



LATHLAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
50TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET



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Foreword

Mayor Mick Lee OAM, JP

As I sat down to write my contribution to mark this momentous occasion I reflected on the colourful past I have shared with Lathlain Primary School in both a professional and local government capacity.

It makes me proud to say that I have been involved with Lathlain Primary School since its beginning 50 years ago. Congratulations to the students, teachers, non teaching staff and parents across the years who have made this primary school possible.

After leaving the navy at the end of WWII and working for the State Housing Commission for a short while I began my own plumbing contracting business.

The first major plumbing contract I won was for the plumbing of both Lathlain and Millen Primary Schools which gave me a great start and I always look at Lathlain Primary School with great affection.

A few years later I was invited to the school in my capacity as the City of Perth Councillor for Carlisle Ward to present the Fairest and Best Award for the football.

The then Principal was quite strict and gave me a card with the exact words I was to say. However, the winner of the award had also won Carlisle Junior Football Club award and therefore I decided not to stick to the script and was consequently never invited to present the award again.



In more recent years in my role as the Town of Victoria Park Mayor I have continued to have much to do with the school and can not speak highly enough of their support and participation in competitions and events that the Town has run for school children.

Only a few years ago I worked closely with a committee formed to fight the State Governments plans to close Lathlain Primary School.

After two years of meetings the school won the right to keep their doors open and has continued to go from strength to strength.

Foreword

Hon. Dr. Geoff Gallop

29th June, 2006

Ms R. Hughes,
Lathlain Primary School,
120 Howick Street,
LATHLAIN WA 6100

Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th June concerning Lathlain's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Unfortunately I will have shifted to Sydney and will be unable to attend.

It was my great pleasure to represent the electorate of Victoria Park from 1986 to 2006. In all that time Lathlain Primary was within its boundaries.

I have always enjoyed my visits to the School and remember the campaigns over possible school closure and the need for a new office block and toilets. The school is now well placed to continue offering an excellent education for the youngsters of the district.

My very best wishes for a successful celebration on the 21st October. I am sure it will be a memorable and happy day for all involved.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Gallop
Geoff Gallop



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Foreword

LATHLAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL FOREWARD

Through the pages of this commemorative book, parents, guardians, teachers, support staff and students will be able to reflect on Lathlain Primary School's proud tradition of education and community spirit.

For fifty years, Lathlain Primary School has been encouraging students to believe in themselves - to 'Seek, Strive, Learn' as the words of the School's motto tell us.

Learning requires a special kind of courage; the courage to never give up and learn from our successes as well as our failures.

I often reflect on the words of Mary Anne Radmacher, who reminds us:

'Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'

If we try our best, we can never be accused of squandering the wonderful opportunities open to us through education.

Of course, the worth of any school is measured by the commitment of staff and the support of parents and family members.

I know through my dealings with Lathlain Primary School that your school is blessed with parents who take an active role in the development of the school and its scholastic and pastoral programmes.

You are also privileged to have teachers and support staff who passionately believe in the potential of each and every student.

I am honoured to be associated with Lathlain Primary School as it officially celebrates its 50th birthday this year.

I am certain the next 50 years will be just as memorable.

KIM WILKIE MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR SWAN



Foreword

There had to be a perfect alignment of the planets when Lathlain Park Primary School opened in 1956. From the beginning there was always something special about the place; an indefinable something of which we were all aware. A 50 year reunion is the perfect time to reflect on these things with those who were there and ask the question: "Why is Lathlain Primary School so special for so many people?"

Schools, by their very nature, leave an enduring impression on those that come into contact with them. In my case I was fortunate to be Principal at Lathlain Primary School between 1987 and 1989. I have indelible memories of my time at the School as they were, simply, the most enjoyable and professionally rewarding years of my teaching career.

A sense of community is the key for a happy and successful school; a place where children and adults, alike, want to be. In my experience, Lathlain community was Lathlain School. Many of the teaching and non-teaching staff lived either 'down the road' or 'around the corner' and, in today's busy and ever-changing world, it was a blessing to teach at a school where continuity, history and a sense of belonging were important as was the need to embrace the new and the better. I have no doubt this sense of community remains the most important and enduring trait of Lathlain Primary School.

I would like to thank the 50 Year Celebration Committee for honouring me with the opportunity to contribute this foreword to their publication "Celebrating 50 Years". It has been a pleasure to pen these few words and I'm sure the reader will enjoy the many contributions inside these pages. I would also like to wish all involved at the reunion on October 21st, 2006 a fun-filled time and happy memories of great times past at Lathlain Primary School.

I hope we will all meet again at the unveiling of the Time Capsule buried in 1988 and due to be opened in 2013.

Peter Nowland Principal 1987 – 1989

Congratulations Lathlain Primary School on your celebration of 50 years. This book highlights the sharing of experiences in education at Lathlain since 1956. Past and present students are to be congratulated for their fine achievements of which everyone can be proud.

Significant changes in recent time, Administration and Library, Undercover Area and grounds development continue to enhance the School as an educative hub for the community.

It has recently been said that 80% of the technology to be used in 25 years time is still to be invented. This leaves us with the quandary of what our School will look like and what experiences will be taking place in 2031 when we celebrate 75 years.

I wish to thank the Committee members – Sharon Hughes, Carolyn Khin, Grace Williamson, June van Smaalen and Norma Angus, who, over the past few months have worked tirelessly in organizing an eventful day on 21st October, 2006.

Harry Tysoe
PRINCIPAL 2003 - 2006

8th August 2006

School Leaders

HEADMASTERS

Holten, Charles	1956 – 1957
Ferguson, Andrew	1958 – 1959
Durham, Samuel	1960 – 1962
Watkins, Robert	1963 – 1964
Gable, Walter	1965 – 1969
Herbert, George	1970 – 1971
Rolle, Kenneth	1972 – 1974

FIRST MISTRESSES

Doepel, Marjorie	1956
Harken, Nennie	1958 – 1963
Orchard, Clara	1964
Tracy, Florence	1969 – 1971
Burges, Teresa	1972 – 1977
Rosewarne, Elva	1978 – 1981

PRINCIPALS

Kenworthy, Charles	1975
Farrall, Kenneth	1976 (Acting)
Brice, Leo	1977 – 1979
Bull, Anthony	1980 – 1981
Evershed, Kevin	1982 – 1985
Nowland, Peter	1986 – 1989
Teede, Greg	1990 – 1994
How, Bruce	1995 – 1997
Vaughan, Trevor	1998 – 2002
Tyso, Harry	2003 – 2006

DEPUTY HEADMASTERS

Trainor, Reginald	1957
Farrall, Ken	1958 - 1974

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS - Male

Farrall, Ken	1975 – 1981
Creedon, Allan	1986 - 2006
Hampton, Patrick	2003 - 2006

SENIOR ASSISTANTS

Wilkins, John	1982 - 1995
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DEPUTY FIRST MISTRESSES

Rosewarne, Elva	1977
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School Staff

Teaching Staff

Mavor, Leslie	1956 - 1960
Cable, Kevin	1956 – 1959
Thomas, Joan	1956 - 1958
Silverlock, Zelma	1956 – 1957
Jones, Edward	1957 - 1958
Lecky, Patricia	1957
Osborn, Edwin	1957
Patterson, Henrietta	1957 – 1961
Plunkett, Mona	1957
Ruchie, Siakie	1957
Allen, Keith	1958 – 1962
Bailey, Mary	1958 – 1962
Ritchie, Coraen	1958
Currie, Marion	1959 – 1960
Geeves, Patrick	1959 – 1961
Inwood, Grace	1959, 1964
Markey, Barry	1959
Solomon, Delys	1959 – 1961
Capp, Robert	1960
Herbert, Joan	1960
Marie, Brian	1960
Mitchell, Leonard	1960 – 1962
Carroll, Edmund	1961 – 1969
Gaesson, Merril	1961 - 1966
Howorth, Leslie	1961 - 1962
Joy, Caroline	1961 – 1962
Burns, Wendy	1962 – 1967
Crawford, Andrew	1962 – 1965
Jones, Ronda	1962 - 1964
Mitchell, Patricia	1962
Robertson, William	1962
Allanson, Marjorie	1963
Barnett, Perry	1963 – 1978
Bloomfield, Lynette	1963 – 1964

Teaching Staff

Markey, Clive	1963 – 1965
Myles, John	1963 – 1965
Offer, Gweneth	1963 - 1966
(Morris, Gweneth)	1967 - 1969
Lockwood, Douglas	1963
Kilgallon, Veronica	1964 - 1968
Ingram, Wendy	1964 – 1968
Sutton, Wendy (Ingram)	1969 – 1973
Kimber, Doris	1965 - 1967
Robertson, Phyllis	1965 – 1966
Benney, Gwenyth	1966 – 1967
Gurr, Edward	1966 – 1970
Harran, Isabella	1966 – 1970
Keating, Catherine	1966
Morris, Patricia	1967
O'Connor, Patrick	1967
Paton, Ivy	1967 – 1980
Rodger, Peter	1967 – 1973
Tull, Patricia	1967
Buchan Mrs	1967 – 1969
Robinson, Thomas	1968
O'Dea Aileen	1968 - 1972
Swinger, Neil	1968 – 1972
Bailey, J	1968 - 1969
Manera, Francis	1968
Jones, Linda	1969
Willock, Flora	1969
Tracy, Florence	1970 - 1971
Anderson, Robin	1970 - 1973
Cowdrey, Linda	1970
Greenland, Katherine	1970 – 1971, 1975 - 1976
Morris, Kay	1970
Wilkins, John	1971 - 1974
Jenkins, Leila	1971

School Staff

Teaching Staff

Gilchrist, Colin	1972 – 1973
Laiber, Alader	1972 – 1976
Currie, Vickie	1974
Dearlove, Jane	1974
Godfrey, Ann	1974 – 1976
Semers, Susan	1974
De Vries, Tineke	1974 – 1982
Gearing, Sybil	1975
Bralley, John	1975
Jeffries, Noreen	1975
Roton, Fiona	1975 – 1979
Thomas, Vickie	1975 – 1977, 1979
Kinnmonth, Francis	1975 - 1983
Mann, Ted	1976 – 1982
Tielleman, Weibe	1976 – 1979
Rushdon, Elizabeth	1976
Eluned, Bevan	1977
Keene, Beverley	1977 – 1979
Marshall, Carmen	1977
Biddle, Mrs	1977
Mutton, Janet	1977 – 1982
Turton, Dorothy	1977 – 1979
Whiffield, Green, Linda	1977 – 1982
King, Berni	1977 – 1980
Shaddon, Marjorie	1977 – 1978
Sphen, Lois	1977
Hutchinson, Margaret	1977 – 1986
Simpson, Clearys	1978
Roberts, Elizabeth	1978 – 1982
Woods, Eileen	1978
Owens, Karen	1979 – 1982
Barrett, Ivan	1980 – 1981
Lally, Joanne	1980 – 1981
Hinchcliffe, Terry	1980 – 1987

Teaching Staff

Skinner, Lynette	1980 - 1982
Taylor, Linda	1980 – 1981
Turton, Dorothy	1980 – 1982
Heame, Bernard	1981
Prince, Alison	1981 – 1982
Hamman, Julie	1982
Wilkins, John	1983 – 1995
Summerton, Jon	1983
Angus, Norma	1983 – 2006
Blackford, Sandra	1983 – 1984
Asey, Elizabeth	1983
Greene, Lynda	1983
Haines, Debra	1983 – 1984
Hamman, Julie	1983 - 1986
Pianta, Moyra	1983 – 1984
Skinner, Lynette	1983 – 1984
Turton, Dorothy	1983 – 1984
McKinnes, Ronald	1983
Henich, Rudi	1984 - 1986
Graffin, Jennifer	1984, 1991
Vadley, Susan	1984
Rxon, Edna	1984 – 1987
Ames, Ruth	1985 – 1988
Kerford, Penelope	1985
Mathews, Cheryl	1985
Neville, Janet	1985 – 1986
Sindair, Heather McVeigh	1985 – 2004
Campione, Colleen	1986 – 1988
Sadler, Mary	1986 – 1989
Michel, Alida	1987
Hendry, Carolyn	1988 – 1990
McCracken, Hugh	1988 – 1989
Power, Patricia	1988
Dagnall, Edelgard	1988

School Staff

Teaching Staff

Fawcett, Betty	1989 - 2004
Power, Pat	1989 - 1994
Gibbs, Juliette	1989 - 1990
Goukison, Susan	1989 - 1991
Osan, Paula	1989
Binning, Frances	1990 - 2006
Joyce, Robert	1990
Reger, Katherine	1990 - 1994
Sadler, Mary	1990
Waters, Carolyn	1990
Cavenoni, Marilii	1991 - 1997
Finch, Leanne	1991
Kininmonth, Frances	1991 - 1997
Kopp, Leanne (Merks)	1992 - 1994
Presco, Christine	1991 - 2006
Sayce, Steven	1991
Lehman, Patricia	1992
Tempest, Diedre	1992 - 1994
Whila, Kathryn	1992
Taylor, Jennifer	1993 - 1994
Clark, Lorraine	1994 - 1996?
Robertson, Leanne	1995 - 2006
Stanger, Susan	1995
Walker, Robyn	1995
Crossley, Elizabeth	1996 - 2006
Doring, Joy	1996 - 2006
Gryla, Alexander	1996
Tucknott, Jennifer	1996
Wills, Julie	1996
Beck, Angelica	1996
Miller, Margaret	1997
Russell, Doreen	1997
Lea, Val	1997
Rankin, Michael	1997

Teaching Staff

Shepherdson, Vicki	1998 - 2006
Monerief, Leonie	1998 - 2006
Della-Posta, Maria	1998 - 2006
Metcalf, Deborah	1999 - 2005
Christiansen, Rosalie	1999 - 2006
Millar, Peter	1999
Paynter, Helen	1999 - 2006
Courtland, Michael	2000 - 2006
Robinson, Wendy	2000
Kernutt, Julie	2000 - 2006
Hinchley, Gina	2000
Holle, Sally	2000 - 2006
Medland, Andrew	2000
Saxby, Judith	2001
Cain, Glenda	2001 - 2005
Vagg, Pauline	2001
Lombardo, Zoe	2002
Fuller, Julie	2002 - 2006
Raffan, Christine	2004 - 2006
Newnham, Allison	2004
Greenhalgh, Arnold	2005 - 2006
Smith, Judy	2005 - 2006
Milford, Tamara	2006

School Staff

REGISTRAR

Wilson, Fran	1983 - 1991
Hughes, Sharon	1992 - 2006

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Buscombe, Jeannette	1967 - 1972
Wilson, Fran	1973 - 1982

SCHOOL OFFICER

Khin, Carolyn	1995 - 2006
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CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Hughes, Sharon	1991
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TEACHERS' AIDE

Hancock, Dorothy	1976 - 1978
Harris, Alma	1977 - 1984
Collins, Jenny	1995 - 1998

EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Bishop, Carol	2000 - 2003
Lacava, Marlene	2001 - 2006
Winstlade, Marie	2002 - 2006
Robinson, Wendy	2001 - 2005
Edwards, Vera	2001 - 2004
Andriessen, Judith	2002 - 2006
Collins, Jeanette	1997 - 2006
Ellison, Wanda	2002 - 2006
Leatherbarrow, Simone	2003
Menzies, Betty	2004 - 2006
Trousdot, Kay	2004 - 2006
Vince, Christine	2004 - 2006
Kennedy, Susan	2004
Singer, Leanne	2005 - 2006

EDUCATION ASSISTANT Contd.

