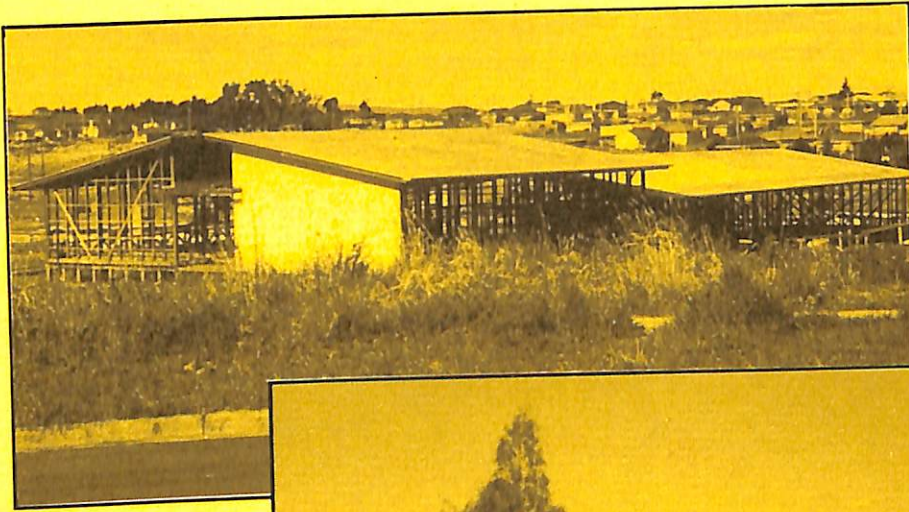


OAKWOOD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Twenty - Five Years On
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A Brief History of Oakwood Park Primary School

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- a history of Oakwood Park Primary School
No.4856, is dedicated to the many parents,
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friends who have contributed to the life
and development of the school during the
past quarter of a century.



THE COUSINS TWINS START AT OAKWOOD PARK

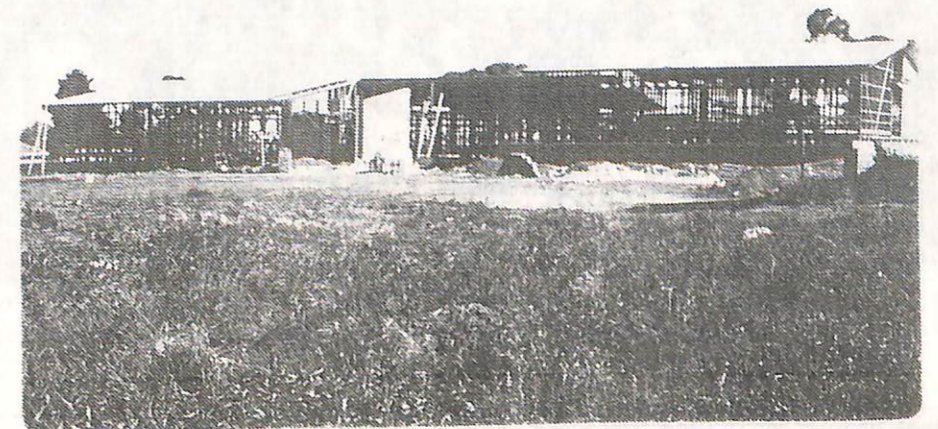
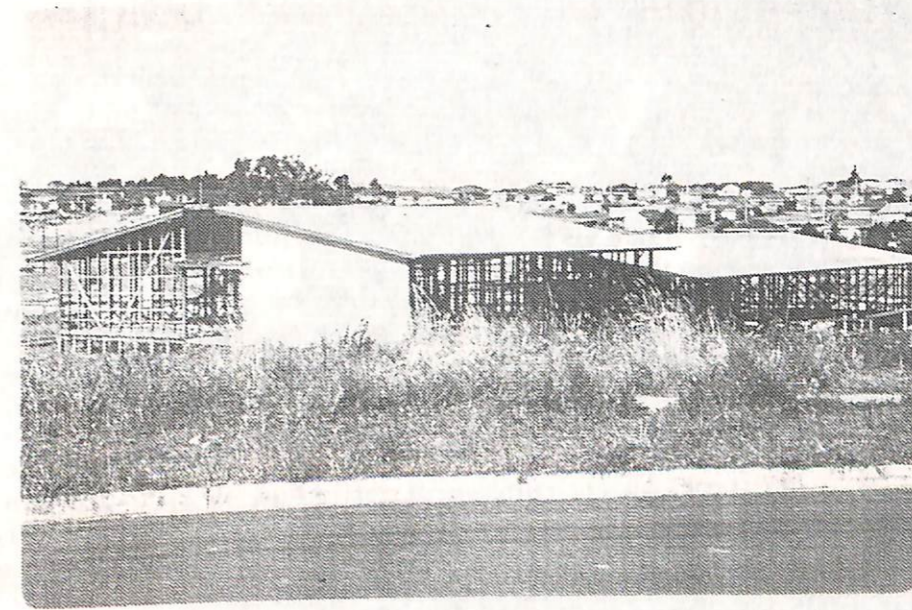
In The Beginning

In November 1957 Mr C.G. Stocks, the District Inspector of Schools, recommended to the Education Department that due to rapid development in the area a site be acquired for a school at Oakwood Park.

On the 15th of September 1959 the Education Department purchased the five acre site from Barton Lodge estate for \$20,196. Tenders for construction of the school buildings were first called in 1964 and on the 12th of October 1964 a contract for an eight classroom school was let.

The Mothers' Club was formed on the 13th of July 1965 and undertook certain activities to prepare for the school opening. Most of the foundation staff were appointed in October 1964 and took up positions at Lyndale State School - the home school of most of their pupils-to-be.

Oakwood Park, the "baby" of the eleven schools operating in the area, opened its doors on Monday the 2nd of August 1965 to 212 students and eight teachers.



The F.W. Wood Years

1965-1969

When the school opened on Monday 2nd of August 1965 there were 212 students and eight teachers at the eight classroom school. On the first day of school the Mothers' Club provided hot lunches for the children and this service was to be provided every Monday.

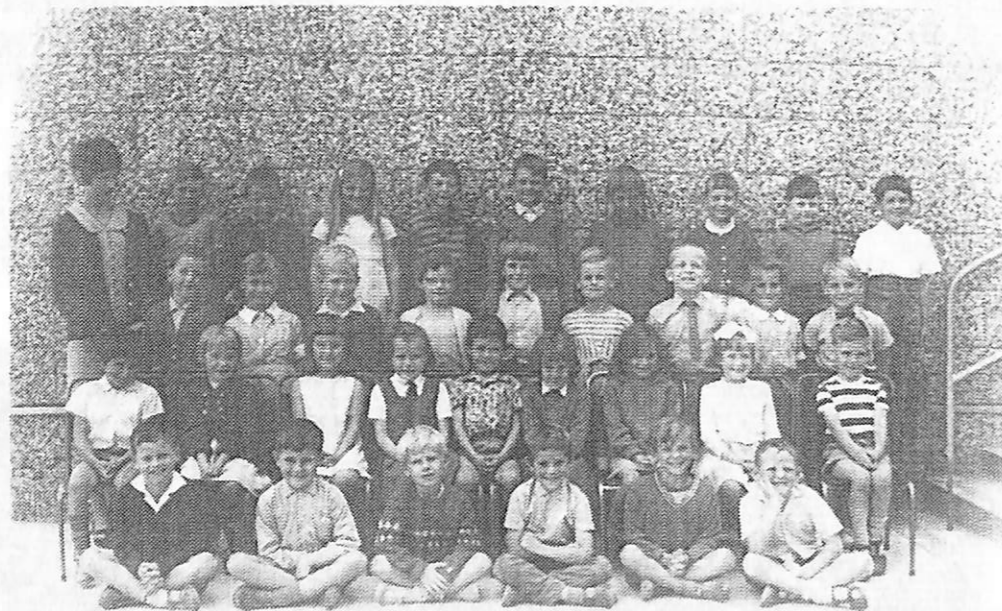
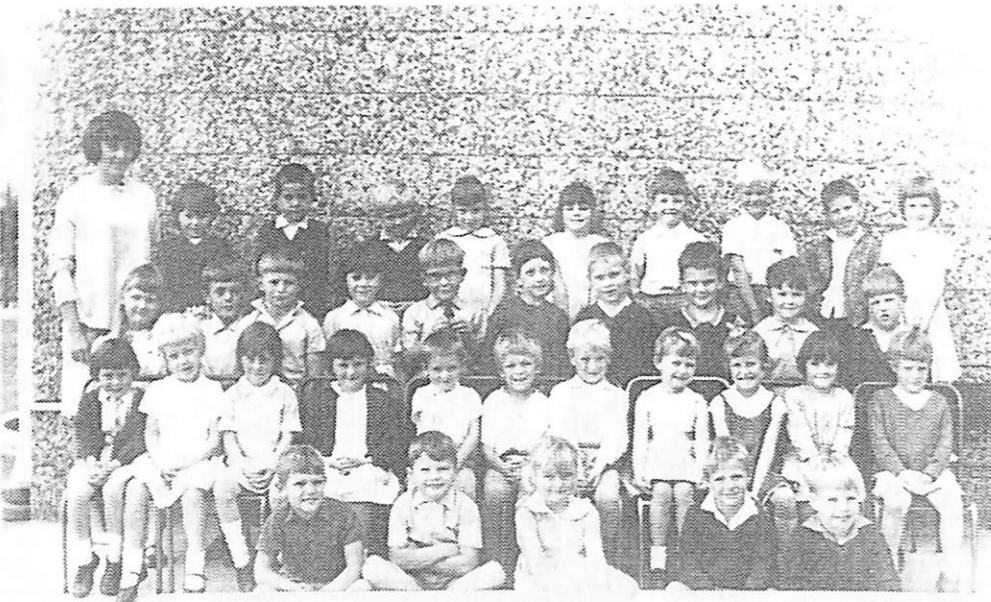
On August 26th the School Committee was formed and plans for the development of the school and site were commenced. The first Working Bee was held in September and in October the perpetual tree planting program began with children from grades 2 - 6 planting 150 trees obtained from the Natural Resources Nursery. By November the public Works Department had prepared plans for permanent site work, including paving, paths, drainage and the grading and planting of part of the grounds. These plans did not, however, include basketball courts or an oval.

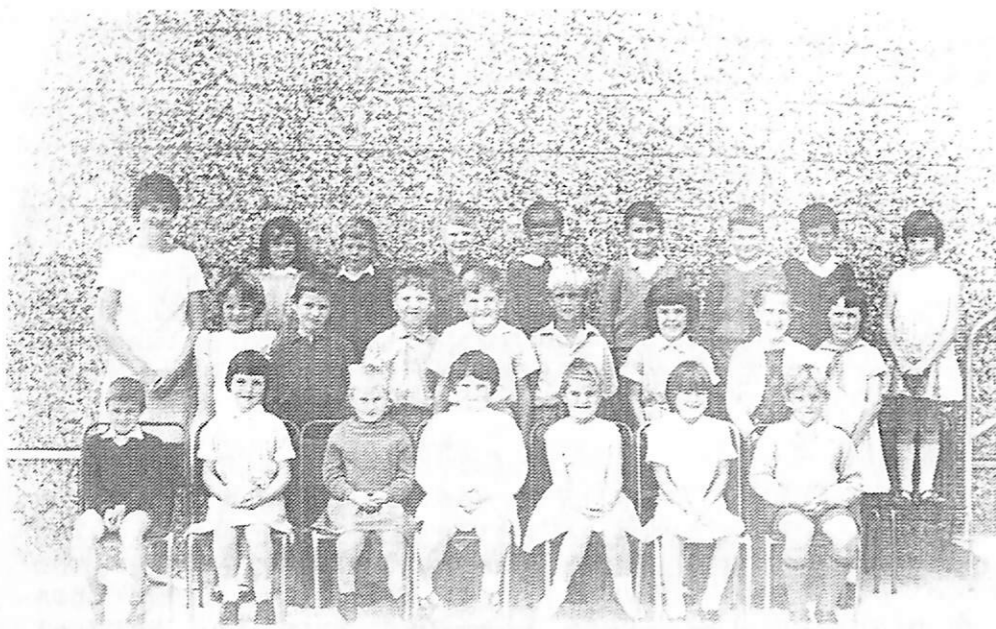
In September 1965 the school had its first official guest when the Attorney General, Mr W. Sneddon, visited the school to make a presentation of an Australian flag on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

Educational programs were quickly in operation with the first school excursion being held in September when Mr K. Donnelly took 56 pupils by bus to the Royal Melbourne Show. In October the school opened its doors for its first Education Day which was declared a great success. By the end of November Grade Days had commenced, starting a long tradition of active involvement of parents in their children's education at Oakwood Park. It is interesting to note that the District Inspector's Report in November revealed that testing in Grade Six showed that a number of pupils had not mastered at least one Mathematical process. So much for the marvellous "old" Maths!

