphne Brady (Cleaner)
Beverley Trost (Cleaner)

SECONDARY PRINCIPALS
PRINCIPAL
Tracey Jessie (on leave)

ACTING PRINCIPAL
Peter Bradford

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Peter Woodward

SECONDARY HEAD OF DEPARTMENT CURRICULUM
Barry Mengel
Elizabeth Downes
Wendy Woodward (Acting)

SECONDARY TEACHERS
Myschel Albrecht (Guidance Officer)
Rose Arbour (English, Soc. Sc.)
Jeannine Beaufoy (English Maths)
Glenn Brown (H. PE/Soc. Sc.)
Neville Bryce (Guidance Officer)
Gail Cobb (Home Economics)
Patricia Collis (Instrumental Music)
Janine Delgos (Art)
Karen Eddy (Commercial)
Cheryl Edwards (Speech & Drama / Soc. Sc.)
Lyndall Ensby (Commercial)
Barry Gilbert (Maths, Science)
Ron Greentree (H.PE/Soc. Sc.)
Barry Hanrahan (Man. Arts)
Sue McKenna (Library)
John Mays (Man. Arts)
Paul O’Neill (Art)
Murray Perrin (Soc. Sc./Maths)
Coral-anne Reason (Japanese, English)
Kerry Rostron (Support)
Richard Shepherd (Maths, Science)
Sharyn Zernike

SECONDARY ADMINISTRATION
Pat Watson
Lorraine Chapman
Yvonne Greentree
Donald Tones
Karen Jesberg
Julie Courtenbach
Lindsay Treichel
Peter Alter

Sponsored by Bill, Joy, Walter (Von) & Dennisse Von Blackensee
1997 Student Councils

PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL

The Primary Student Council under the guidance of Miss Meera Miller, is responsible for many of the events in the students' social calendars. We enjoy discos, free dress days, pool parties and participate in MacDonald days. Green Flash, sell Anzac Day badges and assist in raising funds for such worthy causes as World Vision and the Leukemia Foundation.

The money raised is used for enhancing our grounds and gardens. Best of all, we have purchased sporting equipment, sponsored our King Of the Mountain Relay Team and helped finance new sporting areas.

It is our objective to help make our school a friendly and interesting place to be.

SECONDARY STUDENT EXECUTIVE

With the move to the new secondary campus, the student council was reshaped and is now called the Student Executive. The major changes included an expansion in school leadership positions and formation of student committees.

The Student Executive this year has been involved in International Women's Day, Guide Dogs for the Blind Appeal, recycling projects, introduction of a school jersey and fundraising for the construction of multi-purpose courts at the new campus.

Student Executive left to right: Mr Rob McAlpine (Acting Executive Director Sunshine Coast Region), Jenifer Ryan (Environment Leader), Katie Alderton (Cultural Leader), Tom Treichel (Vice Captain), Melinda Keane (Vice Captain), Daniel Cook (School Captain), Letisha Cochrane (School Captain), Maree Johnstone (Sport Leader), Wendy McCrathy, Bianca Doherty (Policy Leaders) and Peter Bradford (Acting Principal).
Non-Teaching Staff

No school works without a team of support staff who make sure that students and teachers can work in the best possible surroundings. At Pomona we are blessed with a great team of these folk.

Keeping the school clean is a mammoth task, done beautifully by Val Barden, Daphne Brady and Bev Trost at the Primary site, while Rhonda Williams, Anne-Marie VanBoxmeer and Bev Jennings take care of the Secondary Department. Their work is supported by our janitor groundpersons, Bruce Dawson (primary), whose roses are a legend and Peter Alter (secondary), who, assisted by Lindsay Treichel, manages to keep the world's oldest tractor running.

The voice on the phone and the face at the front counter at Pomona Primary, belong to Sari Melrose, our imperturbable administration officer, in reception. She is ably assisted by similarly imperturbable part-time Administration staffers, Denise Beckinsale and Roseen Lopeman. Their variety of tasks of enrolling students and attending to the multitude of clerical and administrative duties generated by a school of 400 students, are always met with enthusiasm and a 'can-do' attitude. Their Secondary Department counterparts are Karen Jesberg the 'world's calmest secretary', and the highly focused Julie Cortenbach.

Heading this team is Natalie Richter, our dynamic and extremely capable registrar. Her advice to auditors is highly sought after and her skills in financial management keep our budget balanced.

Primary teachers are more directly assisted by our enthusiastic, dedicated and superb teacher aides, Heather Flanagan and Shanyeine Brock, and their equally brilliant part-time colleagues, Colleen Bryce and Gwen Goldsworthy. Whilst a similar great job is done at the Secondary Department by our very talented Teacher Aides, Pat Watson, who has been heard to say unkind things about computers, Lorraine Chapman, who seems to like
We saw the Rings of Saturn through the powerful telescope at A-Flat.

Jay Teunus was doing the orienteering course and he walked straight through the swamp practically up to his neck and in the middle of winter.

Mrs Christie used to say, and still does, ‘My ageing Grandmother of 101 would be faster than that!’ Then 102 if you had her for a second year. Grandmother turned 104 for one class!

Troy lost his torch in the water at night at Mon Repos. It came up next day on the tide, and it still worked!

The baby turtles hatched one morning at Mon Repos and we made obstacle free tracks for them down to the water?

The teachers and supervisors acted out ‘Allah, Allah! Send me some camels and they looked to the East?’

Jenna Ryan took her hair dryer to camp?

Mrs Von Blaenkensee played beach cricket. The adults were sooo funny.

The boys went in the Girls’ Toilets at Fraser Island? Detention – Wash up, Butter the buns and a BIG lecture!

We had to do Dingo Watch if we talked half the night?

We had to carry all our gear on our heads through the rapids at the Mary River and the ‘Cross’ toilets?

We cooked our own tea over the fires and we toasted marshmallows, damper twists and chocolate bananas? Mrs Christie wouldn’t let us go to bed until midnight! Remember the game ‘Piggy Bank and Rubbish Bin’

Mr Robertson told us, ‘Don’t wake Mrs Christie till 5 am – Be generous’!

Chappie and Allan Page and later Barry Stewart and Allan helped us do ‘Mickey Flips’. Boy didn’t Mrs Garske go up!!

The Musical ‘Samson’? Joe Watson was Delilah and Monique Worland was Samson.

The school discos in the 6/7 Room and we played ‘stupid’ Huggy Bears?

We used to do Manual Arts with Mr Robertson and when we made the wooden ducks and the heads kept breaking off? Back in class, we were asked ‘Whose head is this?’ Brett Waters answered ‘It’s mine’!

Shannon Gwynne having received the dreaded green slip, had to report to Mr Coghlan’s office? Mr Coghlan was not happy and sent Shannon in ahead of him, stormed in behind him, slammed the door and the roof fell in! It had to be seen to be believed!!

We came over to the new High School, how quiet it was? We used to call it Camp Isolation.

We went to the Noosa River and saw a goldfish in the water and threw stones at it? As it came closer we thought it was a stinger and threw more stones. As it loomed up out of the water, we screamed and ran away. It was a Scuba Diver and he wasn’t amused!!

to double as a canteen convenor and Don Tones, whose skills as a cabinet maker are obvious in his excellent work for manual arts teachers. Meanwhile, the ever smiling, quiet achiever, Yvonne Greentree, manages to work in both places as resource centre aide.

Keeping staff and students fed, has been the province of tuckshop convenor, Heather Anderson and her merry band of helpers.

The contribution to the school by these skilled and dedicated team members cannot be overestimated, and we thank them sincerely.
Secondary Department Relocates

BY PETER WOODWARD, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

After almost fifty-two years of co-existence on the same sites, the secondary and primary sections of the school finally separated in May this year when the year eight students joined the year nine and ten students at the new secondary campus on Summit Road. With steady growth in both primary and secondary enrolments in the early nineties, it became apparent that the Station Street facilities would soon be unable to cope with the increasing number of students. The Education Department bought 25 hectares of land at the intersection of Clay Street and Summit Road, about three kilometres from the primary campus. This gently sloping site has spectacular, picturesque views of the surrounding mountains and countryside and is one of the few rich red fertile soil areas in the Noosa Shire. This property previously belonged to Phil Cave.

Construction of the new secondary campus commenced in December 1995 and when the first stage was completed in July 1996, year nine and ten students were relocated to the new site. Construction on stage two started in September 1996 and was completed in May this year. The completion of this stage was eagerly awaited by teachers as it allowed for the reloca-
tion of year eight students to the new campus and meant that the daily travel between the two campuses was finally over.

The new secondary campus is designed to cater for up to eight hundred students in the future with the inclusion of further construction stages. The new campus is the latest design with the inclusion of modern technology throughout.

The separation of the primary school and secondary department after so many years brings with it mixed feelings of sadness that the two sections of the school will no longer be together on the one site and excitement at the wonderful opportunities that the new secondary campus provides for the students of this area. I am sure that the strong links and high level of cooperation that have existed between the primary and secondary schools for so many years will continue, so as to provide students with a continuous and relevant curriculum.

The Pomona Secondary Department has a long history of providing the students of this area with a quality curriculum that has a strong emphasis on developing leadership and personal skills. Our strong traditions, past successes and pride in our school, provide this community with the foundation to meet future challenges.
Working for our Children, the P&C Association

BY MARIE ROBERTSON

The Pomona Parents and Citizens Association has always been a dedicated band of hard working men and women. Many people willingly gave so much of their time for several years supporting the principal and staff in striving to make Pomona School the very best. Whether it be a short or long term involvement, the goal was always the betterment of the school for our children.

It would take too many pages to list all the people who gave so much. Names such as Sadler, Enckelmaier, Etheridge, Christie, Topper, White, Hansen, Rafter, Elliott, Depper, Wood, Page, Window, Dart, Kelloway, Robertson, Bissett, Van Oosterhout, Beckinsale are only a few of all the wonderful people who have been involved.

Mr Edward Enckelmaier, school groundsman, was a very keen gardener. Many times he received congratulations for his display of flowers in the gardens around the school. This work obtained many prizes for the school, such as second place in the ‘Gardens in the Sun’ competition and third prize in the Sunshine Coast Garden Competition, eight firsts and one second prize at the Noosa Show were yearly happenings for Mr Enckelmaier.

Fundraising has always been a big task for the Association. Many ideas and suggestions were tried. Raffles, Art Unions, lucky numbers, balls and dances, theatre restaurants, bowls days, casino nights, cent auctions, chocolate drives, voluntary family contributions, various ‘thons’, paper drives and King of the Mountain stalls to name a few. In July 1978, a walk-a-thon from Tewantin to Pomona took place. Paper drives commenced in 1966, when approximately 70 fathers on a once-a-month roster system collected newspapers from households around the streets. This paper was packed into bales in the Goods shed at the railway and sold to the Australian Paper Manufacturers. Collection ceased in April 1980.

First involvement in King of the Mountain was on 1 September 1979, when the P&C conducted the hamburger stall along with the school sweets, craft, money tree, bottles, books and pot plants stalls. Initially all money raised from these stalls was part of the fundraising for the pool.

The pool was the brain child of teacher Mr Stan Topper. Quoted from the minutes of 19 February 1981 ‘Mr Topper discussed the need for a swimming pool here at the school as he felt the children were not getting sufficient coaching under present arrangements. It was decided that information be sought regarding location and cost.’ And so the seed for the pool was sown, coming to fruition with the official opening on 10 November 1984.

The school moved into the computer age when at the meeting on 18 February 1982 the P&C agreed to purchase the first computer for the school at a cost of $2200. ‘Once installed families would be invited to view the computer at work’ said Mr Woodward.

