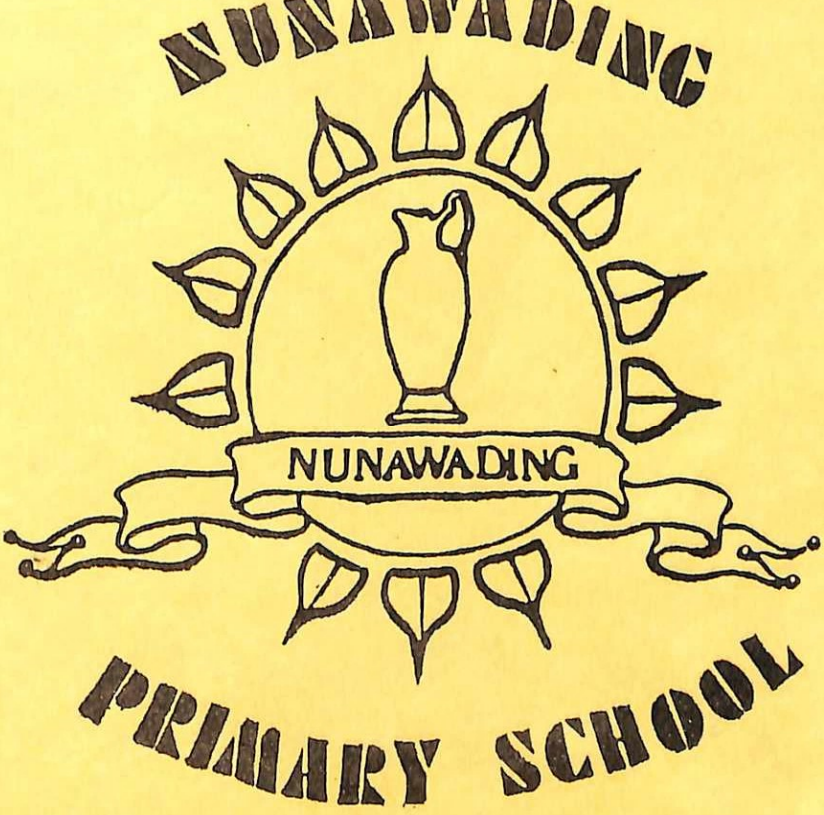
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# HISTORY OF NUNAWADING PRIMARY SCHOOL. NO 4190.

1923 - 1985.

FORMERLY TUNSTALL STATE SCHOOL. NO 4190

1923 - 1948.

Written by Lesley May.

"Show a child the way,
This is the aim of the school."

Grateful acknowledgements to:-

Mr. Ed Hill. Principal 1985.
Mrs. Dorothy Battersby.
Mr. Tom Knox.
Mr. Fred Cottle.
Mrs. Murray.
Mrs. Kendall.
Mrs. E. Jarvis.
Mr. Alan Jarvis.
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# HISTORY OF NUNAWADING PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.4190.

Above the front door of the dark red brick building, on a facade almost hidden by a barrier of native trees, is a time worn faded sign. Just visable it reads:

"Tunstall School No 4190."

Development of the district now known as Nunawading has been from a tree covered bushland in 1854, progressing into growing fruit and berries, quarrying local stone and up to 1920's, was an area of orchards and small farms.

With the opening of the railway line from Hawthorn to Lilydale in 1882, industry expanded, particularly as the local clay was found to be similar to that of the famous pottery works at Tunstall, England. And so our district was named.

Sales of land remained slow until the early 1920's when areas around the railway stations at Blackburn, Tunstall and Mitcham were subdivided and sold.

Prior to 1920, only 3 schools had been established in the area. In 1869 a school was established on the corner of Canterbury and Mitcham roads in Vermont. Land was purchased in Blackburn in 1886 and the school opened in 1890 and land for the Mitcham school was purchased in 1887.

Because these 3 schools were spread over a large area, as early as 1920 letters were being forwarded to the Director of Education, agitating for a school to be built in the central Tunstall area. Mr. E. Husband writes on 23/11/20 that "a school in needed between Vermont and Blackburn." He states there are 3 areas available which he considers are suitable for a school.

A petition was taken up and signed by 64 children requesting the establishment of a local school. These children were currently attending either Blackburn or Mitcham and some were walking up to 2 miles daily.

Mrs. A.C. Phillips of Springvale Road Tunstall, in a letter dated 22/5/23 and addressed to the Director of Education writes "about 8 years ago I was promised a school for children under 10 years of age if an attendance of 24 children could be guaranteed and got eventually the names of 64 children."

Mrs. E.W. Pepperell, also of Springvale Road on 28/10/23 writes that "the Blackburn school is a splendid school but it is over 2 miles from our place which is on the south side of Whitehorse Road.Blackburn, Vermont and Mitcham are all 2 miles at least.

A public meeting was called and held at Tunstall on 10/5/23. At this meeting it was unanimously decided that the time had arrived when a state school should be established at Tunstall. A committee was formed with instructions to ascertain the names and ages of children who should attend the school when established and the same committee were also instructed to advertise in the local paper for suitable sites on which to build.

In reply to the advertisement in 'The Reporter' on May 25th 1923, several landowners, including Ernest Clifton, J.D. McIntyre, T.S. Sargeant, George Chugg Snr, Carl Anderson and Herbert Summerscales offered plots.

The Hon. Secretary of the committee, H.J. Gray, in a memo to the Minister of Education on 14/6/23, requests that the District Inspector confers with residents on a saturday afternoon regarding the establishment of a school.

Presumably as a result of the advertising for land, the Methodist Church offered the use of their hall as a temporary measure. The hall measured 40' x 20' and had recently been moved from Preston. The hall was situated on Whitehorse Road, just at the back of the Tunstall Railway Station.

On 29/9/23 it was officially recorded that the Minister had approved the establishment of the much needed state school. The Methodist Church had accepted the rental offered and W.L. Holham, Methodist Minister, in a letter of 16/10/23 advises that "as the furniture will be received on 24th October, the building is ready for occupation."

And so school opened in the Church Hall early November under temporary head teacher Henry Tysoe.

The choice of the proposed site began with several blocks both north and south of the railway line being offered. Herbert Summerscales block of 4 acres on the north side was for sale for £1,000 and 3 other sites, including C. Husbands block of 3 acres at £1,500. Before the site could be finally selected, a letter was sent by Sir Alex Peacock KCMG MLA on 31/10/23 requesting that the Government Valuer make his report only after interviewing the local residents. There were objections to Summerscales block, the main one being that his 4 acres was directly opposite a boning mill.

Nellie Gray of Springvale Road, Tunstall on 23/11/23 writes, strongly objecting to that particular block.

"The Education Department is committing an egregious error which is likely to wake a storm of obliquiry and indignant protest, a great obstacle to the progress of Tunstall.

.....Should this particular site be chosen, a school erected thereon would be a white elephant as parents are emphatic in their determination to boycott it entirely. The Education Department, regarded by all as <u>the</u> great advocate of Health, should realize what consummate madness it would be to build a school adjacent to such a hot bed of filth."

Several people recorded opinions in favour of the 2 opposing sides. Mrs. Mary Sheahan is in favour of the north side.

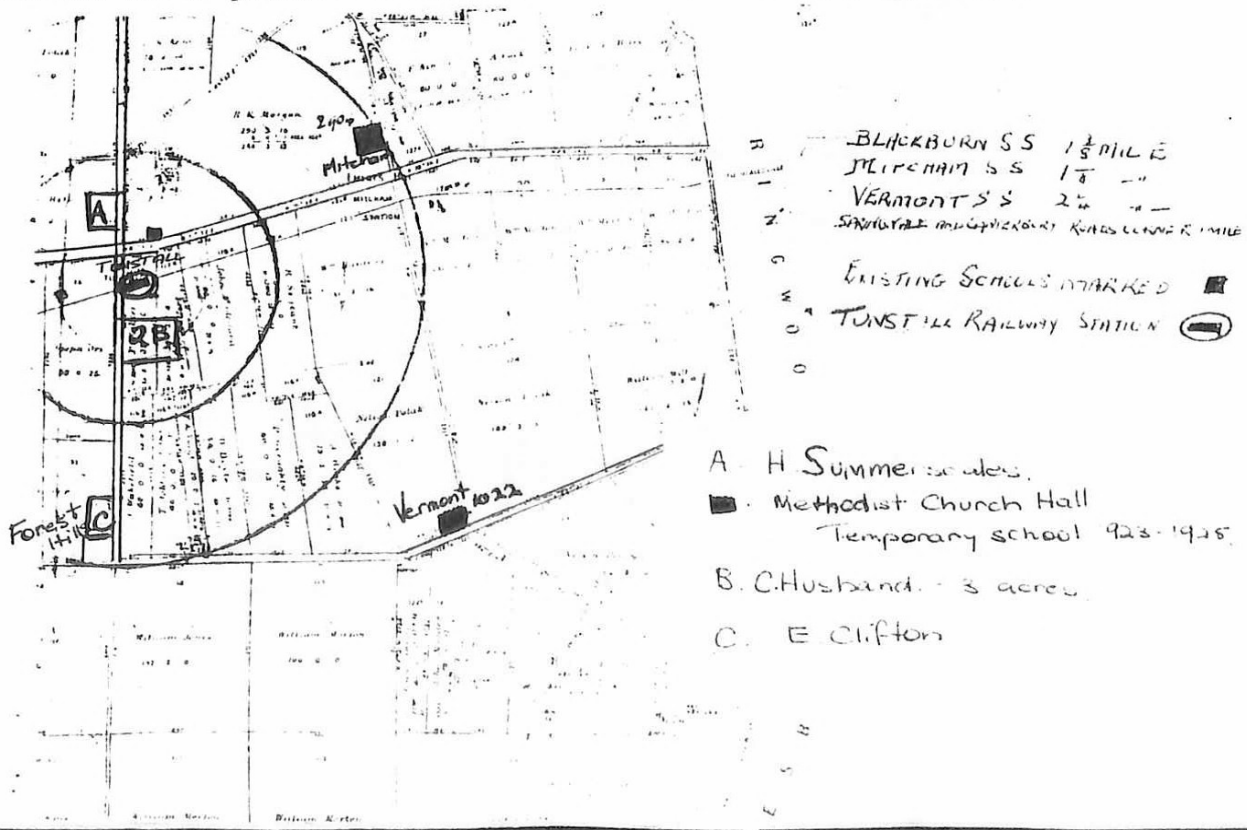
"I would like to speak in favour of the north side. It is a nice sheltered spot among the gums, well removed from the noise of Whitehorse Road traffic as well as that of the trains.....We are also given to understand that almost immediately, the water is to be laid along Springvale Road - on the side adjoining the site."

Letters from M. Vail and N. Gray both point out that the school needs to be on the south side of the railway line.

Mrs. W.E. Pepperell suggests that, because value of land is increasing rapidly, other blocks which could be suitable for a school have been sold and she is strongly in favour of purchasing an area quickly. She also points out the fact that the Methodist hall is unsuitable as there are already 60 children attending after being open for only one week.

In a memo to the Public Works Department in December, the Education Department points out that the sites have been inspected and the choice has narrowed down to Summerscales on the north side and Husbands on the south side. Mr. C. Husband had requested of the Hon. W. Tyner in late November that he use his influence and secure the land quickly as, since the visit of the Inspector, 2 of the submitted sites have been privately sold.

Still controversy over the choice of sites. From a memo to the P.W.D. it is learnt that Summerscales is still for sale at £1,000, Husbands now £1,500 (previously £2,000) and an extra 4 acre block surther south belonging to E.Clifton for £700. Mr. Tyner MLC is advised on 14/1/24 that "when a report is received from the District Inspector, the Department will be in a position to deal further on the matter."



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Roll No. 4/17/50 Dated 15/2/ 1924

Registered 1924

Mr Summerscales.

Called & handed in the attd press cutting.

Sug. that the Dept was awaiting a report from D.I. in regard to the selection of a central site.

## SUBDIVISIONAL SALE.

BYRNE'S ESTATE, TUNSTALL.

At Tunstall on Saturday afternoon Messrs. H. C. Costello and Co. conducted a sale in connection with Byrne's Estate, Tunstall. The property is situated a short distance north of the railway station. A marquee was erected on the land for the occasion, and there was a good attendance.

In his opening remarks, the auctioneer referred to the advantages of Tunstall from a residential point of view. He pointed out that land was obtainable there more reasonably than at other places along the line. Reference was made to the development that had taken place at Blackburn and Kingswood, and it was anticipated that there would be similar progress at Tunstall. Hitherto the absence of a water service had been the drawback, but this was now to be overcome, and the district would reap the benefit. Tunstall, it was pointed out, was 454 feet above sea level, so that the situation could not be excelled. With reference to the progress along this line, it was mentioned that no fewer than 327 houses were erected in Box Hill last year. The advancement at Blackburn had also been most marked, and Tunstall, with its excellent train service, and assured water supply, was certain to make headway as population increased.

With respect to the estate offered, the number of allotments submitted totalled 55. A good many of these were disposed of, and the balance are to be sold privately. Keen interest was taken in the sale, especially by local residents, and the bidding was very fair, though in some instances the price offered were not quite as high as were expected. For an allotment at the corner of Tunstall avenue and Springvale road, £2/3/ per foot was obtained. Some adjoining lots fronting Springvale road brought £2, 35/, and 34/ per foot. The lowest offer for this area was 33/ per foot, which was considered to be less than its value. Allotments in different parts of the estate were submitted. For lots fronting Tunstall avenue up to 28/ per foot was secured, while blocks facing O'Shannessy street, running through the centre of the property, were knocked down at 37/ and 36/ per foot. One lot fronting Springvale road was sold for £50, and another for 23/ per foot. There was a demand for allotments facing Nicholson street, and a number were sold at from 26/ to 24/ per foot.

It was the first sale of the kind held in Tunstall for some time, and now that a start has been made, there will, no doubt, be further development, as it is felt that this district will keep pace with other places along the line, by reason of its excellent situation. Sales amounted to £2869 13/6.

Press Cutting from land sale in Tunstall in February 1924

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Sales amounted to £2,869/13/6.

It is not until 1/3/24 that District Inspector W. Henderson finally makes up his mind between the 3 areas.

"In my opinion the Education Department should purchase Site 2 on the plan known as Summerscales block and on the site erect a building to accommodate 150 pupils.

This decision is confirmed in a letter from the Public Works Department on 14/3/24, signed by the Government Valuer, saying "that H. Summerscales will accept £950 for the land, a reasonable price and purchase is recommended."

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

MELBOURNE, 2nd. October 1924

Re State School TUNSTALL No 4190

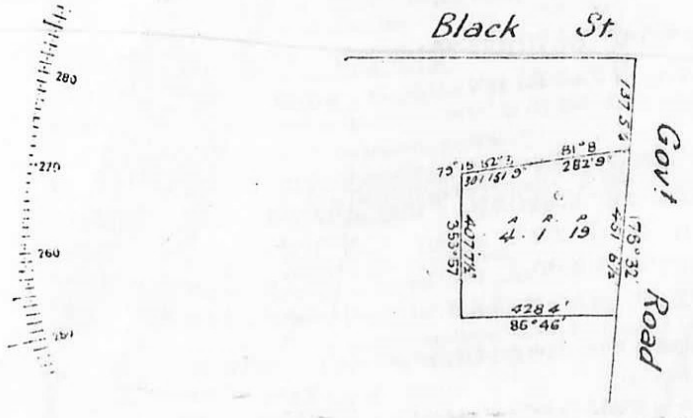
New Site

I have to inform you that the transfer of certain land at Tunstall to the Minister of Public Instruction has been registered. The name of the Vendor is Herbert Summerscales and the amount of the purchase money was £950/-/- Tracing enclosed, showing be red color the land transferred. The date of the Minister's Title is 24 th. June 1924

Your obedient Servant,

SECRETARY

The Secretary,
Education Department.




At a meeting of the Tunstall School Mother's Guild in March 1924, those present decided to voice their displeasure towards the Education Department over the time taken to select a school site and displeasure also at the site finally chosen.

"after the election of officers, the vexed question of the school site was introduced.....20 voted for the south side, 5 for the north....The meeting was unaminously of the opinion that the department had shown scant courtesy and little consideration to Tunstall residents."

In a memo dated 2/4/24, "the decision to purchase was reached after the Honourable Minister had given fullest consideration. He is not prepared to alter his decision."

And still there were more families not content with the decision to purchase Summerscales block. A page of objections was lodged including:-

1. Not favoured by and will not suit those who most need the school and agitated for it.
2. The site is in an isolated position on the outskirts of settlement.
3. The land is an excessive price considering the location.
4. Opposite the boning mills.
5. Will impede future development.
6. If 2 schools are necessary, one for the south and one for the north, the south should receive precedence.

However, during the time it took to decide upon a site and elect to build the school, Tunstall School No 4190 had operated in the Methodist Church hall.

In March 1924, James Grimshaw, headteacher, reports there were 80 children and 3 teachers working in a hall which had insufficient lighting, no classrooms and no fireplaces.

Fred Cottle started school during 1924 as a 5 year old and remembers Mr. Grimshaw as a stern man who sported a little mustache.

Conditions were rapidly becoming overcrowded in the Church hall and Mr. Grimshaw suggested, as the Methodist Church Trustees did not wish to have the lease renewed, the Education Department should have the new school ready for occupation when the lease expired.

Local residents were beginning to take an interest in the progress of the school. £12 was raised from a concert, money the organizers wanted to spend on the new school, not the hall. Mr. I.B. Robinson, secretary of the school committee urged Mr. Groves MLA to see the Minister for Education and the Secretary of Public Works and press for immediate action to see the proposed school under way.

# PUPILS' REGISTER.

STATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT Junstall

No. 4190

## DIRECTIONS.

1. Col. 1.—*Register Number.*—The numbers are to be consecutive, commencing with No. 1.

If the columns are filled up before a child leaves the School, his name is to be re-entered and a new register number given as for a new pupil, but the former register number should be written underneath, thus, $\frac{23}{6}$. In no other case should a new register number be given. To facilitate reference, an index will be supplied to Town Schools.

2. Col. 2.—*Name.*

(1) Enter the Names of the children in the order in which they are admitted to the School. Christian Names are to be in full and to be entered after the Surname.