Craig, Vicky	2006
Trembath, Rose	2006
Clifford	2006
Chant	2006

TEACHERS' AIDE (Pre Primary)

Rutter, Kaye	1974 - 1998
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TEACHERS' AIDE (Special Education)

King, Beryl	1977 - 1980
Williamson, Kath	1977 - 1982

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

Colbung, Bronwyn	
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LIBRARY AIDE/OFFICER

Williamson, Grace	1976 - 2000
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CANTEEN

Zurhar, Agnes	1976, 1979
Healy, Mrs	
Butcher, Ann	
Harbour, Linda/Vermaes, Gloria	1991 - 1994

SCHOOL GARDENER

Crewe, Mr	1956 - 1972
Hayes, Roger	2002 - 2004
Rabjones, Ruth	2005 - 2006
Weibrecht, Peter	2005 - 2006

P & C Executive

Lathlain Primary School P & C Executive Committee

1964	President	Mr van der Meulen
1966	President	Mr Bosustow
	Secretary	Tulloch
1965	President	Lorna Chwashiak
	To Secretary	Fran Wilson
1970	President	Mr McGerken
	Secretary	Mrs Whitehurst
1968	President	Bosustow, Mr
	Secretary	Wilson, F
1977	President	Nunan, C.
	Sr Vice President	Tulloch, D.
	Jnr Vice President	Sherwood, Mr
	Treasurer	Hofstee, C.
	Canteen Treasurer	Hammence, Mrs
	Secretary	Wilson, F.
	Committee	Elms, S
		Baley, C
		Lewis, J
		Hofstee, Mrs C
		Crawford, J
		McKay, R
1985	President	Ninham, Darryl
	Secretary	Moylan, Sue

Lathlain Primary School P & C Executive Committee

1986	President	Ninham, Darryl
	Vice President	Vermaes, C
	Secretary	Moylan, Sue
	Treasurer	Bastien, J
1990	President	Compton, Terry
	Vice President	Cutting, Judy
	Secretary	Moore, Denise
	Treasurer	Croft, Kevin
	Executive Committee	Taylor, Jan
		Taylor, Sharron
		Cameron, Kathy
		Petty, Jenny
		Moynihan, Maree
1991	President	Compton, Terry
	Vice-Presidents	Cutting, Judith Harbour, Linda
	Secretary	Moore, Denise
	Treasurer	Croft, Kevin
	Executive Committee	Taylor, Jan
		Taylor, Sharon
		Cameron, Kathy
		Petty, Jenny
		Moynihan, Maree

P & C Executive

Lathlain Primary School P & C Executive Committee

1992	President	Turner, Michelle
	Vice Presidents	Jones, Peter Milford, Aileen
	Secretary	Cutting, Judy
	Treasurer	Croft, Kevin
	Executive Committee	Harbour, Linda
		Petty, Jenny
		Khin, Carolyn
		Moore, Denise
		Compton, Terry
1994	President	Milford, Aileen
	Vice Presidents	Harbour, Linda Glove, Maree
	Secretary	Moore, Denise
	Treasurer	Eley, Graeme
	Executive Committee	Taylor, Jan
		Jones, Peter
		Moore, Denise
		Zabal, Mike
		Payne, Hazel
1995	President	Eley, Graeme
	Vice President	Milford, Aileen
	Secretary	Moore, Denise
	Treasurer	Bath, Anthony
	Executive Committee	Bath, Wendy
		Clarke, Debra
		Cox, Gordon
		Clouer, Maree
		Moynihan, Maree

Lathlain Primary School P & C Executive Committee

1996	President	Parker, Adrienne
	Vice President	Eley, Graeme
	Secretary	Moore, Denise
	Treasurer	Eley, Graeme
	Executive Committee	Cameron, Kathy
		Moore, Denise
		Omodei, Loreli
		Bath, Wendy
1997	President	Parker, Adrienne
	Vice Presidents	Glover, Maree Vermaes, Cas
	Secretary	de Vaney, Sandi
	Treasurer	Pike, Jan
	Executive Committee	Bath, Wendy
		Myers, Celia
		Eley, Graeme
		MacCauley, Lindy
1998	President	Montgomery, Russell
	Vice Presidents	Parker, Adrienne Eley, Graeme
	Secretary	Hutton, Sondra
	Treasurer	Pike, Jan
	Executive Committee	Omodei, Lorelle
		Castle, Jodie
		Downing, Jill
		Bath, Wendy
		Glover, Maree



P & C Executive



Lathlain Primary School P & C Executive Committee

1999 President Eley, Graeme
 Vice Presidents Nisbet, Christine Vermaes, Cas
 Secretary Hutton, Sondra
 Treasurer Castle, Jodie
 Executive Committee Davis, Marcia
 Fiedler, Lorraine
 Omodei, Lorelle
 Robinson, Wendy

2001 President Hitchens, Kate
 Vice Presidents Davis, Marcia Pleass, Linda
 Secretary McDonald, Lily
 Treasurer Hutton, Sondra
 Executive Committee Koske, Linda
 Castle, Jodie
 Fiedler, Lorraine
 Templar, J
 Bond, Karen
 Job, Lynne
 Carrol, Karen

Lathlain Primary School P & C Executive Committee

2002 President Hitchens, Kate
 Vice President Pleass, Linda
 Secretary McDonald, Lily
 Treasurer Schulze, Diane
 Executive Committee Wilson, Ross
 Koske, Linda
 Castle, Jodie
 Fiedler, Lorraine
 Templar, J
 Bond, Karen
 Job, Lynne
 Carrol, Karen

2003 President Hitchens, Kate
 Vice Presidents Pleass, Linda/Wilson, Ross
 Secretary McDonald, Lily
 Treasurer Davis, Greg
 School Council Rep. Wilson, Ross
 Executive Committee Wilson, Ross
 Koske, Linda
 Castle, Jodie
 Fiedler, Lorraine
 Templar, J
 Bond, Karen
 Job, Lynne
 Carrol, Karen



P & C Executive



Lathlain Primary School P & C Executive Committee

2004 President Harken, Colin
 Vice Presidents Liveena, Tanja/ King Amanda
 Secretary Cattermole, Jane
 Treasurer Davis, Gregory
 School Council Rep. Hitchens, Kate
 Executive Committee Harken, Colin
 Davis, Gregory
 Cattermole, Jane

2005 President Harken, Colin
 Vice President McDonald, Darrin
 Secretary Cattermole, Jane
 Treasurer Lyons, Sharon
 School Council Rep. McDonald, Lily
 Executive Committee Wilson, Maree
 Davis, Greg
 McCarrol, Lisa

2006 President McDonald, Darrin
 Vice President Harken, Colin
 Secretary Cattermole,
 Treasurer Davis, Greg
 Extra Members Suchenia, Nicki
 Costello, Monika
 Walkhuter, Katherine
 School Council Rep. McDonald, Lily



Early Days



In 1829 Mr Camfield, one of the early settlers, was granted 1000 acres of land in Swan Location 35 which included all of Burswood Island and a strip bounded by Orrong Road and Mars Street through to Mercury Street. (*"Know Your Suburb" by Geoff Gallop*).

Camfield leased out some of his land and it was used for cattle, horse stables and a training track for race horses.

In 1920 some of this land was subdivided and the area we now know as Lathlain was first put on the market as "The Victoria Park Station Estate". The blocks of 1/4 acre sold from 25 pounds each.

There was a unique, tall tree on Lot 308 Staines Street that had a shape of a man in a hat carved out with a hand pointing to the Victoria Park Station so that people could find their way through the bush.



For the primitive form of transport Howick and Goddard Streets were just tracks with timber planking.

During the years 1944 to 1948 a Mrs Mackley, who lived in Gresham Street Victoria Park took her daughter Joyce and their next door neighbour's two little girls Grace and Dorothy for a picnic in the bush across the railway line to where the suburb of Lathlain was to be. There were only a few houses and the rest was bush where they had a lovely time among the Red Gums, Banksias and Sheoaks and picked many wildflowers that grew in the sandy soil. There were Kangaroo Paws, Leschenaultia, Pink Myrtle, Star of Bethlehem, Donkey Orchids, Spider Orchids and many more.



Early Days



It wasn't until 1950 that the name Lathlain Park was given to the area bounded by Rutland Avenue, Roberts Road and Orrong Road and was listed as such in the City of Perth's Town Planning Scheme. The name Lathlain was after Sir William Lathlain, who was the Mayor of Perth from 1918 to 1923, a member of the State's Legislative Council from 1926 to 1932 and Lord Mayor of Perth from 1930 to 1932.

As the area was subdivided into building blocks people could buy a block off the plan and, upon completion of the subdivision, could have any block of their choice.

By 1954 the period of growth was beginning to show its impact on the Lathlain area with a population of 1138. With this explosion of people Carlisle Primary School was so over crowded that the boundary was drawn at Oats Street, June van Smaalen can remember Mr Boyd's 'Standard 3' class at Carlisle seating 3 students to one of the old wooden desks (approximately 63 students) and it was sometimes impossible to teach, so Mr Boyd would take out his piano accordion and conduct a sing-along.



Carlisle Primary Standard II (Year 3) 1955.

Those who moved to Lathlain...

Back row: Lynette Richardson, Bob Gregory

3rd row: Jillian Harrower, Mavis Bald, Olivia Weaver, Cheryl Hodson, June van Smaalen, Devon Forward.

2nd row: Barry Cahill, Carol Scott, Judith Hawkins, Maureen Ashley, Carol Coffey, Sandra Scott, Terry Tomlinson.

Front row: Gary Scott, Lewis Bock.



Carlisle Primary Standard II (Year 3) 1955.

Those who moved to Lathlain...

Back row: Val Mills, Greg Park

2nd Laurie Bremmel, Margaret McMillan, Carol Chinnery

Front row: George Fogden, Malcolm Buckland

Early Days

The intake boundary was changed to Archer Street and a school was built on lots 157, 158, 159 and maybe 160 in Howick Street and named Lathlain Park Primary School. John Martin Smith has lived in Lathlain since 1951 and was employed by the contractors 'Monier Concrete Construction' who built the School in 1954/5. It was one of the first schools to be made from Pre Form Concrete Panels erected and sprayed with Teryline by hand operated sprays.



This is a photo of additions being built later.



An Aerial view of Stage 1



One of the original Jarrah trees was left on the block and is still growing at the front of the School.

Early Days

In 1957 the Box trees along the back of the school off Keyes Street were planted by the children on Arbor Day under the careful eye of the gardener, Mr Crewe. He retired from the School some time in the 1980's.



Devon Forward, Bob Gregory and Mr Crewe.

Honour Awards

1982	Sharon Hill	Grant Healy	1997	Lexie Nebel	Kylie Bourke
1983	Naomi Gittos	Sven Funke	1998	Rosey De Vaney Kristy van Beek	Loren Johnson
1984	Teresa Massari	Adam McMahon	1999	Mark Knedler Zheng Bo Wang	James Eley
1985	Sharon Carvell Rebecca Neillings	Samantha Massari	2000	Rebecca Comben	Daniel Bourke
1986	Tania Herne	Dean Pettit	2001	Samantha Nisbet Lucas Moynihan	James Omodei
1987	Emily Lowater	Paul Neillings	2002	Peter Xiao Joel Fiegert	Lauren Taylor
1988	Belinda Mirco	Travis Turnbull	2003	Kelly Sheppard Adam Doyle	Priscilla Yap
1989	Christine Bayley Bernadette Foster	Christopher McWhirter	2004	Louisa Harken Peta Wilson	David Shafraan
1990	Jacqueline Limb	Tracey Untersteiner	2005	Christian Dalley Ricky Whitehead	Jesse Seton
1991	Tu Vo	Douglas Boyle			
1992	Kristy Pettit	Cinton Tracy			
1993	Nadia Mirco	Tristan Peaman			
1994	Briani Moore	Hayden Nebel			
1995	Sandy Nutt	Kieran Thomas			
1996	Jessica Zabel	Rosalie Small			

About Our School

THE BELL

Was donated to Lathlain Park School by Councillor Harold E Hawthorne, of the City of Perth, in March 1958.



THE WEATHER VANE

The original weather vane was given to the School by past prefects. It was damaged by the builders when the new students' toilets were built as it was attached to the roof. The new one was donated by a parent and erected this year at a busy bee.





About Our School



TIME CAPSULE AND SUNDIAL



1988 Front of School lawn, Cleared by Jim Tyler, Bill Grayden and Mrs Gloria Vermaes ready for Sundial, Time Capsule burial and rose garden.



Colin Easther Lorelle Omodei (Easther)
Natalie Easther Jayson & Christopher Omodei



Placing the Time Capsule at Lathlain Primary School
11,11,88



About Our School



THE FLAGPOLE

Lathlain has two flagpoles. The oldest is in the quadrangle and is the original. It is used during Anzac Day services, Remembrance Day and when directed by the State Government to fly flags at half mast.

The flag in the quadrangle is now raised every morning and taken down at the end of the day by the senior students.



New Flagpole



Library



The Lathlain School Library, in the fifties and early sixties, was non-existent and only a few books of limited topics were in classrooms and borrowed through the teacher or a child monitor.

In 1964 a classroom was allocated to use as a Library for the School. The Ministry of Education provided shelving, tables and chairs and funds on a yearly basis. Mrs Edwina Forward, a parent of six girls, volunteered to take on the task of running and organizing the changeover. All classes were time-tabled half an hour to use the library. Parents were asked if they could volunteer some time to help shelve the returned books. Perhaps the Dewey system was a bit daunting with all the decimal numbers because the response was almost non-existent. Only one parent offered help, a Mrs Lil Hall. A couple of years later, when her youngest son started school, Mrs Shirley Elms offered her help. The Library was open for two full days a week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In this time all the classes were rostered half an hour for book choice.

