



# Glass House Mountains State School Centenary

## 75th year Celebrations

An account from J. Winterhoff, Hon. Chairman, P&C Committee

The Jubilee Celebrations were held on Saturday, 11 April, 1981. The weather during the week leading up to the Jubilee was very wet and caused much concern, however, on the day it was beautiful and sunny. The day commenced with a procession of floats, bands, decorated bikes, horse back riders, two bus loads of old pupils, and a swagman with a pup in his billycan, leaving the railway yards at 12.40 p.m.

The different entrants in the parade were announced by the headmaster on arrival at the school. When the parade had all assembled the judging of the decorated bikes took place. The winners were: Girls - Susan Dann and Boys - Simon Thompson.



The gymnastic display was delayed slightly by the arrival of the Channel 9 helicopter and announcer Mr. Don Secombe.

After things settled down the children began their display. The next item by the school children was a Maypole Dancing display which went very well. During the afternoon a film was shown by Mr. Mathie. The film was of the 50th Year Celebrations of the school.



There were also displays within the classrooms of old day photos and old school books and many early school items. A special booth was set aside at which visitors could sign the Roll. Those attending before 1930 signed their names on a special roll on which each class had their names printed.

The highlight of the afternoon was the Roll Call of past pupils attending before 1930. Each pupil was presented with a Scroll to commemorate the day.

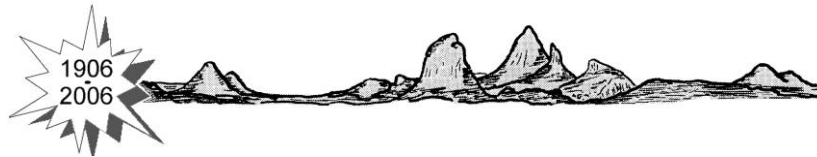


*We learnt the Maypole for the Jubilee. I thought it was such a romantic thing to do, something I had only read about in books, like stepping back in time. The wide satin ribbons all attached to the pole, and the girls had frilly skirts and danced around in patterns, winding the ribbons around the pole. I remember we danced barefoot.*

*Fiona Malcolm 1980-82*

Official guests were Mr. Des Frawley M.L.A., and Mr. Jack Beausang, Landsborough Shire Council Chairman. Mr. Frawley officially opened the day and welcomed all visitors. Mr. Beausang responded on behalf of the visitors.

Mrs. Noreen Shaw was presented with a Long Service Award for 25 years of service to the school. After the presentations the sealing of the capsule took place and two trees were planted at the site where the capsule



was to be set.



Mrs. Alice Morgan and Drewe Curtis  
G.H.Mtns. School - 75th. Jubilee - 1981

The oldest past pupil Mrs. Alice Morgan (née Hare), and the youngest present pupil Drewe Curtis planted these trees. This completed the official side of the day and all past pupils before 1930 were invited to afternoon tea.

The cutting of the Birthday Cake was carried out by Mrs. Alice Morgan and Mr Owen Reed. Other highlights of the afternoon were selling souvenirs, cakes, plants, drinks, chips, iceblocks and hot dogs and the Ladies United Guild ran a stall selling afternoon tea.

At night a licensed Ball was held at the School of Arts Hall which was decorated in the school colours with a back drop of the Glass House Mts.

Mr Don Secombe compered the evening. Funds



raised on the day from stalls, afternoon tea, two art unions and the ball at night grossed approximately \$5213.64, net receipts being \$2496.73. Further funds will come from remaining souvenirs and the sale of photos taken on the day by John Foster. The tuckshop accommodated left-over food items.



BURYING THE TIME CAPSULE 1981

The sealing of the capsule was completed on Wednesday, 29 April, 1981. The sealed capsule was placed with airlock at the bottom into a 6 inch clay pipe set in the ground with the flange upwards. A sheet of masonite was placed into the flange and about 5 cm of concrete was poured onto this. The stone was placed while the



cement was still wet. When the capsule is removed in 25 years times it is to be opened by cutting just below the cap on the bottom end as placed in the clay pipe. A plaque in commemoration of the day was placed in front of the stone.

In conclusion I would like to thank the secretary of the Celebrations Committee, secretary and treasurer of the P&C and all members of the committee who helped to make this day the success it was. The work in organizing and running the 75<sup>th</sup> year celebrations was greatly appreciated and the large number of people who attended was more than we have ever expected and the day proved very successful both socially and financially.







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## 1981 - 1990

The school enrolment of 161 at the end of 1980 fell slowly to reach 112 by 1985 and then rose slowly again to reach 146 by the end of 1988. There were then two sharp rises to finish with 193 pupils when the year 1990 was completed.

Because of these increases another Teaching Block was completed at the school in 1989 while it was decided to provide a Preschool Unit which was commenced towards the end of 1990.



While past students Phillip (1972-78) & Richard "Dickie" Nielsen (1966-72) may not have been "flat out" when it came to doing their school work they were "flat out" when it came to racing their motorbikes in Enduros. Both men had started riding motorbikes in their teens and travelled all over Queensland and New South Wales to attend races. Their parents attending every race to both support and help, not only their sons, but their many mates which they made over the years. Their achievements are many with hundreds of trophies proudly displayed in their parents' home and some pretty funny and sometimes scary tales which go with each one.

One of their greatest and proudest moments in racing was when they represented Australia in the International Six Day Enduro in Poland in 1987. Both Phillip & Dickie received a bronze medal to take pride of place in the trophy room.



*Coonowrin wins the Interhouse Sports Trophy*

A love of motorbikes still lingers and has managed to rub off onto their children. Who knows we may have more Nielsen Enduro racers in the near future.



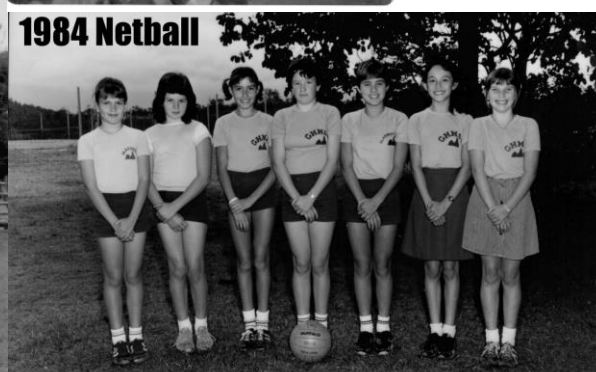
**School Captain presentations 1981**



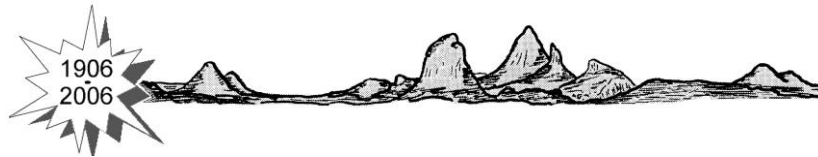
Stanley River School Camp  
August 1981



Vanessa holding "Glassy"  
- found in scrub and adopted  
by Spierlings.