The school joined the Dandenong State Schools' Sports Association and the sporting program included swimming instruction which commenced in November for Grades 4-6 at the cost of 1/6d a lesson.

Fundraising efforts are an outstanding feature of parent and student support for the school and that long tradition dates back to the days before the school opened. A major fund raising effort was held in November with the first of a series of highly successful school fetes. Special attractions included slot car racing, pony rides, helicopter rides a children's art show, marching girls and a pet parade.





At the end of 1965 Oakwood Park State School had come a long way in a short time, largely due to the efforts of many parents, and to thank supporters the School Committee held a family barbecue in December.

At the commencement of the 1966 school year enrolment had risen to 282. By April it had jumped to 290 and accommodation became such a problem that regrouping became necessary. By June enrolment reached 295 and the Education Department intimated that 4 new classrooms would be built instead of the two anticipated and that a 48'x24' Library would be built if the school could raise \$4,500 towards the cost.

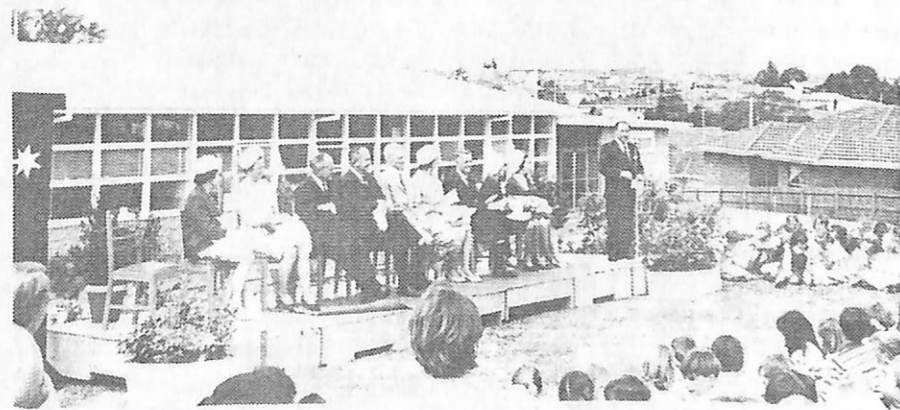
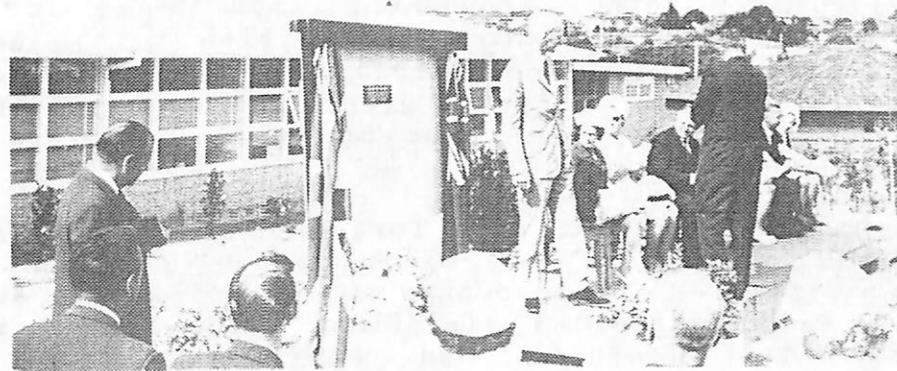
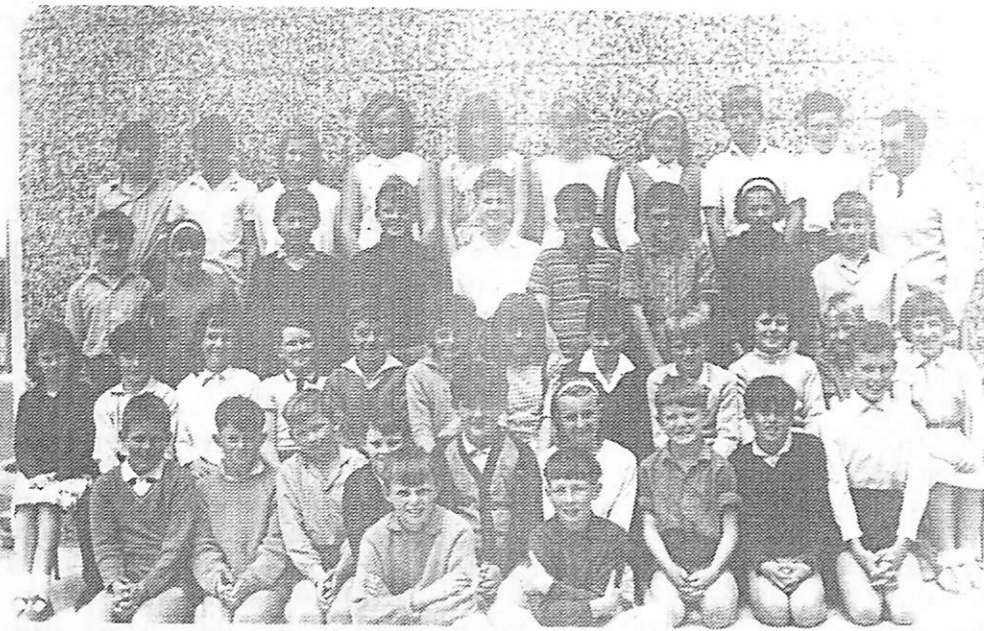
By April the final survey of the site works was completed and in July a contact was let for the permanent site works at the school which included grading and planting of the north east and south east corners of the ground, retaining walls and paving around the school and shelter sheds. It was anticipated that the work would be finished by November, however, the cancellation of the Maths Night in November due to rain and the state of the school grounds indicates that the project was not completed by this date.

The Mothers Club started the year with 40 members and in early May held the first of the traditional and highly successful Mothers Day stalls. 1966 also saw the introduction of the traditional Mothers Club Christmas Treat for the students. The District Inspector made mention in his Report in November that splendid enthusiasm and highly efficient organisation on the part of parent groups had resulted in the purchase of equipment to the value of \$4000 in little more than twelve months.

In March Oakwood Park took part for the first time in the Combined School Sports (athletics) on Clow Street Oval. The school was represented in all events and won 4 certificates. In June the school fielded its first inter-school sport teams. Both the football and basketball team were unfortunately soundly defeated by Dandenong West. The Mothers Club had provided tunics for the girls, and football jumpers for the boys were made available through an anonymous donation.

This year also saw the first of the twice yearly Progress Reports to Parents and the first batch of school photographs. Pies were 12c and a Sunny Boy would cost you 5c. Newsletters warned parents that there were children still playing in the creek after school and that it was indeed snake infested!

When the school year commenced in 1967 enrolment was at 344 and the first of the portable classrooms was on site. By November enrolments had increased to 361. A deputation from the School Committee waited on the Assistant Minister for Education, Mr Rossiter, to press claims for extensions to the school building of 6 extra classrooms with the hope of being placed on the building programme for 1968. The deputation was assured that the request would be given high priority.



In March it was decided that the school would raise 4/9ths of the cost of the Library and that all of the Voluntary Giving would be put towards the Library Fund. By June there was \$500 in the fund and \$900 by December.

April saw Inter-school sport commence and the oval was used for the first game of football and the girls' basketball posts were re-set at their new site for the first game.

The beautification of the school grounds continued in June when the area later to be called the Mc Minn Gardens was started with a donation of plants and labour by Camellia Lodge Nursery and in July 60 roses were planted on the rock terraces in front of the school.

In July the School Committee wrote to the Dandenong Council requesting footpaths in Oakwood Avenue and in December supported a petition to have a footpath in Elonera Road.

On Friday 17th November 1967 in brilliant sunshine and before a crowd of 600 parents, staff members, and friends, Mr Len Reid MLA officially opened the school and unveiled a commemorative plaque. The plaque is now situated at the entrance to the main building.

During this year the school's music program began in earnest with the formation of a school choir and recorder band in February. In April the choir, under the guidance of Mr O'Donnell, competed in the Dandenong Festival scoring 171 out of 200 points - only 7 points behind the winning school.

Education Day saw 361 people visit the school and in December the first school breakup concert was held at Cleeland Girls' High School.

Fundraising efforts included the Market Stall and Education Day Stall which were to become annual events. The Fete in November featured Parer the Magician & Frosty the Rabbit, a Junior Mannequin Parade, a merry-go-round and new cars and raised \$772.40.

By the start of the 1968 school year enrolment had reached 401 - nearly double the original enrolment. Children had to be excluded the first week of term until an additional portable classroom was sited and fitted. Most grades were in excess of 40 students.

In June the Education Department advised the School Committee that a Special Grant on a \$5 for \$4 basis up to a maximum of \$6000 had been approved for the building of a Library along with the proposed new classrooms. Unfortunately the Public Works was not in a position to invite tenders for the work until August. In October work commenced on the erection of 8 classrooms, a central Library, additional toilet blocks and ancillary rooms. The total cost of the Library was to be \$11,000 of which the school's share was \$4,900. The school Committee borrowed \$4,004.08 under a personal loan from the S.S.B. and added \$900 from the library Fund to pay



the Education Department. Interest was 4.5% flat over 5 years.

During 1968 a very successful Scribel Biro Campaign, in which bios inscribed "Library Fund" were sold, helped swell the Library fund to \$1250 by September. In December it was decided to seek a \$1 book levy from each family to help purchase Library books.

In February 1969 the school was pleased to hear that the excavation of the oval was to be done free of charge. This was to be the start of many years of measures to provide the children with a good quality all season playing area. In May a Working Bee had to be devoted to clearing soil washed down from the oval onto the footpath in Smale Court. In September bad weather delayed the completion of the oval with another attempt to grade it resulting in the machine becoming bogged. In October the good news was that Dandenong Council had agreed to seed and harrow the oval and by November the grass was sown and thriving with the oval finally expected to be ready for use by the start of 1969.

Canteen services were extended in 1968 with the canteen opening on Fridays as of March, and Wednesdays after the September school holidays. Wednesdays was to be a limited menu which included hot dogs. In June a proposal was put to the School Committee that a canteen be built.

The Mothers Club once again had a very productive year. Its first meeting for the year recorded 48 ladies present with 5 apologies. With such wonderful support the Mothers Club was able to produce between 850 and 900 items for sale at the Mothers Day Stall. A special effort raised the funds for the purchase of a school banner which served the school well until its replacement in 1990. The Mothers Club was also actively involved in school programs assisting on excursions, typing in the office and providing smocks (@ 75c), blackboard dusters (@ 10c) and knitted nylon slippers (@25c) for the children.

The Social Service League was formed in March 1968 "to train the children in a spirit of service and self-denial". A rag collection for the State Schools Relief Committee yielded 375 lbs and waste paper and cardboard were collected in the first week of each month for "Wallara", the local retarded children's centre.

Also in 1968, the Public Works Department erected the name of the school on the then west wall facing Camellia Avenue; the school magazine was published and sold for 10c each; the senior school Basketball team finally won a game (against Greenslopes); Dandenong Council is requested to clear Elonera Road of rubbish and emergency teachers were requested to register with the lure of \$8.80 a day for pay.

At the start of the 1969 school year enrolment was at 405 with all grades under 40 students. Of the 15 members of staff 11 were new to the school. A full-time Librarian took up duty



and with the aid of members of the Library Branch began cataloguing the books while mothers regularly provided much valuable assistance covering and mending books. The Art Room and G.P. Room were in commission by April and the Library was functioning fully at the start of second term with all children above Grade 2 encouraged to borrow books.

The oval had 10 watering points connected over the holidays and was ready for use at the start of the school year.

In June work on the building extensions was completed and the Public Works Department were preparing plans for the extension of site works surrounding the new buildings.

The Official Opening and Naming of the Francis P. Wood Library and A.M. Fisher Oval took place on August 8 in the presence of staff and students and approximately 600 visitors including parliamentary, municipal and departmental dignitaries. The Minister for Education, Mr L.H.S. Thompson, officially opened the Library and the Oval and unveiled two special plaques. The plaque in honor of Mr Fisher was placed in its permanent position on a cairn overlooking the oval.