In 1975, when her youngest child started school, Mrs Grace Williamson volunteered a roster day on every Tuesday working with Mrs Elms.

In 1976 the Ministry of Education decided to put part time paid help into the Library in the position of Library Aide, Mrs Forward was offered the position but declined as she had work in her husband's business. Mrs Williamson was then offered the position and accepted.

The Ministry ran a part time, six week course in training by Library Services after which there was an on going service where, after purchase, books were sent into the Library Services Department and a very dedicated and learned staff catalogues all books into their Dewey classification. They would then be sent onto the Sheltered Workshops where a group of disabled people would do a great job of covering the books with plastic sheeting. (Unfortunately, a few years later, with cuts in finance, this was ceased and schools had to do their own.) This would take at least six weeks and sometimes longer for the turnaround. On return to the school the task of accessioning (recording all the books by title, author, publisher, year of publication, how purchased (whether donated, Education or P & C funded) and typing a borrower's card for the back of the books. Often it took a whole term before books were ready to be borrowed.

Until her youngest son left school Mrs Elms continued to come on a Tuesday to shelve the books. She was joined by Mrs Shelley Grayden, Later Mrs Sue Neilings offered her help and also Mrs Shirley Sanford. These last two ladies stayed on and helped on a fortnightly basis each Tuesday even after their children left the School. In fact, Mrs Sanford helped until Mrs Williamson retired.

In 1977, to make room for the group of Special Education children that came to Lathlain School, the Library was moved from the classroom to a transportable, no mean feat moving all the shelves and books!! The Superintendent who came during that year said that transportables were for classrooms, not libraries, so another move was made.

Later, when a larger area became available, the Library moved again, using a classroom and the small entry off Keyes Street and the old washroom as an office and work area.

On special days and dates displays of books and posters would be up in the Library to mark the occasion, Labor Day, Easter, Foundation Day, Queen's Birthday, School Holiday time, Christmas, etc.



Book Week was celebrated in August and children and some Staff dressed and paraded as their favourite book character.



Library



At Easter children and Staff would make hats and bonnets and enter into an Easter Bonnet Parade.

Story time with Mrs Williamson was much looked forward to by the younger children with promotion of the new books that came into the Library for the older children.

In 1991 it was decided to appoint a Teacher Librarian. A wall was knocked down between the next class giving more space. Two teachers in Mrs Jenny Graffin and Mrs Kath Reagan were given the position and worked tandem – one two days and the other three days a week. Mrs Williamson's position didn't change as these teachers took classes in the Library teaching the children library research skills, how to set out projects and help with topics of assignments given by the classroom teachers. Mrs Graffin, who was also an artist, made posters depicting different book characters and these were placed all around the walls. The Library was in full use and became a hive of activity. When these two teachers moved on a Miss Pat Leehman took the now part time position of Teacher Librarian for a year, then Mr John Wilkins took over part time with his duties as the Senior Assistant of the School until his retirement in 1995, Mrs Fran Kinimonth followed for two years.

In 1998 there was another move for the Library, as the area was needed for a Pre Primary/ Year 1 combined class. The move took place over the Christmas holidays, with Mr Allan Creeden the school Deputy, Mrs Jenny Collins and Mrs Williamson offering their services. It

was a mammoth task as there were, by now, a greater number of books, games, posters, etc, as well as the furniture. This time it was moved further along the verandah to a double classroom and a work area was created with a false wall and door at the end of the room.

Mrs Libby White was the Teacher Librarian and very keen to have the Library computerised. Mrs Williamson, with help, managed to accomplish the task using the "Bookmark" software. The filing of cards in the catalogue drawers and back of books was now obsolete, books did not have to be sent away, as all cataloguing was done using the Internet.

Mrs White left half way through 1999 and Mrs Francis Binnings took over as Teacher Librarian. The in 2000 Mr Michael Courtland was pleased as Teacher Librarian and it was in April that year Mrs Williamson retired. Mrs Carolyn Khin was her replacement, the volunteer helpers are Mrs Kerry Higgins and Mrs Dot Sledman.

In 2002 a brand new Library and Administration area was built and is serving the School well.

School books library

LATHLAIN Primary School will get a new purpose-built library in 2003. Victoria Park MLA and Premier Geoff Gallop said the State Government had allocated \$350,000 to build the library. Work should start by March 2003. Dr Gallop said the new library would provide students and teachers with a first-class learning environment. "I am confident that in this library, students will be encouraged to read, study and have the opportunity to research a wide variety of subjects. "It is vital because education is all about encouraging young people to achieve their full learning potential." The MLA said the spacious centre would provide ample room for computers, essential in any modern library. It will also have fibre optic cabling to ensure students have with the latest information technology access. Principal Trevor Vaughan told me the existing library is very cramped with little room for computers. "Dr Gallop said. "The library resource teacher is accommodated in a very small office and the library officer's desk is placed among the children studying." Mr Vaughan said the school had welcomed the new library, which would bring school technology into line with other more modern primary schools in the metropolitan area.

Kindergarten, Pre Primary

Betty Fawcett Pre Primary Teacher 1989 - 2003

I have fond memories of the busy bees we had at the Pre Primary. I always had the support of the parents: I only had to ask and the parents would get it done.



Off Site Busy Bee 1993

We doubled the outdoor play area of the off-site Pre Primary and the new on site P/P thanks to the work of the parents.

In 1993 we got permission from the Perth City Council to enclose the vacant block for the off site P/P. The parent Committee didn't have the funds to buy a new fence, so they cut the old boundary fence in half and we walked both halves across to the adjoining property. It was a real sight to see. Eight adults walking in unison with a twenty metre fence.

The Education Department gave the new on site P/P a standard 1 metre fence and a sand pit in the blazing sun (too hot for the children to play in) A Pre Primary Uncle donated 2 metre high mesh fencing and the parents paid to erect it. The parents moved the sandpit – shovel by shovel – into the shade. The cover was from the school playground (not used). A parent cut through the poles and parents and the Principal, Bruce Howe, walked the whole structure around the School and cemented it over the new sandpit (again a sight to see.)

We had a lot of laughs with the hard work and I was always grateful for the support of the pre Primary parents.



On Site P/P Laying new lawn 1991



P/P on site: new fort 1996

Kindergarten, Pre Primary



Pre School 1974



Pre School 1984



Pre School 1983



Pre School 1986

Kindergarten, Pre Primary



Pre School 1987



Pre Primary 4 Year Olds 1991



Pre Primary 1991



Pre Primary 4 Year Olds 1993

Kindergarten, Pre Primary



Pre Primary 5 Year Olds 1993



Pre Primary 2000



Pre Primary 1997



Pre Primary 2001



Remedial Education



Remedial Education Comes to Lathlain

Thomas Street Remedial Education Centre was closed at the end of 1976 because the number of children had increased and the time taken to transport them to and from school from their various suburbs meant that the children were too long on the road, leaving early in the morning and getting home late in the afternoon.

It was decided to find two areas, one north and one south of the central city to cater for all the children. For the south of the river Lathlain Primary School was chosen.

With the change of Principal – Leo Bryce, Deputy Mistress – Elva Rosewarne, four teachers – Beryl King, Marjorie Shelton, Lois Spohn and Teachers' Aide – Kath Williamson, came with the children.

When the Staff was notified that this was going to occur the concern was – where were all these children to be taught?

It had been decided to take over three classrooms, a small washroom and a small entrance hall where there was an entry off Keyes Street. One of the rooms was to be made over into a gymnasium area with climbing and swinging equipment and this came with a special Gym Instructor in Ms Margaret Hutchinson for one or two days a week.

The parents of Lathlain Primary were so concerned as to the effect on their children that one of the largest P & C Meetings was held. They had been told that a transportable classroom was going to be needed to help ease the classroom situation. Well! This was all the Meeting needed to hear, as some of the parents had attended Kent Street Senior High School and they had transportable classrooms which were to be for a short time and they were still there after fifteen years!!

All to no avail. The new year of 1977 brought a new Principal, a new Deputy and four more teachers to Lathlain

The transportable duly arrived and, to appease the parents, it was decided to move the Library into this room and release a classroom. The big move went ahead, but halfway through the year, when the Superintendent visited, he said, "Transportable classrooms are not for Libraries". So the move was reversed. Grade three, with Dorothy Turton as teacher, moved in.

The School year progressed. The junior visually impaired children were taught in their classroom by Lois Spohn and the next year by Liz Roberts and the senior visually impaired were taught by Beryl King.

These children, because of their disabilities, kept mainly to themselves. They were delightful children and taught the rest of the school community how to make the most of your abilities. One of the boys – Kingsley – became a champion swimmer in the disabled sports.

The remedial children under the care of Miss Elva Rosewarne and Marjorie Shelton were placed in normal classrooms as to their grade and were taken out by her several times during the day for short periods of special help.

In time, two teachers from grade one and grade three in Bev Keene and Dorothy Turton transferred to teach small classes of remedial children in this remedial area. This saved so much moving around of children during the day. Once a week these children were bussed to Kings Park for the day to play on the playground equipment there. The Phys. Ed. Group from U.W.A. would come with their special gear and help the children and I guess it was a learning program for them also.

In time different teachers came and went. Overall, having this special area in the School taught all the children to be more tolerant and understanding of the needs of others.

At a later date all the children with special needs were sent to the school of their area and, if needed, a teachers' aide was assigned to them. That is the way it happens today.



Remedial Education



Dorothy Turton, Margaret Hutchinson, Kath Williamson, Elva Rosewarne

Teacher - Liz Roberts

Teacher - Beryl King



The Arts



THE SCHOOL SONG

Written by Colleen Campione

We have a great school called Lathlain
In the proud state of W.A.
We're working with co-operation
In sport and in class and in play.

CHORUS

We gather each day to accomplish
And to play and have fun with our peers.
Because Lathlain's the school we are proud of,
We seek, strive and learn through the year.

ARTS AWARDS

Year	Art	Music	Writer
1997	Lexie Nebel	Cathryn Rhodes	Patrick Renner
1998	Sophie Moynihan	Rosey de Vaney	Steven Elliot
1999	Elizabeth Phillips	Aisling Wilkinson-Cox	Giselle Woodley
2000	Billy Clarke	David Elliot	Emma Lowe
2001	Jade Low	Peter Eley	Daniel Tait
2002	Nicole Carey	Karen Murphy	Justin Kirk
Year	Arts	English	
2003	Alana Castle	Drew Langham	
2004	Rachel Low	Aleah Malone	
2005	Ivan Armstrong	Jesse Seton	



The Arts



In 1998 Vicki Shepherdson and Leonie Moncrieff arrived at Lathlain to teach The Arts. Both came with a strong history and belief that school activities should, whenever feasible, participate in community based projects. Since their arrival the students have been involved in many and varied activities. Their endeavour and enthusiasm has provided the students with the opportunity to work in a variety of mediums with organizations such as the Town of Victoria Park and the Department of Veteran Affairs.

A brief summary of some of the students' major achievements follows:-

1999
International Year of the Older Person (Office of Seniors) – (Healthy breakfast, artwork, dancing) Also see concert in *Accomplishments*.

School mural
Spring Garden Competition (Town of Victoria Park)
Winner: Charlie Hawkens
P.E.A.C.



Dancing



Healthy Breakfast



Artwork

The Arts

1999 Contd.



James Wilkinson-Cox, Samantha Nisbet, Sophie Dawkins, Jessica Eisberg, Giselle Woodley, Kryst Dalloway and Naomi Zabalax in front of the mural.

Mural brightens school

STUDENTS at Lathlain Primary School have brought a breath of fresh country air to their play area with the painting of a bushland mural to the quadrangle.

Art teachers Vicki Shepherdson and Lesnie Monerleff began their work with students and made a sketchy plan for the mural during WA Week last year.

Vicki said every student initially

had the opportunity to contribute ideas to the poster by developing individual paintings during their art class.

"Special emphasis was placed on WA native flora and fauna and as a result the sambar and kangaroo paw feature largely in the mural," she said.

The two art teachers drew the mural to scale on the one blank

exterior wall at the school and the idea was to give a paintbrush and a chance to be part of the picture.

The favourite creature to paint was the dotted serpent, which stretches realistically across the bottom of the mural.

Vicki said the artwork had taken a long time to complete, but it and result had been worth it.

1999



Work in Progress



Mural on the end wall of the School.

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The Arts

1999 contd.

Town of Victoria Park's Spring Gardens Awards

Victoria Park Mayor, Mick Lee, presented Charlie (6), a Lathlain Primary School student, with a mounted copy of his artwork and a book voucher at a recent School assembly. School Principal, Trevor Vaughan, was also given a book voucher for the Library to thank the School for allowing its Year 1 and 2 students to paint pictures of gardens for the awards.



Mayor Mick Lee with Charlie and his winning art



PEAC 1999

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The Arts

2000

Olympic Games (costumes and flags)
Spring Garden Competition (Town of Victoria Park)
P.E.A.C.



Olympic Costumes



Olympic Flags



P.E.A.C. 2000

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The Arts

2001

Spring Garden Competition (Town of Victoria Park)
Winner: Elissa Edward

Mural (Perth Football Club)

Tram in McCallum Park at Causeway (Town of Victoria Park)



Perth Football Club mural



Mayor Mick Lee presents Elissa Edward with her award.

2001 TRAM SCULPTURE PROJECT

The magnificent sculpture now situated in McCallum Park close to the Causeway is the result of many months of work by three key workers – Kath Wheatley, the artist, Jan McCahon from the Victoria Park Library and Louise Lodge of the Victoria Park Centre for the Arts. The Department of Communications Information Technology and the Arts as a Federation Community Project funded the project. The Town of Victoria Park provided funds for the launch and considerable in kind support. Lathlain Primary School children also participated and carved brick pavers which have been set into the base of the sculpture.

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Students making pavers



Tram track class effort

By Susan Hensley

THE Year 4 students at Lathlain Primary School have their own tram stop.

It might not be there, technically, but after the students painted the bricks on the site they were proud to have their contribution acknowledged at an official opening last weekend.

The first tram stop over the Kewbridge in Victoria Park marks the start of the new tram line built by the Town of Victoria Park.

Artist Kath Whitley has done a sculpture of a 1967 tram at the stop.

The bricks the students painted were laid along the stop in line with the tram line.

