



TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



COMMITTED TO CHILDREN
IN OUR COMMUNITY

1900 - 2000



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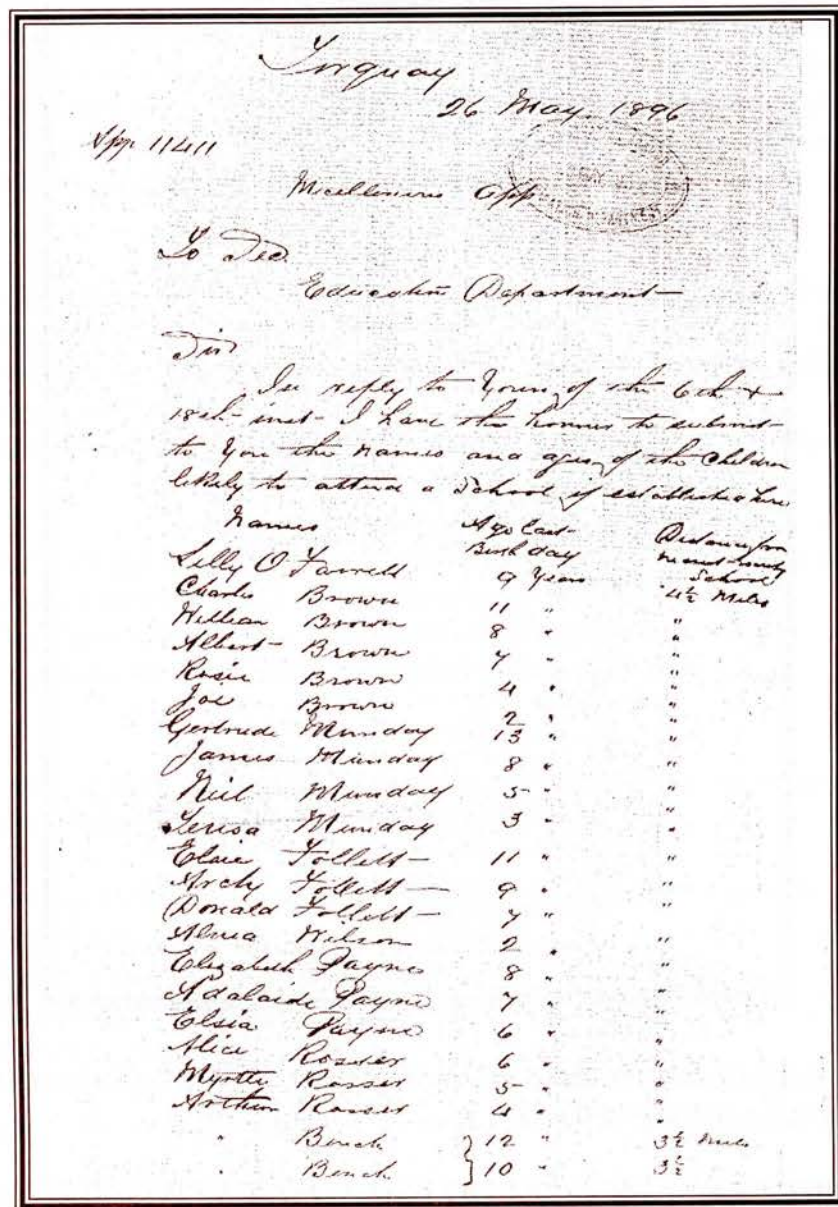
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Front Cover: Torquay State School Committee photograph, circa 1914,
L to R (Standing): Mr Essington A. Edmonds (Head Teacher), William Rice,
Leslie Austin, David Austin, ...
L to R (Seated): Mrs Jack Smith & Mrs Felix Rosser.

Back Cover: Whole school photograph, 1999

This year Torquay Primary School celebrates one hundred years of history. From the first day the school doors were swung open by Head Teacher Alice Meagher, on 23rd September, 1900, Torquay Primary School has continued to flourish into the friendly coastal community that we enjoy today. Throughout this booklet you will find a collection of historical documents, special memories, school records and photographs contributed by past and present students and staff who are proud to be associated with this school and its achievements. We have aimed to be as accurate as possible with the information available and hope that you enjoy reliving the first hundred years of Torquay Primary School as you read this book.

APPLICATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE SCHOOL - PETITION 1896



Application to Education Department (dated 26th May 1896) stating names and ages of children likely to attend Primary School if established in Torquay.

On 15th October 1896, School Council Minutes stated that "John Brown agreed to convey the children of Torquay to and from Mt Duneed School for fourpence per child daily. He said that he had a suitably covered in "hop" capable of carrying 16 children."

APPLICATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE SCHOOL -
PETITION 1899

Torquay
March 7th 1899.

Secretary for Education

Sir, We the undersigned
Residents of Torquay, Dear
Zealous, beg respectfully
to ask that a State School
may be opened here.
A list of children who would
attend is given below.
We remain yours respectfully
H. Ware
T. Edwards.
E. Payne

Names & ages of Children

Eris Edwards	12 years
Thomas Edwards	8
Alice Posser	9
Myrtle Posser	7 years.
Arthur Posser	6
Elizabeth Payne	10½
Addie Payne	9
Elic Payne	7
Drissy Payne	5
Kellie Drew	11
Marion Drew	9
Harold Ware	13
Doris Ware	11½
Alan Ware	8
Peuby Aucton	7
Lydia Walther	12
Alma Wilson	5

Application to Education Department (dated 7th March 1899) stating names and ages of children likely to attend Primary School if established in Torquay.

“Although established on 1st May 1900 in temporary accommodation (the newly-built Presbyterian Church) HT Alice Meagher did not open the school until 23rd September 1900 with 16 children. The school moved to the Recreation Hall on 13th June 1901 and in 1905 a 5 acre site on Lots 97 to 116 in Bristol Road, township of Torquay, Parish of Puebla, County of Grant, was purchased by the Department. A weatherboard, single-room school, 21ft x 20ft was constructed on the site and occupied on 22nd June 1910.

A five-room residence was constructed and occupied on 2nd February 1952.”

TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL HISTORY FROM 1896 - 2000

1896

26th May A petition to the Education Department was submitted from residents listing the names of children who would attend a school if one could be opened. Signed by T. O'Farrell, J. Brown, A. Baensch, J. Ashmore, F. Rosser, A. Payne, A.M. Miller, J.A. Wilson.

1899

17th March S. Ware, E. Edwards and E. Payne asked the Department to open a school.
11th May Education Department Inspector A. Jackson, reported that Torquay's permanent population consisted of 1 hotel keeper, 1 fisherman, 1 milkman, 1 storekeeper, 1 builder and 1 timber carrier. There were nine permanent school children and four under school age. Three more children were expected to attend if a school was opened. He recommended that a full time school be commenced. He thought the Recreation Hall might be adequate accommodation.

1900

23rd Sept School opened in the Presbyterian Church by Head Teacher, Alice Meagher, with 16 children enrolled.
9th October The Church wanted 10 pounds per year rent but the Education Department would only pay 7 pounds 10 shillings.
Alice Meagher complained that the leased building lacked ventilation in summer.

1901

21st May Alice Meagher wanted to close the School until a stove is put in. She stated that it is so cold that the children can not hold their pens.
13th June The school was moved to the Recreation Hall for 10 pounds rent.
17th October J.C. Taylor and Sons erect a chimney for 10 pounds 14 shillings.

1904

30th March Lease signed by Messrs. Taylor, Gardiner and Beales of Torquay Improvement Association. Rent reduced to 7 pounds 10 shillings.

1905

Department of Education purchases 5 acres of land for new school site for 150 pounds in the Spring Creek Estate. This site was Lots 97 to 116, township of Torquay, Parish of Puebla, County of Grant. Site was in Boston Road, Torquay.
21st June Alice Meagher paid a Cobb and Co. account for 5 shillings for transporting goods from Geelong to Torquay.

1908

Petition to avoid school closure because of high rents. Talk of building a school.

1909

Rent for Hall raised to 20 pounds per year, a savage rise. Could this have been designed to make the Education Department build a new school?
Rose White HT complains of other users leaving the hall dirty and carelessly handling the School's furniture.



Whole School Play “Wedding of the Painted Doll”, 1931

- 1910** Department agrees to paying the increased rent but decides to proceed with building a new school.
New school is anticipated to be built by 30th April 1910. The building is actually completed on 1st June 1910.
- 21st June Last day of school in Recreation Hall.
22nd June First day in newly built school room. This single-room school measured 21ft x 20ft and was constructed out of weatherboards.
- 1914** Currently enrolments total 39 students.
Head Teacher Essington Edmonds, complained that school was too small and needed to be enlarged. Also needed extra desks.
- 1915** Enrolments total 49 students.
26th July J. Dew, Inspector of Schools reported that the School needs to be enlarged to accommodate 60 students.
- 1916** W.J. Rice of “Sunnyside” Torquay wrote a letter to the Hon. A.J. Peacock MLA with a petition of 150 ratepayers asking for the school to be enlarged.
Rice complained that the little ones had to go into the shelter shed for lessons and that it was too cold.
Children were moved to the Public Hall for four weeks while school was enlarged. Hall rent 10 shillings per week.
- 1924**
1st September S. Bensch asks E. Morley MLA if his election promises of painting the school are just “pie crusts”.
- 1928** S. Bensch complains of cows getting into the school ground through the fence.



Whole School 1929

Back Row: Elvie Berryman, Jean Berryman, Gordon Lofts, Otto Rau, Jeff Austin, Moe Hunter, Floss Charles, Joan Duffield.
 Middle Row: Joyce Hunter, Marg Drayton, Joan Kelso, Mavis Lofts, Mary Crow, Phyllis Charles, Nancy Austin.
 Third Row: Ron Jarvis, Bob Baensch, Willie Rice, Bruce Lofts.
 Front Row; Roy Wilson, Max Bray. Teacher: Mr Roy Brown

- 1932** E. Charles has a plan to turn the school ground into a camping ground for holiday makers to raise money for the school. After some correspondence the Department denied permission because it could create "a dangerous and undesirable precedent". Efforts to make a street (Payne Street) at the bottom of the school ground refused by Department in 1914, 1923 and 1935.
- 1940** Girls toilets, shelter shed, fencing, lawn mower and tool box were destroyed by the bushfire.
 29th March Head teacher J.H. Haines - toilets repaired promptly for 18 pounds.
- 1941**
 28th March Shelter shed replaced for 52 pounds thirteen shillings.
 September Fencing replaced.
- 1944**
 12th October Mrs W. Payne writes about the need for a residence for the Head Teacher with enrolment of 48 pupils.
- 1947** Electric lights now used.