(2) Children's Names should be entered directly they are admitted to the School.

3. Cols. 3–5.—*Date of Birth.*

Enter day, month, and year of child's birth from Admission Form.

4. Col. 6.—*Date of Admission.*

Enter day, month, and year in the following manner:—.

4/6/25 for 4th June, 1925.
27/1/26 for 27th January, 1926.

5. Col. 7.—*Name of Parent or Guardian.*
Col. 8.—*Residence of Parent or Guardian.*
Col. 9.—*Distance from School.*
Col. 10.—*Occupation of Parent or Guardian*
Col. 11.—*School last attended.*
Col. 12.—*Date of last attendance at former School.*
Col. 13.—*Grade at former School.*

(a) The required information must be entered at the time of the child's registration.

(b) Distance from School must be computed as along the nearest practicable road, and entered in miles and fractions of mile, *e.g.*, 1, 1½, 1¼, and so on.

(c) [illegible] for columns 11, 12, and 13 will be obtainable from the Transfer Note.

6. Col. [illegible] *Grade into which admitted.*

[illegible] headings of columns 14 and 15 by entering the number of the year in which the child whose name stands [illegible] the page was admitted to the School. Each subsequent pair of columns is to be dated one year later [illegible] the preceding pair.

[illegible] child is admitted, enter the Grade in which he is placed in the column headed by the half-year during [illegible] he entered the School.

[illegible]ver a child is transferred from one Grade or Subdivision to another, enter the number of the Grade or [illegible]bdivision in the column headed by the half-year in which the transfer is made.

[illegible]te Grade in the following manner:—

P., Preparatory Stage, if no Subdivisions. If Subdivisions, PA., PB., &c.
I., First Grade, if no Subdivisions. If Subdivisions, IA., IB., &c.
II., Second Grade, if no Subdivisions. If Subdivisions, IIA., IIB., &c.
And so on.

[illegible]38 to 49.—*Number of Meetings attended.*

Complete headings as in columns 14 to 37.

[illegible] Immediately after the close of the year, enter the number of Meetings attended by each child during the year.

[illegible]s. 50 to 53.—*Date of passing Qualifying Examination, and of obtaining Merit Certificate, with the number of the Merit Certificate and date of last attendance.* Enter day, month, and year as in column 6.

[illegible]OL. 54.—*Destination.*

Whenever possible, state if the pupil has gone to another School (with kind of School), or to work (with nature of work),

Give the name of the School, if known.

N.B.—The accurate keeping of this Register is strictly insisted on. If, therefore, Teachers have any difficulty in understanding how to fill it up in any particular, they should at once apply for further directions to the Inspector of their district, or to the Director. They are not to delay till the Inspector's visit, at which time the record must be complete.

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Cover of Pupil Register No 1 held at Nunawading Primary School.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 to 6 Date of Birth. | | | 6 | 7 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Register Number. | NAME. Christian Names to be in full, and to be entered after the Surnames. | Day. | Month. | Year. | Date of Admission. | Name of Parent or Guardian. | Residence of P |
| 1 | Irvine William Charles | 16 | 7 | 1912 | 13-11-23 | Florence Irvine | Tun |
| 2 | Munt Norman | 8 | 4 | 1914 | 13 11 23 | Edward Munt | |
| 3 | Bentley Alan | 6 | 7 | 1912 | 13-11-23 | Herbert Bentley | |
| 4 | McCarron Sydney Ph. | 13 | 7 | 1911 | 13 11 23 | Mary McCarron | |
| 5 | Irvine David | 13 | 3 | 1914 | 13-11-23 | Florence Irvine | |
| 6 | Davey William Albert Francis | 19 | 4 | 1919 | 13 11 23 | Simon Davey | Tuns |
| 7 | Richards Roy. | 5 | 6 | 1911 | 13 11 23 | Roy Richards | |
| 8 | Eggleston William | 22 | 5 | 1911 | 13 11 23 | Eggleston William | |
| 9 | Hobbs Mervyn | 21 | 5 | 1914 | 13 11 23 | Alfred Hobbs | |
| 10 | Webster Kenneth | 31 | 10 | 1911 | 13 11 23 | Jack Webster | |
| 11 | Smith Sydney | 19 | 9 | 1914 | 13 11 23 | Sydney Smith | |
| 12 | Davey George | 15 | 3 | 1916 | 13 11 23 | John Davey | Tun |
| 13 | Wileman Henry | 30 | 7 | 1913 | 12 11 23 | Charles Wileman | |
| 14 | Clode Lily Alice | 22 | 4 | 1914 | 13 11 23 | Albert Clode | |
| 15 | Elford Winifred | 6 | 11 | 1912 | 13 11 23 | Winifred Elford | |
| 16 | Richards Hazel | 28 | 10 | 1912 | 13 11 23 | Roy Richards | |
| 17 | Vail Mary Violet | 7 | 2 | 1914 | 12 11 23 | William Vail | Tun |
| 18 | Luscombe Eunice | 12 | 10 | 1913 | 13 11 23 | Samuel Luscombe | |
| 19 | Davey Lily May | 17 | 3 | 1914 | 13 11 23 | Simon Davey | |
| 20 | Phillips Gipporah | 30 | 5 | 1915 | 13 11 23 | Frederick Phillips | |
| 21 | Davey Lucy | 14 | 8 | 1913 | 13 11 23 | John Davey | |
| 22 | Jinkins Winifred | 20 | 10 | 1915 | 13 11 23 | Victor Jinkins | Tuns |
| 23 | Bentley Leila | 21 | 7 | 1914 | 2 11 23 | Herbert Bentley | |
| 24 | Chugg Emily | 13 | 7 | 1912 | 13 11 23 | Louisa Chugg | |
| 25 | Chugg Lily | 11 | 7 | 1914 | 13 11 23 | Louisa Chugg | |
| 6 | Elford Dorothy | 22 | 10 | 1915 | 13 11 23 | Winifred Elford | Tun |
| 17 | Young Jean | 16 | 2 | 1911 | 13 11 23 | Edith Young | |
| | Wileman Lorna | 19 | 5 | 1916 | 12 11 23 | Charles Wileman | |
| | Richards Jean | 22 | 5 | 1911 | 13 11 23 | Roy Richards | |

First page of registered pupils.

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| 10 Occupation of Parent or Guardian. | 11 School last Attended. | 12 Date of last Attendance at former school. | 62 Date of obtaining Qualifying Certificate. | 63 Date of obtaining Merit Certificate. | 64 Date of Last Attendance. | 65 Destina |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Home duties | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | 4/25 | — | 16/7/26 | Labourer |
| Timber worker | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | 4/25 | | 11/7/26 | Weaver |
| Tile worker. | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | 26/3/24 | Bread |
| Home duties | Roman Catholic Mitcham | | | | 11/5/26 | Maldon |
| Home duties | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | 11/25 | 11/927 | 4-46 | Labourer |
| Blacksmith | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | | | | Garden |
| Brick layer. | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | 11/1/24 | Clerk |
| Gardener | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 26/11/23 | | | 1/5/26 | Box H |
| Railway Employe | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | | | | Surrey |
| Carpenter | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | 21/6/24 | Mitcham |
| Labourer | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | 1/5/28 | Office |
| Foreman | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | | | | Salesman |
| Foreman | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | | Woolcca |
| Stone mason | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | 11/25 | | 2/28 | Stone Y |
| Fore man | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | | | 10/7/26 | Home du |
| Brick Layer | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | 16/7/26 | Oak |
| Gardener | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | 11/4 | Box Hi |
| Tile worker | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | | Surrey |
| Blacksmith | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | | | | Box Hi |
| Tailors cutter | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | | | 10/11/26 | Board S |
| Storeman | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | | | 11/5 | Home A |
| Store keeper | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | 1926 | 10/11/26 | Boy Le |
| Tile worker | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | 27/3/24 | S.S. The |
| Domestic duties | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | | Home D |
| Domestic duties | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | | Mitcham |
| Storeman | S.S. 2923 Blackburn | 12/11/23 | | | 17/9 | Home |
| Domestic duties | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | 5/7/26 | Mitcham |
| Foreman | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | | | | 11 | Mitcham |
| Bricklayer | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/23 | | | 16/7/26 | Oak H |
| Tile worker | S.S. 2904 Mitcham | 12/11/ | | | 26/3/24 | Box H |

First page showing schools pupils previously attended.

Mr. Henderson, District Inspector, visited the temporary school on 27/2/24 and found much to his satisfaction.

## INSPECTOR'S REPORT BOOK.

School No. 4190. At Tunstall

Date of Visit 27 | 2 | 1924. Time spent, from 9.3 to

W.m Henderson Inspector of Schools.

1. Grounds are the property of the Methodist Church. (a) Fence and Gate are secure. (b) (c) None. The boundary has been recently erected.

2. Buildings and furniture are in order so far as the duties of the head teacher reach. (a) Satisfactory. (b) Maintenance allowance is sufficient: accounts balanced to (c) None as present. Head teacher alive to the value of good libraries, and gives his attention to the establishment of a library. (d) Greenery and fresh flowers help to brighten the surroundings.

3. The school was opened in November 1923 for pupils up to and including Std VI. Attendance is satisfactory. Pupils are punctual and regular. Time-table makes full provision for all subjects. Considering the absence of experienced teachers to help pupils readily and steadily employed. Blackboards often unsightly with the complete development of lessons, but teachers show The disability not commendable absence. Nature pictures are kept up to date with exception of a definite and connected character. The Flag is saluted regularly: the Procedure is explained clearly. Head teacher is keeping in touch with parents & Charitable Organisation and of the possibility to raise money.

District Inspector Hendersons first report on Tunstall School 4190 - recorded here as being opened in the Church hall in November 1923.

3 teachers were employed and "examination of the work books shows a desire on the part of the children to work neatly, dance and physical excercise are smartly practiced" and "the first female assistant uses the blackboard freely."

Reference is made to this 'first female assistant' as being Daisy May Fulton.

Inspector Hendersons opinion is valued as he advises the department on 23/5/24 that

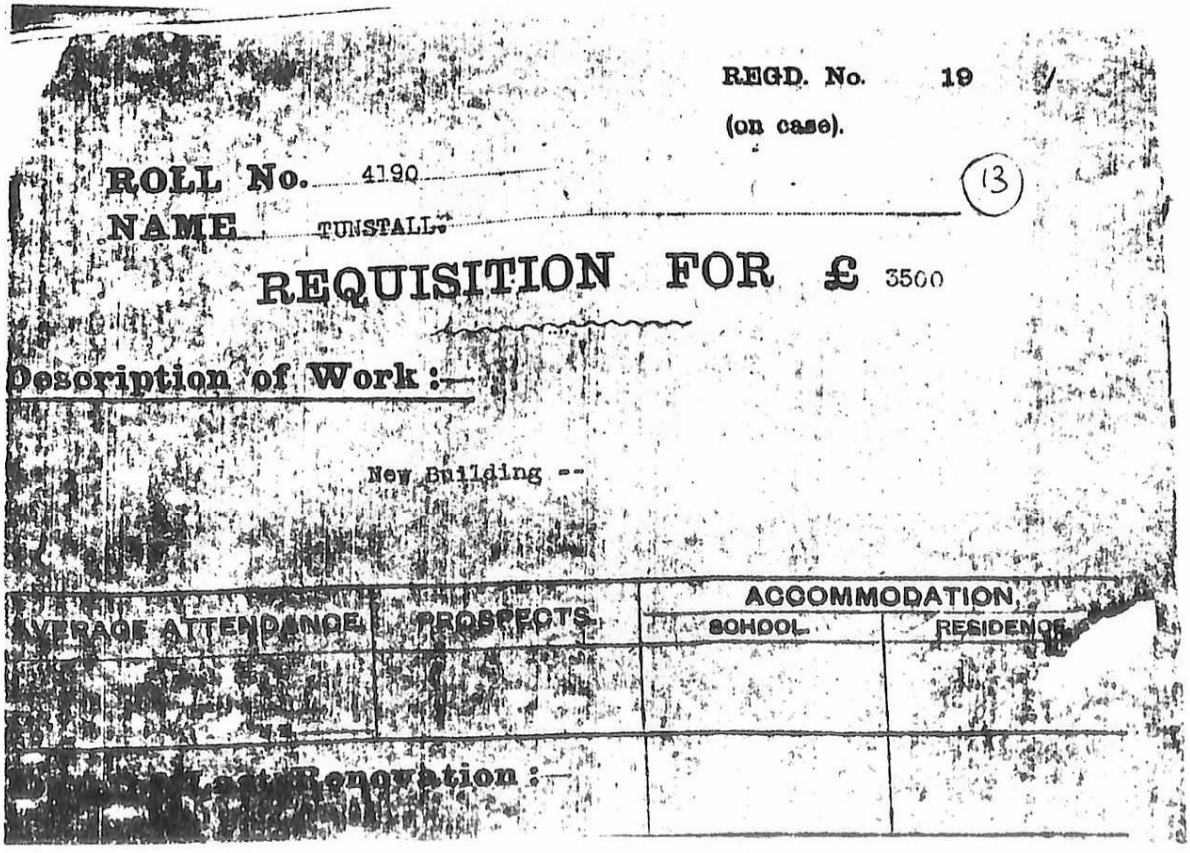
"I have the honour to inform you, that, in my opinion, a school house to accommodate 120 pupils should be erected at Tunstall."

The Methodist Church inadvertently became involved when, in July 1924, Rev. J.E. Warren writing from The Parsonage at Box Hill, points out that the use of the church building is in the hands of the lessors. In the event of the building being required on a school day for a wedding or some such special occassion, the department advises they are prepared to favourably consider the closing down of the school on that day. The Church has also requested a payment of 2/6 for each meeting of the Mothers Club held in the church building. The Education Department objected and would not approve payment of such a charge.

On 2nd October 1924, the land was officially sold by Herbert Summerscales for £950.

With the acquisition of the site, the Public Works Department was asked to furnish a plan and estimate of the cost of erecting a building to accommodate 120 children.

Cost was estimated at £3,500.



REGD. No. 19 /
(on case).

ROLL No. 4190

(13)

NAME TUNSTALL.

REQUISITION FOR £ 3500

Description of Work :—

New Building --

| AVERAGE ATTENDANCE | PROSPECTS | ACCOMMODATION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | SCHOOL | RESIDENCE |
| | | | |

Renovation :—

Circ. No. 25/59887

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Building Sunstall 1140 District.

| Particulars | Date of Completion | Actual Cost | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|
| New building. | 17/4/26 | £2733/13/6 | 2686-18-6 A+M Plan 25-16/40. 46-15-0 f.p.c. Plan |

C.A. Grey
C.E. & District Architect.

Date 192

Receipt for completed
school building.
£2,733/13/6 - 17/4/1926

Throughout 1924 numbers increased. 90 by 16/6/24 and W.J. Robinson, correspondent of the school committee states no provision has been made for the increased numbers of children who would attend as the district progressed, especially after the bone mills are closed down and water service is available.

James Grimshaw asks the department to consider the renting of a room adjoining the present temporary school building. He has 94 children in 551sq.ft. The adjoining room, measuring 22'x19' could be rented at £1 per week and would relieve the overcrowded hall by accommodating Grades V and VI. This problem was partly solved, not by the renting of the extra room but by the erection of a shelter shed, cost £105, which was built on the new school site in June 1925 and temporarily used as a classroom for the upper grades.For an extra £15 it was decided that the shelter would be built so that later on it could be divided into 2 seperate sheds, one for the boys and one for the girls.

Empire Day was celebrated on 24th May each year to commemorate Queen Victoria's Birthday. Copy of Mrs. Jack Kendall's Mothers Club meeting in 1925 shows of a collection being taken up. Total amounting to £6/2/10, quite a figure in 1925. Possibly this amount would go towards furnishing the new school.

mini Mrs Backcotter
2nd Mrs Hayes

Money collected £4-12-0 by Children

68 Dog £2 5 0
2 large loaves bread. butter, Mrs Parry
meat lettuce egg.
2 bottles Raspberry vinegar
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Lollies 12 lb
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Service to Mrs Grimshaw

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5-2-2

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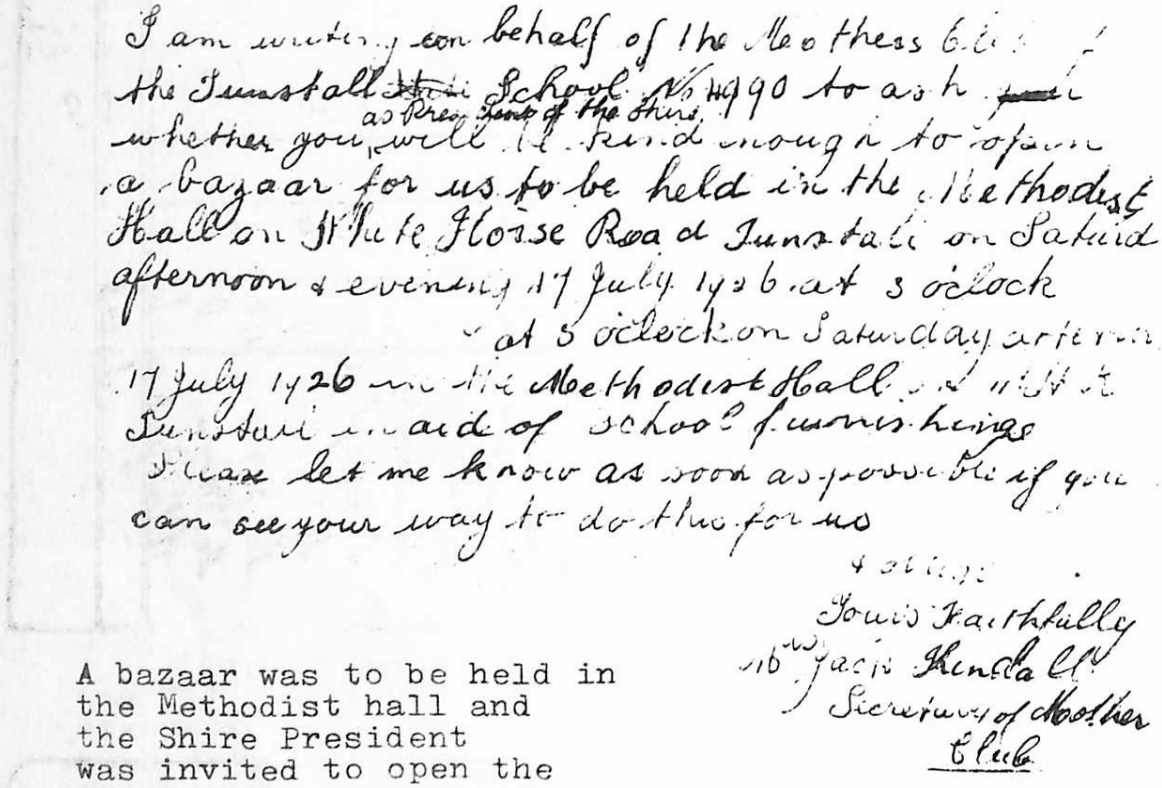
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| R Chugg | 2/- | | | Mrs Phillips 2nd | |
| Thelma Pendlebury | 1/0 | | | last Empire Day 12th | 3/6 |
| Tom McGhee | 2/- | | | Friends | 1/6 |
| W Hurst | 2/- | | | Mrs Sullivan | 2/- |
| Velma Paton | 3 | | | Mrs Adams | 2/- |
| C Paton | 5 | | | Mrs Wilcox | 2/4 |
| Mrs Pepperall | 2/6 | | | | |
| Mr Parsonage | 2/6 | | | | |
| Mrs Joynes | 2/6 | | | | |
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Also from Mrs. Kendalls notes is the cost of putting together a party, possibly a yearly breakup. 12 lb. of lollies was purchased costing 12/-, 2 bottles of raspberry vinegar costing 3/2 and 2 large loaves of bread costing 2/-. As there was also a reference to "present by Dave Irvine to Mr. Grimshaw" it was possibly a Christmas celebration.

