

## KELSO

## PUBLIC



## THE 125TH COMMEMORATIVE YEAR

1996 VOLUME FOURTEEN

## SCHOOL SONG

Kelso School, Kelso School, this is our school,
We're striving our best underlies every rule,
Aiming to achieve, supporting everyone
Proud of ourselves and the things we have done
Kelso School, Kelso School, Always our best.
Kelso School, where we all meet,
To learn our work and in sports compete,
friendship is here; faith, hope and trust,
All great gifts for each of us.
Kelso School, Kelso School, Always our best
Music by Brian Webb - KPS Principal 1970-1972 Words by Children of Year Six 1993.

## Yearbook Committee 1996

SCHOOL CREED This is our school. Let peace dwell here Let the rooms be full of contentment. Let love abide here, Love of one another, Love of mankind, Love of life itself, And love of God.
Let us remember that as many hands build a house, So many hearts make a school..

## Class Photographs:

 Westate Photographics Dubbo. Additional Photographs: Eddie BogaJoan Killiby, Inez Funnell, Bill Harrison, Deborah Bell, Jo Simpson and Wendy Gardiner.

## Principal's Repout

 Mi Doun Coates

I feel very proud to be the Principal of Kelso Public School leading up to and during its celebrations of 125 years of public education. As can be seen in this publication, the school has a significant place in the short history of modern Australia. From its origins as a place of instruction run by Holy Trinity Church in the 1820s, it has grown to the large public school we see today.

Kelso is a distinct and definable area of the city of Bathurst, and has always been thus. Early while settlement paused here, as the river was a difficult barrier for many years. The school was, and still is the hub of the community. Its modern facilities are years. The school was, and still is the hub of the community. Its modern facilities
daily used by community groups and the grounds show the pride we have in the school.

The present day feature of Kelso Public School that stands out is the way in which it is a reflection of modern Australia. Recent immigrant Australians share their formative years with the offspring of colonial settlers and of indigenous Australians. The gifted the talented, the sporty, the intellectual, the disabled, the disadvantaged, the poor, the well off, of the Kelso district all come together and gather in an appreciation of each other that is invaluable in laterlife.

This year book is an outstanding record of the achievements the school has accomplished over its long history. It is significant that in 1996 the school has once again excelled both in Regional and State sport, and had the honour of being awarded a Director-General of Education Award for its educative achievements.

These 125 Years Anniversary Celebrations would not have been possible without the support and efforts of a hardworking committee and the work of long serving teacher Mrs Inez Funnell in writing the history section of this book.

I feel sure that our school will always continue to enjoy success as it strives to live up to its motto 'Always our Best'.



KPS Band in 1989. Mr Ralph Harrison from KHS was the teacher and Mrs Mrs Inez Funnell were assistants.


The 1995 Junior
he 1995 Junior and Senior choirs Burke and Mrs Chris Drinan at 1995 Presentation Day.

I am delighted to have been invited to contribute to this, the 125th Anniversary Booklet of Kelso Public School. Since joining Western Region in 1986 I have continually been impressed with the quality of the educational programs in your school and the strength of commitment displayed by your principals, executive staff, teaching, support staff and the community in general.
The 125 th anniversary of public education at Kelso is a time to reflect upon the contribution the school has made to its community and to recognise the manner in which it has developed and changed over the years.
The school now displays the most innovative methods of teaching, technologically advanced teaching aids, a curriculum appropriate to all of its students and an emphasis on welfare which underpins all it does.
What happens at Kelso Public School today is the refinement of its history and the development of skills over the past 125 years. Through all this time the school has constantly maintained a clear focus on its core business of educating young boys and girls from country New South wales.
The local community is justifiably proud of all that has been achieved by its students and staff. The efforts of all have culminated in Kelso Public School receiving the DirectorGeneral's School Achievement Award for "Inclusive Education" in 1996. This award recognises and acknowledges the outstanding educational programs that the school provides.
Kelso Public School has provided thousands of students with an education which has allowed them to grow into proud and productive members of Australian society. As a part of the NSW public education system Kelso Public School is our foundation for the future.
I congratulate all of those people associated with the school on the quality of their efforts over the past 125 years and wish you all well for the future.



John Sutton
Assistant Director-General

## Message from THE BATHURST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

I doubt that the early settlers of the Kelso area would ever have thought that the little school that began in the Church Hall opposite Holy Trinity Church in 1926 would have developed into the modern educational institution that exists today.

Several children attending the school today are descendants of students who settled the Kelso area long ago. These families are very proud of their long association with Kelso Public School.

Kelso Public School has reflected the major historical events occurring during its life. Appropriate changes have been effectively incorporated into the culture and the curriculum of the school to suit the times.

This was especially evident during the war years. During the 1914-18 war all school boys commenced training in the cadets from the age of 12 years. In the 1940s large areas of the current playground were dug up to be used as trenches

In 1949 children from the migrant camp at Limekilns were enrolled at Kelso Public School thus giving the school a taste of the multicultural programs that were a fore runner of the diverse curriculum offered today.

Kelso is one of the leading Primary schoois in New South Wales, It continually strives to meet the needs of the local community and has been recognised at State level for many of its innovative programs.

The Director-General's Award in 1996 for Inclusive Education is just recognition that with the goodwill of caring parents and the inspiration, creativity and dedication of its teachers that children at Kelso Public School work towards fulfilling their maximum potential.

Congratulations to the Kelso Public School community in achleving 125 years of quality public education


Carole McDiarmid



KPS Staff 1992
Back: Chris Lambert, Vicki Boydell, Joan Buckley-Webb, Pat Collins, Margo Gromies, Marilyn Kell, Gayle Gordon
rd row: Patricia Horton, Linda Hurford, Jean Lawrence, Lindsay Smith, Jane Griffith, Geof Parkes, Jo Simpson, Wendy Gardiner
nd row: Deborah Bell, Sue Britton, Eddie Boga, Fran Adams, Denise Di Fazio, Joanne Cafe, yvonne Lloyd, Meryl Davison
Front: Kay Murray, Judy Bayliss, Ian Irvine, Helen Bekkema, Doug Coates, Des Killiby, Dianne Poole, Roslyn King, Inez Funnell


## KPS Staff 1995

Back: Chris Davey, Jenny Whittaker, Wendy Gardiner, Deborah Bell, Craig Ryan, Yvonne Lloyd Jean Lawrence, Gayle Gordon, Veronica Buck
3rd row: Inez Funnell, Lorraine Blackett, Vicki Burke, Geoff Parkes, Kay Webb, Elaine Hankin Linda Hurford, Merran Olson, Sue Britton
nd row: Kay Murray, Joanne Cafe, Lindsay Smith, Eddie Boga, Margaret Ashelford, Chris Drinan Jane Griffith, Fran Adams, Denise Di Fazio, Dawn Callan
ront: Vicki Boydell, Cris Lambert, Dianne Poole, Joan Buckley, Des Killiby, Doug Coates, Helen Bekkema, Chris Olson, Judy Bayliss, Jo Simpson
Absentees: Patricia Horton, Noel Creenaune, Roslyn King, Diane Kajons, Marie Draper, Margo Grimes, Kerry Roberson

All Correspondence to The General Manager Private Mail Bag 17 BATHURST NSW 2795

On behalf of Bathurst City Council and the people of Bathurst, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Kelso Public School as it celebrates its 125 th birthday as a State school.

Bathurst is rightfully proud of its heritage, not least because it forms a significant part of the heritage of NSW and, indeed, Australia - and Kelso Public School is one of a small number of Bathurst institutions which contribute to this proud history

Kelso Public School was actually established as a church school 170 years ago, in 1826, and was therefore one of the very first schools to be opened west of the Blue Mountains.

I know that all those who attend the birthday celebrations will do so in the knowledge that they will have a very enjoyable time and meet many old friends, some of whom they won't have seen for many years. They can also be proud to have attended a school with such an important place in our history

It is with great pleasure that I wish Kelso Public School's community celebration day every success.
Yours sincerely

## P \& C Report



1996 is a significant milestone in the history of Kelso Public School. 125 years ago the local church' school officially became a public school and has developed into one of the best primary schools available for the education of our children. A major task of the School has been to produce a special year book that will enhance the valuable work already done in the Centenary Year Book of 1971.

The 1996 edition will be a larger collection of history, reminiscences, photographs and more details of students and staff who attended the school. It will be a most, valuable addition to the collected history of Bathurst and a special momento of this occasion.

We acknowledge the help given by current and former pupils and staff and members of the community in putting this publication together to give interest and pleasure to our celebrations.


Michael Fogarty President


Back: Cathie Johnson, Bill Alexander, Pauline McIntosh, Shane McCosker, Penny Barnett, Geoff Parkes, Jane Griffith
3rd row: Rhonda Hackett, Lyn Woodside, Maree Jones, Inez Funnell, Anne Waddell, Margaret Anne Young Wendy Gardiner
2nd row: Marilyn Kell, Patricia Horton, Fran Adams, Paul Phillips, Zoë Friend, Ellen Sutton, Jusy Banning Joan Webb
Front: Gene Kelly, Chris Galloway Smith, Lyn Outtrim, Monte Buchanan, Michael Cable, Murray


Back: Bill Alexander, Bruce Cole, Chris Olson, Gene Kelly, Geoff Parkes,
3rd row: Lyn Woodside, Sue Colley, Wendy Dean, Jane Griffith, Dianne Poole, Zoë Friend 2nd row: Peter Pringle, Christine Wakker, Joan Hicks, Jan Pietsch, Christine Lambert, Judie Guiliano, Kerry Hunter, Fran Adams
Front: Margaret-Anne Young, Inez Funnell, Christine Galloway Smith, Simon Coomans, Lynett Outtrim, Helen Bekkema, Michael Craven, Rhonda Hackett. Wendy Gardiner


KPS Staff 1977
Standing: Patricia Horton, Trevor Piper, Dawn Davis, Pam Regan, Elizabeth Smith, Kerry Bullock, Michael Higgins, Janette Roberts, Jilyan Cole, Anne Moulden, Frank Hogan, Chris Galloway Smith
Sitting: Margaret Locke, Joan Hicks, Dianne Burgoyne, Bill Harrison, Betty Talbot, Doug Coates, Inez Funnell, Pauline McIntosh, Lyn Crapp


KPS Staff 1981
Standing: Anne Waddell, Zoë Friend, Pam Regan, Simon Coomans, Beverley Johnson, Geoff Parkes, Pauline McIntosh, Shane McCosker, Janette Horton, Inez Funnell, Paul Phillips, Jenny Buckley, Gene Kelly, Roslyn Luther, Jilyan Cole
Sitting: Karen Ennis, Joan Webb, Chris Galloway Smith, Murray Scoble, Betty Talbot, Monte Buchanan, Doug Coates, Helen Marning, Joan Hicks, Ellen Bennett

## KELSO PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## THE SCHOOL COUNCLL

The Kelso Public School, School Council congratulates the school on its 125 years of educating the children of the Kelso area. It is indeed a significant achievement.

The Council is in its infancy, having been formed only a couple of years ago, yet in line with the tradition of the school, has already supported some major achievements such as the re-designed front entrance and the multipurpose courts.

The school is in the process of revising its curriculum and emphases and we look forward to playing a major role in this.

We trust that the school will continue to develop into the next century and with the continued support of all parents, this can be achieved.


JOHN LATHAM
PRESIDENT


## Staff Photograph


, Deborah Bell. Jo Simpson, Dillty, Doug Coates,
Chis Olson, Helen Betkema. Dianne Poole, Vichi Boydell.
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3RD ROW: Kay Webb, Noel Creenaune, Cheryl Emtage, Lindsay Smith, Eddie Boga, Linda Hurford Rostun King.
4TH ROW: Vicki Bourke, Jean Lawrence, Ekaine Hankin, Joanne Cabe, Wendy Gardiner, Kay Murray,


SCHOOL STAFF: FRONT: Barbara Allenby, Chris Lambert, Dianne Poole, lan Irvine, Monte Buchanan, Des Killiby, Joan Webb, David Ball Sue Britton, Chris Davey, MIDDLE: Jo So Simpson, Marilyn Kell, Patricia Horton, Zoe Friend, Frances Adams, Joan Hicks, Inez Funnell, Judith Sexton, Wendy Nalder, Jane Grifitith, Chris Walker, Robyn McGowan, Lyne Woodside, BACK: Wendy Gardiner, Bill Alexander, Peter Pringle, Bruce Cole, Chris Olson, Geoff Parkes, Graeme Hanger, Lindsay Smith, Vicki Boydell.


KPS Staff 1978
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Front: Anne Moulden, Inez Funnell, Doug Coates, John Deasey, Trevor Piper, Lyn Bowles, Joan Hicks, Karen Ennis



KPS Staff 1974
Pairicia Horton, Trevor Piper, Isobel Falconer, Colin Westcott, Lynette Crapp, Bill Harrison, Roslyn Horsman, Inez Funnell, Wendy Le Clair, Paul Willott


Back: Kerry Bullock, Roslyn Horsman, Lyn Crapp
Middle Patricia Horton, Joan Webb, Robyn Pryce, Joi Russel, Pat Suttie, Sandra Lynch Front: Wendy Le Clair, Colin Westcott, Betty Talbot, Bill Harrison, Inez Funnell, Trevor Piper.

## READING RECOVERY

This program was introduced to Kelso Public School to help Year One students who need a little extra help in Reading. Mrs Hankin and Mrs Bayliss are our teachers.


We love reading all the great new books!

We
Grant loves reading "The Zoo"
Love

Books!

Johnathon is choosing a book from the levelled boxes.


Every second Thursday afternoon Mrs Bayliss and Mrs Hankin go to training with nine other teachers.

Bradley is Making Bradley is Making and Breaking words sing plastic letters.



2ND ROW: Ethan Movis. Ron Wallace, Grant Hines, Joseph Gibbons, Ryan Harris, Ben Hughes
3RD ROW: Mauhew Potts, Jourah Deans, Jazmin Peters. Harnah Cilbert, Jade Stevens, Hates
ABSENIEE: Mushay-Fraser, Rebecca Sheehan, Blake Keogh, Brendan Wetsh.
IEACHERS: M2s R King. Mhs $N$ Campbell (Teacher's side). PRINCIPNI: MI D Coates.

## TRANSPORT

CLASS R
My Nan walked 5 kms to school every day, then she had to walk home 5 kms . JOSEPH
go by bus.Dad rode a bicycle. Mum walked to school.RON
My Great Gran lived at Hillston 80 years ago and went to chool by horse and cart. My Great Pop lived at Hill End and he rode to school on a Penny-Farthing in 1890.JUSTIN

My Granny used to go to school by bus.My Poppy walked to school.Sometimes he rode a bike.KATHY-LEE
Oma and Opa grew up in Indonesia and they walked every
where. Grandma and Grandpa mostly walked too. Grandpa's father had a car which was unusual. Grandma lived in Sydney and caught had a car which was un


My Granny went to school in a horse and cart. Gran only came home on weekends because it was so far. REBECCA

In the olden days they had horses, carts and bicycles.ROY My Grandad walked to school.He said some children who lived Hu My Grandad walked to school. He said some children (1)
, My Nanna walked and my Pop caught a bus to school.KIRA





KPS Staff 1966
Inez Funnell, Anne Hawe, Beverley Burrow, John Hawe, Bob Gorman, Gloria Toohey, Gwen Blunden


KPS Staff 1970
Standing: Gloria Toohey, Sandra Sleeman, Elizabeth Smith, Paul Willott Sitting: Colin Westcott, Brian Webb, Inez Funnell


My Nanny rode her horse to school everyday. My other Nan and Pop had to walk to school. HAYLEY

Dick-Dad went to school on a tram. Grandma Isobel went on a horse and Grandma Pat went on a bus and a train. JARRAH

Grandpa went to school by horse. HANNAH

Nanny rode to school on a bike. She rode 3 miles to school and $A$ 3 miles home.LEAH
My Poppy went to school in a horse and cart. Nanny rode a bike to school. Some people walked to school. KAYIA

My Poppy used to live a long way out of town at Turondale.There was a school there so he walked and
 and cart. Some of hithe back of the Postman's hors

I had a talk to Nan about how she went to school and she told me she walked.Sometimes she would ride a pony with her sister and brothers. HALEY

My friend started school in 1919 and they walked to school. The milkman and the baker came in a horse and cart. BLAKE


Grandfather walked to school everyday.Great Grandfather Grander harness it and travel by horse and sulky It had rubber tyres off a car and which made the ride bumpy. Grandmother tyres off a car and which made the rin
had to travel 12 miles to school. RYAN


माता पार $\sim$ ab TRAVELLING SCHOOLS
N.S.W had a travelling school in 1908 . It was a covered van drawn by one horse, with a tent in which the teacher held classes. He camped and taught for a week at each place on his circuit As well as teach, the travelling schoolmaster had to keep his buggy and equipment in good order and tend the horses.Children were visited about four times a year. MRS KING


## 1996 NOW and THEN 1871

In our school there are about 480 children and 16 classroom teachers and lots of other teachers and other staff. We have 30 children in Class $L$ this year.


