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The Mountain District Christian School Association was formally constituted on the 16th of August, 1978. The parents who made up this Association were committed to providing a "Christ-centred education in which children are lead into Christ honouring service in all areas of life." Six months later, on Thursday, 15th February, 1979, 30 students attended the first day of Mountain District Christian School, which was located in Room 12 at Mount Evelyn Christian School. These students were taught by Mrs. Hilary Roath and Mr. Ian Ridgeway.

During 1979, the school association purchased a block of land in Macclesfield Rd, Monbulk, at a price of \$35 000. The property was scouted out by Association member, Clive Stone, who knelt at the front gate of this bushy site and asked the Lord if this was to be the place for a Christian School.

In the last newsletter of the year, Principal, Ian Ridgeway informed the school community of the plans for the first building on 'the block'. "This building, suitable for 60 children, will have two classrooms, toilets, office, withdrawal/wet area, kitchen/staff room, and be surrounded by a verandah".

Below is a photo of the Mountain District Christian School students pulling funny faces in front of their 'leaf collage'.

