

# OAKWOOD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

OAKWOOD PARK INFANT WELFARE CENTRE,

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## THE 'BABY' SCHOOL COMES OF AGE



Noble Park. — The Oakwood Park State School 4856 in Camellia Ave., Noble Park, which was described by Mr. C. G. Stocks, Inspector of Schools, as Dandenong's "baby," came-of-age at a simple ceremony on Friday.

In brilliant sunshine, before a crowd of 600 parents, staff members, and friends, Mr Len Reid MLA officially opened the school and unveiled a commemorative plaque which will later be placed

## Plaque unveiled to open new building

at a vantage point in the main building.

The school has been operating for two years and began with an enrolment of 212.

Now there are 366 pupils on the roll and 80 beginners are expected next year.

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D. Wood is the head teacher.

At the opening ceremony, Mr Wood briefly traced the history of the school.

The Mayor of the City of Dandenong, Cr Peter Wagstaff, and Mr C. G. Stocks, also gave addresses and spoke of the efforts of the head teacher, staff, pupils, school committee and mothers'

club who combined to make the most recently built school in Dandenong a "model baby."

• A full report of Friday's ceremony will appear in The Journal on Thursday.

Picture, by Graham Southam, shows an enthusiastic youngster settling off on her own inspection tour during the opening ceremony.

# SCHOOL OPENING AS A GALA DAY



ABOVE: Mr Len Reid MLA, unveils a plaque to officially open the new Oakwood Park State School. (Picture by Graham Southam.)

**NOBLE PARK.** — The unusual terraced grounds of the Oakwood Park State School, provided a natural outdoor amphitheatre setting on Friday afternoon for the official opening, by Mr. Len Reid, MLA, of the comparatively new school.

## Plaque unveiled

The school, which has been operating for two years now has an enrolment of 366 pupils.

Mr. Francis P. Wood is the head teacher.

There are eight permanent classrooms and one portable room.

More than 600 pupils, teachers, parents and friends sat in brilliant summer sunshine as Mr. Reid pulled a cord to unveil the commemorative plaque.

The plaque, will be placed at a suitable vantage point in the school building at a later date.

Five young girls in their green and white summer uniforms presented floral bouquets to women guests in the official party.

### The guests

The girls were Susan Gilmour, Sandra Lingard, Jan Taylor, Leanne Grills and Glenys Newman.

Recipients of the floral gifts were Mrs. Reid wife of Mr. Len Reid MLA, Mrs. Wood wife of the head teacher, Mrs. Peter Wagstaff, wife of the Mayor, Cr. Peter Wagstaff, Mrs. Stocks, wife of Mr. C. G. Stocks, Inspector of Schools and Mrs. Z. Schramko, wife of the chairman of the school committee.

Welcomed also among the guests was the Mayor, Cr. Peter Wagstaff, Mr. C. G. Stocks Inspector of Schools, Cr. Carl Downard, Mrs. Pedder deputising for her husband, Cr. Alan Pedder of the City of Dandenong, the Town Clerk, Mr. Cal Elliott, and Mrs. Elliott, head teachers from sister primary and secondary schools, past committee members, and local business folk who support the school's social activities.

Mr. Wood, the head teacher, briefly traced the history of the school.

### Development

He said in 1958, Mr. Stocks, the district inspector of schools, reported to the Education Department of the advisability of the department obtaining land for a school owing to the rapid development of the area.

Land was purchased in due course for \$10,000 and tenders for construction of the school buildings were first called in 1964.

The school opened on August 2 1965.

Prior to that, the school

operated at Lyndale State School.

The mothers' club was formed when the school was at Lyndale, which meant the club could get a good start as the school began operating on its own Camellia Ave. site.

The school committee began operating 10 days after the school opened.

"There has been tremendous liaison between the two voluntary bodies working for the benefit of the school, and the school's increasingly important role in the community.

"Because of the success of fund-raising activities, it has been possible to purchase a tremendous amount of equipment and large sums have been spent on playground equipment and gymnasium units.