There are lots of classiooms and other rooms at our school There are bright colours everywhere and children's work on the walls.

The old schoo! by Rebecea.

Today we write like this:
$a b c d e f g$
$h i j k i$

There was one man teacher who was the master and he had about 50 children in his classroom. They were all different ages. Children only stayed at school for about eight years.

There was only one classroom with all the children of different ages in the same room. The teacher lived in a house that was joined onto the school room

Children used to write like this

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\begin{aligned}
& a b c d e f \\
& g h i j k l
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KPS children marching from Church Street to the Sports Ground to participate in the Small School Sports. Gladys Baillie is carrying the Kelso banner.


BACK ROW: Philip Morgan, Morris Nancarrow, Mrs. Bonham, Valefic Clay:on, -, Deirdre Lett, Melville 2nd ROW: Draga Djikic, —, Jill Mitchell, Marilyn Coopes, Gloria Hoskins, Dianne Coopes, —, Robyn FRONT ROW: Jefleyey Conroy, Alan Townsend, Allan Weal


Back: Helen Schoficld, Maureen Pearce, Binny Healy, Judy Culnane, Zeana McGinniskin, Sheila Murphy
3rd row: Ada Cunynghame, Dorcen Malcolm, Leonic Culnane, Junc Healy, Joan Pearce, Pam Elliott, Esther Kilby
2nd row: ?, Gay McMenamin, Dorcen Charlton, Bunny Osborne, Ada Kilby, Carol Churches, Front: Patricia Knight, Kathy Bromwich, Helen Byers, Heather Byers


Boys sport 194?
Back: Bobbic Baillie, Keith Gunning, Ira Dawson, Arthur Charlton, Eric Gunning Middle: Terry Shute, Chris Culnane, James Pearce, Tony Culnane, Don Bromwich Front: John Byers, Teddy Baillie, Barry Baillic, Billy Knight, Gerald Dunn uniform. Our school colours are green and white.

When we get in trouble the teacher gets angry and we have to move away from our friends.

Children wore their everyday clothes. The girls often wore a long white apron over their clothes to keep them clean Some children didn't wear shoes

## Getting the cane. by

 Saman tha $B$ When they got into trouble they got the cane or had to stand in the corner.


Using a computer.
by Ryan

We have lots of equipment at our school--- computers, television. cassette players, calculators, electric lights: gas heaters, electric pencil sharpeners, books, paper, puzzles, games, toys, ovens, kilns and tridges.

We have laminated tables and plastic chairs. We sit in groups. We also sit on the carpet on the floor.

There was not much equipment. Children wrote on slates with a sort of chalk. Bigger children used pens clipped in ink. to write on their paper. The teacher had to light a wood fire in winter.

Children sat on long wooden seats at long wooden tables in rows. On the floor were wooden boards.

In our playground we have a sandpit and climbing equipment. We also play with balls, ropes and hoops. Some children bring toys to school to play with. We can play cricket, foothall, soccer, netball. basketball. hockey and softball at our school. Some children play hopscotch but they don't really know the rules.


Sitting and
skipping. by
skipping
Carla.


On the
equipment. by Jessica

Now we can buy our bread already sliced to make our sandwiches for lunch. We take our lunch to school in plastic boxes. We can buy our lunch at school at the canteen-- pies, sausage rolls. hot dogs, pizzas, lasagne, chips in packets, ice blocks, flavoured milk, juice and lots of other things.

It is faster travelling to school because we can come by bus, car or on our bikes. If we walk it is not very far for us.


There wasn't a bigoval to play on but children had fun at lunch time. They would skip with ropes, play hopscotch, play with horse shoes, play with hoops and balls and play cricket.

Playing on
the
by
equipment
Derek

Children had to take their lunch with them to school wrapped up in plain paper or newspaper. There was no canteen. Some children may have gone to a nearby shop on the corner to buy something for lunch.

Some children had to walk a very long way to school. Children could ride their horse or come in a cart pulled by a horse.

Coming to school



KPS 1946
Back: ? ? Peter Arnold, Chris Culnane, Tony Culnane, Don Bromwich, Pat Fardy, Eric Gunning, Barry Baillie
Middle: Helen Byers, Bunny Osborne, Ada Kilby, Doreen Charlton, Leonie Bell, Gaye McMenamin, Patricia Knight, Carol Churches
Front: ? ? Owen ??? Nancarrow, Billy Knight, John Byers, Don Cunynghame, Bobbie Owen Kathy Bromwich, Heather Byers


KPS 194?
Back: Vince Bonham, John Walton, Bob Baillic, Neville Bryant, Bunny Osborne Middle: Doreen Charlton, Ada Cunynghame, Leonie Culnane, Janice Shute, Helen Byers Front: Austin Clark, John Scott, Bobbie Owen, Arthur Jordan


Back: Lyall Crannis, C. Harvey, ? Eastman, K. Davis, ,Vhiteman, ?, C. Rea, Stevens, A.Booth 4th row: D.Ebbern, A.Schofield, J.Booth, Driscoll, B.Lavelle, S.Whiteman, L.Treneman, I.Ebbern, Bryant, Gainey

3rd row: M.Cutler, M.Fry, D.Douglas, M.Dowling, J.Purser, T.Dennis, M,Randell, M.Bender, E.Kent nd row: D.Dennis, ?, M.Rourke, M.Boyd, G.Eaton, T, Eastment, J.Malcolm, B.Rea, N.Ray Front: M.Randell, D.Bender, ?, C.White, B.Treneman, EStevens, ?


KPS 1937
Back: Doug Smith, Reg Nancarrow, Alan Philpot, Ron Martin, John Osborne, Keith Colley, Ron Austin, Merv Harvey, John Plank, Jim Cunynghame
3rd row: M.Hobson, Millie Schofield, Mary Winterbottom, Naomi Booth, Grace Hooper, Norma Peck, Gwen Fields, Linda Eaton, Daphne Fields
2nd row: Dawson, Mary Cash, Harvey, Angus Owens, Mary Gorman, Valma Clark, Maureen Ond rens, Shirley Reedy, Val Martin Front: Eric Rowling, Merv Nancarrow, Bob Thew, Fred Gunning, Jack Rowling, Merv Mullins, John




KPS 1921 approx
Back: ?, Tom Cook, Lorne Culnane, Jack Cooper, Frank Cooper, ? Davidson, Millic Haynes, Lill Kirkman, Cusick, Dulcie Driscoll, Amy Stapley, Dorothy Schofield, Thelma Stevens. 3rd row: Milton Bromwich, Stan Fry, Jack Fry, Clive Stapley, Wallie Taylor, Clara Cusick, Mavis 2nd row: Bowman aen Fry Das, Glan ? Stan Kirkman, Ronnie Shute, Jackie Schofield, ?eula Stapley, Linda Wotton, Poppie Ingersole, Elva Stapley, Douglass, Jan Treneman, ? Front ? Alan Griggin? ? ? ? Schofield, Elsie Stapley, Enid Shute.

## The Shute - Scott - Cutler Family

Nita (Doris Euneta) Shute and her brothers Keith Reg and Roy enrolled at KPS in 1909. Later Nita's children oan and John Scott attended. More recently Joan's daughters, Bronwyn and Francene Cutler attended.

In 1996, Mrs Nita Scott has the distinction of being the oldest living KPS ex pupil
The Rowling Family
Ambrose Rowling, the 'child' of the 1890s, was one of James Rowling's sons. He attended KPS off and one of James Rowling s sons. He attended KPS off and requently needed to travel to distant jobs.

A school regulation was that if any child was absent for more than a quarter (of a year) he or she was o be re enrolled on return to school. Ambrose and his siblings, Albert, William, Percy and Leslie, are found several times in the old registers.

## The Ray Family

Well known author Nan Hunt enrolled at KPS in 1925 under her maiden name Nancy Ray. Nan Hunt has written several best-selling books - mostly for children, uch as "There Was This Man Running" and "Whistle up the Chimney." Her older sister Jean wrote the words of the
Bathurṣt High School Song. Brother David and sisters orna and Kathleen were also enrolled. Their father was elso orchardist. tended KPS in the 1970 and 1980s. Alex was the boy 0s and 1980s. Alex was the boy chool captain in 1987.

## The Schofield - Fulton Family

Rita Schofield, daughter of Walter Schofield nrolled at Kelso Public School in 1920. Her father's ounger brother, Norman, Rita's uncle, had been enrolled 1918

Rita's daughter Sally Howard Fulton was both a Kelso classroom teacher and a casual teacher for several years. Two of Sally's children Mark and Gail Fulton attended Kelso School.

## The Stevens - Thurgood Family

1928 Cecilia Stevens started at Kelso School as a pupil 1928. She was a daughter of Percy Stevens, once a before Cecilia.

One of Cecilia's children attended for a while Her grandchildren Tony and Sandra Thurgood also attended.

Cecilia joined KPS staff as a cleaner in the 1950s and stayed until her retirement in the 1980s. andsons, Darren and Craig, who also attended KPS

John Hawe Trophy
John Hawe, Principal from 1961 to 1966, loved music, singing and children's choirs. His wife, Anne was an excellent accompanist on the piano. John entered choirs regularly into the Bathurst Eisteddfod. When he realised there was no trophy for Senior Primary choirs, he decided he would donate one. He did this ... but to date, Kelso Public School has never won that particular trophy!

Public Speakin
Mrs Meryl Davison began KPS's Public Speaking participation, The Open Learning Institute of CSU Mitchell donated a trophy for the winners

1991 Candior Pool
1992 Kylie Drew 1993 Amanda Chopping 1994 Diana Porter 1995 Susan Scott

## Chess Troph

Mr Des Killiby's interest in Chess decided him to donate a trophy. Winners are:-

1993 Tim Van Doore
1994 Tim Van Doore
1995 Daniel George
The Fry Family
In 1921 Mr Walter Fry was appointed the manager of the Macquarie Vale Soldier Settlement on the White Rock Road. His family attended Kelso School: sons Stanley, John, Leonard, Clive, Robert and Ken, and daughter Marjorie.

## The Weal Family

Mrs Ray Weal was the KPS cleaner beginning in the 1940s. Her son Ray was enrolled in the 1950s. Ray's children Adam, Brett and Anita were enrolled in the 1980s.

Ray Weal Jr was a member of the building team on the 1979 school.

Kelso and Bathurst people and places
Many former pupils and their descendants still reside locally Several still well known family names are:

Adams, Bailey, Baillie, Bell, Blacket, Bliss, Blowes, Bolam, Brennan, Brownlow, Bullock, Chapman, Churches, Clancy, Clark, Clements, Clifton, Cochrane, Coles, Collins, Connell, Connor, Cosgrove, Cousins, Crawfora, Crowe, Cunynghame, Dawson, Dennis, Deveson, Dovey Drew, Driscoll, Eastment, Edwards, Elliott, Evans, Field, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Foster, Francis, Funnell, Garland, Gariick, Green, Griffin, Goafrey, Golding, Gurng, Ingersole Jacobs, Jarman, Johnson, King, Kirkman, Lavelle, Leach, Lidden, Lobb, Long, Lucas, McArtney McKay, Marsden, Martin, Matthews, Morgan, Mortimer Morton, Myers, Nancarrow, Nixon, Owen, Pearce, Peck, Perry, Porter, Potts, Redding, Richardson, Rivet, Robinson, Rowling, Schofield, Seymour, Sharkey, Sherman, Smith, Sullivan, Taylor, Thompson, Thurling, Treneman, Walker, Walkley, Wardman, Webb, Wood.

Several streets and local sites have names of
Kelso pupils' families: Clements Street, Cousens Park Cousins Place Culnane Place, Kite Place, Lavelle Street, Lee Street, McMenamin Place, Marsden Estate, Marsden Lane, Rivett Place, Schofield Way, Scott Place, Stephens Lane, Suttor Street



FRONI ROW: (L to R) Melissa Seaman, Sarah Stait, Jessie O'Connor. Cherie Gilmore, Alison Beadinan,
(isa Cote, Sarah Tobin, Jessica Cox, Chloe Ashcrobl. 2ND ROW: Bruce tili, Nicholas Pollard. Ian Moran, Clayton Thorn hounsury, Zaki Zati Chalounh, Matuhew
Keating, Eamon Monsi 3RD ROW: Bhadtev Seaman ARSENIEE: Taytor, Samuel Rooke. Bradley Aden, Scout Tester. absentie: lara wells.
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Things have changed since many
years ago. Like ink imto a pen and years ago. Like ink imo a pen and
typewriters into computers. typewriters into computers.
In the classroom mary things have changed.

Saroh Stait


We used to write with feathers, but now we use pens.
We used to use rypewriters, but now he have compusers. Michad Kating
Cridren did not have pens the use typewniters, not computers. put ink in giris hair, now I see why it in and feathers, boys used to This is what tectmology was like in the olden tays pens.
 Bratom Chrision


Samud Roobe


## KPS School Captains

In the Centenary year, 1971, a board was begun record the school captains. They are:
1971 Roslyn Tatzenko
972 Margaret Chaffer
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## KPS Library

he first library was established in 1975 in a portable classroom on the low oval. Mrs Sandra Lynch was he first librarian.

Mrs Pam Regan succeeded her in 1977, Miss Penny Barnett in 1983, Mr Peter Pringle in 1986 and Mrs Jean Lawrence in 1990.

Mrs Dawn Davis worked mostly as a library assistant until she left in 1994.

KPS Parents \& Citizens Life Members
Mr Len and Mrs Bonnie Nancarrow 1964
Mr Fred Shaw
Mr George $\&$ Mrs Lorna Gadd
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Mr Ron \& Mrs Glad Clarke
Mrs Lorna Gunning
Mr Ron Croucher
Mrs Margaret Crick
Mrs Gay Foot
Mr Graeme Hanger
Mrs Dianne Banning
Mrs Marie Draper
Mr David Hatherly
Mrs Kay Kemp
Mr Peter Moras
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1966
cMenamin Family
In 1925, Joseph McMenamin aged 12 and his sister Veronica aged 10 were enrolled.

In later years Veronica (Ronnie) became the Kelso Postmistress.

In 1939 Joseph's daughter Patricia was enrolled, and his other daughter Gabrielle Jean in 1942. Pat's sons Stephen, Neil and Chapman were enrolled in the 1960s and 1970 s. enrolled in the 1080 s.

## The Marsden Family

The 1990s saw the recurrence of the MARSDEN name in connection with KPS, when Reverend Samuel Marsden was appointed to Holy Trinity Church. Reverend Samuel became involved in the children's weekly Scripture classes.

Kelso School records can only be traced back to 1862. Any records prior to that would be most gratefully received.
In 1863, the first recorded Marsdens enrolled were Clara aged 6 . and James aged 7 . They were the children of James Marsden, butcher, of Kelso. In 1866, they were followed by 13 year old Amelia. In 1868, 4 year old Ada arrived, and 5 year old Albert in 1869. In 18703 year old Charles sloper Marsden was enrolid, bu by now Jameseeper and Postmaster. 6 year old Samuel enrolled in 1876 , while their father was still Kelso Postmaster.

I n 1901 Reggie Marsden, son of Sloper, now a draper by occupation, was enrolled. Reggie stayed until 1905 when the family moved to Moree.

## The Memorial Wall

The " 1880 " datestone found a new home and hopefully a permanent one in 1996 From 1880 to 1966 it had adorned the western wall of the original school. From 1966 to 1978 it was se in cement on the lawn in the midale of the circular
driveway. When the new school was completed in 1979, it was placed in a courtyard lawn near the library.

In 1996 a low brick wall was built in the courtyard and the datestone was set into this. Mr Ray Mouthaan, a parent and TAFE teacher, who has already planned and executed much beautification of the schoo grounds, was responsible for the plans.
fitted into the wall, with all class members' inented til The bell post and a light post was moved to make the wall display more symmetrical.
The original school bell which was well over 100 years old was unfortunately stolen in 1994. A replacement was ordered, at a quite incredible cost, from he UK. This new bell will first sound out at the Celebrations.
pully this bell will be sounding for many hundreds of years into the future.