Lathlain principal Trevor Vaughan said the project had reminded the students that they were part of the community. It was good for them to be aware of what was going on and what work



Team effort: Lathlain pupils, from front, Jessica Beckwith, Amy Kirk, Joseph Moring and Thomas Dow at the tram stop. PICTURE: GUY WOODS

The Arts

2002

- School Mural (Artist in Residence)
- Street Banners (Town of Victoria Park)
- Underpass murals at McCullum Park (Town of Victoria Park)
- Spring Garden Competition (Town of Victoria Park)
Winner - Jillisa Walker
- Spring Garden Competition (Town of Victoria Park)
Winner: Best School Garden (\$500 prize)



Street Banners



School Mural (Artist in Residence)



Mosaic Playground

The Arts



Colourful effort... mural project artist Tanya Schultz (centre) with the Year 6/7 students from Lathlain Primary School. PICTURE: CORINNE MORGAN

Project inspires students

THE Town of Victoria Park has been working with a team of artists and 10 local school and community groups to create a series of murals for the McCullum Park-Canning Highway underpass.

The community mural project has involved 150 students from primary and secondary schools in the Town, each working with one of the eight artists to develop individual panel designs as part of the overall mural.

The design relates to a RoadSmart theme.

road safety for young people. Community development officer Mary Cunningham said artists had been working with each group over the past four weeks, developing designs which related to road safety issues for the students who walk, ride

bikes or skate to school. These images have now been transferred to the walls of the underpass and are being painted by students with the assistance of the artists.

Mr Cunningham said the brightly coloured mural had given the underpass a well-needed



The Arts

2003

- Access and Inclusion poster (Town of Victoria Park)
Winners: 2nd Jasmine Luck; 3rd Jessica Beckwith
- Sound Culture Environment Resonance Transformation (SCERT), project (Town of Victoria Park - Artist in Residence Program)
- Kim Wilkie Calendar competition
Winners: Alisa Dempster; Daniel Ramsay
- Veterans' Affairs (Activities Award \$700) See Accomplishments Anzac Day Award Remembrance Day poster
Winner: 2nd Zoe Davies



SCERT Project



Access & Inclusion Poster Competition



SCERT Project

The Arts

2003 Contd.



Kim Wilkie Calendar 2003



Veterans' Affairs Activities Award



Kim Wilkie Calendar 2003



Zoe Davies

The Arts

ANZAC COMPETITION 2003

The Children in Pre Primary, Years 1 and 2 completed several activities over two days and entered the 2003 Anzac Competition. At the end they took part in the School's Anzac Service. The booklet was well received and the children won the West Australian section of the competition.



Made a War Memorial from blocks.



Made medals for each other with a special word to suit each person.



Mrs Shepherdson made wreaths for all the people who died in wars.

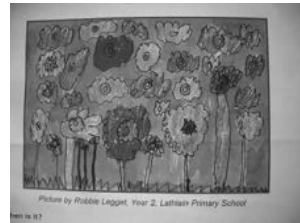
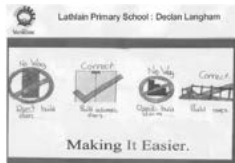


Mrs Holle and the choir sang some songs.

The Arts

2004

Access & Inclusions Poster (Town of Victoria Park)
 Winner: 1st Declan Langham; 3rd Lilli Kirsch
 Spring Garden Competition (Town of Victoria Park)
 Winner: Robbie Leggett
 Remembrance Day Poster (Veterans Affairs)
 Winner: Katalan Dixon
 Mural Pre Primary



Picture by Robbie Leggett, Year 2, Lathlain Primary School



Mural Pre Primary

The Arts

2005

Remembrance Day Poster (Veterans' Affairs)
 Winner: Hatha Gamatia
 Kim Wilkie Calendar Competition
 Winner: Carleton Wallinsley & Georgette Kagiannis
 Access and Inclusion Poster (Town of Victoria Park)
 Winner: 1st Justin Roberts, 3rd Connor Lewis
 PEAC
 Quilt for Veterans' Affairs (See in Memories Dawn Whitehurst)
 Wild Ways (Perth Zoo)
 Mural Pre Primary



Kim Wilkie Calendar Competition 2005



Access & Inclusion 2005



PEAC

The Arts

2006

To celebrate Lathlain's 50th Anniversary the Arts have worked with each class (Pre Primary to Year 7) to make a mosaic tile. The tiles depict various learning areas within the School.

The School has achieved the status of being a water-wise school the children have been involved in the painting of a mural depicting the implementation of various water-wise concepts within the School.



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The Arts



Junior Choir



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Technology

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Terry Hinchliffe

My first encounter with educational computing came in 1980 when the Principal, Tony Bull, approached me about attending a workshop at the School's Computing Centre in Mirrabooka to learn about using a BBC Acorn computer.

Tony thought that a computer would be an asset to the school but I was not convinced. My contact with computers to that point was limited to watching my brother play games on his Apple II computer and I failed to see how computers would enhance the classroom program. However, I followed Tony's urging and returned from the workshop full of enthusiasm. Our first computer was delivered the following year. It was a BBC Acorn computer with a whopping 32K of memory (less than many wristwatches have today) and a 48cm television as a monitor. The whole thing was big, unwieldy and slow to use. We had a package of programs supplied and the students soon mastered the spelling program and the maths flash cards. However, one computer for use across the school did little to change the educational program.

This first taste of computing motivated me to purchase my own computer, a second hand Apple II+. My efforts in this direction were encouraged by the new Principal, Kevin Evershed whose younger son was pretty clever with a Commodore 64. With my increasing expertise, the P&C was convinced to assist with the purchase of 2 Apple IIe computers. These had more screens and lacked hard drives but came with easy to use and efficient word processing software and simple publishing packages. With tools like these and an early dot matrix printing, students soon began producing some excellent written work and publishing work quicker and better than they had done before. The age of computing in schools had begun.

When Peter Nowland took over as Principal, he continued to encourage me and ensured that some of the excellent work done by students was recognised by others. My own interests in educational computing continued and I left Lathlain at the end of 1986 to take up a position with the Cockburn District Education Office

supporting computing in schools South of Fremantle. By that time, the need for computers in schools was being widely recognised and the government funded an \$8 million program to equip all schools with more computers.

In 1994 the *Graeme Eley Room* was



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Sport

Lathlain Primary has shields for the following...

Victoria Park Area School Sports Association		
1991	Softball	Summer Carnival
1992	Hockey	Winter Carnival
1993	Softball	Winter Carnival
1994	Basketball	Winter Carnival
1994	Basketball	Winter Carnival
1995	T Ball B	
1995	Softball	
1997	Minkey	Winter Carnival
1999	Netball	Winter Carnival
1999	Soccer	Winter Carnival
1999	Basketball	Winter Carnival
2001	Softball	
2002	Basketball	Winter Carnival
2002	Softball	Summer Carnival

State Schools Sports Association

1970	Football
1975	Netball B
1976	Softball B
1977	Netball B

Glen Carter Vice Capt.
Victor Kuser
Michael Sawiak
Malcolm Harris
Bradley Lewis
Italno Dantoune
Martin Astone
Glen Barrow
Darryn Williamson
Grant Matthews
Russell Peering

1977 Cricket A Ross Bresland Capt

1978 Netball A

1979 Cricket

1980 Swimming

1980 Cricket A

1981 Kewdale Senior High School Basketball Club Year 7 Championship Girls
Chetkovich Academy of Gymnastics, Gymnast of the Year.
1995 Tegan Love
1996 Kylie Bourke
1997 Stephan Lozyk
1998 Alana Castle
1999 Jem Cohen
2001 Eagles Cup Primary Competition
2002 Drug Free West Coast Eagles Athletics Carnival
2003 Hungry Jack's Athletics Carnival

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Sport



Faction Carnival 1959



Announcing the winners 1959 - Mr Ferguson (Principal), Mr Farrell (Deputy)



Champion Girl June van Smaalen, Runner up Margaret McMillan, Champion Boy, Runner up, Teacher - Mr Ken Farrell



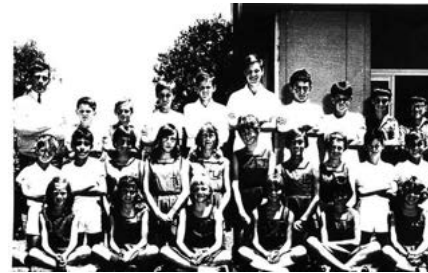
Sport



Athletics Carnival Lathlain Oval 1960 Champion Girl Lorraine Rimmer



1967



Softball 1967

Sport



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 1971



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 1972



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 1973



Sport



Swimming Team 1973



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 1974



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 1975



LATHLAIN PARK SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1975

Sport



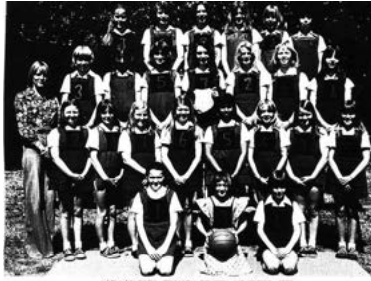
LATHLAIN PARK SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1970



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1971



Sport



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1977



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1977

Awarded to CHRISTINE WILLIAMSON of Lathlain Primary School for gaining FIRST place in GIRLS UNDER 10 YEARS FREESTYLE RELAY at an inter-school SWIMMING CARNIVAL held on 30th MARCH 1979. President B.J. Gatti Secretary W. Whitehead



Athletics Carnival 1980's

Sport



Swimming Carnival 1980's



Mr Lee Announcing Winners 1983



Athletics Carnival 1983



Gold Faction wins the Athletic Carnival 1983

Sport



Pre Primary Sports Day 1985



Swimming Team 1998



Netball Team 1996



Lightning Carnival 2006



School Camps



Bickley 1977



Greenbushes Tin Mire 1985



Leaving for Donnelly River 1985



Bridgetown 1987



School Camps



Rottnest 1991 or 1992



Stoneville 1992 Or 1993



School Canteen



As I remember the School Canteen

Grace Williamson

During the late 1960's the School grew in size with 500 to 600 students. Due to the fact that there was no fresh bread and fillings at home after the weekends, more children bought their lunch on Mondays.

To avoid this huge surge of children crossing Howick Street to buy 15 cents of fish and chips or a roll at the deli, it was decided that volunteer Mums would get orders on Friday for a pie, pasty and/or a jam doughnut. A different coloured disc was handed to the child each week. The food was delivered by Peters Pies just before 12 noon and rostered Mums would have put up a trestle on the verandah outside a classroom and madly bag the orders for the children.

In time it was agreed by the Staff and P & C to work towards a School Canteen. The Ministry of Education had a dollar for dollar funding basis, which meant for every dollar raised by the School, they would match it. Mothers' Day stalls were run with a very energetic mother in Mrs Reynolds having sewing busy bees for the Mothers' Club to make lace edged handkerchiefs and embroider the corners for the children to buy as a gift for their Mums. Fetes were held and many other money raising efforts. There would always be certain people in the forefront, like Mrs Easther, organizing, but always with a great band of helpers. Unfortunately the money didn't come in quickly enough and building costs went up and up.

After much negotiating with the various government departments, a father builder in Jack Wallace, in accordance with the health standards, converted a small wash room into a canteen.

In 1971 a Mother and School Secretary to the Principal, Mrs Jean Buscumb and another Mum in Mrs Natalie Easther completed a Canteen Managers' course at Kent Street Senior High School and soon the Canteen was up and running on a voluntary basis serving soup, lunches and a good choice of nourishing foods five days a week.

Jean Buscumb moved, with her husband and children, to Kalgoolie and Natalie Easther wished to return to paid work, so the Canteen Managers' job went to another Mother in Mrs Agnes Zurhaar who was now paid for her services with a small salary. She started work in 1973 and, with support from volunteer Mums helping out on a roster basis, she served some hot meals, the ever faithful fish and chips, hot dogs, hamburgers, soups, sandwiches, rolls and favourites like cheesies (melted cheese on left over rolls). In the last five years before she left in 1985 Mrs Zurhaar found it necessary to serve a breakfast for the children who had come to school on an empty stomach. Agnes saw four Principals in Mr Btice, Mr Kenworthy, Mr Farrell and Mr Bull. She had to cope with ever changing P & C Committees that did not always realize what it took to run a School Canteen. After 20 years she still meets people she knew as children at the School.

After Mrs Zurhaar left a Mrs Healy and later a Mrs Linda Harbour also ran the Canteen but in 1994, with the decline in school enrolments, the Canteen was no longer viable and closed, giving the little deli across the road an opportunity to take orders and deliver them to the School and that is how it is done in 2006.



School Canteen



Notes about My Time at Lathlain Primary School

By Gloria Vermaes

I was Ladies Auxiliary President from 1985 until 1991, talked into it originally by Principal, Kevin Evershed. I helped organize two school fetes in 1985 and 1988.

I began job-sharing, with Linda Harbour, as Canteen Supervisor in 1991 and stayed until we closed the doors for the final time on 15th April, 1994. The Canteen area is now the Pre Primary. Earlier Supervisors were Mrs Healy and Mrs Ann Butcher. Some of our P & C Representatives were Mrs Olivia McMullan, Mrs Althea Raspa and Mrs Jo Bourke.



Sandy Smith and Ann Butcher

In the early days we had a mat with toys for the helpers' little ones and a fenced sandpit outside the door. We had more rostered help then - before more parents had to join the workforce and regulations were brought in that prevented children from coming into the Canteen.

We had Canteen break-ins on the 17th February, 2nd April and 23rd June in 1991 - usually on weekends or school holidays; or just because it was hot and the freezer had icy poles! One lot of 'guests' opened all the top cupboard doors and threw tomato

sauce about. A lovely cleaning job! My neighbour and ex school parent, the late Mr Vern Gard, kindly welded on window security screens, but, eventually, we had to install sensors.

On one occasion we had to deal with a power failure and dashed off, by car, to Mrs Cathy Cameron's house to prepare the hot foods.

While working at the Canteen I remember seeing the 'Jump Rope for Heart' team who were very talented at skipping; Ricky Grace, from the Perth Wildcats, and the late Reg Bolton, with his 'Suitcase Circus' who made us laugh with a tennis ball puppet he called 'Dennis the Tennis'.

Over the years the Canteen has been part of the lives of many school parents, being a place where, in return for practical help, you could depend on a kind word and a cuppa and on our theme days or sausage sizzles, a social gathering.

Many teachers gave financial support to the Canteen over the years. We had some good customers. Mr John Wilkins was a regular - his Chess Teams were always given icy poles (for upholding the honour of the School) and he ordered lunch every day. I'm sure we all gave him extra helpings. There was Mrs Cavenoni who rewarded her year ones with fruit balls, never realizing how long it took to count them into bags. Who could turn down those eager little faces, even when they did turn up when you had no helper and were just about to load up the lunch baskets?

One of our volunteers was Mrs Barbara Tyler, a good friend, who battled with mesothelioma but still came to the Canteen in her wheelchair at the last. There were too many wonderful volunteers over the years for me to name them, but we always welcomed the sight of them as we began another busy day preparing food for the students.