"We have some of the original members of our staff still here and unfortunately will lose some of them soon.

"I cannot speak too highly of the ability, professional bearing and enthusiasm of all my staff members.

"We are delighted to welcome here today Mr. Jim Reid an original staff member who has returned especially for the afternoon ceremony.

"I must not forget the most important people, however, our students.

"They are a fine young body of people, fine Australians.

"We have had, at all times, a great deal of support from a number of organisations and people.

"Mr. Snedden, when Attorney General, presented to us the flag you see draped on the masthead today. Mr. Len Reid, our official guest, has been a staunch friend at all times.

"We have also to thank for their assistance the Dandenong City Council, The Natural Resources Conservation League and Camellia Lodge Nursery next door."

Mr. Z. Schramko as well as welcoming visitors said the school was fortunate in having Mr. Wood, such a dedicated and experienced educationist.

### 'Proud of city'

Cr. Peter Wagstaff, the Mayor, said it was a pleasure to welcome guests on behalf of the City of Dandenong.

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**Example**

Before saying anything else about the official opening of Oakwood Park State School, I would like to congratulate the students. They sat and listened to the speeches and were on example to all.

The school choir sang a Christmas carol and Wandering the King's Highway. Both were excellent. Student representatives presented visiting officials' wives with bouquets.

Mr L. Reid, MLA, opened the school and the ceremony was attended by a number of Dandenong's leading citizens, visiting headmasters from neighboring schools, and parents.

Mr Stocks, district inspector, paid tribute to the school and all who work in its interests, and said it could well become a model school.

A great day for Oakwood Park State School and its students.

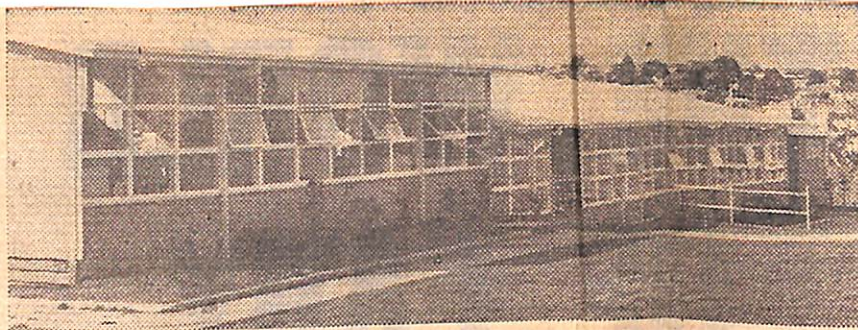
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Saturday morning, November 25 is the date for the last meeting for the year of the Junior YWCA group which meets in the Oakwood Park State School play area. Thanks go to all who have worked with this group throughout the year.  
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MORE than 100 guests attended the opening of Oakwood Park State School today at Noble Park

They included the Mayor of Dandenong Cr R. K. Wagstaff and Mrs Wagstaff, Cr Alan Pedder and Mrs Pedder, Mr C. G. Stocks, an inspector of schools, and head-teachers of local primary and secondary schools.