**1984 Netball**



1989  
**Sports Day 1989**

I have a lot of fond memories of primary school - the teachers were great - especially Mr Starr who we had in grade seven.

It was a really fun atmosphere back in those days when you knew who everyone at school was and you didn't even have to wear shoes.

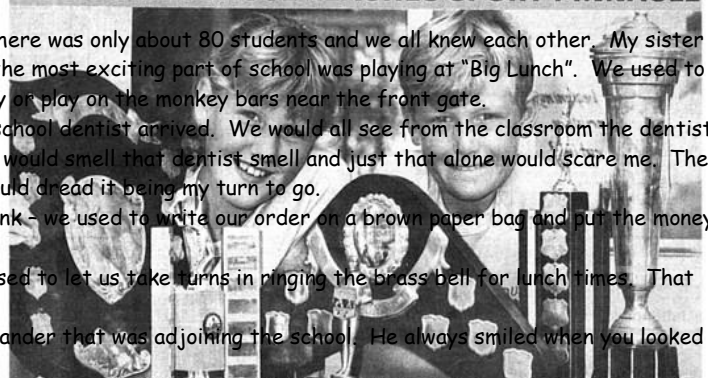
There were really fun events like the sports days, fetes and the discos that we had.

The best part about the playground was the tree house, which used to be near the front gates. It was the sort of school that we really enjoyed and looked forward to going to every day.

Julianne Armesto (1980-87)

Those were the days! It was a lot of fun going to school. There was only about 80 students and we all knew each other. My sister and I played the recorder in the school band. I remember the most exciting part of school was playing at "Big Lunch". We used to go down the back oval near the big mango tree and play tiggy or play on the monkey bars near the front gate. The thing I always feared most about school was when the school dentist arrived. We would all see from the classroom the dentist van arriving. Even at lunch time - running past the van - you would smell that dentist smell and just that alone would scare me. Then each time the dental nurse came to the classroom door I would dread it being my turn to go. I remember getting tuckshop once a week - Thursdays I think - we used to write our order on a brown paper bag and put the money inside. That was our treat for the week. Mr Starr was the teacher that I remember the most - he used to let us take turns in ringing the brass bell for lunch times. That was a real proud moment for some kids. Mr Starr was the Principal and he used to live in the Queenslander that was adjoining the school. He always smiled when you looked at him.

#### MOUNTAIN SCHOOL REACHES SPORT PINNACLE



ABOVE: Glasshouse Mountains State School captains Michelle Dobe and Sam F... that mark achievement in a great sporting year for the primary school.

Nicole Armesto (1980-87)

THE Glasshouse Mountains for 1989 are giving its students... Glasshouse won the Glasshouse Competition, the Glasshouse and State School has been... plants to be proud of with the big... and District Sports Association. District Tennis Association's Division four and five battles and is leading the Glasshouse and District School Tennis Competition. The school has also won the Glasshouse and District Soccer 13 years.

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## Glasshouse State School + and –

Students and parents of Glasshouse State School are sorry that they will be losing popular Principal Peter Starr but at the same time they are about to gain a new classroom block which will contain four classrooms. Provision has also been made for a projected Pre-School.

Peter has been transferred to Waterford near Beenleigh. This transfer means that Peachester School will also lose a teacher as Peter's wife Rosemary will be teaching at Cedar Creek. They will be actually leaving on June 26<sup>th</sup> but school holidays begin on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. When students return on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, their new Principal will be Mr Ross Christie from Nambour Regional Office.

This has been a busy week for the school as they took part in many activities connected with Education Week.

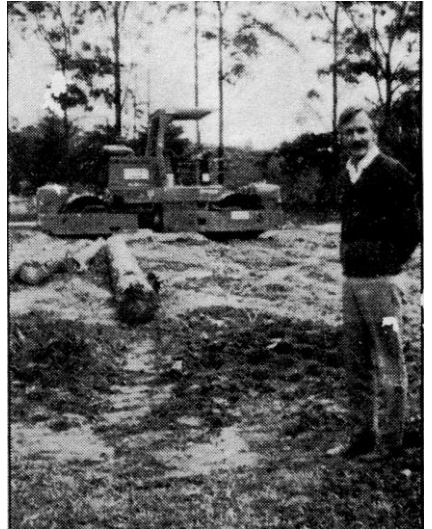
Tonight there will be a Cordial and Cheese night by way of farewell to the Starr family.

As a tribute to Mr Starr, students wrote letters to G.C.N. and following are three that are representative of those written.

Dear Editor,

I am a student of year 6/7 in the Glasshouse Mountains State School. Recently our school principal Mr Starr has been transferred to Waterford State School. It has been a great loss to the school because in the eight years at Glasshouse he has built things like our tennis courts, adventure playground, pond and cricket nets. Soon, thanks to Mr Starr we will be getting a new double teaching block and pre-school. In my seven years at Glasshouse I have gotten to know him pretty well and I know he has devoted most of his life to the school. He has got a reputation with the children of being very fair.

Stuart Malcolm, 12 years old, School Vice Captain  
(Glasshouse Country News Friday, June 9, 1989)



*Glasshouse School Principal Peter Starr inspects the building site which is disguised as a quagmire.*



1989



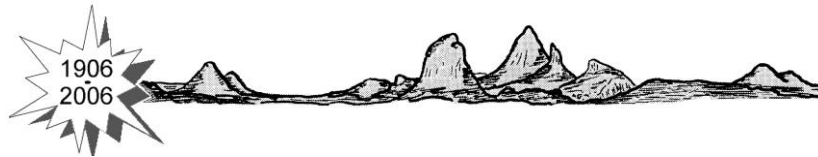
1988



1990  
Aerial  
View

*1990 tabloid sports*





## 1991 - 2000.

In 1991 the enrolment, for the first time, exceeded 200 pupils and rose to 244 by the end of 1992. Because of this the school rose to Band 7 and in 1996 it rose once again to a Band 8 as the enrolment by this time was 394 plus a Preschool of 50 making a total of 444 pupils.

In February, 1991, the Glass House Mountains Preschool Unit was first opened at the school to cater for local preschool aged children.



*The Coles Apple Promotion enabled the school to receive computers for the use of students. This was the beginning of the school's successful computer program.*



Operation Eagle – Channel 7 helicopter with Frank Warwick on board. The students formed the shape of a pineapple on the oval and the school captains presented him with a basket of locally grown fruit.







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*1994 Fire fundraising*



*1995 Adventure Playground*

*1995 – Installation of junior adventure playground.*

## New Administration Building and Library

After years of working in cramped conditions and up to 30 staff sharing a staff room more suitable for less half that number, a new administration building and library were finally approved.



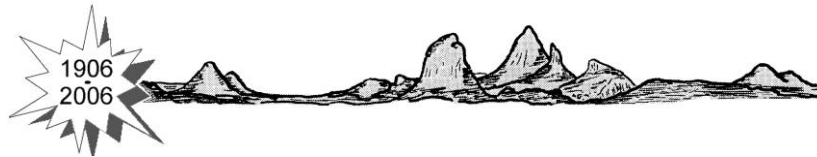
*1995 Resource & Admin Building Sites*



*New Admin Building 1995*



*Library Opening Display*

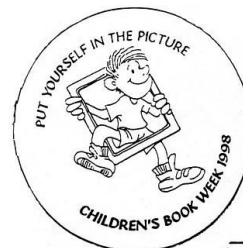


*In 1996 students who had completed their primary school learning for 30 years or more gathered to celebrate.*



A program named "recreational sports" was organised on Friday afternoons where students could choose from a variety of activities such as: fishing, surf skills, craft, hockey etc.