## The Pine Tree

1385 the Master Peter Cullen ordered 100 pine trees (Pinus Insignis) to beautify the new schoo grounds. These trees were planted all round the schoo grounds.

Over the years they have gradually died or deteriorated so badly that they became dangerous, and began in 1978, the planners and architects were very conscious of the existing trees and every effort was made to retain as many as possible, to the extent that buildings were arranged to avoid tree removal.

Today there only two of the original pine trees left. They are at each end of the present Gilmour Street carpark. They are 111 years old this year.

Sue's children Stephen, Louise and Dianne Hardma attended in the 1970s.

Leone (Lee) Culnane's children Stephen, Elizabeth and Jennifer Wood attended. Jennifer was school captain in 1972.

Judy Culnane's children Kerry, Garry and Jeffrey Millmore attended in the 1960s and Kerry's sons, Ian and Scott Browning, in the 1980s.

## The Colley - Conroy families

In 1933, four children of Clyde Colley, a Railway fireman of Kelso, enrolled at KPS. They were Marjorie Colin, Bruce and Keith. Ross was enrolled in 1935 and David in 1939.

In 1950 the first of Marjorie's children, Anthony, was enrolled. He was followed by Margaret, Robert Jeffrey, Brian, Paul, David and Christopher Conroy. In 1976, Robert's daughter, Jacqueline Margaret, was enrolled

Col Colley was a familiar figure around KPS for many years, as he periodically toured the Bathurst are schools to mow their sports areas on his tractor

## The Cunynghame Family

In 1874 the Cunynghame name first appeared when George Francis and Oswald, both aged 8, wer enrolled. Their guardian was George Matthews, a Victualler, later an Innkeeper

In 1926, Ada and Heather Cunynghame, daughters of Sidney Cunynghame, a farmer of Kelso ere enrolled.In 1931 Edna was enrolled.
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In 1942 Oswald Cunynghame's children, Ada orna and Harold were enrolled. Oswald was a Factory Hand. In 1945, Donald Cunynghame was listed. In 1950 claire, Oswald s daughter arrived, and Allan was enrolled 1959.

In 1960, Stephen, son of Harold Cunynghame, a MG Linesman was enrolled. 1969 saw the arrival of Donald, son of Donald, a Carpenter

In 1982, 1984 and 1985, Tarah Rebel and Muray Cunynghame, children of Milton Cunynghame and Robyn Lewis (a KPS ex pupil) were enrolled.

## The Dawson Family

In 1866 the first listed DAWSON was Sarah, aged . Her father was Thomas Dawson, a Carrier. Up to 1879, a total of 13 children of Thomas Dawson were daughter Robert Dawson, a Brickmaker, was the father f 3 daughters. Jonathan Dawson, a farmer, had one aughter also.

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Tom 1880 to 1899, another 26 DAWSONs are isted. Their fathers are Thomas, a Carrier and also a Brickmaker, Robert still a Brickmaker and Stephen, a abourer.
ildren' fans to 1916, the eight DAWSON children's' fathers were Stephen, still a Brickmaker, Cabter, Frank, a Brickmaker, a Labourer and a woo Dawson, a Carrier, are enrolled.

## The Elliott Family

Alonzo Elliott, born in 1898, the son of Burpee L. Elliott, a coach owner and driver, who had migrated Irom Canada, enrolled in 1904. Alonzo's older sisters Lavinia, Ethel and Coral were enrolled at KPS before the
turn of the century.
Pamela Elliott (later Mrs Peter Johnson) enrolled in 1946. Pam's sister Yvonne lived in the Elliott house next to Kelso Public School in Gilmour Street until her death in 1993. In 1994 the school into the school grounds.

## The Funnell Family

Mrs Inez Funnell commenced teaching at Kelso Public School in 1963. She currently holds the record for the longest serving teacher at Kelso. Her son Adam attended the school from 1973 to 1979.
Approximately 100 years previously, in 1876, Thomas, Henry and John Funnell, the sons of Henry Funnell, at that time a labourer of Kelso, attended Kelso Public School for some months. Though not direct ancestors these boys were members of the same Funnel family.

## The Gunning Family

Bradley and Maegan Gunning are members of the 3rd generation of their family to attend Kelso School. They follows their father Greg, who follows his father Keith.
children attended thethers Maurice and Eric and their children attended the school.

## The Harrison Family

William George Harrison became Principal of KPS in 1973. His four children attended school. Two of his daughters, Robyn and Julie, became school captains. So KPS for, David. Another daughter Wendy taught at attended Kindergarten in 1995

Bill was principal when work began on the old school's remodelling and extensions. The Principal's residence disappeared and existing brick structures were today.

## The Ingersole Family

Clara Ingersole who enrolled in 1876 was the first of a long list of Ingersole who attended KPS. The Ingersoles all appear to be cousins, and the children of James (a stockman), William (a drover) and Thomas (a newly enrolled Ingersoles and his occupations were given as farmer labourer horse dealer and horse trainer, for different children

James's children were Clara, James, Herbert, Aarold

William's children were Charlotte, William, Kate, Florence, Hershel, John, Lela, Effie, Olive, Linda, Severn Gladys, Lena, Norman, Evie, Mildred, Jessie and Leslie.

Thomas's children were Mary, Thomas and John.
Frederick, Hilton, John, Ruby
By the turn of the century the first lot of father of Lawrence A.; and Olga, and Edna was the daughter of George A. Ingersole.


Schools used to use old phones with handles on them Some schools
didn't have any phones. Now we use mobile phones.
Nichdos Pollord
We have ink in our pens instead of using feathers and inkwells.


Technology is good, We used to have Black \& White T.V. s, now we have coloured
In the olden days, class rooms had open fires.



 3RD ROW: Waven Mackay, Aaron Wagner, Bradey Saunders, Tarren Smith, Jack Buight, Sam Tobin. RESENIEES: Nex Powel. Coni McGuire, Isaac Canham PRINCIPNL: Mn 0 coates

## Memories by Class J

Memories are very precious. We will always remember: Feeding the lambs- Erin

Colouring in at school-Allison
Going out for our birthdays-Jaimie

Collecting shells at the beach-Ngayirra
Playing with my dog Sooty-Karina


Skipping with Allison and Jamie-Laureena

Jessica riding her bike into a window-Lauren C
Winning a game of hockey- Taren
Swimming out too far at the beach- Sam


Getting very cold at the beach and snuggling up in a tent- Heid
Going to the pool- Alex Finding Shells at Avoca - Aaron

Cheshire Creek Cross Country Run Trophy A timber trophy made of wood from the Barlow's roperty at Cheshire Creek was donated by that family Cross Country fixtures were held at Cheshire Creek ately they have been held at Macquarie Woods.
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## The KPS Band

The school band was commenced in 1988 ught by Mr Ralph Harrison, music master from Kels h School one afternoon a week. Mrs Christin teacher, conducted anothe When Mrs Walk
left in 1990, Mrs Kate simmons, and Mrs Inez Funnell jointly ran the practic essions. Mr Harrison left and his successor, Mr Col Clulow, taught the band. In 1994, Mrs Wendy Zylstra was given the task
of forming a Bathurst Cluster Band. Each week sh pends one day each with KPS, Bathurst Public Schoo

These bands all perform
form separately, but for produce a great sounding performance.

## The Bekkema Family

In 1953. a weatherboard block consisting of two arge classrooms, headmaster's office and a storeroom was added to the sc ekkema and company
demolished the 1880 ond built a new office and a storeroom.

The stone on the original building bearing the ate 1880, was to be preserved, and the demolisher were horrified when it accidentally fell to the ground hey were relieved to discover it was still intact. This tone has been set in a small grassed arean in therary proud position in the tiled wall which celebrates the

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in 1969 Mr Bekkema was again contracted to build a new large brick Kindergarten room and a brick oilet block.

Jim Bekkema's son, Eelke, married Helen Marning, a teacher on the staf, and their two sons, James and Andrew currently attend Kelso Public School.

The Bromwich Family
The first Bromwich child to be enrolled was Milton in 1920.He was followed by Pearl in 1921. Their father was Charles. In the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s more of Charles's children arrived. They were Elva, Kenneth, Donald, Kathleen, Maurice, Beverley, Dawn and Milton Coral and James in 1931, and Neville in 1934, were the

William Bromwich's children Clyde, Geoffrey, Madelin and Edgar came in the 1940s.
KPS in 1950 next Bromwich generation commenced at KPS in 1959 and the 1960s. Ken's children, Milton, Shirley Anne, Christine and Kathy were enr

In 1966, Christine Bromwich thought of the school motto "Always Our Best" which was incorporated into the first school badgeDon's wife, Betty, was a school cleaner until she left in the 1990s.

Elva's children, Anthony, Atholl, Donald, Lynette, Wayne, Paul and Leanne Flanagan attended in the 1950s and 1960s. Kathleen's children Robert and Karen Booth also attended in the 1960s. Their father. Max Booth, is an ex-KPS pupil, too.

Dawn's daughters, Kelly and Nadene Medway attended in the 1970s and 1980s.

The Churches family
The name Churches first appears in the 1866 enrolment lists when the children of George Churches, a dealer of Raglan were enrolled. First were Emma and George aged 10 and 6 years respectively.

In 1867 Mary Ann Churches aged 9 , was enrolled and in 1876 Herbert, aged 10 , arrived.

In 1937 the first of Herbert's grandchildren Alex, (Meba), Isobel and Caro
as Eric) These childrens' father was Herbert Eric (known in 1876. Herbert Eric son of Herbert who came to Kelso

## The Clarke Family

When Emily Clarke began Kindergarten in 1995, she was the 5 th generation of her family to attend Kelso Public School. Her mother Janelle Clarke and Uncle Ian attended. Janelle's mother was Gladys Baillie, who attended in the 1940s. Gladys's mother, Gladys Dawson, started attending school in 1916 at the age of 6 , and left in 1924 for the Rural School. This Gladys's father was James Dawson, a carrier, who married Mary Ann Saunders, an 1878 KPS pupil.

## The Culnane Family

The first Culnane name to appear in the enrolment registers was Lorme (Walter Lorne) Culnane in 1920. He was the son of Christopher and Florence Culnane. Christopher's occupation was given as Hotel Keeper or Publican. Lorne's sister Jean followed a few months later in 1920, his sister Phyllis in 1923, brother Norman in 1924.

In 1926, Royce Culnane was enrolled as the son of Florence (Christopher having died prior to that) , and another brother, Henry (Harry) arrived in 1930 .

In 1941, the daughters of W.L. (Lorne) Cuinane, Judith and Leone, were enrolled, and in 1943 and 1944 his sons, Anthony and Chris.

John, son of Harry came in 1947, and Harry's other son Barry Michael (known as Michael) in 1949. Also in 1949, Carol, daughter of Royce, attended school for a few months. Janice Culnane also attended for a few months in 1950, with her guardian given as her aunt, Mrs R.Culnane

Phyllis's daughters Leonie and Susan (Sue) Bell in the 1940s and 1950s respectively. Leonie's son Jason Clarke attended for one year in 1981.

## Ernie Long Prize

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## The Karp Shield

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| Athletics Champions - Junior |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1975 | Vickie Owens | Darren Stocks |
| 1976 | Leanne Clarke | Greg Best |
| 1977 | Melissa Inwood | Greg Bestwick |
| 1978 | Melissa Inwood | Warren Stocks |
| 1979 | LouiseHardman | Glen Seale |
| 1980 | Louise Hardman | Lewis Beale |
| 1981 | JustineSummerfield | Nigel Henry |
| 1982 | Renée Marsh | Jamie Wright |
| 1983 | Renée Marsh | Jamie Marsh |
| 1984 | Sarah Payne | John Harrison |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1985 \\ & 1986 \end{aligned}$ | Michelle Farr | Greg Choat |
|  | TaraHummelshøj |  |
|  | Michelle Farr | Ben Hurford |
| 1987 | Rachael Jones | Ben Hurford |
| 1988 | Natalie Rivett | LukeHumphries |
| 1989 | Samantha Toworai | Ben McClements |
| 1990 | Libby Bedford | Robert Clifford |
| 1991 | Patricia Cook | Jason McClements |
| 1992 | Tanya Lowe | Darren Leech |
| 1993 | Laura Parkes | Michael Williams |
| 1994 | TrishaWells |  |
|  | Naomee Ison | Adam Morton |
| 1995 | Eunice Grimes | Christopher Moore Aaron Seaman |
| 1996 | Gillian Rosconi | Luke Field |
| Athletics Champions - Senior |  |  |
| 1974 | Sue Thompson | Peter Taylor |
| 1975 | PatriciaKirkland | Garry Cafe |
| 1976 | PatriciaKirkland | Peter Davis |
| 1977 | Vickie Owens | Darren Stocks |
| 1978 | Jenny Sproats | Ian Webb |
| 1979 | Melissa Inwood | Warren Stocks |
| 1980 | AlisonFranks | PhillipKajons |
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| 1995 | SusanTownsend | Michael Williams |
| 1996 | SherriAlberts | Adam Morton |

## KPS Sporting "Hall of Fame"

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A view of the Courtyard from the Administration area
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Just one of the many "Working Bees" at KPS. Over the years much time and effort towards the beautification and streamlining of the school grounds has been given by parents like: Le Aberley, Errol Berry, Peter Christian, Allan Evers, Michacl Fogarty, Hans Hummelshoj, Doug信 Ross Scully, Christine Walker, and staff: Geoff Parkes and Doug Coates.


Front and side views of the Principal's residence., which was demolished to make way for the 1980 school.


The 1953 weather board building was cut in half, lifted by cranes, swung around and resituated on brick piles. After being brick veneered, it became the present Administration area


The resited 1953 weatherboard building on the right, with the new buildings growing in the background.



Lime-burner Blacksmith
Gardener Miner Wheelwright occupations: Cf fen Toll gate keeper washerwoman Housekeeper coach maker Porter. Saddler shoemaker navVy


The Gilmour Street entrance to the school, showing the 1966 brick building


An aerial view of the school taken circa 1975 and showing all the demountable classrooms. The Principal's residence is on the far left


Electrician Hairdresser
Mechanic Pet food maker
Packager Factory worker
Check-out girl
Occupations - now
Computer operator Semi trailer driver
TV repairman petrol Bower attendant.


|  | IRONT ROW: <br> 2ND ROW: <br> 3RD ROW: <br> absentees: <br> teacher: | (L to R) Samantha Norris, Rached Coles, Katrina Beestey. Phillip Parkes, Jenna Barling, Matthew Stanton, Haytee Curran, Aimee Naytor, Schervaun McGuire. <br> John Moran, Andrew Slavicek, Jeremiah Peteru. Ben Organ. Ben Hyde, Aydon Driscoll. Eamon Scully, Jeramee Mobbs. <br> Thomas Seaman, Luke Field, Allen Spence-Hicks, Mark Sheehan, Anthony Chow, Dane Ryan, Gavan Seaman, Irent Rose, Liam Horan. <br> Jamie Bryant, Kristy Simson, Scott Robson, Lyndsay Clibtord. <br> Mis G Gordon. PRINCIPAL: Mr D coates. |
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CLASS 4G

$\frac{1880-1900}{\text { During this }}$
ime the women wore a "bustle". The back of the skirt is padded, bunched up and decorated with roses. small waist the Their hair was piled on top and fixed with flowers. Litte boys wore sailor suits with lace collars and long, curly hair. In the 1890's women wore bloomers to ride bicycles.

Katrina Beesley, Matthew Stanton, Jenna Barling, Phillip Parkes, Scott Robson


Men wore hats out of doors. Ladies rats were big with feathens. Ladies always wore gloves and carried a parasol. Young girls wore their long hair loose. Women wore a new kind of. corset which gave them an 's shared figure. Their long skirts flared at the hottom. These then developed into skints that were so nannow that they could porly take tiny sters. They were called 'Hobble Skints'. Uniforms were worn during. the wan. The Edwardian Age, as this time is 1900 called, gave us the motor car. Ladies wore long scarves around their hats so they wouldn't blow off.
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From the Western Advocate, November 1966

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Women's 1930
Women's clothes changed completely in the 1920's. The new short skirts and hairstyles were thought to be very daring. The straight dresses had very low waists and short skirts and they wore hats called a cloche. They also wore silk stockings and smoked cigarettes from a long holder. Men wore 'Oxford Bags' or 'Plus Fours' when playing golf or white trousers and white shoes. The women were called 'Flappers'.

