

Dandenong School 1403 *8.8.94*
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Anniversary party plans for for old school

DANDENONG'S third-oldest primary school, Dandenong North, in Cleeland Street, will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year.

The school has plenty planned for the anniversary on 20 November from 11 am to 3 pm ... displays of memorabilia, a classroom being set up in the style of the 1950s and a special international food hall.

Taking particular interest in the celebrations will be teachers Jim Sawford and Lorraine Macartney, both of whom have taught at the school for more than 20 years.

They taught children whose children are now at the school.

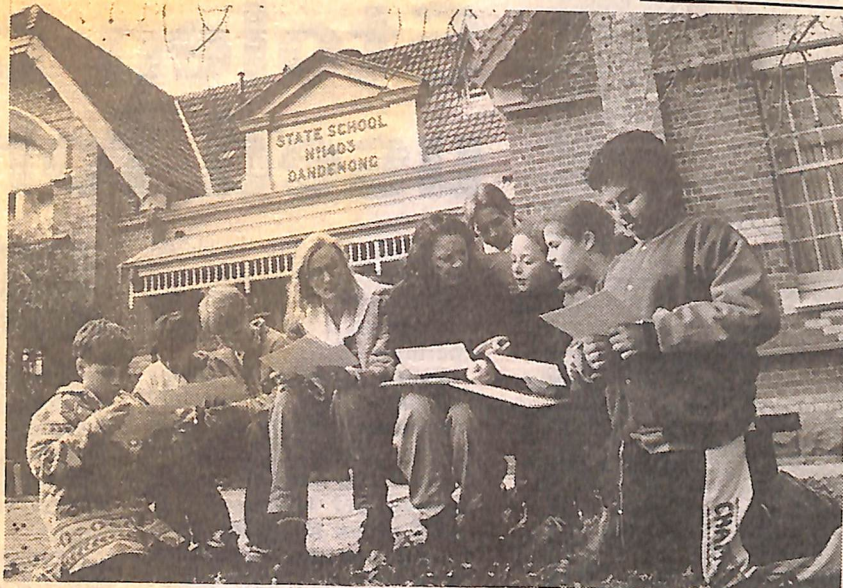
The school has an enrolment of slightly more than 400 and a teaching staff of 221. The enrolment has reached more than 500 in the past, though the highest number in recent years has been 440.

Mrs Jenny McKay, wife of principal Kevin McKay, said there were also staff at the school who had been students.

"We believe that Dandenong is the oldest primary school, followed by Dandenong West," she said.

"We have tried to foster an atmosphere of a family school."

For further details ring 794 7899.



PARENTS *Stephane Kadwell, left, and Lois Kennaugh show grade six pupils Nathaniel, Lawrence, Jacob, Jennifer, Anne, Angela and Mauran old pictures of the school.*

School birthday

DANDENONG Primary School 1403, in Foster Street, which is thought to be the city's oldest primary school, will celebrate its 120th birthday on Sunday, 30 October, (Melbourne Cup weekend), at a special reunion.

An aim of the inaugural organising committee is for the school to be added to the municipal list of historical buildings under the urban conservation scheme.

Wheels have already been set in motion by two parents of present pupils, and two ex-students (one also a former teacher) to obtain this listing.

Working quietly, but tirelessly behind the scenes are Ms Stephanie Kadwell, a parent and school council member (Stephanie is not an ex-student) another parent Mrs Lois Kennaugh and former student and teacher, Mrs Dianne Wright, (nee Dalgleish).

Memorabilia is being sought for the celebrations and historical data is being dug up through archives, in particular 'The Journal' files.

"We aim to contact as many former students, parents of students, teachers, all who have been connected with the school, as possible," Ms Kadwell said.

Ms Kadwell invites inquiries at the school, 792 2743, or on 791 1941.

Following planning and preliminary work of the four original instigators of the reunion, the organisers met with the new school principal, Mr David Crozier, ex-student Mr Barry Simon and the president of the Dandenong Historical Society, Mr Alan Ferguson, on 28 July to plan the anniversary's itinerary.

The reunion committee will again meet on 18 August at 8 pm, probably in the school staff room.