Mothers Club (Guild) was formed in 1925 with 6 mothers present. Mrs. Pavey became president, Mrs Jack Kendall secretary and Mrs Gabrin became treasurer.

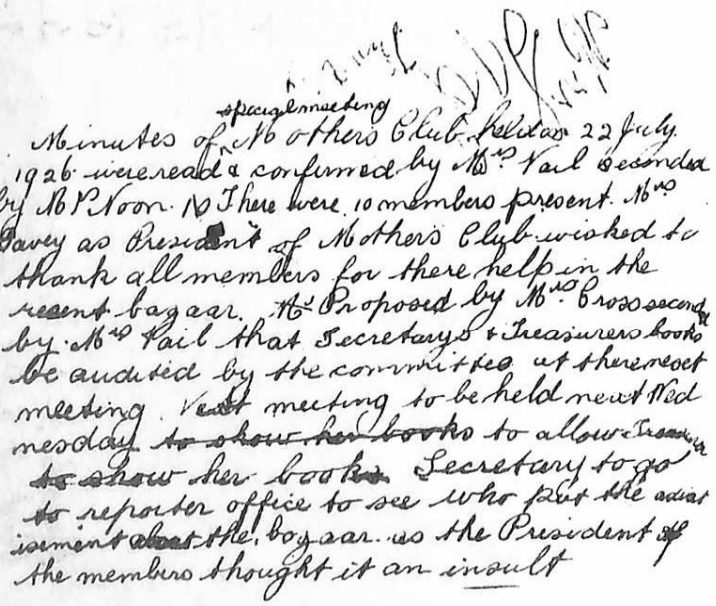


I am writing on behalf of the Mothers Club of the Sunstall ~~State~~ School No 4090 to ask ~~you~~ whether you, as President of the Shire will be kind enough to open a bazaar for us to be held in the Methodist Hall on White Horse Road Sunstall on Saturday afternoon & evening 17 July 1926 at 3 oclock ~~" at 3 oclock on Saturday afternoon~~ 17 July 1926 in the Methodist Hall on White Horse Rd Sunstall in aid of school furnishings Please let me know as soon as possible if you can see your way to do this for us

Yours Faithfully
Mrs Jack Kendall
Secretary of Mothers Club

A bazaar was to be held in the Methodist hall and the Shire President was invited to open the event.

Fun was to include a bran-dip, Aunt Sally and a shooting gallery. Money raised would go towards school furnishings.



Minutes of ~~the~~ special meeting of Mothers Club held on 22 July 1926 were read & confirmed by Mrs Vail Seconded by Mrs Noon 10 There were 10 members present Mrs Pavey as President of Mothers Club wished to thank all members for there help in the recent bazaar. Mrs Proposed by Mrs Cross second by Mrs Vail that Secretary & Treasurers books be audited by the committee at there next meeting Next meeting to be held next Wednesday ~~to show her books~~ to allow Treasurer ~~to show her books~~ Secretary to go to reporter office to see who put the advertisement about the bazaar as the President & the members thought it an insult

Minutes of Mothers Club 22/7/1926

Copy of notes taken by Jane Rebecca Kendall, Secretary Mothers Club - kindly lent by Mrs Myrtle Kendall 297 Springfield Road. Nunawading

Tenders were called for the erection of the school on Springvale Road on 29/6/25. On 28/4/1926, a receipt was issued for the construction cost of the brick building for £2,733/13/6.

There is no record of the official opening of the new premises in the Education Department files, but minutes of the Mothers Guild report preparing for an opening to be held on July 30th 1926.There were 2 memos from Mr. Grimshaw during December 1925 saying the contractor will have the large room completed by the end of the holidays and that he desires all the furniture moved from the Methodist hall by 31/12/25 and stored in the shelter shed. The shelter shed had been in use as a classroom for 6 months.

The staff in 1926 consisted of Mr. Grimshaw, Misses Fulton, Lily Clode and Isabel I'Anson who began duty on 7/9/1926. Miss Fulton was a fully qualified Grade IV teacher, having taught at Queensberry Street, Carlton, in 1908 she taught at Toora Tin Mine School and later on at Bostock Creek State School.

In April 1926 there were 96 children enrolled with an average attendance of 82, as "very many of the children have been kept at home on account of bad colds."

During May, a Mr. Boyce made an offer of 2/- each for the old school desks presently stored in the shelter shed and 5/- for the old school press (teachers desk). These offers were accepted.

About the same time, minutes of the Mothers Club show that "we talked about colours for the school, as the ones they had were the same as two other districts around. It was proposed by Mrs. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Backcollar that navy blue and gold be selected for school colours. Mr. Grimshaw suggested too that 4 badges be secured for the prefixes of the school."

As well as badges, Mr. Grimshaw had a long list of requests, conducive to a new school. Chairs, tables, drainage (pipes to cost £1/17/9 on 20/10/27), roller blinds, piano, "cost of electric light to be put into school £25" and on 1/4/27 a request to tarpave the ground adjoining the school on the south and east side. Tarpaving seemed to be the answer and the request to have it done before the winter "as the ground gets in a deplorable condition"was approved at a cost of £55. But the request for electric light was refused on 13/3/27 as "the Department is not prepared to install same."

Fred Cottle remembers changing over from the church hall to the new school. He lived in Mt. Pleasant Road, about a mile away and walked home through the paddocks for lunch.

Cherry Orchards grew around the school and if you were hungry it was a simply matter to get through the fence and help yourself, as long as you weren't caught. Cherry pips were saved and it was fun to put them under the seat of the desk and they would crack loudly when sat on and crushed.

Lillian Pavey (now Mrs Lee), who also went to school in the Church hall recalls the bush between the school and Whitehorse Road. Most of the children walked to school from that direction and preferred to cut through the bush, often fending off nesting magpies, to come in the back gate. Her brother once lost his cap to a magpie while walking through the gum trees to school. Mr. Grimshaw was her teacher, both in the hall and in the shelter shed before the brick building was built.

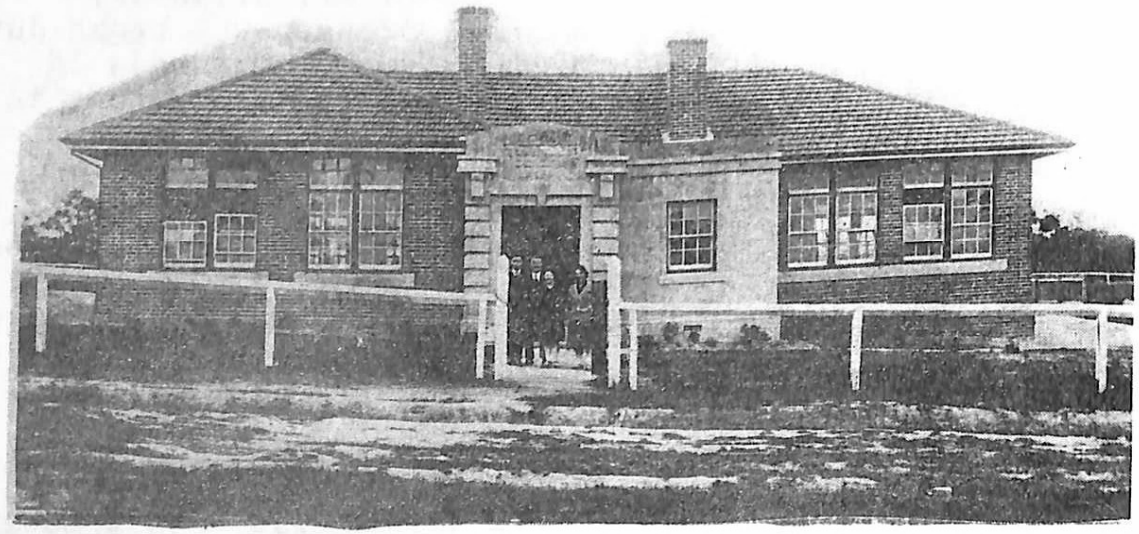


Photo shows Mr. Grimshaw. Mr. Ellimoo[illegible].
Miss I'Anson. Miss Wales.

Out in the yard girls were not allowed to play with the boys. Boy's played marbles, a 'flick the card' game whereby the card flicked closest to the wall was the winner. And a favourite pastime was to climb the trees, much to Mr. Grimshaws displeasure. Girls would play skippy, chasey and hopscotch. Any misdeeds were punishable by the strap (1 or 2 cuts) for the boys and for the girls Mr. Grimshaw would demand that they pull out either 100 or 150 onion weeds, complete with bulbs, which he always counted. Mr. Alec Emmerson had joined the staff and his method of punishment was with 'tommy tickler! A pussy willow stick freshly cut by the recipient, from the pussy willow growing in the yard.

Teachers used the train to get to Tunstall station and would walk across to the school. Daily they would check fingernails for dirt and shoes for polish. Nature study lessons would often by on walks to the first and second creeks, off Junction Road. The children would take their books and pencils and along the walk it was common to see blue wrens, tom tits, willy wagtails and many orchids. Among the flowers could be found sarsparella bush, bacon and egg plant and chocolate flowers.

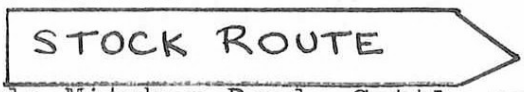
Caps were supposed to be worn by the boys and it was rarely that a boy wore long pants. Fred Cottle used old books belonging to his father, called all male teachers 'Sir', used pens and inkwells and, like most boys, remembers stabbing nibs in desks. He once rode his dad's horse to school, apparently without permission and Mr. Grimshaw insisted he take it home again.

After walking into school daily in 2 lines, boys on one side and girls on the other, pupils would then stand by their desks. The teacher would strike his tuning fork and the class would sing their good morning song. Religious Instruction was introduced and those that were Catholic were excused. But it seemed a great number of children suddenly remembered that they were Catholic and would 'shoot through too.' The school photographer came, complete with his tripod and camera and black bag over his head. Grade 6 was the first exam. and the 'Merit Certificate' was gained at the completion of Grade 8. Homework consisted of 10 spelling words and every morning there was dictation. Homework not done was punishable by 'getting the strap.'

Mrs. Lee recalls hiding ripe Kwangas (quinces) in her desk and one day being asked why she was "taking such a long time to pick up her pencils?" Those hidden quinces were rapidly being eaten beneath the desk.

Christmas time was party time. There would be sandwiches and cakes served by the ladies of the Mothers Club. Raspberry vinegar (cordial) was given out as long as you had your own mug. The party would be held out in the yard and everyone would sit in a large circle. Small presents would be given out, generally a nail file for the girls and a game for the boys.

The Boning Mill was still in operation in the mid 1920's and each afternoon about 3 pm would be responsible for the smell. It was common to see sheep and cattle held in paddocks on the corner of what is now Springfield and Springvale Roads. On the corner there was a large white sign with black letters




pointing towards Mitcham Road. Cattle would be driven to the Ringwood Market, coming along Whitehorse Road, down Springvale Road and up the stock route. Everyone delighted in watching them go by but gates had to be kept shut to keep out stray animals. As well as cattle, there were snakes. Mr. Cottle remembers all the kids coming home together from school and being stopped by a large black snake. Percy Bray knew how to handle the snake. He simply picked it up by the tail, swung it around his head and cracked it like a whip.

Mrs. Lee remembers that inside the school, Grades 5/6/7/& 8 were all together in the one big room. She left in Grade 7 to continue on at Box Hill Technical School at age 14 and Mr. Cottle left from Grade 8 at 14 years to go straight to work.

Edwin Cockrem commenced duty on 28/1/27 having passed his Intermediate Certificate in 1926 at University High School.

The school grounds continued to improve and the school committee in 1928 were commended by Mr. E.W. Greenwood MLA. He recommended that the education department meet half the cost of the proposed works which included installing seats in the shelter sheds, ploughing the ground, planting trees and shrubs and helping meet the cost of "bringing down the electricity from the nearest point."

STATE PARLIAMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir, 29th May, 1928.

RE TURNTALL SCHOOL No. 4190.

I find that the Secretary of this Committee and the Committee itself are not well up in the administration of the work of their school committee, but they are working splendidly in the interest of the school. They have raised and spent £190:0:0 in four years on the school, although the district is very sparsely settled and made up of working people.

They have only received one grant in these years for the ordinary work of the school. Should not this money be paid to them to assist them in connection with the work that they are anxious to complete. The incinerator has not yet been supplied and certain asphalting which has been authorized has not been carried out. The work that they are anxious to complete now is:-

(1) Seats in the roadside shelter shed, cost of which (shed) they have already paid half.

(2) Preparation of the ground to plant shelter trees, and they require trees, shrubs and manure. The ground is of a very poor quality. Ploughing

(3) The electric lights are in the building, but six poles are required to bring it down from the nearest available point. The Blackburn and Mitcham Councils are willing to contribute one pole, leaving a total obligation of £25:0:0.

Would you kindly inform me, as to what your department can do towards the cost of these items. The School committee are prepared to make themselves responsible for one half. I have promised to attend their next school committee Meeting on June 4th and would be glad of a reply prior to that date. 1928.

Signed
E W Greenwood
M.L.A

An £8 grant issued annually was used on the school pavilion and fencing erected to protect the trees and shrubs already planted.

Mr. Grimshaw, early in 1928 thought it best if he could send some bigger boys to Sloyd classes at Box Hill and the girls to cookery classes at Glenferrie. But unfortunately, both classes were full. It was then suggested he refer both groups to classes at Lilydale.

The history of the Wedgewood Urn, which stands today in a glass cabinet in the Principals office, began at the Forster Street Council School in Tunstall, England early June 1928.

Mr. George Johnson, who originally was a pupil at that school prior to 1905, and who from 1913 was a teacher at Ascot (presumably Ascot Vale) near Melbourne. Mr. Johnson obtained 6 months leave to visit Europe and arranged with the master and teachers from Tunstall near Melbourne, to take to his old school at Tunstall England, an Australian flag for presentation as a token of friendly and Imperial regard.

Research indicates that this flag, a large and beautiful Union Jack, had been presented to the school by Mrs. Helen Milligan. The flag was admired by the school, but as it was the custom to fly the Australian flag every day, not the Union Jack, it became the perfect gift for Mr. Johnson to carry to Tunstall England, with him.

In addition to the flag, Mr. Johnson took a letter from Mr. Henderson, District Inspector, conveying fellowship and greetings.

"To you, the members of your staff and the pupils of your school, the teachers and pupils of the State School, Tunstall, Victoria, extend the right hand of fellowship."

An exchange ceremony took place in the large schoolroom at the Forster Street, Tunstall School on 12/6/1928. The Australian flag was exchanged for a beautiful Wedgewood Urn. The brass plate on the pedestal bears the following inscription:-

"Presented to the children of Tunstall, near Melbourne, Australia by the boys of the Forster St. Council School, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, England Empire Day 1928."

Among those present at the presentation were The Chairman of the Education Committee, Deputy Mayor, Director of Education and the Supervisor of Stoke-on-Trent Schools.

An apology for non attendance was received from Major F.H. Wedgewood who in his letter said,

"The whole episode is a link between ourselves and Australia and is, indeed, one of great interest. It is most desirable, to my mind, that personal touch between different parts of the Empire should be encouraged as far as possible."

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Tues. 19.6.28.

# TWO TUNSTALLS EXCHANGE GREETINGS.

## Australian Town's Gift Reciprocated.

An interesting patriotic ceremony, originally fixed for Empire Day, took place on Tuesday morning at the Forster-street Council Schools, Tunstall. It consisted of the presentation of an Australian Flag from Tunstall near Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, to the Forster-street Schools as representing the English Tunstall, and of a beautiful Wedgwood vase from the Forster-street Schools to the Overseas Tunstall. The vase, which is of the Wedgwood Jasper ware, is similar to that which was given to Mrs. Baldwin on her recent visit, although somewhat larger.

On the pedestal is a brass plate bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to the children of Tunstall, near Melbourne, Australia by the boys of the Forster-street Council School Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, England, Empire Day, 1928."

### ORIGIN OF THE CEREMONY.

The circumstances leading up to the ceremony centre around Mr. George Ernest Johnson, who was a pupil of the Forster-street School for some years up to 1905. He proceeded to the Hanley High Grade School, as it was then termed, and afterwards to the Pupil Teachers' Centre at Hanley. On leaving Hanley, Mr. Johnson went to the Ellison-street Schools, Wolstanton, where he served as teacher, proceeding to Australia in 1913.