Whole School 1949

1950

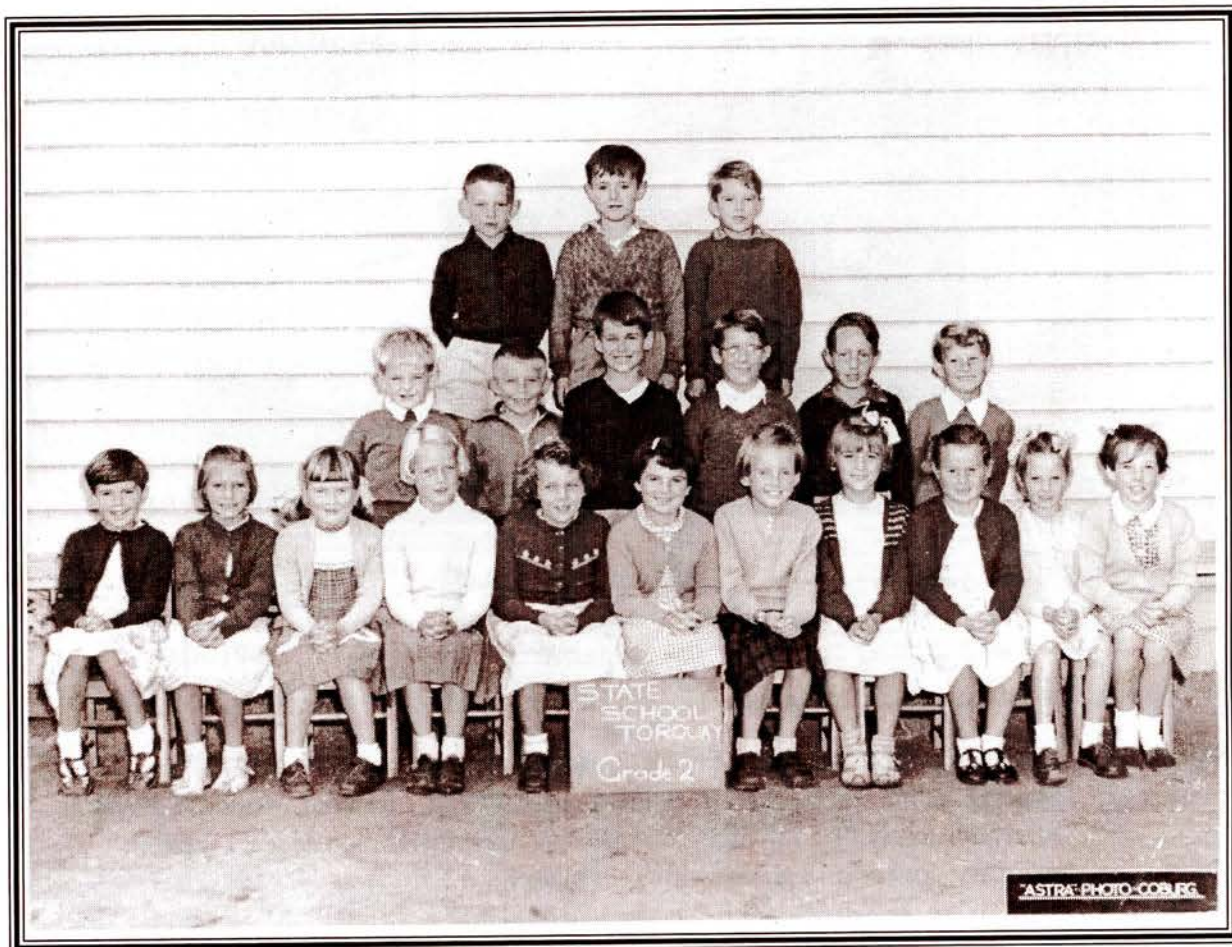
- 5th September Pupils in temporary accommodation at "The Kiosk", The Esplanade, Torquay whilst school being altered.
 12th November Alterations to school completed.

1951

- School now has two classrooms.
 23rd April Building of a five-room school residence commenced.
 3rd August First Mother's Club formed.

1952

- 2nd February New school residence now occupied by Mr. R.B Broben.
 23rd May The School Committee wrote a letter thanking the Department for its work at the school.



Torquay Primary School Grade 2, 1958

Back Row:	Graham Sayers, Alan Pilgrim, Grant Murphy
Middle Row:	Chris Lewis, Paul Johannesen, Michael Potter, John Jukes, Jeff Rashow, Campbell Rankin.
Front Row:	Megan Cairney, Carole Meredith, Dianne Edwards, Olga Vant' Haag, ..., ..., Anne Pigott, Wendy Keneally, Phillipa Douglas.

1977 School Council were concerned about the need to provide additional facilities at the school, particularly for art and craft, multi-purpose activities, staff and administrative requirements. Discussions were also taking place with the South Barwon City Council for an extension of the existing library for community use. This library had been constructed in 1975.

1978 Construction of the extended library was carried out as a joint project between the Education Department and the City of South Barwon in 1979. Revision of plans for the upgrading of the school was commenced in the light of the new "core-plus" policy of the Education Department. Implementation of the revised plan commenced in 1982 establishing a "core" of buildings providing facilities for staff and administration, art/craft, multi-purpose use and a canteen, and a "plus" of relocatable general purpose classrooms of a new design. In doing this, part of the old school was demolished. Facilities now cater for 350 pupils.

1982 School enrolment have exceeded 350 hence the need for additional relocatable classrooms.

EIGHT-YEAR WAIT OVER

Parents and teachers have finally won their battle for much needed improvements at the Torquay Primary school.

It was announced last week the school will receive a \$450,000 facelift in the Education Department's 1981-82 building programme.

Up-grade works will include an art-craft room, maintenance and renovations to staff and administration buildings.

The president of the school council, Mr. Murray McRae, said the council had planned to present a petition of about 400 signatures to State Parliament asking for the improvements but that this would now probably be dropped.

He said the school had been requesting improvements for about the last eight years.

"It's been a long awaited up-grade as

\$450,000 TORQUAY FACELIFT

for as we're concerned," he said. "But the project has been at a virtual standstill for at least 12 months — hence we've had tentative plans drawn up by the Education Department and made a number of representations to the department's regional office and local parliamentarians."

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the department's intermediate building programme list since 1976, will also receive five modular relocatable classrooms, urgently needed drainage and other site works.

Among the problems faced by the school's 300 students have been:

- No covered play area or walkway.
- Toilet roofs covered with wire.
- Faint flaking off classroom walls.
- A makeshift art and craft room that uses furniture borrowed from other areas.

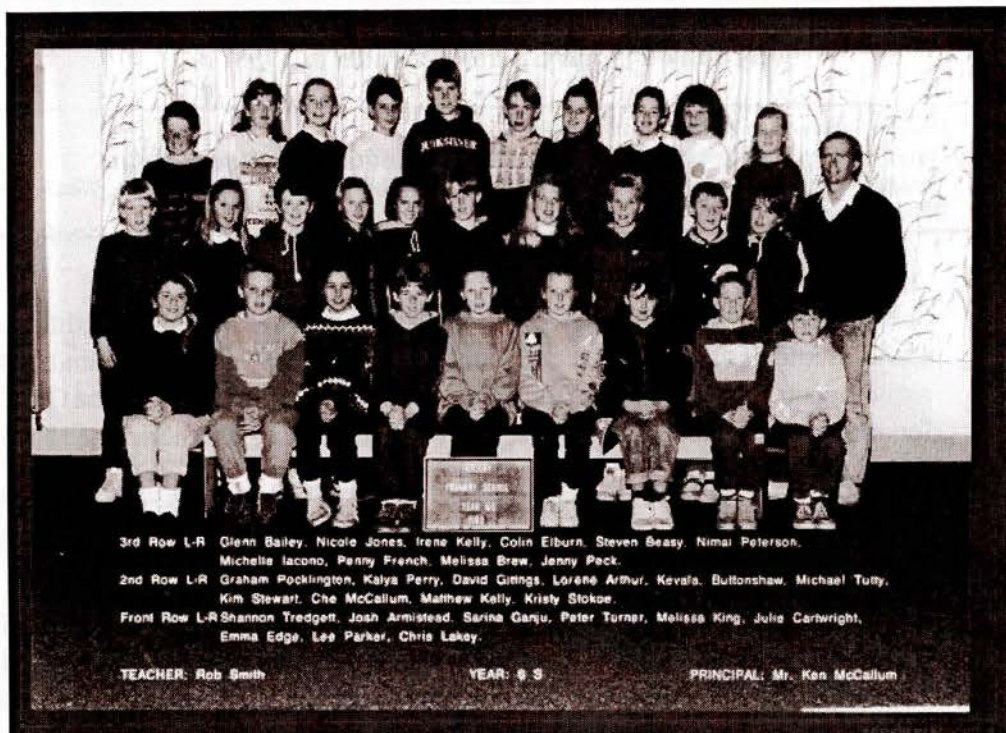
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1987
April-May

Another portable added in May 1987, as enrolments total 371. Staffing includes 19 teachers (incl. Principal, Art/Craft, Librarian, Music and Physical Education teachers) 2 full time cleaners, 2 part time Integration Aides, 1 full time secretary, covering 14 grades with 371 children.



2000

Torquay Primary School staff now totals 52 including Principal, Assistant Principal, class teachers, support teachers, specialist teachers (Art/Craft, Indonesian, Physical Education, Information and Technology, Librarian and Music) Integration Aides, office staff, Out of Hours School supervisors, contract cleaners and canteen manager. 26 grades cater for 650 students.

HEAD TEACHER / PRINCIPAL IN CHARGE - 1900 TO 2000

YEAR(S)	TEACHER'S NAME
1900-1907	Miss Alice E Meagher
1908-1914	Miss Rose F White
1914	Miss Catherine O'Brien
1914-1918	Mr E A Edmonds <i>Essington Albert EDMONDS</i>
1918-1919	Miss A V Heinrichsen
1919-1921	Mr P C Tuck
1922-1923	Miss Phyllis Shaw
1923-1927	Miss May Saunders
1928-1931	Mr R A Brown
1932-1937	Mr H M McGregor
1937-1942	Mr J A Baines
1942-1944	Mr E J Bingham
1944-1945	Mr F H Cocks
1946-1949	Mr R C Wright
1949	Mr D O'Brien
1949	Mr P J McInnes
1950-1956	Mr R B Broben
1957-1958	Mr W J Carey
1958	Mr H T O'Toole
1958-1959	Mr E J Bunny
1959	Mr G D Murdoch
1959	Mr T V Connor
1960-1964	Mr Harold G Osborne
1965	Mr M Myers
1966-1971	Mr H V Bull
1971-1974	Mr Howard Caldicott
1974-1977	Mr Frank A Lancaster
1977-1983	Mr Neil W Edgar
1983-1986	Mr Trevor R Oakley
1986-1994	Mr Ken McCallum
1994-1998	Mr Graeme Hughes
1998-2000	Mrs Pam Kinsman

ENROLMENTS BY YEAR AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS (As recorded by available records)

1900 - 16	1960 - 160	1970 - 213	1980 - 297	1991 -
1905 - 26	1961 - 161	1971 - 229	1981 - 295	1992 -
1914 - 39	1962 - 171	1972 - 222	1982 - 330	1993 -
1915 - 49	1963 - 185	1973 - 246	1983 - 349	1994 -
1949 - 50	1964 - 189	1974 - 256	1984 - 338	1995 -
1951 - 83	1965 - 181	1975 - 260	1985 - 325	1996 - 491
1956 - 144	1966 - 199	1976 - 259	1986 - 352	1997 - 558
1957 - 149	1967 - 200	1977 - 290	1988 - 364	1998 - 604
1958 - 147	1968 - 227	1978 - 283	1989 -	1999 - 623
1959 - 152	1969 - 202	1979 - 286	1990 -	2000 - 650

TORQUAY SCHOOL HISTORY
EXCERPTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND COUNCIL MINUTE BOOKS

1914

- April 15th Proposed by Mrs. Rice, seconded by D. Austin, "That the teacher have the use of the school grounds to run his ponies."
- May 30th It was agreed by the Committee that a part of the land be fenced off for teaching horticulture. Mr. Rice agreed to plough the land.
Mr. D. Austin agreed to get the land fenced for one pound.
- Aug. 27th Re: Patriotic Fund. "It was decided that the School Committee will assist in providing material for sewing classes for making up clothing by the scholars for the soldiers, by means of a euchre tournament and dance to be held in the public hall on Friday night 11th Sept. 1914, commencing at 8:00pm. Admission 1/- (one shilling). Total raised on the evening for the Patriotic Fund was three pounds and sixpence."