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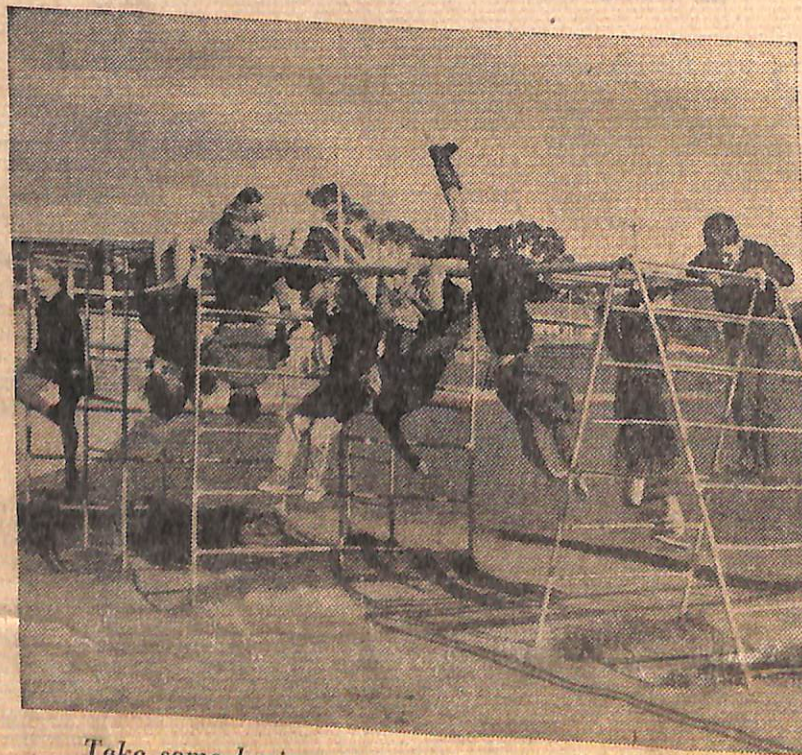
# OAKWOOD



# UNLIMITED



Children in Grade V have films with a taped commentary by their teacher. This leaves him free to walk about the class room. Here Stephen Turner operates the projector.



Take some horizontal bars, add some children and you'll soon find legs and arms and bodies swinging in all directions. This time it was Grade III's turn.

**M**ANY people protest about the state of education in Victoria. There is at least one headmaster who doesn't.

He is Mr Frank Wood, headmaster of Oakwood Park State school, in Camellia Ave., Noble Park, about two miles the Melbourne side of Dandenong.

Admittedly, Oakwood Park is a pretty well-equipped school as a result of work done by parents to raise money, and Government subsidies.

Mr Wood said: "I couldn't speak too highly of the co-operation from parents, local councils and the Education Department.

"The department has been most helpful to us. I think that if you show that you are doing your best, they will do the right thing by you.

"In fact, we have got so much in such a short while that my greatest difficulty is to continue to expand and keep my feet on the ground and not get too many big ideas."

### Enthusiastic

Mr Wood generates interest in his school with his enthusiasm. A member of the mothers' club, Mrs D. Dempster said: "Mr Wood is a very conscientious headmaster. He even comes along and helps at working bees."

Once a month members of the school committee under the grounds officer, Mr Geoffrey Dempster,

mow lawns, weed and carry out maintenance.

Oakwood Park State opened in 1965 with 200 pupils. In two years it has grown to about 350 and about 80 children are registered to start next year.

The school has already outgrown its present buildings. A block with more classrooms and a library is planned as a future extension. The school now has one portable room.

The enthusiasm of the mothers at Oak Park is reflected in their club, which was formed about two months before the school opened.

"On the day the school opened they provided hot lunches for the children," Mr Wood said. There are about 57 mothers in the club. The president is Mrs J. Brash and secretary, Mrs Anne Fitzgerald.

They have raised more than \$2000 in the two years since the school opened. The school committee has raised more than \$3000. Some of this money will be set aside to help pay for the library.

A unique feature of Oakwood Park is the grade meetings. Parents (even the fathers find time to come) arrive in a class in the morning when the children are engaged in a normal activity.

They watch the class and while the children are at recess the parents and teacher have a discussion about the aims, activities and procedures of the class.

Mrs Dempster said: "The children never

turn around or look about when the parents are there, they just go on working!"

Mr Wood said: "The aim of this is to get parents to school to let them see what we are doing so they have faith in us. It also gives the children a feeling of security.

"They are not living in two worlds. Mum knows the teacher and they have the incentive to work well if they know their parents are coming to school. The children strive to impress their parents."

Fifth and sixth grades have a discussion night.

### Fine grounds

The 5½-acre grounds are extremely well-developed for a school only two years old. They were landscaped by the Public Works Department and more than 600 trees have been planted by the PWD and pupils.

On Saturdays the local YWCA uses the school grounds.

