



Class group 1928 with Headmaster, William Hocking.

April 24. Foundation Stone of the new Infant School laid by Hon. H. Tassie, Chief Secretary. — Headmaster.

1930

Physical training — The assembly is very good: A little more "snap" will make it excellent. Marching into school is steady and brisk; the outward march through passages needs watching. — Inspector.

Fete at Glenelg — Competitions included dressed dolls, decorated bicycles and

SLATES SHOULD NOT BE USED!

In 1911 Inspector McBride declared that slates were "injurious to sight — and a means of spreading disease." A contemporary description of how slates were often cleaned explains why.



The order came: "Clean slates" — och p-t, whr-r-r! The slates were cleaned, polished and slippery, but forty salivas were in the air.

perambulators, fancy costumes, pet dogs, cats and birds. King and Queen competitions also were conducted.

For many years the school committee and the Glenelg Town Council have made representations to the authorities of the need for such a building, and at long last the eyes of parents are gladdened at the sight of a commodious building, which comprises five classrooms, embraces all the latest improvements in lighting and ventilation, including specially constructed windows, which preclude any possibility of draughts playing on the children. — Committee.

December 10 — School cricket team played Combined District Schools and won by 7 wickets. — Headmaster.

1931

Resolved that Secretary write to the lady next to the school re keeping her fowls out of the infant school gardens. — Committee.

April 22 — The visit of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell has affected attendance. A group of boys visited Scouts Exhibition. — Headmaster.

1932

Euchre to be held on Saturday nights. Admission 1/-. — Committee.

May 23 — Inspector visited school to inspect agricultural plots.

August 10 — Diphtheria reported in Grade IV. Room disinfected in afternoon. — Headmaster.



Our school choir 1961, with Headmaster Mr. T.S. Raggatt (left).

1935

The large band is of great assistance in the marching. Outdoor games are fostered.

Methods — The usual modern methods are used, with a strong appeal to the visual, while care is taken when questioning to develop orderly thinking. Lecturettes and dramatization have been used . . . — Inspector.

The cost of gas used at the school was seen as a problem and after a general discussion it was decided that Mr. Francis approach teachers asking if they could see their way to assist in the cost of same.

New band uniforms purchased from John Martins — £32-0-0. — Committee.

October 16 — First appearance of Band in uniform. Received the Mayor at the Town Hall. A good impression was created as they marched through the streets. — Headmaster.

1936

It is pleasing to note that though not under compulsion the proportion of last year's Q.C. candidates now attending secondary schools is high.

Control is of a type which, while being effective, makes for friendly relationships between teachers and scholars. — Inspector.

1937

Recourse to corporal punishment is made, but rarely.

The Opportunity Class was established this year with children coming from Glenelg, St. Leonards, Brighton and Black Forest schools. — Inspector.

1938

Elementary Agriculture under Mr. Page is popular; much good work has been done.

— Inspector.

It was decided to donate two medals for the top boy and girl in the Q.C. exams.

— Committee.

February 9 — Teachers present. No children until March 1 — infantile paralysis.

Teachers attend refresher courses.

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Par. 2.	He however guided them into such wild places where there were no signs of other blacks that they concluded he was misleading them, so they parted, the sailors going back to their boat, and the Tasmanian with his swan to his people. It had a wonderful story he must have told to them about so pale faced strangers I		Part.
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February 28 — Schools closed until March 15.
— Headmaster.

1939

Agricultural inspection — 43 boys have home projects, mostly vegetables.
The fife band is interested and efficient. Its part-music is ambitious and the journey to Berri competitions was a stimulus. — Inspector.

April 12 — A wonderful response of flowers for the 'butterfly' arrangement for Flower Day.
— Headmaster.

1940

Certain brusqueries appear here and there among the boys, but the children as a body are orderly and well conducted.
Teachers are advised to insist upon children giving oral answers in full sentences: plain "yes" and "no" should never be accepted: it is an accomplishment to be able to "talk nicely". — Inspector.

March 4 — Boys and girls left at 2.30 for city to see march of 2nd A.I.F. troops.
April 26 — First drive today — £3-12-7 Schools' Patriotic Funds. — Headmaster.

1941

Splendid support is being accorded the Schools' Patriotic Fund: the children are working enthusiastically: waste material and paper are gathered daily: girls are knitting comforts for the Forces. — Inspector.

Committee supports delegation to wait on Minister of Education re a High School in Glenelg district. — Committee.

1942

Beware of lazy eyes, lazy ears, and lazy tongues: be sure the pupils hear all their teachers say.



I am distressed at the marked "left-handedness" prevailing in some of the grades: the aid of the department psychologist might be invoked. — Inspector.