1915

- Oct. 30th "J. Duffield moved a vote of thanks to Messrs. Edwards and Rice for getting stones from beach for school garden. Seconded by L. Austin."

1916

- Feb.26th "That a Patriotic Concert be held on the night of Anzac Day. Proceeds to be equally divided between school fund and Patriotic Fund. Moved J. Duffield, seconded by L. Austin."
"That the director be requested to authorize the teacher not to enroll the children of visitors on account of the overcrowded condition of the school. Moved by J. Austin, seconded by Mrs. Rosser."
- April 29th "That the treasurer pay over to Mr. Edmonds (the teacher) the sum of 18/6 (eighteen shillings and sixpence) which he kindly loaned the Committee.
Moved by L. Austin, seconded by Mrs. Rosser."
- May 5th "That a tin of Scotch mixtures to be bought for children for the above Picnic. (A basket picnic)
Moved by L. Austin, seconded by W. Rice."
- June 24th "Re: Boots Scrapers. On the motion of Mr. Duffield and L. Austin correspondent be instructed to get two scrapers made."
- June 6th "That wool be purchased to provide socks for local boys in trenches..."
Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Rosser.
Mrs. Smith volunteered to train reciters for the concert."

1918

- April 27th L. Austin advises that he has "received letters from three of the Torquay boys who are on active service, thanking the members of this committee for the Xmas hampers."

1918

- Aug. 31st "That we adopt potato growing in the school ground. Moved by Mr. H. Seiffert, seconded by Mr. W. Rice."

1919

- April 26th "That sum of 25/- (twenty-five shillings) from sale of potatoes from school plot be paid for repairing asphaltting. Moved J.W. Duffield, seconded Mrs. Rosser."
Arbor Day was a big deal in the 10's and 20's. Usually a basket picnic, tree planting and a dance or social at night.
- June 6th "That we write to Mt. Duneed School to arrange a joint meeting and committee to discuss details, Re: Peace Celebrations. Moved H. Seiffert, seconded by G. Berryman."

1925

Oct. 28th A Fancy Dress Ball was held.

1926

Oct. 24th "Mr. Moran moved the utmost confidence in Miss Saunders as a teacher. This was seconded by Mr. Bensch."

1928

June 6th "After discussion, it was decided to connect electricity to the School. Moved by Mr. Bensch. Seconded by Mr. Bray.

Nov 9th Price for electricity - 2 lights (50 Candle power) costs three pounds.
- 1 power point costs one pound ten shillings.
Total cost being four pounds ten shillings.

1929

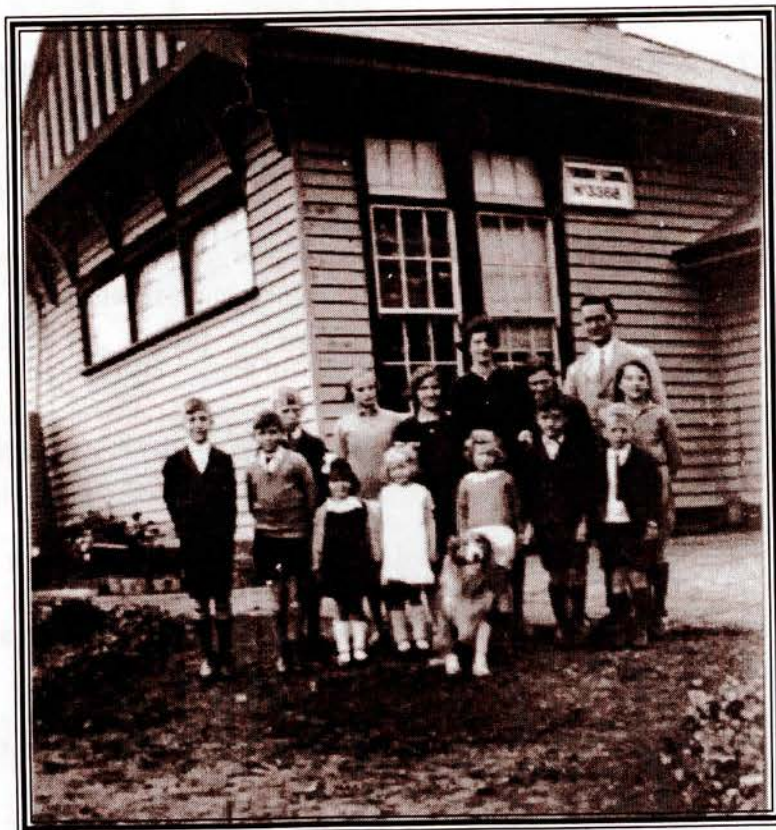
Aug 16th "That Mr. Pescud be asked to price an Australian Flag suitable to be sent to Torquay in England. This being an exchange for one of theirs. Cost of flag would be one pound, fifteen shillings. Flag sent and English flag received 19th Feb. 1930. Moved by M. Follett, seconded by M. Hunter."

1932

Aug 24th "That we write to Education Department for permission to use vacant part of School ground for campers at Christmas time. Committee to make a charge and proceeds go towards School fund. Moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Harper," (Later Department refused permission).

1934

April 9th "That we engage Mr. McHarry's bus to take Picnic party to the Zoo. Moved by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Charles."



Torquay State School, April 1932

1937

July 28th "That the Committee hold a Grand Mask Fancy Dressed Ball on the 17th September. Administration to be 1/6 (one shilling and sixpence) for adults and 9d. (nine pence) for children....." Profit totalled 7 pounds 6 shillings.

- Prizes:
1. Best Fancy dressed Lady - Rose Bowl.
 2. Best Fancy dressed Gent - Shaving Set.
 3. Most Original Lady - Cake Dish.
 4. Most Original Gent - Soap.
 5. Best Fancy dressed Girl - Case.
 6. Best Fancy dressed Boy - Torch.
 7. Most Humorous Lady or Gent - Case.
 8. Most Humorous Boy or Girl - Sweets.

Dec. 13th "That owing to Infantile Paralysis (Polio) outbreak, only local children be allowed to attend Christmas Tree. Moved by Mrs. Austin, seconded by Mr. Rice."

1938

April 28th "The Committee was informed that South Barwon Council intended making an application to Education Department to secure part of school ground for a roadway (Payne St.) Moved by Mr. A. Rice, seconded by Mrs. Austin, that the committee approve of the application."

1939

Feb 14th "That the Committee arrange for Euchre and Dance Night to be held on March 1st in aid of Bush Fire Relief Fund. Moved by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mrs. Gogoll."

1940

Mar 21st "That as the school gardening tools having been destroyed by the bushfire that the following tools be purchased... Moved by Mr. Preece, seconded by Mrs. Gogoll."

(Book with Committee Minutes from 1940 to 1968 missing.)

1968

Sept 18th "That a letter be sent to the Education Department inquiring whether any land has been set aside for a High School and if not, could the possibility of acquiring such a site be investigated. Moved Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Dunstan."

Competitive football and basketball matches start between Grovedale, Glastonbury and Torquay Schools.

Dec 11th "That a shield has been purchased for the school house sports and it has been suggested that 4 houses be instituted instead of the present two houses."

1970

Mar 25th "In regard to the hazardous parking of cars in front of the school it was recommended that Mr. Bull (Principal) should mention the matter to the local police."

Nov 18th "That the committee donate trophies for the boy and girl sports champion of the year. Moved Mrs. De Kuyper, seconded by Dr. Plate."

1971

Mar 17th "Four sports houses have been established in the school, named Currawong, Pillambi, Teepokana, and Koiranah."

Apr 22nd "Several parents have approached Mr. Caldicott (Principal) to see whether anything could be done about getting a more permanent doctor in Torquay."

1972


Nov 15th "The Library co-operative has been formed and directors have been elected."

1973

Oct 17th "A letter was received from the Torquay Chamber of Commerce concerning plans for building a swimming pool in Torquay."



"CERTIFICATES &

 No 244985

Education Department,
VICTORIA.

MERIT CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify

that *Gwen N. Harper*
has completed satisfactorily the Course of Study prescribed
for *Elementary Schools.*

Dated at *Torquay* School
this *8th* day of *Dec.* A.D. 19*33*.

Head-teacher's name *H. M. Gegan*

H. M. Gegan
Inspector of Schools.

Torquay State School
"I shall attain"

Certificate

This is to Certify that

Gwen Math Harper
has passed in all subjects at Final Examinations, 19*33*.

H. M. Gegan
Head Teacher

REPORTS"

JOINTMENSEN
SOUTH BARWON STATE SCHOOLS'
SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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12th ANNUAL ATHLETICS MEETING

in competition for the
KEDDIE SHIELD,
E. C. JOLLIFFE MEMORIAL CUP,
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY,
JESSIE McKECKNIE MEMORIAL CUP,
 and
G. CAREY TROPHY
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QUEEN'S PARK
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REPORT

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- Marking Code:
- A. Excellent
 - B+ Very Good Indeed
 - B. Very Good
 - B- Not Quite Very Good
 - C+ Above Average
 - C. Average
 - C- Below Average
 - D. Unsatisfactory

1961.....	June	Dec.
Speech Training	C	
Reading	6	
Composition	C	
Eng. Language	C	
Phonics	9	
Spelling	-	
Writing	7	
Arithmetic	8	
Social Studies	A	
Nature Study	A	
Physical Activities	B	
Health	B	
Art	C	
Handwork	C	
Conduct	B	
Attendance	B	

Name Grayme Galbraith
 Grade Preparatory

JUNE REPORT

Class Teacher _____
 Head Teacher _____

Parent's Signature _____

DECEMBER REPORT

Grayme is very keen and shows great interest in his work.