Oakwood Park pupils get plenty of opportunity to test the instruments in the school's meteorological station as their playground is flat and the wind simply whistles across it. Included in the equipment are a wind gauge, a rain gauge, barometer and thermometers.

Everything that has taken place at the school so far has been recorded. A member of staff, Mr J. Eldridge, has started a history of the school which will be illustrated with photographs taken with a camera given by a parent.



Miss Elizabeth McMaster, a member of the itinerant physical education staff, supervises a swing around the bar by Debbie Scarff, 8.



The pupils planted many of the hundreds of trees and shrubs in the school ground. Showing their tree-planting technique are left: Randall Baker and Des Bould, both 11 and both in Grade VI.



Led by their teacher Mrs R. J. Price, pupils in Grade II read a play. From left they are: Wayne Kewish, 8, David Rogers, 7, Billy Crook, 7, Lindsay Somerville, 7, Mark Grylls, 7, Patrick Campisi, 7, and David Whitehouse, 7.

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Some 600 pupils, teachers, parents and friends

were present for the opening ceremony and VIP guests included the Mayor Cr. Lois Twohig, Mr. Ian Cathie, Mr. Len Reid and Mrs. Reid and, Mr. H. Cumming, staff inspector.

Also welcomed by the committee chairman Mr. Ioon Whykes were relatives of Mr. Wood and Mr. Fisher.

Posies of violets were presented to Mayor, and Mesdames Reid, Heliyer, Wood and Whykes by pupils, Carol Bengough, Janine Fraser, Karen O'Brien, Debra Kerr and Wendy Scarff.

A new carpet, donated for the library, was admired.

Later in the afternoon the plaque unveiled in honor of Mr. Fisher was

placed in its permanent position on a cairn overlooking the oval.

Oakwood Park State School is justly proud of its progress.

In November, 1957 the District Inspector recommended that a site be acquired for a school at Oakwood Park.

In September, 1959 the Department bought the five acre site from Barton Lodge Estate for \$20,196.

A contract for an eight classroom school was let on October 12, 1964 and the building was ready for occupation on August 2, 1965.

Most of the staff was appointed in October, 1964 and they took up their respective positions in the Lyndale State School the

home school for most of the pupils to be.

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**Oakwood Park State School**

**No. 4856**

**Camellia Avenue, Noble Park**



*Official Opening and Naming*

**OF THE**

**Francis P. Wood Library**

**AND**

**A. M. Fisher Oval**

**on 8th August, 1969**

**by the**

**Hon. L. H. S. THOMPSON, M.L.C.**  
**Minister of Education**

Principal ..... FRANCIS P. WOOD

**School Committee**

Chairman ..... Mr. ION WHYKES  
Secretary ..... Mrs. INA HELLYER  
Treasurer ..... Mr. HENRY MOULIS

**Mothers' Club**

President ..... Mrs. LAUREEN KANN  
Secretary ..... Mrs. JILL BENGOUGH  
Treasurer ..... Mrs. KERRY EXNER

In recognition of their generous assistance to the School  
the School Committee wishes to acknowledge

Mr. V. J. MAAS  
Mr. E. P. MARTYN  
Mr. R. RADO

Wording on Plaques:

OAKWOOD PARK STATE SCHOOL

FRANCIS P. WOOD LIBRARY

This library was named after the Foundation Principal and was erected  
by the parents and friends of the School in conjunction with the Education  
Department and was officially opened on the 8th August, 1969, by the

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A. M. FISHER OVAL

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*Programme*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