Schervaun McGuire, Cory Casson, Thomas Seaman, Jamie Bryant, Anthony Chow
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stockings replaced silk stockings. The bikini first arrived in 1946 just after the war.
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Andrew Slavicek, Samantha Norris
$\frac{1950-1990}{\text { Before } 1950}$
Before 1950 teenagers wore similar clothes to adults. In the 1950 s they began to dress in their own way. They copied some styles from rock $n$ roll singers. Tough young men wore narrow 'Teddy suits, crepe-soled shoes and slicked back hair. In the 1960 's the military look was popular. Men wore bright colours and from 1965 the model, Twiggy, made the mini skirt very popular. New materials, such as, plastic,metal and even paper were used for clothing. Women first wore tights in the 1960's. Punk clothes were worn in 1976 .

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1990-1996
Fashionstoday are very casual. Jeans which first came into use in America in 1874 are now the accepted form of dress for all occasions Women now
weair trousers which would have shocked their grandparents. The main characteristics of modern clothes are comfort and good colouns. For school, girls wean cotton dresses and the boys shorts.
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This photo of the 1880 Kelso Public School was taken about 1910.


John Hawe, Principal 1961-1966, is standing on the porch which was added to the 1880 building in 1917. The section on the left was added in 1913, when the original schoolroom was extended and sliding doors were added to make two schoolrooms. Note there are now four air ents in the roof. The new section also had more "modern" windows.



The schools in 1871.


Front and side views of Holy Trinity Church of England Hall. Building additions were made over the years. The Hall served as a school from 1826 until the 1880 building was opened at 19 Gilmour Street, a more central site for more students



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Wash tub and scrubbing board clothes were rubbed up and down vigorously, in soapy water, to get the dirt out.
Clothes were often boiled up in the copper. Sometimes clothes were pushed up and down using what was called a " washing dolly "

After the clothes had been washed they were passed through the rollers on a mangle. The rollers squeezed the water out of the clothes.
Homes had several flat irons which were heated on the stove. An iron - holder was used to protect your hand from the hot iron.


Hawkers travelled to remote
settlements taking with them an array of goods such as sweets, dress materials, tins and jars, medicines, tobacco etc.


Canned meat, vegetables, soup etc. were available from the General Store.


Susan Scott, Rachel Oison, Lauren Hanpton, Melanie Bennett, Chistine Hughes.
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3RD ROW: Yasmin Wison, Carrie Stulandes, Thomas Kinusyide, Brendan Stark, Casie Bayliss. Patricia
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## ENTERTAINMENT

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What would you do with your time？？
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So what choices of entertainment were there back then？

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## What did families do for their entertainment？



What did children do for entertainment？
Cool fires


What games were played at school？


What entertainment is the same 125 years ago that we still do now？


How did we learn about it？

grandparents
books


If you had the chance to change the way you enjoy entertainment now what would you change？
dancing marbles music food fires toys aid
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RUGBY LEAGUE
This year our team is coached by Dean Sadler who is the Bathurst Development officer. Although we were defeated by Bathurst West 30-5 in our State Knockout Game the score does not indicated how well we played nor our enthusiasm for the game. Five boys were selected in the Bathurst District Teams for the Regional Trials. Shane Taylor and Leigh Ross were selected in 11's and Robert Varndell, Nicholas Meyers and Gavin Clarke were selected in the Open Team. Although none gained selection in The Western Region, they all acquitted themselves with the honour. Our next hurdle will be the The Bathurst District Gala Day in August.
The team consisted of Aaron Ryan, Brendan Fogarty, Scott Hines, Cameron Rosser, Gavin Clarke, Rajiv Sagaran, Robert Varndell, Stephen Smeed, Joel Noonan, Nicholas Meyers, Daniel Peters, Paul Copland, Rohan Corkett, Mathew Riley, Leigh Ross, Chris Moore and Nicholas Muller.
Gayle Gordon


## RUGBY UNION

This year was our first year playing Rugby Union and the boys all agreed that it was a great game and were very enthusiastic for it to continue in 1997. Our team was ably coached by Michael Fogarty We were defeated by Cudgegong Valley 20-7 but by the end of the day, having played another two games the boys' skills had improved out of sight. Four boys were selected in the Possibles-Probables but unfortunately no one was selected in Western Region. We hope to do much better next year. The team consisted of Scott Hines, Brendan Fogarty, Stephen Stanton, Joel Curran, Brenton Soetons, James Edwards, Cameron Rosser, Gavin Clarke, Rajiv Sagaran, Robert Varndell, Stephen Smeed, Mathew Riley, Nicholas Meyers, Daniel Peters, Paul Copland, Shane Taylor and Leig Ross
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## Cross Country



CROSS COUNTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION DAY-Macquarie Woods
On Friday, March 29, 1996, Kelso Public School ran its Annual Cross Country. It was a great day, with ideal weather. Thanks go to all the competitors, teachers, parent helpers and Canteen Staff.
Successful place-getters were: 8/9 yrs Girls - Sherrin Griffith Boys - Luke Field

10 yrs Girls - Anna Fowler Boys - Hayden Park

11 yrs Girls - Susan Scott Boys-Aaron Seaman

12/13 yrs Girls - Nikki Braun Boys - Adam Buttsworth The following placegetters go onto the Bathurst District Cross Country Luke Field, Andrew Bekkema, Adam Capmbell, Eamon Scully, Sherrin Griffith, Grace Williams, Kate Thomas, Lauren Mellor, Elizabeth Press, Anna Fowler, Lauren Fowler, Anna-Lee Killen, Hayden Park, Scott Mouthaan, Brett Urban, Thomas Seaman Susan Scott, Chantel Leggett Jessica Hirst, Dana Mellor, Aaron Seaman, Christopher Moore, Shane Taylor, Tim Varndell, Nikki Braun, Alana Clifford, Jasmine Mackay, Tara Sullivan, Adam Buttsworth Gavin Clarke, Justin Simpson and Adam Morton
Adam Morton.


Four people made it to Region. They were Adam Buttsworth, Luke Field, Adam Campbell and Susan Scott. We would like to thank Mrs Burke for training us and taking us.


GIRLS SOCCER
Team: Jessica Birk, Edwina berry, Tiffany Markwick, Tara Sullivan, Sherri Alberts, Casey Harris, Kristy Wagner, Tara Martin,Lisa Pirrottina,Carly George, Melissa Edwards, Nikki Braun, Alana Clifford, Laurn Fowler. The team participated in the Western Region P.S.S.A Girls Soccer Knock Out Rounds 1,2,3, at Sir Jack Brabham Park, Orange on Friday 29th May. Game One: Kelso Vs Calare - Kelso dominated the game, winning 2 0 . Kelso were constantly attacking in Calare's half. Nikki Braun played a fine game at Centre Forwards scoring tow goals. Game two: Kelso Vs Lithgow - A lot more pressure goals. Game Kas aplied to Kelso's defence. Lithgow were up 2-0 by was applied to Kelso's defence. Lithgow were up 2-0 by
half time. In an even struggle during the second half Kelso had opportunities to score, but failed to find the net. had opportunities to score, but failed to find the net.
Lithgow went on to win without adding to their score. Lithgow went on to win without adding to their sc
Game three: After being elimated from the main competition Kelso played a friendly game against Kandos It was a great way to end the day. Both teams really enjoyed the game with Kelso being a little stronger all around winning $4-0$. All girls played to the best of thei ability, playing as a team and represented their school proudly. Nikki Braun and Laurn Fowler were selected in the possibles/probables. Nikki has further been selected selected to try out for the Western Region Team. Gayle Gordon



## BOYS SOCCER

On Friday, May 31 the Kelso Boys Soccer Team travelled to Proctor Park to compete in the PSSA Soccer Knockout Competition. The team was comprised of Chris Moore, Brendan Fogarty, James Bekkema, Matthew Hurford, Curt Seaman, Scott Mouthaan, Ben Tobin, Kurt Russell, Adam Morton, Aaron Seaman, Cameron Sugden, Gavin Clarke, Brenton Soetens, Andrew Bekkema, Cameron Rosser and Brendan Stark
The first game was against Calare. We were defeated 6-0 The next game was against Glenroi Heights. We defeated them 12-1. Our final game was against Zig Zag. We were successful in defeating them 10 0 . The boys played very well and exhibited fine
sportsmanship at all times. The possibles and probables were Chris Moore, Curt Seaman and Aaron Seaman

Our thanks must go to Mr Bekkema for coaching the team. Vicki Boydell Manager











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## BOYS HOCKEY

The Boys Hockey Team has done extremely well in 1996
We played in the State P.S.S.A Knockout Competition and defeated all our opponents to becom Western Region Champions. We defeated Wallarawang 6-0, Bathurst Small Schools 1-0, Cooerwull 2-0, and then in the final against Middleton we won 6-1. The team consisted of Adam Morton, Adam Buttsworth, Sam Poole, Tim Varndell, Andrew Boye, Jeffrey Lewis, Wayne Shumack, Joel Driscoll, Leigh Ross, Kris Markwick, Gavin Clarke, Cameron Rosser and Adam Campbell. We had three boys - Sam Poole, Adam Morton and Adam Buttsworth selected in The Western Region side to play in The State Carnival. The boys were extremely lucky to have as their coaches Derek Morton and Glen Buttsworth. Gale Gordon.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

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What did families do for their entertainment?
Talking dancing sewing knitting music

## What did children do for entertainment?




What games were played at school?


What entertainment is the same $\mathbf{1 2 5}$ years ago that we still do now?


How did we learn about it?


If you had the chance to change the way you enjoy entertainment now what would you change?
dancing marbles music food firs toys











CLASS 6H
FRONT ROW: (L to R) Sheridan Rosconi, Casandra Willman, Tamara George, Bride Cruickshank 2ND Nikki Braun, Alana Clifford, Jessica Bin, Sherri-anne Alberts, Amanda Schofield Tobin, Brian McLean, Andrew Foti, Cameron Sugden.
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6H enjoys daily fitness.




YEAR 6 IN '96
THANKS KPS
YOU'VE BEEN GREAT!
HAPPY $125 \pi H$ BGRTHDAY!


6H develops strong foundations in learning

6H students can do anything if they put anything if their minds to it.


Kelso Public School Enrolments 1980-1985


























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6H STUDENTS ARE GREAT MOVERS AND SHAKERS!
COME DANCE WITH US THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF TIME.


Amanda,Rebecca,Cassandra,Bride,Kirrilea, Lara,Sherri,Alana,Tara,Tamara and Jessica reflect the sombre time of years gone by.


Clark, Michael, Jenna and Sheridan pan for elusive gold.


Ben, Cameron S,Cameron $R$ andMark contemplate the lives of bush-rangers.

Casey,Nikki,Joshua,Matthew,Nick and Gavin are excited by the present computer age!





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## GIRLS HOCKEY

The team consisted of: Kristing Markwick, Lauren Hampton, Melanie Bennett, Mandy George, Alana Clifford, Hayley Curran, Casey Harris, DeSharne Sullivan, Cassandra William, Carley George, Nikki Braun, Tara Sullivan and the goalie Lisa Pirrottina. The girls played with superb team work on Friday May 3rd 1996. Parents and supporters were great spectators. The games were played at Leamonth Park It was the semi finals of the PSSA Western Region Knockout. The girls then went onto play Lithgow School on Friday May 17th again at Bathurst. In advancing through the semi finals, Kelso Public played Zig Zag and won 8-0, Orange Public 7-0 and Cooerwull Public 2-0. A great game of hockey was played against a strong Coolerwull side. The game was fast, skilled and many strategies were set. In the 20th minute of the game, Kelso was able to put points on the score board thanks to Nikki Braun. We scored again in the second half with great ball weaving and skills from Cassandra. The score remind 2-0 but the opposition made a great fight back. Each Kelso player can hold their head high as every player played exceptional. The sun shined when Kelso Public returned on Friday 17 t Kelso took the field against Narromine for a congested game with Kelso managing to make the score 4-0 at full time. In the Regional Final - 'a teeth grinding, nail biting affair' the girls had their work cut out for them. Breaks were made by both teams and the game was locked at one all at the end of game so extra time was played but the score remained the same. It was then into five minutes sudden death which means first girl wins but the game was over when Nikki Braun scored with 22 seconds to go. Good team work girls. Strong games were exhibited by Alana Clifford, Tara Sullivan, Lisa Pirrottina, Mandy George and Hayley
Curran. Due to the versatility of the players, Kelso were able to make some field changes which allowed a stronger line up against the favoured Lithgow side. Five Kelso girls were called upon to present themselves in the possibles and Probables for the Regional Selections. They were Casey Harris, Alana Clifford, Tara Sullivan, Nikki Braun and Lisa Pirrottina. Casey, Nikki and Tara were successful. Well coached Mrs Campbell and Mrs George and thankyou to the manager Mrs Griffiths. Lisa Pirrottina (team member)



Western Region champs, Kelso Public School boys hockey team: front- Tim Varndell, Leigh Ross Morton, Andrew Boy; back-Sam Poole, Wayne Shumack, Robert Varndell, Cameron Rosser, Joel riscoll. Absent: Kristopher Markwick.
Two champion teams!
By ANDREW CLARKE Among Bathurst's lastest spor ng champions are the member bys' hockey sides. They are
loating on cloud nine defeating all comers to win their respective PSS
Hockey titles.
The boys team manager Gayle ry said yesterday she was efforts.
"I am very pleased, all the boy
played well," she said payed well, she said
against hatcest games were nd Cooerwull.
The boys side played Bathurs round Schools in their third
rinning ath and scored the winning goal just five minutes
before full-time The win assured them of a
semi-final berth, where they layed what was probably their toughest opponent in
knockout, Cooerwull.
Gordon named goalie Joel Driscoll as the player of that match. Driscoll regularly put his body on
the line and made many great saves. Sam Poole, Adam Morton and dam Buttsworth all played well ing in the boys being selected in he Western Region team. Other sides the Kelso team
defeated were Cudgeiong Valley (6-0) and in the final Kelso easily accounted for Middleton, 5-1 Gordon thanked the coaches Derek Morton and Glen Butts-
worth for all their help in


Western Region champs, Kelso Public School's girls hocke eam. They are: back-Jane Griffith, Casey Harris, Nikki Braun,
Alana Clifford, Noeline Campbell; middle- Julie George, Lisa Pirrottina, Carly George, Lauren midale- Jutie George, Mandy George Kristina Markwick; front- Tara Sullivan, De'Sharne Sullivan
Cherie Willman, Melanie Bennett, Haylee Curran. preparing the side for the knock- and Nikki Braun all made
out. The Kelso Public girls hockey squad by displaying strong perThe Kelso Public girls hockey
side also displayed great skills in going through undefeated.
Girls team manager Jane Griffith was full of praise for the The finers: "It is a great team." The final match against Lith nockout for the girls.
The game was a nail-biting affair with the scores drawn at one-all at full-time. The game
went into sudden death, with Nikki Braun doing the damage for Bathurst scoring a goal 22
Casey Harris, Tara Sullivan becom



















Girl's Softball Team 1996


The Boy's Softball Squad 1996


## Kelso Public School

## - Some Reminiscences -

As I look back on the five happy years we experienced at Kelso Public School many fond memories come to mind. The school grew from 240 pupils at the beginning of 1993 to over 480 students at the end of 1977. The total staff in 1973 was eight teachers (including myself who taught Year 6) and a part-time clerical assistant (Sue Browne). In 1977 there were over 21 teaching and anciliary stanf. In 1973 there were three classroom blocks the wooden he infants' block with its thre nooms; and the ffice block with two itasse

One of the things that impressed me about the school was the friendliness of the children, teachers and parents. We all seemed to know one another. Another was the paciousness of the grounds, with the bus circle" in the grounds and all the beautiful trees.

The school canteen was a smal converted wooden weathershed that stood just outside the school residence fence. We lived in he school residence and that was very handy. My wife could pop into the Canteen when the adies needed extra help; and it was handy for the Canteen ladies to come to the residence to borrow sugar or butter or sauce or whatever when Canteen supplies ran low. It was also handy for our youngest daughter, Julie, before her school days, to stand and talk over the ence to the school children and keep us nformed of all the playground "goings on" at recess and lunch times.

Living in the Kelso School residence was delight. During holidays and weekends it was ike having a house in the middle of a park - so quet and peaceful and surrounded by space nd trees. During school time it was handy to go home for lunch or, with the growing school opulation, to use the verandah sunroom for an verflow scripture class or remedial reading classroom.