Uniforms and hats came under discussion frequently with it being recorded – ‘The School Policy Making Committee wants to enforce the wearing of school uniforms’. Various styles have been suggested and tried over the years.

The Ladies Auxiliary and Tuckshop Committee have also been supportive of the school through the P&C. At a meeting on 24 June 1960 it was reported ‘Tuckshop President Mrs Wood advised that the P&C Association were very short of funds and that they had suggested our Committee suggest some way to raise money as soon as possible. Members agreed that a tuckshop might help out and as this had never been tried previously by the committee, decided it be given a trial. Mrs Wood moved and Mrs Chapple seconded, that the committee start tuckshops to be run each Wednesday at the school. All members offered assistance and favoured the ideas.’ The first tuckshop day was Wednesday 6 July 1960.

The P&C was introduced to the School Development Plan, to bring together different ideas which will help in decisions about continuing development. There will be a new ‘closeness’ between the Education Department and parents.

The current members of the P&C are carrying on working for the same goal as the generations of parents have done before them, trying to achieve the best for our school, POMONA.
Our Centenary Teachers, Staff & Students

The year 1997 is a most important one for the students and staff of the Pomona State School for not only are they the last students of the first century but, on the 31st August last, became the pioneers of the second century.

PRIMARY STAFF
Back row: Murray Filshie, Tony McAnelly, Doug Lawrie, Meera Miller, Anna Keir, Karen Van Dyk, Trent Webb, Bruce Dawson.
Middle row: Margaret James, Bernie Blackmore, Shaylene Brook, Judy Topper, Kaye Johns, Heather Christie, Elaine Burke, Kay Steven.
Front row: Kevan Walsh, Linda Kimber, Mark Cotton, Peter Bradford (Acting Principal), Gillian Denny, Dion Coghlan (Deputy Principal), Lisa Dobson, Peter Robertson.

SECONDARY STAFF
Front row: Karen Jesberg, Janine Delgros, Rose Arbour, Peter Woodward (Deputy Principal), Peter Bradford (Acting Principal), Wendy Woodward, Myselfh Albrecht, Pat Watson, Julie Cortenbach.
Absent: Kerry Rostrom, Sharay Zemike, Coral-ann Reason, Yvonne Greentree, Barry Hanrathan, John Mayes, Barry Mengel, Don Jones, Ann-Marie Van Boxtmeer, Lindsay Treichel, Peter Alter.
CLASS OF '97

PRESCHOOL 1997
Class: Monday Group.
Teacher: Mrs Anna Keir.
Relief Teacher Aide: Mrs Gwen Goldworthy.
Back row: Albert Lindsay, Tia-Rae Cornwell, Daniel McCarthy, Adrian Soanes, Mrs Anna Keir, Mrs Gwen Goldworthy, Bianca Willoughby, Rebecca Flynn, Ashlee Rule, Clare Palmer.
Middle row: Adrian Welch, Asher Trama, D'Archi Muller, Claire Moreton, Blake Jeremy, Dean Bowden, Saul Kenyon, Thomas Pugh.
Front row: Candice Low, Douglas Coles, Crystal McKendrick, David Clarke, Jesse Gamer, Zach Millar.
Absent: Joshua Hole, Jack McFarlane, Kim Voronoff-Coupe, Mrs Denise Ward (Teacher Aid).

PRESCHOOL 1997
Class: Tuesday Group.
Teacher: Anna Keir.
Teacher Aide: Denise Ward.
Back row: Dean McMahon, Nicholas Bagley, Thea Cork, Mrs Anna Keir, Mrs Denise Ward, Jared Smith, Jake Johnson, Cameron Davey.
Middle row: Deborah Johns, Callum Maher, Jesse McIntosh, Jessica Faasman, Leigh Barber, Brandon Burgess, Kerrod Rose, Jack Maher.
Front row: Alice Hirst, Adam Irwin, Katie McCallum, Ellen Bingham, Jacin Tattersall, Stacey Crang, Daniel Ghent.
Absent: Geoffrey Butler, Jamey Ramshaw, Sarah Ditchiel.

PRIMARY CLASS 1B
Teacher: Elaine Burke.
Back row: Caroline Russell, Tara Orady, Elena Laii, Elizabeth Ward.
Middle row: Jesse Searle, Timothy Irwin, Jake McCoy-Richardson, Callum Lawrie, Ryan Kaulakainen, Cameron Johnson, Jake Bush, Beau Searle.
Front row: Michael Pescostra, Erin Triman, Laura McCoy-Richardson, Rachel O'Connell, Daniel Catalano, Jessica McFarlane, Emma Roberts, Carly Hare, Blake Westan.
Absent: Anthony Butler.
CLASS OF '97

PRIMARY CLASS 1S
Teacher: Mrs Kay Steven.
Back row: Georgie Hicks, Anna McKenna, Kara Burdack, Allie Day, Lauren McCart.
Middle row: Rhys Low, Jacob Landesmann, Vincent Berry, Timothy Kelly, Alex Slade, Steven Wynne, Luke Wynne.
Front row: Rebekah Finzel, Anicka Lenoir, Sara Morris, Hannah Bass, Brooke Hiven, Jessica Wynne, Josephine Lam, Amber Johannesen.

PRIMARY CLASS 1/2VB
Teachers: Ms Karen Van Dyk, Mrs Julie Burdack.
Back row: Travers Maher, Yani Kastrissicos, Emily Welch, Jake Wagland, Mitchell Bowden.
Middle row: Ms Van Dyk, Patrick Irwin, Sam Bisset, Adrian Radleya, Mathew Stoddart, Jack Martin, Remy Curley, Mrs Burdack.
Front row: Matthew Cusack, Melanie Roach, Rachel Hood, Helen Jones, Sarah Hayward, James Farlow, Danica Boundy, Lee Bernia.

PRIMARY CLASS 2J
Teacher: Margaret James.
Back row: Chris Britton, Steven Robinson, Amy Cairns, Rohan Etherington, Tim Field.
Middle row: Tyson Myers, Kien Buckman, Patrick O'Shanesy, Jason Grady, Danny Melville, Timothy Rule, Matthew Coombes, Jack Bannerman.
Absent: Sally Hicks.

Sponsored by the Cusack Family - Peter, Sharyn, Matthew & Kirsten
CLASS OF ’97

PRIMARY CLASS 2M
Teacher: Tony McAnelly
Middle row: Brenton Keast, Karly Lunson, Jake Kusters, Mischa Turschwell, Christian Burdack, Emily Lancashire, Nathan Burns.
Front row: Travis Osborne, Ashleigh Kusters, Amber Kelly, Peta Hinchliffe, Tamara Teanes, Kaitlin Quize, Jasmin Roberts, Kate Pugh, Harrison Canty.

PRIMARY CLASS 3B
Teacher: Mrs Bernadette Blackmore.
Back row: Trevor Robertson, Nathan Ward, Kris Maher, Eloise Smith, Paul Marsden-Gurr, Rick Murray.
Middle row: Andrew Lucy, Antony Hammond, Ben Kaukiainen, Alastair Reddinger, Cameron Nelson, Grant Adams, Matthew Goldsworthy.
Front row: Emma Widdick, Tessa Howie, Skye Hemsall, Cassandra Canty, Nadine Steiner, Vanessa Herrle, Holly Joh sensitivity.
Absent: Nathan Butler.

PRIMARY CLASS 3L
Teacher: Doug Lawrie.
Back row: Jarrod Hansen, Rowan Street, Nicola Low, Honza Popovskiy, James Simon.
Middle row: Adam Trama, Ashley Osborne, Alicia Lall, Zoe Barber, Dane Hawden, Michael Ford.
Front row: Tara Bugge, Suzanna Bernt, Ashley Williams, Jennifer Smith, Hannah Cubis, Kathryn McKenna, Kelly Dickinson.
Absent: David Russell, Mika Coupe.

Sponsored by Luke (Year 6) & Matthew (Year 3) Goldsworthy
CLASS OF ’97

PRIMARY CLASS 3/4W
Teacher: Trent Webb.
Back row: Robert Sharp, Anthony King, Ryan Agnew, Rebecca Barry, Alec Barry, Jarrad Hare.
Middle row: David Eddy, Shayne Burgess, Adam Bagley, Jay Hare, James Ghent, Justin Allen, Trevor Catalano.
Absent: Jenna Bell, Ben Dickinson.

PRIMARY CLASS 4T
Teacher: Mrs Judy Topper.
Back row: Benjamin Arnold, Bryce Scanes, Paul van Boxmeer, Jessica Bannerman, Madeleine Webb, Jarryd Brummel, Benjamin Hicks, Simon Jones.
Middle row: Ryan Crick, Andrew Johns, rowan Cunningham, Thomas Curry, Harry Elliott, Alex Siade, Isaac Smith.
Front row: Rebecca Puch, Lauren Dickinson, Katrina Michel, Abbey Barnes, Eva Curley, Nadia Knowles, Ashley Davy, Julie Kidd, Claire Byers.

PRIMARY CLASS 4/5J
Teacher: Mrs Kaye Johns.
Middle row: Jake Myers, Quintin Nielsen, Trent MacKellar, Joshua Lunson, Beau Vase, Sid Stout, John McLaughlin, Liam Popham.
Front row: Michael Batchelor, Bridget Gwynne, Natasha Sheldon, Chloe MacDonald, Nikki Bernia, Shanny Jennings, Elizabeth Riley, Larissa Michel, Kyle McKay.

Sponsored by the Johns’ Family - three generations
CLASS OF '97

PRIMARY CLASS 5C
Teacher: Mr Mark Cotton.
Middle row: Beau Cubis, Trent Toole, Jake Dubois, Tom Lancashire, Rhys Smith, Jamie Keast, Ben Brezenski, Luke Wagland, Matthew Day.
Front row: Cameron Roach, Candice Davey, Sally Turpin, Tegan McFarlane, Anna Kaistrissos, Jessica Britten, Shanise Walker, Tamara Meade, Michelle Hess, Zac Fenzel.
Absent: Duncan Riddling.

PRIMARY CLASS 5D
Teacher: Miss Lisa Dobson.
Middle row: Darren Marsden-Gurr, Sam Mitchell, Nigel Tomkinson, Daniel Chapman, Tom Bissett, Nathan Hollett, Blair Miller, Sebastien Arnold, Tom Sheldon.
Front row: Sara Crichton, Lisa Pearce, Marie Bently, Michelle Russell, Jessica Lopeman, Corina Best, Kassie Sesel, Samara Jennings, Jessie Batchelor, Donna-Maree Clarke.

PRIMARY CLASS 6F
Teacher: Mr Murray Filshie.
Back row: Dylan Rost, Jesse Scoates, Stuart Ferris, Nicole van Boxtmeer, David Haddow, Sean Morris, Harley Allen.
Middle row: Carl Gwynne, Paul Nixon, Keith Eddy, Joshua Barnes, Ronald Robertson, Jarrad Kusters, James Smith.
Front row: Jasmine Murray, Lucy Harwood Natalie Taylor, Marissa Tomkinson, Jessie Beckinsale, Mandy Hrijac, Angela Wimett, Fiona Coles, Andrea Jones.

Sponsored by Jessica (Year Five) & Tegan (Year Three) Lopeman
CLASS OF '97

PRIMARY CLASS 6M
Teacher: Miss Meera Miller.  
Back row: Christopher Etheridge, Roxanne Hayward, Kylie Lloyd,  
Jasmine Kelly, Megan Connell,  
Kaylee MacKellar, Kent Olive.  
Middle row: Campbell Myers, Troy  
Adams, Matthew Kelly, Philip  
Stewart, Nicholas Lancashire, Kyle  
Front row: Brett Marsden-Gurr,  
Myles Howlett, Kate Gale, Kylie  
Agnew, Nicole Ford, Chantel Smith,  
Emmy Atherton, Sarah Davie,  
Joshua Hare, Benjamin Kidd.  
Absent: David Guts.