SCHOOL SONG

Mr. F. P. Wood	.....	Principal
Mr. I. W. Whykes	.....	Chairman School Committee
Cr. L. J. Twohig	.....	Madam Mayor, City of Dandenong
Mr. L. S. Reid, D.F.C.	.....	M.L.A. for Dandenong
Mr. W. H. Cumming	.....	Staff Inspector, Sth. Eastern Division
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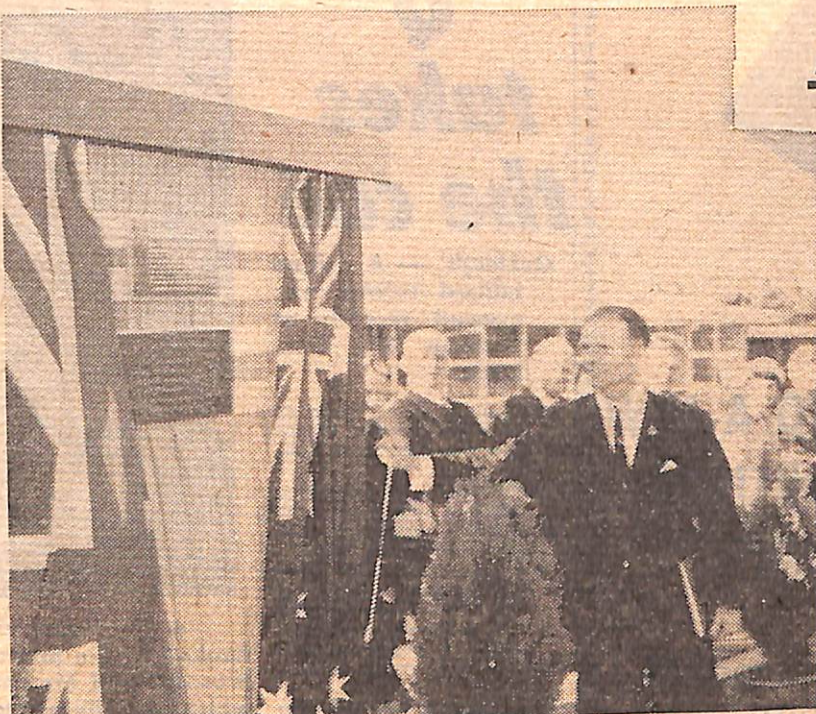
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COMMITTEE

Chairman  
Secretary

Mr. I. Whykes  
Mrs. I. Hellyer

MOTHERS' CLUB

President  
Secretary

Mrs. L. Kann  
Mrs. J. Bengough

PRINCIPAL

Mr. F.P. Wood,

Attendance 410.

This week I have received many congratulatory messages concerning last Friday's opening ceremony. All callers have praised the children for the splendid way they carried out their part in the function. This was also remarked on by many of the visitors on Friday.

As you are aware, the school will be open to visitors throughout tomorrow. This is the first time that we have done this, and it is an effort to avoid congestion and haste. We trust that you will take advantage of the longer period and derive more benefit from the visit than in past years.

During the evening session 7.00 to 8.30p.m. the President of the Dandenong branch of the Australian Natives' Association will present the A.N.A. prize for the most improved garden in the Dandenong Inspectorate in the presence of Mr. C.G. Stocks, the District Inspector. It is hoped that a representative crowd will be present.

I have much pleasure in reporting that we now have two pianos. Recently a parent arranged for the donation of a second instrument and it was delivered free of charge last week. It is interest like this that has made Oakwood Park the outstanding school it is, and while we have it the school must continue to prosper.

## COMMITTEE NOTES

Official openings - 8th August

The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking the parents who so kindly gave of their time to tidy the grounds and cut the lawns prior to the Minister's visit. We assure you that it was very much appreciated and favourably commented upon. Many thanks to Mrs. Manley and one of our grandmas, who spends a lot of time maintaining our grounds. Should you like an extra copy of the opening programme to send to friends please pick one up at school tomorrow.

EDUCATION DAY An information sheet has been prepared for your guidance to enable you to visit the new features at Oakwood Park. It will be available at School tomorrow.

SITE WORKS You will be pleased to know that the contractors are expected to start work soon on extensions to the site works round the new buildings. These will include more paving thereby providing for wet weather.

PARENTS MEETINGS Mr. Geoff Tolscher of the Curriculum and Research Branch will address parents on Sept. 10th at 8.00p.m. Mr. Tolscher's subject is Mathematics but he is competent to answer questions on modern trends in education.