*1996 Yr 3 camp postcard*



Grade 3 Book Week  
Stories 1998

ONCE UPON  
a time Lywa  
a little girl  
from a viney  
jungle in  
Africa lost her pet  
warthog Byuron.  
She loved Byuron  
because he let her  
ride on his back. He  
became lost after  
many hyenas  
surrounded him.  
He charged between  
the hyenas and  
escaped into the  
viney jungle.  
Lywa found him  
asleep under the fern  
tree. They lived  
happily ever after.

Ruby Williams 2 MW ✓



*1999 Italian Day*







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*2000 AFL visit*

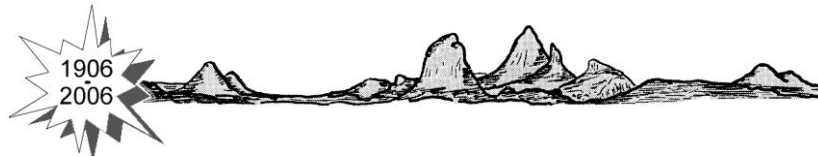


*Noel Cox who ran the Beerburrum leg with the Olympic torch proudly brought it to school to show students.*



*A farm safety program was organised on Peter Young's property. A number of local farmers brought machinery and animals to educate students on the need for safety on rural properties.*





## 2001 - 2006.

As previously stated the principal on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1989 was Mr. Ross Christie and remained in that position until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 which makes a total of 15 years and 5 months to become the longest serving principal at the school. Mr John Lehmann was appointed at the beginning of 2005.

2001 saw the Head Teacher's residence, which had been built in 1932 and first occupied by Mr. Fred Barton, removed from the area.



*Truck removing old residence in 2001*

### Federation

Day 2001 was celebrated by inviting past students to come along and be entertained by current day children. In return older members of the community shared their memories with students in their classrooms.



*Federation Day Celebrations 2001*

A ceramic sculpture at Beerwah and District Library that was created by 45 children from Glass House Mountains Primary School working under the guidance of four artists was opened on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2001. The Art Extension Program ran for six weeks and was carried out under the guidance of Astrid Stevenson and Josie Prestipino and two other artists. The children involved were aged between 10 and 12.







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## SWIMMING Three gold medals from two meets

Young disabled swimmer now aims for the top

**A**LREADY a multiple gold medalist after just two competitions, disabled swimmer Jennifer Lunt is now aiming for the top.

The 12-year-old Glasshouse Mountains Primary School girls captain is adamant about adding Paralympics gold to her shelf after her haul at the National Junior Disabled Games in Brisbane this week. Jennifer, who has spina bifida, won her first event at the games in the 25-metre butterfly in the Nudge College pool.

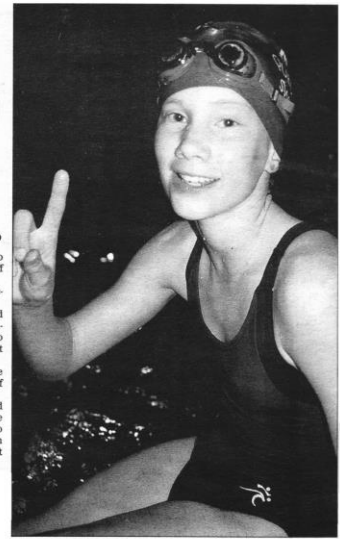
She also won the 100m breaststroke and was third in the 50m butterfly, to win three medals on the first two days of swimming,

and then added a personal best to her list, shaving five seconds off her 50m butterfly.

Not bad for the youngster's second competitive outing. Her mother Louise said it had become tough to hold the swimmer back as Jennifer wanted to do more training than her current two to three sessions a week.

"But I think it is important she takes it slowly, slowly, at the age of 12," Mrs Lunt said.

Jennifer first swam in England but moved with her family to the Sunshine Coast 12 months ago where she trains at the Southern Crawl Swimming Club at Morayfield.



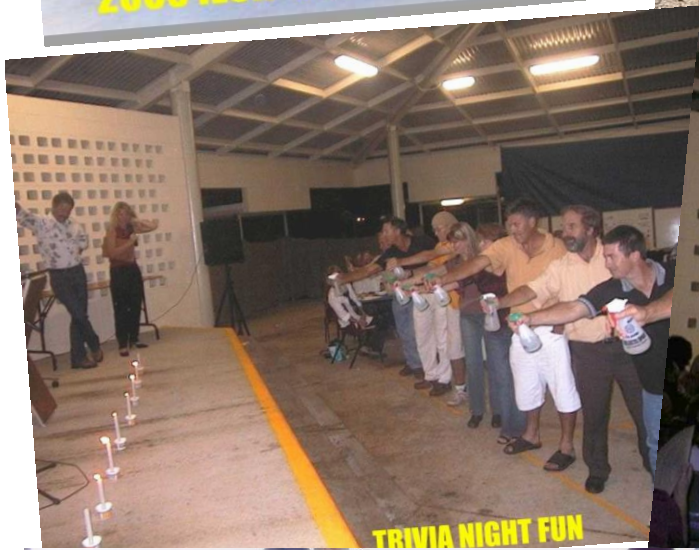
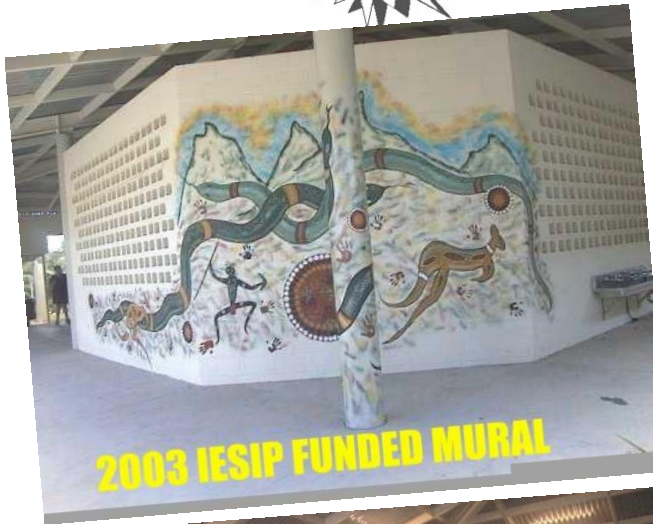
NUMBER ONE: Swimmer Jennifer Lunt is aiming for the top after winning gold at the national junior disabled games in Brisbane.