The annual school Walkathon was a reat social and financial occasion for the school. Hordes of children and parents would walk on a Sunday afternoon along Gilmour treet, Church, Stephens and Marsden Lanes long Limekilns Road and back to the school hrough the newly-developing "Elouera" housing estate.

Some comparisons with 1996 are interesting. In 1974 the school Canteen charged 7 cents for each sandwich and meat pies cost 23 cents. School excursions were held for the children to Jenolan Caves ( $\$ 1.30$ per child for bus transport and cave admission), Canberra and Sydney and other places. In 1973 a bus load of pupils went to a Sydney Opera House performance in the same month that the Opera House was opened. They paid $\$ 4.50$ for their bus fare and the performance! For the Canberra trips the children were encouraged to take only $\$ 2$ each to cover pocket money during the time away and to pay for their tea on the way home!

Living in the school residence had its excitement. One Saturday the school was holding a Pet Show. Our three oldest children had to get their pets ready to take. Wendy had her dog; Robyn her cat (there were always lots ool yard!; and David had the bird. David was show when the bird cage on the morning quickly eaten by Robyn's cat At the Pet Show that afternoon Robyn's cat won a prize for the Best Fed Cat!

We had a little "bitser" dog, Lassie, who lived at the school residence she never came to the school in school hours, but in the winter time after the children had gone in after lunch, she would visit the lunch area and make short work of cleaning up any pie scraps and meat splashes from the cement.

The residence was near where the present school library stands and next to it was a spare area of land which was being planted with trees to make a school nature area. The P\&C decided to blast the holes for the new trees with small pieces of gelignite to loosen the water-worn stones in the subsoil
There were at least sixty holes blasted and our chooks went off laying for several weeks afterwards! The new trees got off to a good start only to be covered by new buildings about two years later. The school residence was demolished at the end of 1977 to make way for the new school buildings that are on site today.

Kelso Public School has always been a real community school. In my time we got our mail from the Kelso Post Office and school supplies arrived by train at Kelso Railway Station. We cooperated with the Kelso CWA Branch and the Kelso Anglican Church. Kelso Public School was a great school to be part of in those days; it still is! Keep up the good work, Kelso Public School.

Bill Harrison Principal 1973-1977

We went to a classroom of that period and the stern Schoolmaster, Mr Taber, with his loud voice and his cane, made us really glad that we go to Kelso!

Mr Des Killiby had been KPS's Deputy rincipal since 1987. He was a very cheerful and leasant person to have at the school. He was lways willing to help children with any problems. He loved Chess and gave a love for it a the children who joined in his lunchtime Chess matches. It was very sad when Mr Killiby him in the Coure is a mo we will tre plonted im. He was the first teach wher is. Hhile still on the taff

The Aboriginal population of our schoo s now about $10 \%$. Many of these families came o us under the resettlement programs of the past decade. We are also very fortunate to have amilies with connections to many othe different countries coming to this school. Som of the countries are India, Lebanon, China, hilippines, Samoa, Papuan, The Netherlands South Africa, Germany Bulgaria Hungary, Indonesia, New Zealand, Israel, Latvia and Yugoslavia.
ome children's parents have previously ome from other countries, and they are always villing to share their interesting knowledge In Kaleidoscope Campus, NAIDOC Week and ther International and Multi-Cultural Days we ind out so many interesting things about other peoples' customs and beliefs.

This year our school was presented with highly prestigious Director General's Award his was in recognition of the exceptional and utstanding achievements in the Integration of Students with Disabilities.

The school buildings and approaches ave been modified over the years to give easy heelchair access and bathroom facilities hese children mostly have school assistants who specially look after them, but the ssistants are nice and do things with all the other children, too.

We think Kelso Public School is the best school ever. Here we have a wonderful variety f children, adults and activities. We also have every chance to do well at whatever activity sporting, academic, or cultural - we choose.

We have rules and a discipline policy but we realise that they are there only for our own safety and protection.

Enrolments of the 1990s: 1990-606 pupils 1991-607 pupis; 1992-608 pupils; 1993-607 pupils; $1994-525$ pupils; 1995-500 pupils; 1996-475 pupils

## Principals of the 1990s:

Raymond Talbot - 1990, Douglas Coates - 1992
Deputy Principals: Desmond Killiby - since 1987 to 1995; Helen Bekkema \& Joan Killiby 1995; Joan Killiby 1996

Assistant principals: Primary: Ian Irvine - since 1987, Helen Bekkema - 1994 \& 1996. Infants: Joan Buckley - 1994; Jo Simpson 1996

Executive teachers: Judith Bayliss, Deborah Bell, Vicki Boydell, Joan Buckley, Dianne Poole

## Teachers of the 1990s:

Frances Adams, Margaret Ashelford, Deborah Baker, David Ball Christine Bailey, Judith Belen Bekkema, Deborah Bell, Lorrain Eddie Boga Vicki Boydell, Nig Bradey, Susan Britton, Joan Buckley Killiby列 Dallan, Patrick Collins, John Cook, Noe Kelly Fitzgeral Davison, Christine Drinan, Wendy Gardiner Janet Gittoes, Gayle Gordon, Jane Griffith, Brian Greer Elaine Hankin Jean Harrison, Patricia Horton, Linda Hurford, Ian Irvine, Rhonda Irvine, Diane Kajons, Marilyn Kell, Desmond Killiby, Joan Buckley Killiby Roslyn King, Jean Lawrence, Janelle Leonard, Yvonne Lloyd, Judith Mouthaan, Kay Murray Christopher Olson, Merran Olson, Dianne Poole, Prudence Rix, Priscilla Rowe, Craig Ryan, Katherine Simmons, Joanne Simpson, Lindsay Smith, Christine Walker, Wendy Zylstra

## School counsellors

Robyn McGill, Veronica Buck, Cheryl Emtage
Ancillary staff
Noelene Campbell, Fay Christian, Kylie Crawford, Christine Davey, Denise Di Fazio, Marie Draper, Juliet Van Emmrick, Margo Grimes, Kaylene Hall, Joan Hicks, Cathy Hudson, Christine Lambert, Geoff Parkes, Kerry Roberson, Raeleen Scott kenny Simpson, Julie Smith, Sandra Stocks, Jan Sullivan, Kay Webb, Jenny Whittake

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer John Bugg - 1996

Cleaning staff:
Bill Alexander, Betty Bromwich, Beryl Collett, Leo Corby, Nola Plunkett, Elsie Taylor, Heathe Turner

Canteen Supervisor:
Cheryl Evers



## Teachers of the 1980 s :

Frances Adams, Natalie Albon, Margaret Ashelford, Deborah Baker, David Ball, Jane Bant, Penelope Barnett, Helen Marning Bekkema, Deborah Bell, Lynette Bowles, Vicki Boydell, Susan Britton, Jennifer Buckley, Joan BuckleyWebb, Susan Coates, Susan Colley, Anne Waddell Coomans, Simon Coomans, Bruce Cole, Jilyan Cole, Doreen Conroy, Jennifer Crawford, Maren Crnisen, Adrienne Cross, Wendy Dean, Karen Ennis, Kerry Freestone, Zoe Friend, Sally Furon, Inez Funnel, Christine Galloway Smith, Wraeme Hanger, Jane Grifith, Rhonda Hackett, Frank Hogan Janette Horton, Colleen Hoffman, Frank Hogan, Janette Horton, Patricia Horton, Maree Jones, Marilyn Kell, Fugene Kelly, Desmond Killiby Roslyn King, Eagla Kinlysid, Yvonne Lloyd Roslyn Luther, Shane McCosker, Bruce McDonald Sue-Anne McDonald Robyt McGowan, Julie Martello, Anne Moulden, Judith Mouthaan, Wendy Nalder, Christopher Olson Paul Phillips, Trevor Piper, Dianne Poole Peter Pringle, Pamela Regan, Cathie Johnson Ruecroft Astrida Scoble, Jane Scrimshaw, Judith Sexton, Robyn Siers, Michelle Simkin, Katherine Simmons, Joanne Simpson, Janet Smith, Lindsay Smith, Mary Smith, Maureen Storey, Fllen Bennett Sutton, Christine Walker, Olive Willcocks, Kerry Windsor, Lynette Woodside, Margaret Wright, Margaret-Anne Young

## Cleaning staff:

William (Bill) Alexander, Shirley Baillie, Judith Banning, Janet Bonham, Betty Bromwich, Beryl Collett, Nola Plunkett, Jeff Sydney, Elsie Taylor Cecilia Thurgood.

Canteen Supervisors:
Annette McPherson, Wendy Pratley, Cheryl Evers

## 疑 $\sim$ The 1990s $\sim$

We are Class 3F and this is our school. Our teacher is Mrs Funnell.

Our school has about 500 children now. There are 16 classes - 6 Infants and 10 Primary.

We all know that being physically fit improves our learning ability. Infants children do a BBC (breathe, blow, cough) routine after their morning exercises. Every Primary class has Fitness activities for about 10 minutes every and jogging. We have sport on Thursday afternoons. This is Junior Sport time for Years 3 and Year 4. Senior primary classes have their sport on Friday afternoons.

We have a Swimming carnival early in the year and an Athletics Carnival in the colde weather. Because our school has so many experienced teachers willing to give up thei free time, and weekends sometimes, to coach us, we students can choose from just abou any sport that is available for Primary children.

Lots of our children have reached the Regional level in their sport This year our gir captain, Nikki Braun, and our boy Vice Captain Adam Morton, have reached State level in Hockey. They will go in our photographic "Hall of Fame."

Our school offers a wonderful range o extra activities besides sporting ones. We have n-school Public Speaking competitions, as well as competions with other schools. Debating ther local schools. The KPS Band is making reat music Perhaps in the next year or so, some of us could join the Band.

KPS always enters Infants, Junior Primar and Senior Primary choirs in the Bathurs isteddfod each year. Lots of classes enter
 his yearl teacher will take us to the his year! It will be scary -- but fun!

A team of seven children in Years 5 and 6 enter the annual Tournament of Minds competition. They are given a hard problem to solve and they have to work out unique and interesting ways to present the solution to the problem. As well as the rehearsed problem there is another problem for them to solve with only a couple of house preparation time. KPS has done very well in the Tournament of Minds ompetitions, so far. Maybe when we reach Years 5 and 6 , some of us will be inventive, lateral thinkers and we can be in the team, as well!

Because Year 3 classes study the early history of Australia they always have historical excursion, and this year we went to old Sydney Town. In the past, Year 3s have gone to the Sydney Rocks area, the Sydney Museum and Sydney Harbour. Old Sydney Town, on the Central Coast, was built as much as possible to be a copy of Sydney in the years 788 to 1810 . We thought it was great to walk down the streets of wooden cottages, work places, military and government building. We could talk to actors pretending to be real historical convicts, who had served their blacksmiths, bullock drivers, sailors, others.

## eachers of the 1970 s

Natalie Albon, Ellen Bennett, Lynette Bowles Joan Buckley-Webb, Kerry Bullock, Dianne Burgoyne, Jiryan Cole, Lynette Crapp, Adrienne Falconer, Susan Fish, Inez Funnell, Christine Galloway Smith June Hargans, Patricia Hays, Gichael, Higgins, Frank Hogan, Roslyn Horsman, patricia Horton, Raemary Hummelshaj Eugene Kelly Wendy LeClaire Margaret Locke, Cheryl oudon-Shand, Roslyn Luther Sandra Lynch, hane McCosker Anne Moulden Catherine Jeubeck Julie Palmer Trevor Piper, Victoria Potter, Robyn Pryce Pamela Regan, Jeanette Roberts, Flizabeth Rolfe, Karen Schultz, Michelle Simkin, Sandra Sleeman, Fira Sproats, Elizabeth Smith Gloria Toohey, Olive Willcocks, Paut Willott Gloria Tooh

## Ancillary staff:

Dawn Davis, Toni Haydon, Joan Hicks, Pauline McIntosh, Geoff Parkes, Joi Russel, Pat Suttie

## leaning staff:

ecilia Thurgood, Elsie Taylor

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My name is Rowen Ross, and Kelso Public School is my school. It is practically a brand-new school. It was officially opened by Premier Neville Wran early in 1980, three years before I started school. But they tell me that classes were held in many of the 21 classrooms in 1978 and 1979. The classrooms were built first, then the Administration area was built.

My age is eleven. I am in Year 5 and my eacher is Mrs Baker. She is a nice teacher. Mr Bishenden is the Principal. Sometimes he comes into the classroom to talk to us children. He nearly always talks about Maths because he likes it. He shows us good ways to work out Maths problems, and they are real interesting, too.

The band has just started up at school. some of my friends and classmates are in it. wish I could play an instrument so I could join oo. There are flutes, clarinets, trumpets, trombones and drums.

Our school has 620 children. It is a wonder we can all fit in our hall, when we have whole-school assemblies.

We children in Year 5 are about to go on our Canberra excursion for two whole days. In Year 4 we went to Jenolan Caves for one day and Wambangalang for one week. When we are in Year 6 we will go the Myuna Bay for a wee Excursions are great for learning new things.

We have 30 children in our class. Some of my friends are Ben Hurford, Luke Humphreys and David Tickell. We all enjoy all the sporting activities at this school.

My feet are aching because I had to walk all the way to school today, right from down near the Macquarie River. I wish I could have caught the bus, or that my mum had driven me.

Today is a cold winter day and I wish Mrs Baker would turn on the gas heaters soon because I feel cold. The gas heaters make the whole school very warm.

A good thing about this school is that in wet weather or in the winter, you don't really need to go outside. because you can get to every part of the school without actually going outside.

Whenever we have painting or messy lessons, we just go out to our wet area. There is lots of bench-top space for working on, or we can just use the floor. The floor is polished lino, so that if anything is spilt, it can be easily cleaned up.

Beside out classroom there is a little Withdrawal room, but we just call it the Quiet Room. We go there in little groups, to read, work on Maths, or listen to Reading tapes.

Enrolments of the 1980s:
1980-523 pupils; 1981-574 pupils; 1982-587 pupils; 1983-599 pupils; 1984-606 pupils; 1985-574 pupils; 1986-579 pupils; 1987-600 pupils; 1988-616 pupils; 1989-630 pupils.

## Principals of the 1980s:

John Deasey - since 1978 , Monte William Buchanan - 1981, Douglas John Coates relieving 1982, Lynette Outtrim - relieving 1986, Albert John Bishenden - 1988.
Deputy Principals: Douglas Coates - since 1977, Lynette Outtrim - 1984, Desmond Killiby - 1987
Assistant Principals: Primary: Murray Scoble 1981, Michael Craven - 1984, Ian Irvine - 1987, Infants: Betty Talbot, Helen Bekkema.

Executive Teachers: Simon Coomans, David Ball, Joan Webb

## Ancillary staff

Barbara Allenby, Christine Davey, Dawn Davis Denise Di Fazio, "Judith Guiliano, Joan Hicks, Beverley Johnson, Christine Lambert, Pauline McIntosh, Geoff Parkes, Jan Pietsch.
School counsellors:
Robyn McGill



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My name is Adam Funnell and Kelso Public School is my school. I am in Year 6 and Mr Coates is my teacher. Sometimes when he assists in the Department of Education in Bathurst, Mrs Willcocks teaches us.

I came to Kindergarten in 1973 and my teacher was Mrs Smith. I went through all the classes from Kindergarten to Year 6

When I was in Year 2, the number of hildren enrolled became enough for us to become a two department school - Primary and Infants. The first Infants Mistress was Mrs Betty Talbot and she was my teacher in Year 2. She was a good Times Tables teacher

Some of the new enrolments had come rom Locksley and some other small schools which had been closed down. It was a long journey for them to make twice a day. Children ame in from Raglan and O Connell schools, too. Mrs Smith left Kelso on $7 / 71977$ to teach Raglan Schoo, which was in danger of being losed, foo. in 1978, an Raglan chider who local schools, were directed back to Raglan.

In 1977 they started to build a "model" shool at Kelso. Kelso school had grown so big there were demountable buildings al round the place. We children called them portables," and we didn't like them much They were like tin boxes, and were cold in winter and hot in summer. When we opened the indows to let in some cool air, all our page and papers would get blown around.

They fenced off the area for the new buildings, dug foundations and started laying bricks and concrete slabs. We used to love etting scraps of fluffy yellow insulation and putting them down each others backs - until we got into trouble from the teachers.

They reckoned there were tiny fibres of lass which would get into our nose and eyes. The timber scraps made good junk building material for us.