His school in Australia is at Ascot, which is close to Melbourne. He knows the school at Tunstall, Victoria, quite well, however, and having obtained six months' leave to visit Europe, arranged with the master and teachers there to take to his old school at Tunstall, England, an Australian Flag for presentation, as a token of friendly and Imperial regard.

There is no direct record as to how the Australian Tunstall obtained its name. It is only a small town of 2,000 or 3,000 people, but it is a seat of the pottery industry, and the probability is that it obtained its designation from a native of the old Tunstall, who went there and took his art with him.

The presentation took place in the large schoolroom of Forster-street. The Chairman of the Education Committee (Ald. N. Scott), who presided, was supported by Mr. Johnson, the Deputy-Mayor (Ald. W. Walker), the Director of Education (Mr. R. P. G. Williamson), the Supervisor of Stoke-on-Trent Schools (Mr. J. Cuckney), Ald. G. F. Bailey, Mr. G. F. Barber, Mr. W. K. Flint, Mr. S. P. Brander (Headmaster), and Mrs Brander, Miss S. E. Lawton (Headmistress, Girls' Department), Mrs. M. S. Clifford-Jones (Headmistress, Infants' Department).

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### AN OVERSEAS GREETING.

With him, in addition to the flag, Mr. Johnson brought a letter from Mr. William Henderson, Senior Inspector of Schools, Education Department, Melbourne. It was as follows:—"To you, the members of your staff, and the pupils of your school, the teachers and pupils of the State School, Tunstall, Victoria, extend the right hand of fellowship. The visitor, Mr. Johnson, from our State, will convey to yourselves and the Tunstall School greetings, and the residents of the village ask you to accept and fly this flag on the same pole that has borne the glorious Union Jack of our beloved Empire. We in Victoria fly our flag every Monday morning, and around the flag-pole the following pledge is voiced by our pupils: 'I love God and my country. I honour the flag, I respect the King, and will cheerfully obey my parents, teachers and the laws.' In future this little ceremony at Tunstall, Victoria, will have added significance through your acceptance of this emblem. The head teacher, Mr. James W. Grimshaw requested me, as District Inspector, to convey the school's greetings to you."

Mr. Brander, at the outset, related the history that led to the meeting. Referring to the fact that in the other Tunstall the flag was saluted weekly, he expressed the wish that they might have more frequent occasions to express their Empire sentiments.

### VISITOR WELCOMED.

The Chairman said they were delighted to welcome Mr. Johnson, and to express their pleasure at the action he had taken in bringing the two Tunstalls together.

Mr. Johnson, following the reminiscences of his boyhood in the Forster-street School (known in his time as the Central School), and of his educational experiences in Australia, said it was a great delight to him to hand over that flag which, next to the Union Jack, was one that the boys and girls of Australia loved.

Alderman W. Walker presented the vase to Mr. Johnson and said that piece of ware, from the renowned Wedgwood pottery, of Etruria, would no doubt be highly valued in Australia.

On the proposition of Ald. G. F. Bailey, seconded by Mr. G. F. Barber, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman and the Deputy-Mayor.

At intervals during the proceedings the boys of the school sang very effectively, under the conductorship of Mr. J. R. Shaw.

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Copy of Newspaper Cutting 19/6/1928 found in school log book. Information supplied to Mrs. L.Moore upon her request to the Chief Education Officer, Staffordshire County Council.

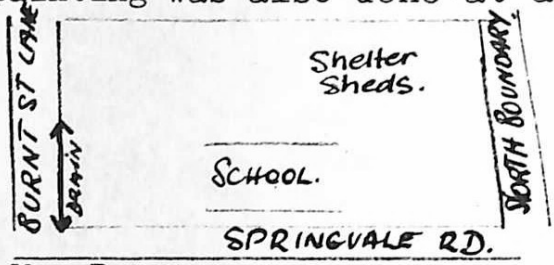


The Wedgewood Urn which is now featured in the school emblem.

Miss Isabel Jean Mock joined the staff on 29/2/29. Her salary per fortnight was £2/0/4. Miss Mock drove her horse and buggy daily from East Burwood where her family were well known orchardists. Pupils would wait for her to arrive and delighted in being able to hitch per pony to the fence.

The electric light was connected in 1929. B.J. Clode, correspondent, wanted the light extended from the existing point to 3 more points so "as further monthly social evenings can be held."

James Grimshaw retired in 1932 with the average attendance at 127. He was presented with a chain costing £6/13/6. Aubrey Hewitt became headmaster in 1933. He had to contend with such matters as the laying on of a water reticulation main in Burnt Street, westwards from Springvale Road for a distance of 26 chains at a cost of £290. Another matter was the eradication of the noxious weed, furze, which was found growing on the half width of road adjoining the school. This weed would take one full day to grub out at a cost of 10/8. Internal painting was also done at a cost of £48/9/6.




Mr. Bristow joined the staff, also in 1933, having come from Portland. His reimbursement for travelling shows:

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| £2/11/6 | Portland to Tunstall |
| 1/6 | Luggage |
| 4/- | Freight |
| £2/17/- | |

School conferences were held and the school closed down on 5/5/33 to enable the teachers to attend. Thos.H.Christenson requested a copy of Elizah's Technique of Teaching and McRae's Physhology, which he considered were essential for instruction.

Miss Dorothy Knox who started school in the brick building in 1929 remembers Aubrey Hewit. Both he and George Coghlan who followed as headmaster between 1937-39 were held in high esteem. Mr. Hewitt was a naturalist as Dorothy remembers a lesson on blackbirds. "They are a menace but are delightful on wintry mornings. They pick off the berries, but do enjoy their song and do not worry about the mess they make."

Slates and slate pencils, which often made a scratching noise, were used by the lower grades. Writing lessons were started by practising doing 'butchers hooks' Children graduated to pen and ink and to heavy blue lined Vana books in more senior grades.

Mr. Hewit was also a keen gardener. He planted a bank of Sunny South roses all along the front of the school. Arbor Day was observed with the planting of more trees and shrubs. Tunstall School was growing but retaining a very rural atmosphere.

Dorothy's brother Tom Knox started school in 1934. Lunches for the Knox children were taken in paper bags. Tom's sometimes containing a pie, orange, 2d.to spend and juicy fruit chewing gum. Mr. Knox Snr. used to occassionally bring down a billy full of cocoa on cold days.

Orchards still surrounded the school, the stock route was regularly used and up to 1940, drovers camped in the paddocks north of Springvale and Springfield roads. Many had with them horsedrawn 4 wheeled wagons.Springvale Road was only a single road with a big water washed drain down the side. Over the years pathways formed through the clay as children used them to go to and from school. Alan Jarvis, a pupil 1936-42 recalls few houses around the school, lots of native shrubs, no footpaths but plenty of well worn tracks.

School concerts were held. Some in the school and some in the hall owned by the Jarvis family down near the railway line. Children were taught the fife (flute) and Tom remembers the day the silver fifes came and how excited he was at being allowed to unwrap them. Mrs. Marjorie McAlpine played a special piece of music to march into school by and later Geoff Cross and Peter Savage played the drums outside the back door providing a different marching music. On Monday mornings 'God Save the King' was sung and the flag broken from the flagpole which stood where the Art and Craft centre is now.

There was big excitement for the whole school with the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. The Royal couple drove along Whitehorse Road on their way to visit Dame Nellie Melba. The children from the school nearby were all issued with a flag and a medal to commemorate the occassion and lined up along the roadway to cheer the procession past.

Alan Jarvis, who started school in 1936 remembers the day a prank was played on one of the teachers horses. The boys who harnessed the horse did so at the teachers request, but who mischieviously left the fence in between the horse and cart but also left the horse nose first into the cart. Maybe as punishment the boys concerned had to be wood monitors as in every classroom there were open fires. Wood was delivered, already cut into long pieces and it was the job of the senior boys to light these classroom fires.

The 8th Grade, which was the senior school, used the front section of what is now Tunstall Hall. Tom Knox smiles as he recalls he went to school in the same room he chaired meetings in years later.

George Coghlan became headmaster in 1937 and used, as the headmasters office, the small room near the entrance to the brick building.

EDUCATION
-5 JUL 1935
DEPARTMENT

Lake School 4/190
Journal
30/6/35.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Entertainment held in Sch. L 4/190 Journal

| Receipts | £ | s. | d | Expenditure | £ | s. | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total amount received from Entertainment held by Mothers' Club in School for Jan 30th 1935 | 11 | 17 | 7 | Expenses in connection with Entertainment consisting of lighting, prizes supper etc | 2 | 19 | 2 |
| | | | | Cr Balance | 8 | 18 | 5 |
| £ | 11 | 17 | 7 | £ | 11 | 17 | 7 |

Balance £8-18-5.
Balance in Aid of School Funds.

Aubrey O. Hamill
Head Teacher.

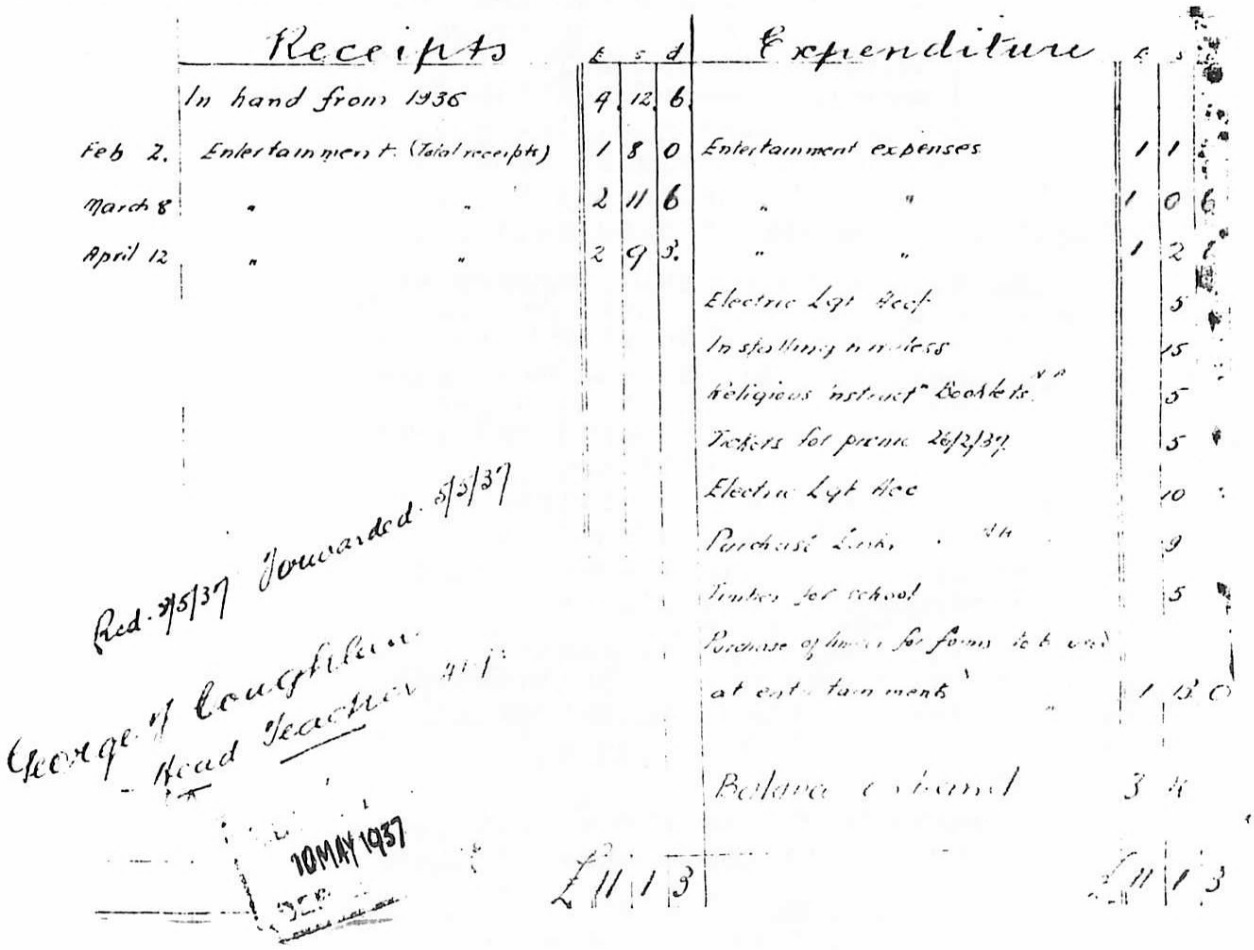
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1935 Balance Sheet showing £8/18/5 in aid of school funds.

Mr. Coghlan was a dedicated teacher who smoked constantly using a long cigarette holder. He was also very keen on woodwork. He built a round brick fish pond in the front garden and it was a favourite pastime of some of the boys to try and catch the goldfish using cotton thread and a tiny hook. It is claimed Mr. Coghlan never knew the treatment his goldfish were subjected to.

It was in 1937 that controversy raged within the school. In September, a petition was taken up and signed by 20 parents of scholars attending, objecting to the 2 teachers recently transferred from East Burwood. Cases of Infantile Paralysis had been found at that school and the parents feared the teachers could bring the disease into Tunstall school.

Mr. Coghlan also became Secretary of the Blackburn and Mitcham Schools Association and in 1938 tendered "thanks and appreciation for the services of Miss E. Chisholm (singing teacher) in training our pupils for the combined schools concerts held in Box Hill Town Hall on 3/8/38 and 11/8/38."



| Receipts | £ | s | d | Expenditure | £ | s | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In hand from 1936 | 9 | 12 | 6 | | | | |
| Feb 2. Entertainment (Total receipts) | 1 | 8 | 0 | Entertainment expenses | 1 | 1 | |
| March 8 " " | 2 | 11 | 6 | " " | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| April 12 " " | 2 | 9 | 3 | " " | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| | | | | Electric Light Roof | | 5 | |
| | | | | In stalling meters | | 15 | |
| | | | | Religious instruct" Books" | | 5 | |
| | | | | Tickets for prizes 26/2/37 | | 5 | |
| | | | | Electric Light Acc | | 10 | |
| | | | | Purchase Locks " 4th | | 9 | |
| | | | | Timber for school | | 5 | |
| | | | | Purchase of timber for forms to be used at entertainments | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| | | | | Balance on hand | 3 | 4 | |
| | £11 | 1 | 3 | | £11 | 1 | 3 |

Rec'd 3/5/37 Forwarded 5/5/37

George J. Coghlan
Head Teacher

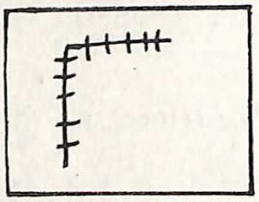
10 MAY 1937

School expenses 1937. Note electric light accounts of 5/- and 10/- and Purchase of timber for forms to be used at entertainments £1/13/-.

During the war years, under George Coghlans leadership, the school progressed slowly. Enrolment was 96 in 1938. A wireless receiver purchased by the Mothers Club was installed, pathways asphalted and on 8/3/39 he reported an urgent matter - 3 broken tiles!!

Tom Knox remembers 2 excursions during this time. One was a very exciting day trip on the train to Williamstown and the other was a trip to Port Melbourne to look over a warship.

The girls had sewing lessons and knitting. They also learnt to darn on a piece of flannel with a 3 cornered tear cut in it. One garment Dorothy made was a baby's



matinee jacket. The whole garment was sewn by hand and made in beautiful cream flannel with front edgings and cuffs done in feather stitch. The stitching was done with either white or cream silk. Dorothy recalls her first sewing lesson with Miss Stevenson. The girls had to make a pillow slip - all by hand. The knitting that was done in class, usually dolls dresses, were mostly sent to the Childrens Hospital. While the girls knitted, the boys would be outside doing the gardening.

Boys played cricket, marbles and rounders. Another popular game was to put 5 stones 18" out from the wall and try to knock the stones down with a tennis ball. Tennis balls were popular and Mr. Coghlan was instrumental in flattening out an area and marking it out as a tennis court. As well as encouraging the game of tennis, he applied for a concession certificate for 11 scholars to have instruction in swimming. However, he was advised by the railways that no concession tickets were issued for swimming classes. He also was involved in gardening and felt that a copy of Brunnings Gardening Book would be of benefit to the school.

During these years, instead of sitting inside and eating their lunch as the children do today, the shelter shed was the place to gather and eat lunch. But the boys had to sit on one side and very strictly, girls on the other.

A small gift stall was held in 1941 which realized £8/15/6 for school funds. In 1942, the school had for sale, Victorian Reading Books totalling £2/18/9.

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| 1st book | 24 @ 4d | 8/- |
| 2nd " | 25 @ 6d | 12/6 |
| 3rd " | 2 @ 1/- | 2/- |
| 4th " | 5 @ 1/- | 5/- |
| 5th " | 10 @ 1/3 | 12/6 |
| 6th " | 1 @ 1/3 | 1/3 |
| 7th " | 8 @ 1/3 | 10/- |
| 8th " | 6 @ 1/3 | 7/6 |
| | | £2/18/9 |

In August 1½ dozen porcelain inkwells were needed and a discrepancy was found in the number of arithmetic books. Official figures showed 8 books on hand and the teachers only had 4!! Maybe arithmetic was a very popular subject.

In 1945 the population of Nunawading had grown to 8,000. In 1946 the school had 3 teacher staff. Grades V to VIII had 50 pupils, Infants to Grade II also had 50 pupils and the 4th assistant teacher and the middle department Grades III & IV had 30-40 children. Effie Laing was their teacher. The Library subsidy was £11/9/10 and during 1945 Mr. Coghlan contracted diptheria. Enrolment was 100 and attendence averaged 87.