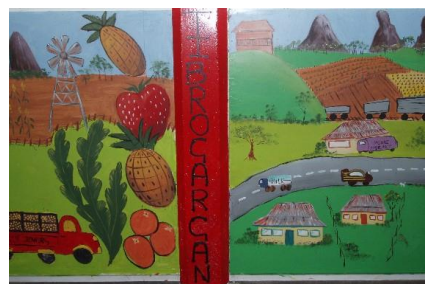
Other alterations at the school included a New Canteen and Covered Play Area and a New Amenities Block. The Department of Education had been promising a Tuckshop for Glass House Mountains State School for a number of years and finally after 3 different versions had been planned it was officially opened in October, 2003.







The school hosted exchange students from Fukuoka, Hyushu, Japan for seven days in August 2005. The group was made up of 11 boys and 4 girls ranging from 10-15 years of age, accompanied by their escort. Whilst they attended school during the day, the children also visited many local attractions and some even tried their hand at strawberry picking at Vecchio's.







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Chinese restaurant organised by Year 3 students as part of their life task.

## L.O.T.E

### Languages Other Than English

At Glass House Mountains State School, students in Year 6 & 7 learn Spanish — the third most spoken language in the world.

## MUSIC

Music is one part of the total education of every child. The task of the school is to present the opportunity for every child to learn to understand the contribution music makes to his / her life. The music program at this school provides the opportunity for students to become competent at the following activities:

Singing in the classroom and choir, Playing classroom instruments, Inventing and listening to music.



## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

This program is offered to students in years 5 to 7.

## ICT

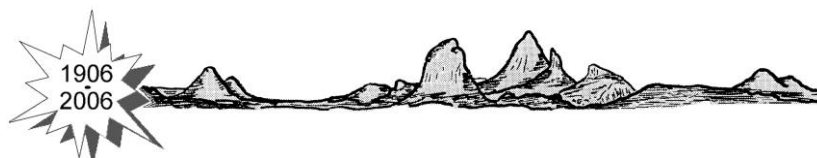
At Glass House Mountains State School we believe the integration of ICTs (*Information and Communication Technologies for Learning*) into the curriculum will contribute to the development of students and staff as life long learners. It will take place in a flexible, responsive and challenging learning environment. Teachers will incorporate the use of technology as a teaching/learning tool in achieving and extending curriculum goals.

Students will be comfortable, competent and confident using ICTs as a tool for learning with

future positive outcomes for students in the workforce and society as a whole.

The school is well equipped with three mini labs, these are also supplemented with computers in the classroom all of which are connected to the internet. As well as computers, the school has several scanners, digital cameras, digital video cameras and CD/DVD burners enabling a vast number of multimedia activities to occur.





## Glass House Coalition of State Schools

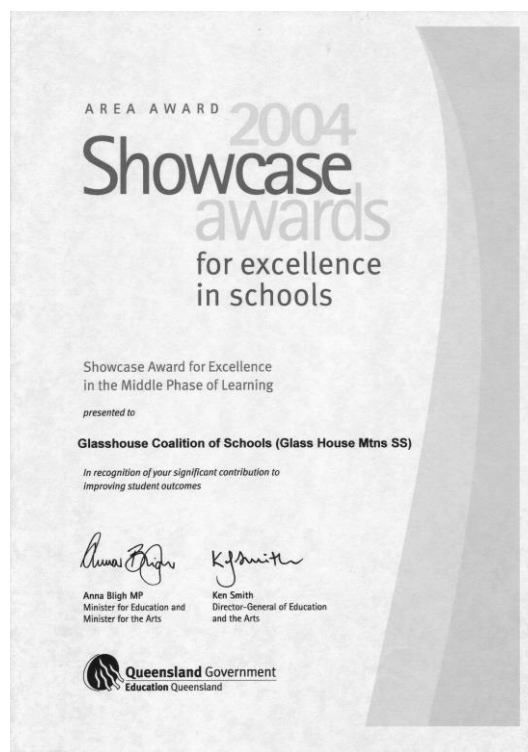
The Glass House Coalition of State Schools was formed approximately six years ago and consisted of Beerwah State High School and its six feeder schools: Glass House Mountains, Beerwah, Landsborough, Elimbah, Peachester and Beerburum State Schools. The seven state schools cooperated in successfully sharing resources, expertise and in interschool sport. This cooperation helped to enhance the quality of education at all seven schools.

In 2001 all state schools in Queensland were instructed to develop what is known as Curriculum Framework for their school. A Curriculum Framework provides a structure around which schools can build educational programs which will allow them to achieve the curriculum objectives outlined in Queensland State Education- 2010.

The seven schools of the Glass House Coalition agreed to develop a shared Curriculum Framework together. This necessitated regular meetings where representatives from each school worked cooperatively to formulate the Glass House Coalition Curriculum Framework.

Our Curriculum Framework was of such exceptional quality that, in 2004, it was recognised when we won the Showcase Award for Excellence in the Middle Phase of Learning.

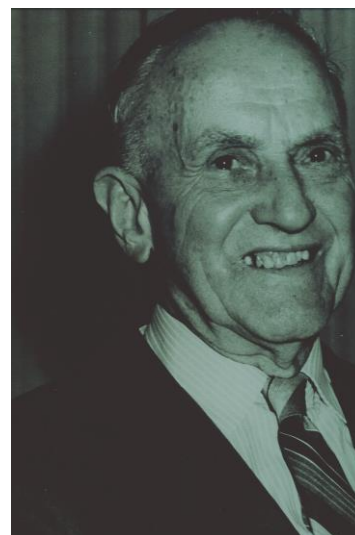
The Glass House Mountains Coalition of State Schools continues to thrive by working as a team in achieving excellent educational outcomes for our students.



## Ex Students Honoured



In 2003 Kenneth & Susanne Fullerton received the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community of Glass House Mountains and the sport of soccer particularly through the Bee Gees Soccer Club.



On 16<sup>th</sup> June 1979 Ken's father William (also a past student) received a Medal of the Order of the British Empire for services to the pineapple growing industry.





# Glass House Mountains State School Centenary Glass House Mountains Preschool

## 1990 - 2006.

Plans for the Glass House Mountains Preschool were drawn up early in 1990 and work soon commenced on the site. The building was officially opened by the Honourable Glen Milliner, M.L.A., on the 4th. November of that year.

The first enrolments commenced early in 1991 with the February return showing a total of 28 pupils with Mrs. Sally Murphy being the Teacher in Charge. By the yearly Census date the total had risen to 35.



Mrs. Murphy continued on at the school as Teacher in Charge until June 1994 while the Aide during this time was Leigh Holt who left in August 1995. During 1992 the enrolments moved from 38 to 42; in 1993 from 46 to 47; while in 1994 from 45 to 47.

The New Teacher in Charge in July 1994 was Mrs. Keren Frohloff who remains in that position. The present Aide is Mrs. Helen Weyer who commenced duty in September 1995. The

enrolments at the school then slowly rose to reach 50 pupils by the 1998 Census and they remained at that figure until a decline in 2004.