PRIMARY CLASS 7C
Teacher: Heather Christie.  
Back row: Jeanae Rogers, Rikki  
Jordan, Bodhi Ellis, Natasha  
Kaskevias, Erin Patton, Tanya  
Cully, Chimene Smith, Carla  
Walker, Annabelle Jones.  
Middle row: Chris Murray, Nick  
Dark, David Hammond, Laurie  
Popham, Brad Keely, Bradley Riley,  
Tim Street, Toby Ryan, Scott  
McLaughlin, Damien Odore.  
Front row: Robert McKenna, Greg  
Ekins, Sarah Michel, Crystal  
McHenry, Rye Aral Coupe, April  
Gray, Ashlee Schafer, Megan  
Cunningham, Roxanne Batchelor,  
Luke McCoulough, Grant  
McCudden.  
Absent: Wade Riethmuller.

PRIMARY CLASS 7R
Teacher: Mr Peter Roberton.  
Back row: Stephanie Rouse, Sandy  
Stewart, Loryn Davie, Heidi Keast,  
Jessica Joyner, Rachel Barry,  
Tracey Elder, Skye Smith, Kylie  
Zelow.  
Middle row: David Ferris, Brendan  
Dunckinson, Billy Turpin, Patrick Day,  
Ryan Beynon, Nathan Johnson,  
Josh Dubois, Alex Crowther.  
Front row: Zoe Burdack, Theresa  
Bentley, Nicole Garske, Amber  
Smith, Sarah Milner, Lucie Lai,  
Cathy Pearce, Pip Riedlinger, Lisa  
Hrjes, Jasmine Hadlow.
SECONDARY YEAR 8A
Front row: Sara Randall, Leasa Ferris, Sara Iredale, Natasha Groot, Renee Coles, Rebecca Doran, Kyan Rider, Jessica Cohen, Marissa Cochrane.
Absent: Emma Stewart, Nissa Stream.

SECONDARY YEAR 8B
Middle row: Kimberley Magdalinski, Fleur Howden, Holly Cubis, Jessica Maher, Stephanie Watts, Rachael Morris, Renee Smith.
Front row: Joshua Finchel, James Travis, Almée Maguire, Shanti Broersen, Kate Harris, Nicole Hollett, Jackie Williams, Matthew Alderton, Michael Glover.

SECONDARY YEAR 8C
Back row: Mark Reed, Kimberleigh O'Brien, David Nixon, Michelle Smith, Jonathan Dekaghal.
Front row: Cathleen Smith, Renee Barkla, Carly Davis, Cassie Fitzgerald, Hayley Quill, St ev e Humphries, Eliza Gilbert, Ruth Crichton, Lillian Jones.
CLASS OF '97

SECONDARY YEAR 9
Back row: Bettina Hayward, Ashley Wellington, Daniel Lunson, Liam Margetts, Sam Elliot, Ben Atherton, Jamie Dubois, Brendan Crampton.

SECONDARY YEAR 10
Pomona State School Staff 1987-97

HEADS & PRINCIPALS 1987-1997

PRINCIPALS
Mary Anne HENSLEY 1987
Gertrude CULLEN 1988
Helen Rankin GIBSON 1899-1900
Marguerite Eliza Hardy MANWARING 1905-07
Emily MAYHEW 1907-08
Mary Agnes KELLY 1908
George Grant DAN 1908-41
(On leave 25/11/1923-24/07/1923)
Charles Andrew MITCHELL (Acting) 1932
Alfred Ernest Bumley HORN 1942-49
Lionel Gower STEVENS 1949-50
Arthur Ambrose VISE 1951-52 & 1953-56
Norman Arthur ADSETT 1952
Richard ELIUS 1957
Peter Charles CARTER 1957-80
Eric Leonard TWINE 1960-62
Malcolm MaccARTNEY 1963-65
Amos Alfred DIXON 1965-66
Ronald Francis WRIGHT 1966-70
Vasilescu Victor VON TREFELDT 1971-75
Leonard SCUDDER 1975-78
Dennis BRENNAN 1980-83
Ronald FINNEY 1984-84
Murray JUDGE 1985-88
Tracy JESSIE 1989-92
Wade HAYNES (Acting) 1994
Peter BRADFORD (Acting) 1997

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS
Gary GIG (Acting) 1994
Don COGHAN 1996
William DOWNS 1997

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT CURRICULUM
Peter WOODWARD 1980-86
Barry MENGEL 1986-88
Elizabeth DOWNS 1987
Wendy WOODWARD (Acting) 1986

PRIMARY TEACHERS 1906-97

Pomona State School originally opened as Pinbarren Provisional School. The name was changed in 1906 to Pomona Provisional School. In 1936 the Rural School was established and in 1945 the Secondary Department began.

PRIMARY TEACHERS
Mary Catherine LAVIN 1880-82
Agnes Josephine HUGHES 1880-82
William RONALD 1895-96
Jean Houston NEIL 1912-20
Eileen Agnes Cyril NEIL 1915-20
Laura Margaret SHARANN 1921-26
Eunice Catherine APPLEBY 1922-22
Edith Marion LEIGH 1920-21
Jessie VANCE 1921-25
Eileen TOOMEY 1923-24
Emma Knight FERGUSON 1924-26
Eva Jane VANCE 1925-26
Maggie Alice Irene CORR 1926-30
Herbert COURT 1926-30
Audrey ROBERTSON 1928-30
C. KAESHAGEN 1931-32
May COLLIE 1932
Margaret Mary McRae 1932-34
Phyllis Mary WILSON 1928-29
Doris Catherine McDONALD 1929-32
Matilda Muriel HOPPER PHILLIPS 1930-31
Walter Edward HILTON RODWAY 1930-31
Agnes Delia DONELIY 1931-34
Catherine Mildred WILDEY 1932
Veronica Florence GALLAN 1932-34
Norman Roy HOWARD 1933-37 (Seconded to Territory of New Guinea 1933)
Alma May LUNDGREN 1934-38
Margaret Kathleen SPILLANE 1934-40
Mabel E. MALTIN Domestic Sc. 1935
Mabel D. PAYNE Domestic Sc. 1935-36
Vera SPANN Domestic Sc. 1945
George LAWRIE Manual Training 1946-47
John LIVINGSTONE HANDEL Manual Training 1941-47
Richard ELIUS Manual Training 1942-47
Colin Archibald DADDOW 1936-39
Frederick Thomas RABBET 1938-39
Samuel Herbert Taylor ASBEE 1937
Norah Anne DOVER 1937-40
Shirley ANELZARK 1935-42
L. F. FORD 1937
Reginald Mandell HUBBARD 1939-51
Alice DICK 1940-49
Isabella Edith MCKENZIE 1940-49
Heather Wilson HOPPER 1942-43
Norah Elise CARTER 1943
Cynthia Margaret TICKLE 1943-46
T. E. Gibb 1943
A. F. MURTH 1943
Thomas William KERR 1941-49
Emily Hannah TERRELL 1940-47
Evelyn Margaret ROSE BOUGHEM 1947-48
Victor Thomas NAPIER 1947-48
John Desmond MURRAY 1948-51
Jean Mary SORRENSEN 1948
Cesil Norman O'CALLAGHAN 1946-49
William Alan O'CALLAGHAN (Transferred to H.S. Staff) 1964-67
Douglas TAYLOR 1964-67
Valerie Muriel UHLNANN 1947-49
Jean THERESE MEARA 1949-51
Ruby Elizabeth OLIVER BOLGER 1946-48
Maurice Frank TUCKLE 1949
Richard ELIUS 1949-52
(Employee of H.S. Staff) 1952-57
Donald TRICHLAND 1957-57
Donald TURNBULL 1957-57
Elizabeth MACKAY 1957-57
Thomas Richard SIMS 1957-57
Sybil Agnes McDonald VISE 1951-57
Audrey MILLS 1951-57
Jean Kathleen BELL 1952-53
Vincent CARROLL 1952-53
Estelle Jean ADSETT 1952-53
(Mrs) Pauline Helen KEWMAN 1952-53
Mary Elizabeth GERLACH 1953-53
Hazel Marie ROGERS 1953-56
Ronald C DICKMAN 1953-56
Emest Donald COOPER 1955-56
Gerald Francis MCEWENNEY 1956
Donald Archibald GRAVEN 1957-57
Alison Maude O'CALLAGHAN 1956-58
Maxwell John O'CALLAGHAN 1957-58
Ian Douglas COLES 1958-59
Ronald James GRAVEN 1958-59
Victor Evan DEPPIER 1959-61
Douglas Gawin HANSEN 1959-61
Margaret Anne WAGHI 1960-62
Heather Margaret ARMITAGE 1960-62
Desley Mavis SCHREIBER 1962-65
John Archibald GRAVEN 1961-63
Raymond Stephen HANSEN 1961-63
Ashley John TAYLOR 1961-62
Christian Margaret OXLEY 1961-62
Beatrice Elaine TOOMEY 1962-64
Valerie Grace ARMITAGE 1962
Bob GINGOES 1963-63
Robyn Joy NICHOLS 1963-64
Noel Edgar PLAYFORD 1963-64
Marilyn Anne ADAMS 1964-65
Joy BIGGS 1965
Sylva VISE 1965
Kevin John FEELEY 1965-67
L. TRANONA (H. S. Staff) 1966
Kevin Peter MCKAY 1966-67
Beatrice Eileen HANCOX 1967
Desley Mavis SCHREIBER 1967-69
Charles John HERSE 1965-68
Alison Maud O'CALLAGHAN 1965-67
Gordon Geoffry SALVAN 1965-67
Rita CAMERON 1965-67
Raymond John LALLY 1956-66
Margaret Ochena DIXON 1965-66
Esmie Gwendalette ETTERSHEK 1967
Mary Doreen ENCHEMAIER 1997-97
Peter Alan YOUNG 1998
Gail Roslyn PHILLIPS 1999-70
Mary Ellen SINGLETON 1971-72
Brendon Dorothy WALTERS 1973
Keith James GRICE 1974-75
Charles John HERSE 1975-76
Ruth Irene SORRENSEN 1976-77
Ann LARAD 1977-78
William STRATFORD 1977-78
Elizabeth MILLER 1978
Bryony Anne HOPKINS 1978-79
Keith Alan ENCHEMAIER 1973-72
Peter James BUTTERWORTH 1973-72
Stanley William TOPPER 1975-74
Ross Francis FERN 1973
Rita ROWELL 1975-76, 1985-86
Robert HIGGS 1975-76
(Transferred to H.S. Staff) 1976-77
Heather CHRISTIE 1975-76
Peter SHAW 1977
Glenale 1978-79
Keith James GRICE 1989-89
Judith NIBET (GOOLEY) 1979-81
Jennifer STEVENSON 1980-81
Thomas KING 1982-83
Debby GARRET 1980-82
Gillian ANDERSON 1982-83
Lynda HOLLAN 1982-82
Rita CAMERON 1983-84
Gregory STANLEY 1983-85
Donald Archibald GRAVEN 1984-85
Kathleen COOPER 1985
Michelle WAYMAN (QUALE) 1995-96
Karen CRUCHER 1995
ROLL CALL

LEOT
Robyn HILL
Dezi ZAUNER
Doreen Weaver
Jill Johnson
Joane Duffy
Judy Topper
John Byrne
Lisa Abiton
Linda Shaw
Anita Kaar