How we would have enjoyed the new covered quadrangle kitchen with its spaciousness and cold store - a change after all that bending over into deep freezers!

School Canteen



Canteen Managers – Mrs Linda Harbour, Mrs Ann Butcher, Mrs Gloria Vermaes



Closing the Canteen 15th April, 1994.
Supervisors Mrs Gloria Vermaes and Mrs Linda Harbour.

Accomplishments

Proposed Lathlain Primary Closure

In the mid-1990s (1994/95), the State government, through the Education Department, undertook a rigorous programme of rationalising schools, targeting for closure those with small and declining school numbers. As such, Lathlain Primary school was nominated for amalgamation with Carlisle, given that its student enrolment had declined to approximately 150. Although the proposal was that Lathlain should amalgamate with Carlisle that inevitably meant the closure of Lathlain as it had both fewer student enrolments and a smaller school site.

The rationalisation proposal produced an angry response from the Lathlain community, including those of the existing parent group, those who were the future parents of Lathlain children, and residents whose children had previously attended Lathlain Primary. Overwhelming community support was generated from several meetings to "fight" the proposed amalgamation, and a committee formed to meet with the Education Department to convince them of their misjudgment in recommending the closure of Lathlain Primary school. The committee consisted of representatives of the teaching staff, parents and the general community.

After protracted obstinance, the Education Department reluctantly agreed that the amalgamation of Lathlain Primary with Carlisle Primary was not a justifiable proposition. This conclusion was reached based on two significant criteria forcefully argued by the committee. The first was that Orong Road, which was to become the major arterial route for traffic from the eastern suburbs into the city with the completion of the Graham Farmer Freeway, would carry traffic far in excess of that which students from the Lathlain area could easily and safely access the Carlisle site.

This has proven to be the case as current traffic volumes are in excess of 50,000 vehicles per day, making Orong Road one of the busiest arterial roads in Perth. The second criterion, upon which the Education Department recommendation was challenged, was that the population of the Lathlain area was undergoing rapid change, as many of the traditional quarter-acre blocks were being sub-divided and a greater density of housing being established. Many of the new residents were young couples who were intending to be long term residents and thus requiring future access to a local primary school. This too has proven to be the case as the regeneration of the Lathlain community has resulted in student enrolments at Lathlain Primary more than doubling to 350 in the last decade.

The committee formed to "save" Lathlain Primary recognised that action needed to be taken to ensure that the school would have a viable longer-term existence and would not have to confront future rationalisation proposals. Several proposals were put to the Education Department towards this end. The first was that the off-

site pre primary centre in Planet Street should be relocated to the Lathlain school site, especially given that suitable space was readily available within existing buildings. It was felt that the relocation of the pre-primary to the school grounds would generate a greater physical presence in terms of student numbers, would assist the transition of children from pre-primary to primary, and would reduce the drift of enrolments from the pre-primary to other public and private primary schools in the area. The second recommendation was that the Town of Victoria Park should be approached to contemplate the closure of Keyes Street adjacent to the school. It was argued that the resultant cul-de-sac would be a significantly safer drop-off and pick-up area for children than that which existed in the much busier Howick Street. The closure of this section of Keyes Street would also enable the school to have greater access to the open space of Rayment Park for student activities and sporting carnivals. The third recommendation was that the school buildings should be utilised more as a community facility during non-school hours. It was felt that the originally planned community centre around Lathlain Place had become rundown, and that the school needed to provide a focus for the Lathlain community similar to that which had existed in the earlier years of its development. It must be recognised that having the Mayor of the Town of Victoria Park and also the Minister for Education, and later Premier, as strong supporters of Lathlain Primary school greatly assisted these recommendations being implemented. The general upgrading of school facilities such as the construction of a new administration centre and undercover area has further enhanced Lathlain Primary school as a community focus.

Looking back ten years later, when our generation of children have completed their primary school education, we parents still feel a "connection" to the school and strongly believe that the fight to "save" Lathlain Primary was well worth it. As a small community school it provided both a solid educational foundation and a caring social environment for Lathlain children during their formative years. It is hoped that Lathlain Primary school can continue to provide for the community for another 50 years.

Gary Moore - Parent Representative of the Lathlain Primary School rationalisation Committee.

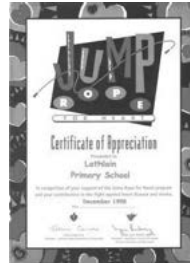
Accomplishments

Over the past 50 years Lathlain Primary has been involved in many Community events. These have been integrated into the educational programme at the School.

One such event was our participation in 1994's inaugural "W.A. Wellness Day". The students made kites at school and then walked down to G.O. Edwards Park to fly them. Great fun was had by all but quite a few students found the walk back to School a challenge! Plaintif cries of "How much further to go?" echoed up and down the long, drawn out line. The School was recognized for this activity and presented with a plaque for the "Most Innovative School Participation".

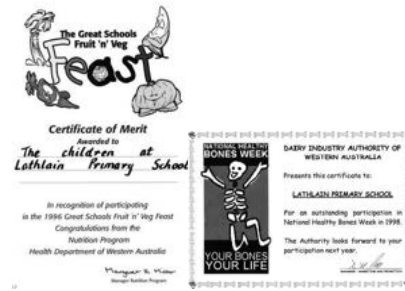


The School community has always been very supportive of any fund raising events and has been involved with many organizations. For instance, the Heart Foundation has inspired our involvement in 'Jump Rope for Heart' on several occasions and received a Certificate of Appreciation in 1998.



Accomplishments

The School has also been involved in 'The Great Schools Fruit 'n' Veg Feast', receiving a Certificate of Merit in 1996 and a certificate from the Dairy Industry Authority in 1998 for participation in National Healthy Bones Week.





Accomplishments

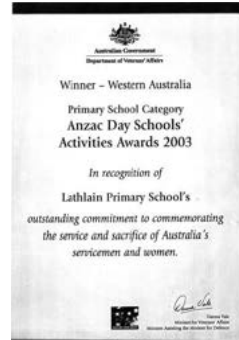


'Seniors' Week' has also been observed at Lathlain Primary. One year a class was invited to perform at Belmont Forum Shopping Centre for the senior citizens whilst they enjoyed morning tea. They presented an Australian poem and song to the delight of their audience.

Since the introduction of the Volunteers' Programme our School has supported the Volunteers' Morning Tea and has received Certificates of Appreciation.



The commemoration of Anzac Day has always been an important event at Lathlain Primary and was recognized by the Department of Veterans' Affairs in 2003 with an Anzac Day Schools' Activities Award.



Accomplishments



DAFFODIL DAY

Teachers Vicki Shepherdson and Leonie Moncrief started 'Daffodil Day' as a means of raising funds for Breast Cancer research. Each child bought a bulb for 50 cents as well as items put out by the Foundation.



Accomplishments



LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Before *Languages Other Than English* was one of the compulsory learning areas, Lathlain had been offering Italian classes with teachers and resources provided through the Italian Consulate.

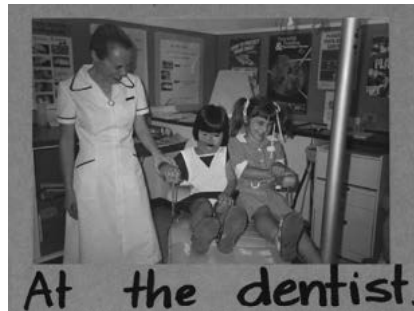
This offer was taken up by Lathlain as we were a feeder school to Kewdale high School which had Italian as one of its courses. When Kewdale was closed by the Education Department, due to lack of numbers, Lathlain students went to Belmont High School (now Belmont City College) and Japanese was a subject they offered. By now L.O.T.E. was a compulsory learning area so a decision was made the Lathlain School community to offer Japanese as our L.O.T.E.

Mrs Julie Fuller has been the teacher of Japanese for some time at the school.



DENTAL CLINIC

A Dental Clinic operated on site from the early 70's until the mid 90's, when it transferred to the Carlisle Dental Clinic.



Accomplishments



MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

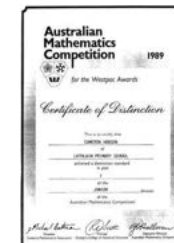
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WESTPAC MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

"Students at Lathlain have done very well in the Australian Wide Westpac Mathematics Competition. The successful students include Katherine Taylor, who achieved a result that placed her in the top 3% of students in Australia for her age group. Katherine received a \$30.00 Saver Account, a certificate and a special pin in recognition of her achievement.

Other students to do very well were Hayden Nebel and Chris Fare who received distinction certificates. Cherie Sarich, Steven Watson, Clifford Sagado, Qing Watts, Ryan Partington, Nadia Mirco, Kyle Vermaes and Debbie Nutt all received credit certificates for their efforts.

Many thanks to Mr Wilkins who, as coordinator and tutor of the students, has done a fine job in developing their potential and ability in the mathematics area."



Accomplishments

THE CHESS CLUB

Mrs Christine de Souza initiated the idea of a Chess Club in 1989 and was helped by Mr Bob Pilgrim.

She asked Mr John Wilkins what he thought. He said go for it and promised his support. He never missed a chess night and said if any child could not come because of transport problems he would drive them there and home again afterwards.

It has since become the strongest and the second longest running chess club to Kingsley. People come from all over to attend Lathlain's chess nights.

Mr Pilgrim used to tell students that women couldn't play chess like men until he found out that Mrs de Souza was a State Champion, along with her daughter who was also a Junior State Champion.



The Chess Team 1998

Lathlain Primary School was always very successful, winning top junior team in state and winning lots of interschool competitions. The School has one trophy for winning the Metropolitan Primary Schools' Chess Competition in 2001.

The Chess Club is still being run by Christine de Souza and Bob Pilgrim, with a tournament every term.

Accomplishments

THE SAFETY HOUSE PROGRAM

The Safety House organization had its first administration office here at Lathlain for a number of years. The office was in, what we know as, Room 15. They had their own photocopier, computers, phone line, etc. Often when our photocopier was playing up we would use the photocopier in the Safety House office to print off the Newsletter. A few years ago they moved their office into the city.

SCHOOL BANKING

For many years students school banking was an integral part of Lathlain Primary School.

In the beginning the Bank would send out their own people then later it was handled by the Registrar. Banking was held once a fortnight and the children's books were stamped and the money banked.

About ten years ago the Commonwealth Bank decided not to undertake this any more.

Last year one of our parents, Jane Cattermole, undertook the role of the student school banker. So once again we have children learning about how to save and bank.

ARBOUR DAYS



Arbour Day 1950's



Arbour day more recently

Accomplishments

International Year of the Older Persons

'Good old days' revisited

STUDENTS at Lathlain Primary School are celebrating the Year of Older Persons by learning about life in the "good old days."

Teacher Lesmie Moncrieff said staff and pupils had invited some visitors from the local community to join the six-month program of activities which will culminate in a Grandparents Day during fourth term.

"At the first of our special days in June, students dressed up in olden day clothes and enjoyed using old equipment and learning cottage crafts, games and folk dances," Ms Moncrieff said.

"A couple of grandmothers came to a morning tea and were happy to talk to the children about what it was like to grow up in the district more than 60 years ago."

The school received a \$2000 Year of the Older Persons grant from the State Government to assist with the project.



Students Milie Walton and Alexandra Astone dressed in olden days clothes and tried the old phones.

School day fun for all ages

LATHLAIN Primary School celebrated International Year of the Older Persons by holding a Grandparents Day.

It completed a learning journey for the school and recognized everyone's efforts in celebrating the special year.

Belconnen Senior High School's hospitality students supplied morning tea, under the direction of their teacher Lyn Scanlon.

Lathlain Primary School art teacher Lesmie Moncrieff said the exciting program was:

"The whole day was fantastic. It was a real success. We probably had about 250 to 300 people attend and everyone had a great time," she said. The afternoon featured games with parents, grandparents and carers, followed by musical entertainment, including a mature belly-dancing group.

"They belly dancers were fabulous, they even had the grandparents tap and dancing," Ms Moncrieff said. The day was a community event that celebrated the coming together of all ages. During the year, Lathlain



Amy Kite (7) proudly shows her artwork to her grandmothers, Elaine and Trevor Dutton, who joined other grandparents at the special day.

students have taken part in different activities relating to older people. Students learnt ballroom dancing and folk dancing; the choir sang poetry and letter-written older people.

Accomplishments

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

46 Super Gran

Words and music by Phil Coulter and Billy Connolly

1. Stand back, Super-man, see-man, Spot-a-man, See-man and No-in see... Don't
 ...no chance to talk, could be a bit nervous, but I've got a trick for you... She
 makes them look like a bunch of fat - se, she's got more but-tocks U-uh - ee Oh-ee-ee.
 Hang a bout, look out for Super Gran.
 She's a see - look Gran.
 see - look Gran. She's do things that you see - ee see your Gran-ee do.
 G. Spoken: G.C. at CCMMA © CCMMA
 Is there nothing that she cannot do? Hang a-bout, look out
 for Super Gran.

SUPER GRAN'S

FORM YOUR OWN BACKING VOCAL GROUP AND SING ALONG WITH THE "SUP - SUP - SUPER MAN" HEARD IN THE PRODUCTION AND AT THE END OF EACH VERSE ON THE TAPE. PRACTISE ALL THE PARTS SEPARATELY AND THEN JOIN THEM TOGETHER.

MOVEMENTS TO GO WITH THE BACKING VOCALS:

1. You can make your friends, your Robert De Niro, Your Al Pacino, be just another phony. And Liza Minnelli is just another phony. She can't take her shoes. Also, her hair is full of gel, gel, gel. She's got love but that's a real house. Hang about, look out for Super Gran.

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3. On your like Wonder Woman, We'll just see you that I come. The one is for me. Charles's Angels park it in before it gets embarrassed. The lady's a real one. She comes on strong like a Bengal Lancer. She brings you all back like a bunch of dancers. Hang about, look out for Super Gran.

4. Hang about, look out for Super Gran.



Accomplishments



GRANDPARENTS' DAY



Grace Williamson as "Super Gran"



Accomplishments



PIONEERS' DAY



ANZAC DAY AWARD 2003

Congratulations to our Anzac Day Award Winners

Lathlain Primary School and Craigie Senior High School were this year's winners in the annual Anzac Day Awards which were announced by the Minister for Veteran Affairs in October. Over twenty NSW schools had participated in the competition.

Each of the two winners received a prize consisting of a cheque for \$500, a plaque and a certificate. Senator David Johnson presented the primary school award to Lathlain Primary School, and a representative of Dr. Mal Weather (former Member for Moore) made the secondary school presentation to Craigie SHS.