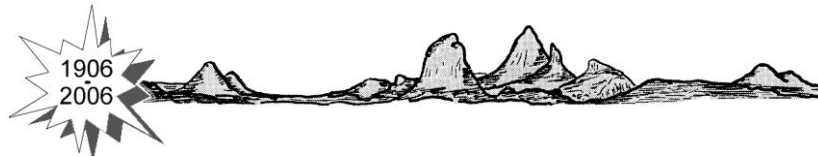
An Under Cover Area was added over the Paved Area at the Preschool in 1997 by the Department of Works and a new Playground and Shade Structure was added in 2001, funded by a grant from the Queensland Gaming Commission. This welcome addition to the school was officially opened by the local Member of Parliament, Mrs. Carolyn Male, in August 2001.



A striking mural designed and painted by Josie Prestipino and some parents was erected on the façade in 2003. The mural depicts the children entering the school, the local area, children at play and the future.

The preschool is now preparing for the introduction of prep in 2007.



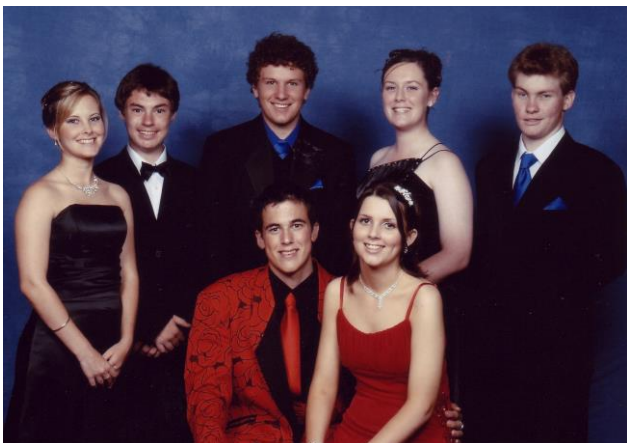


Our Perceptual Motor Program has been running for 10 years. It involves the preschoolers and year one children working together. The program can run right through to year three. Our program is a spiral curriculum that provides the children with the opportunity to develop and refine their skills over a few years.

A perceptual motor program uses directed activities and games to develop the children's large muscles, upper body strength, balance, agility, co-ordination and eyes. Many of the skills are those that we use in all types of recreational sport and are therefore necessary for successful participation in those activities. People who are not confident or competent will generally avoid such activities and will reject physical activity as part of their lifestyle. By working on the program the children also develop skills in following instructions, sharing equipment, waiting for a turn, being a part of a group and following rules.



Pause in the Park has been celebrated by local preschool and kindergartens at Glass House Mountains State School for some years. It is always enjoyed by children and adults alike.



*Together since preschool 1993, Graduated Beerwah State High School 2005.  
Back Row L-R: Carla Jones, Anthony Jordan,  
Jason Moffat, Renee Cox, Aaron Wierland  
Front Row: L-R: Zeke Field, Fiona Koschade*





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### AGRICULTURAL PROJECT CLUBS

The Agricultural Project Clubs Scheme began in Queensland about 1927 and school records show that a school Forestry Plot was established at the Glass House Mountains State School in August 1934. Before that time an area of the school grounds was set aside for a garden plot where groups of children were allocated to smaller sections to grow flowers etc.



The principal at that time, Mr. F. W. Barton, reported that 12 trees were planted being Pinus

Caribea, Pinus Taeda, Pinus Palustris, Pinus Lusatania, Pinus Radiata and other Pinus species.

The first record of an actual Forestry Project Club was on 16 April 1937, and these Clubs continued under Mr. Barton from 1938 to 1942. In 1940 there were 31 Club members, in 1941 there were 22 and in 1942 there were 31. Yearly Club Days were very important to Project Club Members and the visiting Organisers really appreciated the efforts that schools put into these days.. Mr. A. N. Router took over the Club in 1944 there now being 35 members and he was followed by Mr. F. J. Routh in 1947. By June of that year there were 160 trees in the plot and an extra 50

Pinus Caribea were planted.

During 1948, 81 trees were removed from the plot containing 3025 super feet of timber which sold at 13 shillings per hundred and netted the Club £19.13.3 and in 1950 sales netted £32.7.9. Thus a total of £ 52.11.0 was donated to the school.



The 1950 Club Report shows 259 trees then in the plot after a further 100 Pinus Caribea were planted.

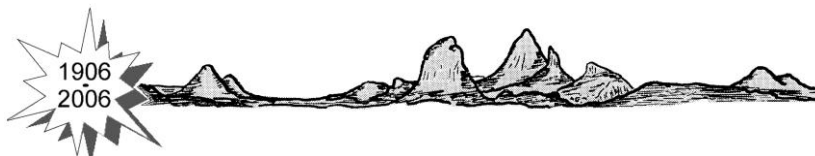
Mr. M. J. Fenelon was in charge of the Forestry Project Club in 1953 and in 1956 Mr M. J. O'Brien had a Natural Science Club based on Forestry. In 1958 he introduced a Bee-keeping Project Club as well as Forestry and he continued both Projects until 1961. During the time of Mr. O'Brien the Club Membership reached 79 pupils, the greatest yearly membership total during the time of Project Clubs at the school.

The report for 1957 advised pruning of some selected trees to 8 feet and some taller trees to 15 feet. The total area of the Forest Plot by that time was .294 of an acre. From 1962 to 1974 Mr. T. P.

Cranny continued with both Forestry and Bee-keeping followed by Mr. B. G. Stevenson in 1975 and 1976. In 1963, 34 trees were marked for thinning and 4300 super feet of timber was sold for £150.6.0 while in 1969 thinnings were sold to J. B. Hicks for \$ 1 per hundred super realising a total of \$43.60

Mr. J. Dionysius continued on with Bee-keeping, Forestry and Hydroponics from 1975 to 1979 followed by Mr. P. Fredericks in 1981.

During the years 1982 to 1986 there was no active Project Club at the school with yearly visits only by the Club Organiser and no Club records were kept at all from 1986 to 1990. In 1990 Mr. R. Christie conducted a Fish and Gardening Club which carried on until 1992 when all official Project Clubs in Queensland schools ceased.



### "The Bee Club"

The Club members - all pupils in Grades 7 & 8 - elected a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The children in those positions learned the responsibilities for each role and everyone learned the basics of voting, elections, and such. Mr Freemantle taught us how to open a hive, remove the frames, and extract the honey. We decided how to spend the funds raised by selling the honey, and also learned of the fascinating details of life in a bee hive. I think it was a wonderful metaphor for our life at school - with worker bees, queen bees, nurse bees and drone bees. It takes all types to make a hive - or a school!

Judy Gowen  
1956-63



Smoker used when "robbing" the bee hives.

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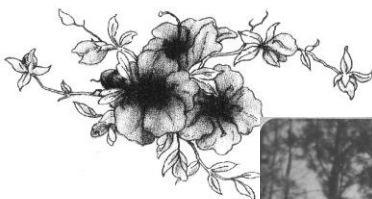
### THE BEE.