Mr. Nicholas reported he had received £408 from scholars for war savings stamps and 380 certificates had been issued. Also £489 had been paid to the Schools' Patriotic Fund as well as 8 tons of paper which had been sent in. — Committee.

March 7 — Monster trench digging afternoon. 120-130 parents came to dig 125 yards of trenches in case of air raids. — Headmaster.

1943

A scheme for raising funds by means of voluntary monthly subscriptions by parents to be inaugurated. — Committee.

March 16 — Boys and girls away to see Japanese submarine.

March 24 — Two boys were at the sub this morning without permission and were marked absent. — Headmaster.

1944

Opportunity Class — Miss Sullivan clings to the best of the old ideas of teaching. She believes in constant repetition to aid memories: and systematic teaching and corrective work. — Inspector.

April 4 — Grades VI and VII under Mr. McInerney, Miss Odgers, Mr. West and Miss Menear went to city to view march of 7th Division. Many children in lower divisions also absented themselves.

September 26 — Football final (won by Glenelg). Nailsworth 3.3 v. Glenelg 5.3 at Norwood Oval. Mr. West took team and Mr. McInerney went with 47 onlookers.

November 24 — Mark Mitchell Shield won by footballers was presented at mass fall-in today. Many football visitors present. Boys also received a £1 War Savings Certificate each and are to be entertained tonight by local football club. — Headmaster.

1945

Committee to donate 12 subscriptions to Glenelg Institute Library for 12 scholars to be selected by Mr. Nicholas and staff.

Play area to be levelled off and air raid trenches to be filled in. — Committee.

1946

In the handwriting more might be made of capitals: they are far from ornamental at present. — Inspector.

July 2 — 31 new children enrolled in infants. Furniture arrived for first portable room today. — Headmaster.

1947

Brush shelters and brush dividing fence to be repaired. — Committee.

December 16 — Dr. Stoddart reported suspected case of infantile paralysis. Office notified and room disinfected. This scare has made a terrible difference to attendance, less than half children here. — Headmaster.

1948

President and Treasurer of S.A.P.S.A.S.A. here at 11:15 a.m. for presentation of Gunn Shield won by our cricket team. Advertiser photographer took photos of team — officials and shield. — Headmaster.

1949

Physical training — Modern and rational methods are adopted. Owing to polio scare, rigorous exercises have been toned down. — Inspector.

July 6 — Mr. West left at 2 p.m. to coach interstate football. Applied today for 6 male teachers to qualify for using new talkie machine. — Headmaster.

1951

The school buildings are rambling and old and very urgently in need of paint. — Inspector.

July 17 — Arbor Day was held. The ordinary timetables was suspended and teachers in all grades have talks on birds and trees.

September 18 — Free supply of milk to all scholars requiring same began today. — Headmaster.

1952

As an indication of the rapid growth of the school in recent years, eight new pavilion classrooms now extend along northern boundary.

An excellent prefect system operates. Older girls and boys are trained to carry out important routine duties — milk distribution, safety first, etc.

A grand parade by all classes, around the school yard, to the accompaniment of music from the excellent school band, is a weekly feature. — Inspector.

December 12 — Visiting Day. Miss Wade's Grade VII girls gave a fine series of rhythmic items ... Chairman of the School Committee gave out Progress Certificates. At about 11.30 the Primary School took part in the grand march past parade. Features of the march were the large band in uniform attire — white shirts, blue epaulettes and ties, and Scouts and Cubs in uniform. — Headmaster.

1953

At the beginning of the year the school lost pupils to Paringa Park, but a steady influx of scholars from Morphettville South, where large building schemes are being completed, promises to restore enrolments to former size. — Inspector.

June — School Coronation Ceremony. Bibles issued by the S.A. Government were presented. — Headmaster.

1954

The School is at present being fitted with completely new wireless receiving equipment. The total cost will be £600.

One of the outstanding features of the school is the project work that has been developed. The children have done some projects of outstanding merit. — Inspector.

March 19 — Public holiday. 341 children and 16 teachers travelled to a reserved area in Angas Street where a wonderful view was obtained of Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. — Headmaster.

1955

Mr. Potter, of the Savings Bank, brought athletics shield as the School had won District, Metropolitan and State Championships. — Headmaster.

1956

The Welfare Club, which has been in operation for a little over a year, already has been instrumental in raising more than £1,000. — Inspector.

New library and craft room was opened — 75th anniversary of School. Many important visitors attended.

Alan Bradshaw won State championship over 75 yards. — Headmaster.

1957

Criicket team won district premiership against St. Leonards. — Headmaster.