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TUNSTALL

Herbert Strang Readers :-

Bingo. Enchanted Ranges. Goldentown Story Book. Little Bedy Buang
The Penguog Willie Winkie Tales

Annabel the Eastern Betty's Friend Dongo of Dookie
Little Keeper of the Birds Paul Valiant Pavement Island 3-5
Sharp Eyes Stories from Joy town

Barn. Cottage in the Wood Field and Forest Folk.
In Queen Phillipa's Day Joanna of Little Meadow
Red Roof Farm Red Jails Story of Lord Kitchener
Story of Robert Bruce Prisoner in Spain Stories of Famous Women
Servant of John Company

8 Kings Treasures

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| Chang | Heroes and Heroines | |
| Life of the Bee | Minstrel Tales | |
| More Animal Stories | Sandals of Pearl | |
| Sedael Longskirt | Untold Tales of the Past | 1.40 |
| Fundamental Readers (Sets | | 1.3.0 |

14. Childrens Book Shelf.

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| Aladdin | Book of Animal Tales | |
| Book of Dogs | Brer Rabbit | |
| Dumpling | Fireside Stories | |
| Jackanapes | Janes First Term | |
| Molly Molly Mandy | More of Molly Molly Mandy | |
| Horse Tails | Sinbad | |
| Swiss Family | Uncle Tom's Cabin | 1.7.8 |

20 Fundamental Readers 6.19.8
11.8
£6.8.0.

Patriotism was displayed all across the country and the Australian flag belonging to the school was badly worn and needed to be replaced. "I have the honour to apply for an Australian flag to replace the present one which is damaged. The repairs in the present one are becoming too obvious." A new school flag was approved on 18/9/46. At the same time that the flag was replaced, £166/16/5 was collected and contributed towards the State Schools War Relief Fund.

Education in the 40's was beginning to be looked at in longer and broader terms than just the 8th Grade Merit Certificate. George Savage 24/2/45 writes "in a recent issue of the school paper, parents were advised that when a child reaches the 6th Grade at the State School, steps should be taken to get the child into another school where more advanced subjects are taught to fit the child for the particular vocation it intends to follow."

Troubled times in 1946 as the wireless set valued at £20 was stolen on 27/9. There had been another reported major burglary in June besides 2 other major thefts and at least a dozen pilferrings. Repairs totalling £353 were completed to the asphalt and to the painting.

George Coghlan left Tunstall in 1947 and was replaced by Thomas Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy asked in 1948 of the department would subsidize on a £ for £ basis, the purchase of two pictures by Margaret Tarrant. One 'Elphin Chorus' and the other 'Good Friends' both costing £2/9/6 each.

Mr. Neil Ryan on behalf of the school council contacted Mr. R.E. Reid MLA and pointed out that the sewerage main was now on the opposite side of the road and asks could the sewerage be connected to the school boundaries. However, Mr. W.S. Kent-Hughes, then Minister for Public Construction says 'no' on 10/3/48. The reason for denying the laying on of the sewerage to the school was due to the "tremendous task of undertaking arrears of work to school buildings which accumulated during the war years and after."

A radio player electric mantle model receiver was purchased at this time and the school contributed £9, half the purchase price.

Nunawading area was rapidly developing and the City of Nunawading, in March 1948, directed a request to the Education Department that they give consideration to renaming the school. Thomas Kennedy on 2/4/48 pointed out "the town in which the school is situated is generally known by Nunawading and it is somewhat confusing for the school to bear the name of Tunstall. The Post Office and Railway Station are also named Nunawading.

In June 1948, with 100 students housed in the brick building, the Education Department agreed and District Inspector D.H. Wheeler advised on 2/6/48 that "the official name of Tunstall State School has now been changed to State School No 4190 Nunawading."

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City of Nunawading

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MUNICIPAL OFFICES
NUNAWADING

8th. March, 1948

The Secretary,
Education Department,
MELBOURNE. C. 1.

Dear Sir,

Schools

At a recent meeting of my Council, I was directed to request that your Department give consideration to the re-naming of the school known as Tunstall State School, Nunawading State School.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk

Council request that Tunstall School be renamed Nunawading State School.

Nunawading State School, Springvale Road, Nunawading was operating in 1948 with 5 male teachers and 5 female. No library as such was in use "except for some old books in a bad condition which are loaned by Nunawading City Council.

A change of school hours was accepted just after the name changed. The Mothers Club was desirious of the change and the proposal was to shorten lunch-time by 15 minutes and to cease lessons also 15 minutes earlier. The reason being given as the "new industrial hours has made vehicular traffic heavier at a now different period of the day." Parents and teaching staff agreed that the projected change would be beneficial. Session times before the change were 9.15am - 12.15pm morning and 1.30pm - 4pm afternoon. The Mothers Club felt that the extra ¼ hour at lunchtime was unnecessary and those children who returned home for lunch generally lived close enough and would not be effected by the shorter times.

Mr. Kennedy was replaced by J.M. Gallagher from Burwood in 1949 and the Mothers Club became concerned that the school was understaffed. Miss Wekworth and Miss Jean Wood both joined the staff and temporarily relieved the teaching shortage. Miss Wekworth, who taught Marion Kendall, was loved by her children. She was a little plump lady who always wore a wide brimmed hat. Miss Wood had temporarily been teaching at Warrandyte while living at Brighton. This caused her to spend up to 4 hours daily travelling. Then to make matters worse, Miss Wekworth who was the Infant Teacher, became indisposed for a considerable time and 30 children had to be sent home and 12 more relocated with Grades 3/4. It was felt that if the Education Department could buy 2 houses near the school, more teachers would be attracted to the area. Apparently teachers were reluctant to come to Nunawading as there were very few residences available. This request was turned down as it was "not the policy of the Department to provide housing for teachers at schools in near metropolitan areas which have a direct and frequent service from the city."

The area around the school was still orchards in 1951, although blocks were for sale in Sandy Street for £100 each. There were no buildings at all between Lovell's Drapery on the corner of Whitehorse Road and Springvale Road. The footpath was now cinders instead of clay. Springvale Road was a single road, bitumen but quite rough with trees along the edges. Cattle were still driven to Mitcham through lemon orchards. Esdale Street, along the northern boundary was not yet made. Jacobsen's owned the little farm between Sandy Street and the school - which is now called the 'Back Paddock' The area around the back of the school was bushy, the fence separating the farm from the school was wire with a wooden rail on top and the green gate, which was always open, connected the school to the unmade Burnt Street lane. There was a dam in the middle of the farm and the pink cherry blosson trees that flowered in the spring are still there.

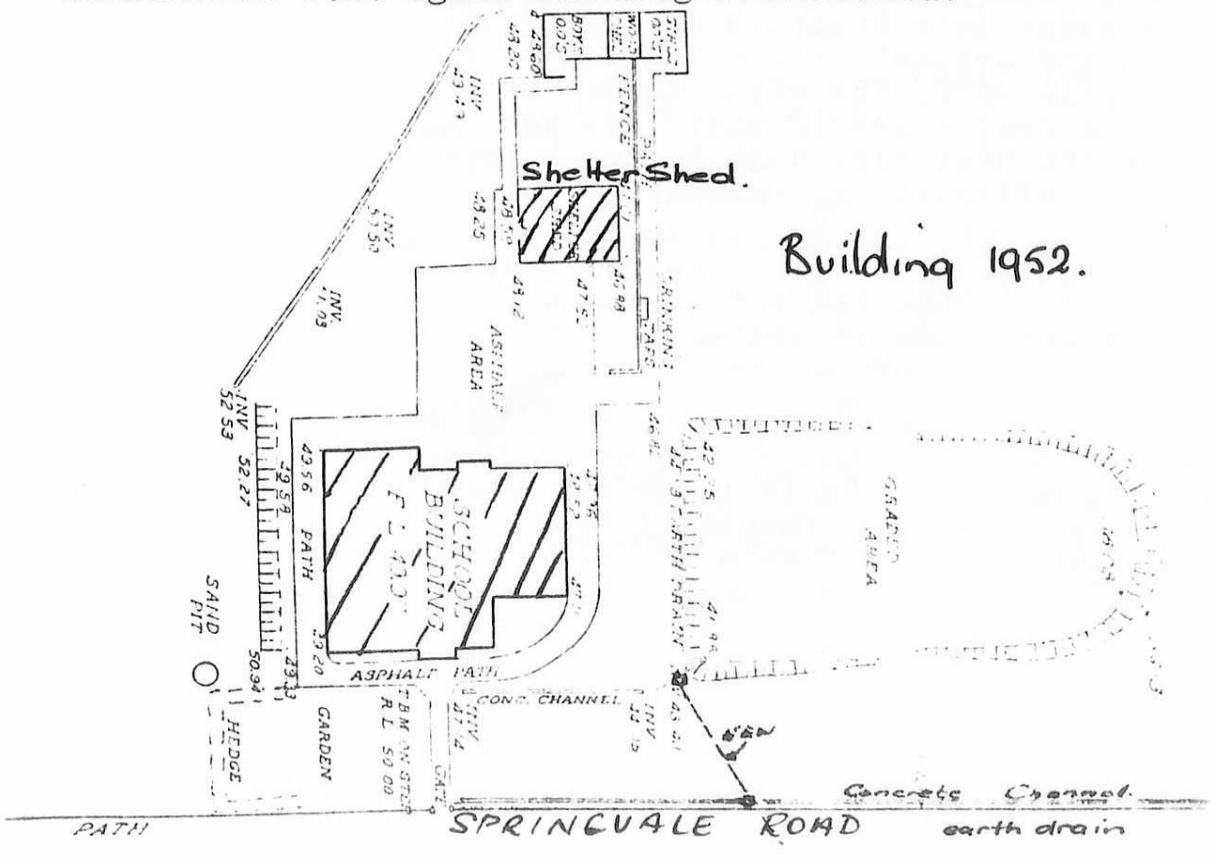
The Murray family, having moved from Scotland in 1949, built their home at 23 Sandy Street, among the first to do so. Jim 9 and little sister Jackie 5 would walk to school. They would walk through the farm, past the dam and in the back gate. Geese lived around the dam, did not like intruders and regularly chased all who came their way.

In 1951, Mr. Arthur Gomarsall became headmaster. And he asked if the official bank account of the school be transferred from the E.S.&.A. Bank agency to the National Bank at Mitcham. Apparently the National Bank operated on much more convenient times than did the smaller bank. Mr. Gomarsall also wanted to introduce parents to the value of visual education and asked if Mr. Holt, the film circuit projectionist who visited the school occassionally, could show a suitable program of films. This was done but the hall had to be made ready to meet his requirements. These were to have 230 volt AC power, a screen and a table for the projection equipment.

£5 was collected in May and donated to the Royal Womens Hospital Building Appeal and £4/6/1 to the Save the Children Fund.

Mr. Ryan, school committee, in February 1951 sought permission to buy a school bell. The affirmative answer to this is that the bell be bought on a £ for £ basis. The brass bell was purchased, power points added so another 'wireless instrument' could be used, switch board added for £12, and in June £1,200 was requisitioned for to provide sewerage.

In 1952 there were 155 pupils going up to 8th Grade. The telephone was not installed on application as the size of the school did not merit same. And conditions were again becoming overcrowded.



The Education Department intended building extra classrooms but could give no assurance when this would be done. The shelter shed was still being used as a classroom - art classes were held in there - so to alleviate the immediate problem an extra shelter shed was erected at a cost of £433/10/-. Miss Little, prep. teacher often had children sitting in the passageway for lessons. A proposal was forwarded on 3/9/52 to erect a classroom by local effort. This was to be a weatherboard extension on the rear of the brick building - the area now used as a staff kitchen. The room, intended as a temporary classroom and then to be turned into a library, was erected by voluntary labour over the Christmas holidays and was ready for the start of the school year in 1953. Cost was £253/19/6. The concrete steps opposite the canteen is a reminder that, back in 1952, it was the back doorway into the school.

Open fires were used for heating until 1952 when the fireplaces were remodelled. This work caused the fireplaces to smoke badly and as a result 'Wonderheat' heating was installed.

The first of the prefab. classrooms as well as a 12'x12' staff room were built behind the brick building and occupied in March 1954.The School committee discussed the setting up of a library and the school was upgraded to a Class II school on 14/7 and Mr. Gomarsall attended a school on library practice and introduced Dewey classification at the school. A sound system supplied by Phillips electrical was installed and library books under the £ for £ subsidy were purchased. Teacher salaries for a female assistant was £21/1/- per fortnight.

Outside in the quadrangle, the 2 shelter sheds were standing in front of what is now sewered toilets. Where the adventure playground is now were huge pinetrees where cubbies were built by children. The boys played football and cricket, girls had skipping ropes and played rounders. As well, the wide pathway at the back brick wall was the perfect place to play 7's. And the steps that were cut into the high dirt bank became a perfect clay slide - especially after it had rained.

In 1954 the unmade lane was the southern boundary of the property. 8'6" gates opened into the school grounds from this lane, too small to allow any trucks to turn in. The gates were then relocated onto Springvale Road and widened to 12'6" for easier accessability.

Huge gum trees grew along the southern boundary, trees that were not allowed to be climbed, but climb them Jackie Murray did. She fell one day and thought she was dead. So did the others who rushed to help. The problem was that Jackie didn't have any wind to tell those anxious faces she wasn't dead.

266 children were enrolled at the beginning of 1955 with 6 teachers. Sewerage was completed by April and Mr. Nettle requested that thought be given to erecting more classrooms. 5 classrooms were now being used, library room, office with store attached and a small staff room. The School Committee wanted to embark on an improvement program in the grounds, including building bike shelters, levelling the oval and laying drainage pipes.

In November 1955 a site plan was drawn up. With the estimated enrolment in February of 276 children and no emergency accommodation available, there was an urgent need for extra room. Mr. Singleton pointed out that there was a large number of houses under construction within 1 mile radius of the school. More transfers were being made into the school than out and many more admissions were expected. The following sets out the classroom accommodation at present, and the estimated numbers the rooms will need to accomodate in 1956

| Room 1 | Capacity | Est. Population |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 53 | 57 |
| 2 | 53 | 59 |
| 3 | 53 | 53 |
| 4 | 48 | 52 |
| 5 | 48 | 40+ |

"Rooms 1 and 2 are divided by a folding partition and though they may eventually be used by the infant department, it is not feasible to put an infant class in either room at present owing to noise of activities disturbing a senior class."

Mr. Archibald H. Linton became headmaster in May 1956, transferring from Hawthorn. He fought during the 1914-18 war as a member of the 8th Divisional Signal Co. and took part in engagements on the western front.

Library books were being purchased yearly in 1956 with "not less than £60 being spent."

Burnt Street - southern boundary - under the Nunawading Council planning scheme was to be closed. It was suggested the Council be approached about the school obtaining the closed lane as part of the grounds and therefore leaving the vehicular access in the same position. N.C.C. also proposed to complete concreting the footpath on the eastern frontage.

With 277 students, some senior classes were held in the larger shelter shed. Sheds which did not have heating or lighting. Mr. John Bloomfield, Minister for Education advised on 17/4/56 that 3 more additional rooms were to be erected, to be ready early 1957.

A strip film projector was purchased in June from Melbourne Cine Supplies for £12/10/-.

In 1956, at a cost of £4,923, 2 rooms plus a 16'x12' staff room and an 8'x8' store room were added behind the already constructed rooms in the centre block.

With all the building going on, the unfinished area was 'Out of Bounds' to pupils. One little girl, Jackie Murray couldn't resist galloping along the floor joists. One mis-step and one split lip.

Mr. Linton asked for a telephone extension "to the vicinity of the only staffroom which is in another building 50 yards from the office." This extension was approved but the school council would have to pay the extension rental of £2/19/- p.a. The Mothers Club provided £200 towards the purchase of a sound-on-film projector. Films were shown Friday afternoons in Rooms 1 & 2. All the grades would sit in together with the partitions folded back to allow more room.

On 28/2/57, the Social Service League was formed with C.R. Baker, 1st assistant teacher as leader and 3 senior pupils as helpers. The School Council found it necessary to install outside lighting, illuminating the hazardous front step as "there are a number of night functions such as picture nights etc. organized by the committee and Mothers Club, when children and parents crowd out through the door into darkness."

In February 1958, numbers had grown to nearly 500 with 7 permanent and 6 temporary teachers. 3 new classrooms in A. Block were nearly completed. The area beside the new rooms, had originally been intended as a basketball court. It had been excavated and levelled as such but it was thought the area would be better served by being surfaced and used as an assembly area for the junior school. It was felt this move had the "undoubted advantage of segregating the youngest children from the boisterous rush and bustle of the older ones for assembly, play and outdoor activity generally.

These 3 new classrooms were occupied on 9/4/58. Miss N. Boyle wrote to Minister Bloomfield requesting an appointment for a deputation relating to the raising of funds for the Nunawading War Memorial Swimming Pool Committee. Children of the school had been asked to participate in a drive organized to help raise funds for the pool, by selling specially printed stamps. She wrote that "if it is desirable to include swimming in the school curriculum, then it is logical to allow children to spend time in participating in a community effort to provide their own swimming facilities." No record has been found of whether or not the pupils were allowed to help raise these funds.

Mr. Linton retired at the end of 1958 from Nunawading after 48 years service to teaching.

More rooms were built. A contract was let to Leighton in June for the erection of 2 more rooms, also in the northern block. The school committee felt that folding doors would be more practical than a fixed partition between these 2 rooms and contributed £354/8/- for the installation of such doors. These 2 rooms were occupied in 1959 but also without any provision for heating. This was rectified in April with the installation of gas heating costing £77/9/2.

Mr. Seddon Kerr started the long ongoing saga of drainage as he found out that "no provision has been made to take the storm water from the roof to the existing underground drains. Every time it rains, huge puddles form through which the infant grades have to pass."

Permission was sought in March the same year to "have the central library officially declared to be the same and permission to submit an application from an ex-teacher to act as part time librarian." It was noted that the whole of the range of library books had been catalogued and was ready for use. This was approved and Nunawading State School became the first school in the Inspectorate to have a central library. Mrs. Adeline McPherson became the librarian and so started a long and valued association with the school. She was a dedicated enthusiastic lady who quickly became a school asset.

Burnt Street lane was still not closed in 1959. Inside and outside painting was done at a cost of £2,810 and the shelter sheds were found to be in the middle of the proposed quadrangle and assembly areas. They were in poor condition and permission to relocate them was given by John Bloomfield. There had been no provision made for infant drinking taps and this was rectified with the installation of taps near their building in a trough much lower than normal. These new taps cost £48 and an incinerator was built for £96. Continual upgrading was necessary for the school now holding 256 girls and 245 boys. 3 more rooms became ready for use in August 1960.