The whole of Lathlain Primary School was involved in Anzac activities which culminated in the school's Anzac Service. The Junior Primary children made Anzac biscuits, created a medal with an Anzac virtue for other class members, built a war memorial and sent peace messages.

A display of their activities was available for the whole school and visitors. Activities prior to Anzac Day assisted the children to gain a greater understanding of its significance.



Adults (L-R): Keith Northall, Leanne Robertson, Anna Milby, Senator David Johnson, Les Rankine, Leanne Macdonald

Students (second row): Christopher Beattie, Anna Castle. Front row: Marie Campbell-Hales, Isabelle Ellings.



Accomplishments



BIKE WEEK



Edwards Park Lake Science Project

LATHLAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Edwards Park, Burwood
Photo: Kelli O'Neill



Aliso, Janayo, Anne, Jack and Felicia hunting for macroinvertebrates
Photo: Kelli O'Neill

Students from years 2/3 at Lathlain Primary School monitored macroinvertebrates at Edwards Park lake, off Great Eastern Highway, Burwood.



Accomplishments



YOGA

For many years Chris Preece has offered Hatha Yoga at Lathlain Primary. Group sessions take place after school in Room 8.

Members are asked their needs and sessions have evolved including stretching postures, postures benefiting back muscles, Yoga breathing and complete relaxation.

A small charge is asked, part of which goes towards buying something for the School, i.e., table cloths for the Staff Room, presents for senior volunteers at the end of the year, etc.

People have become friends and all feel it has been physically and mentally beneficial.

WELLNESS DAY

In 1994 Lathlain Primary School entered the inaugural *Wellness Day*. The students made kites at school and then walked down to G.O. Edwards Park to fly them. Great fun was had by all, but quite a few students found the walk back to school a challenge. Plaintive cries of "How much further to go?" echoed up and down the long, drawn out line. The School was recognised for this activity and was presented with a plaque for the Most Innovative School Participation.





Memories



KEN FARRELL LEAVES LATHLAIN 1978 (From an article in a local newspaper)

At the end of this year Ken Farrell will leave the Lathlain Primary School after 23 years as Deputy Principal. Hardly a family in Lathlain has not had someone taught by him.

"I came here with the intention of staying two years and then going for promotion," he said. "But the place got to me and I stayed. I felt if I left I'd be deserting it."

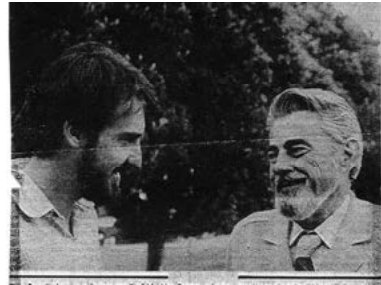
He joined as Deputy Principal and he will leave as Deputy Principal.

Mr Farrell said the grounds of the school were all bush when he arrived, just one year after the school started, in 1957. Then it was a 10 room school with just over 300 children. Parents and children cleared the block and put in lawns and shrubs. The first bed of roses went down in 1958 and gradually they were added to till they became a notable feature of the school. One Arbour Day they planted 80 box trees. Some of those trees had to be pruned later, but one group has been left alone and, today, they are described by a Public Works Department official as the finest stand of Queensland Box trees in the metropolitan area.

Mr Farrell can remember the days when Dennis Lillee and Rod Marsh, then members of the Perth Cricket Club nearby, used to visit the school and coach the children. Barry Cable used to come over from Lathlain Oval and coach football and the children watched Lathlain Oval being built.

He saw it go to a 16 room school with over 600 children in the boom years of the 60's and now fall back to 289 children. That's why he's going – because the numbers have dropped and the school is changing from a Class 1 to a Class 2 next year. Mr Farrell is going to the Huntingdale Primary School near Gosnells as Deputy Principal.

For the man who saw nine principals come and go at Lathlain, for the man who says it is a "glorious experience" to see parents coming along to help the school whose parents before them used to do the same thing, it will be a sad day when the end comes.



Ken Farrell chats to a former pupil of his, Ivan Barratt, who now teaches at the school himself. Behind them is a fine stand of Queensland Box trees that Mr Farrell saw planted many years ago.



Memories



One of Lathlain's Teachers by Grace Williamson

Little was known of a teacher sent to Lathlain in 1971. His name was John Wilkins and he was given the grade four class to teach and before long was accepted by teachers, parents and children.

Some people in this world have the happy knack of getting along with both children and adults. John was an amicable staff member and seemed well liked by all. He had a very happy nature and his laugh was contagious.

During the time he was at Lathlain he also taught boys woodwork and sports. He always attended the many fund raising events that were held to raise finance for amenities for the school. One such event was a quiz night held at the Carlisle Hotel. As a parent I happened to be placed on the same table with John as ringleader and the fun was had that night was unforgettable. We were a table full of strangers and all came away friends.

He taught grade four classes at Lathlain for four years and left at the end of 1974 to further his experience as a teacher. But that was not the end of this teacher to Lathlain. He had been born and bred in Carlisle and his parents were aging so he wanted to be nearer to take care of them. When he had upgraded his teaching experience he applied for a position somewhere close by. It was in 1982 that he was sent to Lathlain Primary School with a promotion to Senior Assistant and soon became the Deputy Principal. With this came administration responsibilities and the teaching of the grade sevens.

John suited this role and teaching must have been his calling because, apart from teaching, he became a mentor to some of the troubled children. He seemed to his ex students commented that when she was going through a difficult time behaviour-wise, John asked her "Why do that to yourself, you know there is a lady within you just waiting to come out". She said that made her think about her

behaviour and she didn't want to let Mr Wilkins down. From then on her confidence, self esteem and outlook improved so much that she went on to study Law.

Students were always coming back after leaving Lathlain to show John their reports from high school and let him know their plans. He was never too busy to hear from them. He never forgot a child or a parent and would speak to parents in shopping centres and find out what their son or daughter had achieved – scholastically, work wise and, later, their families.

John took the brighter maths students for special tuition to enter them into the Westpac Australian Mathematics Competition. Several students did very well and the results showed in the gaining of many distinctions and high awards.

John also started a Chess Club which was held on a Tuesday evening. He also taught chess at school during the lunch break in the library. He found other interested schools and set up junior and senior teams to compete with each of them. These were Government and Private schools. These competitions were held during lunch hours sometimes at Lathlain and other times the children were bussed to the competing school.

John taught the grade sevens until 1991. He decided to have a change and, combined with his duties of Deputy Principal, he became the Teacher Librarian. In this role he taught every child from pre-primary to grade seven in the use of the Library. He became quite a story teller and the children loved his choices of stories. He bought books that had unusual titles like *The Were Wolfe of Fever Swamp*, *The Bugalus Bum Thief*, *The Carnival of Horrors!!* and many more. The children loved them and him. One time he went to the museum and hired stuffed, wild animals and set a huge tiger up at the entrance door to the library. The look on everyone's faces when they first walked in was worth all the trouble to John.

John encouraged children to enter the various levels of competition in book and poetry writing for Book Week held by School Library Services in August each year. All schools (both public and private) and local libraries entered children's work.



Memories



John retired at the end of 1994 and in 1995 he did a trip overseas to Gallipoli and other European countries.

In his retirement he helped out at the local St Barnabas Church giving the aged lifts to and from church and at the nursing home and seniors group where his parents had been before they died. He joined a square dancing group and became a keen dancer. He still had an interest in the Tuesday evening Chess Club. One of his great enjoyments was the trots which he would attend most Friday nights.

Retirement and enjoyment of life was cut short when, on the 21st June 1998, he went, with friends and their children, to Waroona Dam for a day of fun canoeing. Unfortunately, later in the day, the canoe overturned and everyone on board had to swim for shore. John got into difficulties while rescuing a three year old girl. He managed to get her ashore safely but at the cost of his own life, as he died at the scene. He died, as he lived, taking care of the child before himself. He was, and is still, so missed by all who knew him and loved him.

When the Lathlain Primary School built the undercover area, which was opened in September 1999, and is used for assemblies and many other occasions for school activities, it was decided (and approved) to call in the "John Wilkins Undercover Area". A fitting remembrance to a very special man.



Some of Lathlain's children had very good results. John became affectionately known as "Mr Wilks" to a lot of the children.

MR WILKS

*There is a man that stands apart,
His winning smile,
His gentle heart,
That belongs to every child, who passes through,
The doors of Lathlain Primary School.*

*His warm and happy ways,
Seem to give to everyone,
A special little bit of joy and everlasting fun.*

*A knight in shining armour,
Master of Mathematics and Chess,
He's always a perfect gentleman,
One of Nature's best.*

*Lathlain School is fortunate,
To have a man like him,
It's but a pile of hard red bricks,
Without his soul within,*

*John Wilkins, is this special person,
Which has kept the spirit alive,
Not a single child through his care,
Has ever been deprived.*

*I'm so glad to have known someone like you,
Who has helped me from Grade 1 to 7 right through,
You have given me a special gift,
Which every child would envy,
I've put you in my treasure chest,
As a never forgotten memory.*

Written on John's retirement by Brioni Moore (a past student of his.)



Memories



Memories of Mr Mann and Mr Farrell

Christine Williamson (Class of 1981)



Mr Mann's Class of 1979

I remember my Grade 5 teacher and Grade 6 Maths teacher, Mr Ted Mann, a teacher who inspired his students, who created enthusiasm and excitement in them to want to strive harder, seek knowledge and continue learning. He managed to make transitional maths years understood and clear and even created competition with other (higher) classes in order to assist learning times tables.

When we had all done a good days' work he would sometime reward us by reading the long story of "The Boy Who Sailed Around the World Alone" (Robin Lee Grahame). Mr Mann would read a chapter or a few pages at a time and he had children following the journey in the atlas – a clever way of making geography exciting! I was so keen, my parents bought me a globe of the world to have at home.

Although he was strict and disciplined, we loved him. It was a sad day in this world, when, still young, he left us after a long illness to go to the next.

Mr Mann lived the ideals of the School in all he did – Seek, Strive, Learn.

I feel Mr Ken Farrell should also be mentioned – a teacher who taught at Lathlain since its beginning and one who stayed for 23 years – even teaching at the school with a teacher who had been a previous student of his! He left an impression on all his students as a fair man with all his students' interests at heart.

To my other teachers – you, too, are all remembered for one thing or another and have all had an influence and impact on my life.



Mr Ken Farrell

Memories

The Power of a Principal

One of my everlasting memories is when the Pre Primary off site in Planet Street had a visit from "Farmyards On Wheels". They brought with them a very large pig – one metre high. The Children loved him and he loved the Pre Primary, going berserk in the gardens.

When it was time for the animals to leave the pig refused to get back in the trailer. The lady farmers were distraught but the children were delighted because they wanted to keep the pig. They sat on the verandah while the pig rampaged around the garden.

The Principal, Peter Nowland, arrived and we explained the situation. He looked at the pig and the pig looked at him. Peter yelled "Get in the Truck!" and pointed to the trailer. The pig obediently trotted into the trailer.

The children were in awe of Mr Nowland and the power of a school Principal.

Betty Fawcett
Pre Primary Teacher 1989 – 2003

Memories

FRANCES KININMONTH

By Norma Angus
Teacher at Lathlain 1983 – 2006

In 1961 an unnamed cyclone passed over Port Hedland. It was not the only powerful force to be felt that year. The other was the arrival of one Frances Barlow, a fresh-faced new graduate, eager to begin her career as a teacher. The cyclone soon passed but Miss Barlow was to remain for three years.

Frances' periods at Lathlain included being Administration Relief for Ken Farrell and Teresa Burges and later for John Wilkins. Later Frances returned to Lathlain and was the Year 6 teacher, then Librarian/Support Teacher.

During her second stint at Lathlain she worked closely with the Deputy and Year 7 teacher, John Wilkins. John's special name for Frances was "Mother Superior". Fran devised all sorts of plans to brighten up rooms and enhance science programs. Once, an aquarium sized container was purchased, along with soil and plants, and a terrarium was set up. The plants survived well over the holidays, as they set up their own environment, but some unusual embellishments were added by the creative Year Sevens!

On another occasion Fran and John planned a school camp to Coolgardie. Unfortunately, the bus broke down between Tammin and Kellerberrin so a replacement had to be sent from Perth. Fortunately, a rubbish tip was close at hand and, hence, a wide assortment of jars, bottles and 'junk' made its way on board the new vehicle. Those students not keen on fossicking, played football in the stubbled paddocks. Because of adverse weather conditions the replacement bus also had mechanical problems and broke down at Coolgardie. Mr Wilkins and Mr Evershed, the Principal, returned, by train, with the students whilst Fran drove Mr Evershed's brand new car back to Perth.



Memories

FRANCES KININMONTH contd.

Fran displayed some amazing ingenuity over the years. On one occasion, when the Superintendent was due to arrive, she planned to clear the teachers' table with a pocketed table cloth. All you had to do was push the markers, pens, the roll, unmarked books and homework books into the pockets and all lay concealed behind the desk.

Fran's final stint at Lathlain included several years as the Year Six teacher and several as the Librarian/Support Teacher during Greg Teede's and Bruce How's times as Principals. When Mr How went on long service leave, Fran became Acting Principal for a term, a very eventful time as this was a time of ongoing industrial action in the profession.

In 1992 Fran, a well known environmentalist amongst the staff, was persuaded to bring her Year 6 class along on an excursion with the Year 7 class to Yanchep National Park. Activities planned were a bush walk, a walk through the edge of the swamp and a trip down into the caves. The walk through the swamp resulted in the children being covered in black mud from waist to toes, requiring all to be hosed down before they could put on a change of clothes for the trip home. The bus driver was not really amused with the fact that some passengers were still rather damp. Neither teacher was in a hurry to repeat this excursion.

In 1994 Fran was put in charge of the basketball team, much to her dismay. However, using that ingenuity previously mentioned, Fran arranged for some after school coaching by local high school boys which resulted in Lathlain winning the Basketball Shield in the 1994 Interschool Carnival.

Whenever the staff members left dishes on a sink to be washed later or photocopy a page three or four times 'to get it just right' without using both sides, they may, for a fleeting moment, look up to see if Fran has replaced the old, often ignored signs with new, 'must be obeyed' signs.

After thirty six years, through marriage and parenthood, part-time and full-time teaching Fran Kininmonth decided to move on to another phase of her life. This has included teaching English in China from 2001 to 2002 where Fran also called on those basketball skills and as a volunteer at the State Herbarium.

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Recollections of Working at Lathlain Primary School



My name is Frances Wilson and my association with Lathlain Primary School started when our eldest child, Lynette first started in Grade 1. When our son, Peter started school a couple of years later, I thought I should at least take an interest in the Parents' meetings and to find out a little about our children's school. As it happened, the first meeting I attended was the Annual General Meeting of the P & C Association and, of course, there were vacant positions to be filled, one of which was Secretary. As I had worked in an office environment I was quickly pressured to take on the position, so hence started my association with the School.