The brand new Kelso High School had nly been finished in 1977 , and it had lots of nly been finished in 1977, and it had lots on class and our teacher, Mr McCosker, plus two ther classes went to the new Kelso High every day by bus to use some of their spare rooms, while our new school was being built

When Stage 1 of our buildings was finished, some of the primary classes moved into our great new classrooms. They were still building Stage 2 which was the Infants wing and the administration area

They kept the 1966 classroom block, the 1969 brick Kindergarten room and the 1971 Infants rooms, but they joined them into the new buildings and modernised them. It was fun watching how they cut the 1953 weatherboard building in half, picked the pieces up with cranes and put them on brick piers in a new location. That old building is now the Administration area consisting of the Principal's office, the staff room, a duplicating room and a store room

I am sorry that my classmates and I can only enjoy one year in the bright new school. After all, we were the ones who had to put up with all the disruptions and mess. Oh well ... at least we know what to expect when we move on to Kelso High School next year.

Enrolments of the 1970s.
1971-230 pupils, 1977-480 pupils; 1978-46 pupils; 1979-503 pupils

Principals of the 1970s:
Brian Webb 1970, William Harrison 1973, John Deasey 1978

Deputy Principals: Colin Westcott, Dougla Coates

Infants Mistress: Betty Talbot


## school.

## My name is Kathy Scott and this is my

I started Kindergarten in 1967 in one of the weatherboard building classrooms. In 1969 they built a beautiful new big Kindergarten classroom, but I missed out on this

In 1970 I was in the Primary. The school was growing bigger so more classrooms had to be built. There were going to be two new Infants classrooms joined onto the end of the Kindergarten building

While these were being built the school was short of one classroom, so a rew classe ook it in turn to spend a term down in the old original Kelso School, which is now Holy Trinity Church Hall. We used to walk down in the mornings and after lunch, and a bus would bing us back to the school at lunch time and home time. It was fun playing at recess in the big grassy paddock next to the hall

Another wonderful thing that was built was the toilet block. The old toilets were righ up the back of the school yard. They were pan toilets made of galvanised iron, with wooden seats. Every week the "Dunny man" would take away the used pans and leave fresh ones. We hought it was great to have toilets that flushed and didn't SMELL

At recess every child was supposed to rink a small bottle of milk (one-third of a pint) ut of crates that were delivered fresh daily. The Government issued this milk free to mak sure every child had at least some milk every chool day.) In wister the mothers in it we could buy sandwiches, chips and drinks e and suysare rolls were available in the winter.

Mr Webb, the Headmaster who came here 1970, began the Honour Card system. We had a monthly assembly in the weatherboard building with the folding doors opened right back. We childrea hat our recte ans a real honour to receive an award

The primary children participate in an inter-school sports competition every Friday afternoon. There are softball, netball, hockey, football, cricket and soccer teams. We have to pay 10 cents bus fare to go to Morse Park. The girls wear a bottle-green sleeveless tunic over white blouse, and tied with a tassel belt. The children that didn't get into a team stay at school to play cricket or vigoro.

Sports monitors are chosen from 6th Class, and every lunch time the give out and put away any sports gear.

Once a year we have a sports competition with Eglinton school. We have an annual Athletics competition and a Marching competition. There is a silver cup prize for each of these. The winning house gets a smal silver fastened onto the cups.

School socials are good fun. Boys have to dance with girls to do the Barn Dance and the Pride of Erin. We do Hokey Pokey and other dances like that

Now I am in 6th Class and my teacher is Mr Harrison. He is the school Principal and only came new this year, 1973. Next year I will go to Bathurst High School.

Enrolments of the 1960s 1960-102 pupils; 1965-137 pupils

## Principals of the 1960 s

 Peter Noel Lamb, John Hawe, Robert Anderson
## eachers of the 1960s:

Doris Anderson, Gwenyth Blunden, Beverly Burrow, Janet Elvy, Sally Fulton, Inez Funnell Robert Gorman, Karyl Harrop, Anne Hawe, Gloria Toohey, Jennifer Townsend, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Voerman, Paul Willot

## Ancillary staff:

Suzanne Browne
Cleaning staff:
Cecilia Thurgood




We have a lot of New Australian migrants at school. They live in the old Military Camp on Limekilns Road. They can't speak much English when they first come, but pretty soon they can lessons. Their clothes are very pretty and unusual One day we went to the camp by bus to see a display of clothes, handicrafts, dolls and toys, books, cooking, ornaments and many other items which the New Australians brough with them. They had come from countries like Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine, Russia Holland, Germany and Poland.

We take our sandwich lunches to school Everyone says there will soon be a canteen at school. They think they will use one of the weather sheds. We will be able to buy lunch and snacks there sometimes.

## Enrolments of the 1950s:

1953-50 pupils; 1956-59 pupils

## Principals of the 1950 s

John Walton - since 1948, Peter Noel Lamb - 1959

## Teachers of the 1950 s

Doreen Agnew, Marcia Bonham, Dorothy
Fogarty, Nance Meyers, Margaret Voerman, Mrs Walton, Olive Willcocks

Cleaners in the 1950s: Cecilia Thurgood

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My name is Royce George and Kelso Public School is my school.

I am in 5th Class and my teacher is Mr Anderson. He is the school Principal as well. My class is a combined 5 th and 6 th in the new brick building. Just before Christmas last year, 1966, we all watched while they knocked down the old original school building. We were not allowed to get too close. They kept the stone with "1880" on it and set it in cement on the lawn in the middle of the circular driveway.

I usually ride my bike to school, but sometimes I go on the bus. We leave our bikes in racks under the big pine tree.

The school uniform for boys is: grey shirt, green tie, grey woollen jumper and socks with small white and green stripes, and grey shorts or trousers. Girls wear navy tunics and white shirts, and a navy jumper.

We can buy our own Kelso Public School badge from the office now. Christine Bromwich won a free badge because most people voted We boys can wear the badge on our ties and the girls wear theirs on the front of their tunics.

We sit on wooden chairs at tables for two children. We use pencils or pen and ink to write with. The ink is in small inkwells which fir into a hole at the front of the desk-table. We have soft-covered books from the Department of Education to do our work in. We do subjects like Arithmetic, Spelling, Handwriting, Social Studics, Dictation and Reading in the books. In winter we have gas heaters to keep us warm.

I love sport and usually get into the cricket and rugby league teams. For cricket in summer we wear white shirts and shorts and for football in winter we wear striped jumpers and socks with shorts and boots.

My older sister Cherie is a good member of the girls' hockey team. We have 'Houses" for Sporting and Academic competitions. I am in Mitchell, which was named after the explorer Major Thomas Mitchell. The other houses are Oxley - after the Surveyor-General John Oxley, and Evans - after road surveyor George Evans. Martin is named after Richard Martin, the father of children attending our school who had died on Christmas Day 1961, after a road accident. Richard Martin had looked after several people injured in the accident, but unfortunately, a little later, died himself.

When I first came to this school there were two big boys called Tommy and Michael Karp. Their father was Peter Karp, a Bathurs butcher. The boys went on to Bar a Scield for Annual House Competition. They shield for Anve memory of the happy years wanted to leave a mad when the boys attended Kelso School My house, Mitchell won the shield for the first time last year, 1967!

We are getting more and more children at our school and there is talk that a large modern well-equipped Kindergarten room will be built soon.

A lot of girls at Kelso Public School live at St Michael's Home, which is a Church of England Home for girls from families with problems. Some girls stay just a short while and some stay for several years. The lady in charg of the Home, which used to be the old Marsde Girls' School is Deaconess Margot Poole usually called Sister Margot. hool.

Nearly all the time I have been at this school the war has been going on. It is called World War II. We hear about it on the radio news and they tell us we must be prepared of the Japanese try to capture us. In Sydney they have
put down a big wire net to catch any submarines that might try to sneak into Sydney Harbour.

At school we have trenches dug berween Gilmour Street and the Headmaster's house. If there is an air raid warning we have to jump down into the trenches. We have to practise doing this.

We like to play war games and we always beat the enemy. Other games we play are rounders in the shade of the pine trees, marbles and hopscotch. The boys get pieces of tin and go sliding down the banks of the old gravel pit, which is on the right hand front side of the sirls screan when itren Gilmour Stree. The the pit We whe we pretend to push int the pit. We have Sport every Friday

Some children at our school have a fathe who is a soldier at the Military Camp. Some other children came here because their parents are workers in the Munitions Factory which make weapons for the war.

I live on a farm on the White Rock Road. It is a few miles to get to school. Mostly we can catch a bus but sometimes we ride our bikes or get driven in.

We wear grey shirts, shorts and jumpers Some girls wear navy blue pleated tunics over a white blouse, but a lot of children just wear any clothes they have.

Before we go into school we line up in boys' and girls' lines. Every Monday morning we sing "God Save the King" and say the pledge: "I honour my God, I serve my King, I salute my flag. Then we march into our classes to do lessons.

The flag is on a flagpole. Once some branches of English hawthorn had to be chopped off so the Union Jack could be raised for the King's Birthday.

We sit in screwed-down desks with another person. We write with pen and ink, or with pencils. We learn History, Gcography Spelling, Dictation, Arithmetic, Music, Writing and Composition. We read out of the Department of Education School Magazine which are graded for each primary class. There are songs and poetry in the magazines, too.

The Headmaster teaches the "big" class. He lives in a house right next to the school. The school bell is just near his side gate. Every day cold days we can heat up food on the stove and have something warm for lunch. That is good..

## Enrolments of the 1940s:

50; 85 after the war when the European refugees arrived

## Principals of the 1940s:

Frank Bisley - since 1935; Joseph Dunn - 1945; John Walton - 1948.

## Teachers of the l940s:

Mrs Bisley, Mrs Dunn, Miss Patterson, Miss Roddy, Mrs Jones, Mrs Walton, Brian Webb

## Cleaning staff

Mrs Ray Weal

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My name is Marion Gorrell and Kelso Public School is my school.

My four sisters and I walk to school from River Road. When it rains a lot the Kelso lanes flood and we have to walk along Sydney Road to get to school. Sometimes Miss Fogarty gives us a ride in her car. She is a very nice teacher. I used to have her for my teacher, but now I have Mr Walton. He is a bit cranky.

When I first came to school I was in a classroom in the original brick building. But in 1953 a new weatherboard block of 2 large classrooms, a Headmaster's office and a storeroom was built. We all liked learning in fresh new rooms. Now we only use the old building for a Library.

We have new pan toilets, too. Thank goodness they are right up the back of the school, The 'dunny man' comes and replaces the pans twice a week.

We learn Arithmetic, Spelling, Composition, Reading, Nature Study, Handwriting and Social Studies.

At playtime and lunchtime we play skips, rounders, chasings, releasings and hidings. For hopscotch we scratch squares in the dirt with a stick, and then throw small flat stones, and hop too.



The younger children write with pencils. The older children write with a wooden pen that has a nib on the end. You dip your pen in the inkwell and write a few words, then you dip it in again to write more. If you don't scrape your nib on the side of the inkwell, you might blot on your work. The will fall off and make a week with Mrs Bisley. The boys do woodwork.

We don't have inside assemblies because there is no hall big enough to hold us all, but we do have outside assemblies. We salute the Australian flag and say the pledge every Monday morning.

There are no excursions away from the school, and not many visitors call. The main visitors are the school inspectors and the ministers from the churches.

I walk to school mostly, with my friends, because I only live in Lee Street. Some other children ride bikes or horses, or are driven by horse and buggy or by car. The horses stay in the paddock in front of the teacher's residence all day.

We don't have a special school uniform. We just wear any clothes we have. A lot of children come to school bare-footed. For sport against other schools we wear brown skirts or pants with yellow shirts. Sport is on Friday afternoons.

We are going to have our annual Frolic soon. We all dress up in fancy dress costume and go down to the Church Hall in Gilmour Street.

My mother is a very clever dressmaker and she is dressing me as a bottle of O.K. Tomato Sauce, and my little brother John in a green elf suit, representing Wrigley's Chewing Gum. One other year I went as a tube of Odol toothpaste.

My mother went to this school when she was a little girl. I wonder if my children - if I have any - will come to this school too!

## Enrolments of <br> 1932-55 pupils

Headmasters of the 1930s
James White - since 1924, Frank Bisley - 1935
Teachers of the 1930s:
Mrs Allen, Miss Lane, Miss Patterson, Mrs White

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My name is Gladys Baillie and this is my school.

There are two rooms in the school, one for the big children (4th, 5 th and 6th Classes) and one for the little children (Kindergarten, 1 st and and 3rd Classes). We have a big pot-belly sove to keep us warm in winter. Sometimes w can heat up a billy of milk on the stove and make milo, or we can heat up little tins of soup and stew.

There are two weather sheds, one for he girls and one for the boys. There are boys and girls' toilets, and they are pit toilets. Each oilet block has four toilets in it. There is an outside wooden wall and a winding entrance but inside there are no door on the toilets, only partitions between each one. They don't smell ery nice. Sometimes I stick my hanky up my ose when I have to go. In wet weather the rain blows right into the girls' toilet.

On Friday afternoons, the girls' weather hed is used as a sewing room. Girls sew pieces of material Some 1 sis are allowed to se the treadle sewing machine Mrs Walton, the Headmaster's wife teach us sewing. Before Her, Mrs Dunn and Mrs Bisley used to teach sewing too.

We line up in boys' and girls' lines ready to march into school. Inside the classrooms we sit in desks for two, which are screwed to the floor. The desks are in rows. Girls always sit next to girls and boys always sit next to boys. Sometimes boys dip girls' long pigtails into the inkwells and that makes a mess.

Some boys dip pieces of blotting-paper into the ink, roll them into balls and flick them up onto the ceiling. They might stick up there or they might fall on somebody. Whenever the teacher goes out of the room, the boys aim their pointed pen nibs into the ceiling like darts. They get into trouble for that. Some boys - and some girls, too - write with their finger dipped in ink inside the back cover of their books, then hey close the cover onto the writing to make it into a pattern.

Kelso Public School joins in the Small Schools' Sports every year. We all line up in Church Street, Bathurst, behind our school banners. (I am proud that I was the banner holder one year.) Then we march to Bathurst Sports Ground and have our athletic ${ }_{\star}{ }_{\star}{ }_{\star}$ day.

## Enrolments of the 1910s:

 1910-50 pupils; 1912-60 pupils approximately
## Headmasters of the 1910s:

Frank Middenway - since 1908-enlisted in 1915; John Barkell-1915; Arthur A. Passmore - 1918.

## Teachers of the 1910s:

Mrs Middenway - sewing, Miss Healy - sewing nd embroidery. Mr J. Dowell relieved during a ,
outbreak which affected th
Middenways and many other families.

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My name is Leonard Fry and Kelso Public chool is my school.

My father is the manager of the Soldier ettler Farms at Macquarie Vale on the White Rock oad. My brothers Stan, Jack and Clive all go to this school as well as my little sister Marjory

Sometimes we boys walk the two miles to chool or ride bikes. Sometimes we come to chool in a horse and cart. There are boards across the cart for us to sit on. It is very bumpy when we cross the railway lines near Kelso Railway Station.

Sometimes we have to sit and wait for 10 minutes, because they close the railway gates when the train is leaving Bathurst Railway Station. It is fun when the engine driver waves back to us and blows his whistle loudly.

I like it when we can ride to school on the horses. We have to keep the horses in Rivett's paddock all day. The paddock is next to the corner of Sydney Road and Gilmour Street.

The blacksmith's is on the opposite corner. We children like to watch the black weaty smiths working in the dark sooty shop which is only lit up by their fire.

The children who already went to school before we arrived, said that last year, 1920, the new double desks were put in. Before that they sed to sit on long backless stools at long bench-type desks.

At the end of 1919, the school had bazaar, and the money that was raised went to buy a piano. The teacher plays it while we sing.

In our classroom there is an open ireplace but it is not used very often. Some of he parents want the school to have closed

We have lessons in History, Geograph English and Arithmetic I like learning Shorthand because that might help us get a good job later.

In the warm weather the boys just wear shorts and a shirt to school. Some do not even wear shoes. In the winter we wear long trouser and a jumper. The girls just wear dresses or skirts and jumpers or blazers. They wear long woollen stockings in cold weather

Enrolments of the 1920s:

Headmasters of the 1920s: Arthur Passmore - since 1918, G.H.Murphy February 1920, W.E.Cook - July 1920, William Ford 1923, James White - 1924.