In March the school was pleased to learn that it had won the A.N.A. Prize for the most improved school garden and grounds competition. The award took the form of an Australian print, "Moody's Pub", which was framed and inscribed and hung in the Library.

The school was selected for a special 24 week P.E. Program run by specialist P.E. teachers. In June the Education Department took photographs of children on the gymnastic equipment to use in a publication on Physical Education.

Parent Informative Meetings, organised by the School Committee, continued to offer informative programs including Space Travel - a topic of particular public interest this year.

The now annual school fete was opened in October by Johnny Farnham whose brother, Stephen, was in Grade 1. Attractions that year included "Inflamo" the fire eating magician, pony & donkey rides and a miniature train. A "Popular Baby Vote" saw Vicki Massey take out First Prize.

Also in 1969: "No Standing Anytime" signs were erected in Smale Court; all children are required to wear slippers inside; an egg drive for the Dandenong Hospital collects 480 eggs and Emergency Teachers are now offered \$12.40 a day.

The R.J. Evans ~ G. Higgs Year

1970

At the start of the 1970 school year enrolment had reached 437 students who were placed in 14 grades, and the school welcomed a new Principal, Mr Russell Evans.

In March the Public Works Department completed extensions to the concrete paving around the new wing and asphaltting for a new basketball court in front of the shelter sheds but winter would see representations again being made to the PWD concerning the rapidly deteriorating condition of the grounds due to poor drainage after heavy rains.

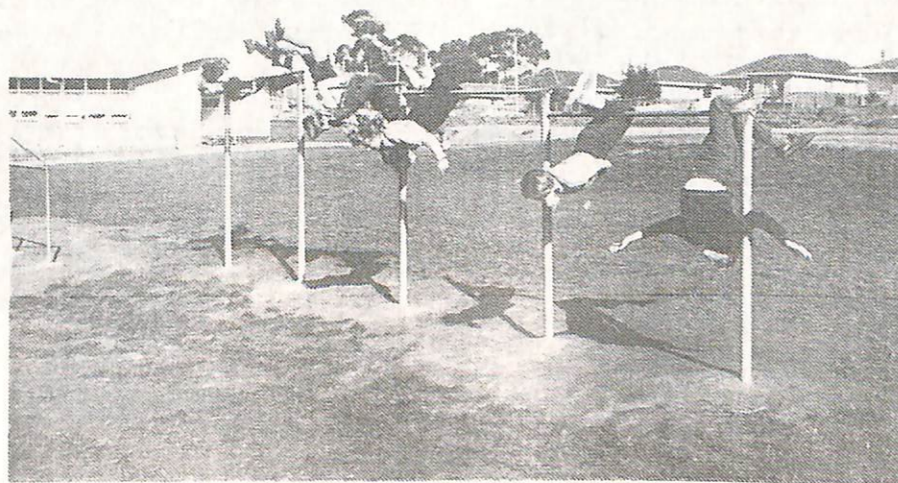
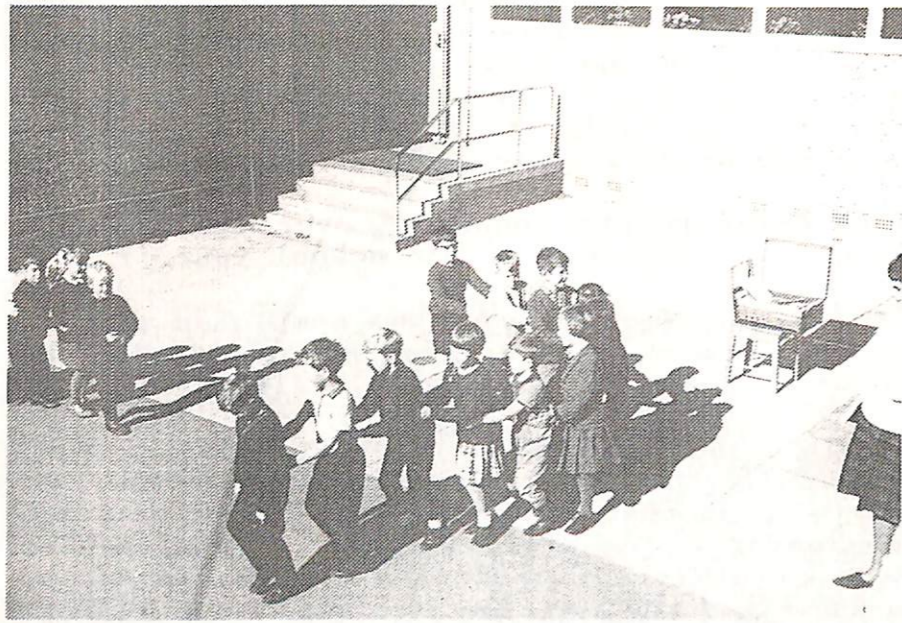
During the year the Canteen Management Committee was formed and a Public Relations Committee operated welcoming new families to the school.

On September 4 Mr Russell Evans passed away and Mr G. Higgs stepped in to run the school as Acting Principal. The painting "Droving into the Light", which now hangs in the foyer of the administration area, was presented to the school in December in memory of Mr Evans.

In May schools were now able to use raffles to augment school funds. Oakwood Park was quick to act and organised the raffle of a Holden HG Kingswood Sedan, to be drawn at the school fete in October. Selling 72% of the tickets the raffle made a profit of \$2,380. Highlights of the fete also included a hay ride and puppet shows.

Parent involvement in the school could be seen in the attendance at Parent Informative Meetings which this year offered topics of social interest including "Marriage Guidance" and "Drugs in the Community" and also in the continued excellent attendances at Grade Days.

November saw Green House win the first Athletics shield presented by the School Committee, and December saw an architect approached to draw up sketch plans for a free-standing centre incorporating an Art Room and canteen.



The W.P. Howe Years

1971 - 1972

The 1971 school year started with an enrolment of 447 and a new Principal, Mr W.P. Howe.

Grade Visits began again in March and once again parental support was excellent. Parent Informative Meetings covered a diversity of topics from "Schools Overseas" to "How to Murder Your Husband on Lemon Meringue Pies - and get away with it".

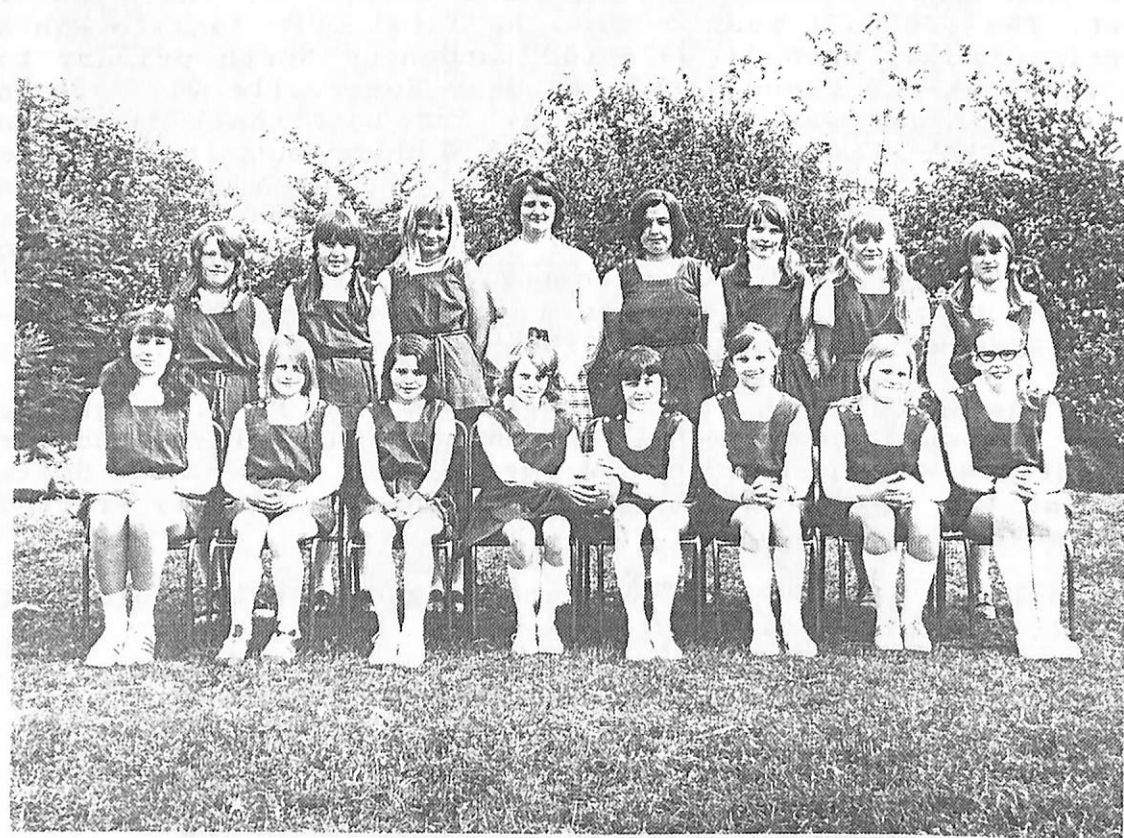
In March the School Committee received notification from the Education Department that the special grants towards the Art/Craft & Canteen Centre had been approved. The school's architect, Mr Ivan Anderson of Oakleigh, was accepted by the Department and commissioned by the Committee to draw up plans. The enthusiasm of supporters of this project was no doubt spurred on when children from the school had their art work accepted for judging at the Tokyo International Children's Art Exhibition.

This year saw Oakwood Park hit its straps in the area of sport. The football team became the first OPPS team to win a sporting trophy when it defeated Dandenong North primary to win the District Grand Final. Lindsay Somerville was Captain and Wayne Dawes was Vice-Captain. The Basketball team had finished the season on top of the ladder but lost in the finals. This year was the first year in which all children competed in all 8 events in the House Athletics Sports. This must have been to our advantage as Oakwood Park went on to win the District Athletics competition. Even the Mothers' Club got into the act forming their own basketball team - with a suggested uniform to include purple hot pants?!!!

In May the School Committee approved plans by Mr B. Neighbour of the Education Department, for an adventure playground for the infants to be located on the sloping area near Smale Court at the cost of \$200. The equipment was finally erected by parents in September.

Also in 1971: Pies now cost 16c and a sausage roll would cost you 8c!





By March of 1972 enrolment is up to 530 and Grade Visits have already begun. The Preps were excited over the arrival of the new design infant tables and the "new" science course was big - children were now encouraged to actually perform their own experiments and make their own conclusions!

This year seemed to be the year for progress and change in the canteen. In March it went "healthy" providing Cynthia Margareth bread, health sweets and celery and carrot sticks. One concession was the new item on sale - "Twisties" at 5c a packet. Pies were still available but at 17c each.

In May the Co-operative was formed for the Art/Craft & Canteen Complex. By the end of June tenders had closed for the contract to build the complex. September saw the builders, W. Cutting & Sons, start work. The Premier approved the \$10,000 loan and the school contributed \$13,076. While the school was taking on a large financial obligation it was also pleased to see the final payment on the Library made from the proceeds of the school fete.

Other changes in the playgrounds included the planting of camellias and azaleas by Mr & Mrs McMinn to complete the gardens at the front of the school. The School Committee requested the local council to install a guard rail on the Oakwood/Elonera corner as three cars had come through the school fence.

The major fundraiser for 1972 was a \$kolladollathon (Spell-a-thon) which raised \$900 towards the purchase of Maths equipment.

In sport Oakwood Park once again defeated Dandenong North to win the football zone Grand Final, led by Captain M.McMinn and playing Gordon Coventry in the forward pocket!!!! The Oakwood Park Acorns finished second in the Softball and International Basketball teams started for the senior boys.

The Tonkin Years

1973 - 1975

A steady increase in enrolments since the school opened in 1965 resulted in Oakwood Park being upgraded to a Special Class school in 1973. As a result the start of the school year saw a new Principal, Mr E. Tonkin, and a new Vice-Principal, Mr J.C. Young, commence duty with a school enrolment of 563. Following tradition, a painting, "Shearing the Rams" by Tom Roberts, was presented to the school on behalf of the children and parents in recognition of Mr Howe's fine term as school Principal.

