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This year the school celebrated its tenth year of existence. A 'History Day' was a highlight of the year which included a trip for the whole school to where it all started - Room 12 at Mount Evelyn Christian School. The students heard about the history of the school, dressed in their 'historical' clothes, had their photos taken, created a 'monument', enjoyed a BBQ, and buried a time capsule to be opened in

25 years (2013). Many changes took place this year including the resignation of founding Principal, Ian Ridgway, as well as long time teachers, Andy Callow and Heather Gannon also leaving. It was announced that from 1989, David Paech would take on the position of Principal and Melissa Haartsen would be the Year 1/2 teacher.

Some newsletter snippets included the following:

- ◆ Miss Dubbeld's Prep/One class in recent Bible studies lessons studied the battle between the Israelites and the Philistines found in the Old Testament, with particular reference to the story of David and Goliath. One lesson she asked the class the question, "Who was it that the Israelites were fighting against?" In answer one eager member of the class put up her hand and confidently said, "The Phillip Islanders"!!
- ◆ The Year 5/6s decided to name an eighth day of the week if there was one. Included in their responses was Sleepin-day, Funday, Shopperday, Motorbikeridinday, Payday, Holiday, Playday.
- ◆ Yesterday, during General Studies work on 'Our Bodies' Kris Degenhardt's loose tooth finally fell out. Shortly after this Cathy Alford also lost a (milk) tooth. Class solidarity being what it is, no less than three other children (Emily, Naomi and Kenton) came out later with a once wiggly tooth no longer attached...and all this before the onslaught of Easter eggs!
Mr Callow has never seen anything like it in his teaching career and is considering charging dentist consultation fees!
- ◆ The Year 10 project group consisted of Liam, Robyn, Laura, Joanne, Christian, Mandy and Mr. Hanscamp, and they worked on the development of 'The Swamp'.



The school welcomed Mr. David Paech as the new Principal this year, and enjoyed a school family picnic down at 'The Swamp' at the beginning of the year. Other highlights of 1989 included:

- ◆ The Year 7/8 class, under the supervision of Mr. Martin Hanscamp, created the highly successful 'Hill Billy Lillies' business project as part of their General Studies Unit. They researched their business, which included an excursion to a nearby nursery. Parents helped with the building of a hothouse. The students then grew and sold lillies to the school community. Past students still remember this venture with much fondness. The story of their business even made it to the local newspaper.
- ◆ The Year 9/10s went on 'Melbourne Camp' and enjoyed the spectacular views of the city from 'the toilets on the 35th floor of the Regent Building!'.
- ◆ The Prep/One class went on an excursion to hear the RAAF Band Concert and 'saw Young Einstein, Darth Vader and Rocky'!
- ◆ The Year 4/5 class travelled to Cape Schanck with Mrs. Susan Reeckman to investigate the effect of tidal variations on the animal and plant life on the rock platform and in the rock pools.
- ◆ After years of faithful service, Mrs. Merrilyn Wallace resigned as school secretary and Mrs. Lyn Summersen took over this important role.
- ◆ The Year 10s turned their classroom into a Restaurant, and cooked a meal for their family and friends.
- ◆ The Year 10s graduated at 'Pancakes on the Mountain' on the 5th of December.
- ◆ 1989 saw the end of the 'six-term year', with the new and exciting 'four-term year' set to begin in 1990.
- ◆ At the conclusion of the year, the school bade farewell to the fun-loving Terry Hunter and welcomed the new English teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Fensham.

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