Promoted Gr. 1
 Class Teacher B. Scullion
 Head Teacher Handwritten

TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB (KNOWN AS THE "WELFARE CLUB")

The following items have been extracted from "Welfare Club" minutes.

- 9/4/69 Possibility of an assembly hall - muted.
- 11/6/69 Discussed Co-Operative Registry for building an extra room. Mothers' Club to pay \$750 per year for 10 years.
- 10/6/70 Long term plan for future playground equipment.
- 10/3/71 Mrs. Miller could conduct her lunch service to the school - but we are unable to condone it.
- 5/5/71 Profit from canteen \$60.
- 18/8/71 Resumed the name Mothers' Club instead of Welfare Club.
- 10/11/71 Fete held in October. Raised \$615.91.
- 12/4/72 Shire approached for a school crossing in Boston Rd.
- 19/7/72 Mr. P. Rice offered to donate an old cart, which needed restoration, to the adventure playground. This was the cart that brought the first load of firewood to the original school.
- 2/10/72 School crossing erected on Boston Rd.
- 5/3/73 A news sheet to be sent to parents stating the position of co-op. Shares in the school library i.e. purchase of the same.
- 5/3/73 Emergency procedures cards for students were approved.
- 7/5/73 Letter to Transport Regulation Board and Education Department re- possibility of transport for students from Jan Juc.
- 2/7/73 Torquay News still operating.
- 10/9/72 Sketch of proposed Art/Craft/Library and canteen was displayed.
- 16/10/73 Suggestion of public swimming pool for Torquay. Public meeting to be called.
- 3/6/74 Casserole lunches as fundraiser. Film night "The Sting".
- 3/6/74 Suggestion from Mr. Lancaster, Head Teacher, to provide a multi purpose High School in Mt. Duneed to service a large area.
- 7/10/74 Cards only to teachers leaving. Presents only if they have been at School for three years.
- 8/3/74 School on list for re-decoration. Toilets need roofing.
- 7/4/75 Toilets and playgrounds improved. Denim shoettes suggested to cover children's shoes in new library.
- 3/11/75 Change of name - Mothers' Club becomes Torquay Primary Parents' Association.
- 3/11/75 Library opened - carpet protective strips instead of shoettes.

The Seventies

Fund raising activities were fetes, Fathers' and Mothers' Day Stalls, Tupperware nights, film nights and recipe books to buy such articles as football jumpers, carpets, cassette players, percussion instruments, color television, film projector and maths aids.

Canteen and library were well on the way.

The Eighties

Fund raising activities were lamington drives, raffles, sausage sizzles, tennis days, Easter fete. Bonfire night, film night and discos were mentioned for the first time.

30/11/80 - Need for equipment estimated at \$16,500 by Spencer Leighton.

The P & C bought netball skirts, books, made chair bags, black out curtains for T.V. room.

House names were chosen – Blue House became Inverloch, Gold House became Charlemont, Red House became Bancoora and Green House became Scammell.

School uniform was made compulsory.

Carols by Candlelight began in 1980.


Grade 6 Graduation Night began.

TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB
(KNOWN AS THE "WELFARE CLUB")

The Nineties

A new photocopier purchased.
Computers in every module soon.
Safety House signs erected.
Fundraising 1991 - Profit \$12,262.
New toilets to be installed 7/3/95.
Donut fryer purchased.
Cupboard for uniforms purchased.
7/2/94 - Library books being placed on computer.
Fund raising - Fete, Progressive dinner, shopping spree, market, recipe books, hairdressing raffle, bulbs, toothbrushes.
3/7/92 - Spencer Leighton investigating "Out of School Hours Program".
1/3/93 - Library flooded.
7/3/94 - Request to raise \$26,000.
We became a "School of the Future".
1995 - We were asked to raise \$27,000. Rumour that Education Department might be purchasing a site near St. Theresa's.



3rd Row L-R	Doug Cations (Assistant Coach), Michael Stanley, James Wilson, Tom Grayling, Shannan Greenhough, Dane Jacobsen, Luke Orwin, Matthew Bruce, Josh Rudd, Bill Higgins (Coach).	
2nd Row L-R	Marc Raidme, Campbell North, Tim Dixon, Shane O'Connor (Captain), Lachlan Papworth (Vice Captain), Jackson Perry, Michael Lewis, Josh Lalic.	
Front Row L-R	Justin Mills, Wes Nairn, Iva Priest, Matthew Torney, Dane Richardson.	
Absent:	Leon Napper, Matthew Girvan.	
FOOTBALL STATE PREMIERS		PRINCIPAL: Mr. Graeme Hughes.

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Memories, memories, memories...

These recollections are as remembered by the people concerned. They may or may not be historically correct.

I started school in Torquay in 1916. My father got the school here. I don't know how many residents there were then. The Education Department came down by train and Cobb and Co. coach to our farm, and after a cup of tea, Dad took them around Torquay in a horse and wagonette, a vehicle with two lots of seats in it. He went up Bristol Road (there were no made roads then) and he said, "You are going to put the school there."

The three eldest in our family had to walk down to the local hall where the school used to be. The school was built in 1910, the year I was born. My father was Chairman of the School Committee for a long, long time. I can't remember how many children went there when I started but there were eight grades in one room. Miss Buckland, would come down in the afternoon and teach the Preps. She was the sewing teacher. I went to Grade 8.

The eldest one in our family, Andrew, got the dux prize year after year. There were very good prizes - books. There were no buses into Geelong so he couldn't continue school and he joined the Railways at fifteen or sixteen.

We walked to school each day from our farm on Geelong Road. I wore a dress and boots to school. My father bought hob-nail boots and I had to wear them. We sat in desks which seated two children. The desk had one lid with an ink well in the middle. We did our sums on slates and later used a wooden pen with a nib.

On Monday mornings we would line up and the teacher would check to see that our nails were clean. Kids liked to come to our place after school because we had fresh bread which Dad would bring out from Geelong. We would have home made apricot jam and cream from our cows.

Mary Hunter ***Student 1916 - 1923***

I was born in 1913 and started school at four and a half. I didn't last long at school as I took off and ran home. They came and got me however, and took me back. It was a one room school. My Dad use to supply the teacher with straps. Kids would hide the teacher's strap anywhere they could but my Dad kept renewing them.

Kids I remember were Fred Baensch, Alby Seiffert, Beryl Follet and the Austin girls. I had to work after school cleaning out the stables and usually didn't have time to do my homework. The teacher used to give me the strap on the hands or around the legs for not doing my homework. I used to rub pine tree resin into my hands on the way to school. This stopped the strap hurting as much.

We used to play marbles and we had cigarette cards.

Viv. Berryman ***Student 1917 - 1924***

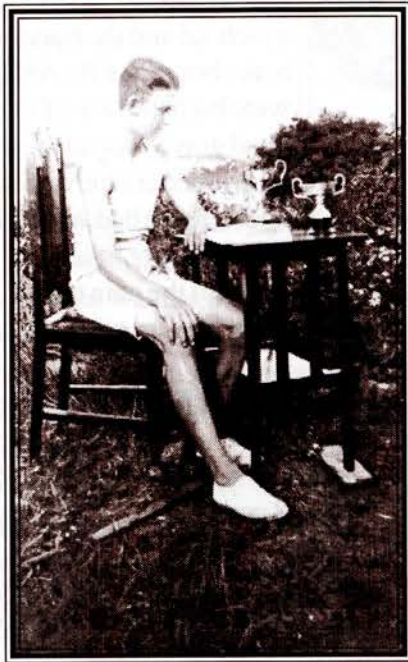
Memories, memories, memories...

I started school in 1923 at the age of 6. Torquay State School only had one teacher and we sat in desks. There was an open fire for heating. I lived out on the Anglesea Road and we used to ride a horse to school. I used to hop up behind my brother. We used to bring our lunch to school and eat it in the shelter shed. We used to play basketball and rounders and we would play hopscotch on the bitumen. We used to have Religious Instruction and I remember that there was one Catholic girl who would go outside into the shelter shed while it was on. I remember that Murray Hunter was a very fast runner and used to win athletic sports against other schools.

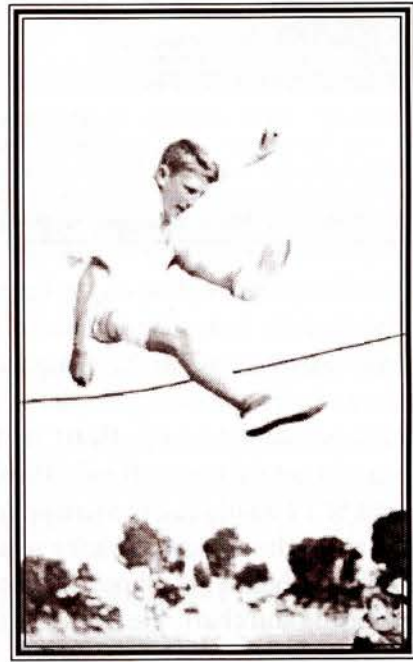
Later on, I worked at the school as a sewing mistress. Mr. McGregor was the teacher and I used to work every afternoon for two hours. I would teach Grades 1 and 2. One of my jobs was to sweep the school.

Florence Rice (Charles)

Student 1923 - 1930 and later as Sewing Mistress



“Keith Pargeter-Sports Trophies 1933.”



“Keith Pargeter-Winning the High Jump at School Sports 1933.”

I believe that my late father Mr W. Rice was the person who went to quite a deal of trouble to establish the school in Torquay in it's present location in that he created enthusiasm for a school to be built. He managed to find the time to take around the petition and to also make representation to Mr A Payne to sell the land to the Education Department at a reasonable price.

When the school was built, he provided his services, his horses and implements to establish the plantation of trees around the school and also served on the School Committee.