BURGLARY INSURANCE CLAIM Acheque has been received from our insurance company in settlement of our claim. Replacement equipment is at present on order. Committee is fixing wire mesh, as security to the windows of the storerooms.

DONATION OF TWO FOOTBALLS Our thanks to the Dandenong Football Club and the North Melbourne Club for the donation of a football to the school.

In farewelling the Schranko family, the Committee wishes to express its deep appreciation of the most generous and willing assistance given by both Mr. & Mrs. Zol. Schranko to all School activities. Mr. Schranko served a term as Chairman of the Committee at a time when great progress was achieved.

Once again, may I remind you that vouchers for cheap rail travel during the forthcoming vacation are obtainable at the school.

The holiday commences on Saturday 23rd August and finishes on Sunday 7th September. That is, school re-commences on Monday 8th and there will be canteen on that day.

I am particularly anxious to get a correct census of children who will start here in 1970 and ask your help in this regard. If you have a child who turned four years of age before July 1st this year, would you please register him/her with me as soon as possible? Would you also urge neighbours and friends, particularly those who don't have older children at school to do the same? There will be no shortage of accommodation, but as five present members of staff hold only temporary positions here, there could be an acute staff shortage.

The excursion to Yallourn was voted a great success by children and teachers. Our thanks to the mothers who went along to help. I hope that all grades will make at least one excursion before the end of the year.

On Wednesday last a "Science Workshop" was held at Oakwood Park to introduce the new science course to Principals, Infant Mistresses and a group of teachers who will form the local Science Committee. Mr. Higgs is Convenor of this Committee. The updated course will be taught in 1970.

### Combined Sports

This year the Dandenong district combined sports will include a great many more athletic events but team games and marching will be deleted from the programme. The aim is to bring the events into line with the Olympic programme and to involve more children in the athletic events.

I am still holding a gents watch, found in a vacant lot in Titcher Road. The watch is in good condition. The owner can claim it at the School.

Now that the weather is brighter and warmer, it is hoped that attendance will be more punctual and regular.

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We had a very enjoyable Birthday Luncheon at the Prince Mark on July, 31st and the 26 ladies who attended had a most delightful day. Our thanks go to the ladies who helped on the Market Stall and also the Teachers' Seminar.

We are having difficulty finding ladies to man the stalls on the day of the Fete, Saturday, 11th October and Mrs. Kann has asked that any lady who can help out, please let her know. If you have any reasonable new and in good condition comics, could you please send them to Mrs. Kann (Care of the school) as they help out in the sample bags.

If you are prepared to bake or make sweets could you please contact Mrs. Bengough at 795.2312. We will be having eggs and sugar donated again this year, so we should be able to really have a good stock of goodies.