Mrs Jean Buscumb was the School officer back at that time, but she had to resign her position as she was moving to the country. I was asked if I would like to work in the office at School and I accepted. So started my 21 years as Office Assistant.

I have seen many Principals come and go during my time and when a new Principal was appointed I was always apprehensive that I would not enjoy working with them, but, fortunately, I was very lucky that all the Principals appointed to Lathlain during my time were great to work for and each, in their own way, brought new ideas to the betterment of the School.

My work at the School was very varied; from office work to helping out at Athletic and Swimming Carnivals; being a camp cook on three occasions to about 50 children. The camps were organized by Mr Wiebe Tieleman. Until that time the children at the school had not been on a camp and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I hope my cooking! We didn't have anyone go down with tummy wogs, so it must have been OK.

When I think back to my days at Lathlain I remember some of the great teachers that the children of Lathlain were fortunate to be taught by. Ken Farrell who taught Year 7 for many, many years and his predecessor, John Wilkins who always had ex pupils come back to the School to see him and to let him know how they were progressing at High School. Perry Barnett, who loved sport and coached the boys to many grand finals, both in cricket and football. Ivy Paton who was an absolute sweetie – came back to teaching after her family had grown up and was a real mother figure to the children. She generally taught younger children, but was also the Music teacher at Lathlain for many years and was responsible for many School performances. Norma Angus, of course, who has now taught at Lathlain for many years.

All the children who have attended Lathlain Primary School over the last 50 years have been privileged in gaining a good education by a professional and caring staff which should assist them in their future career pursuits.

Congratulations to the Principal, teachers and children on your 50th Anniversary and trust that the School will continue to provide an excellent education to the future children of Lathlain for the next 50 years.

Frances Wilson
School Secretary Lathlain Primary 1973 – 1982
Registrar Lathlain Primary 1983 - 1991



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My Time as Registrar at Lathlain Primary School

Sharon Hughes

I have been Registrar at Lathlain Primary School for twelve years. My association with the School has been around sixteen years when I came to Lathlain as School Officer. I worked for several years with Fran Wilson who was Registrar at the time.

During this time I have worked with four Principals. They were Mr Greg Teede, Mr Bruce How, Mr Trevor Vaughan and Mr Harry Tysoe who is currently the Principal. During all of this time I have seen students start at Lathlain Kindergarten and then graduate from Year 7. I always find the end of each school year an emotional time as it is time to say goodbye to the faces that have peered over the front desk all those years and, when graduation day comes, I am always so proud to have known them all. Often you wonder where they are now and quite often they come back to visit. It is great to hear about their lives and what they are doing.

Many staff members have passed through here and, even though names may be forgotten, their faces in photos are not. Many of my work colleagues have retired during my time here, some after twenty or so years. One of these people was our Deputy Principal, Mr John Wilkins. Many happy and fond memories of this wonderful person are held by all of us long term staff members. The Undercover Area was named after John, who died in a boating accident at Warona Dam after saving a child who was the child of one of his old students and remained friends with them until his death. During John's retirement a number of us met regularly for lunch or afternoon tea.

I recall many memorable events, such as when Heather Sinclair retired and the Staff organized a vintage car to pick her up from her home and bring her to Lathlain. It was such a grand occasion with a guard of honour made up of students and staff. After school I limo picked her up and she was driven around for two hours and then taken to dinner.

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Memories of Teaching at Lathlain by Norma Angus

During my time at Lathlain I've worked in nearly all Year levels.

While, quite happily, working in the junior classes I was approached by the Principal, at the time, to have a Year Six the following year.

After several years as the Year Six teacher I was approached to have the Year Sevens the following year. At the end of the year the class presented me with a large card which they had all signed. The message included, "We'll keep in touch". Poor things didn't realize quite how "in touch" we would be, as I already knew I would be their Year Seven teacher as well!

Yes, it was my class that, also, went on that excursion to Yanchep National Park. My group had a hiccup before going into the swamp when one student refused to walk through the bulrushes, insisted on going back. The child had to be escorted back by a staff member. The guide, a parent helper, myself and the group ploughed on, but, as we were the last group into the swamp, the edges were rather trampled and some depressions in the mud were a little deeper than expected, particularly for a few rather petite students. We also had to help a few robust, young people make it over large branches. Eventually we made it to the quiet spot in the swamp where we sat on branches listening to the sounds of nature.

The biggest surprise was yet to come when the guide turned to me and informed me that I had been his Year 3 teacher at Derby District High School and, when I looked more closely at him under his yellow hat, I actually recognised him and remembered his name!

The sight of all these students covered in black mud being hosed down was one I'll always remember. The bus trip home was one of the quietest I can recall.

As a teacher of senior classes you have the privilege of going to Interschool Carnivals. One year I was in charge of the basketball team. It rained heavily most of the day and the water on the Kent Street High School courts was about ankle deep. It stopped raining for a little while during lunch and then, as we arrived back at school at 3 o'clock, No, we didn't win that year. Another year I was in charge of the soccer team. Luckily that year quite a few of the boys played soccer on the weekend and were quite skilled. Two boys also "volunteered" their fathers to help out during some sport periods, resulting in a very successful team at the Interschool Carnival.

Whilst working in the senior classes I was convinced, twice, to go on an end-of-year outing to a well-known amusement establishment. The first time one group of students got stuck half way up a queue when a ride broke down. They could hear the public address call for them to return to base immediately as it was time to leave, but they couldn't get down. The second time, my little group thought it was great having an adult with umbrella amongst them as I could stop older kids jumping in front of them in the queues. After seeing how crowded the pool was, all group supervisors were informed that the pool was out-of-bounds. Surprisingly the kids were not fussed about this.

I have fond memories of Graduation Dinners at the King's Hotel. The students who made phone calls to ask questions about the possible venues, facilities and menu were often mistaken for Year 12's, not 12 year olds, as they presented themselves so well.

I recall working with many wonderful staff. My first years at Lathlain were enhanced by the help and friendship from Fran Wilson (Registrar), Elma Harris (Junior Primary Aide), and Grace Williamson (Library Officer). These wonderful ladies also offered their homes for various staff get-togethers over the years.

Who else remembers the former staff member who dressed up as a gorilla and appeared at the windows? So convincing was he that he frightened the life out of some of the "littles". Or the staff member who wore out the verandah boards walking down to the new staff members' room, offering his help? Ah, romance bloomed and marriage and family resulted.

One of the saddest times at Lathlain was when I heard of the untimely death of John Wilkins. The whole School community felt his passing.

Another event I'll always remember is the send off for Mrs Heather Sinclair when she retired. Who will forget her arrival in a vintage car and then her surprise as she walked through the hoops and blackboard rulers guard of Honour? The limousine ride at the end of the day through the city and King's Park topped it off.

Over the years I've been served in local shops by former students; been informed of their studies, travels, marriages and births of children by proud parents; taught the children of former students and visited by those keen to share their news. To see eyes light up when you remember their names, can recall the class you taught them in or even remind them of certain incidences and to send them off with your best wishes makes for good feelings all round.

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My Memories of Lathlain Primary School Jeanette Buscumb

I first became involved with the Lathlain Primary School in May, 1965 when I enrolled two of my children at the School.

My first impression was – how much paperwork was to be attended to with not obvious help available.

In 1966 when I enrolled my third child, I offered to take work (typing) home to do. Mr Gable was very grateful. I then went to school to help on a Wednesday and worked in a voluntary capacity. During second term Mr Gable told me he had been granted a one tenth position (half day per week) for a Clerical Assistant and had submitted my name and hoped I did not mind! My only problem was my youngest child was only three and my husband was a shift worker, which meant I could not always be available. This was not a problem – "Bring her to School and we'll set up a chair and table in the corner for her." He also used to send her on "messages" to various teachers, which, in turn, gave him time for other duties.

In 1968 the workload was still heavy, so I would be at school several times a week – typing test papers, printing them on the hand Gesteletter and general office duties. I continued these duties under Mr George Herbert (from 1970 to 1971) and with Mr Ken Rolfe in 1972. By now I was on two fifths time.

I was also Secretary of the P & C from 1969 to 1972. This involved helping with the school's annual fetes and sports carnivals. I also volunteered to check numbers of children attending vacation swimming classes at Somerset Pool on and off the bus.

I helped with the tuck shop preparing the food in the hat room and serving it from trestles set up on the verandah and, in 1972, did the Canteen Manager's course at night school with Natalie Easther.

We were transferred to Kalgoorlie in 1973, thus ending my involvement with Lathlain Primary School.

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Betty Fawcett

Pre Primary Teacher 1989 – 2003.

One of the joys of being a long term teacher at a school is watching children you taught as 4 and 5 year olds go through the School to year 7.

Then to have these same children come back to see you when they are in Year 12 to show you their school ball photos.

To go shopping and have handsome and beautiful young adults stop you and say "Do you remember me? I was in your Lathlain Pre Primary". Strangely, I do. It's the same faces on grown up bodies.

That was a special thing about Lathlain Primary School. The majority of the young people who passed through the School have become confident, responsible, young adults who are a credit to their parents and Lathlain Primary School.

Shelley Bergh

Student 1958 – 1964

I remember.....

.....I was one of the first Prefects at Lathlain.

.....I remember little bottles of milk at recess which we used flavoured straws to drink with.

.....the smell of new books when you picked up your new supplies at the beginning of each year.

.....planting trees on Arbour Day on our School oval.

.....a few very unpleasant teachers who would never be allowed to teach nowadays.

.....Folk Dancing and Friday assemblies in the quadrangle.

.....praying for rain on Fridays!

.....the privilege of cleaning the teachers' staff room and pinching a couple of biscuits as payment!

.....playing with friends.

The best memories of all – the friends we made at school.

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Maureen Roberts (nee Joyce) Grade 7 1958

In the 1950's, with large families, there was not much money to go around so cameras and getting film developed were luxuries.



Mum cut our hair – no going to the hairdresser back then.



I can not believe how thin we were back then. Of course that was pre TV and computers. We grew most of our own vegetables and we had fruit trees and grape vines so no junk food back then. We had a lot of rabbit and kangaroo to eat which is lean meat.

I remember..... when ordering lunch, Mr Cable always called the meat and salad rolls "cold cats".

I remember..... It was a school sports carnival and we travelled by bus all excited to be on the way to compete at Peet Park in Carlisle. In those days the buses had back doors from which passengers could alight. As is usual with school bus trips we were all excited and there was a lot of happy noises and jostling going on. As we were halfway into our journey there was a scream as the back door flew open and a boy (whose name I can not recall) fell out onto the road. This happened just near the corner of Archer and Star streets. A lady who was walking down the street with a baby in a pram dashed out onto the road to help him. I recollect that he was put into the pram and taken to the doctor's surgery in Archer Street. The bus then continued on with the rest of us to the sports day. Next day at school we learnt he had died.

As a result of his death buses without conductors did not allow passengers to exit from the rear and soon rear door buses were taken out of service.

Back then there was no counselling or support given to any of us that were on the bus and witnessed what had taken place. Even today when I go near the accident site I still have memories of what took place on that day.

Jennifer Kellett and I used to put on backyard concerts to raise funds for various organizations – mainly Red Cross and the School P & C. Mrs Kellett was Indian and used to make these delicious curry puffs and my mother made cup cakes and chocolate crackles which we would sell to the audience along with an admission fee. We would sing, dance, recite poetry and do circus tricks like juggling and acrobatics to entertain mainly the neighbourhood kids and their parents.

Remember when.....the sport uniform bloomers we had to wear and how you had to kneel down so the teacher could check and make sure the length of the leg of the bloomers came to the crease at the back of your knee?

Terry Lewis was in my class and we always competed for the top place academically. Mr Farrell had us seated in academic order and there was always fierce competition between myself, Terry and another boy whose name I can't recall, to have the seat for the top of the class and our seating would change according to the results of our most recent tests. Only once did I get the top seat, as it was usually occupied by Terry who guarded it very jealously, and even then he complained that I must have cheated!

As I have not lived in Rivervale for 42 years since I left to join the Army, I have not really seen many people from my school days.



Stories

Jeanette Nott (now O'Leary)

I was a student in the first year that Lathlain opened. I was in Grade 1 in 1956 and still, quite vividly, remember "walking up the rocky road" (McCartney Crescent) with my grandmother who took me to my first day at school.

Unfortunately my memory isn't as great as I wished, but I do remember three of my teachers; probably because they left such a lasting impression on me. Mr Farrell was my Grade 7 teacher. He was just so wonderful. Nennie Harken was my Grade 6 and sewing teacher. Bit of a tyrant, but I have fond memories of her! Then there was Mr Jones, my Grade 4 teacher. I remember him well because the school must have been short of classrooms so he had to teach us in the washroom which was roughly converted into a classroom.

My sisters Trudie, Marlyne and Leisa all attended Lathlain. We are spread out all over the country. However, we have unanimously agreed that we will all be very proud to attend the 50th Anniversary of our School.



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My Memories of Lathlain Primary School
Terri Good (nee Buscumb)

I am the eldest of the four Buscumb children (Terri, Warren, Murray and Sharon) who attended Lathlain from 1965, when we moved to the area, until the end of 1972 when our family moved to Kalgoorlie. My sister, Sharon returned to Lathlain for Year 7 when we came back from Kalgoorlie.

During that time, our Mother, Jeanette Buscumb was a volunteer "Office Lady" for many years. Towards the end of our time at the School the position became paid part time. She and her friend Mrs Natalie Easter set up the first school Tuck Shop.

Mum is a keen gardener and she potted up plants all year for the annual school fete. Seemed that she was always doing something for our School!

I have fond memories of my time at Lathlain. My best friends were Annette Puzey and Pam and Jan Bremner (we actually had 2 sets of twins in my classes all through my years at Lathlain...also Wendy and Julia Hackshaw).

My Friend Annette and I used to put on concerts during some lunch times. We used to sing and dance!! We would charge two cents each for the students in the School to come and see us perform. . . and we would fill the room with a keen audience! The money, which I can't imagine amounted to much, went to the Red Cross.

My favourite year was Grade 7. I guess we had made it to the top of the School and were given many responsibilities – which was good. Mr Farrell was my teacher (I think he taught Warren and Sharon as well). I remember he used to whisper to get our attention...It worked! When we finished Grade 7 I recall Mr Farrell inviting us all to visit him from time to time so he could see how we were getting on. I used to visit him a couple of times a year and he was always very happy to see any of us who visited.