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS
Sarah STANDE
1960-68
Teresa WATSON
1988-93
Elizabeth KRAMMOX
1988-89
Bruce PASSMORE
1968
Karen O'NEILL (VanDyk)
1988-90
Roxanne PPM
1988-90
Douglas LAWRIE
1967
Barbara SILVESTER
1967-88
Brenda FERGUSON
1967-93
Raeann SCOTT
1967
Kenneth SELK
1967-89
Gavin O'MARA
1988-89
Ian CLAYTON
1988
Maria (Bernadette) BLACKMORE
1988-90
Lenore ALBRECHT
1968-89
Karen HILLS (CROUCHER)
1988-89
Anne CAMPBELL
1988-89
Michael O'ROURKE
1969-90
Kay STEVEN
1980-81
Vanessa HARVEY
1980-84
Margaret JONES
1980-89
Peter ROBERTSON
1980-90
Lorelei SMITH (HASEMANN)
1990-91
Wayne DONALDSON
1990-91
Sally HALL
1990-91
Ann SHEPPERSON
1991
Lutetia KELLER-CROSBY
1991-93
Alvin MUNRO
1991-93
Anthony MCANELLY
1991-97
Gary OGG
1991-96
Glenda RACK
1992-3
Pamela CRANNEY
1992-93
Helen PARK
1994
Judith AUBIN
1994
Jocelyne BETTS
1994-95
Marie MILLER
1995-95
Allison PAGE
1995-96
Mark COTTON
1995-96
Murry FISHER
1996
Kaye JOHN
1996-97
Lisa DOBSON
1996-97
Elaine BURKE
1997-97
Trent WEBB
1997-97
Julie BURDICK
1997-97

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Barry OWYER
1978-91
Janet WILSON
1991-95
Sue MCKENNA
1995-96

GUIDANCE OFFICERS
Lyn LAMP
1991-96
Ian JOHN
1995
Neville BRYCE
1995
Mychal ALBRECHT
1995-97

RESOURCE TEACHER SUPPORT
Margaret GRAHAM
1992-93
Linda RIMBER
1993
Robyn CAMPBELL
1981-85
Heather JAMES
1989
Kay PHILLIPS
1985
Pat SPICER
1995
Fay KIRK
1994
Lyn LAMP
1991-92
Julie MAAT
1991-92
Kay GANN
1970-91
Peter REIDINGER
1981-86
Claire HUBBARD
1986

MUSIC
Edward LEADBATER
1981-84
Gail BOLGER
1980-86
Ron ALGATE
1981-87
Sophia HOBSON
1981-87
James LUSHER
1981-97
Patricia FOX
1981-97

SECONDARY TEACHERS 1945-97
ART
Again ABBOTT
1985
Jenny ADERMAN
1988
Janine DELGOS
1995
Russel GILBERT
1995
Margaret GIBSON
1995-96
Lyndi GREGG
1996-97
Heather GRANTHAMS-PENZCER
1996-97
Robert McKEOWN
1996
Paul O'NEILL
1996
Sharon ZENKINE
1996

COMMERCIAL
Monique Anne AUGUSTINE
1996
Maureen AULD
1981-82
Carol BEDINGTON
1984-93
Laurel Margaret Binnington
1994
Carol Ann CHAMAN
1994
Hazel CHISHOLM
1983-89
Desley Margaret CLARKE
1980-81
Helen Theresa CRAVEN
1982-85
Patricia Ann CROSS
1985-86
Karen EDDY
1986-87
Lyndal ENSBY
1989
Patricia Dawn GARBUIT
1987-95
Myra HASTED
1987-95
Lesley HODGE
1995-99
Karen JOHN
1995
Patricia McCOLL
1995-97
Bernard Leslie MULCHAY
1999-97
Ronald MURPHY
1996
Margaret Leslie NIJEN
1948-97
Virginia Roberts
1982-90
Conwy Kay SEEN
1943-45
Patricia Dawn SIMMONS
1968-74
Alice Jackson THOMAS
1957-58
Joeyln Mary WAGNER
1950-63
Leonard James WILSON
1945
Marjorie WILSON
1959-60

GENERAL SUBJECTS, MATHS & SCIENCE
Roxanne ARRIEGUE
1980-85
Rose ARCOUS
1980-85
Michael ASHTON
1980-85
Thea Beatrice ASLEY
1948
Norman Garth RAGET
1960-60
Neil Massey BALDWIN
1948
Jeanne BEAUFOY
1982-92
Brian BIRCH
1982-92
Eugene BROWN
1982-92
Elaine BROWN
1983-95
Glenda Carolyn Jeanne BROWN
1984
Graham Donald BRUCE
1984

HOMEP ECONOMICS
Dorothea Grace BALDWIN
1953-54
Wendy Fay BIRD
1956-62
Ivy May BUBBER
Gail COBB
1956
Julie SADIE
1987
Dorothy FLORENCE DOWSON
1968-73
Grace FARNsworth
1945
Dorothy Mark GARRET
1985
Dorothy MURRAY
1985-86
Catherine Dorothea JORDAN
1953-54
Margaret Dawn LITHGOW
1956-56
E. MALTON
1935
Margaret Elizabeth MCGUIRE
1935
Sylvia Grace MITCHELL
1949-51
Christine NEUMANN
1983
Jane MOTT
1956-58
Leikey Jesse Edith PAGE
1958-61

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D. PAYNE ........................................ 1926
Joan Doris FERSKE ..................... 1946-47
Phyllis PETERSEN .................... 1949
Audrey Avel PHILIPPS ............... 1955-56
Janette RYAN ................................. 1980
Lorraine Myra SKOPP .................. 1983
Ruby SORENSEN ......................... 1945-47
Beverly Clair TAYLOR .................. 1964
Brenda Mary TRICKETT .......... 1964
Janice WADDELL ......................... 1969
Helen Dawn WAUGH .................. 1969
Helen Joan WOOD ....................... 1970
Vandy WOODWARD ...................... 1984-

LIBRARIANS
Barry D'WYER .................................... 1979-90
Kayo MILL ........................................ 1991-
Sue McKENNA .............................. 1998-

MANUAL ARTS
Brian John BLACK ...................... 1961-83
John Angus CAMPBELL .................. 1968-72
Ronald Keith CHETHAM ............... 1973-75
Mark DOBLO ........................................ 1989
Richard ELLIS ............................... 1942
Robert Percy FALCONBRIDGE ........ 1958-60
David Burton FRECKNALL ............. 1945-49
John Livingstone HANDEL ............ 1941-47
Barry HARRAHAN ......................... 1968-
Thomas Patrick JONES ................. 1949-58
George Richards LAWRIE ............. 1936-47
John MAYES ............................... 1955-
Bevan William MAHONEY .............. 1979-85
K.V. McGuire ............................... 1955-56
Paul Brian MORRIS ....................... 1959-61
Vivian W. PENNELL .................... 1967
Ronald Douglas SHEPPARD .......... 1964
J. SIMPSON ....................................... 1954
Donald WALKER ......................... 1991-98 on leave
Donald Roy WALKER ................. 1995-

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Glenn BROWN ............................. 1986-

Ronald GREENTREE ..................... 1995-
David SPILLMAN ......................... 1995-

GUIDANCE OFFICER
Mychal ALBRECHT ...................... 1997
Lyn LAMP ................................. 1991-95
Ian JOHNSTON ......................... 1995-
Neville BRYCE .............................. 1995-

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Michael HANSON
Julie CORRIN/BACK
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Sali MELOISE
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Irene CHRISTIE
Bev COOK
Joan DART
Jenny DOBSON
Heather FLANAGAN
Yvonne GREENTREE
Edith HANSON
Ary KELOWAY
Olive OLLIE
Marie ROBERTSON
Paul ROBINSON
Renata SEMMENS
Donald TONES
Dee VAUGH
Denise WARD
Vicki WARREN
Pat WATSON
Brahim YOUNG

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Josie BEVERIDGE
Daphne BRADY
Bruce DAVISON
Edwin ENCHLMNAER
Glady's FERGUSON
Pat FORBES
Benv JENNINGS
Alice JONES
Tus PEL
Gwyneth SNELL
Lindsey TRECHEL
Bev TROST
Anna-Maree VAN Boxmeer
Rhonda WILLIAMS
Thelma WINDSOR
Marilyn TURNBULL
Kerry THOMAS
1897
BLANKENSEE, Esther
BLANKENSEE, Kate
BERRY, Isabella
BERRY, Annie
PARNIERT, Fred
RONALD, Robert
McCONNELL, Hugh
BLANKENSEE, Frank
PARNIERT, John
McCONNELL, Samuel
NUGENT, Edward
NUGENT, James
GEARY, Rose
BAXER, Elizabeth
BERRY, Georgina
BERRY, Robert
BAXER, Percy
GEARY, Lily
NUGENT, Eva
KELIER, John
NUGENT, Reginald
BAXER, Frank
GEARY, Fred
PARNIERT, Ellen
BERRY, Ruby
ELLIS, Robert
ELLIS, Martin
SCOTT, Winnie
SCOTT, Herbert
GRAVES, George
GRAVES, Emily
GRAVES, Elizabeth
GEARY, Maud
TIX, John
TIX, William

1898
JONES, Hubert
RONALD, Isabella
McCONNELL, Milton
McCONNELL, Robert
OLSON, Christina
OLSEN, William
ROBINSON, John
BLANKENSEE, Mary G
BEL, Maud E
STORER, Charles

1899
NUGENT, Bert C
ASKER, Elizabeth
VARINES, Stanley
McCONNELL, Joseph D
NESBITT, Mary Jane
NESBITT, Annie
RIZZACE, Robert S
COX, Mary Jane
PERRY, James W
PIDD, Herbert

1900
GALLOWAY, Mabel C
ELLIS, William
PUD, Eveline
BELL, Mary
KELIER, Eugene
BRADY, Frederick J
BRADY, Wiltersford A
RONALD, William
BRADY, Annie G
McLEOD, Annie
McLEOD, Jessie
McLEOD, Alexander

1901
NUGENT, Ethel
YOUNG, Florence
HARDY, Henry J
BELL, Lucy
GRANT, Dorothy May
COX, John Thomas
GRANT, Frank Robert
BAXER, Florence

1902
McLEOD, George Leighton
BERRY, Mabel
HOLLAND, Reginald
PARNIERT, Ernest
HOWELL, Richard
GALLOWS, Agnes Mary
UNRIVABLE
KELIER, Eileen
VARINES, Florence
ARMITAGE, Perithel George
VARINES, Albert
GRANT, William

1903
BLANKENSEE, Peter
MASON, Percy
MASON, Archie
MASON, Roger
McCONNELL, Helen
RONALD, John
COX, Daniel
BAXER, Sydney
LYNCHY, Vai
GOSSEY, George
WILLSHER, Gladys
SINDAY, Florence
NUGENT, Arthur Bedwig
BELL, Annie Eliza

1904
GRANT, Millicent
THORLEY, Edward George
LYONS, Emily Maria
HALL, William John
YOUNG, Ada May
HAZZI, Gertrude
FARRINGTON, Alfred
BROW, Joseph
BROW, Ida
McCONNELL, Nellie
BATEMAN, Thomas
BATYMAN, William
BELL, Helen
FARRINGTON, Robert
McCONNELL, Davinda
McCONNELL, David Alex

