

# 1930's

## Memories of Ron Phillips (1934 - 39)

- Came home at playtime (morning) on day 1. Had enough of education, promptly ushered back!
- Fell when skylarking in shelter shed, 5 stitches above (r) eye, a big kid was sent to get my mum, just about to go on the train to Sunshine for a day in Melbourne, she was not pleased!
- In about the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade the school flag pole was blown down during a gale, no injuries as the rear Quadrangle was empty at the time.
- Mr Ovenden(?) was my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, a miserable/unsmiling young man who probably was unhappy in his job? Often picked on me!!
- I was a secret fan of Thelma Legg and Mavis Dean to name but two!
- Friday afternoons sports in rear field (cricket). I was hopeless!
- Around the middle of my tour at Albion S.S. there occurred an epidemic, (infantile Paralysis), schools closed, kids confined to their own gardens, for many weeks. Lessons by correspondence. (I wonder if the returns were ever marked)? Brian Long (next door) & I flew paper aeroplanes to & fro across our common back fence.
- Around 1937 a boy (older, smarter,cleverer, appeared), "Walter Schultz" (with hindsight possibly an early evacuee from Europe)? I never came top of the class again!!
- I recall watching the progress of John Darling flour mill Silo's being built, I think a man was killed in an accident?
- During the 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. The headmaster Mr Cunningham had a son in our class who appeared to be more advanced than the class and was given private tuition while the class got on with their work.
- During the winter the caretaker obviously lit the log fires just before classes. If we were lucky we could occasionally see some of the flames between/around the headmasters legs. The heating was minimal prior to recess or lunchtime!
- About 1936 I recall being marched along Ballarat Road to plant trees on the Albion side of Kororoit Creek crossing, my photo with others was in the local paper. In 1976/86, I noticed the trees had gone, likely caused by dual carriage way?