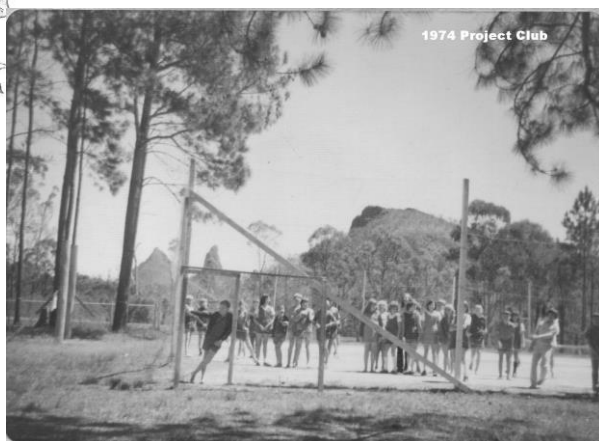
1. I am a busy little bee.  
I live in a hive with many other bees.
2. There are three kinds of bees in the hive—the queen, the workers and the drones.
3. I am a worker and I gather nectar, as I fly from flower to flower all the day long.  
As I carry this nectar in my body, it is turned into honey.
4. Some honey is stored in wax cells to be used when it is needed. Some is mixed with pollen from the flowers. This is called bee-bread and it is used to feed the baby bees.
5. Did you know that I came from an egg which the queen laid?  
She lays many, many eggs, each one in its own little cell.

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6. When I was hatched, I was a little white grub and I found some jelly food in my cell.
7. I lived on it for three days. Then I was fed with the bee-bread.
8. I grew and grew and, at last, I filled the cell.
9. Then I made a little cocoon for myself and had a long sleep in it.
10. When I woke up, I found that I was no longer a grub, but a perfect bee.
11. Watch me as I work among the flowers, but do not catch me for I shall sting.



Extract from  
Queensland  
School  
Reader  
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4 - 1954





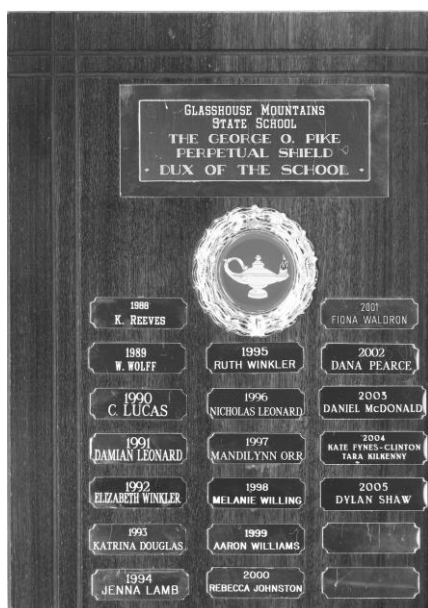


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## DUX OF THE SCHOOL

At the beginning of 1987 Mr George Pike approached the Principal, Mr Peter Starr with the idea of a DUX of School Award. The criteria for the award was the teachers of years 5, 6 and 7 would monitor their students for the following:

- Attitude to learning, not necessarily the most brilliant pupil, more the one dedicated to learning
- Pride in the school
- Attitude to helping and interaction with other students by encouragement



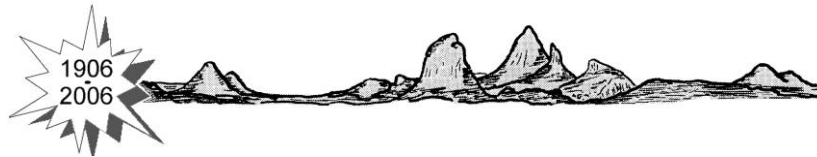
Mr Pike provided a shield to be held at the school with the name of the DUX engraved each year and an amount of money was kept in an account to provide a personal trophy.



1988 Katie Reeves  
1989 Warwick Wolff  
1990 Catherine Lucas  
1991 Damian Leonard  
1992 Elizabeth Winkler  
1993 Katrina Douglas  
1994 Jenna Lamb

1995 Ruth Winkler  
1996 Nicholas Leonard  
1997 Mandilynn Orr  
1998 Melanie Willing  
1999 Aaron Williams  
2000 Rebecca Johnston  
2001 Fiona Waldron

2002 Dana Pearce  
2003 Daniel McDonald  
2004 Kate Fynes-Clinton/Tara Kilkenny  
2005 Dylan Shaw



## SPORT

Inter-school sports day was a “big deal”. – Jean Nielsen (1932)

1940s

We played “Puss in the Corner” on rainy days, using the stumps under the school building as the corners to hold onto in case Puss (who was in the centre of the square) raced over and caught us. We reached across to each other and pulled each other across quickly to opposite posts before the cat could grab us while we were off our posts – or the one grabbed would become Puss. We would jeer and call out to Puss to try and get us.

Peggy Huth

1950s – 60s

One of the best things about School was the multitude of sporting opportunities apart from lunch-time games of vigaro, cricket, brandy, hopscotch, oranges & lemons, marbles and tennis.



We had all sorts of skills to practice ready for the Inter-school sporting programme or for the Inter-house sports.

Even children with lesser natural ability were a part of the culture of sport. I always remember Sue Bishop – who had worn a calliper on one leg all through our early school years – always joined in the various games and sports events to the best of her ability. Then one day that calliper came off. We lined up for the flat race practice knowing that the same people usually came first, second, or third but on this day Sue left us all for dead – it was fantastic!

Judy Gowen



2002 Coonowrin win the infant trophy



2002 Coochin wins the trophy

### Rounders

“All right children, now pick you teams, be smart about it. Now there’s only one left, faces looked down at the ground other looked slightly resentful, other looked away.

“Well come on now who is going to pick Peggy?” the teams are even, but one of you can be odd next time!

“Please sir, we had her last time. It’s not fair if we have her again” “She always gets us out!” Peggy chips in, “but I get you in, when I catch the ball.”

“Yes, but as you have the first bat and you hit a lolly-pop and get us straight out again, before anyone else can have a turn.”

“It’s just not fair.” (Whine! Whine!)

(Peggy Huth)





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The sports days were very social events. The Fathers assisted with the running of the various events and the Mothers worked in the food and drink tents. - Bill Murphy

There was a side of me that didn't have a hope of keeping up with the girls, let alone the boys - sports! The teacher said "You must try to run in the races", when I said I didn't want to join in.

The only time I was happy was running the long-distance race because I didn't have to sprint until the end and I came fourth. The sprinters had lost their puff and gradually lagged behind - Yippee!

Peggy Huth



Perhaps the most pleasant outdoor function was practising for the Annual Fancy Dress Ball, which was carried out on the football field and generally killed most of the grass. On the night when the Ball was held in the School of Arts, we were able to show off our dancing skills in front of our parents. Dances such as waltzing, Lanes, etc. followed by the Grand Parade.

Bill Murphy

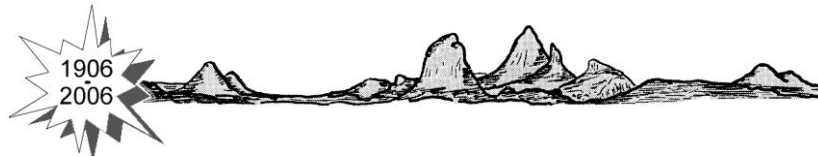


**Interschool sport** — is restricted to children in Years 5, 6 & 7. Students participate in a variety of sports including – softball, soccer, netball, touch football, athletics and A.F.L.