A concrete dispute which crippled the building industry during the Christmas vacation put the building of the Art/Craft Room & Canteen complex behind schedule. The building was finally completed on May 21st just as the Government promises an Art/Craft Room for every Primary School of over 225 pupils!

The Art/Craft and Canteen Centre was officially opened on Thursday 18th of October by Education Staff Inspector Mr Croft Stocks, deputising for the Hon. L.H.S. Thompson (Minister of Education) who was ill. A commemorative plaque was unveiled in front of a gathering of students, teachers and 120 guests.

Parent helpers were so impressed with the new Centre that they nicknamed it "The Palace". The "Trendsetters" were still meeting every Thursday afternoon and providing great assistance in fundraising as well as making slippers and smocks for the children. Canteen helpers would have appreciated the new complex back in March when they prepared a record 2393 lunches. At this time pies had soared to 20c and a Hot Dog would cost you 15c! In December Marianne Kramp retired as Canteen Supervisor after two years excellent service to the school.

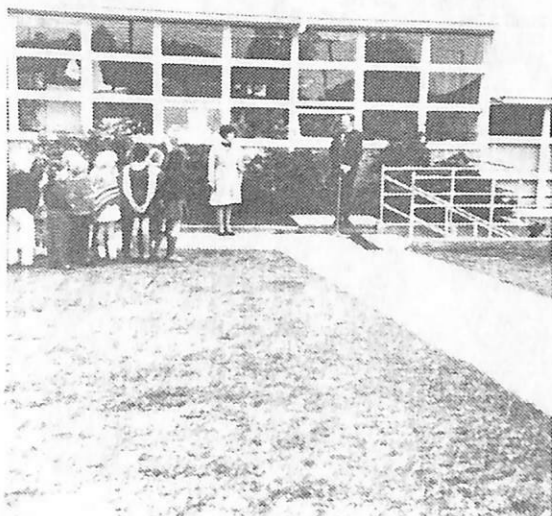
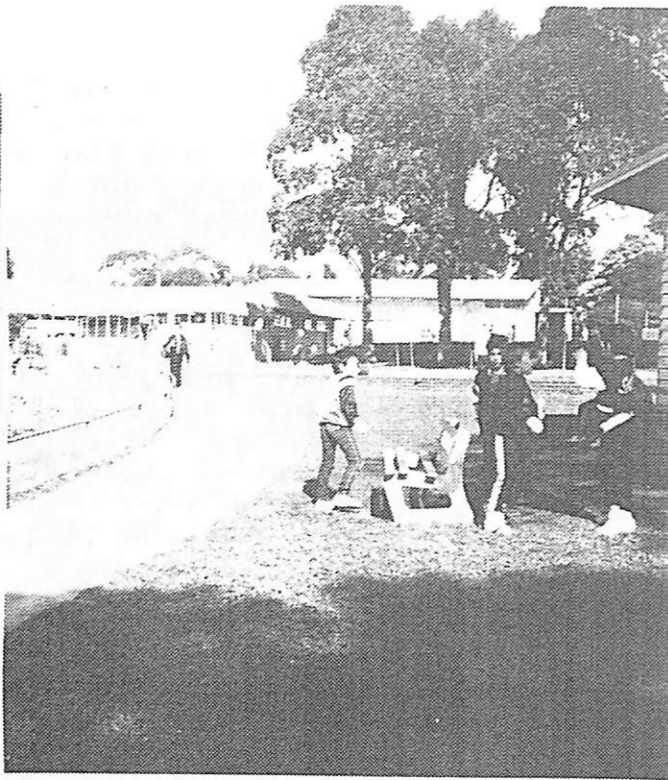
The School Committee wished to record the outstanding service the McMinn family had rendered to the school and so it was decided that the camellia and azalea garden at the front of the school be named the McMinn Garden and this was commemorated with a brass plaque which was installed in the garden.

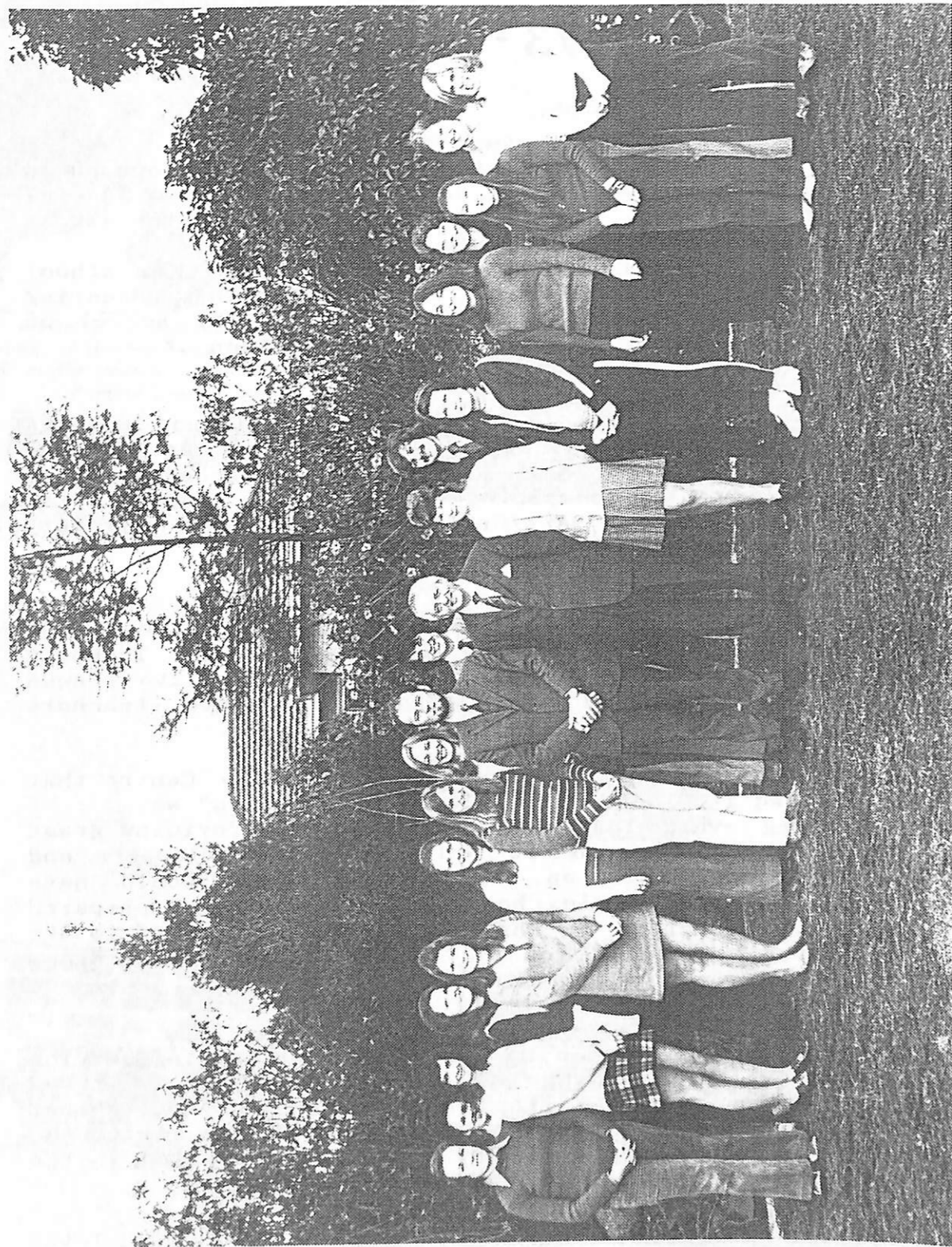
Also in 1973: The guard rail was finally installed on the Oakwood/Elonera corner; the fete raised a record \$2000; OPPS t-shirts first became available; and Parent Informative Meetings included a well attended evening in which Sgt. Lindsay Tricker informed parents on "How to Beat a Burglar".



• ANDREA HARDING presents boxed orchids to the Mayoress, Mrs. Carlene Powell, at the opening of the Oakwood Park Primary School craft room.

New crafts centre open





The 1974 school year saw 603 children attending the school. Improvement in the grounds included the erection of a mini crib wall which went up in two working bees. The Mothers' Club, with its motto of "We Serve the Children", decided that its 1974 project would be to provide more outside seating facilities for the children.

Fundraising was again successfully carried out during the year. The task of making over 1800 gifts for the Mothers' Day stall proved too daunting a task for the Trendsetters, even though they had finally acquired a sewing machine, and it was decided instead to hold a Snowball Drive. Beetle Afternoons became a regular monthly event for the Mothers' Club in the "Palace". At this time subscription to the Mothers' Club was 25c. The annual fete was again a great source of school funds raising over \$1700.

In the new canteen Agathe Beutler had taken over as Canteen Supervisor. Pies went up to 25c and icy poles first went on sale in the canteen this year and Sunny Boys rose to 6c each.

At the start of the 1975 school year numbers had swelled to 661 due to the accommodation of children who were to attend Silverton Primary when it was completed. To house the extra children portable classrooms were brought onto the school site. In September OPPS parents signed a petition when the Education Department deferred the building of Noble Park North Primary School. By October overcrowding at the school resulted in a deputation to the Minister of Education to discuss the urgency of a new Primary School in the area.

After considering a report from the City Engineer the City of Dandenong made an application to the Road Safety and Traffic Authority with the result that two manned School Crossings were installed in Elonera Road and Oakwood Avenue and were operational by June.

The Mothers' Club celebrated its 10th Birthday at Hunters Lodge. Its 1974 aim of outdoor seating was realised and the seats were in use in March. The 1975 project was to provide rhythm instruments for Music and the 1976 project was aimed at purchasing pottery equipment and a kiln for the Art/Craft Room. The annual school fete again set a record with a profit around the \$2000 mark.

In the Canteen Thelma Marsland had taken over as Canteen Supervisor and some of the mothers had expressed concern at some children spending large sums of money on sweets - 20c!

The T.W. McPherson Years

1976 - 1979



1977



1979

The commencement of the 1976 school year saw enrolment at 617 and the arrival of a new Principal, Mr T.W. McPherson.

It was to prove to be a difficult year for OPSS. Enrolment rose to 867, 303 above the Education Department quota. Of these, 218 children were scheduled to transfer to Silverton Primary which was to be completed in 1977. Each day a class of Grade 3 children had to be bussed to Greenslopes Primary School. To accommodate the excess numbers 11 portable classrooms had to be located in the playground. This effectively reduced the playing area available to 1.5 acres, only one acre when wet, and led to marked deterioration in all areas, especially the oval. The PWD invited tenders for the reconstruction of the mini-crib which was scheduled to be completed in 1977. The limited playing area resulted in the front of the school being opened up as a playing area for the children.

The canteen, under new Manageress Jan Reed, prepared 536 lunches on Friday 9 April! By September the canteen was operating 5 days a week to provide lunches to the children.

Fundraising included a mini fete to purchase a record player and a Jogathon with a variety of stalls. The school had \$5000 in hand to build a multi-purpose court but these plans were deferred and the funds transferred to a General Purpose Room which was to be under construction by December.

In November the first School Council was elected replacing the School Committee. One piece of good news was that the Education Department would be financing an Administration upgrade including upgrading of offices, staff amenities and sick bay accommodation due to the fact that the school had financed much of the Art/Craft Room, Library and oval costs. The 40 staff were at this time being accommodated in a 24' x 12' staffroom and the Vice-Principal and typist had to share an office. This upgrade would not eventuate, however, until 1980.

The 1977 school year saw a return to normal with the departure of students to Silverton Primary and the departure of the portable classrooms they had occupied, thus necessitating some grade rearrangements. One portable classroom remained and was used by the Migrant Education teacher. The canteen returned to operating three days a week under the management of Doris Graham and Sue Reid.

The PWD made the planned repairs to the mini-crib wall and a plan for a school hall was presented by School Council to the Education Department for approval and subsidy.



THE remedial class at Oakwood Park Primary School ... cramped conditions in part of the artroom store.

The school held a very successful school concert and the 1977 Jogathon raised \$1800.

Although the start of the 1978 school year saw enrolment at 606 overcrowding was such a problem that OPPS made the front page of the Dandenong Journal. Even with two portable classrooms classes were still being taken in the corridor and the Physical Education teacher had his office up in a storeroom loft.

The mini-crib around the oval was finally completed but drainage still remained a problem. During the year the school received approval for a subsidy of \$20,000 from the Education Department for a General Purpose Hall but contradictory statements from the PWD and Education Department resulted in a delay in progress.