1905
NUGENT, Ida
BLANKENSEE, George
THORLEY, Cecil
ARMITAGE, William Rupert
BAXER, Albert Edward
SANGER, Norma
SANGER, Ceci
SANGER, Isabel
LESSERT, Frank
GRANT, Elsie Pearl Mabel
LESSERT, Anna
DAVEY, Leslie
HOWELL, Agnes Martha
WINDLE, Robert George
HATCH, Dudley Harris

1906
TIERNEY, Thomas
TIERNEY, Martin
TIERNEY, Peter
FERSION, William
FERSION, Alexander
FERSION, Emma Knight
MITCHELL, James
MITCHELL, Robert
TAYLOR, Arthur
NUGENT, Roy
CAIRNS, Albert Alexander
ARMITAGE, James
ARMITAGE, Victor
LANG, David
CASSIDY, William

1907
KELER, Dorothy
HATCH, Leonard
DAVIES, Ivy
McLEOD, Christina
BULL, Arthur
BULL, William
OMITTED
DECKER, Victor
STIRLING, Mary
STIRLING, Elsie
HOWELL, Linley
THORLEY, Florida
KOPFALL, Gustav
KOPFALL, August
KOPFALL, George

1908
PARKER, Ada
PARKER, Albert
RICHET, Frederick
BLANKENSEE, John

1909
BYTHEWAY, Ada
BYTHEWAY, Ernest
ARMITAGE, Richard Roy
DECKER, Cecil
MACCART, William
SLEDGE, George Wilson
SLEDGE, Mary Isabella
SLEDGE, Jane
SLEDGE, John
BREED, Alice
PARNIERT, Elizabeth
BAKER, Anthony
JOSEPH, Alexander
KELIER, Ivy Julia
WILLIAMS, Hilda
WILLIAMS, FRED
HORAN, Sybil Mary
BAILEY, Jean

1910
CARTERBURGH, Rob
CARTERBURGH, George
SMITH, Harvey William
DUFFY, Winifred
DUFFY, Olive
DUFFY, George
DUFFY, Edith

1911
RANSOME, Meta
BEAL, Fannie
MOORE, William
HAY, Robert
HAY, Elizabeth
HAY, Elizabeth
BUCHEANAN, Rosaline
LANE, David
LANE, Annie Elizabeth
LYONS, Joseph James
LYONS, Albert
SAUNDERS, Henry
SAUNDERS, Evans
DEPP, Jean
SMITH, Grace
SPIEVE, Victor
SPIEVE, Joseph
SPIEVE, Dominick
SPIEVE, Thérèse
MARTIN, Mary
WALLACE, William
THORLEY, Albert
BEATTY, George Walter
HARMITAGE, Myrtle Grace
GRIFIN, Florence
BEUTLE, Albert Edward
BEUTLE, George Robert
DOUGHER, David Ernest
McCONNELL, William Alan
BECK, Valma
DAISEY, Jessie
DAISEY, Michael
SLEDGE, Lorcus
SMITH, Herbert Mason
DUFFY, William
DUFFY, Edith
DUFFY, Martin
STANLEY, Beryl

1912
RIDE, Wilma
RIDE, Sadie
HALL, Thomas William
HALL, Alice Phyllis May
GOSSELY, Amos William
NUGENT, Munir
BLANKENSEE, Ivy
DUGGAN, Evelyn
DUGGAN, Rhoda
LANE, Lucy
BUNNEY, Norman
NIPPER, Gladys
ROSS, Thomas
JUSTO, Francesco John
SAUNDERS, Amy Ada
ALLEN, Amy
GRANT, Thelma

1913
FERSION, Edwin
MARDEN, Lily
HALL, Mary Ann
GEARY, Alfred
BAXER, Nellie
NIGHT, Ethel
GRIFFIN, Clifford Searie
DONOVAN, Lionel
MALONE, Victoria
MALONE, Edna
SAUNDERS, Hector
BROWN, Cyril
BUNNEY, Car Maude
CUMMINS, Norah Anna
VAN DER LEE, Hendrik
TENNIS, Thomas William
TENNIS, Eileen Daphine
SAUNDERS, Angus
GEARY, Violet
GRANT, James
DUN, Amy E
DUN, Jessie
SMITH, Gladys
GEARY, Ellen
GRANT, Myrtle
GRANT, William
ELLIS, Vincent Las.
VENN, John
TENNIS, Charles
DUNN, Mabel
BONELL, Ivy J
BONELL, Minnie
SLEDGE, Olive
PEARSON, Elsie M
SAUNDERS, Joyce
WILLOWAY, Wilfred

1914
DUN, Reginald
MEARS, Ernest
LANE, Louis Alex
TAYLOR, Theodore
DOUGTIE, Florence
DALE, Victor Jas
TAYLOR, Charles
CONNOLLY, James
SAUNDERS, Colin
TAYLOR, Aiden
KNOWLES, Brian
KNOWLES, Elvin
SHEARS, Jessie
KNOWLES, Olive
MORRIS, Ada
MORRIS, George
TAYLOR, Roland
LEATHER, Stanley
LEATHER, Louis
HORSEY, Bida
1915
GRANT, Kenneth
NUGENT, Cedric
SONDER, Daniel
MANTHEY, Martha
LAWRIE, Elizabeth
HOGG, J. Edith
FORD, Harold
FORD, Lester
FORD, Albert
TORUP, Jean
MURRAY, Jean
MURRAY, Douglas
MURRAY, Colin
JORGENSEN, Annie
HARTLEY, Trevor
LINDSAY, Bertha
ROBINSON, Ellen
BAXOZ, Vera
MCKINNAN, Elizabeth
MUSIG, Eric
GOSELEY, George Edward
BAXOZ, Mary
SAUNDERS, Leslie
PINWELL, Gordon
CHAFEY, Charlotte
BARKE, Vera
BARKE, Neville

1916
RANSOME, Myra
BEAL, William Jas.
COLLETT, Ria
COLLETT, Florence
SHARPE, Lilian
LEE, Doreen May
FRASER, Donald
FRASER, Mary
COLLETT, Reginald
MITCHELL, Alex Robert
ROBINSON, Phyllis
HASKEN, William
CHRISTENSEN, James
MAGUIRE, Gerald
CLISSOLD, Rose Marg.
COLLETT, Ernest
BURCHILL, Frances Eliz.
COOPER, Dorothy
COOPER, Donald
DICKFOSS, Donald
DICKFOSS, Roy
DICKFOSS, Josephine
NIXEN, Roy
DICKFOSS, Henry
NIPPERESS, Muriel
LINDSAY, Victor
NIPPERESS, John J.
WARD, Phyllis
DUIN, Gordon Edgar
BAXOZ, Ross
LAMMIE, Christine
FRASER, Bridget
MULGORD, Leonard
COOPER, Mary
KENDRICK, Ethel
KENDRICK, Elise
KENDRICK, Geneva
RANSONE, Horace William

1917
MAGUIRE, Colin

1919
STIERNQUIST, Nori
Burchill, Amy

1921
OHANLAN, Reginald
OHANLAN, Gladys
SPINAZE, Evelyn
OHANLAN, O’Hara
GOSELEY, Charles
STJIERNQUIST, Eric
STJIERNQUIST, Leslie
OHANLAN, Robb
KILDEY, Henry
JONES, Gladys
CURRAN, Beatrice
WILSHIE, Rose
GROTH, Stanley
BUBBES, Wins顿
BUBBES, Alan
BAXOZ, Vera
SHARPE, Thelma
MOLES, Thelma
PETERSEN, Harvey Allen
PETERSEN, Theodore
DOMIN, Isabelle
DOMIN, John
DOMIN, William
HOPF, George
NASH, Robert
GALLOWAY, John
KROGH, Poula
KEILOR, Jean
NASH, Herbert
MOLES, Mervyn
MOLES, Daphne
CLIST, Alexander
KROGH, Minnie
SANKEY, Emily
FENN, Stella Marian
SANKEY, Henry
NUFFER, Victor
NUFFIX, Alan
BELL, Eila
CHAFFEY, Kitchener
HOLLIS, Agnes
HOLLIS, William
HOLLIS, Hugh
HAWKEN, Lilian
HAWKEN, Olive
HAWKEN, Doris
MOLES, Ralph
DUNCAN, Alfred
MCMURRAY, Margaret
MOSS, Mervyn
STALLING, Spencer
ROBERTS, Basil
ROBERTS, Leonard
WOOD, Allan
WOOD, Douglas
PAGE, Robert
STEWART, Robert
SUTHERLAND, Cecily
SUTTON, Eric
CURRAN, Mary L
HOLLIS, Vivian
OSBORNE, Mon Sylvia
WATSON, Harry L
WATSON, Ernest
WATSON, Mary
CLIST, Sarah
CLIST, Mervyn
CLIST, Margaret
GRAHAM, Keith
APPLEBY, George
BROWN, Kenneth
CARKASEY, Joyce
NUGENT, Colin
CORK, Margaret
KING, Francis
KING, Myra
DUNCAN, Elizabeth
GEAL, George Edwin
GEAL, Daphne Ellis
APPLEBY, Joan
HAMILTON, Douglas
FINN, Doris
GEISE, Irene
PLAYFOARD, Edgar
WATT, Beatrice
BAXOZ, James

1922
BROOKS, Pauline
TURNBULL, Doris
BROOKS, Joseph
Burchill, Norman
McWILLIAMS, Ernest
GILMOUR, Gavin
GILMOUR, Mabel
BROOKS, William
TURNBULL, Alan
TURNBULL, Alan
TURNBULL, Baldwin
FOSTER, John
FOSTER, Olive
BARRATT, William
BELL, Gordon
HAMILTON, Ethel
JINKS, Mary
BAXOZ, Dorothy
SMEDLEY, Agnes
HALL, Elizabeth
GALLOWAY, Alan
MCNELL, Donald

1923
BROOKS, Stanley
BROOKS, Robina
MOLEON, Grace
MARS, Ellis
HORROCKS, Elizabeth
EVERETT, Sylvia
HANSTRONG, Eileen
CASH, Thomas
GORDON, George
HARRIS, Allan
BELL, Eileen
REES, Mona
RESE, Isabel
ARTHUR, Sydney
ARTHUR, Glen Harry
MOLES, Gladys
O’DEAN, James
EDWARDS, Vivian
GOSELEY, Ivy
WILLIAMS, Mona
KOPITKE, Dorothy
GEAL, Ruby
NEWTON, Richard
NEWTON, Arthur
SHARPE, Myrtle
NEWTON, Ruby
BEAUSANG, Berna
GRIEVE, Gordon
GRIEVE, James
GRIEVE, Colin
GRIEVE, Isla
GRIEVE, Keith
BRAH, Cecil
BRADWELL, Neville
EMERSON, Vivian
EMERSON, Nevilla
MOLONEY, Leonard
MONAUGH, Tressa
MONAUGH, Kelvin
NEWTON, Doris
CAS, Erna
BLANDFORD, Evelyn
BLANDFORD, Lilian
OSBORNE, Gloria
TAYLOR, Frances
BAXOZ, Alexander
MCMURRAY, Jean
GLASSEY, Marjory, M.