Teachers of the 1920s. Miss A.O'Malley, Miss Sweetnam

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My name is Enid Joan Cutler and Kelso Public School is my school.

There are 6 classes at my school now. I am in 4 th Class and my teacher is Mr Bisley. 1st, nd and 3 rd Classes are in one room, and 4th, th and 6th in the oth artition in between the rooms.

In the Big Room (we call it that because that is where the older and bigger children earn) we sit in wrought-iron framed double desks which are screwed to the floor in rows underneath to hold our each desk and The seat is a kind of a wooden flap which folds up and back, so you can sweep underneath. We children have to help Mr and Mrs Bisley clean the school every day.

Miss Lane, the Little Room teacher, plays the piano

After we march into school, the firs thing we do is go through the alphabet char and recite our tables and spelling. Reading Writing and Arithmetic are our main subjects but we also do History, Geography and Nature Study. The Education Department supplies us with exercise books, text books, pens, ink blotting paper, pencils, paints and brushes



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My name is Nita Shute and Kelso Public School is my school. I am in 5th Class and Mr Middenway is my teacher. All the classes are in the one large schoolroom. There is a porch outside for our bags and coats. There are some bookshelves on the porch, too.

We sit on long stools behind long tables We march into school at 9:30 am, after we have ined up outside. We recite our spelling and arithmetic tables, then learn writing, history, geography, and arithmetir. Girls learn sewing one day a week and the boys learn woodwork. School finishes at $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. If we behave ourselves and do good work Mr Middenway gives us an early mark.

We have to buy some of our books and pens and pencils, but we get others from the school. Powdered ink is mixed with water in an old teapot and every morning the monitors fill up the little inkwells which are in round holes in our tables. We have to keep dipping our pens nto the ink every few minutes while we ar writing

I walk to school, but some other children come on horses or are driven in buggies or carts.

My father is a farmer. The fathers of $m y$ classmates have many different occupations ike: team driver, police officer, brickmaker carter, tanner, heelwright, horse trainer, baker, road ganger dealer engine driver trapper miner, rabbiter and orchardist We children like to talk about all these interesting jobs.

At lunch time we girls play tennis, hop scotch and skipping, while the boys play marbles, tennis, cricket, and football. We al play rounders. We don't have any special day from other schools.

Afew times there have been outbreak of nits in children's hair. Nits are the eggs of ice. Lice crawl around in your hair and bite you feed on your blood During those times we ad to rub kerosene and castor oil into our hair kill the nits, then we had to comb them out with a fine-tooth comb.

[^4]Headmasters of the 1900 s Patrick F. Newman - since 1899; James Harvey 1905; Frank Middenway - 1908.

## Teachers of the 1900s:

## Mrs Middenway

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My name is Martha Jane White and Kelso Public School is my school. I don't like the name Martha, so everyone usually calls me Dockin. (1) like that name.)

I am in 4 th Class and Mr Middenway is my teacher. We write with pens now. The younger children up to 3rd Class have to write with pencils. We have lessons in Writing, Reading, Arthmetic, History, Geography, Sewing for the girls and Woodwork for the boys.

When the school bell rings, the Middenway family dog, Jock, appears and howls until it stops. We laugh because he sounds so funny. Mr Middenway goes home next door to the school residence for his dinner, and when he comes back, he rings the bell for us to line up and start afternoon classes.

We sit on long stools behind long tables, with an inkwell at every place. Each row is stepped up higher than the one in front. We copy our work from a big blackboard. In cold weather, the teacher lights the wood-burning heater to keep us warm.

Last year, 1913, during the holidays they made our school bigger. Before, we had one big room with forms and desks for the bigger children and the Infants had the small room. Now the big room was made longer and divided into two classrooms with a sliding partition

War was declared in Europe this year (1914). Mr Middenway reads all about it in the newspapers then teaches us all about it. When he Mr Middenway started up the fife band Nearly all the boys try out to get into the band Mr Middenway also trains the Junior Cadets. This year he is going to take them to Sydney for Thi ye comptition. He belies they are very well trained.

Mr Middenway says that if the war continues, he is going to enlist as a soldier and go to fight for Australia. He looks like a soldier the way he stands up tall and straight, and marches around the school.If he leaves I will miss my friend May Middenway as well as his other children.

Kelso Public School now became staffed' school, which means pupil-teachers were appointed to assist the Master.

We have planted some trees and shrubs around the school because the grounds were very bare.

Last year - 1885-Mr Cullen ordered one hundred pine trees, and all of us children helped plant them all around the school. They are only very small now but they will make good shade and shelter when they grow bigger. We make sure our trees are well cared for and watered. We are going to make some flower gardens too.

Enrolments of the 1880s:
March 1880-52 pupils enrolled; June 1880-65 pupils enrolled.

Masters of the 1880 s :
Richard C.Barton - since 1875. Charles L.Street 1883; Williart Anderson - 1884; 1883; Cullen-1885; John Rockliff - 1887.

## Teachers of the 1880 s

Francis Hopkins - a pupil-teacher; other pupilteachers.

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My name is Ambrose Rowling and Kelso Public School is my school. I first came to this school on 15 September 1890; I was 6 years old and I was put into First Class. It is now 1899 and this is my tenth year at this school.

My father, James Rowling, is a brickmaker and a builder. Sometimes he has to go to Lithgow and South Bathurst (which people still call by its old name) Milltown, to help build new houses. The whole family has to o with him because he never knows how long each job will last.

There is a schocl regulation that states hat if a child does not attend the school for a quarter ( 3 months), he or she has to be reenrolled. I have been enrolled five times at this school.

Besides my family, there are two other pupis who keep leaving the school, then returning. They are Alice and Eva Adams.

Their father, George, is a haypresser who comes around to all the farms to help with the hay at harvest
on to other places.

Last year, I left school to work. It was helping house builders. But the work only lasted for a few weeks, so my father and mother said it would be better for me to go back to school and learn as much as I can.

This year the school got a new Master, Mr Newman. The Master betore him, Mr Rockliff had been here for over 12 years. If we don't obey the masters, or behave badly they might give us the cane. Lots of boys get cuts from the cane, but the girls don't get it so much.

Our school has been getting a few more pupils each year. I remember in 1892, when a whole lot more children suddenly arrived at the school, more desks had to be provided. The master's gallery (a stepped platform) was removed to make extra space. That year, I was in the classroom next door with the other younger children, but we all went into the main room to see the strange changes. (Our room had already been enlarged in 1886, to make room for more children.) Mr Rockine and a pupil-teacher taught the older children in the main room, which was called and a pupil-teacher taught us younger ones next door.

A few years ago, at the end of 1896, Mr Rockliff took a team of cadets to Sydney to take part in a shooting competit and The repos saided to be the cadets, but not boys wanted

Arbor Day was started in New South Wales in 1890. Every year we have big celebrations Last year 1898 a grand concert celebrid in Kelso. Items from the children was held in Kelso. Items from the chicten songs, physical drill, and a club and dumb-bell display I was in three of the items, and I helped with some of the others.

## Enrolments of the 1890s:

1892-112 pupils
Masters of the 1890s:
John Rockliff - since 1887; Patrick F. Newman Jan 1899

Teachers of the 1890s:
1892 - Pupil-teacher: D.Dickie

## A Historg

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## Early Days of Kelso ~

The Aboriginal people of the Bathurs district belonged to the Waradjuri (or Waradgery) tribe. They occupied a large area extending over most of southern New South Wales west of the Blue Mountains.

In 1813, Gregory Blaxland, William awson and William Charles Wentworth found route across the Blue Mountains. They ended their exploration near the junction of what are now called Cox's River and Lowther Creek.

The first white explorer to follow the new route was George Evans who found and named the Macquarie River in 1813. He reported that he had found good country and Governor Macquarie ordered William Cox to take a gang on convicts and build a road from Emu Plains west of Sydney, to the interior

Cox finished the road in 1815, and at the place where it terminated the Governor formally proclaimed the settlement of Bathurst on 7 May 815 It was named after Lord Bathurst, th British Secretary for War and the Colonies.

At first there were no private citizens and the western bank of the Macquarie was forbidden to everyone except government officers, soldiers and convicts.

Starting in 1818 land grants were made on the eastern bank of the Macquarie and soon the village of Kelso developed in response to cater for social and economic needs

In 1826 the restrictions on access to the western side of the Marquarie were lifted. Bathurst was planned and laid out by Assistant Surveyor J.B.Richards, and the first sale of town blocks was held in 1833.

The Anglican Church was established at Kelso in 1825. Presbyterian, Methodist, and Roman Catholic churches were established in the 1830s.

Medical services had existed since 1824 and schooling since 1826. The first school in the Kelso-Bathurst area was founded in 1826 by the Reverend Thomas Hassall who built a 'place of worship' a Kelso where religious services and a school were instituted.

Our school could receive aid from the Council of Education as long as the master followed the public school course of instruction, and allowed the Council's inspectors to examine his school. He, the church members and our parents decided to do this. Mr Buchanan is now paid by the Council and educational supplies are sent to the school.

Last year, in 1867, the Denison Bridge was washed away when the Macquarie River flooded. The Denison Bridge carried away anken's bridge at eglinton as well. Now they sta bridge.

## Enrolments of the 1860s:

This ranged between 50 and 70 pupils
Teachers of the 1860 s :
Edward R.Hinder - since 1857, Thomas James Buchanan - about 1863

## Pupil monitors helped the Master.

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My name is Aaron Wheeler and Kelso Public School is my school. I have a younger brother called Samuel. My father, Jonathan Walker is the Toll Gate Keeper at the Kelso Toll House He might not have that job for much longe because they say that next year, 1877, all road tolls will be abolished.

We have to walk about one mile to get to school.. We have lots of friends who walk along with us. One friend, Minnie Cousins is the Mayor of Bathurst in 1863. Everyone in Kelso is very proud of that. Lizzie \& Jimmy Thurling are the children of James Thurling the blacksmith. We like to call for them on the way to school, so we can see the smiths working in the dark forge, all lit up by the roaring fire.

Another companion is Sammy Marsden, the son of James Marsden, who is the Kelso storekeeper. Mr Marsden is also the Kelso Postmaster. The store is a very interesting place for children!
some children who used to come to our school, don't have to any longer. Their father has paid for a teacher to live with them in the house She is called a governess.

In 1871, I started at Kelso Public School. It was only in that year that it was officially given hat name. Before that, it was called Kelso Certified Denominational School.

Mr Apsey was the teacher then. I have also had Mr Callow, Mr Buchanan and Mr Barton for teachers.

Kelso people are saying that our school is not situated centrally enough. It also get boggy and marshy after heavy rains. They are looking for a new school site closer to the crossroads. I hope my family still lives at Kelso when a new school is built. That would be grand!

Enrolments of the 1870 s.
1870-59 pupils; 1871-41 pupils; 1872-50 pupils; 1879-5.5 pupils

## Masters of the 1870 s :

Thomas James Buchanan - since 1863; William Apsey - 1870; Richard Edward Callow - 1872 Thomas Buchanan - 1874 (for the 2nd time), Richard C.Barton - 1875

Teachers of the 1870s:
Mrs Apsey, Mrs Barton.

## 球等 The 1880s~

My name is Blanche Dovey and Kelso Public School is my school. I am in the first grade and my teacher is Mr Cullen.

I have five big sisters and one little sister, but only one big brother, Frank. He and my three big sisters went to Kelso Publie Sc twin sisters, Lizzie and Emma started at this schoo in 1881.

My father, Mr Thomas Dovey, is storekeeper who sells hay and other goods for farmers. Our store is in Lee Street, not far from Kelso Railway Station which was built in 1875 sometimes Father needs Frank to help him in the store.

They finished building this school in Ther 1880, and all the pupis moved up Gilmour Street from the Church Hall to here. The school was made big enough for all the children who already went to school in the Church Hall, but in 1880 the government passed the 'Public Instruction Act'. Education was now compulsory. Children aged 6 to 14 were obliged to attend school at least 70 days every half-year

Now many children who had not attended school before, HAD to come, so the lovely new school got crowded very quickly They had to get some extra forms and desks.

The 1850s have seen a lot of growth in the Kelso and Bathurst areas because of the discovery of gold. One teacher, Mr John White, left the school in 1851 to try and make a fortune finding gold at Turon. We have never heard how lucky (or unlucky) he was.

Because of the increase in people travelling west, the government started to improve the roads. In 1856 the new wooden Denison Bridge which was started only last year was completed. This was good because when the Macquarie River was flooded it was impossible to cross at the fords. And mail and urgent news had to be sent across the river on ropes.

Last year, in 1858, a horse-bus to Bathurst was started. It went four times a day and cost 6 (six pence) 3 d for parcels which weighed up to 20 pounds. have ne day. might one day.

## Enrolments of the 1850s:

60 pupils enrolled, 46 attended regularly
Masters and Teachers of the 1850s: John C. White since 1849, Mr and Mrs R.C.Walker - 1852, Edward Robert Hinder - 1857. Pupil monitors first learnt from the Master, then passed on their knowledge to the younger children.

A plaque has been added to the Holy Trinity Church Hall which reads:

> Commemorating a Pioneer Educato EDWARD ROBERT HINDER MASTER (1857-1860) Holy Trinity Church School, Kelso and
> in memory of his wife whose third son ALFRED CHARLES COOPER
> and only daughter LYDIA SOPHIA were born during their residence here

> Erected by
> their great-granddaughter ELEANOR MARY HINDER OBE., BSC

## $\sim$ The 1860s~

My name is George Rivett. My school is the Certified Denominational Church of England School at Kelso.

This year is 1868 and I am nearly 13 years old. My father Henry and his two brothers (my uncles) William and John are blacksmiths. They have their forge and shop on a corner of the Kelso crossroads. They are very busy with all the new settlers and gold seekers moving out west. My father and uncles want to begin building wagons and coaches, not just repair them, so they are discussing going into the vehicle-building business. I want to leave school and work with them. My big brother and some cousins already work at the blacksmith's.

My school is very good and so is the master Mr Buchanan. But there have been so many changes.

First of all, the old school building has been smartened up. Since the 1820 s, rooms and outhouses had been added whenever they were needed. Now the school consists of six rooms. him and his family. him and his family.

The sixth room is the schoolroom which measures 30 feet long, 18 feet wide and 12 feet high. The schoolroom has nine desks, each eight-and-a-half feet long with matching backless forms. There is enough least 54 children to sit at the desks. The younger children just rest their slates on their knees.

For years, there have been lots of discussions and arguments about who should run schools, and - more importantly - who should pay for them. Schools had a few choices: parents paid privately, children paid the teacher a small amount every week, churches paid, or the government paid.

In October 1865, Kelso Anglican School became Kelso Public School, but the parents and the church board thought things were not satisfactory, so at the beginning of 1866 , the school was changed back to Kelso Anglican School.

So Kelso Public School was only in existence for 3 months, in 1865.

In 1866, the Public Schools Act was finally passed. This abolished both the Board of National Education and the Denominational School Board and in their places created the Council of Education.

## ~ Kelso Public School Time Line ~

## 1820 Decade

1826. Rev Thomas Hassall built a 'place of worship' at Kelso, where religious services and an Anglican school were instituted. The 17 pupils learned the 3Rs and Anglican doctrine.
1827. The first Kelso Postmaster was appointed.

Teachers: 1826 - James Fitzsimmons; about 1828 - Richard Baker; 1829 - H.H.Fleming

## 1830 Decade

1830s. A Presbyterian school also operated at Kelso on an unknown site for an unknown time period.
1833. The Bathurst town survey was completed and the first sale of land blocks took place in Bathurst.
1835. Holy Trinity Church, Kelso, was completed. It was the first church built west of the Blue Mountains. It was the first Church of England in Australia to be consecrated.

Teachers: H.H.Fleming - since 1929, James Callaghan - 1835, John and Mary Jaggers - 1838, George and Mrs Woodley - 1839.

## 1840 Decade

1848. A dual system of education began. Governor Fitzroy appointed a Board of National Education to establish government schools based on the Irish National System. A Denominational Schools Board was also appointed to administer government funds \& operate schools connected to churches.

## 1850 Decade

1857. 60 children enrolled. The Master, Edward Robert Hinder, taught with the help of monitors. A board of local citizens controlled the school and effected any repairs.