The beginning of the 1979 school year saw enrolment at 551. After two years of planning and unwarranted delays by Buildings Branch, approval to call tenders for the construction of a G.P. Hall was received. With a \$30,000 subsidy from the Education Department and \$5,000 from Dandenong Council, the School Council was confident it would be able to finance the balance of the costs. By the end of November the builder, R.J. Bone, had almost completed the working drawings, and the final papers, including the drafts of the contract had been received from the Education Department. In December it was decided that the Hall needed re-siting and was now to be located in its present site.

The school was still managing to retain two portable classrooms and had received assurances that the upgrading of administration and staff amenities and the sick bay accommodation would proceed in mid 1980 at a cost of \$70,000.



The Marshall Years

1980 - 1984

(Incorporating The J. McLeod Year - 1982)

The new decade saw enrolment at 517 and the school's first female Principal, Miss Bev Marshall take up duty. The school had 18 classrooms - 16 permanent and 2 relocatables. A full-time Migrant Education teacher assisted 93 identified migrant children. The school was also fortunate to have three half-time Remedial/Special Needs teachers.

By the end of April the General Purpose Hall was finished and the car park and site works around the Hall had been carried out. On Thursday 26th of June Councillor Jan Wilson officially opened the T.W. McPherson Hall in front of 100 guests. Mr Mc Pherson had been one of the main driving forces behind the \$75,800 building of which \$71,300 was for the building and \$4,500 for the fittings. The finance for this venture had come in the form of \$32,800 from the Education Department, \$5000 from the Dandenong City Council and \$38,000 from the School Council. The school's share comprised of \$14,000 from fundraising and \$24,000 from a Co-Operative Society Loan. The repayments were to consist of 4 payments of \$977 annually at 10% interest reclaimable through the Government Interest Subsidy Scheme.

During 1980 the Administration/Staffroom upgrade was carried out. The administration area was lost for two months with the Principal and secretary having to operate from the Library and corridor. All furniture had to be stored in the corridor making movement and supervision difficult. For 4 months there were no staff toilets in the main building. For a time two Grade 5 classes of 39 children had to operate directly opposite the conversion of two existing classrooms into the new office complex. To enable work to commence on the staffroom the two Grade 5 classes were moved - one to a newly renovated but incomplete classroom and the other to the hall which had a severe acoustic problem.

The Mothers' Club ceased to operate as of the 12th of February and gave its support to the foundation of an association of parents and friends of the community. On the 11th of March a meeting was held to form such an association which was to be called the Oakwood Park Primary School Parent Teacher Association (O.P.P.T.A.).



By February 1981 enrolment had dropped to 458 but this did not affect the excellent educational programs and parental support so evident in the school for many years. A Clubs Program was operating with parental support providing the children with an opportunity to learn new skills and hobbies. The camping program was in full swing involving Grades 3-6. A Literature program was introduced for Grades 5 and 6 and choir, recorder and guitar classes were a regular feature of the school program. A Greek School was also operating in the school buildings 3 nights a week. The annual fete was a huge success raising \$3,900 and a Picnic Tea with New Games Night was well attended. A camp follow-up evening saw over 300 people visiting the school.

Six classrooms were carpeted this year with two receiving linoleum and the School Council had made an application for a Regional Grant to asphalt the assembly area and reconstruct and extend the oval.

A pie from the canteen would now cost you 51 cents.

The 1982 school year commenced with an enrolment of 431 and Mr John McLeod in the role of Acting-Principal while Miss Marshall was on Long Service Leave for the year. This year the school was able to purchase its first video camera and VCR at a cost of around \$2000.

The start of the 1983 school year saw enrolment down to 393 and consequently the loss of the two portable classrooms. Educational Programs were a highlight this year with "Operation Seedlift" in April which sent 400 balloons each carrying 3 seeds of an Australian native plant skywards. August saw two performances of "The Midnight Thief" sold out while later in the month the Children's Book Week Dress-up Day was a great success. October saw massive organisation to present an outstanding week of activities for International Children's Week which included a Surf Carnival, Snakes Alive, Classroom Visits, a Hula Competition & Treasure Hunt, Island Boat Races and a South Seas Island Night. In December the Year 6 Presentation Evening was a great success.

O.P.P.T.A. had become O.P.P.S.A. with new President, Kris Downes. OPPSA's fundraising for 1983 was aimed at raising \$4500 to provide ceiling fans for all classrooms. Fundraising efforts such as the now traditional Rollerskating Night, the Children's Disco and a Special Effort which raised \$1180 saw their aim realised in November ready for the onset of the summer weather. During the year the school was also able to extend its TV/VCR system to include two 20" TV sets and a distribution system with \$1900 being the proceeds from the 1982 Jogathon, together with \$400 from the School Council.

Safety House was in its second year of operation with Alison Hough taking over from Glenys Ord as President and Ros Allison as Secretary. In September the new composition of School Council was in place with Bryan Hancock as President.





For the 1984 school year, enrolment had dropped to 342 but improving school facilities and providing the children with a high quality educational program continued to be primary aims at Oakwood Park.

In February the school was pleased to be notified that it had been awarded the 1983 A.N.A. prize for the most improved school gardens and grounds in the Westernport Region. At the end of 1983 OPPSA planned to aim fundraising for 1984 to paying for new playground equipment as the upper school equipment was out of bounds due to being unsafe. It would cost over \$7000 to install the equipment and their tireless efforts saw the equipment in operation in June.

The School Council took on the project of extending the Art/Craft Room to include a kiln room and woodwork and clay area. Work commenced on the extension in July and was done on a \$:\$ basis through Regional Grants. The cost to the School Council was approximately \$12,500. The extension was finally completed in December.

Educational Programs included such special activities as Operation Seedlift, the Easter Hat Parade, the Book Week Dress-up day, the Book Fair, the Jog to LA which saw all grades arrive in time for the Olympics and the Mini-Olympics for Grades 3-6 and Prep-2. October brought another spectacular Children's Week for which the theme was "Taking on the Future". Activities included an Astro Sports day, Kite Flying, a Lunar Launch & Musical Program, a Robot Dance Competition, a Space Ship Race and a Spit Roast and Bush Dance.

The school also had a good year in sport winning the Inter-School Cross Country in April and the inter-school soccer premiership in August. In July the school fielded a Little League team at VFL Park for the North Melbourne versus St Kilda game. The team, wearing North Melbourne guernseys, and comprising both boys and girls won by one goal. A lot of very fit children took part in the Jump Rope For Heart in July raising \$914.89 for the National Heart Foundation. They must have stayed fit for the Jogathon in September which raised the money towards the purchase of a photocopier. The Oakwood Park Ladies Netball team were still playing - but not in purple hot pants!

During 1983 the school had purchased 10 bicycle helmets for the Bike Education Program and in September the School Council made the ruling that as of February 1985 all bike riders would be required to wear helmets to and from school.

OPPSA kept up fundraising efforts which included the traditional Market Day Stall providing an amazing 6 stalls in November. The school Disco was also highly successful in October.

The J.C. Young Years

1985-1990



The commencement of the 1985 school year saw an enrolment of 276 and Mr John Young taking up duty as Principal. This year was to be the start of an era of consolidation and extension of both academic programs and administration.

Special activities involving the children included Operation Seedlift, an Easter Bonnet Parade, a Book Week Parade, a Road Safety Display by the Infant School, and International Children's Week which had the theme "Victoria's 150 Year Celebration. Highlights of International Children's Week included a Victorian Ocker Olympics and a Victorious Cup Yacht Race.

In the area of extension of educational programs OPPS received a \$2 000 grant from BLIPS for Maths and the School Council ordered 8 BBC computers to be installed in a network system for the commencement of 1986.

The OPPSA Disco had a punk theme this year and the traditional Grade 6 Graduation and Presentation Night was held in December. Both were most successful functions.

After OPPS won the Inter-School Athletics Sports in November OPPSA donated \$1000 towards the purchase of a high jump landing mat.

Inside the school carpet areas were fitted to Rooms 2 and 4 while outside a two metre wide concrete path from the Art/Craft Room to the hand gate on Eloner Road was completed by the Education Department. The school was successful with Regional Grants which resulted in the gas barbecue and associated paving, seating and landscaping adjacent to the Hall at a cost of \$4000, \$2000 of which was provided by the school. Unfortunately 1985 saw the dismantling of the pine play equipment on the Smale Court hill for safety reasons.

In the area of administration this was to be the first year of Program Budgeting, a method by which the funds needed to run programs are calculated in the preceeding year to ensure equitable distribution of funds and the implementation of long range financial planning.

Although enrolment had fallen to 245 by the start of the 1986 school year educational programs were in full swing. The computers were installed in February at a cost of \$12,000. The money was raised from Hall hire profits, canteen and OPPSA proceeds from 1985 and \$5,000 of the \$10,000 held in trust by School Council for the OPPS Co-Operative Society. The \$2,100 BLIPS Grant for updating the Maths Program was soon put to good use and by June the school's highly



successful Maths Curriculum Guide was in print and for sale across the state.

Special activities involving the children this year included a Moomba Parade, a Book Week Parade, the OPPSA Disco an International Children's Week which incorporated a Crazy Olympics, and International Lunch and Room Displays. In December a memorable Grade 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentation Night was held.

It was also a successful year for OPPS in the area of sport with both the football and soccer teams winning district premierships and the school once again winning the Inter-School Athletics Sports.

In February the school was notified that it was to receive a \$2,100 School Improvement Plan (SIP) Grant for finalising documentation on Program Budgeting and Policy Evaluation. It was also this month that Mrs Barbara Toh who had been School Secretary for 13 years resigned to move back to Adelaide and was succeeded by Mrs Kate Steel.

In the grounds a PWD team was on site in June to tidy up the longstanding Smale Court Erosion Project which included a path from the Infant building to the gate and improved drainage, costing \$12,000. In October the PWD was back to put flood lighting in the car park and Hall barbecue area. September saw the magpies swooping but it wasn't at the MCG!

February of the 1987 school year saw a steady school enrolment of 247 and the start of a year which consolidated programs already operating within the school. Special activities included the annual Operation Seedlift, a Rainbow Day in the infant school, International Week, an OPPS Grand Prix and an Open Day in October. The OPPSA Disco this year had a fancy dress theme. A \$1000 Bi-Centennial Grant ensured that planned programs and special activities were to be a highlight of 1988. A modem was purchased with the Grant enabling the school to link its computers to other schools, and to "Keylink" - a Ministry of Education Bulletin Board established for the exchange of curriculum and cultural material.

In sport OPPS football team were once again district premiers while the mums' "Oakwood Park" netball team formed over 8 years ago, was still operating.

Fundraising saw a Lapathon raise \$2250 towards the purchase of new sports equipment while a donation of \$1500 from the canteen was for the purchase of Reading materials. OPPSA donated \$1000 towards the purchase of a Pulsar 286 Computer for administration use with the Ministry of Education providing a further \$2500 towards the cost.

In the grounds the school received \$2400 from Westernport Region to further develop the eroded slope leading to the hand gate on the south-east boundary near Smale Court. A contractor was engaged to raise the height of the boundary



fence at the corner of Eloneria and Oakwood Avenues with one third of the cost being borne by the school.

The 1988 school year started with an enrolment of 256 and was to be a year in which the staff extended their skills to bring new and extended educational programs to the children.

In March the school's seven BBC computers were relocated in Room 2 and without a Computer Specialist Teacher, staff had to begin "learning the ropes". It was also the year computers "came to the classroom" as the school was able to purchase a stand-alone computer with funds received from a submission to the Ministry of Education. The school continued to use modem purchased with part of the Commonwealth Bi-Centennial Grant to link the school computer to those at other schools for the exchange of cultural and educational material.

Staff were involved in the Early Literacy Inservice Course (ELIC) and in June the Ministry offered the school a further Grant to develop the Literacy Key Group Project, a teacher/parent initiative designed to further improve the Literacy skills of children within the school.

Physical changes at the school included the re-roofing of the main building by the Ministry at the cost of \$12,000 plus the laying of carpet in Rooms 7,8,9 and 10 largely through a generous donation from the canteen. In September Jan Wilson MP visited the school to plant a commemorative Oak tree as part of State Education Week and in October the school was notified that it had once again won the A.N.A. Garden Prize for the District.