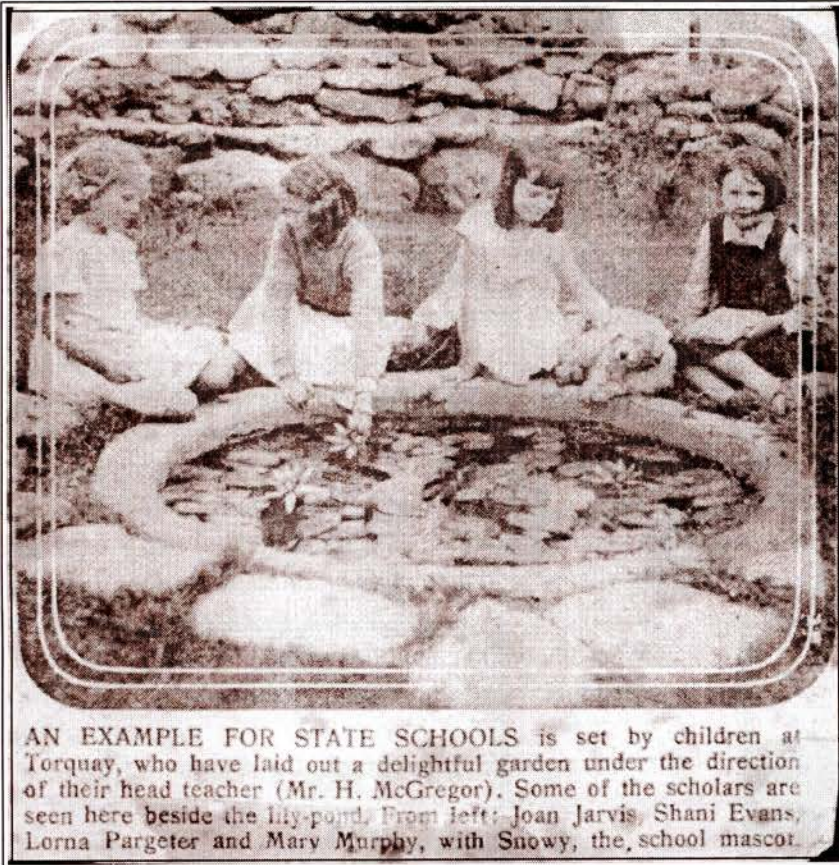
He was very proud of the fact that the school presented a good appearance and I can still remember how happy he would feel after the working bees.

J. A. Rice

Student - 1923

Portion of letter to Headmaster Mr. Bulol, dated 3rd July, 1966-71

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AN EXAMPLE FOR STATE SCHOOLS is set by children at Torquay, who have laid out a delightful garden under the direction of their head teacher (Mr. H. McGregor). Some of the scholars are seen here beside the lily-pond. From left: Joan Jarvis, Shani Evans, Lorna Pargeter and Mary Murphy, with Suowy, the school mascot.

I started school at Torquay in 1933. It was a one room school with an open fire for heating. We sat in desks. There were about 22 kids in the whole school.

Some kids I remember were Joan Jarvis, Sharni Evans, Mary Murphy, and Pat Austin. Harold McGregor was the teacher all the time I was at the school.

We lived at Roseneath which is now called Citius Park, opposite the Southern Rose. I used to ride a horse to school, but for the first twelve months, I used to ride double with my brother, Keith.

One day in winter, we were riding to school and the horse shied down at the bottom of the hill and we were both thrown off in the gravel.

I had gravel rash all down the side of my face and on my hands and knees. Keith had similar injuries.

When we got to school, we were

late. Mr. McGregor put iodine on my face and made me scream. I can still feel the pain today. Later, he gave me the strap for being late and Keith was so angry about this that, when his turn came, he caught the strap and the two of them, Mr. McGregor and Keith had a tug of war.

Another time when I was riding to school, the horse stumbled and fell on top of me. My legs were pinned and the horse would not get up. Bob Charles, who was the green keeper at the Golf Club (old course), rushed over and got the horse off me. The Charles' were a lovely family who lived in Torquay Rd. (south of Anderson St.) I would call in there on my way home from school and get a warm cup of cocoa in winter time and a glass of lemon barley water in summer time.

My father built a shed at the school in the north/west corner of the school ground near Bristol Rd. to hold the saddle, bridle and chaff. He fenced off the end of the school ground (where the oval is today), as a paddock for the horse.

Lorna Bogan (Pargeter) **Student 1933**

I started school in 1935 when Torquay was a one room school. Mr. McGregor was the Principal and Floss Rice was the Sewing Mistress. My mother took me to school on the first day. I was in Prep for only a couple of months and then I was put into Grade 1. I think there were five children in my grade, June Newell, Nola Humphries, Lorraine Gogoll, Peter Austin and I.

In the war years, about 1940, there was a big cavalry camp at Grasstree Hill and kids came to the school from there.

We used books and pencils to start with and in Grade 3 we went into desks with ink wells. There were only about twenty kids in the whole school with three kids in Grade 8. I used to go home for lunch. Some kids had custard at lunchtime. I was envious because I had to have more nutritious lunches. I don't know how we fitted all the war kids into the school. One family were the Govens, their father was a major. Mr. Baines was a very strict teacher. I was scared of him but I learnt a lot.

Marjorie Howes (Hunter) **Student in 1935**

Memories, memories, memories...

I started school in 1942. It was one big room. The fireplace was in the middle. We had one teacher and a Sewing Mistress called Miss McDonald. I remember wagging school one day to go riding with a riding school. Would you believe that we rode past the school and I was spotted. I really got hauled over the coals for that.

We weren't allowed to chew chewing gum in school and I had some and I had seen the boys put it behind their ear. I tried this but unfortunately, I had long hair. Mum had to cut the gum out of my hair. She wasn't pleased.

I remember the Jarvis boys, Don and Ian were at school and the Berrymans, (different family), Stan, Harold and Gordon.

When the English migrants came to school, the different way they played games was an eye opener and their sayings were quite different. They made quite a change to the school. Swearing was absolutely not allowed at school. The Head Teacher would get some soap and wash your mouth out. It stopped us swearing.

Nola Berryman
Student 1942 –

During World War 2, my family decided to move to Torquay for the duration. All the grades were in one room in the Torquay School from the youngest children to the "big kids". Mr Bain was the Head Teacher and Miss Charles was the Sewing Mistress. I was presented with a book prize in 1942 – "Sinbad the Sailor and His Adventures".

I remember the Mosquito bombers used to fly low over Point Danger and the Mustangs used to fly and blast the cliffs at Half Moon Bay (now Bell's Beach?)

School holidays used to be great. I would go down to Point Danger and wait for the Mosquito bombers to fly low over the water. We would wave to the pilot and navigator and then I would head up to the Air Raid Warden's Hut where we would find Mr Wetterhall or Artie Rosser searching the skies with binoculars, looking for enemy aircraft.

I remember seeing forty or fifty army tanks parked under the trees along the creek near the camping ground. I took a photo of them and had the film seized. I got into big trouble.

One night after school, Lenny Bent and I were up in Grossman's Road and we saw ships coming out of the Heads. We counted thirty-nine ships that formed up two or three abreast and sailed in convoy.

Down at the Front Beach, I saw army trucks pull up and all these men in burgundy overalls with a big "P" on their backs got out. They were Italian P.O.W.'s who helped build the retaining wall.

I remember the opening of the Torquay Public Hall, the whole school was there. The Premier opened the Hall and shook hands with all the kids. He came to me and said, "What is your name?"

I replied in a frightened voice – "Bobby Robert George Molyneaux".

He laughed and walked off.

Bob Molyneaux
Student 1942-1943

Memories, memories, memories...

I was born in 1938 and started school in 1943. There were 27 children in the School. Floss Rice was my teacher in Prep. We had one room and each grade had a row of desks. The school went to Grade 7. It was a two teacher school with the Head Teacher taking Grades 4 to 7. I can remember drying my socks in front of the fire because we'd walk in the puddles on the way to school. There was ice on the puddles in wintertime and we would try to stand on it with the inevitable results.

I think Ken Wright and Frank Cox were Head Teachers while I was there. We used to eat our lunch at school in the shelter shed. We used to drink from a water fountain outside the toilets. Some of the children I remember were Ivan Voss, Allan Baensch, Joan Baensch, Ian and Don Jarvis, Faye Tuck and Lorraine Gogoll. The school ground was much bigger then and we weren't allowed near a waterhole on the Boston Road side of the school ground. However, it was such a good place to play hide and seek that we often went there.

During the war, trenches were dug on the western side of the school. We had drills and we would be marched out into the trenches. I can remember standing out on our veranda in Munday Street and watching the tracer bullets flying. There were trenches all through the sand hills as far as Zeally Bay and in front of Taylor Park. There was barb wire along the beaches from here to Breamlea.

My father was a professional fisherman and I was in a play once at school where I was dressed up as a fisherman. Dad made me some fish out of leather which were painted silver. My father would drag his boat up from the front beach all the way to the corner of Munday and Price Streets. He used wooden rollers and planks. It was a great effort.

I planted trees on Arbor Day on the Boston Road side of the school.

I remember we had egg collections for the hospital. We had a competition to see who could collect the most eggs. We went around with a billy cart and it was full of eggs.

Colin Smith
Student 1943 -



**“Torquay Primary Students
with Sports Shield, 1933.”**

Memories, memories, memories...

In front of the school was the big white flag pole around where we assembled each Monday morning when the flag was raised and we sang "God save the Queen". Unfortunately the small swinging front gate opened right onto this assembly area, so anyone arriving late was scowled at by the headmaster.

The school building had a small entrance porch with pegs on which to hang your coats and school bags. The main school room was divided in half by a hessian curtain – not the most soundproof of divisions! The senior classes – grades four to eight were on one side, with prep to grade three on the other. Later we were lucky to have a new, glass and metal room added which was used as a library; this was linked to the original building by a passageway from the front porch.

Mr Wright was the headmaster when I first went to school in 1948 and he took the older grades, whilst Miss Featherston took the younger classes. In total there were about 44 students at the school. As was customary, Mr Wright kept order amongst students, with the occasional assistance of a leather strap kept in his drawer. This all seemed reasonable to us and we accepted that anyone getting the strap deserved it. After completing grade 6, most children left to go to secondary schools in Geelong. However, some continued on in grade 7 and 8, then left school to go to work.

At the end of the day, Mr Wright put on his coat and hat, picked up his gladstone bag and walked down past the Post Office and Troy's store, to his house in Gilbert Street – which was about in the middle of the present supermarket car park. Miss Featherston however, did things differently. She put on her jacket and gloves, started up her motor scooter and rode it back to her home in Geelong.

Attending Torquay Primary School was fun, and a very special part of my education.

Arthur Reed *Student 1948 – 1950*

I started at Torquay Primary School after the May holidays in 1950. I taught Grades Prep. to Grade 4. Some of the children I remember were Laurie Polwarth, John Pemberton, Laurie Voss, Heather Pettit, and Joan Reed.

The original building had a fireplace towards the northern end. Rex Broben was the Head Teacher and taught down one end while I taught at the other. We had a hessian curtain in between.

The school had very few local children but was bursting with displaced people, mainly Dutch and Polish. We had 85 children between us and many of the kids were war traumatized and didn't have language. They had all sorts of accents. I particularly remember a child called Ian Clutterbuck who had a very broad accent.

About mid term, the Education Department decided to build a storeroom on the north side of the School. We went into temporary accommodation at Hughes Kiosk (now Micha's restaurant). As it was a mild winter, I used to take my class to the beach quite often.

Pat Briody (Garner) *Teacher 1950*

Memories, memories, memories...

When I started school in 1956, I think and my teacher was Miss McGrowther. There were three rooms in the School and I was in a Prep/1 in the front part of the double room. There was a portable (today's computer room). Miss McGrowther used to line us up along the floorboards. She had a leather strap and no toe was to be over that board. She used to pick out certain children for inspection. This meant that you had to stand on a chair while she checked your ears for dirt and your hair for lice. She had a cane to make sure you did what you were told.