**Intraschool sport** — children not competing in interschool sport have the opportunity to develop skills in organised activities on a weekly basis.







## ARTS & CRAFT FESTIVAL

In 1991 a group of parents from the school decided to organise a market day as a fundraiser. From such a humble beginning, developed a Festival to be truly proud of.

As the years progressed, the Glass House Mountains Arts and Crafts Festival attracted stallholders creating and selling the finest goods. It also became a showcase for the many talented artists in our local area and attracted much interest from artists throughout South-East Queensland.



As our Festival grew, so too did the imagination and creative flair of those putting together the display and decorating the community hall. Who could forget the battle to install 'Precious' the palm in the middle of the rainforest display and the constant vigil to prevent her fronds falling onto the valuable artwork below.



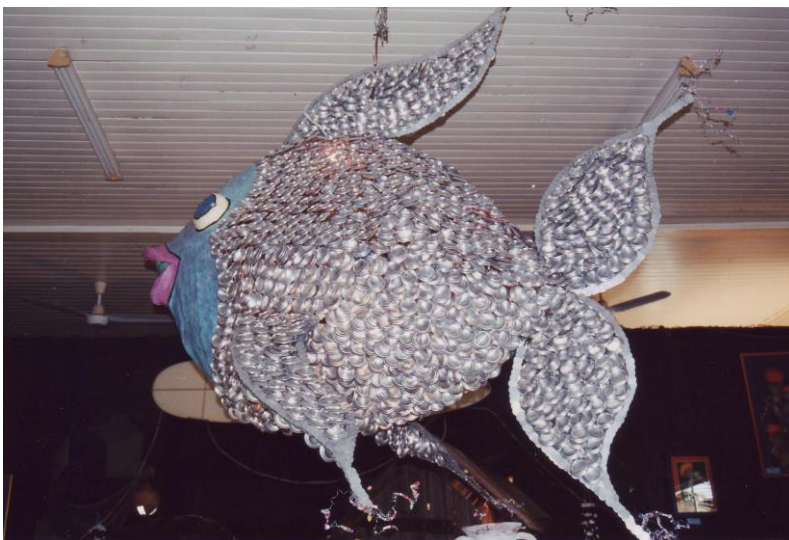


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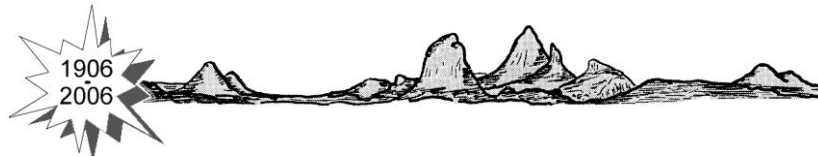
Throughout the years visitors to the Festival have explored a fairy wonderland, visited the Australian Outback and enjoyed the magic world under the sea. Many of these visitors have nursed a sore head from enjoying the fine wines at the Friday Night Function and sore feet from dancing to the fantastic entertainers who have played for us over the years.



In 2004, a major construction project was completed at the school. With our fabulous new tuckshop and undercover area, the P&C Association decided that we now had the facilities to host a Festival at our school and The Glass House Country Festival was born. For the past two years, we have celebrated all things country and have enjoyed some fantastic entertainment, much of it provided by our own talented students. We are confident that this Festival will continue to grow and develop and that for at least another sixteen years, July and August will continue to be Festival time under the beautiful Glass House Mountains.







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Where would we be without them???????????

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## P & C Association

The P & C Association meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the staff room. All interested parents are welcome to attend the meetings. The P & C's function is not only fundraising, but it is hoped that through these meetings there can be a better understanding of how the school is run and the realization of how important it is for parents to be actively involved with their children's school and staff members. Reports by all sub-committees and the Principal are presented at each meeting.

### (Entries in P&C minutes)

1959

- Moved by G Pike seconded by Mrs Bell that a prize be given to the head boy or girl of the school to be known as the J.E. Hamill Prize in appreciation of what Mr Hamill has done for the school over the years. The prize to be left in Mr O'Brien's hands.
- Mr O'Brien reported on the coming visit on 21<sup>st</sup> July by the N.S.Wales school boys soccer team and arrangements have been made for them to inspect the Nursery at Beerwah Forestry also the pineapple experimental farm. Later to give the Glasshouse school boys soccer team a short game at the sports ground.
- It was decided to provide afternoon tea for the visitors. Children playing in the home team be asked to provide same.

1962

- After a discussion on the introduction of school uniforms, it was decided with the aid of Miss Veronica Boyle of Beerwah to submit it to a parents meeting to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Girls frocks of imperial blue trimmed with powder blue and boys paynes grey shorts with shirts the same as the girls. Miss Boyle offered to make coloured designs as samples.

1964

- Moved G Sexton & seconded S Vere to purchase 7 feet of 7x4 for the base of the flag pole.
- Moved G Sexton & seconded K Beitz to hold a working bee on 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm to build stools out of old desks.

1965

- Minutes of First Annual Meeting of the Glasshouse Mountains State School Parents & Citizens Association.  
Present: Mesdames Reeves, Nielsen, Pike, Feikitz, Gooding, Forster, Bell, Cranny, McBride, Cottrell, Bambling, Cadman, Morrison, Misses Cranny, Skerman, Sexton, Ryan, Beanland, Milburn, Smith, Gowen, Naske, McBride, Vere, Beitz & Young.  
Mr Cranny opened the meeting and called for nominations for President.  
President - Nominated D Skerman - D Skerman elected  
Senior Vice President - Nominated L Smith - L Smith elected  
Junior Vice President - Nominated K Beitz - K Beitz elected

1966

- Still no fridge for milk

1967

- The gateway and entrance was moved west.

1968

- TV set installed
- Write Department of Education for fire extinguishers in school

1975

- Meeting to vote on two items also to be discussed: ie to vote in favour of retention of school uniforms and against Sex Education being taught in schools.
- It was moved that the sports uniform be changed and that details be made available to the parents.

1976

- Tenders called for removal of tank, tank stand, pump and concrete block.
- After some discussion it was decided to send out a notice to parents on uniforms. The material and blouse to be the same design and colour but to either have or not have a waisted dress.
- Moved the uniform (for girls) be a straight through dress without waist or belt.

1977

- Spellathon raised \$730.95
- Sports uniformed - moved that the new uniform be a powder blue T shirt with the school name screen printed in junior navy and junior navy stubbies for boys and girls. Moved skirts be made for girls in the band, these to remain the property of the P&C.
- Term reports to be replaced by half-yearly.
- Tree House - notice to go home on building tree house (also on board) to see if anyone interested in building same.