1924
LUCAS, Frances
LUCAS, Donald
NUGENT, Henry
CASH, Edward
HOLLIS, Kathleen
HALT, Lelia

In memory of Harley, Leslie & Albert Ford - enrolled 1915. (Oriel illey’s uncles)
1925
KOPITKE, Edward
BAZZO, Alisa
TURNBULL, Donald
BRETT, Joyce
JOHNSON, Roy
GLASSMAN, Roy
HANSSON, Roy
MEARS, Joseph
BRADFORD, Arthur
GAMBLE, Billy
GAMBLE, William
LE, Theima
GOLE, Ray
BRIGGINSHAW, Herbert
WALKER, Mavis
HUNTER, Norman
JOHNSON, Errol
COCHRANE, Stanley
CARTER, Delinda
BOLLMAN, Lionel
BOLMAN, Alex
JOHNSON, Roy
VAIOOY, Wesley
COWGILL, Ralph
MARGETTS, Joseph
BASSO, Patrick
PLAYFORD, Agnes
RICKETTS, George
RICKETTS, Leslie
FORD, Roy
FORCE, Vladimir
FORD, Stanley
COLETT, Pearl
COLETT, Olive
FORD, Dauphine
GORDON, Frank
COCHRANE, James
KERR, Winifred

1926
HARROLD, Ronald
HARROLD, Florence
HARROLD, Alan
COLETT, Queenie
CASH, Francis
ARTHY, Roy
BEAL, Isabel
OHLAN, Alfred
KEULSON, Earle
PAGE, Geene
BURCHILL, Victor
BLANKENSEE, William
HUNT, Neville
TAPLIN, Edna Lowien
TOWNS, Dulcie
TOWNS, Dorothy
FORD, Vernon

BARRETT, Allia I.
DALL, Constance
BAKER, Joyce
LLOYD, Arthur
GAMER, Helen
GAMER, Herbert
GAMER, Esther
GAMER, Elsie
KING, Ann
CHRISTOFFEL, Hazel
BURGEOYNE, Cyril
Bourke, Fred, Jr.
Bourke, David
NUGENT, Melvin
MANNING, Eileen
BROOKHURST, Leslie
DUNCAN, Donald
CLARK, William
PROCTOR, Joan
MULLIN, Leslie
MULLIN, Terrence
EZZY, Reginald
EZZY, Mavis
THORNE, Charles William
SAVILE, Vivian
FINNEY, Gordon
FINNEY, Aubrey
ROOKWOOD, William
JEFFERY, Midge
FINNEY, Dulcie
KELLEHER, James
DAVIS, Philip
DAVIS, Colin
DAVIS, Thelma
WEBB, Gilbert
SHARPE, Arnold
ROBINSON, Vincent
ROBERTS, Lawrence
ROBERTS, Joyce
ROBERTS, Olive
ROBERTS, Norma

1927
TURNBULL, Isabel
TAPLIN, George
ST GEORGE, Harold
BASSO, Alisa
BASSO, Lina
MCDONNELL, Joan
KING, Gwylad
HOLLIS, Enda
BURREOYNE, L. H.
CRAWFORD, Goodward
LEWIS, Wesley
KELLEHER, William
FINNE, Earle
BROOKHURST, Harold
BROOKHURST, Amy
ARTHUR, Dory
HAACK, Roy
HAACK, Roy Gustav
ZIMMERMANN, Norma
ZIMMERMANN, Pauline
BRADFIELD, Roy
KING, Bernard
BROW, Lily
NUTTALL, Ranni
NUTTALL, William
WINSHIP, John
ANDREWS, Ernest
BROW, Young
YOUNG, Richard
PLAYFORD, Athol
LEWIS, John William
KOPITKE, Clifford
SHARPE, Mary
KELLY, Kevin
KELLY, Norah
PAXTON, Cecel
ROBINSON, Dulcie
PETERS, Denis
HOGG, Jean Christina
KELLY, Eileen
FINLAY, Dorothy
FINLAY, Enda
CARTMILL, Noelia Mary
STOKES, Madia
DEE, Vera Grace

MORTIMER, Colin
BROWN, Merlyn
BROWN, Valmae
BROWN, Maureen

1928
PAGE, WALTER
PAGE, George
PAGE, Joe
SPINAZZ, Theresa
SPINAZZ, Daphne
ARMITAGE, Natalie
MEARS, Myles
EVERETT, Cyril
ANDREWS, William
ROBB, Ivy May
BLANKEISENE, Walter
ROBINSON, Bertha Francs
MATHESON, Virginia
MATHESON, Brenda
CUPITT, John
CARTMILL, Ursula
FORD, Dulcie
PLAYFORD, Alisa
KELLEHER, Eugene
MORRIS, Mary
MORRIS, Henry
MURPHY, Mary
TAYLOR, Ethel
MISSINGHAM, Edna
PEPPER, William
KENT, Theima
KENT, Robert
HANNEY, Allie
HANNEY, Margaret
DABESCENSH, Colleen
DABESCENSH, Christina
MCDONNELL, Gilbert
SCHAFER, Desmond
SCHAFER, Horace
LAX, Elie
LAX, John
LAX, Rudy
CLARK, Joyce Irene
MANTHEY, Edna
BOULS, Leslie
ULRICH, Dulcie
MCLEO, Linn
CARTMILL, Phyllis Joan
BARNICOTT, Luke
SHAW, Richard
SHAW, Ross
GRIFFTHES, Myrna
GRIFFTHES, Kevin
CROZIER, Eszadeth
HODGE, Cyril
CLARE, Clarence
DUNCAN, Norma
ROBERTS, Kenneth
LENNOX, Irene
RONTAL, Frances
GRANDE, Dorothy Jean
SCHOF, Ernest
SCHOF, Scott
JAYNE, Stuart
TAYLOR, Lily
TAYLOR, David
TAYLOR, Edward
HAMILTON, Ethel

1929
JOHNS, Kenneth
HAACK, Patricia
BARRATT, Ronald
GEAL, Alice
MOORE, Ethel
BROOKHURST, Jean
SHARPE, Walter
WHELAN, Jessie
SPINAZZ, Anthony
WEDER, Gladys
IMPEY, Phyllis
IMPEY, Doris
BOYLE, Harry
GALLOWAY, Herbert
WARD, Percy
WARD, Colin
WARD, Henry
PEARCE, Denise
EVERARD, Douglas
HANNEY, Gerard
SUNNERU, Jack
MACIE, Grace Catherine
GREEN, Lilian
GREEN, James
TOMLINSON, Edith Grace
DUNCAN, Olive
THOMPSON, Mary Lilian
DOOD, Ethel
SILVA, Audrey John
BENNETT, Eleanor
ARMITAGE, Ruth
DAVIES, George
TATEL, Robert
TATEL, William
BROOKHURST, Eileen
WHITE, James
WHITE, Grace
WHITE, Myra
ZIMMERMANN, John
DUNCAN, Nina Phyllis
TUNNY, Eileen
TUNNY, James
MOFFATT, Margaret
MOFFATT, Iris Isabel
ARTHAY, Pearl
ROGERS, Cecil
ARMITAGE, Irene
THORNE, Ronald
THORNE, Stanley
WAIN, Evelyn
WAIN, William
MCMURRAY, Robert G.
GLASSBY, Arnold David
DUNCAN, Ahlou
DUNCAN, Ronald
BURKE, Patrick
BLETH, Dudley

1930
NEVIN, Margaret Agnes
EVERETT, Raymond Vivian
ULMANN, Audrey
TURNBULL, Dulcie
PHILLIPS, Rex
TUNNEY, Cynthia Ellen
BEAL, Gladys
BROWN, Stanley
JARVIS, Evelyn Louise
MATHESON, Joan Madeleine
BERRY, Robert Henry G.
ANDREWS, Phyllis
ANDREWS, Jesse
ANDREWS, Dulcie
SOMERS, William
STANLEY, Roy
BARTRETT, Evelyn
CAMERON, Noel Colin
QUINCE, Latah Phyllis
GRAHAM, John
GRAHAM, Ohm
GREEN, Edwin
GREEN, Blanche
GREEN, Annie
SMITH, Charles
MCKRAGH, Irene
KENDICK, John
ULMANN, Vaise
ALTHAUS, Elsa
GRENELL, Leon D.
TITLOW, Peggy
POWELL, Veronica
DUNCAN, Dorothy Joan
CLARK, John
CLARK, Samuel
CASEY, Kevin
CASE, Eileen
ROGACH, Edji Mary
ROGACH, John
SUTLE, Albert
SUTLE, Thomas
SUTLE, Myra
SUTLE, Norma
CARR, John
DAN, Archibald
HUNT, Faith
BENNERT, Norma
MUGFORD, Dawn

1931
REILLY, Florence
STUBBS, Berly
CAMPBELL, Elaie
MEARS, Roy George
ROACH, Barbara
DADDY, Dolores
ALTHAUS, Mary Ann
BRUCE, Ray
ARMITAGE, Elizabeth
CAMPBELL, Thomas David
DUNCAN, Michael
BLANKENSEE, Roy Morgen
VIERITZ, Shirley
SHARPE, Thomas
KOPITKE, Joyce Evelyn
SEIB, Robert
SEIB, Cyril
SEIB, Edward
SEIB, Leslie
KELLEHER, Margaret
JOSEPH, Irene
CAMPBELL, Fay
FINTER, William
TUNNY, James
MOFFATT, Margaret
MOFFATT, Iris Isabel
ARTHAY, Pearl
ROGERS, Cecil
ARMITAGE, Irene
THORNE, Ronald
THORNE, Stanley
WAIN, Evelyn
WAIN, William
MCMURRAY, Robert G.
GLASSBY, Arnold David
DUNCAN, Ahlo
DUNCAN, Ronald
BURKE, Patrick
BLETH, Dudley

1932
ANDREWS, Leslie
ANDREWS, Lyall
PAGE, Eileen Mary
MATHESON, Margaret
PHILLIPS, Marshall
BARTRETT, Kenneth
BIZ, Joe
STARKY, Beatrice
STARKY, Robert James
STARKY, Leonard
SEIB, Darll H.
MOLDEN, Norma
CHAPPELL, Ray
FRITZ, Colin
BUNCHAN, Berly
CARTMILL, Hilda
TOMS, Ronald
PITTS, Jean
PITTS, Florence
PITTS, Rita
HALL, Wall
HALL, Maxell
HALL, Robert
GRAHAM, Keith
SCHOF, Ethel
RISLEY, Sydney
BARTRETT, Joseph
COWDERY, Elaine
ARMITAGE, Audrey
MAY, Hyde
HYDE, Sydney
ROBINSON, Mary
MELLAN, Earl
MELLAN, Erild
MELLAN, Thelma
1981

ADAMS, Michael
BURTENSHAW, Carl
DAVISON, Tony
DORAN, William
DUDLEY, Bruce
HARPER, Clinton
JOHNSON, Stephan
MORGAN, Garen-Lee
PRESTON, Anthony
SANDERS, Anthony
SPROXTON, Michael
TONES, Gerald
TUDOR, Darrin
BACKHOUSE, Julie
COLES, Pauline
EDWARDS, Vicki
JONES, Charnelle
MORGAN, Leanne-Joy
PAGE, Karen
SARRISON, Eliza
SCHMIDT, Judith
SCHREIBER, Melissa
TILNEY, Peta
ZALMER, Maria
MAGDINACUS, Gregory
MAGINELLES, Stephen
CHAPMAN, Alson
CHAPMAN, David
CHAPMAN, Bruce
BROWN, Michael
BROWN, Loretta
BROWN, Toby
HARRIS, Cory
HARRIS, April
HARRIS, Catherine
CULLEN, Patrick
MCGARRY, Kieran
MAGINELLES, Monica
POPE, Sandi
PAPAGEORGIOBROS, Kevin
MURPHY, Deborah
HAASE, Peta
FREEMAN, Tammy
TOMKINSON, Linda
KROPP, Karry-Anne
KROPP, Gayle
KROPP, David
BLAINE, Wally
BLAINE, Lachlan
CONTINI, Mariette
CONTINI, Angelique
CONTINI, Keri

1982

BATH, Thomas
BECKER, Steven
BUCHANAN, Erin
CLAREY, Byran
DART, Steven
FERRIS, Alan
FRISMAN, Trumbey
HANSEN, Michael