We used to have free milk at recess time. It came in third of a pint bottles and the milkman would leave the crate outside in the sun. We used to use infant sticks to poke holes in the foil caps.

George Broben was the Principal when I started. Mr. O'Donnell used to teach us $9 + 5 = 14$, $5 + 9 = 14$. He told us that he would come up to us in the street in twenty years and look out if we didn't know it.

Mr. Robinson used to come around and show films every few weeks. We did Health from a radio broadcast for 15 minutes and we had the A.B.C. Music broadcasts.

Marching was a very big deal when I was at school. Mr. Formosa taught us marching. We had marks painted out on the quadrangle and we would march into school either to records or Bruce Beecham playing the drum. Marching was even an event at the Combined Athletic Sports. Kevin and Kath Soulsby were visiting teachers who taught Physical Education. I had Mr. Higgins for a teacher in Grade 3/4 and Mr. H.G. Osborne in Grade 5/6.

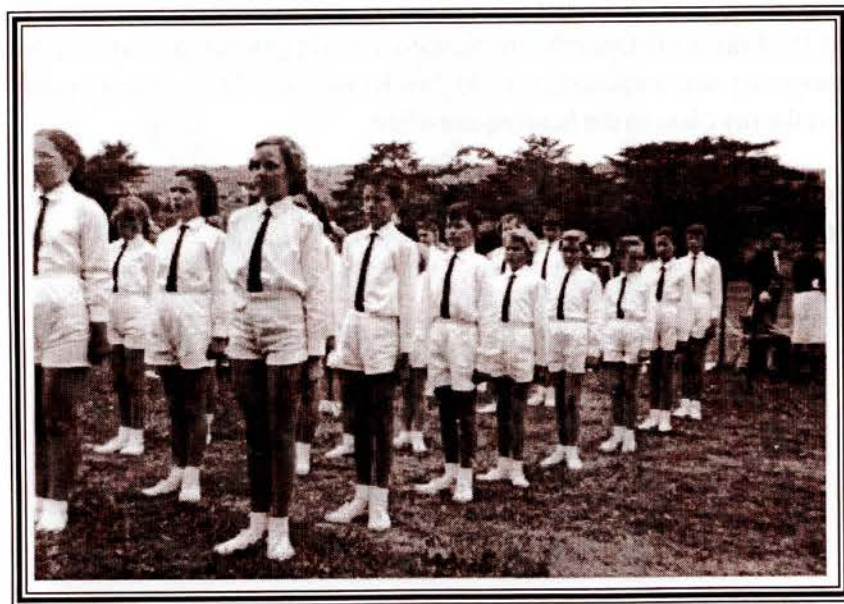
I remember that Barwon Heads was one of the Schools that we competed against in the Athletic Sports. I remember this because at secondary school I met one of the girls who beat me in the High Jump and she came from Barwon Heads. We used to make lots of cubbies under the cypress trees and in the scrub. We would make tracks and passages through the needles. Games we played were YoYos, Jacks, Hoppy, Swap Cards and Pussy In the Corner in the sheltershed.

I came back to Torquay as a teacher in 1972. I taught for the last term of that year. I was teaching Grade 5 and my twin brothers were in my grade. My sister was in Grade 6 and her teacher was Leslie Moodie.

One of the weirdest things I had to do was to have a Parent-Teacher Interview with my Mum. I left Torquay and went to teach at Oberon.

Meg French (Cairney)

Student 1956 – 1962 and Teacher 1972



“Marching Team, 1962”

Memories, memories, memories...

I was born in 1948 and started school at Torquay in 1953. The school was a long building with the Nissan hut (now the computer room) alongside. I remember a double classroom with big cupboards on the back wall and shiny blackboards and sloping floors. We used slates at one stage but mainly we sat in desks and used pen and ink. We had outside toilets.

I remember Mr. Formosa being a teacher and my third grade teacher was a Miss McGrowther. We used to play Bristol Bulldog and Hoppo-Bumpo a lot in the yard.

The Queen's Visit in 1954 was a big event for me. We were bused into Geelong and sat on the pavement in Yarra St., down from St. Mary's. I don't remember much about the Queen but it was my first time in a bus and I was really impressed by my first cut lunch ever.

I used to go home for lunch except for Monday's as there was no fresh bread. On Mondays we used to buy pies at the Shell Service Station in Bristol Road.

The Headmaster once gave me the strap for tormenting another child.

Rex Broben (Principal) was a very good footballer and he had a good running team.

I was a good runner and won at the Combined School Sports between Torquay, Grovedale, Glastonbury Orphanage and Barwon Heads. Bill McCann was also a runner.

I remember envying the Catholic kids at the school because they would get free play while we had Religious Instruction.

We had a Christmas Concert every year and everybody in the town came. The Hall was packed out. We had Santa Claus and we kids got a Dixie ice cream, a bag of lollies and a balloon. Fred Baensch always supplied the tree and it stood up in Ben Dunstan's nail tin. There was cordial, cake and sandwiches for the kids for supper. The kids always put on a concert. They would sing, dance and put on skits. I was in a gymnastic display where we wore 'Chesty Bond' singlets and we made a pyramid. Keith Davidson was Santa Claus and Santa would never come in the same way twice. He came in on a penny farthing once. I remember one funny incident where two people making up a horse, I think John Irwin was the back. The horse fell in two while they were going up the stairs.

I left Torquay School after Grade 5 and went to Geelong College on a scholarship.

Neil Davis

Student 1953 - 1958

I came to live in Torquay and inquired if they had any part time work at the School. I was told I could have a full time job as long as I could start on Tuesday.

I started and taught at Torquay from 1960 to 1968. I had a Grade 2, which was a really big class and Mrs. Weibe was the Infant Mistress. The School building was long and thin. I think there were three men on the staff and three women. Mr. Osborne was a Principal during my years at Torquay.

Berenice Scullin

Teacher 1960 - 1968



"Grade 2, 1963"

Memories, memories, memories...

Torquay Primary School was a fantastic school. It was small and we all knew each other. The school building consisted of the current art room which was a classroom, the current staff room and offices which were also classrooms and the current technology center which was the office and staff room.

The playground was huge because there were not many buildings. There were enormous cypress trees that were so big that we used to hide in the forks of the branches.

We would play "Off-ground Tiggy" on the low branches of the trees. We played on the monkey bars that were near the current teachers car park.

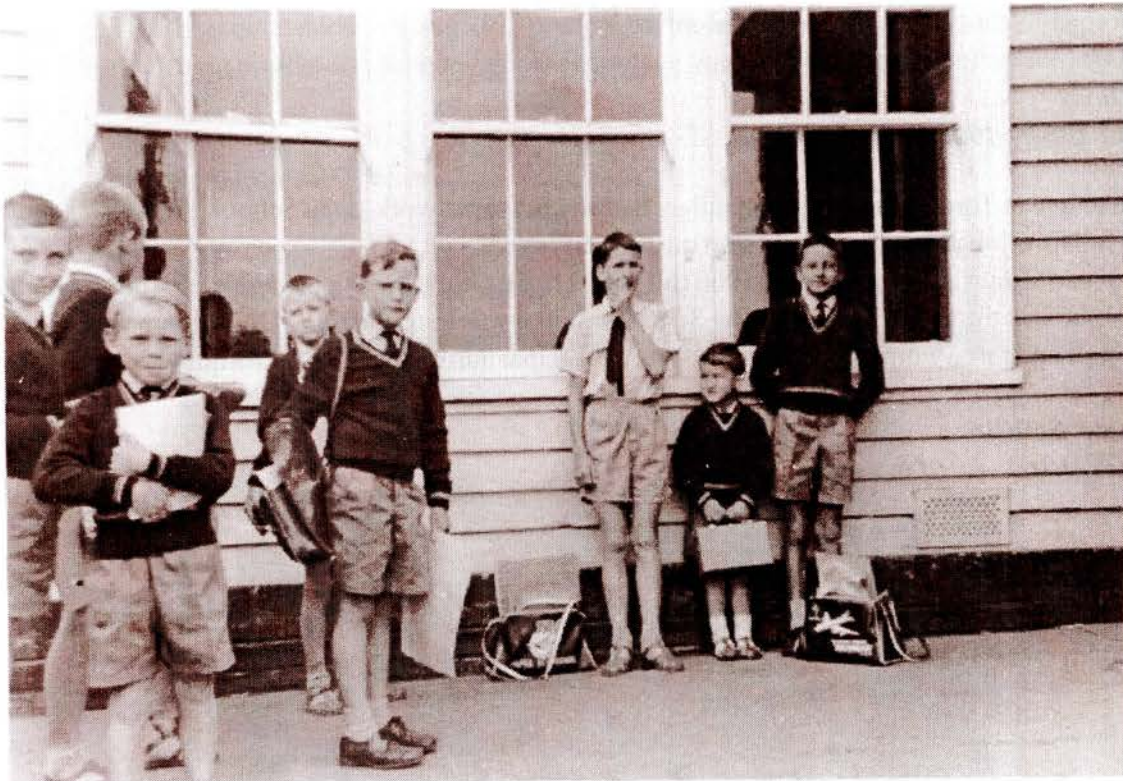
At lunch and play lunch we would eat on the ground near the monkey bars. I always had vegemite or jam sandwiches and we had milk in small glass bottles every day. Once a week I had a lunch order which was made up in the staff room. I always had a pie with sauce.

My favorite teacher in Grade 4 was Mr Kingston. He was strict but fair. He lived locally. He walked like John Wayne and had the same aura.

My favorite subject was sport.

All the children either walked or rode bikes to and from school. No-one was ever dropped off in a car. On the way home from school we would ride to Taylor Park and play "Commando's".

Grayme "Gally" Galbraith
Student from 1961 – 1968



"Mike, Barry & Kim Potter, 1961."

Memories, memories, memories...

In 1961 I started at Torquay Primary School in Grade 2. There were just over 90 pupils, which was a huge contrast from the school of 1,000 I had been going to in Melbourne. My new classroom was part of the original building, which is now the Art Room. The original building had been divided into two classrooms. Grades 2 & 3 shared one room and Grades 4 & 5 the other. The rooms had high ceilings and the windows had French window panes, a fire place in the corner and a large blackboard. The rooms were freezing in the winter. The school buildings were all painted Government Green. Mr Higgins was the teacher.

I would ride to school each morning with John and Joanne Pawson and Colin Papworth and Greg Galbraith. When we arrived at school we would leave our bikes in the bike racks at the back of the grounds. Another advantage that I looked forward to was being able to go home for lunch. Colin would often come along and buy his lunch at "Bottrell's". For two shillings you could buy a pie with sauce and a cake.