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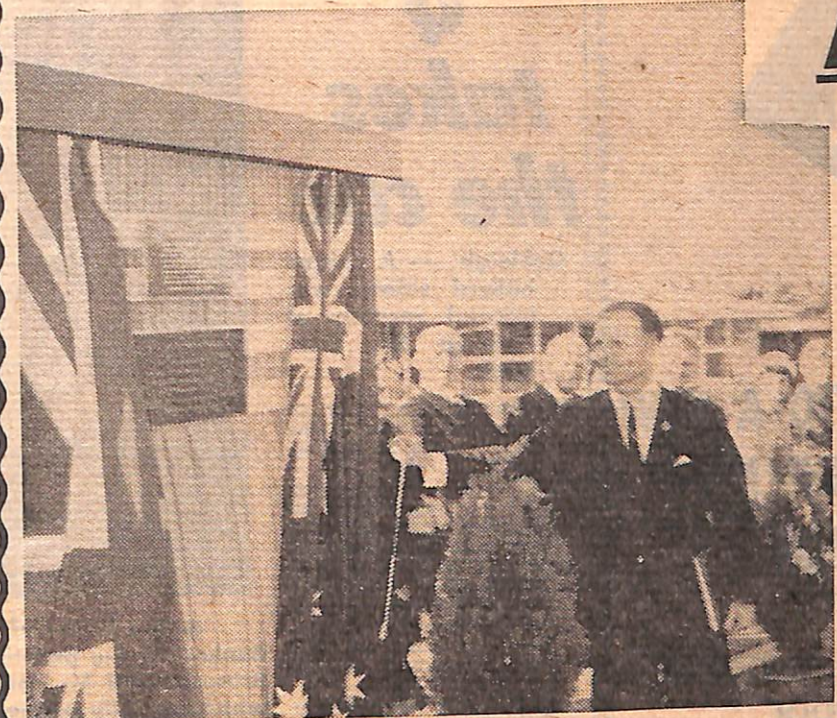
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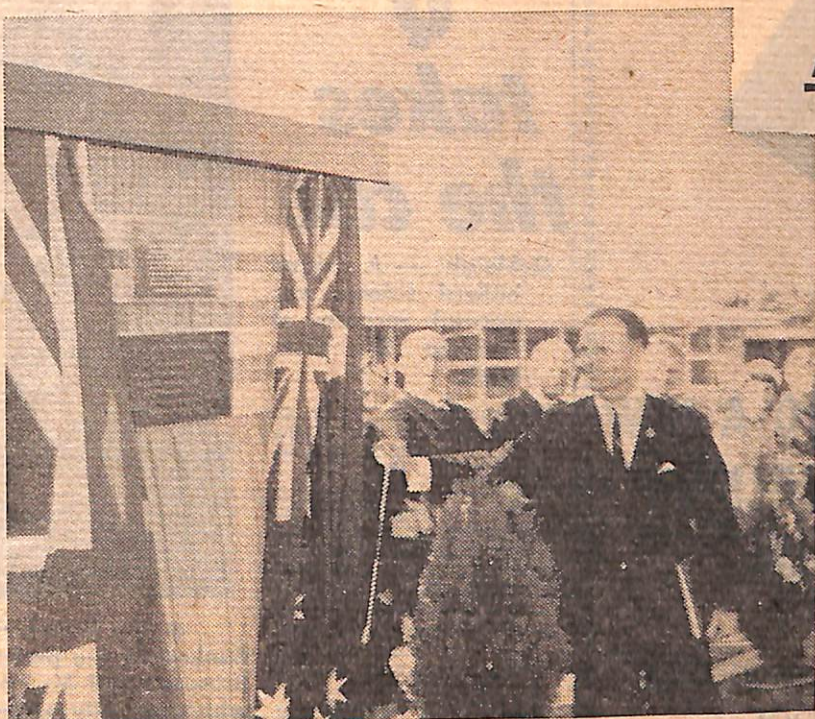
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Mothers are reminded that the Mothers' Club will be holding a stall all day tomorrow - Education Day. Please support this stall by baking a cake or buying some of our excellent home made cakes. General gifts also for sale.

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# BITS AND PIECES

By Lyn Dale of Oakwood Park

The last of a long line of school and church fetes will take place next Saturday, November 19, at the Oakwood Park State School. It is to be hoped that some organisations will see fit to change to an earlier date in 1967.

The school committee is appealing to fathers for assistance in any form on that day. Installation of stalls and attractions will begin at 8.30 am. and, of course, they will have to be taken down later in the day.

Regular helpers will also need relieving for an hour or so. Mr. Caulfield is the man to see if you can help in any way.

A feature of the fete will be the competition among school children for the best floral saucer. These will be awarded at school on Friday.

Each child must supply a saucer, and wet sand will be at the school.

Anyone who has tiny flowers suitable for the saucers is asked to send some to the school.

Any lady willing to assist on stalls should contact Mrs Brash, phone 795-2841.



The Oakwood Park SS Mothers Club will conduct a stall at the Dandenong market on Tuesday November 22, and members are appealing for donations of second-hand clothes, magazines, books, records, shoes, hats, and handbags.

If you have any of these things, please leave them at the school on Monday, November 21 to prevent confusion with fete stock. Cakes, jams and sweets will be particularly welcome for the stall.