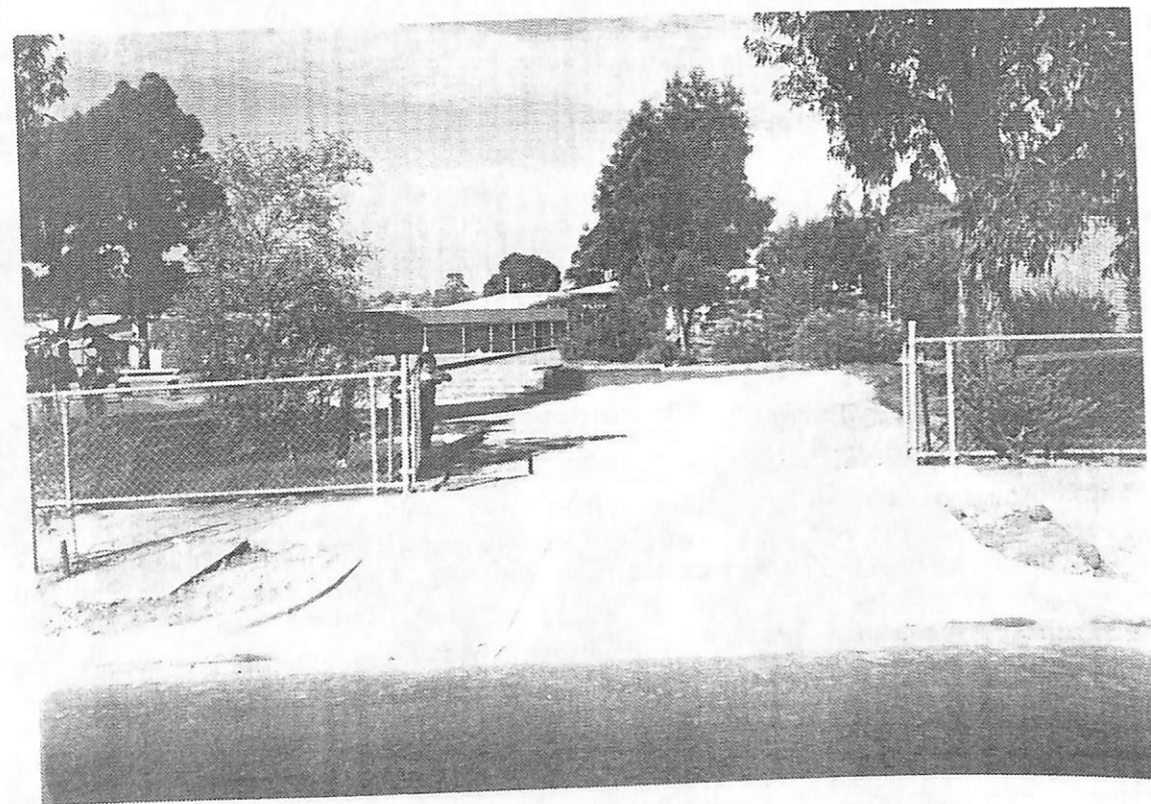
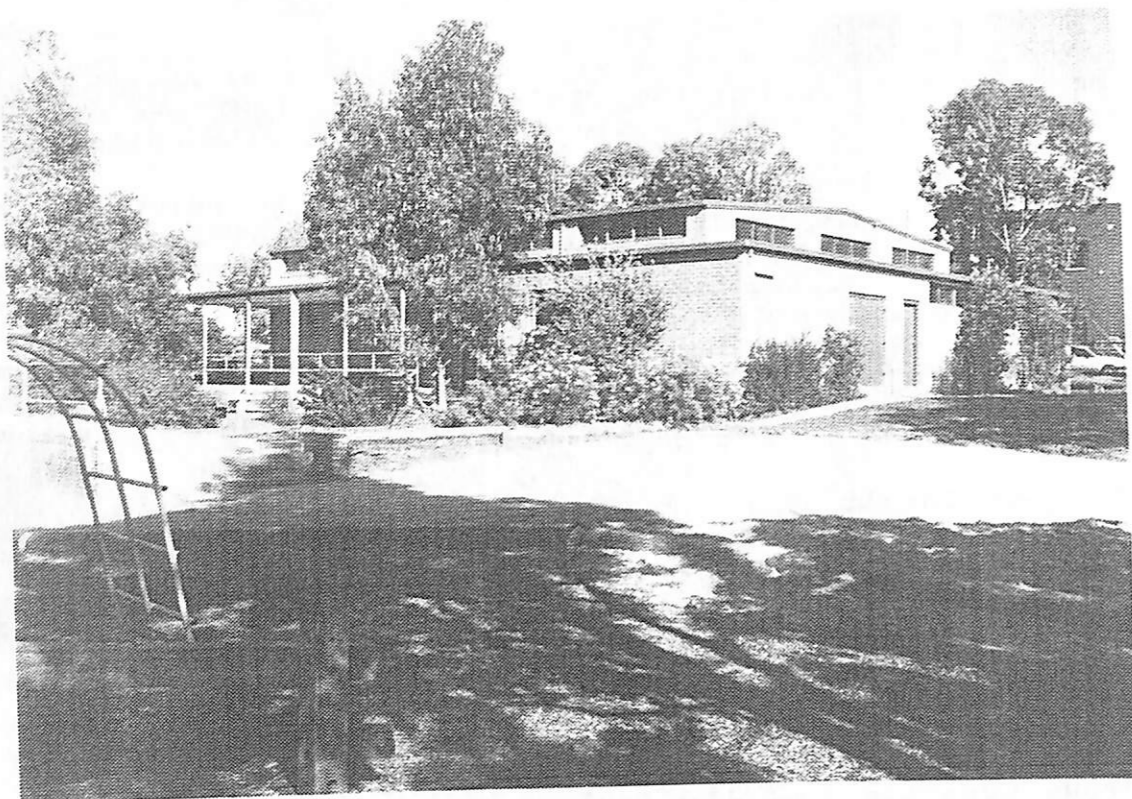
Fundraising was again successful this year and included an Obstacle lapathon to purchase sport/P.E. equipment, a World's Finest Chocolates Fund-raiser which raised \$1150 to upgrade playground equipment and the OPPSA Recipe Book which sold over 100 copies.

Another highly successful week of activities was experienced during Book Week and OPPS once again was performing in the Dandenong and District Arts Festival at Waverley Gardens. The OPPSA Disco this year had a Christmas theme and was free as a celebration of Australia's Bi-centenary.

Also in 1988: pies were 90 cents and OPPS track suits first went on sale.

At the commencement of the 1989 school year enrolment was 230. By the July School Census it was 240 of which 119 were non-English speaking backgrounds. An ESL (English as a Second Language) program is now a well established part of the school curriculum.

The year was a fairly quiet year with fund raising being a conspicuous feature. A Chocolate Drive early in the year raised \$2,350, the Book Bazaar raised over \$500 and the canteen was able to donate \$1500 towards new Reading and Language material by July. OPPSA donated \$1500 towards the



purchase of a new set of the World Book Encyclopaedias, new sports uniforms and play equipment for classrooms.

In February OPPSA contributed \$1000 towards new playground equipment and together with \$1000 from the canteen and \$2000 from the Ministry the equipment was installed and in use by the end of May.

This was also the year that it was decided to update the school's computer system to include a hard disk drive. This was to enable different programs to run on the seven computers simultaneously. Software was also upgraded to provide the children with the latest and most educationally suitable programs.

While parent support has always been evident in fund raising efforts at Oakwood Park the attendance of 108 adults and 104 children at the AGM and Sausage Sizzle had neighboring schools staggered and made the Dandenong Journal. Parent Information Nights held to explain educational programs to the parents at various levels in the school were very well attended as were the Education Week activities.

In May the school was notified that the staff had been selected to be the first in the district to be trained in the Canberra Literacy In-Service Program and in June OPSS joined the Dandenong Enrichment Program thereby involving OPSS children in a program to extend their abilities in a variety of curriculum areas.

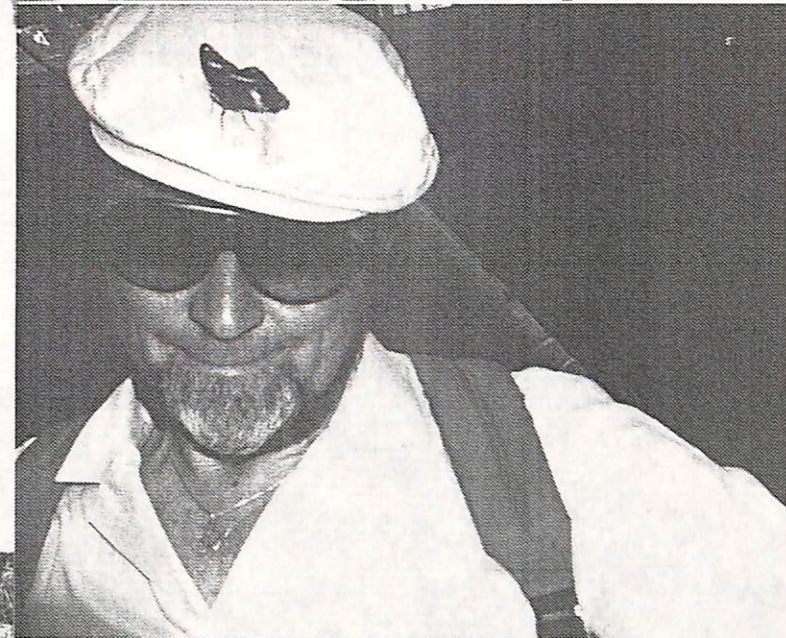
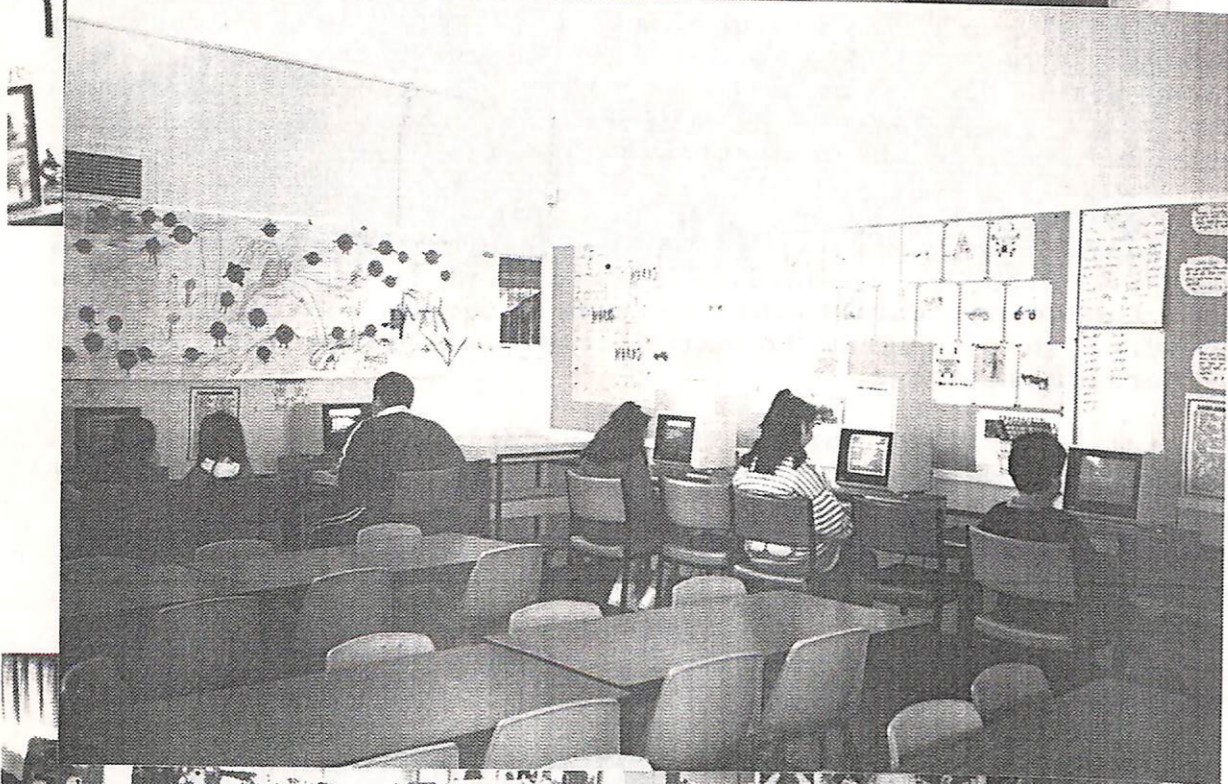
Special activities during the year included Book Week with a dress-up day and a sleep-in involving the Middle School Department, plus the OPPSA Disco.