KELLY, Graeme
KUCH, Brenton
LAPID, Andrew
MAY, James
RUSSELL, Brian
SALMON, Nathan
SANDERS, Steven
SEISMIS, Andrew
TAYLOR, David
TIMBER, Simon
EVANS, Brigitte
ELLIOT, Melissa
HARRIS, Gail
JESBERG, Peta
JONES, Rebecca
JOHNSON, Faye
LAFRANCHI, Yvette
LINDSAY, Rowena
PRESTON, Natasha
ROSSLYN, Kyle
TULFORD, Fiona
WICKS, Cheryl
DEBUSH, Kristin
DEBUSH, Anthony
DONELL, Elodie
ALLEN, Peter
HAINING, Adam
TONE, Bernadette
KING, Reene
TURNER, Christian
TURNER, Stephanie
THOMPSON, Katrina
THOMPSON, Ronald
BANCROFT, Leigh
TAMA, Brigitte
HIRCOCO, Robert
SKELTON, Amanda
BOURJ, Mark
BOURJ, Michael
BOURJ, Damien
SULLIVAN, Simon
SULLIVAN, John
JONES, Timothy
JONES, Gregory
HIRCOCO, Janice
WILLIAMS, Jodi
WILLIAMS, Clinton
BEVERIDGE, Patricia
REVERE, Michael
KARE, Danielle
CRAFF, David
CRAFT, Brendan
PRATT, Shelley
LEONARD, Terri
LEONARD, Aron
SIMPSON, James
SIMPSON, Lyn
AIRE, Geoffrey
AUER, Russell

1983

CARNS, Steve
CHAPMAN, Timothy
DONALDSON, Brandon
DREWY, Travis
FRIEND, Matthew
GILSON, Richard
HUSBAND, Aaron
KOPPITKE, Toby
LEEMAN, Mark
LOVE, Michael
MAPLESTON, Amos
RIZIO, Alex
ROBBINS, Andrew
SCHREIBER, Johann
SPINK, Jason
WURTZ, Andrew
ZAINER, Benedict
ATKINSON, Kerrie
DAWSON, Jackie
HARRISON, Tara
HOLMES, Jacqueline
HOPPER, Claire
INGRAM, Rachel
KELLY, Vicki
KERGERT, Narelle
MURPHY, Sarah
POPE, Katherine
POWELL, Christina
WHITLEY, Anna

YOUNG, Julianne
DENT, Leonie
DEW, Travis
RODEN, Benjamin
SILK, Tobiah
BLACKWOOD, Rachelle
DEW, Lindee
BLACKWOOD, Kylie
BURN, Michelle
FRASER, Keith
BRACKEN, Daniel
HUGHES, Margaret
CARPENTER, Jo
HANSEN, Richard
RINALDIS, Julie
PHELIN, Donda
UPRICHARD, Terri
KRAKE, Christopher
NOBLE, Penelope
LEGGETT, Sean
LEGGETT, Lorelie
MONROE, Margaret
HARINSON, Steve
MULVEY, Christine
SMITH, Robert
SMITH, Lee-anne
FINN, Eilene
FINN, Angelique
FINN, C. Namune-Mario
MAGNUSSEN, Susan
HORNE, David
SIMS, Jane
SIMM, Jacqueline

1984

CLARK, Joel
DE VRIES, Michael
GOODISON, David
HALL, Andrew
HARCOMB, Martin
JEFFREY, Todd
JESBERG, Max
KRAKE, Cameron
MEABER, Jason
TAYLOR, Joseph
TOMPKIN, Adam
UPRICHARD, Tony
WORLING, John
ANDREWS, Nicole
RIMMER, Samantha
BUCANAN, Evelyn
HARRIS, Dorenda
HEALY, Fiona
JOHNSON, Kerrie
MAHER, Kelli
MAHER, Michael
PHILLIPS, Jo-Anne
STARK, Melissa
THORSBY, Danielle
MELAN, Shany
FINN, Bryan
STODDLE, Brett
STODDLE, Matthew
EBERT, Heidi
STODDLE, Danny
FREY, Andrew
Elliott, Scott
MITCHELL, Julia
ELLIOT, Matthew
FREY, Todd
HALL, Melanie
RAYNER, Donna
BURY, Anna
BULBLY, Melanie
KETTLE, Helen
HAEDA, Cailyn
CLAIR, Alison
CLAIR, Janette
DAWSON, Troy
Dawson, Julie
CHAPMAN, Luke
CHAPMAN, Linda
CAPPER, Genevieve
CAPP, Michael
KEYS, Kelly-Anne
LAWSON, Shannon
BICKFORD, Chey
BERTHUM, Carla
BERTHUM, Adam
BERTHUM, Briony
BILLINGS, Nicole
CAMERON, Shelley
CAMERON, Craig

1985

ANDREWS, Kelly
BRADY, Minnie
CARPENTER, Amos
CHAPMAN, Alastair
DAVISON, Dylan
GRATWY, Kirsty
FINCH, Cheryl
HARINSON, Althow
HESS, Emma
JOHNSON, Sarah
LAI, Danielle
LAI, David
LENSKE, Andy
Masters, Leon
MILLERS, Sarah
MORGAN, Rosemary
TAYLOR, David
TOGS, Simone
WATSON, Dave
WORLING, Melissa
GOODBYE, Chris
MEABER, Jason
MURPHY, Jamie
MULVEY, Tristan
BRAIDSHAW, Michael
LEE, Melanie
MULVEY, Ned
PINWILL, Jason
BROAN, Nathan
GREENE, Sharron
CHAPMAN, Wendy
LYNCH, Michael
TOWNSEND, Neil
TOWNSEND, Geoffrey
JOHNSON, Nick
SCHREIBER, Johann
JANKOWSKI, Mark
JANKOWSKI, Michael
MILLER, Martin
BETTLESON, Robert
BETTLESON, Josephine
BETTLESON, William
TORBE, Norelle
ADAMS, Damien
RICHARDS, Lisa
MACKENZIE, Mandie Lee
MACKENZIE, Janine
BENJAMIN, Joy
MADSEN, Michael
MADSEN, Brendan
HARRISON, Emma
DAWSON, Rebecca
DANIEL, James
JOHNSON, Daniel
DUNNE, Cameron
EBERT, Irene
GILLHAM, Daniel
PARDON, Danielle
PARDON, Kelly

1986

POWER, Steven
WILLIAMS, Gary
WILLIAMS, Linda
DREW, Sonya
CROW, Aaron
COLLARD, Jodie
TRIBE, Cassandra
ROYLE, Danielle
WILKIE, Ryan
WILKIE, Corey

ADAMS, Rebecca
ANDERSON, Craig
BECKER, Craig
BRADY, Carl
CHAPMAN, Natalie
CHAPMAN, Nathan
GILLES, Michelle
GILHAM, Bree
GILSON, David
HEHT, Michael
HARCUS, Amanda
HARR, Kary
HARR, Danielle
HUSBAND, Kevin
INGRAM, Adam
JOHNSTON, Douglas
KOE, Deanne
LAIT, Benjamin
LANG, Kely
MADEN, Angela
MASTERS, Giles
MASTERS, Paul
MASTERS, Pam
MURPHY, Jack
PAGE, Russell
REED, Dascell
ROLFE, Nicholas
RUE, Shylane
SPORTON, Ann-Marie
TAYLOR, Kathleen
THOMAS, Ben
TILNEY, Anthony
WALKER, Jillian
WATSON, Luke
ADAMS, Daniel
SPINK, Matthew
CHANCE, Raymond
CHANCE, Peter
WRIGHT, Rodney
WRIGHT, Matthew
WRIGHT, Melissa
MORRISON, Solomon
MAGUIRE, Barry
MAGUIRE, Richard
FRASER, Kate
MIGHALL, Veruschka
ARIS, Benjamin
MAHER, Benjamin
SMITH, Trinlie
MAAS, Trinlie
VALE, Taylor
KAPITKE, Miranda
SMITH, Vic
KENT, John
KENT, Patrick
KENT, Kathleen
WOO, Gregory
LANG, Christopher
LANG, Justin
GIBSON, Sharley
SMART, Example
OLMEDO, Lawrence
KELLY, Samantha
DYEY, Meg
CHANDLER, Sharmaine
CHANDLER, Christopher
HILLMAN, Matthew
GORT, Daniel
MITCHELL, Kylie
WILCE, Aron
RODDERS, Andrew
RODDERS, Kay
RODDERS, Kelly
RODDERS, Luke
PUGH, Mark
SHELDON, David
WISE, Rebecca
CANNEL, Melissa
CANNELL, Scott

1987

BATCHLOR, Michelle
BRYANT, Scarlett
BURRELL, Clayton
MADEN, Timothy
MAHER, Anthony
MOORE, Adam
MUNRO, Joel
OLMEDO, Keith
OLMEDO, Craig
TOPPER, Mark
WALKER, David
WALLACE, Ian
MAGDINACUS, Jason
DUNKINSON, Brendan
DAVEY, Candice
DAVEY, Ashley
GIRAG, Vanessa
GIRAG, John
SILVER, Robert
ALDER, Tracey
REINER, Bruno
WEBSTER, Tasha
HANSEN, Jarryd
LOOM, Jenna
BAGLEY, Adam
SMITH, Caitlin
BUTLER, Nathan
DOOLAN, Pieter
PRIM, Kimberly
GIRAG, Rachel
MILNER, Sarah
MILNER, Christopher
SMITH, Chantal
SMITH, Michelle
HOOD, Rachel
IRELAND, Blayze
IRELAND, Sam
GREEN, Kate
BAUMANN, Kevin
BAUMANN, Kayleen
MILLAR, Blair
SELBY, Tony
JENNINGS, Samantha
JENNINGS, Shantelle
ROBERTSON, Kira
WILSON, Ashley
LONGDEN, Samuel
NIXON, David
NIXON, Paul
MELROSE, Kristin
ARNOLD, Benjamin
ARNOLD, Sebastian
CULL, Hayley
KUSTERS, Ashleigh
KUSTERS, Jarrad
KUSTERS, Jake
HOATTON,Myles
STEWART, Cassandra
BOYD-SPENCER, Thomas
BOYD-SPENCER, William
BERRY, Alex
PEDELY, Samantha
PEDELY, Daniel
ROBERTSON, Ronald
ROBERTSON, Trevor
FERRIS, David
FERRIS, Stuart
FENWICK-SMITH, Brooke
SMITH, Gary
MCFARLANE, Tegan
RIXON, Leon
SCHIFFERMULLER, Timothy
PATCH, Alana
COHEN, Alexandra
COOK, Jessica

1997
CONNELL, Megan
HARDWOOD, Lucy
WEBB, Madeleine
CRICK, Ryan
HICKS, Sally
HICKS, Benjamin
MELVILLE, Daniel
CURLEY, Remy
CURLEY, Elin
LAM, Josephine
DARK, Nicholas
HEWETT, Nicole
GUTTER, David
JANSEN, Amber
FORD, Michael
LOWRY, Rhys
ZELOW, Kylie
ARAI-COUGE, Riya
COLES, Fiona
WELLENS, Jade
HAMMOND, David
STODDARD, Mathew
BENTLEY, Theresa
BENTLEY, Maria
LUNSFORD, Joshua
BENTLEY, Suzanna
LUNSFORD, Karly
MCART, Lauren
BOWDEN, Mitchell
HICKS, Georgie
LERCH, Anika
BERRY, Vincent
DAY, Alexandra
BURDACK, Kara
PARLOW, Jaimie
CUSACK, Matthew
SLADE, Alexander
MORRIS, Sara
WYNNE, Steven
WYNNE, Jessica
WYNNE, Luke
MAHER, Travies
BOUNDY, Danica
FINZEL, Rebeckah
LANDES, Jacob
MCKINNA, Anna
ROACH, Melanie
CAPLANO, Daniel
KELLY, Timothy
BASS, Hannah
O'CONNELL, Rachel
MCCOY-RICHARDSON, Laura
MCCOY-RICHARDSON, Jake
WESTON, Blake
TROMAN, Ehin