In the early 60's there began in influx of european migrants into the area with a lot of mothers working. The school committee recognised the need for a canteen to be built within the grounds. Mrs. Murray and her friend Judy Quick "made the most noise" about getting a tuck shop. Estimated cost of the building, using voluntary labour, would be £540. Permission to build the canteen was granted in May 1961. Pies, pasties, sausage rolls, sandwiches and hot soup were sold. The canteen has operated since, providing an extremely valuable and necessary service to the school. It has always operated on a voluntary roster system of daily help from the mums of the school. Children can now buy an assortment of food as well as having lunch orders made up and delivered to the classroom in time for lunch.

Enrolment had climbed to 570 in 1961 with 14 teachers in 14 rooms. With 14 on the staff, the small staffroom in B Block needed to be increased in size. 2 partitions were removed and the area became much more practical after taking in the small storeroom. The walkway between the brick building and the adjacent classrooms 19' away was covered in with steel decking during the year for £400.

**Week Ending** 2nd **day of** June **1962**

| NAMES (In order of Seniority) | Position | Monday Date | | | | Tuesday Date 26th | | | | Wednesday Date 30th | | | | Thursday Date 31st | | | | Friday Date 1st June | | | |
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| J L Kennedy 33475 | 3 MA | | | | | 8 | 15 | - | - | 8 | 12 | 3 | 50 | 8 | 16 | 3 | 55 | 8 | 12 | 4 | 5 |
| J J Cameron 19580 | WA 3 | | | | | 8 | 15 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 55 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 40 | 8 | 20 | 3 | 35 |
| J Hunn 38388 | MA 3 | | | | | 8 | 15 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 30 | 3 | 55 | 8 | 15 | 4 | 25 | 8 | 25 | 3 | 35 |
| Dorothea Trecker 27832 | WA | | | | | 8 | 15 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 55 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 30 | Absent | | | |
| R.C.S. Smith | 3 MA | | | | | 8 | - | 4 | - | 8 | 3 | 4 | - | 8 | 5 | 4 | 30 | 8 | - | 11 | 30 |
| J.W. Edwards 46767 | WA 3 | | | | | 8 | 10 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 21½ | 3 | 55 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 55 | 8 | 20 | 3 | 30 |
| Jennifer K. Bell 51542 | W.A. 4 | | | | | 8 | 10 | 3 | - | 8 | 11 | 3 | - | 8 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 10 |
| M. L. Price 52477 | WA 4 | | | | | 8 | 25 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 25 | 3 | 55 | 8 | 20 | 3 | 40 |
| Jan Peace 61450 | WA 4 | | | | | 8 | 25 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 30 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 30 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 30 | 4 | 20 |
| D. M. Fischer 48209 | WA 4 | | | | | 8 | 15 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 30 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 3 | 40 |
| M. H. Miller | PHYS. ED | | | | | | | | | 8 | 40 | 3 | 45 | | | | | | | | |
| D. Mc Bricks | WA IV | | | | | 8 | 2 | 3 | 45 | 8 | 20 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 45 | 8 | 15 | 4 | 10 |
| R J Lawton 60129 | PHYS ED | | | | | | | | | 8 | 40 | 3 | 25 | | | | | | | | |
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Teachers on duty June 1962.

£50 was the equipment subsidy in 1961 and £40 of this was spent on a motor mower. The janitor, Mrs. Hopley encouraged gardening and many more trees were planted by the children.

In September, Mr. Kerr requested that part-time librarian, Mrs. McPherson be employed for ½ day extra weekly to cope "more effectively with remedial reading. She is currently employed for 3 days per week." Approval was given to this request.

Another 2 rooms were added during the summer to cater for the expected enrolment of 685 at the beginning of 1962. The contract to build these rooms onto the northern block, as well as extra toilets was let to A.V. Jennings for £7,952. This area was finished and occupied 26/4/62. The strip of land on the southern boundary of the grounds, which had previously been surveyed as a roadway and commonly called Burnt Street, was transferred to the Education Department for £1,000 and was eventually absorbed into the school grounds. Mr. John G. Mannes became headmaster during 1962 with numbers still increasing. There were 16 classes. 2 x Grade 2, 3 x Grade 1 and 3 Prep classes. In 1963 numbers reached 749 but dropped back to 400 with the completion of nearby Springview Primary in Junction Road.

A Phillips tape recorder was purchased for £85 which had to be "submitted to the Radio School at RMIT for acceptance testing before it was delivered."

Mr. Mannes was an outstanding and most devoted headmaster, deeply respected by staff, children and parents, for his enthusiasm and work. He played a



The late
John G.Mannes.

leading role in a big program of £10,000 worth of constructional improvements in the grounds and the creation of an oval and cricket facilities. He encouraged participation in both sport and music. Nunawading winning the sports shield was largely due to his efforts and a team was entered for the first time in the district swimming sports. "He was one of those rare personalities" commented a member of the teaching staff. "He was so popular with both staff and children and so interested in everything. The individual child always meant a lot to him."

Academically he built the school up to a very fine institution. His work in music was outstanding, with the school choir one of his special interests. Exceptionally fine groups were built by his guiding hand and these groups participated in choral festivals and pageants.

But on 11/8/65, Mr. Mannes collapsed and died while conducting the school's 80 voice choir at a choral festival at the Croydon High School. The choir were singing 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot,' one of his favourite songs. His death was a shock and great sorrow to all connected with the school. After Mr. Mannes' death, his dream of a library became a reality. The library was brought to fruition through a co-operative loan, partially funded by school committee funds and a government subsidy.

"What's your favourite thing in the school?" a 10 year old was asked.

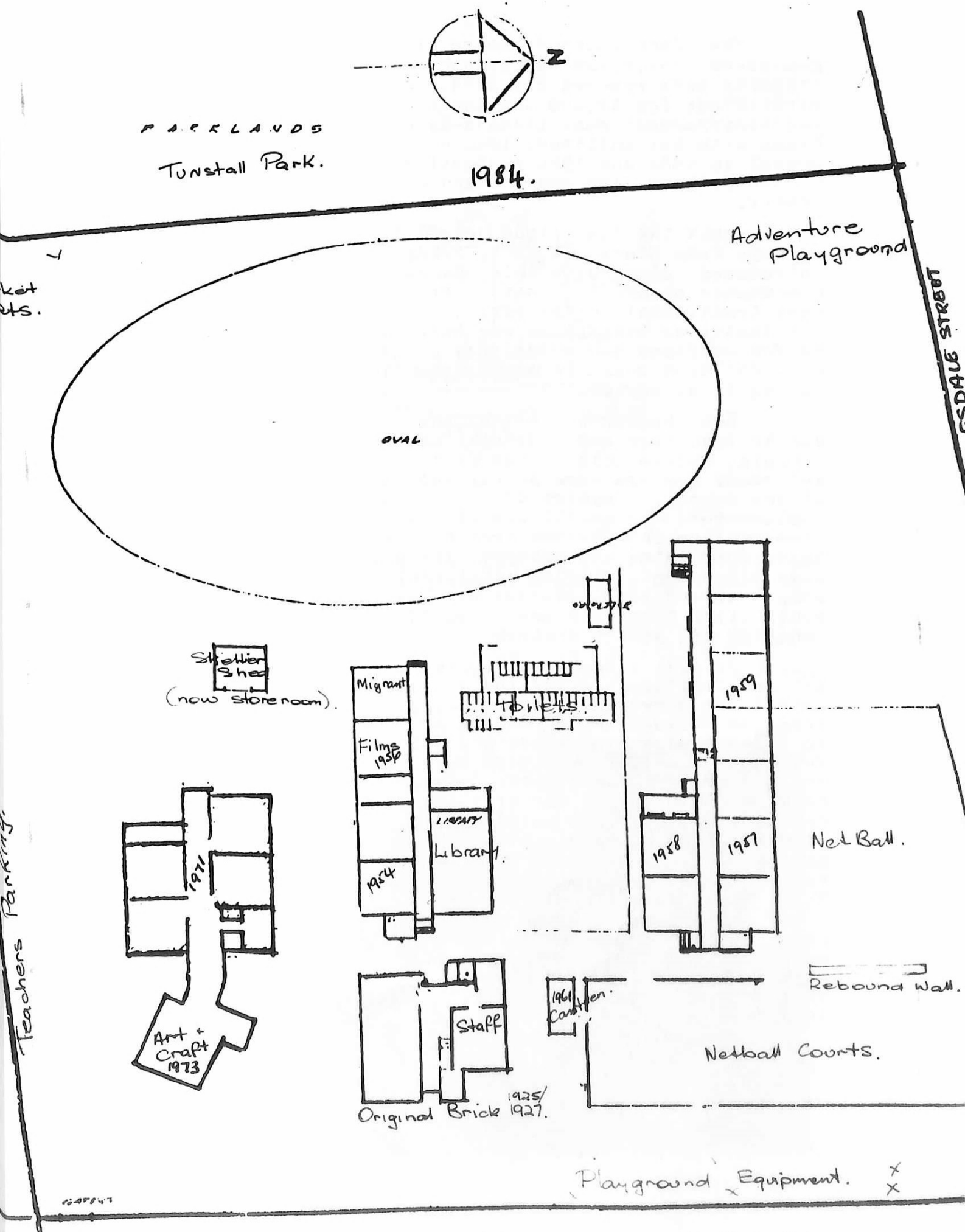
"The library." she promptly answered, delighting the tireless and enterprising parents who raised £9,500 to build and stock the library.

And so the John G. Mannes Library was opened officially by the Hon. John Rossiter, Assistant Minister for Education on 8/7/1966.

Traffic on Springvale Road was increasing considerably and the parents began to plan a roster system to supervise children crossing the road. Nunawading City Council advised the school early in 1967 that work would shortly commence on the duplication of Springvale Road. A maximum number of 725 pupils were registered at this time but then Donvale Primary opened and many pupils transferred to the new school further north along Springvale Road. Grades 3 and 4 were working with I.M.P. (Individual Mathematics Program), an aid to the new mathmetics course which was designed to give children an understanding of numbers. This involved practical work, sometimes shooting marbles and estimating the distance, measuring sections of the grounds or making graphs of passing cars.

Mr. Noel Werne, who joined the school as headteacher in 1965 was then in command for 5 years until August 1970.

When $30.000 was spent on erecting additional classrooms, office, and storeroom, now the top block, the plan included a pencilled addition of the proposed art and craft area. The new southern wing was occupied at the beginning of 1971.


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PARKLANDS
Tunstall Park.
1984.
Adventure Playground
OVAL
Shelter Shed
(now storeroom).
Migrant
Films 1956
Library
1954
Toilets
1959
1958
1957
Net Ball.
1971
Art + Craft 1973
Staff
1961
Rebound Wall.
Netball Courts.
Original Brick 1925/1927.
Playground Equipment.
SPRINGVALE ROAD

When John Jackson became headmaster in 1971, gum trees growing in the grounds but overhanging private property were removed for $435, internal painting was carried out for $3,800 and Linda Moore became school secretary/school mum. Linda's association with the school began with her children, Louise and David, starting school in 1964 and 1966 respectively. Linda was a member of the Mothers Club and husband John a school council member.

About the time Linda joined the school, a change in name from State School to Primary School was introduced. Along with this change, the title of headmaster changed to that of Principal. Schools were more traditional in the early 70's with 3 R's being the doctrine. Discipline was carried out within the narrow confines and guidelines of departmental policy, e.g. children could be given detention without parents having to be advised.

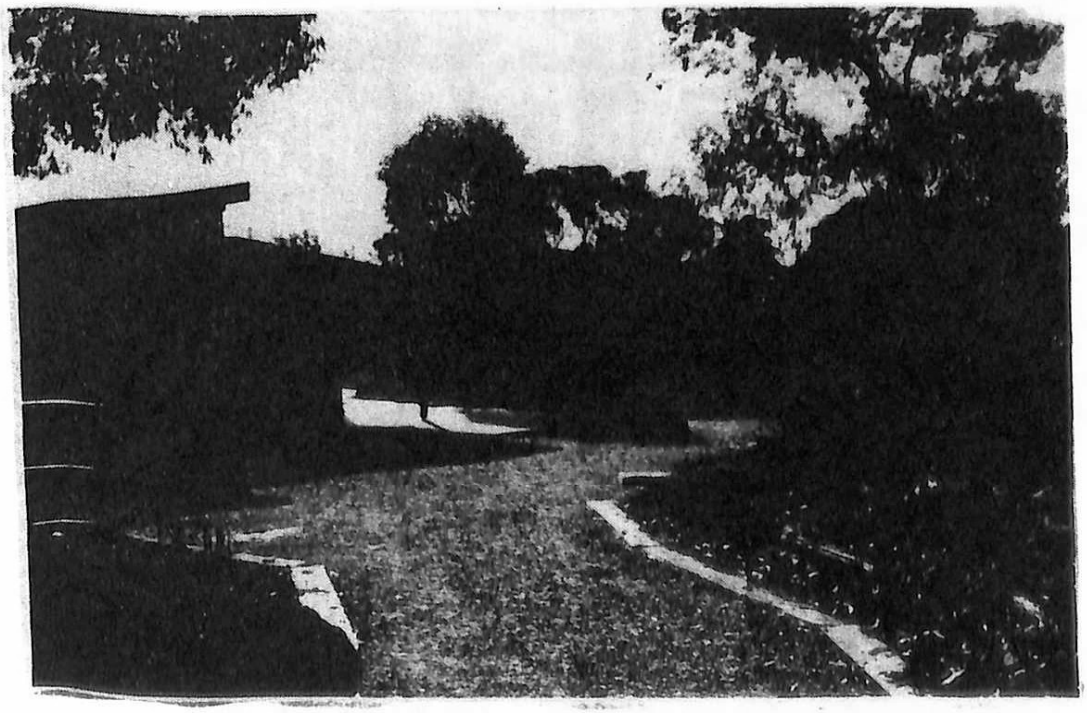
Knox Region was established and the policy was to encourage more parental involvement within all schools. Before this change of direction, the headmaster and staff members were solely responsible for the running of the school. A system of school management was implemented. The school council, along with staff co-operation then became responsible for school policies being formulated and managed. These included organizing a yearly budget, raising additional finance, overseeing school expenditure, overseeing cleaning and maintenance, controlling community use of buildings and grounds and managing the school canteen.

In 1971 a Co-operative was formed to build the Art and Craft Centre and the school became a training school for Burwood Teachers College. Training teachers from the college would use the small room at the entrance to B.Block as a staff room and following that, the same room has done duty as a sick bay and more recently,as the vice-principals office. Between 1924 and 1971, the headteacher occupied the office just inside the front entrance to the brick building. In the eastern entrance of the newest block was a small room originally designed as a staff room (complete with sink) and both the Principal and Secretary worked from this one small room. This was an unworkable situation so the office was again altered. The area was cut in half, wall put up, sick bay created and a store room added further down the corridor. The library was extended, taking over what had been used as a sports room and store. Carpet was laid to this area which then became a 'quiet area' and carpet was laid to the administration area.

Mr. Peter Langford, the art and craft teacher, designed a logo for the school and incorporated in it, a stylised version of the Wedgewood Urn. This logo now appears on windcheaters, T-shirts, bags, letterheads and magazines.

Unwanted vandalism occurred during the Christmas break in 1972 when an attempt was made to burn down the central block.

1973. The highlight of the year was the opening of the new Art and Craft Centre. Mrs. Dorothy Goble M.L.A. for Nunawading declared the Centre open on Sunday afternoon 28th October, to a large audience of staff, pupils, parents and friends of the school.



Art & Craft Centre - opened 28/10/73.

Springvale Road had now been duplicated but there was no crossing supervision, no 'Lollypop Ladies' as children now know them. No lights and no centre mediun strip made the crossing hazardous. Linda Moore remembers doing duty as a crossing lady and often being the recipient of cat calls as she ushered her charges across, waving arms frantically and brandishing an umbrella, trying to halt the traffic.

She has also had to work in her office in the face of many distractions from cut knees and heads to sprained ankles and to one day having to share her office with a goat. A goat all the way from Dunlavin Road where it had been tethered.

"but it followed us" protested 2 boys with innocent looks on their faces. Linda's goat spent some time tied up to her desk and kept himself amused by continually headbutting the objectionable desk. He was then thankfully banished to the shelter shed and from there Joe Scarlett, never one to miss an opportunity, used the goat in a living classroom nature study lesson.

Mr. Scarlett proved to be a very popular Principal, a caring man both of his staff and children. Being a former physical education man, he was keenly interested in outdoor activities and promoted a very extensive school camp program. He encouraged all children from Grade 3 onwards to participate.

Camps are held each year. Grade 3 at Monbulk, Grade 4 at Cowes, Grade 5 at 'Norval' at Halls Gap and Grade 6 attend Reefton. Reefton is near Warburton, the camp site being owned by Box Hill Technical College and our school is one of the very few primary schools privileged to use this excellent facility. The program at Reefton offers kayaking, abseiling, archery, orienteering, hiking, square dancing and bush craft.

Being away from home means the children have some independence but also have far greater responsibility. They are working, playing, eating and sleeping with friends. Learning to live in harmony, getting to know one another and experiencing a different environment are the reasons why we participate in school camps.

Cowes Camp is held at the Christian Youth Camp and activities include exploring the beach, observing the variety of wildlife including koalas, penguins, seals and sea birds, visiting the Fish Co-op. at San Remo and the Chickory farm at Ryhll.