## 1860 Decade

1860s. Enrolments fluctuated between 50 and 70.
A six-room brick schoolhouse with a shingle roof was in operation and continually added to. By the 1860 s the teacher's residence took up five rooms and the 6th room was a classroom 20 feet long, 18 feet wide and 12 feet deep
1864. Thomas James Buchanan became Master.
1865. The Denominational School was officially declared Kelso Public School on 6 October 1865. This status lasted only a few months.
1866. The Public Schools Act was passed. This gave aid to denominational schools, provided they were inspected regularly.
1867. Kelso Anglican School became a Certified Denominational school.

## 1870 Decade

1870. The new Denison Bridge constructed of steel girders was completed.
1871. Public School status was granted on 10 October. It was converted from Kelso Denominational school. William Apsey was the Master. Mr Apsey had been appointed the Master of Eglinton School when it opened on 26 October 1868. He moved from Eglinton to Kelso in 1870.
1872. Enrolment of 50 pupils. One teacher.

Richard E.Callow was appointed the school Master on 1 August 1872.
1874. Thomas Buchanan was appointed Master for the second time - 1 January 1874.

## 1880 Decade

1880. New school buildings erected and completed in December. (Building contractor: Mr J.Wiburd) The school building contained: a schoolroom ( 33 feet 9 inches X 18 feet 4 inches), a classroom ( 15 feet 3 inches X 10 feet 9 inches), an entry porch and a verandah.
The Master's residence contained: 2 bedrooms, a sitting room, a dining room, a kitchen, a pantry, a wash house and a bathroom.

The Public Instruction Act was passed - children aged from 6 to 14 were obliged to attend school for 70 days per half-year.

The new school buildings had been designed to accommodate only those expected to attend prior to the Public Instruction Act. More desks \& forms were provided, \& Keilso became a 'slaffed' school with pupil teachers to help the master.
1883. Charles Street was appointed Master on 5 July after Mr Barton retired.

Accommodation was seriously strained due to the influx of more and more children starting to attend school regularly. Extra desks and forms were added.
1884. William Anderson was appointed Master, on 28 August 1884.
1885. Peter Cullen was appointed Master, on 29 April 1885.

100 pine trees (Pinus Insignis) were planted in the school grounds. (In 1996, two of these trees still remain flanking the present carpark.)

Bathurst is officially proclaimed a City.
1887. John Rockliff was appointed Master, on 28 March 1887.

## 1890 Decade

1892. Enrolment 112 pupils - one teacher plus two pupil-teachers. There was bench space for 40 children. Younger children sat on forms and worked on slates. Desks and forms from the closed Caloola Public School were brought to Kelso.
1893. Mr Rockliff wrote to the Department of Public Instruction to inform them that he had, on 11 March, taken possession of the parcel of land adjoining the school, and purchased from Mr E.McMenamin. (This became the present Infants playground.)
1894. Kelso Public School's Cadet team took part in competitions in Sydney.
1895. Patrick Newman appointed Master, January 1899

## 1900 Decade

1905 James Harvey appointed Headmaster, August 1905.
1908. Francis Middenway was appointed Headmaster, 2 October 1908. A Fife Band was commenced.

## 1910 Decade

1910. The school was reclassified as a Class 5 school
1911. 12 small sized dual desks and a wood-burning heater were supplied for the classroom (the smaller room). An assistant teacher taught the junior children A School Bank was established
1912. The original schoolroom was extended and sliding doors were added to make two schoolrooms.

## The 1840s~

My name is Emily White and Kelso Anglican School is my school. My big sister Lizzie and I walk here nearly every day from the house which is called Woolstone. Our father and mother work for Mr Thomas Kite who owns Wool stone. It is only a small house now, but my father says that some day it is going to be big because Mr Kite is already having plans drawn

My teacher is Mr Thompson. He and his wife teach us. We learn Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar, Arithmetic, History and Geography. We write on slates with pieces of Algebra. Mrs Thompson shows the girls how to do sewing and embroidery She has two little children and they come to the classroom with heir mother. We like to look fter the little ones and play with them

We girls wear dresses which are short enough to show our white ankle-length pantaloons. Over our dresses we wear aprons or pinafores. We wear white stockings and laceup boots When we go outside we wear straw hats or bonnets.

Little boys wear skirts until they are about five years old. When they come to school, they wear long trousers, shirts and waist-length jackets. Outside they wear caps, or top hats for special occasions.

We use a strap to hold our school books, pencil case and slate. The strap makes everything easier to carry to school Our lunches are wrapped up in a serviette.

Some of the things we do at play time are play bat and ball, marbles, top spïnning, skipping, shuttlecock, and if it is windy we try to fly our kites. There is plenty of room in the paddock next to the school building.

This year, 1848, a dual system of education began. Governor Fitzroy appointed a Board of National Education to establish government schools based on the Irish National System. A Denominational Schools Board was also appointed to administer government funds \& operate schools connected to churches.Kelso Anglican School belongs to the second group.

## Enrolments of the 1840s:

1841-49 pupils

## Masters and Teachers of the 1840s: <br> James Moorhouse - 1840, John L. and Mrs

Darney - 1841, Thomas and Ellen McCormack 1842. In 1843 Ellen McCormack resigned so that during 1844 Thomas was the only teacher. John nd Mrs Layton - 1845, James and Mrs Thompson - 1847, Mr and Mrs John Charles White-1849.

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my name is Robert Hinder and Kelso Church of England School is my school. My father is the school master. I have two younger brothers and a newborn baby sister. We all live in the residence which joins onto th schoolroom.

There are over 50 children at our school but they all don't come every day. My father eaches some of the bigger boys and girls (wh re called monitors). They learn Arithmetic Grammar and other subjects, and in turn they teach it to the smaller children

We have five classes. Fifth class is the "babies" class and First Class is the top class School starts at 9 o'clock and is closed at 12:10 pm for lunch Lessons resume at 2 o'clock and continue until 4:10 pm.

My father does not believe in using the cane on children. He calls his method of discipline "moral suasion." He keeps them in at lunch time instead.

A few years before we came here, three commissioners of Education visited this school. They were visiting all schools in the colony to make a report to Parliament. They said this school was very dirty and neglected, and the Master was not even there. There were only 12 children present with the Mistress. She told them that Kelso roads often became impassable after heavy rain, so not many could get to school.

My father says no-one will ever be able to criticise his running of the school, so he and my mother make sure everything is well looked after. Every six months members of the local board inspect the school to see it is operating correctly and that no repairs are required.

I hope I will get a reward at the Christmas concert. All the hard working children get books about such things as history, natural history, famous people and travelling.

## (2) The 1820s~

My name is Mary Ann Fairchild and the school at Kelso is my school. The school is in a building which is also used for church services on Sundays and for meetings during the week.. Weddings, christenings and funerals are held here too. The building is at the bottom of a hill, and when our church members collect enough money, a fine new church will be built on top of the hill.

Our minister is The Reverend John Espy Keane. He lives in a residence which is built onto he temporary church. Mrs Keane was not well so everend Keane had to take her back to Sydney Town to be close to the doctors.

Mr Thomas Hassall took his place while he was away. I like him a lot because it was he who first decided to start the school in 1826. It is a parochial school and is recognised by the Church and School Corporation. Mr Hassall employed Mr Fitzsimmons to teach us children.

There are 17 of us altogether ranging in age from 6 to 14 , but on average about 12 children come every day. School is free for children up to 10 years old, but after that we have to pay 3 d (three pence) every week.

There are more boys than girls at school Many parents think it is important for boys to have book learning, but they think girls can stay at home and learn to keep house by helping their mothers. My parents think girls should get a good education too,

The younger children sit on benches and write their letters and numbers on slates with pieces of chalk. We have an exercise book to practise Handwriting, Mapping, Grammar and Classics, History, Geography, Chemistry, French Classis, Histics. Geography, Chemistry, French and Mathematics.

It is good to come to school to learn, and to play with other children

We play hopscotch, knuckle bones, marbles, hidings and chasings we sometimes use hoops, ropes for skipping and balls in our games.

## $\frac{\text { Enrolments of the 1820s: }}{1826-17 \text { pupils }}$ <br> 1826-17 pupils

Teachers of the 1820 s :
James Fitzsimmons - 1826, Richard Baker about 1828, H.H.Fleming - 1829.

My name is William Alexander Brown and Kelso Denominational School is my school Most people just call me Billy Brown.

My teacher is Mr Callaghan. He boards at Mrs Trewren's house in Kelso Lane. He is a good teacher but he says he does not always want to be a teacher. He really wants wants to build a home and start a property on the empty land out west

Holy Trinity Church, Kelso was completed last year (1835). The Rev Samuel Marsden, the Senior Chaplain of the Colony, came up from Sydney to perform the opening ceremony.

It is good we have a separate church now, because the old building can just be used for school classes and meetings. We older children sit at long bench desks, and write in schoolbooks, or on paper with pencils or pen and ink. The smaller children sit on the floor, or on chairs and do their writing on slates. The eacher has a table on a raised platform at the end of the classroom. He has steps to get up and down.

The older boys and girls help the little ones learn their lessons

In 1833 the official Bathurst town survey was completed and the first sale of land blocks took place. Many Kelso people have been wait build hous happen so they can buy land wants to stay at Kelso. the Our ramil wants to stay at Kelso.

Also in 1833 the Church and School Corporation, which paid money to support only Church of England schools was dissolved system was started of granting aid to all Denominational schools, so all the different churches now want to start building schools for their parishioners' children.

## Enrolments of the 1830s:

1833-23 pupils ( 14 boys and 9 girls) 1835-41 pupils

## Teachers of the 1830 s

H.H.Fleming, - since 1829, James Callaghan 1835, John and Mary Jaggers - 1838, George and Mrs Woodley - 1839

Mr Middenway took Kelso School cadets to Sydney for competitions
1915. Mr Middenway enlisted in the Army. John Barkell was appointed Headmaster, 15 August 1915.
1917. A porch and a verandah were added to the school building.
1918. Arthur A.Passmore was appointed Headmaster, 27 August 1918.

1914-1918. War years. The school had a team of Junior Cadets. Trenches were dug in the playground.

## 1920 Decade

1920. G.H.Murphy was appointed Headmaster, on 2 February 1920 for only 5 months On 23 July W.E.Cook was appointed Headmaster
Dual desks replaced the original bench-type desks and forms.
1921. William Ford Appointed Headmaster - 11 January.
1922. James White appointed Headmaster - 5 December.

## 1930 Decade

1931. 38 and a half perches of Crown land were transferred to the Education Department. This was the site of the old Watch House, fronting Gilmour Street (where the present car park is).
1932. Frank Bisley appointed Headmaster on 22 March
1933. Australia's Sesqui-Centenary. Kelso Public School children took part in the festivities.

## 1940 Decade

War Years. Trenches were dug in the school grounds as protection from any possible air raids New children whose fathers were stationed at the Military Camp were enrolled, as were some whose parents worked at the new Munitions Factory.
1945. Joseph Dunn appointed Headmaster - 5 December
1948. John McDonald Walton appointed Headmaster - 3 February

1948, 1949, 1950. 37 migrant children of displaced families from Baltic and other European countries were enrolled at Kelso. The families temporarily lived in the old Military Camp and attended Kelso and others attended other Bathurst schools.

## 1950 Decade

1950. English language classes were held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. These were attended by the adult European immigrants who lived temporarily at the Military Camp.
1951. A weatherboard block of 2 large classrooms, Headmaster's office and storeroom was built. 50 pupils enrolled.
1952. Enrolment 50 pupils. Because of rising enrolments, the old school was again put into use.
1953. The school was reclassified as a Demonstration School. Students from Bathurst Teachers' College were shown techniques of running a Small school.
1954. Peter Noel Lamb appointed Headmaster - 27 January. The Tuck shop was started

## 1960 Decade

1960. Enrolment 102 pupils. The lower oval was established. Roses and shrubs were planted. Two bicycle racks were installed. Girls from St Michael's Church of England Home attended KPS and made up 25-30\% of enrolments.
1961. John Hawe appointed Principal - 31 January. Additional land was purchased from the rear of residential premises belonging to the Elliott, Coomber, and Jagoe families in Gilmour Street,
and added to the school grounds.
A lawn-mower for the grounds, and a refrigerator for the Tuck shop were bought by the $P \& C$. Kerbing and guttering was begun at the Gilmour Street entrance and an access road circle for school buses was developed.
1962. "Houses" for sporting and academic competitions were started.

Evans was named after road surveyor George Evans, Mitchell after explorer Major Thomas Mitchell, Oxley after Surveyor-General John Oxley, and Martin after Richard Martin, the father of children attending the school who had died on Christmas Day 1961, after a road accident. Richard Martin had tended to others injured in the accident, and after all were taken care of, himself died.
1963. School reclassified to a Class 3 Primary school. Staff consisted of 4 teachers. The girls' summer uniform of a green and white checked dress with a bottle-green tie was established.
1965. Enrolment 137 pupils.

The 1953 weatherboard building's two large classrooms were converted into three rooms.
1966. The top oval land area was purchased from Mr Coomber and Mr Jagoe.

The 1880 building was demolished and a new brick building consisting of 2 classrooms, Principal's office and storeroom replaced it. (Building contractor: Mr James Bekkema)

A school badge was designed and adopted. The motto "Always Our Best" was suggested by pupil Christine Bromwich.
1967. Robert Anderson appointed Principal - 1 January.

Land in Boyd Street providing another access to the school was bought from Mr Reedy.
1969. New large brick Kindergarten room was commenced. A brick toilet block was built. (Building contractor: Mr James Bekkema)

## 1970 Decade

1970. Brian Charles Webb appointed Prinçipal - 27 January

School reclassified to a Class 2 Primary school.
The Honour Award system was commenced.
Triangular house pennant flags were made by mothers in house colours: Evans - blue, Martin red, Mitchell - yellow, Oxley - green
Because of a shortage of classrooms, while the new Infants rooms were under construction, some classes took it term about, for 5 terms, to have classes in the old Kelso Church Hall (the original site of the first school in Kelso.
1971. Enrolment 230 pupils.

Celebrations for the school's Centenary. Many ex-pupils and ex-teachers returned for these. (It is arguable that the official centenary should have been six years previously in 1965-100 years after the first declaration of Kelso Anglican School to be a Public School.) Girls' winter checked uniforms were introduced.
Two Infants rooms adjoining the Kindergarten room were built. (Building contractor: Public Works Department)
1973. William George Harrison appointed Principal - 30 January
1975. Betty Talbot was appointed as the first Infants Mistress for KPS.
1976. Kelso High School commenced temporary operations in Waterworks Lane, Gormans Hill, Bathurst. Kelso Public School pupils now continued their secondary education at Kelso High
1978. John Edward Deasey appointed Principal - February.

The re-building of Kelso Public School into a "model" school commenced
Kelso High School was now completed, and since it was not filled to capacity, a few week's temporary accommodation was given to three KPS classes during building upheavals.
1979. Completion of brick school-21 classrooms with shared wet and withdrawal areas + Hall + Library + Canteen + Administration Block. The weatherboard building of 1953, and the brick buildings of 1966 and 1969 were adapted and incorporated into the new design

## 1980 Decade

1980. The new school buildings were officially opened by NSW Premier the Honourable Neville Wran.
1981. Monte William Buchanan appointed Principal - 27 January. School reclassified as Class 1 Public School. Enrolment 564.
1982. A row of gum trees was planted along the top oval fence - organised by teacher Simon Coomans.
New rectangular house banners replaced the pennant type ones
Douglas Coates was Relieving Principal during parts of 1981 and 1982.
1983. First edition of Kelso Public School's Yearbook.
1984. Lynette Outtrim appointed to replace Betty Talbot who was appointed Principal of Bathurs South. Enrolment 596 pupils.
1985. Lynette Outtrim Relieving Principal during Mr Buchanan's secondment to the Media Unit

1988 Albert John Bishenden appointed Principal - 1 February.
School Band was commenced. Enrolment 620.

## 1990 Decade

1990. Raymond Barry Talbot appointed Principal - January.
1991. "Hall of Fame" - a photographic display of sporting champions - commenced "Trees Please" scheme saw many new trees planted on lower oval and top oval banks.
1992. Douglas John Coates appointed Principal - January.
1993. The Elliott house adjacent to the school in Gilmour Street was purchased to form part of the school grounds.
1994. Kelso Public School is officially 125 years old. (However, if we count from the establishment of the original church school in 1826, it is unofficially 170 years old.) Much landscaping, path paving and grounds beautification done by parent working bees.

May - Construction of All-purpose court on top oval - cost almost $\$ 40000$.
September - 125th Birthday Celebrations; Official opening of the Heritage Wall; Christening of the New School Bell.

## 2000 Decade




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    908-35 pupils; 1909-57 pupils