## Record to be broken

Oakwood Park.—Organisers of the Oakwood Park State School fete on Saturday hope to improve greatly on last year's takings, which were \$430. Last year's fete was held less than four months after the school opened.

Extra money is needed to provide amenities and equipment for present requirements and for at least 100 additional children who will enrol next year.

Proceeds will be divided between the school committee and the mothers' club.

The fete will be officially opened by Mr. Reid MLA., at 1.30 pm. Mr. Reid has shown a keen interest in the development of the school, and school authorities are grateful for his kindness in opening the fete.

Attractions will include helicopter rides, a train, pony rides, lunch and afternoon tea, marching girls, sample bags, an art and floral show, fun and sherry alley and the usual stalls. There will be many prizes suitable for Christmas gifts.

# \$1000 IS RAISED AT FETE

**OAKWOOD PARK.**— The profit of about \$1000 from the Oakwood Park State School Mothers' Club and School Committee's annual fete at the school last Saturday, will go toward the new library and workroom at present being built.

It is expected the library will be ready for use next February. The school committee's share of the construction cost is \$4900 and the remaining amount will be provided by the department.

The principal Mr. Wood said it was hoped to create a relaxed, informal atmosphere at the library unlike a classroom, when library procedure and group research and individual research, can be carried out.

More than 1000 patrons, including parents, visitors, pupils and teachers attended the all-day fete, and the official opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor Mrs. Lois Twohig. The Mayor was presented with a box of chocolates by a pupil, Jill Heywood.

## Intriguing

Two of the highlights was a "mini" zoo of Australian animals and reptiles with Mr. Gerry Baines, a lecturer from the Monash University, answering questions and the appearance of former Tivoli artists Moira and Fred Brown, of Kew, with their troupe of performing dog and Sam, a performing monkey.

Mr. Baines answered many pertinent and searching questions on the wallaby, reptiles and echidna in the "mini" zoo, and adults and children alike found a hopping mouse from Central Australia particularly intriguing.

## Many features

Prefects at the school conducted their own well-stocked stall and spent many hours preparing the attractive novelies. Their efforts added a further \$32 to funds.

A popular baby competition was won by Andrew Walsh, of Clayton, who polled 205 one cent votes.

Another attraction was the floral art and the children's art show. Mrs. Lorna Brookbank, who judged the floral art said the exhibits—particularly the decorated saucers—were a great improvement on last year's entries and the children at all times had showed good color sense.

Mrs. O'Connor was the adjudicator for the art show and she also was warm in her praise of the children's talent.

More than 300 sample bags were sold and there was the usual array of well stocked stalls.

Principal prize winners were — Fibre glass: Mrs. Blair, Huntingdale; Christmas cake: Mrs. Newman, Sunline Ave., Oakwood Park; Shoes: Mrs. Bell, Smale Ct., Oakwood Park; Lucky button (No. 723): Daryl Atkins, Oakwood Ave., Noble Park.

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## To remind them later...

**Oakwood Park.**—Photograph albums for children in the two Menzies Cottages in Noble Park were presented to Mr. Press, of the Menzies Children's Homes, at Oakwood Park State School's Christmas get-together. The albums will enable directors at the homes to keep a picture history of each child. About 100 women attended the party, arranged to entertain mothers of pupils who attend Oakwood Park

State School, to thank them for the excellent work they have done for the school for the past 12 months, and to introduce new committee members.

President of the mothers' club, Mrs. Brash, introduced and welcomed the guests, the principal of the school, Mr. Frank Wood and Mrs. Wood, Mr. Press, and Mrs. Pedder, wife of Cr. A. Pedder.

Soloists Mrs. Pam Rick sang Getting to Know

You, Whistle a Happy Tune, Climb Every Mountain and Edelweiss.

Mothers' club members presented a humorous sketch when they turned back the clock to their school-days.

The albums were presented to Mr. Press, and after supper, Christmas gifts were presented to members by Mrs. Risk.

Picture by Studio 31 shows Mr. Wood (left) with Mr. Press.