PENGUIN PARADE Last night I saw the mother penguins feeding their babies. There were about 15 groups of penguins come back to the land. One of the rangers opened a gate and the penguins walked in

A
DIARY PAGE

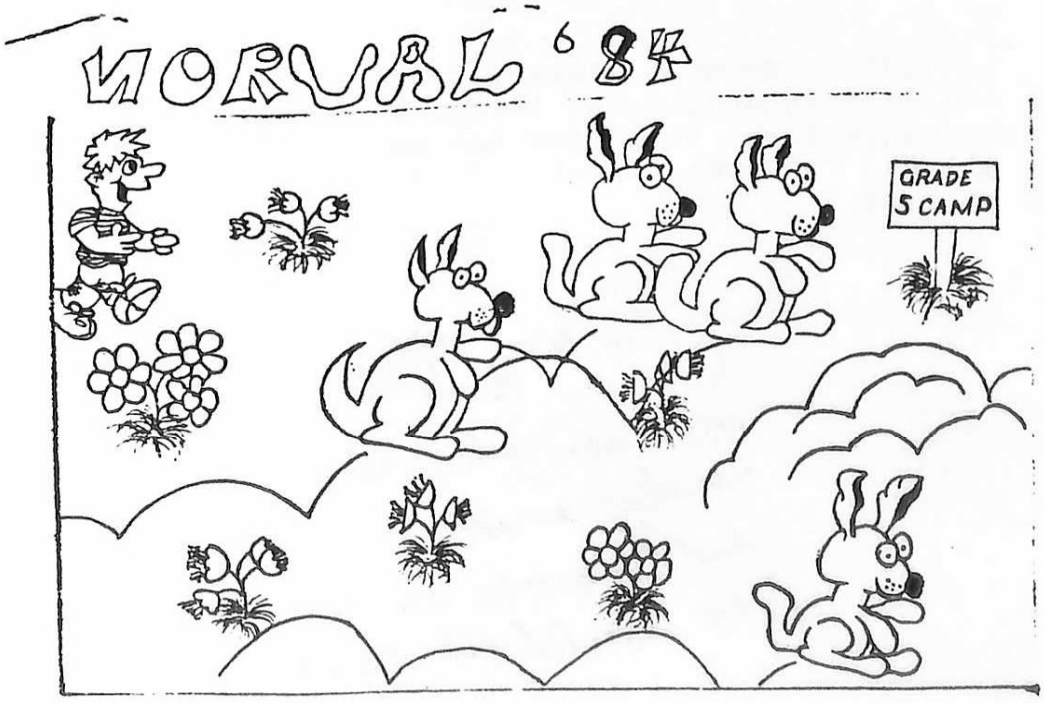
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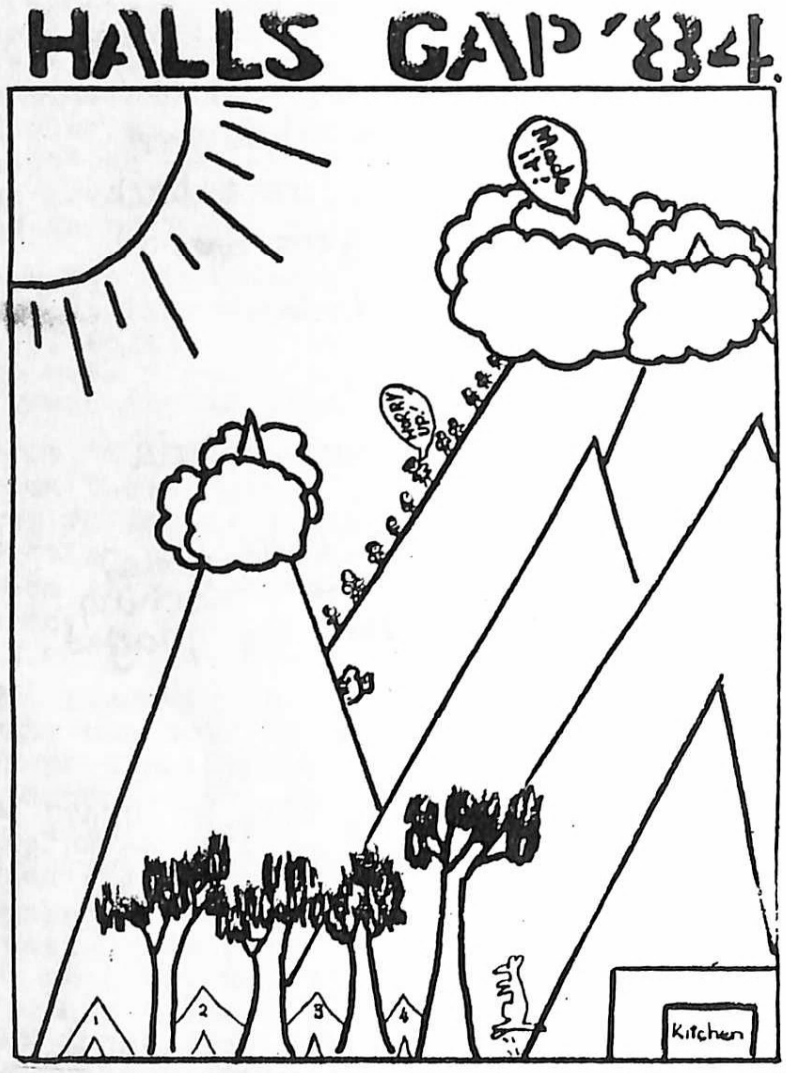
GAMES I was in the Huff and Puff games. Mrs May and Mr Jaques were teaching the children excercises, then we played games

"I had so much fun I didn't know that the crabs had bitten a hole right through the bag and all the water leaked out. I had to get a new bag but they bit a hole in that one too. I went through 5 bags."

(Gems from Grade 4 Camp diaries)

And from Norval at Halls Gap in the Grampians, where the children walk up to The Pinnacle, visit a sheep station and take part in a colonial day - hut making in the bush and damper cooking.






Grade 5 Camp Book Cover 1984.

"First we made damper. My damper was too runny and was hard to handle but it was yummy cooked on a stick in the black fire. We filled the centre hole with butter but all the red jam dripped out the bottom and was sticky all over me."

Today we made huts in the bush we had nike, Adele, nadey, scott, and kibet to make ours. Ours could fit 3 4 people

ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY 5th May, 1982

MINI WORLD

Mini World was great because every ~~the~~ thing that was made was the same as the real ~~[illegible]~~ places. Most of the huts told us ~~[illegible]~~ about the old settlers ~~[illegible]~~ who first made life of white man. The men first found ~~[illegible]~~ alluvial gold. Mini World was great and I liked it any way.

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OVERDALE FARM

Mr Holder owns ~~[illegible]~~ the best sheep in the world called merino. Today Mr Holder let us see his dog round up the sheep. When the dog had finshed he jumped up on the back of the motor bike and ~~[illegible]~~ stayed there ~~&~~ until Mr Holder said for him to get down. The dogs name was Tippy. Mr Holder had a rope making machine and my dad would love to have one of those

Mr. Scarlett also instigated an intensive swimming program. The aim of this program was, and still is, to have every child proficient at swimming by the time they leave primary school. This extremely valuable and well attended program is for a fortnights duration for each grade from Grade 3 - 6 and is held yearly. A number of qualified mothers assist in this teaching area and all staff members are required to undertake an Austswim course. By having qualified teachers within the school, a considerable financial saving is made by the parents of the children participating.

Mrs. Ruth Boschma joined the staff, also in 1974. She started as a Grade 3 teacher, taught with Marilyn Williams as a 'team teacher' with 60 children between them in rooms 5 and 6. Since 1981 Ruth has taught Grade 6.

Ruth remembers a lot of pageants, processions, dressing up and a lot of fun. 1977 was the first 'International Christmas Pageant', and was the idea of Joe Scarletts. This pageant involved all children and teachers. Parents and friends were invited to share the evening, both in watching different grades and groups, the singing of carols and the lighting of candles. One year it rained, and in the best tradition of continuing

on, the children sang 'Joy of Judea' as the rain teamed down, lights began to short and sparks flew.

Promoting a special theme of Shakespeare another year, Shakespeare Day was held in September. The day was designed to introduce senior students to the writings of Shakespeare. Ruth told the story of 'Othello' and Peter Jacques, suitably attired, presented 'Julius Caesar' The staff also presented 'Three Little Pigs' as per Shakespearian language. "Go with thee from thy home Brother". Difficult to imagine but fun to produce.

'Life Be In It Games' have been held where, again, all children participate and families are invited to attend. Roland Thompson (art teacher) came to open the Mini Olympics, travelling incognito as the Queen Mother. All dressed in flowing robes, feathered hat, jewels, gloves, beard and mustache.

Childrens Book Week is held in July yearly and it has been customary for children to participate by dressing up as a favourite book character. Pat Allen, infant teacher, stole the show dressed as the Pied Piper. She wore a long cape, jaunty hat with a bright feather and following on behind were all her prep. children dressed as mice.

Music festivals have also been held. The grades enjoy different songs and dances being performed, listening to recorder groups and the singing of the Asian choir and have admired individual talents.

These extra activities are rather special and children remember them, join in the spirit of the celebration and have fun.



Mr. Stephen Rothwell - a Moomba clown.



Mrs. Boschma
(and partner)

Moomba 1984.

Behind the scenes, there is a prevailing sense of camaraderie in the staff room. Skits and sketches are favourites. From 'This is Your Life Graeme Laidlaw' and Roland Thompson being shown what his wedding would be like in a mock ceremony and Pam Firth having her photo album acted out to farewelling Shirley Mates in 1985 prior to her going overseas. That day the staff room was decorated with Australiana and staff dressed as Aussie tourists. Just to give Shirley an idea of what Aussies may look like if she meets one in deepest Africa.

Ruth feels she has always been part of a happy and close-knit staffroom, and that she is lucky to have had support, encouragement and friendship from everyone.

Since the early 1970's, a gradual change has taken place in the classroom. From the 'old fashioned' way of teaching whereby children sat in rows and work was done from the board and out of a book. From 1973 this gradual change has encompassed an attitude of giving the children more responsibility for their own learning, with more emphasis on discussion and thinking and the process of 'doing it' as opposed to just learning the facts.

Nunawading school's overall attitude to sport is very special to her. Every child is encouraged to participate, regardless of ability, and in so doing, learns to enjoy. Ruth has worn the caps of coaches to different team games. Soccer, tunnelball and netball.

She also sees children as always needing basic care and needing to find rapport with the teacher. That will never change, even though the technological aspect of life has entered into teaching, a far cry from the 1920's with slates, pencils and a long cane.

Mr. Hugh Azzopardi commenced in February 1976, replacing Miss Margot Davis as vice-principal. He was well versed in the many problems confronting migrant families and was able to help counsel our migrant families in personal and educational problems.

A specialist migrant teacher was appointed to the staff in 1976 to help overcome these difficulties.

Mrs. Adeline McPherson retired after 17 years service as the school librarian on 19/8/1977. In the Library today there is a magnificent Victoria's 150th Anniversary Book 'Atlas of Victoria,' a Victorian Government Publication, with a beautifully inscribed frontispiece.

"In fond memory and appreciation of
Mrs. A.L. McPherson
Librarian for the years 1959-1977
From
The parents and students who loved Mrs. Mac.,
and whom she served so well."

Miss Doreen Bergshoeff had Grade 1 and the children learnt to print using 'big fat blue crayons.' Chair bags hung on the backs of their small chairs and to recognise their own coat peg, a special simple picture alongside their christian name was used. It was a special treat to be chosen to draw the picture on the blackboard depicting the change of seasons. Outside the infant grades played skippy, hoola-hoop and simply 'running around.' The Grade 6 children who came to look after the younger grades when wet weather prevented them from going outside at recess times were looked on as 'the big kids'. The same big kids that Peter Jacques made sit in the corridor as punishment for being in the out of bounds area when they shouldn't have been there.

Mr. Kevin Fahey became Principal in 1978. Skylight ventilation was installed to the sick bay for $300 and gas heaters placed in the vice-principals office. Mr. Fahey wrote that "the frigidity of this room prevents any meaningful labour during the colder months." 22 gum trees and 19 pine trees were trimmed as they were a "danger to life and property" - cost $1,390.

The Adventure Playground made up of treated pine formed into many interesting items of play equipment, was built in the N.W. corner of the grounds. The playground was used daily on a class roster. Preps, I & 2 had the sole use of the area on a Monday with 3, 4, 5 & 6th grades using it turn by turn for the remainder of the week. The cost of building the playground on a $ for $ basis was shared. Maintenance of this area and the grounds in general is carried out by periodical working bees.

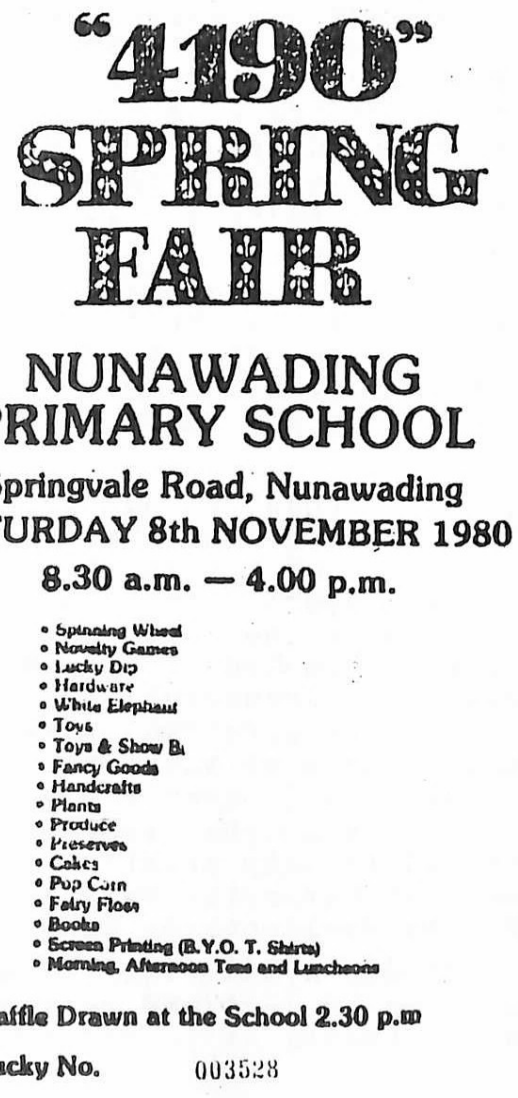
A great variety of work is accomplished at a working bee. Painting, cleaning gutters, weeding, mowing, pruning, creating new garden areas, laying pathways and a lot of general maintenance. The days activities are well co-ordinated and children and parents arrive with all tools of trade. A pleasant innovation to the day is the BBQ lunch provided by the Parents Club. Currently in '85, the working bees are held on a Grade basis - different grades at different times for specific areas.

It was in 1979 that the Mothers Club, functioning as such for 54 years, changed their name to 'Parents Club'. A change of name but certainly not a change in their policy of being supportive to all such things conducive to the progress and welfare of the school and students.

Mr. Rick Casey, a physical education specialist, joined the staff in 1978. He has encouraged all children from Prep. to Grade 6 to be active within both the physical education and sport curriculum and 1980 showed our sports teams again to the fore. Special promotion of a soccer team, ably coached by Mrs. Ruth Boschma proved most popular and successful. As an aid to physical education, a brick rebound wall was built between the netball courts at the front of the school. The free standing wall is in constant use during playtime. As part of the sports program, it is used in tabloid sports and to help develop various ball skills. Outside school hours the wall is a popular place for neighboring residents to use in many ways.

The public address system was inadequate and costly to maintain and in 1980 was replaced by the Australian Sound Co. system at a cost of $2,437.

It was decided by the Parents Club in hold a fete in November 1980, the first since 1970. A sub-committee was formed from the Parents Club, School Council and staff and for 12 months this committee prepared a wide variety of stalls, games, handcrafts, raffles, plants, white elephant and a number of other activities including the bouncing castle and 'Kill the Rat'. The day was a huge success due to the splendid co-operation, superb organization and a lot of hard work done by a lot of people.




Advertising poster widely distributed locally.

Nearly $8,000 was raised from the fete. This money has since been used on landscaping the school grounds and upgrading the oval.

NUNAWADING PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 4190

"4190 SPRING FAIR"

SCHEDULE OF PRIZES TO BE OFFERED IN RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN AT THE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 1980.

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| Frigidaire 200 litre Freezer plus $100 of meat | $ 500 |
| Breville Kitchen Wizz | $ 100 |
| Sanyo Radio Casette - model 2438 | $ 90 |
| Floral arrangement | $ 50 |
| Set Children's Table and Chairs | $ 40 |
| 24" Dressed Doll | $ 35 |
| Knife Holder Block | $ 30 |
| Ross Faulkner Autographed Football | $ 25 |
| Ross Faulkner Autographed Football | $ 25 |
| Decorated Christmas Cake | $ 15 |
| TOTAL RETAIL VALUE OF PRIZES | $ 910 |

1980 and 1981 saw the start of considerable changes in the school population with the arrival of migrants from South East Asian countries. Mrs. Nu.Luu was appointed as our first ethnic teacher aide in 1981. Her duties include liasing between the school and parents of these children, helping the classroom teacher communicate, provide an informal ear, helping staff to understand different cultures and values, to attend excursions and to be the link between parents and teachers during interviews. Ethnic teacher aides are not appointed as teachers and therefore do not teach a language. Mrs. Luu is appointed a year at a time each November. Most of the migrant children who attend the school come originally from Vietnam and Cambodia. The school has a compiled dossier on the customs of these countries and with the help of Mrs. Luu, staff can make themselves aware of the differences between children and understand different values.

Mrs. Helen Tomecek was composite 3/4 teacher in 1981. Children in that grade started to learn cursive script and Kerryn remembers all the children being given a notebook as a Christmas present.

The asphalt resurfacing was done yet another time by Boral for $2,550. Peter Jacques took over as vice-principal temporarily while Kevin Fahey was away due to poor health. Under the sponsorship of the School Council, he introduced 2 colour T.V. sets, video recorder and other equipment for the film projection room in the centre block opposite the library.

The Parents Club, a vital link in the successful running of the school is made up of an active committee and supporting members. It is also a major source of funds. Through various special efforts, the Club has raised money to purchase many items needed to support the educational program. Among many , the Parents Club have provided reading schemes, floor coverings, maths teaching aids and book sets. The carpeting and curtaining of the film room has also been provided by the same body. Grade 5's would join together and watch 'Behind the News' on Thursdays in the film room. T.V.'s have since been installed in all classrooms and the children enjoy this as an educational medium.

Enrolment in October 1981 was 427.

During October 1981, an informal 'Back to Nunawading Primary School' was held on a Sunday. School was open for the day, staff were on duty and in some classrooms there were special displays. Many parents, some past and present students and friends enjoyed the day, reminiscing and renewing old friendships.

