

We remember when...

This year efforts were concentrated on getting the new classrooms and science/home economics room ready for use in 1986. It was by far the best year so far financially, with stable high numbers in all classes. Sue Reekman (now Tharle) joined the staff, taking the Prep/1/2 class.

Apart from the building works, it was during this year that the bus shed was completed, the oval was used for the first time, the sports shed was made, the Yr 2/3s went to the bottom of the property for a 'day camp', and the Year 7/8s continued to run:

"So far we have (puff, puff) run through these places in this order: Scotland, England, N.

Ireland, Eire, Portugal, Spain, France, and we are now in Belgium (pant, pant) and that's a lot of places." Joanne

"Apart from having sore feet, wearing out runners and lots of deodorant we have had fun, and we hope to have a party after the Sun Run in September" Tina and David

The Years 4/5/6 classes presented several songs at Eastland Shopping Centre as part of the Year of Youth, Next Wave, EXPRESSION 85. This was led by musical director MaryAnn Barnett, and the students were even asked to do an encore!

Despite only having two Year 10 students, Leeanne and Katie, a graduation dinner was held in their honour at Bundy's Tavern. The two girls presented speeches concerning their time at MDCS, and their hopes for the future.

Over the duration of the year, the 'Mothers and Others' raised nearly \$3000 for the school. Their fundraising activities included lamington drives, cake stalls, the 'Cuckoo' dinner and fashion parade, selling chocolates, and gift catalogues. These funds paid for the sports shed, playground equipment, a computer, a microwave and items for the new Home Economics room.

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This year the school welcomed two new staff members, Yvonne Dubbeld (now Verhagen) and Martin Hanscamp, and many new students. Yvonne took the Year 4/5 class, and Martin, the Year 9/10s. Part-time staff included Heather, Liz, Lois, Mary-Anne and Sara. The school now boasted a new administration/staffroom complex which was ready to start on the first day of school thanks to the help of many volunteers.

The early part of the year was spent gearing up for April's Country Fair. The community banded together in raising over \$2500, with pony rides, cake stalls, books, etc.

After years of dedicated service, the school said farewell to Ruth and Alan McIntosh.

These two had many and varied roles within the school, from the earliest stages.

The Year 6/7 class spent a day at Lake Mountain and learnt a number of things from their snow trip, including:

- "how to make icecream out of snow", Simon
- "that you can't stop yourself getting wet", Narelle
- "how to steer a toboggan", Natalie
- "trees hurt when you toboggan into them", Michael

The announcement was made in 1986 that more buildings were on the cards, with plans for three classrooms adjoining the Science/Home Economics room along the top level.

At the conclusion of the year, the graduating students were farewelled at a dinner at Fernbrook, Belgrave. These students were Matthew Anderson, Rebecca Boomsma, Ken Ellis, Tim Knox, Irene Jansz and Kynan McIntosh. On their last school day, they took on the staff (and friends) in a competitive football match.

The year also finished with a very professional production of 'The Flying Pieman' by Miss Dubbeld's Year 4/5s. The accents were 'spot on', the costumes were carefully crafted, and the audience was 'wowed'.