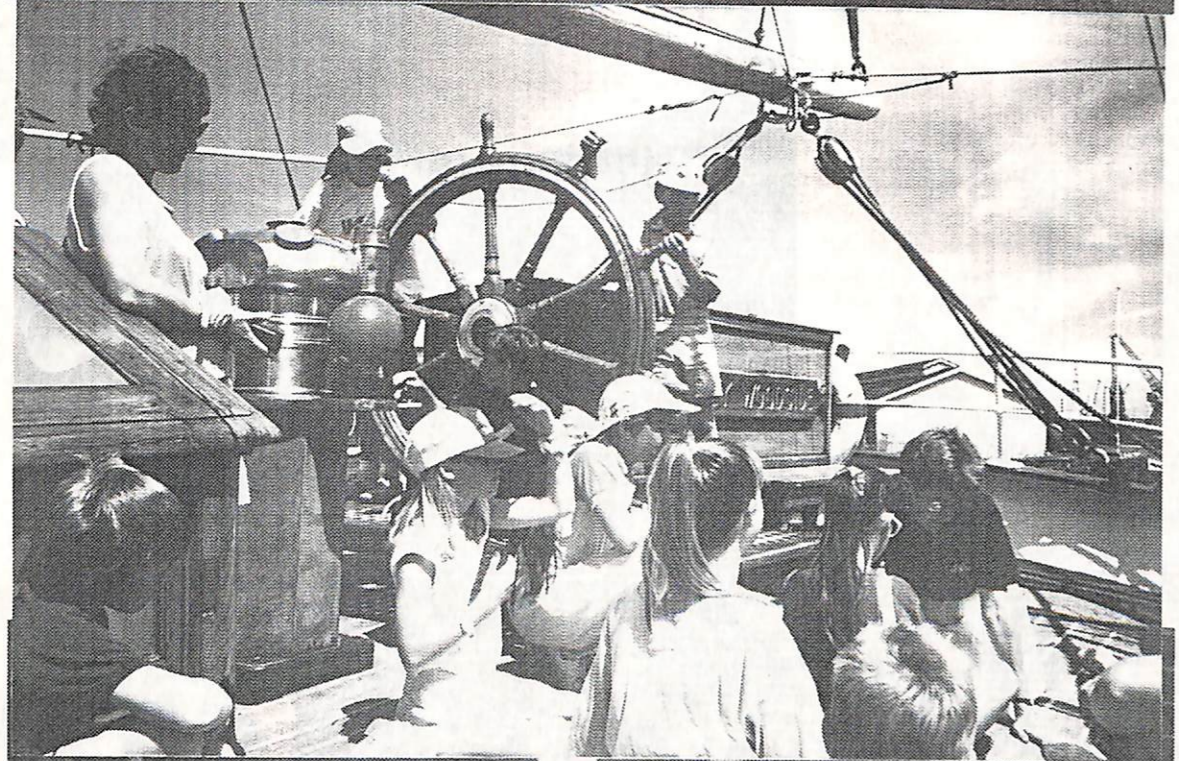
The end of year Graduation Dinner and Presentation Night for the Grade 6 students continues to be a popular function. The sit-down three course dinner traditionally prepared by the parents, plus the presentation of Graduation Certificates and Oakwood Park Bannerettes by the Principal and School Council President, provides a fitting finale to the seven years of schooling the senior students have just completed.

Also in 1989: The ghastly orange window frames on the canteen and Art/Craft Room were finally painted a more subdued color!

Moving into the 1990's enrolment is on the increase with 259 children enrolled in February.

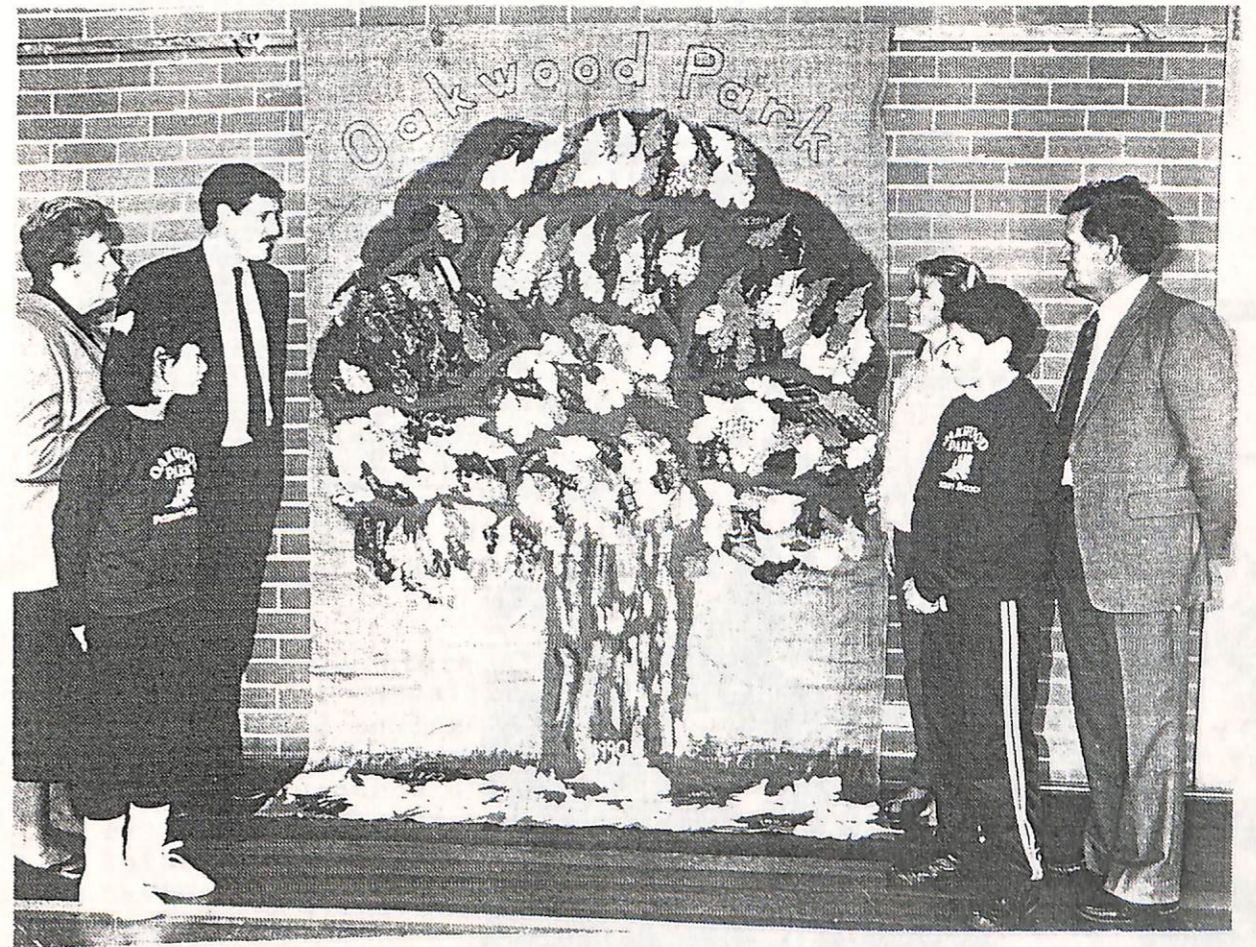
The AGM & Sausage Sizzle in March saw approximately 150 people supporting the school. Fundraising is once again a feature of the parent commitment to the education of their children. By May a Chocolate Drive has raised around \$2000, OPPSA has contributed a total of \$2700 towards Reading and Language material (\$1000), Computer Education material (\$750) and Sport & P.E. equipment (\$1000) and the Canteen has donated \$1500 towards the purchase of new Library books.





In Term 2 the school was delighted to be informed that it was is to receive a special grant of \$3450 from the Ministry to extend the Computer Education Program into the area of LOGO. This has enabled the school to purchase a BBC Master Computer Hard disk and sideways ram for the networked computer, plus two logotechnic floor "turtles".

As education moves forward into the 1990's Oakwood Park Primary is proud to be able to offer its students the latest in educational programs, a dedicated teaching and administrative staff, a wide range of constantly updated equipment and learning materials and a pleasant physical environment in which to work and play. Oakwood Park Primary School is appreciative of the support given both financially and personally by staff, parents and students and is confident that with the continuation of such wonderful support Oakwood Park will continue to be in the forefront of education throughout the 1990's and on into the 21st century.





Past ~ Present ~ Future

No school history ever does justice to the hundreds of people who have contributed to the life of a school. Our publication "Twenty-Five Years On" is no exception, but we have done our best. In our search through old records, so faithfully and carefully preserved by our predecessors, we discovered time and time again, graphic evidence of commitment, service and achievement.

From the modest beginnings in 1965, when the first eight permanent buildings were erected on the 5.16 acre (2.06 hectare) site, it required extraordinary vision to perceive the growth and development that would transpire in the two and a half decades now completed.

The foundation Principal, Mr Francis W. Wood, the School Committee led by Mr Peter Cousins, the Mothers' Club with first President Mrs M. Grylls and the parents of the children attending the school, obviously had that vision.

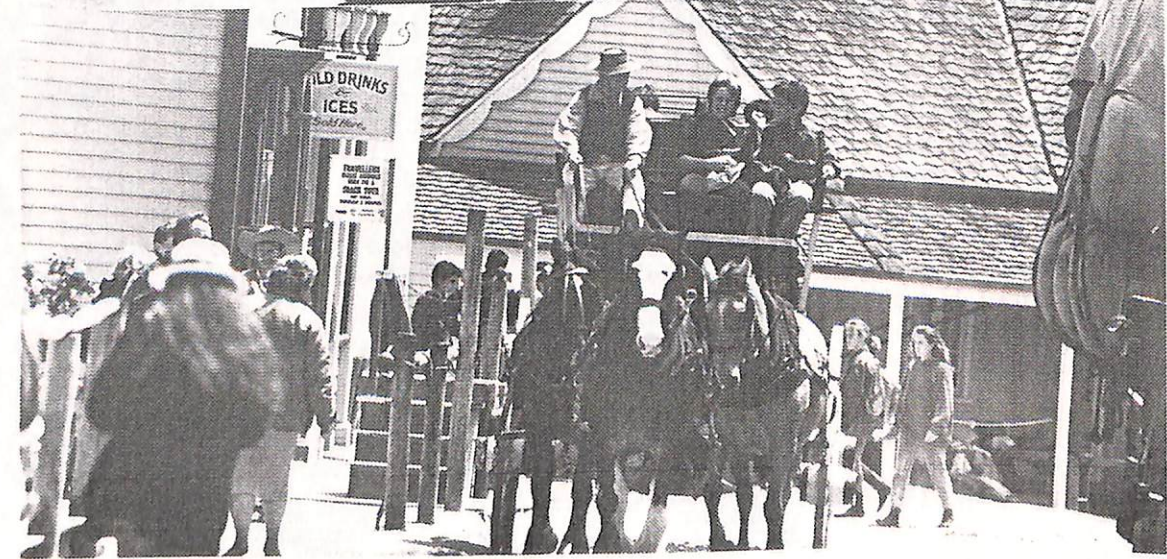
From their lead, plus the commitment and fund-raising capacity of those who followed, our present and past students have benefited from the provision of the

Francis W. Wood Library
 McMinn Gardens
 A.M. Fisher Oval
 Hellyer Arts and Craft Centre (and Canteen)
 T.W. McPherson School/Community Hall,

plus a myriad of materials and resources to support the school's educational programs.

In more recent years, locally generated funds from OPPSA, Canteen and the Hall Hire, together with generous Government funding through the Ministry's Minor Works Program have provided:

- * Extensive adventure playground equipment for general play and physical education programs.
- * Barbecue and paving adjacent to the Hall.
- * Greatly improved drainage in the areas facing Smale Court.
- * Extensive grounds and buildings improvements including the re-roofing of the main building. The re-roofing of the Infant building is scheduled for 1990-91.
- * Seven networked BBC computers with Hard Disk and RAM, plus two stand-alone computers that can be moved from room to room.
- * Books for the school's Language Program and for the Library.
- * Teaching and learning materials for the school's



- Multi-Activity Centres (MAC) - an exciting new development at Oakwood Park.
- * Roman Rings and High Jump mat for gymnastics and Physical Education.
 - * New uniforms for sporting teams.