1986

- Forestry approved tree planting - tropical forest near mango tree (3 yr plan)
- Adventure Playground - K. Kemp and Works Department

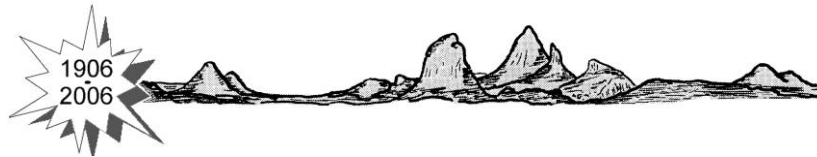
1987

- T shirts need to be purchased and printed - request poly/cotton this time.
- P. Staff asked for the P&C's support in making hats and shoes compulsory school wear. The meeting agreed.
- Pond completed.

1988

- Bi-centennial Schoolmates in America - established links with a 'Sister' school in USA for penpal type activities.
- New building planned for completion by 1989. the building will be built in the recently acquired land.

1989



- No smoking on school grounds
- 1990
- Approved a new school shirt with collar and sleeves – pale blue with royal blue trim. Cost would be \$7.00 or \$8.00 each.
- 1992
- The new style dress to be adopted and included under uniform dress in the school's 1993 prospectus.
  - A track suit top to form part of the winter uniform standards.
  - Broad brim hats with school badge will shortly be available at a cost of less than \$6.00.
- 1993
- Children filmed for "Now You See It"
  - Library automated
  - New Building completed
- 1994
- Religious education reinstated
  - Fort dismantled
  - Work has finally started on our new Admin block and Resource Centre (Library). The completion date for the Resource Centre is 17 February 1995 and the Admin Block is due for completion on 24 March 1995. These dates could change depending on the weather.
- 1995
- Glass House vs Glasshouse – Mrs Cox raised the matter of the glaring inconsistency within the local community over the spelling of the village's name.
  - Dianne Cox moved that the P&C contact the Registrar of Place Names, Lands Department expressing our concern over the inconsistent usage of Glass House and Glasshouse within the local community, the media and government and Statutory bodies; and to also request information on what procedures exist which can be implemented to achieve consistency of usage. Seconded Ross Christie. CARRIED.
  - Due to the historical significance of the name (Glass House) particularly its association with Captain Cook it was moved that the school immediately implement a program to educate the school community in the correct spelling of the word Glass House.
  - Mrs Lawrie said that the uniform committee was going to stay with royal blue as the colour for boys shorts. They will be available in two versions: short leg at \$10.50 and long leg at \$15.95.
  - Mrs Lawrie said that she had contacted the person responsible for the screen-printing on uniforms about changing the screen to reflect Glass House in its correct spelling. She has been informed that this can easily be done and at no cost.
  - Mr Christie said that he had written to the Education Dept about the correct spelling of Glass House. He has also spoken to the signwriter who will investigate ways of changing the work on the school's main noticeboard and on the honor board.
- 1997
- The "back oval" was created
- 1998
- School bus shelter built
  - Organic garden
- 1999
- School-based management
  - School dress-code policy
  - Discussion on possible "uses" for the "residence"
  - Old adventure playground demolished to allow for a classroom to be moved.

The P&C along with the Tuckshop have been responsible for raising tens of thousands of dollars so that our students have access to the best possible resources available. They have been responsible for the installation of our first computer lab of 15 computers. They have also made an undertaking to replace these computers every three years. Reading books, sporting equipment, maths equipment, upgrading facilities (oval, previous tuckshop) are just a few of the things that the P&C have made possible.

## Remembering – "Good Old Golden Rules Days"

Games played were bedlam and marbles. Jean Nielsen recalls the big kids could pick the marbles up between their toes.

Chalk thrown at the back of head meant not facing the front

Wagged school on Ngun Ngun - could see school from there - knew when to go home - eventually got caught of course!

Girls never got the cane - they were "sent out"

The gym - very popular - sawdust floor - swings in a "boarded" area.

Pens were thrown into the wooden ceiling when the teacher left the room.

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There were two buildings and gardens. The garden was fenced-in with a centre path and a path around the beds.

Peter Young (1958-64) remembers pie van and watermelon fights.

Maps: draw continents - know rivers - know countries and their products. Went to Nambour Rural for woodwork etc until that was moved to Caboolture.

Among books was "We of the Never-Never" and poem "The Man From Snowy River"

The Moffat boys rode a pony to school - put it in the horse paddock which was L-shaped and uncleared.

The year of schooling usually finished with the break-up picnic which was enjoyed by both parents and pupils alike.

Frankie Bates was priceless when telling about growing "Marties" on their farm. Mrs L. Routh gently corrected him saying "Tomatoes Frankie". No No! he said excitedly "Not two marties, Mrs Routh, Millions of Marties"

The boys played with old car tyres - bowling them along, like hoops - Gary Tucker (1977 - 83)

There was some fascinating items in a set of old glass display cases that used to stand in the little corridor between the staff-room and the little library veranda. I remember bird nests, snake skins, jars of pickled animals, shells, and aboriginal artefacts. One of those artefacts was an axe head. My father and Wolf Hare had found it near the corroboree ring behind our old farm, and had brought it to school when they were children. I wonder what ever became of it?

Judy Gowen 1956-63

Comments from interview with Richard Nielsen, Rita Moffat (Beanland), Demi Minchev, Ray Brown, Marie O'Mara, Jo Skerman and Semi Minchev

The girls sometimes made morning tea for the teachers; School was strict - but it was fun!; The Christmas break-up and getting a gift book was a big thing; The bee club, and a feed of mulberries - everybody's clothes got stained; More freedom eg tree climbing; If you got sick at school you stayed at school not sent home like today; Pie van - lots of different varieties; Morning parades, raising the flag and the fife band; ABC radio programmes at school; When the first man landed on the Moon we got a half day off to watch it on tv at home and if you had no tv you stayed at school to watch it; Mr Cranny was strict and he was SO tall; Fancy dress ball - we practiced all year - it was fun - and all the costumes were made by mothers - no bought stuff.

I remember breaking my arm on breaking-up day at the end of Grade 5 and having it in plaster for six weeks and getting it off to come back to school.

I got the cane every year. You could get the cane or 300 words. I don't remember having subjects - it was just all school...!

Richard Nielsen (1972 78)

Only Mr Cranny could give cuts with the cane. You would get three on the hand and it was "memorable" so it seldom happened more than once.

A lot of children were from new Australian families and did not speak English when they started school. Mrs Reeves also helped these families out of school time with their personal affairs eg filling out forms etc and advice.

I remember in my early years all the kids brought presents for their teachers and I once gave Mrs Reeves a mint bush plant in a small pot. More than thirty years later she showed my children, Emma and Clem, that mint bush plant growing in her garden at home

Paul O'Mara (1968 - 74)

"In the Shadow of the Mountains: by Alex Barr (pages 171-2-3 (April 1990)

From Lookout 589 my gaze shifts eastward to Tibrogargan and Beerburum mountains and I recall with remarkable clarity the family home and farm, the school and the mile or so of our winding bush track that led to it, and along which, in company with my brothers, I invariably had to run each morning to arrive before the second bell rang to signify commencement of the school day. For reasons that somehow escape me, there was a certain stigma attached to arriving late for school, particularly if you were not in possession of an explanatory note from your parents.