In Grade 3 & 4 my teacher was a little fat bald man named Mr Formosa. He spoke with a heavy accent, perhaps Northern European, and smoked cigars during class! Everyone was scared of Mr Formosa. He was very strict. My best friend was Jennifer Wilson. We always sat together. We sat in little wooden desks with inkwells as we used nib pens to write with. Colin and Greg sat behind us. Colin was ALWAYS in trouble. One thing he would be in trouble for was dipping our hair in the inkwells. Every morning Mr. Nairn delivered milk to the school. It would sit outside under the pine trees until morning recess, sometimes going "off" in summer. It was compulsory to drink it, as it was supplied by the Government to all Australian schools. Not everyone liked milk. We would drink it out of the little bottle through flavoured straws available at that time. We were spoiled sometimes in winter – we could have hot cocoa.

We had a Sports Day each year. There were two Houses – Red & Blue. We also participated in a combined Sports Day each year at Queen's Park, against such schools as Anglesea, Barwon Heads, Grovedale and Glastonbury Orphanage.

Every summer we all travelled into Geelong on the bus to have swimming lessons at Eastern Beach. Most started off in the round wading pool, progressing to the larger pool within the promenade. After we had dried and dressed, we were allowed to buy something from the Kiosk to have on the bus trip back to school.

In Grade 5 my teacher was Mr Kingston. Bennett Dunstan and I were Grade 5 Prefects. I would have to say that during my entire school life Mr Kingston would have been the best teacher I had. I remember him with a great deal of respect and fondness. NO-ONE left his class without being an expert at the Times Tables and Tunnel Ball!!

Towards the end of each year, everyone would start practicing for the Christmas Concert, held in the old Hall in Price Street. Everyone participated and all the parents came along to watch.

Yvonne Thomas
Student, 1961-1965

Memories, memories, memories...

I transferred to Torquay as a Class 4 teacher in 1964, from Freshwater Creek. My first grade was a Grade 3/4, a big grade of over forty children.

A lot of English migrants came and stayed in accommodation over the winter because of the cheap rent. Harold Osborne was the Head Teacher and he had come from Portarlington. He taught Grade 5/6. In 1966, I taught a Grade 5/6 and finished up teaching Grade 6. I went through four Principals, Harold Osborne, Howard Bull, Matt Myers and Howard Caldicott.

I think that the best kid I taught at Torquay was a boy by the name of Chris Wood, who lived out along the road towards Bellbrae. There was about 200 kids at the School at the time. Mrs. Weibe was the Infant Mistress and taught Grade 2.

She was teaching spelling one day and the word 'barrel' came up. "Do you know what a barrel is.?" said Mrs. Weibe. "Sure," said one child, "That's where Mum and Dad go on Sundays." We had a good laugh about that one.

We didn't have athletic sports but we played football against Grovedale. We didn't have trips or excursions as things were tight. Our first portable classroom came about 1968. Peter Radcliffe was the teacher in there.

Howard Caldicott was the first non-teaching Principal. We had about 8 teachers at the time although there were only five when I started. The numbers of children grew steadily in my time. In about 1966 or 67 they re-modelled the school and put in a room and an office at the top of the stairs. They also put in a better staff room. In that time most of the social activity in Torquay revolved around the Improvement Association Hall and the tennis courts that were behind it.

Tom Kingston
Teacher 1964 -



"Grade 3 & 4, 1964"

Memories, memories, memories...

I was dropped off at the front gate in Bristol Road, would wave goodbye to mum and sisters in the car, pick up my school bag and walk up to my grandparents house in Charles Lane! Even at the age of 5, I decided school wasn't for me! This happened on a regular basis unless I was escorted by Mum into the classroom and became "trapped" by my teacher.

The school rooms were all contained in a single building. Prep, grades 1 & 2 in the "bottom" end (closest to Bristol Road) and Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 in the "top" section which was up 3 or 4 steps. The school office was located at the top end of the building. There were around 240 students attending the school. I had been at the school for about 4 years when the first portable arrived. This was an extra classroom.

Every Monday morning at 9:00am we all assembled preps at the front, Grade 1 behind them ranging back to Grade 6 at the back, all facing the flag pole with the Australian flag at the top flapping in the breeze.

Yes! It was our weekly assembly.

There we would all sing the National Anthem – "God Save Our Queen" while Mr Caldicott conducted the school from under the flag! Following this was the pledge recited by all the students "We will obey our parents, teachers and the Law".

In Grade 3 there was the weekly ABC program for schools "Lets Join In", a program of songs stories and writing.

I was in Grade 5 when Torquay Primary School got it's first school uniform – a yellow T-shirt with:

"Torquay
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School"

screen printed on the front. The screen printing was done at school.

Grade 6 was next to the office. We all knew when a working paper or newsletter was being printed – it was done on the duplicating machine and we could smell the alcohol used in the machine.

Michael Reed

Student 1968 – 1974

I started in Prep in 1973 or 1974. Neil Edgar was the Principal and my teacher in Grades 4 and 6 was Leslie Moodie. I liked her. Ron Roach was my teacher in Grade 5. Recently, Mark Coleman, my brother Dale and I were talking about an old emergency teacher called Tom Kingston who used to make you recite your tables as a punishment. We had a good laugh. I remember playing cricket for Torquay Primary School. I was the wicketkeeper. We had a good team with guys like Robbie Scott, Greg. Virgona, and Darren Barnett. We could always beat Anglesea.

Matt Loader

Student 1973 –

Memories, memories, memories...

I came to Torquay Primary School as a Class 3 teacher to teach grade 2 in 1973, from Penders Grove Primary School in Melbourne. Howard Caldicott was the Principal at that time.

Some of the kids in my grade 2 were Jack Skelton, John van den Dungen, Frances Fitzgerald, Martin Reid, Julie Sandham, Belinda Voss, Troy Garner, Vicki Reed. There were about 200 kids at the school and there was basically one of each grade. Some of the teachers were Brian Scott, Glenys Gudgeon, and Geoff Milne. Lorna Buckley was the Infant Mistress.

I remember walking into the local real estate agent in 1972 with my '67 Falcon station wagon outside with surfboards on the roof and hair down to my shoulders. I wanted to rent a house. He said he didn't have any available but when I told him that I was going to be teaching at the school the following year, he found a list of renters for me very quickly.

We eventually lived in the school residence and I think it was \$7 a week - a lot less than other rents. Sports Days were a big affair with Brian Scott organizing them. The houses were Red, Blue, Green and Gold.

My classroom was the current computer room and Grade 4 was where the staff room is situated today.

Classes went from Prep. at the Bristol Rd. end of the school (which was the front) to the larger grades at the back along the corridor. I think there was one portable class room which was Grade 6.

There were no specialist teachers and each grade teacher did everything themselves. Later that year I bought my first house in Jan Juc for about \$12,000.

Rob Smith

Teacher 1973 - 2000

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“Surf Board Advertisement, 1976”

Memories, memories, memories...

I was appointed Deputy Principal at Torquay Primary School in 1980. We had young children and we were looking for a nice place to bring them up outside of Melbourne. We moved to Torquay and never regretted the move. Neil Edgar was the Principal and the school was a run down old place. I taught a Grade 5/6 in what is the Reading Room today. The Canteen in those days opened up into that room so I had the delightful job of supervising Canteen queues as well as teaching. It was a really good grade with top kids such as Tracy Ruffin, Kerry Galbraith and Gary Voss.

The most impressive thing I remember about 1980 was the great Parents & Citizens Association we had. They were the best money raising organisation that I have ever seen and started the School on a path from being run down, to the great school it is today. The P.& C. changed the School Fete to Easter and made it into a major fund raiser, started the Sunday Market and had a major fund raiser every month. The School was a social centre for the community and a lot of money was raised. The fund raisers were capably led by Trish Frost who was just amazing. She had great support from Julie Morgan and Chris Benson and others too numerous to mention. We lost quite a few of our fund raisers when the catholic school started but the P&C was still great.

We had a great staff but there were only sixteen teachers, not like the huge staff of today. Some teachers I remember were John Olsen, Pam Kinsman, Graham Bayles, Neal Turnbull, Marg. Tindal, Val Crabbe, Ron Roach, Grant Rau, Wendy Smart and Pat Carrol who ran the school from the Office.

I was sad to leave in 1982 but a shake up in the Education Department meant that all the senior staff left in the one year. Neil Edgar went to Tate St. Geelong as Principal, I went to Anglesea as Principal, Neal Turnbull went to Bellbrae as Principal, John Olsen went to Colac, and Graham Bayles went to Geelong as a Maths Consultant.

We never got to see the products of our hard work as the School was upgraded at the end of 1982 for the start of the 1983 school year.

I returned to Torquay as Deputy Principal in 1987 and taught there until I retired in 1994.

Spencer Leighton

Deputy Principal 1980 - 1982 & 1987 - 1994



Teachers pondering the future - April 1984

L to R: Grant Rau, Ron Roach and John Wise

Memories, memories, memories...

I arrived at Torquay Primary School in 1982. I came from Dean Primary School which was much smaller than Torquay. I remember that they had just built the Rip Curl building and it was the only building on that side of the road. It was a single highway then and we would ride our bikes up to the surf shops to get free stickers. Val Crabbe was my teacher in Grade 5. Neil Edgar was the Principal, Lynne Raidme was the Librarian.

At the end of Grade 5 they completely rebuilt the school with portables around the courtyard. I remember planting trees around the courtyard. We started in the new school in 1983, Trevor Oakley was the Principal. I was elected as Red House Captain in Grade 6. Robyn Spring was my teacher. The school was really big to me but it was a very friendly place. I graduated from Torquay and went to Sacred Heart.

I started teaching at Torquay Primary School in 1997. It was my first school. I worked as an emergency teacher after I graduated from Deakin University and I pestered Graham Hughes (Principal) for a job at Torquay and he finally gave me one. I did two one year contracts and then a three year contract before getting an on-going position. I taught Grade 1/2 in my first year. Some children I taught were Maile Maine, Andrew Bramham, Ryan Turner, and Sarah Morris. I was in the room that is Room 11 now. Janine McCullough was the team leader. The School was large, headed for 600 kids. I found the hallway was so much smaller than how I remembered it as a child. It was strange having to call teachers who were at the school when I was a pupil, by their first names. Wendy Smart and John Wise were two of these. Staff meetings were quite intimidating. A lot of parents said, "Are you a local girl?" and I felt as if I had never moved. The teaching teams were one of the big differences I noticed when I returned as a teacher.

Jo Loader (Barrett)

Student 1982 - & Teacher 1997 - 2000



"Mary Hunter outside School prior to upgrade in 1982."

Memories, memories, memories...

Hi, my name is Stephanie Reed and I am in year 6 at Torquay Primary School.

I started off my school years in 1994 in Prep M with Ms McCullough. The prep classrooms are now being called by numbers, but when I was in Prep, we had Prep M, Prep S and some others that I can't remember. At the time, Mr Hughes was our principal and there were about 500 children at the school. As the years go by the school just gets bigger and bigger and now there is over 650 children. We have to move schools to a new one next year because we are getting a bit crowded.

I am in year 6 and I am Vice Captain of Torquay Primary School and my teacher is Mr Barry and the current principal is Mrs Kinsman.

I have been involved in many activities over the last few years such as camps and school excursions. So far, I have been on 3 school camps. My most favorite school camp would be the trip last year to Swan Hill.