I recall our Gardener, Mr Crew. He was well known by all the students. We used to have an area of the garden that the students used to help look after – I think it was closed to the playground (where I spent a lot of time on the monkey bars!).

I seem to have a good memory for names of my teachers.. Grade 2 – Miss Kilgallon; Grade 4 – Mr Roger; Grade 5 – Mr Carol; Grade 6 – Miss Tracey; Grade 7 – Mr Farrell.

I was at a reunion almost 20 years ago when a Time Capsule was buried in the front of the School. I will be interested to see it dug up.

My memories of the School are good. I am glad to have been a part of it.

Memories

Memories of Lathlain Primary School days from Dawn Whitehurst

We arrived from our farm life in Geraldton in 1963 to begin our city life in Lathlain. Our older boys, Roy and Victor, went to Lathlain Primary School being in Grades 6 and 3. Kingsley, our youngest, went into Grade 1 in 1964.

Roy became a pilot, first for the R.A.A.F, and then a commercial pilot. Victor became an architectural draftsman. He is also a Rotarian and ballroom dancer at which he has won many trophies. Kingsley became a sign writer/painter, building designer and now has his own lawn mowing contract business.

During their primary school years both my husband, Everard, and I were involved in the P & C, Everard being a president in the 60's. He also erected the football goal posts on the oval in May 1965. These were only replaced this year – 2006.



I helped on cake stalls, fetes, lamington drives and many other fundraising events to provide the much needed amenities for the School!

During the 60's there were around 600 children at the School and sports day was a big event, with factions of Red, Blue, Green and Gold. It was held at the Lathlain

Football Oval and was attended by many parents watching their children in the events.

Anzac Day was well attended and the children, who were in the Scouts, Guides, Girls' Brigade, St John's Ambulance, etc., wore their uniforms for the day. Everard, an ex war veteran and R.S.L. member, would be involved in the Service.

The end of my sons' education at Lathlain was not the end of my association with the School. After my husband died in 2001 I have helped in a voluntary position. As a War Widow I helped in a class activity to make a "peace" quilt, which now hangs in the office of Mr Shane Seers at the R.S.L. headquarters in Anzac House.



Now I am working with the School Volunteer Program as a school mentor with children who have special needs. I have been doing this for four years and it is a source of great satisfaction.

I am proud of what my children have become and hope that today's children of Lathlain move on to do well at whatever they choose in their futures.

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I dedicate this story to Nennie Harken and the memory of Ken Farrell and Kevin Cable who left us his slide collection.

June van Smaalen Year 7 Student 1959

In June 1957 a new student was introduced, by Mr Cable, to my Year 5 class. As there was a spare seat next to me I suggested that it would be a good idea if he sat there. (Nothing to do with the fact that I thought he was tall, dark and handsome!)

By 1959 John Davey (aka Ollie) and June van Smaalen weren't the only ones who were "boyfriend and girlfriend". There were Carol and Bob (aka Roo); Lorna and Alan; Judy and Keith (aka Boetle). We were, somehow, allowed to sit next to one another and Mr Farrell never caught the others snogging! However, one day, we girls made the mistake of wearing our "boyfriends" names like brooches so we were sent to Miss Harken, who was the "Deputy Headmistress Female" at the time. Having always felt 'different' I was looking forward to being one of the gang that was reprimanded. However, Miss Harken uttered the life-changing words – "June I expected better of you" and sent me back to the classroom - alone. I had the opportunity, many years later, whilst at a function with the Director General of Education, to thank her. She promptly took me over to him and said "Bob, this is what teaching is all about."



John Aged 11



June Year 7

Although John and I were in the same classes at Belmont and Kent Street he ignored me. Little did I know just how the death of his father, in Year 10, and the lack of subsequent counselling in those days, had affected him.

I married in 1966 and have three wonderful children. John married in 1969 and has two wonderful children.

I organized the first reunion of the Class of '59 in 1987 out of a need to heal some of the past and a lot of the present. To cut a long story short - I was divorced in 1990 and John was divorced in 1994 at which time I was "led" to contacting him and we have been together ever since.



Happy 50th, Lathlain Primary School!

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Mr Kevin Cable takes my younger brother and me across the Nullabor in the 1950's. Larry Boston – Year 7 1959



What's New?

NEW TOILET BLOCK



Premier Geoff Gallop cuts the paper with principal Trevor Vaughan and children.

New loos get big tick

THE official opening of Lathlain Primary School toilet block recently called for some innovative thinking by staff and students. Victoria Park M.E.A. and Premier Geoff Gallop was invited to do the honours of cutting the ribbon. But the M.E.A. was in for a surprise, because instead of the traditional white satin sash, he was handed a pair of scissors and asked to cut toilet paper.

Principal Trevor Vaughan said the new facilities had really boosted morale at the school. The old amenities block was built by Victoria Park Mayor Mick Lee in 1956, when then opened his own plumbing business," Mr Vaughan said.

"Mr Lee did a great job at the time but that was 45 years ago and standards have changed enormously over that time.

"The old toilet block, shared by students and staff, was a fair distance from the school buildings.

"I was horrified at the conditions staff and students had to put up with when I first came to the school.

"Parents had input into the new plans and the new facilities have been approved.

"Staff toilets are now located adjacent to the staff room and the student toilet block has been built as an extension to the veranda.

"The new arrangements are not only safer for young children but far more accommodating for staff, students, parents and visitors to use."



Flushed with success

AFTER a long wait, it is finally out with the old and in with the new for Lathlain Primary School.

The school has received funding to replace its old grey brick, 1950s toilet block. Principal Trevor Vaughan says the school has been waiting to happen for 50 years.

Mr Vaughan said the staff and student toilets were built in 1956 and were in desperate need of an upgrade, which he expects will be completed by early next year.

He said the school's Parents' and Citizens' Association had been active in lobbying the Education Department for the new toilet amenities plans. Now the school's toilet had finally come to the top of the department's list of priorities.

FAC treasurer Brenda Horne was one of the persons on the front line of the campaign and organised a petition to send to former Education Minister Colin Bennett.

She also obtained the help of Victoria Park M.E.A. Geoff Collyer and David Lister to the minister's office from their annual Christmas card to the minister almost every day. "I had letters from parents whose girls would go to the toilet because they were so bad," Mr Horne said. "One girl even wore her pants out of desperation."

Mr Horne said the toilets were ready and full of smiles and that parents and teachers had found the toilet upgrades an occasion.

Looking forward to a new toilet block, Lathlain primary school's Kevin Cable and June van Smaalen, Trevor Vaughan. The toilet block opened in 1956 and after 50 years it's time for an upgrade.

What's New?

Upgrade of Administration and Library

On the 18th August 2004, the Hon. Mr Allan Carpenter, Minister for Education, opened the new Administration and Library.

The new building, built on the Eastern end of the existing buildings, is certainly an exciting addition to the school providing the school with a large office and reception area, administrative offices, storage facilities, medical, interview and reprographic rooms all adjacent to a large modern purpose built library, a large leap from LAEP (Local Area Planning) of the early nineties when there was talk of the school being closed.

Additional funds were provided within the capital works budget to ensure the facilities were furnished with new furniture and electronic fittings to enable growth of the facility in the technological era.

A bonus of the upgrade was the capacity to encourage more open learning in the senior classes by utilizing the old library classrooms for year 6 and 7's and with a touch of paint converting the old offices into a teacher preparation area.



Mr Carpenter gets some help from Vanessa Edwards and Rhys Carney at the opening ceremony



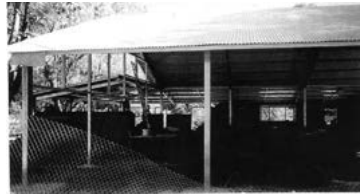
The Pre Primaries visit the New Administration Block site.

What's New?

THE UNDERCOVER AREA



Under Construction



Colin Barnett (Minister for Education), Trevor Vaughan

What's New?

UNDERCOVER AREA CONTD.



Greg Teede, Trevor Vaughan, Bruce How – Principals



Plaque



Audience at opening



"Undercover Area Activities" Artwork

The Future

Lathlain Primary School and the Future

In considering the future of Lathlain Primary School we first must consider the current trends of our era:-

- The rapid increase in the growth of information. Information is doubling, world wide every two years.
- The increasingly global workplace. The communications revolution has shrunk the world to our desktops. Computers continue to increase in power while dropping in cost.
- The Internet and the speed with which information can be transferred.
- Education must focus on new competencies in addition to the basic skills of literacy and numeracy. Every learner must also master the communication, collaboration and creative problem solving skills.
- Compact, portable technologies facilitate lifelong learning anywhere, anytime.
- Education must prepare students for the jobs that have yet to be invented and ensure our environment is valued and protected.

It is certainly difficult to predict what the classroom of 50 years hence will be like.

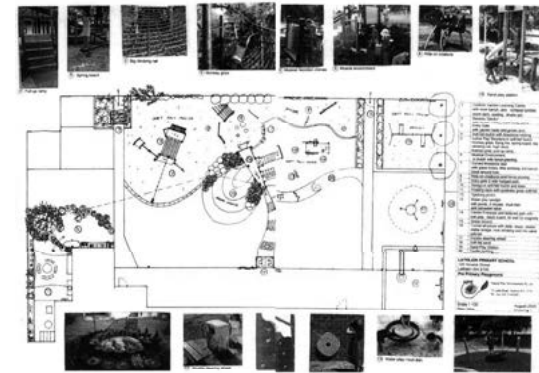
The Curriculum Framework represents a major step forward in the reform of school curriculum at Lathlain and at all schools within Western Australian Government and Non-Government schools. It sets out what all students should know, understand, value and be able to do as a result of the programs they undertake, from kindergarten through to year 12. It is through this document and supporting documents that schools will meet the outcomes required for our community of the future.

Current projects for the students of today and the near future of Lathlain include Completion of the *Investing in Our Schools Project – A Safe and Secure Environment*, *Water Resource Project – Irrigating the School Oval*, and Upgrading the Prep-Primary play ground.

- In 2005 the school was successful in gaining a Federal Government grant of \$97000 towards providing A Safe and Secure Environment through providing covered walkways between major buildings; provision of minimal security fencing; enclosing undercover assembly area and providing permanent soft fall to the only insecure play area. Final planning for the projects is now being carried out by the Department of Housing and Works with completion planned for the end of 2007.
- In 2006 the school was successful in gaining a Federal Government grant of \$49860 towards Water Saving. The project will save water by replacing the existing irrigation system with a more efficient sub surface system allowing night watering, thereby reducing the rate of water loss through evaporation and demonstrating appropriate community expectations.

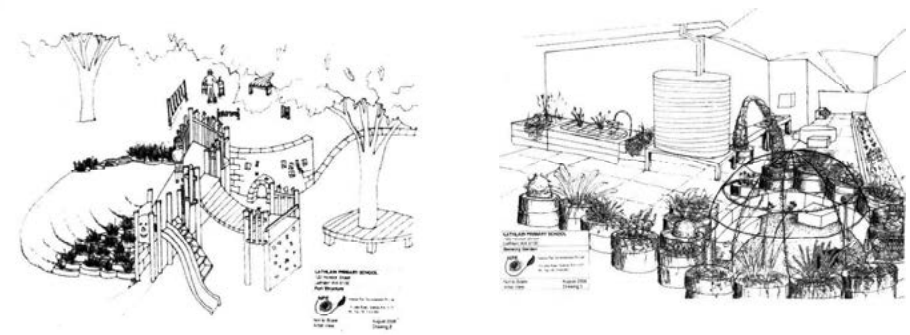
The Future

- More recently the development of a master plan for the building of a Pre Primary play area. Applications for assistance for this are to be considered later this year.



Waterwise Garden Plan

The Future



With the community engagement which is evident in the interest in celebrating the first 50 years it is assured that Lathlain Primary School is a vibrant part of the Town of Victoria Park now and for the next 50 years.

The 1950's



A Classroom in 1956



Year 5 1957 (Mr Cable)



Anzac Day 1956



Sports Day 1957. Mr Ferguson (Principal) Mr Farrell (Deputy)

The 1950's



Grade 1 1959



Grade 5 1959



Class of '59



Year 7 1959 (Mr Farrell)

The 1950's



Grade 3 1959

The 1960's



Class 1960 Miss Herbert



Grade 5 1960 Miss Patterson



Grades 4 & 5 1960



Grade 5 & 6 1960

The 1960's



Grade 6 1960 Miss Harken



Grade 7 1960



Grade 7 1960



Grade 7 1961 Mr Farrell

The 1960's



Grade 4 1962 Mr Howarth



Grade 6 1962 (Mr Allen)



Grade 7 1961 (Mr Allen)



Grade 7 1962 Mrs Lynn

The 1960's



Grade 5 1968



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL AUGUST 1968



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1969



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1969

The 1960's



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1969
Grade 7 Mrs Harman

1970's



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1970



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1971
Grade 3



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1970



Grade 7 1972 Mr Farrell

1970's



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1973



LATHLAIN PARK SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1975
Prefects, Mr Barnett, Mr Farrell, Mrs Burges.



Grade 5 1974 Mr Wilkins



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1976
Mrs Burges

1970's



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1976
Grade 2



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1976
Miss Simpson



LATHLAIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 1977
Grade 3

The 1980's



Year 7 1980 Mr Hinchliffe



Year 7 1981 Mr Hinchliffe



Years 6, 7 1980 Karen Owens



Year 6, 7 1981 Mrs Skinner

The 1980's



Year 7 1982 Mr Wilkins



Year 7 1983 Mr Wilkins



Years 6, 7 1982 Mrs Jefferson



Year 7 1984 Mr Wilkins

The 1980's



Year 7 1985 Mr Wilkins



Years 6, 7 1988 Mr Wilkins



Years 6, 7 1987 Mr Wilkins



Year 3, 1988 Miss Angus

The 1990's



Year 1 1991 Mrs Maril Cavenoni



Year 7 1993 Miss Angus



Year 4 1992 Miss Kopp



Year 7 1994 Miss Angus

The 1990's



Year 7 1995 Mrs Young



Years 6, 7 1998 Mr Blow



Year 7 1997 Mrs Millar, Mr Creedon



Year 7 1999 Mrs Doring, Mr Creedon

The 2000's



Year 7 2000 Teachers Mr Creedon, Mrs Doring



Year 7 2002



Year 7 2001



Year 7 2003 Mr Tysoe, Mr Creedon, Mrs Doring

Reunions



Some of us met again, at the School, in 1997. Nennie Harken lined us all up outside the classroom and, once inside, we told and listened to many interesting stories from the past. Mr Cable in the middle, front row holding the class photo of 1957.



Reunion of Years 5 and 6 1962
Miss Harken, Miss Patterson

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