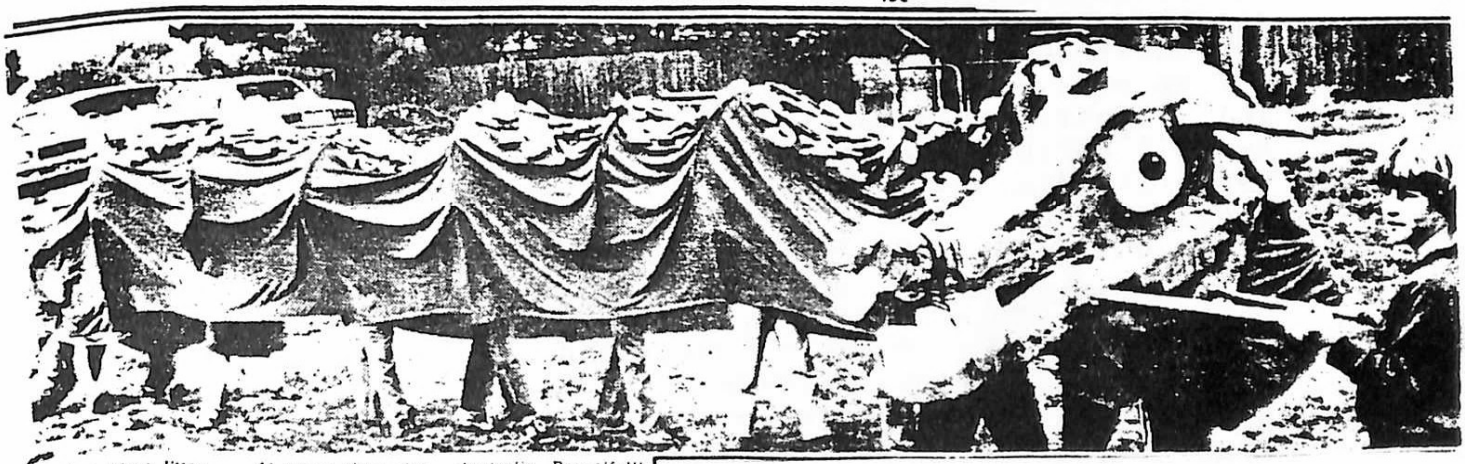
In 1982 Mr. Ed. Hill was welcomed as Principal, coming from East Burwood Primary. Looking at the school from Springvale Road the full extent of the school buildings is not immediately noticeable and Mr. Hill became more and more favourably impressed as he was introduced to the school on a very wet January day.

School opened in February with 420 children enrolled.

As Principal, Mr. Hill attends meetings of various committees, including School Council and sub-committees of the Council, Safety House Committee, conducts Annual General Meetings and is Chairman of Cluster 3 Priorities Committee. This Committee encompasses 11 schools and meets monthly to allocate funds for projects listed in priority by these member schools. $42,000 was allocated for 1985. Nunawading Primary has benefited since 1982 with all the asphalt areas being resurfaced, new blackboards in 12 rooms, new lino in passageways in 3 blocks, the relaying of the cricket pitch in 1984 for $1,650 and still to come is the extension of the eaves on the northern side of the north block. Aimed at keeping out the hot summer sun.

Mrs. Flinn, with the aid of the children, created a dragon who grew into a very large rubbish eating monster by the name of 'Fred' and who was to become an integral part of the activities of Keep Australian Beautiful Week in April 1982. Fred lived in the shelter shed and used to 'gobble up rubbish' that was put into his mouth.

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*Fred, a giant litter-eating dragon was the star of Nunawading primary school's Keep Australia Beautiful week celebrations.*

*He was housed for the week in a lair ingeniously transformed from a shelter shed decorated with colorful graffiti spelling out messages such as "Open my yapper and put in a wrapper" and "Drop it and you'll cop it".*

*At recess times during the week students were encouraged to feed Fred with litter and at the end of each day he prowled around the schoolgrounds picking up rubbish.*

*Fred and a troupe of dancing dustbins also featured in song and dance sessions at morning assemblies.*

*Litter games and class activities also reinforced the "Keep Australia Beautiful" theme.*

*• ABOVE: Bruno Cordetta (at left) and Terry Black with Fred, the litter-eating dragon.*

'Fred' - the giant litter eating dragon.

(right)

Four of the 'Dancing Dustbins' who featured in song and dance sessions at morning assemblies.



Mrs. Flinn's domain, the art room, also had a dark horror tunnel. This tunnel was built so the children crawling through could experience using senses other than their eyes. Different smells, textures, noises, shapes. The 'slimy' part was the creepiest. The kids loved it.

As did Grade 4 enjoy making their room into a mouth and throat. The doorway became teeth and the tunnel into the room was painted red and resembled a throat. The epiglottis was made from celophane and the tonsils were big red balloons. M/s Turner had lots of visitors from other classrooms who kept coming in to visit on the slightest excuse.

A fish tank was introduced to the same grade and became very special. Silver paper was stuck to one side to keep the sun out and each time M/s Turner introduced a new fish, a vote would be taken on the fishes name. The tank had 2 blackmores, 1 goldfish and 1 spotty fish, all carefully tended by the grade. As well as the fish tank, the 'great big black old typewriter' was a favourite. Even though, when practising on a piece of white paper which had the keys drawn on it, some of them felt 'dumb'.

"Hermies", the robot man came into existence too. Built of gigantic proportions, boxes, comes, light globes, paper, polystyrene and a mountain of recyclable material, Hermies lived in the classroom. He finally took up residence outside the door until Mrs. Rix, the cleaner, declared him 'OUT.

1983. Staff numbered 30 and the children 402.

NUNAWADING PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Prices effective from 2nd March 1984

TO ORDER
On a clean paper bag write:

Example
Child's Name
Room Number Teacher's Name
1 Salad Roll 79
1 Orange Juice Prima 35
1 Sultanas 18
$1.32

If money enclosed in one bag is to cover two or more children's lunches please state this fact (including Room numbers) on both or all lunch bags.
A clean bag must be used (Health Regulations) or a charge of 1c will be made for a bag to be supplied by the Canteen.

| | Sandwiches | Rolls |
|---|---|---|
| Plain buttered | 30 | 36 |
| Vegemite | 40 | 46 |
| Peanut butter | 46 | 52 |
| Banana | 53 | 59 |
| Tomato | 53 | 59 |
| Beetroot | 53 | 59 |
| Egg | 53 | 59 |
| Egg and lettuce | 60 | 66 |
| Cheese | 60 | 66 |
| Cheese & vegemite | 67 | 73 |
| Cheese & lettuce | 67 | 73 |
| Cheese & tomato | 67 | 73 |
| Salad | 74 | 80 |
| Ham | 62 | 68 |
| Ham & lettuce | 65 | 71 |
| Ham & tomato | 67 | 73 |
| Ham tomato & beetroot | 73 | 79 |
| Ham tomato & cheese | 73 | 79 |
| Ham tomato cheese & lettuce | 79 | 85 |
| Ham & salad | 84 | 90 |
| Meat (Strss.) | 56 | 62 |
| Meat & salad | 79 | 85 |

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| Party pies | 20 |
| Party pasties | 20 |
| Meat pies | 72 |
| Pasties | 72 |
| Jumbo sausage rolls | 53 |
| Small sausage rolls | 35 |
| Saladburgers (Monday & Friday only) | 80 |
| Hot Dogs (Tues. Wed & Thurs) | 60 |
| Wholemeal cakes | 35 |
| Iced doughnuts | 30 |
| Hot jam doughnuts | 33 |
| Yeast buns (buttered) | 25 |
| Big "M" Milk (Choc. Coffee Strawberry) | 38 |
| Prima (Orange, Orange/Mango, Apple, Tropical, Citrus 5) | 35 |
| Cheese triangle | 15 |
| Fruit in season - up to | 20 |
| Carrots | 8 |

Sauce and pickles -- no charge
Salad sandwiches and rolls will contain - lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot and cucumber unless otherwise requested on the lunch bag. Margarine is used in sandwiches and rolls. Butter is available on request.
Saladburgers will contain tomato, lettuce, carrot and sauce.

AVAILABLE OVER-COUNTER DURING LUNCHTIME

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|---|---|---|---|
| Fruit in Season | up to 20c | Carrots | 8 |
| Cheese triangles | 15 | Sultanas | 18 |
| Prima | 35 | Big "M" | 38 |
| Zooper Dooper | 10 | Various sweets | 1 - 25 |

ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE - CHANGES WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Canteen Price List
2/3/1984.

Multicultural days have been held, whereby the school enjoys different types of food, sampling dishes prepared with an international flavour. Children taste rice dishes, pancakes with maple syrup, damper and other delicacies. As well as food, costumes of other countries are displayed as are dolls dressed in national costume, and dancing and singing are enjoyed. The mixed population of the school have a lot to offer each other.

At the beginning of the school year in 1984, the numbers had decreased to 387 and 27 on the staff.

The School Council produced a School Policy booklet which was issued to all parents. This document was produced as a result of discussions with parents and teachers in the school community. Mr. Brian Duvoison was instrumental in collecting and collating comment and for the production of the document.

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

The Principal, Staff and Parents of Nunawading Primary School, being a functional part of this community, strongly agree that the nucleus of this school is the child, who must be accepted as having child-like standards, values, knowledge, interpretive skills, and whose everyday needs of independence, self esteem, feeling of togetherness, peer acceptance, as well as love, are provided by the classroom generalist, the specialist, the school-based support-staff, the school administration and the child's parents or guardians, all essentially supportive, co-operative and working together to provide the child with a balanced curriculum which should be a structured continuum - challenging without being frustrating, academically placed but culturally fruitful, showing positive concern for others, constantly evaluated and regularly updated - in order to develop, through a range of techniques of learning, a program with a purpose - that being to teach the student to cope with his/her immediate and future changing community, as well as the total environment, deal with stress and frustration; foster the growth of self discipline and self esteem; to understanding through example the importance of team spirit; adopt a common sense attitude; use initiative and channel enthusiasm, - traits which must be developed in a physical environment that is vital, stimulating, conducive to harmonious relationships between the various age groups, integrated, and affording a secure, happy atmosphere.

## THE IMMEDIATE AIMS FOR THE SCHOOL STAFF

- To plan and prepare courses which, at all times, enrich the experiences of the child and, through such courses, foster the growth of productive citizens.
- To promote a harmonious, co-operative, staff atmosphere.
- To encourage professional development of staff through responsiblity and in In-service training with grade and subject co-ordination.
- To help and encourage migrant children and their parents to adjust to their new environment.
- To provide opportunity for group work.
- To enhance the development of the "whole" child making best use of the expertise and experience of the staff and parents.
- To keep parents informed of what the school is doing.
- To encourage parental involvement in school activities.
- To carry out regular evaluation so that the school aims are realised.
- To encourage incoming staff to recognise the school aims and objectives.

## GENERAL AIMS OF THE PARENTS OF THE SCHOOL

- To promote a harmonious, co-operative, parent atmosphere in the school community.
- To encourage commitment and involvement of parents through participation in the school community.
- To be aware of the problems encountered by children, parents and staff of the school, and to help and encourage them to adjust to their environment.
- To enhance the full development of the child by making best use of the expertise and experience of the parents and the community; and to support the School Staff in their similar endevours.
- To encourage support of, and participation in, the School Council and Parent Bodies.
- To encourage Staff and Parents to recognise the "School Aims and Objectives".
- To promote in children the desire to learn.
- To be supportive to all such other things conducive to the progress and welfare of the school and its students.

Extracts from Nunawading Primary School-School Policy.

As well the school produced the Welfare/Discipline Policy 1984 where the ideals of self discipline, responsibility, self-esteem and the acceptance of restrictions and limitation are clearly laid out.

NUNAWADING PRIMARY SCHOOL.

WELFARE/DISCIPLINE POLICY 1984.

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The area for many years known as the 'back paddock' has been officially recognised by the Nunawading City Council and named 'Tunstall Park'. The park is used during school hours by Grade 5 and 6 as an extra playground. It also serves as a soccer ground for inter-school matches (even if the field does have a huge gumtree inside the forward zone) and extra room for the Saturday morning football clinics.

The original brick building had an interior face lift in 1985. The School Council members removed the folding doors, repainted the room and new carpet was laid. The hall was then aptly renamed 'Tunstall Hall', thus retaining the history of the building.

'Tunstall Hall' has been host to art shows, concerts, performances of different arts, jazz musicians, Lowanna Choir practices, displays, games and dancing. The Grade 6 children have their special luncheon in Tunstall Hall as part of their graduation from primary school. This luncheon is attended by the Mayor of Nunawading, School Council members, Grade 6 teachers as well as the Principal are guests. The children are presented with graduation certificates and a pennant. A permanent reminder of primary school days at Nunawading.

1985 has been a special year. commemmorating Victoria's 150th Anniversary.

Grade 6 walked to Blackburn Lake in the autumn and had fun doing what country kids do - yabbying. Plenty of yabbies were caught in nets using meat as bait. They also fed the resident ducks, not all tame as Rebecca found out. Grade 6/19 spent 4 days on Burwood Campus at Victoria State College. Computors were introduced to the school, and for a month Hobby groups were organized for the senior grades. Hobbies the children chose ranged from cooking, gardening, craft work to working with the computor.

Grade 6 children are also given added responsibilities to help prepare for secondary school and as such become bell monitors, rubbish bin monitors and attend to the daily flying of the flag.

'God Save the Queen' has been replaced by 'Advance Australia Fair' at Monday assemblies but still the Promise remains the same and is recited each week.

Throughout the Anniversary year, different displays and programs have been held. In July, a display of school history was held in the Library with Mrs. Churchyard gathering a variety of mementos and organizing ex-students, grandparents and friends to speak to the different grades about their own experiences of earlier days.

Friends within the school, friends outside the school. There is a aura of friendliness which pervades Nunawading School. The teachers experience help and co-operation from each other and help and support from the parents. For Mr. Hill as Principal, this co-operation, support and friedliness is the very special feature of Nunawading Primary. Parents of the school are outspoken and proud of the same co-operation, support and helpfulness.

Support comes in many many different ways. The safety of children crossing a major road has been due to the unfailing efforts of our 3 crossing supervisors. The school and district was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Yvonne Hinton who, for 8 years happily ushered children across Springvale and Springfield Roads. Always smiling, ready for a joke and a story, she won and lost many 'chocolate frog' bets on Collingwood. She enjoyed the childrens company and became friends with everyone on the crossing.

Australian Heritage Day, held especially on Universal Childrens Day, October 24th 1985, was a final part of Victoria's 150th celebrations.

Each grade participated with displays of Australiana, old fashioned classroom, crafts and skills, games, Australian songs and poetry.



Mrs. Flinn and Grade 6/16 recreating a classroom of the 1800's

# Old Style Classroom

I was a liar, got the strap 3 times and sat in the conner twice The district Inspector came and looked at our work Mary-Anne was repurmanded by mam for not cleaning the dust of the top of blackboard An old Gentleman gave us a writing lesson and gave us a pen nib. Mercentroyed and Eugine had a fight and came in late Mam gave them the strap. / ~~as to~~ also got in trobble for not cleaning out the coals Eugine brought us some fresh milk. I got in trobble for smouging my work like this Over all it was a good day.

## Today Was Heritage Day.

"What does our Heritage mean?

For our children it may mean Ned Kelly,
bushrangers and robberies.
It may mean convicts, leg irons and hard
labour.
To others, it's gold, excitement and riches.
To some it's bark huts, damper and loneliness,
or the
haunting works of Banjo Patterson and
'The Man from Iron Bark!

The 'Ma-am' in the classroom was dressed in black.
Tall, austere, sternly admonishing any who dared
to disobey.
Pens, nibs and inkwells, slates and pencils,
sharpened chalk.,
It was all so different.

Richard's Royal Mail coach was almost real,
as were the shaking hands of the passengers being robbed.
Marbles, hopscotch, hoops and skipping ropes.
Old games but still favourites today.
And tiny gold seekers, bush dancing with tinkling
tambourines and the smell of damper cooked in coals.

We shared all this.

The capsule, buried with reminders of today.
Photos of every child, autographs, the daily paper,
a floppy disc.,
2035, it will be history and our own heritage then.

It was a special day, Universal Children's Day.

The dress-up clothes will be put away, the classroom
cleared.
The trees will grow tall, the plaque will dim.
The lessons have been lived and learnt."

PRIMARY SCHOOL 4190 NUNAWADING

HERITAGE PROGRAM

A first reminder about our big day next Thursday 24th . October.

The program for the day will be approximately as follows ( last minute changes may have to be made ).

1.00p.m. Burying the Time Capsule - the whole school will be assembled.

1.15p.m.

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| Old Australia Songs | Grades 2/7, 5/17 | Upper grades as audience, first session. Tunstall Hall. |
| Australian Poetry | " 4-5/4 | |
| Chinese Songs | " Group | |

2.00p.m.

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| Bushrangers | Grade 6/19 | Assembly area |
| Old Fashioned Games | " 5/17 | |
| Bush Dances | " 3/14, 3/15 | |

2.40p.m. - 3.30p.m.

Room Displays, Activities

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| Multicultural Australia | Grade 4/3 |
| Famous Australians | " 2/7. 3/14 |
| Crafts, Skills, Displays | " Art Room |
| Australian Display | " 1/8, 1/12 |
| Swagmen | " 1/8 |
| Gold Mines | " Prep. 10 & 11 |
| Bushrangers | " 6/19 |
| Old Fashioned Classroom | " 6/16( in the staffroom ) |

3.00p.m.

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| Old Australia Songs | Grade 2/7, 5/17 | Tunstall Hall Second session , Junior grades as audience |
| Australian Poetry | " 4-5/4 | |
| Chinese Songs | Group | |

At 1.p.m. that day, in front of the assembled school, friends and families, the time capsule, holding the names of every student, photographs, magazines, common classroom items and memorabillia, was sealed and buried.



Mr. Ed.Hill and Mr. G.K. Mak President School Council with the time capsule.

Capsule to be opened Wednesday 24th October 2035.

The bronze plaque covering the capsule is set into the ground of an area bounded by native trees planted by Grade 6 during Arbor Week. This area is to become an outdoor classroom. Red gum seats will be erected in a semi-circle and each paving stone laid will have a child's name inscribed in it.

"The stones will go down,
The books will come out.,
The children will enjoy.
The future will clear.

Show a child the way,
This is the aim of the
school."