At school my friends and I like to go to the library and also the computer rooms at lunch times and if they aren't open we normally just walk around talking.

I have been involved with many school sports while I have been at school but mainly in the senior school when we go out and play other schools. I am mainly involved with netball because I enjoy playing the sport. But I have also been involved with volley star (which is very similar to volleyball) bat tennis and many, many more.

Now that I am in year 6, I have to have a "buddy". Having a buddy is when a year 6 student asks a prep student if they would like to be their buddy and if the prep says "yes", then the person in grade 6 has to look after them. Every Friday the year 6's meet their buddy's out in the prep courtyard and we all have lunch together.

There has been many crazes going around the school such as marbles, crazy bones, knuckle heads, yo yo's, swap cards and many more. Every year our school have a Book Week Dress Up day where we all dress up as a book character and we have a big parade. It is a lot of fun.

Stephanie Reed SN26

Year 6 (Age 11)

Student 1994 - 2000



3rd Row L-R Kristen Turner Tyler Slaven Jake Johnson Sarah Bach Emily Dawes Daniel Robinson Sarah Boak
2nd Row L-R Daniel Barber Jessica Byrne Nathan Loete Jesse Moss Rowan Wild Daniel Hunt Meg Rawley
Front Row L-R Samantha Lyons Louise Eman Alison Marsh Thomas Buckland Stephanie Reed Natalee Zaval
Absent Dylan Connell Laurie Hamshire Zachary Wakefield

TEACHER Mr N Barry

SN 3

PRINCIPAL Pam Kinsman

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“ Class SN3, 1999”

Memories, memories, memories...

I started school at Torquay Primary School in 1998. My teacher in prep was Ms. McCullough and she was funny.

Now I am in grade 2 and my teacher's names are Mrs Norquay and Mrs Browne. My favorite sport is basketball. I like doing maths; it is a lot of fun. I like computer with Mr Young, and art with Mrs Young.

My best friends are Robert and Cal. Our favourite game is basketball and we also like marbles and "crazy bones".

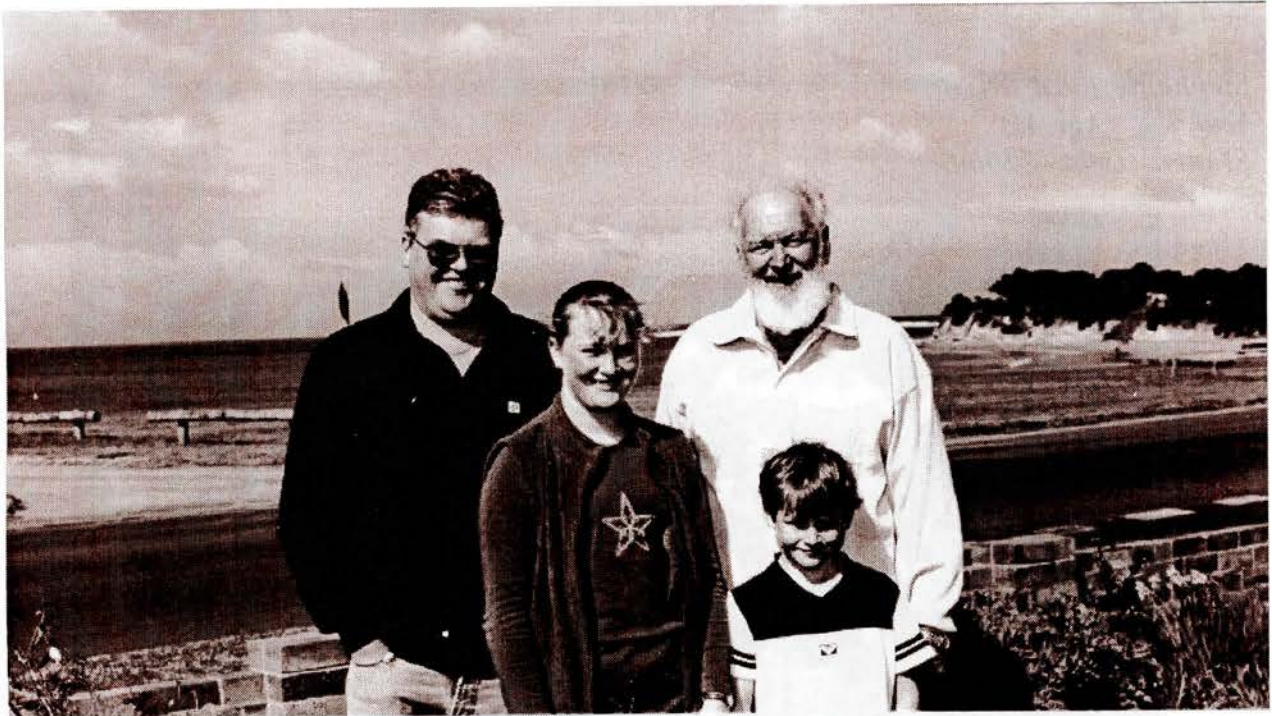
Sometimes we go on really fun excursions. Last week we went to "Narana" where we learnt all about aboriginal people and we went boomerang throwing and food tasting. We tried kangaroo sausages and damper and they were very nice.

Torquay Primary School is very big and fun.

Ryan Reed

J19 (Age 8)

Student 1998



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L-R

Michael Reed (1968 - 1974) Stephanie Reed (1994 - 2000) Ryan Reed (1998 -) Arthur Reed (1948 - 1950)

THREE GENERATIONS
AT

TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2000

PRINCIPAL Mrs Pam Kinsman



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“Torquay Primary School Prefects, 1963.”

SCHOOL CAPTAINS - FROM 1983 TO 2000

<u>Year</u>	<u>School Captain</u>	<u>School Captain</u>
1983	Tammy Muncey	Jason Lee
1984	Pauline Iacono	Damien Wise
1985	Kylie Dennehy	Cameron Bayles
1986	Kate Booth	Carl Finlay
1987	Rachael Leighton	Greg Mead
1988	Kristine Peck	Beau Emmett
1989	Irene Kelly	David Gittings
1990	Sophie Miller	Scott Bankin
1991	Lisa Wise	Dane O'Shanassy
1992	Alana Brooks	Scott Randall
1993	Kate Lakey	Ben Dendle
1994	Ellen Napper	Nick Denson
1995	Gemma Anderson	Michael Stanley
1996	Jess Davis	Kevin Beaumont
1997	Karla Leete	Jordan Symes
1998	Abbey Jacobsen	William Hodgart
1999	Hannah Millar	Ben Raidme
2000	Charlotte Curnow	Tom Aldridge

HOUSE CAPTAINS FROM 1983 TO 2000

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HOUSE CAPTAINS</u>
1983	Joanne Barrett, Mandy Judd, Tammy Muncey, Yasmin Horsham, Philip Loader, Jason Lee, Stephen Bell, Cameron Baranski.
1984	Joan Mead, Paula Benson, Tamsin Pemberton, Fleur Thomson, Chris Barrett, Jeremy Pettiford, Aaron Muncey, Justin Baker
1985	Sally Hughes, Cathy Darby, Karly Day, Sarah Thomson, Greg Carroll, Cameron Bayles, Nathan Edwards, Cameron Grebe.
1986	Carolyn Scott, Carlie Rose, Cindy Charlton, Amanda Boucher, Dru Morgan, John Robertson, Andrew Lathouras, Carl Finlay.
1987	Toni Barrett, Renae Dixon, Amber Jones, Chelsea Jones, Craig Garrard, Matthew Bayles, Ben Koop, Dominic Rudd.
1988	Kristy Lemin, Emma Arnott, Justine Cornish, Ylonda Marks, Nigel Browning, Kent Arthur, Damian Smith, Marcus Boocock.
1989	Kayla Perry, Kristy Law, Belinda Haebich, Irene Kelly, Joshua Armistead, Colin Elburn, Kain Dandy, Che McCallum.
1990	Brooke Grayling, Nicole Darby, Sophie Miller, Julia Smith Matthew Drape, Glen O'Shannessy, Chris Czerny, Andrew Shaw
1991	Laura Potter, Hayley Galbraith, Emily Hayden, Lisa Wise, Chris Collins, Cabe Ayton, Dane O'Shanassy, Campbell Young
1992	Carly Nairn, Melissa Coombs, Alana Brooks, Zoe Cairns, Luke Watson, Marcus Noye, Simon Rogers, Cameron Shepherd.
1993	Brooke Nairn, Sally Higgins, Kate Czerny, Arianna Baker, Kit Wilson, Marlon Law, Randall Hill, Matthew Lumley.
1994	Leah Nairn, Abby Wall, Ellen Napper, Mahoney Rogers, Jai Taylor, Greg Jordan, Nick Denson, Mark Wise.
1995	Gemma Anderson, Anna Gilham, Emily Armstrong, Alison Shaw, Shane O'Connor, Justin Mills, Alan Johnson, James Wilson.
1996	Alice Wilson, Prudence Delves, Jess Davis, Georgia Bowen, Tom Grayling, Matthew Torney, Jackson Perry, Zane Henry.
1997	Grace Gorman, Zoe Lewis, Karla Leete, Kierlie Shepherd, Paula Bleazby, Clinton Bamford, Josh Blair, Kaz Walsh.
1998	Brianna Loughery, Abbey Jacobsen, Alex Sedger, Alexandra Campbell, Matthew Brown, Tyson Mahon, Dylan Saunders, Alan Bladen.
1999	Charlotte Riggs, Georgia Torney, Courtney Anthony, Steph Wilson, Zac Riggs, Mitch Montgomery, Morgan Hunt, Matt Wilson.
2000	Georgie Gorman, Courtney Mahon, Arlee Saunders, Emma Borg, Daniel Barber, Travis Boak, Robbie Gibson, Cahill Bell-Warren.

TORQUAY PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF, 2000



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4th Row L-R	Chicky Boak	Marian Browne	Jim Riechini	Janeen McCullough	Stephen Barry	Josh Syms	Mick Timberlake
3rd Row L-R	Peter Raidme	Ben Reid	Marianne McLennan	Jonelle White	David Pace	Karen Sewell	Sarah Gmyr
2nd Row L-R	Liz McConchie	Lydia Hill	Nicole Wearne	Renee Waugh	Jan Borschmann	Jack Evans	Margaret White
Front Row L-R	Chris Saunders	Dianne Russo	Wendy Symington	Carol Waters	Wendy Smart	Judy Arbur	Pam Kinsman
							Rob Smith
							Leanne Dowling
							Lynne Raidme
							Yvette Swan
							Mrs Pam Kinsman

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STAFF 2000

Absent: Adrian Bassett, Andrew Young, Bill Higgins, Pauline Higgins, Adrian Waters, Marian Young, Dianne Dendle, Jill Norquay, Kathy McLennan, Bryony Hunter, Karlene Brennan, Alison Holl, Michelle Borg, Katrina Simpson.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT 100 YEARS