As summarised in our School Prospectus, Oakwood Park is an established primary school with

"extensive facilities and a proven tradition of academic achievement and excellence.

The school has high expectations of its students in attitude, effort and behavior and encourages students to develop to their fullest potential in a range of areas -academic, sporting, cultural and social. The children are encouraged to wear the school uniform.

The school is organised on traditional age/grade lines and promotes the traditional values in education of literacy and numeracy.

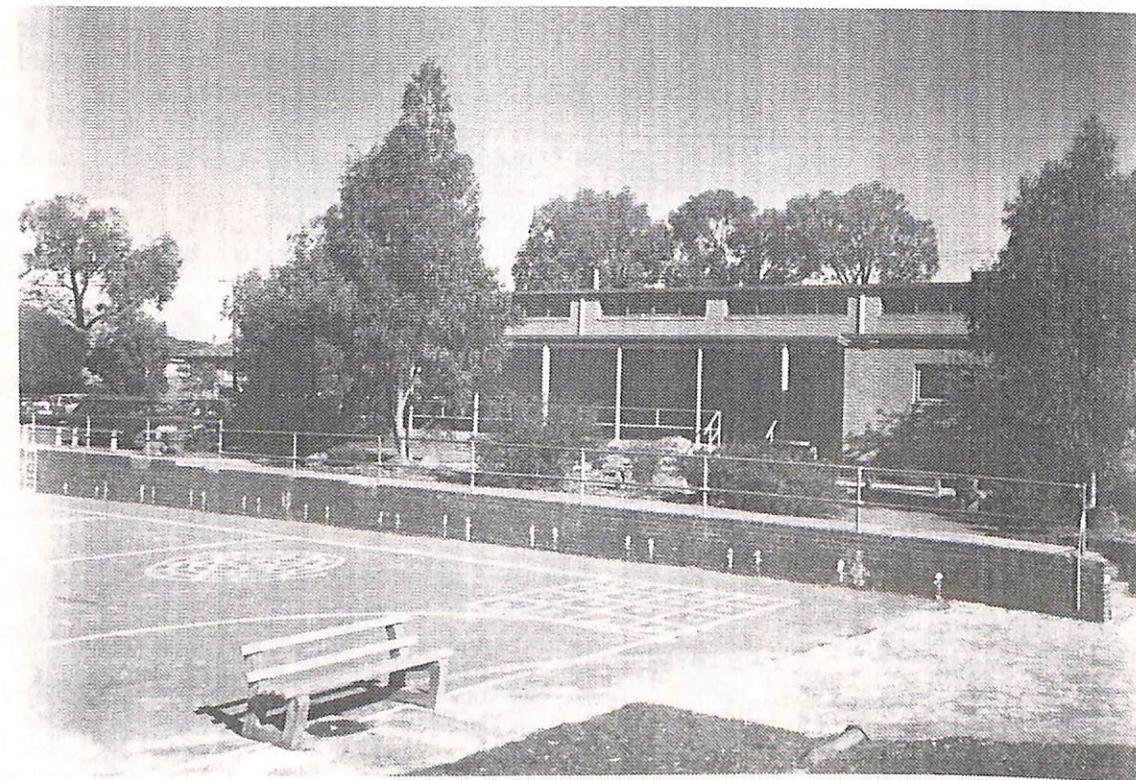
In endeavouring to provide our children with the best possible education, Oakwood Park Primary School is also progressive, introducing the best of modern developments in education."

Current curriculum initiatives include - English as a Second Language (ESL), Perceptual Motor Program (PMP), Mathematical Problem Solving (Think Tank), Computer Education including Logo and Turtle Logo (Robotics), Developmental Activities through Multi-Activity Centres (MAC and DA), Legotechnics, a Camping and Excursion Program, and an after-school Sports Program sponsored by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

Well done Oakwood Park Primary School! You can be justly proud of your first twenty-five years.

May the commitment and achievements you have enjoyed in the past continue in the future to launch you into another twenty-five years of community service.

John C. Young
Principal



The Co-operative Society

In 1972 the School Committee sponsored the formation of a school co-operative to obtain finance to construct the Art/Craft Centre and Canteen. The capital structure of the Co-operative provided for the issue of 11,500 shares of \$1 each, initially paid to 10 cents. This left \$10,350 in uncalled capital, which was necessary to obtain a Victorian Government guarantee for a State Bank loan of \$10,000. The repayment of this first loan was completed in December 1975.

The Foundation Directors

Trevor Harding (Chairman)
 Mervyn O'Keefe (Treasurer/Secretary)
 R.H. Laverty
 A.M. Van Es
 Colin Tiacci

June 6th 1972

Alotment of 11,500 shares.

Minute: "R.T. Harding handed to the Secretary, M. O'Keefe, a cheque for \$1150 from the Oakwood Park State School Parents' Committee, in payment ten cents per share application money - for share applications held by the Secretary."

The Secretary tabled the share applications to the meeting.

The Art/Craft Room - Canteen Project 1972-1975

June 1972 - Original loan from State Bank \$10,000.

Balance outstanding on State Bank Loan:

June	1973	\$9871.25
August	1974	\$4115.25
June	1975	\$2975.30
September	1975	\$1673.23
December	1975	Loan paid out in full.

The Co-Operative Society & the School Community Hall 1977-90

July 1977 - Retiring Directors T.Harding, M.O'Keefe and R.Laverty thanked for their outstanding service to the Co-op since its inception.

Three new Directors: Eric Wilson, Vicki De Koning, John Gregson with Mr T.W. McPherson as Secretary.

November 28th 1977

"At a special meeting of shareholders it was moved V.De Koning, seconded E.Wilson that:

'1. The shareholders support the project of the School Council in providing a General Purpose Hall at the school.

2. That in order to provide the necessary financial support:
- (a) The number of shares issued be increased from 11,500 to 30,000.
 - (b) That a Government guaranteed loan be raised when plans and contracts are finalised and Education Department approval and subsidy received.' - CARRIED

March 5th 1980 Highlights of the 8th Annual General Meeting

- * The Co-operative increased its number of shares to 30,000 and its number of shareholders to 48.
- * A cheque from Oakwood Park Primary School Council for \$1850 was received as application money for 18500 shares at 10 cents per share.
- * The Co-operative obtained a \$24,000 loan from the State Savings Bank of Victoria to assist in the construction of the Multi-Purpose Hall.
- * The loan is repayable over 11 years by quarterly instalments of \$900 including interest at 9.75% per annum.
- * A Government guarantee for the loan has been received.
- * School Council has approved a motion that a minimum of \$10,000 be set aside in Fixed Deposit Stock for the sole purpose of repayment of the Co-Op loan, or part thereof, for the security of shareholders.
- * A.M. Van Es, E.L. Wilson and J. Gregson retired as Directors in 1979 and C. Siacci in 1980. All were thanked for their valued service to the Co-operative.
- * New Directors: Ross Verrell, R.B. Scotland and W.D. Melis.

March 30th 1981 Highlights of the 9th Annual General Meeting

- * Interest rate on loan increases from 9.75% to 10.5% then 11.5%.
- * Repayments would continue at \$927.00 per quarter with the term of the loan being extended by two years. (NB. This will mean that the loan will be paid out in 1993).
- * Co-operative requested that School Council consider that:-
"School Council to set aside \$10,000 in Fixed Deposit Stock for the security of shareholders can only be rescinded at an extraordinary general meeting with the Directors of the Co-operative being advised in writing."

1982 - 1987

- * New Directors: R. Godbehere, B. Hancock.

1986 Highlights of the 14th Annual General Meeting

- * The Chairman, Bryan Hancock, reported that during 1985 the loan from the State Bank was further reduced, the Principal still outstanding being \$17,110.85.
- * Interest rate now 13.5% per annum.
- * Co-operative short of new shareholders.
- * The Directors of the Co-operative attended a Special Meeting of the School Council on 3rd March 1986 and after discussion agreed that \$5000 of the invested \$10000 in the Fixed Deposit Stock be transferred to the School Council General Account to assist in the purchase of computers for use by pupils at the school. It was recommended that the funds so used be repaid within two years.

1987 Highlights of the 15th Annual General Meeting

- * Principal on loan outstanding 31/12/1986 was \$15,436.58.
- * Interest Rate still 13.5%.
- * Directors notified that the \$5000 transferred from Fixed Deposit Stock to purchase computers had been paid back in full.
- * W. Melis and R. Scotland retire as Directors.
- * New Directors: Mark Berry and Jan Hee.
- * New shareholders applications have been accepted and more applications are forthcoming.

1988 Highlights of 16th Annual General Meeting

- * Principal outstanding \$13,518.97 with Interest Rate at 13.5%.
- * During 1987 twenty-four parcels of shares were transferred to new shareholders.
- * Ross Verrell, Bryan Hancock and Vicki De Koning (Secretary for twelve years) retire as Directors and are thanked for the outstanding service they have rendered to the Co-operative over many years.
- * New Director - Denise Hill.

1989 Highlights of the 17th Annual General Meeting

- * Principal outstanding 31/12/88 was \$11,329.16 with the Interest Rate at 13.5%.
- * Retiring Directors - Denise Hill and Mark Berry.
- * New Directors - Hilda Van Woudenberg, Rosalie Baliz and John Young.

1990 Highlights of the 18th Annual General Meeting

- * Principal outstanding 31/12/89 was \$8,831.92 with the Interest Rate at 13.5%.
- * Retiring Directors - Jan Hee and R. Baliz.
- * Present Directors: Bryan Fewkes (Chairman)
Peter Muir (Treasurer)
John Young (Secretary)
Hilda Van Woudenberg
Robert Church

August 1990

- * Principal outstanding \$7,338.27 at 13.5% Interest Rate.
- * Directors to recommend to School Council that up to \$7,000 of the \$10,000 on investment with Capital Building Society be transferred to the Council Official Account to cover the cost of the acoustic attenuation, refurbishment and maintenance of the T.W. McPherson School Community Hall and associated car park.

The Co-operative Society continues to play an important role in the development and maintenance of the Oakwood Park Primary School and the valuable work done by the Directors over the past 18 years is sincerely appreciated by all who use the facilities and equipment it has played a role in providing.

J.C. Young
Secretary

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Original School Committee

President	Mr P. Cousins
Treasurer	Mr H. Moulis
Secretary	Mrs I. Hellyer
	Mr K. Baker
	Mr J. Crook
	Mr A. Fisher
	Mr A. Hoystead
	Mr P. Turner
	Mrs M. White

Original Staff

Mr F.P. Wood	(Head Master)
Mr W.J. Reid	
Mr L.K. Donnelly	
Mrs R.J. Price	
Mrs K. Nissen	
Miss E. Butt	
Miss C. Guppy	

Original Mothers' Club Office Bearers

President	Mrs M. Grylls
Vice-President	Mrs G. Bailey
Treasurer	Mrs E. Price
Secretary	Mrs S. Perham



1990

Current School Council

President	Mr Bryan Fewkes
Vice-President	Mr John Hughes
Treasurer	Mr Peter Muir
Secretary	Mr John Young
	Mr Robert Church
	Mr Ian Gloster
	Mrs Hilda Van Woudenberg
	Mr Alan Morris
	Mrs Jillian Feinberg
	Mr Adrian Bol
	Mrs Geraldine Pitts
	Mrs Jennifer Wilson
	Mrs Ann Kilby
	Mrs Anna Culibrk
	Mrs Rosemary McLeod

Current Staff

Mr John C. Young (Principal)
Mr Alan Morris (Deputy Principal)
Mrs Rosemary McLeod
Mr Adrian Bol
Mrs Jillian Feinberg
Miss Cheryl Ackland
Mrs Karen Doran
Mrs Jocelyn Owen
Mrs Geraldine Pitts
Mrs Jennifer Wilson
Mrs Ann Kilby
Mrs Anne Tynan
Mrs Jennifer Cullen
Mrs Elaine Davies
Mrs Glenda Paterson
Miss Vicki Parathira

Ancilliary Staff

Mrs Kate Steel (School Secretary)
Mr Greg Monea
Mrs Carol Dodd
Mrs Anne Van Ousow

OPPSA Committee Members

Joint President	Mrs Pam Buck
Joint President	Mrs Jenny Cook
Junior Vice President	Mrs Kathy Ferguson
Secretary	Mrs Maureen Collins
Minute Secretary	Mrs Rosemary McLeod
Treasurer	Mr Alan Morris
School Principal	Mr John Young