ROBERTS, Emma
LAWRIE, Callum
LAIT, Elena
PERCOSTA, Michael
KAUKIENEN, Ryan
RUSSELL, Caroline
HARE, Carly
MCNALLY, Jessica
JOHNSON, Cameron
HORDER, Timothy
GRADY, Tara
BUTLER, Anthony
VARD, Elizabeth
BUSH, Jaya
VASS, Ayla
BUCKMAN, Ken
VASS, Beau
NIVEN, Brooke
COUSE, Mika
SEARLE, Jesse
SEARLE, Beau
HOWDEN, Dane
BYERS, Clive
O'BRIEN, Patrick
O'BRIEN, Elise
PHILLIPS, Caitlin
NOBLE, Daniel
KIRBE, Jacob
RAMSHAW, Toney
NEUMANN, Trina
HEATHER, Brooke
HEATHER, Jeana
BARTLETT, Dallas
MCDONOUGH, Gavin
MAAS, Renee
TAYLOR, Jessica
WILLIAMS, Emma
BROWNSBERGER, Jessica
BROWNSBERGER, Jarrod
WILTON, Kevin
WILTON, Joshua
Secondary Students 1897-1997

1945
COOKE, Frank George
BORNE, Kenneth Harold
BUSHMANN, John Henry
WATSON, Keith Donald
MAGUIRE, Ian Bernard
ZERNER, Keith
TOMS, Ruth Elizabeth
CROUCH, Lola
HAYES, Marian Joan
WATSON, Jean Mary
MCKEACH, Gladys Mary
CRAVEN, Helen Teresa
MACKAY, Elizabeth
WATERS, Nancy Mary
BRIGGS, Valmae
ELLEN, HATCH, Shirley Lota
BAXTER, Betty Caroline
HUNT, Moreen Princesa
CRIBB, Olive
O’KONI, Eileen Mary
ROSIER, Claire
BRADY, Audrey May
FRASER, Doreen Gwen
CAMPBELL, Audrey Leilitta
CRANK, Shirley Catherine

1946
WILLIAMS, Jean
BUNNEY, Lance Frederick
GORMAN, Patricia
JOHNSON, Josephine
FURNER, George Joseph
COOKE, Trevor James
CRAVEN, Walter Mortimer
RICHES, Evelyn
DEPP, Warren Desmond
JOHNS, Alan Charles

1947
JOHNSTON, Pamela Phyllis
HARRIS, John Maxwell
WILLIAMS, Arnold Roy
MCKELLAR, Donald William
BROWN, Gordon Thomas
TOMPSON, Leslie Ronald
BAIN, Estelle Mona
CHAPMAN, Iris Fay
BROWNE, Alan Rae
GRANT, Heather Joy
BRIGGS, Amy Lilian
ROSE, Elsie Joan
SAINTSBURY, Stella Mabel
CRIBB, Jocelyn
FRITZ, Irene Agnes
NOTLEY, Noela Jean
WEATHERED, Mavis Elwyn
KELLY, Gwynnion Monica

1948
KROUTH, Colin
HOUGHTON, Lucile Mabel
FORRIS, Irene Richmond
COKE, Reginald Maurice
RINGLAND, Jocelyn
PLAYFORD, Cynthia
WARTER, Harald
JORY, Athol Charles
WILLIAMSON, George
ROBERTSON, Colin Ernest

1950
SCHREIBER, Trevor George
BUCKLEY, James Owen
COOPER, Donald Ernest
LEE, June Mildred
SMITH, Lorraine Thelma
DEPP, Earlia Elizabeth
TURBULL, Fay Audrey
NAUGHT, Robin Synne
CLINCH, Colin James
BAXTER, Margaret Iris
FRASER, Alan Bruce
MCALPINE, Norma
RICHES, Fay Margaret
SARAFIN, Judith Marjorie
MAHER, Yvonne Florence
MCGOLDRICK, Therese Mary
MCCALL, Leslie Joan
CRAVEN, Ronald James
CLUNE, Raymond
HORAN, Clifford Alfred
PITT, Merlene Clare

1951
MCAULPINE, Albert Francis
FRASER, Elaine Mary
BRADWELL, Ian Warren
CHAPMAN, Muriel Joyce
REECE, Frederick Leonard
COKER, Bertram John
LESINA, Yvonne Maria
GNEEL, Yvonne Valma
WILLIAMS, Lionel Francis
BAY, Fayce Alice
NOTLEY, Geoffrey Charles
GRANT, Glenda Pamela
CRAVEN, Desmond
ARCHIBALD
COLETT, Nancy Mary
MCGOLDRICK, Catherine Agnes
BARBER, Carmel

1952
MCGOLDRICK, Walter
SCHREIBER, Maureen
FLANAGAN, Joan Florence
GRANT, Marjorie
BERGSENG, Eve
COLES, Ian Douglas
LUHRNS, Bevan Charles
LESINA, John Joseph
GRAW, Dawn
GEE, Valma Evelyn
GOWTALITZ, Elizabeth
ELTON
SEALY, Joan Elizabeth
ROBINSON, Theresa Monica
WARR, Vivian
KENEEDY, Mary Margaret
WILLS, Joan

1953
MCEWAN, Debra Margaret
DAVIS, Margaret Edith
COLETT, Beverley June
BLOUNT, Beverley May
SCHREIBER, Kay Elizabeth
DOWNING, Bevan George
SARAFIN, Robert
O’DONNELL, Anthony
TREVOR
COOK, Lester Edward
HALL, Vincent Clive
LOW, Desdemona
PINWILL, Beverley Margaret
GALLAGHER, Shaneen Rosalyn
VOLLERSHAW, Donald
CIDE
GRADY, Merle Theresa
BREWER, Betty Gladys
GEOGHEGAN, Judith Anne
SCHREIBER, Irene Joan
EVEREET, Noel Kenneth
VARR, Keith Lawrence
CRAMPTON, Russell
MUGGERIDGE, Margaret Janet
GALLO, Ann Lorraine
Gallen, Joyce Findlay
MOULD, John

1954
GRANT, Robert William
KIDD, Patricia Betty
GRANT, Noel Jean
HALL, Yvonne Irene
BAY, Fayce Alice
BRADY, Delma Lorraine
DAVIS, Delma Lorraine
SHEA, Dorothy
SUARES, Daphne Mary
MCDERMOTT, Carole Daley
MACPHERSON, Noela Belle
WILKINSON, Pamela
WILLIAMS, Beverley Anne
GALLOWAY, Grace
DOWNING, Keith Desmond
JEFFS, Lindsay Howard
WATSON, Graham John
DEPP, Victor Evon
BULL, Dennis Mervyn
BUNNEY, Alwyn Roy
VISE, Lynette Roslyn
JENSEN, Gordon Ray
WILLIAMS, Graham Keith
MENIERT, James Frederick
TURBULL, Robert Jonas
MCCLINTOCK, Leslie
MCCORMAC, Kevin

1955
VISE, Alissa Barbara
WATSON, Janice Mary
COLETT, Phyllis Genevieve
GRANT, Barbara Mary
BARTON, Philip Godfrey
WATSON, Gordon Thomas
GILL, Vivienne Phyllis
WYLIE, Noelene Rita
EVANS, Marjorie Adelaide
BYRNES, Patricia Esteri
KIDD, Kathleen Margaret
KEEY, Joan Isobel
PHILLIPS, Betty Caroline
WATSON, Janice
MCAULPINE, Jeannette
Wright
COOKE, Owain Wallace
WAGNER, Joan Mary
WAGNER, Patricia Mary
DAVIS, Cedric Rothy
VUIER, Annette Ruth
DONWELL, Ann
CRAMPTON, Allan Graham
RICHMOND, Dawn
MARGARET, Heather
HANSEN, Douglas Selwyn
HANSEN, Raymond Stanley
BLAIR, Dorothy Mary
VUIER, Annette Ruth
DONWELL, Ann
CRAMPTON, Allan Graham
RICHMOND, Dawn
MARGARET

1956
CONNOLLY, Graham Darcy
WAGNER, Leon Ann
TRASCH, Barbara
NEWSON, Sandra Elizabeth
SNEE, Lolly Mary
GILL, Vivienne Phyllis
SCHREIBER, Desley Mavis
LENNION, Bevan Lawrence
MCKAY, Robert Edward
PLAYFORD, Irene Helen
TAYLOR, Rodney Joseph
NOTLEY, Judith Anne
MILLER, Both Hilary
DORAN, Narelle Fay
BUNTER, Graham Douglas
MCGRAITH, Beverley Jean
DAVIDSON, Margaret Helen
MAYHOUN, Helen Ruth
MAHER, Marjorie Dell
MAHER, Jeanette Margaret
LISTER, Muriel Marie
DAVIS, Harold Henry
GOOD, Lorraine Joy
BASSETT, Joyce Muriel
ANNING, Lillian Marie
THOMPSON, Boyd Andrew
CHRISTIE, Donald

1957
ASHTON, Roy Trevor
COOK, Gaynor Margaret
COLETT, Mervyn James
COOKE, Phillip Patrick
FORD, Jeffrey Alan
KENDRICK, Thomas Peter
MCCARTHY, Brian
MCKNAMARA, Leslie Cecil
MILLER, Ronald Charles
PEACOE, Colin Maurice
PLAYFORD, Noel Edgar
SAW, Robert Frank
WARNER, Jeffrey Miles
WYLIE, Alan John
ASHTON, Jocelyn May
BUNCHARD, Beth Lilian
DORAN, Jeaniene Gail
HERSE, Lynette Jean
JONES, Helen Marie
KEYES, Mavis Lilian
LALLY, Irene Monica
LUDLOW, Margaret
BALLANTYNE
NICHOLAS, Robyn Joy
PAXTON, Fay Isobell
SMITH, Phyllis Thomas
SKEET, Valerie Mary
TRASCH, Margaret

Sponsored by Yvonne, John & Roderick (deceased) Lesina
1978
Our School’s Birthday

BY ZELDA GARRETT LAWRIE, PRESIDENT OF THE POMONA P&C ASSOCIATION

It has been a great privilege to be involved with the Centenary Steering Committee’s hard work in planning this year’s celebrations – celebrations that I heard described recently, by some Grade ‘One-ers’, as the School’s birthday. Isn’t that beautiful and clear? The Pomona Primary School is 100 years old and we’re having a birthday party to celebrate.

Birthday parties offer us the opportunity to have some fun (that’s important) whilst at the same time reflecting on the history of the occasion. To think about all the students, parents, teachers, school personnel and other members of the school community who have ‘walked’ the journey of 100 years is a sobering but inspiring thought. Let’s celebrate their part in history.

I hope you have enjoyed this book which offers some memories of the educational journey at Pomona.

See you at the birthday party!

The Centenary Steering Committee, standing left to right: Stan Kidd, Ted Beadnell, Zelda Lawrie, Marilyn McKenna, Katrina Etheridge, Noel Watson, Jim Russell. Seated left to right: Dion Coglan, Kath Fleming, Peter Bradford, Meg Watson, Heather Christie. Absent: Glen Maher.