1958

The playing area is larger than usual in an old school, but not sufficient by modern standards. A feature of the school is the organised voluntary assistance given by parents who supply help in the care of books, planting and kerbing of lawns and many other additions to amenities.

The School Choir has been very successful in the local Eisteddfod, winning £20 to add to library funds.

Three of the rooms in the main stone building face Brighton Road, where the volume of traffic is increasing daily. Extraneous noises make all oral work in these classes very difficult. Immediate attention should be given to converting these rooms to other uses. — Inspector.

1962

The staff, experienced individualists for the most part, are hardworking and faithful, but I still feel that they would benefit from observation visits to other schools and from associations with younger teachers. I believe all are deeply attached to the school. — Inspector.

1963

The developing needs of the school have had to be met in a piecemeal way. The aspect of the overall picture is uninviting and as an environment has an influence on pupils and staff. Compensating measures must be adopted to minimise the handicap.

This challenge has been met by tasteful decoration of classrooms with fresh flowers, excellent wall pictures, attractive charts and colourful board work.

Amenities include a first class library which is regularly used by all classes.

The choir is outstanding. Choral music has been fostered and prizes have been won annually in the Eisteddfod. — Inspector.

1964

The school, indeed, is serving the community faithfully and laying a very good foundation for further education. It has been a very happy experience to spend a week here. — Inspector.

1965

Tenders for the new school building, now to be two-storeyed are expected to be called before Christmas, and building operations should begin early in the new year. — Inspector.

1966

Plans for early commencement of new school have not materialized ... teachers in many rooms find the continual striving to combat the ever increasing volume of traffic a wearing strain. — Inspector.

1969

September. School moved into its new premises. — Inspector.

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Between the dark and the daylight,
When the night is beginning to
lower,

Comes a pause in the day's
occupations,
That is known as the children's
hour.

I hear in the chamber above me
The patter of little feet,
The sound of a door that is opened,
And voices soft and sweet.

From my study I see in the
lamp-light,
Descending the broad hall-stair,
Grave Alice and laughing Allegra,
And Edith with golden hair.

A whisper, and then a silence:
Yet I know by their merry eyes
They are plotting and planning
together
To take me by surprise.

A sudden rush from the stairway,
A sudden raid from the hall!
By three doors left unguarded
They enter my castle wall!

They climb up into my turret
O'er the arms and back of my
chair;

Do you think, O blue-eyed handiit,
Because you have scaled the
wall,
Such an old moustache as I am
Is not a match for you all?

I have you fast in my fortress,
And will not let you depart.
But put you down into the dungeon
In the round tower of my heart:

And there I will keep you for ever,
Yes, for ever and a day,
Till the walls shall crumble to
ruin,
And moulder in dust away!

Longfellow.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SLATE PENCIL.

By E. PRINCE, Flinders Street
School.

I am a pencil, a slate pencil,
a nice round, smooth, slender
pencil, which you so often use.
Do you think I was always like
this! No! I was once very,
very different. Let me tell you
what I was like. The slate from
which I was made was blue and



School band 1921, with Mr. Noye (left) and Mr. Nancarrow (right).

REMINISCENCES

MAKE A SAINT ANGRY — 1909

I remember the Head Teacher, Thomas Noye, with respect and affection. He was strict, but very good at teaching grammar and English. He could give the derivation of words from Latin or French. Of French descent, he always wore a high stiff collar and tie.

On very hot days, as the children filed into the classroom, Mr. Noye would hold his silk handkerchief high and flick it down between each child to keep out the flies. If his chalk should fail to write on the blackboard, Mr. Noye would break it in half and add the comment: "It'd make a Saint angry!"

Although many years have passed, one doesn't easily forget the belt across the ears readily inflicted for misdemeanours by Miss Raftery. I remember we all thought Mr. Halse was very tough, and the same was thought of his very stout stick!

"Nobby" Thistleton's horse tram went from Miller's Corner (Partridge Street and Jetty Road) to Brighton. We would try to sneak free rides to school on the back platform, but the driver would flick his whip right around the back of the tram to get us off ... we reluctantly obliged.

— Ray Haddrick.

HOLES IN THE HEDGE — 1912

I came to the Glenelg School in 1912 from W.K. (Cocky) Smart's St. Leonards Grammar School, which was on the corner of Adelphi Terrace and Anzac Highway.

The Head Teacher was Mr. Noye, who used the cane frequently. I was put in Miss Coombe's class and can remember using chalk and a slate for writing. Later we had to use a pen with a very sharp nib which required very light pressure, otherwise it would pierce the paper.

The school was rather "prison-like" in appearance. It consisted of the old building, the Head Teacher's house and a prefabricated kindergarten building on Diagonal Road. The school was separated from the Oval by a very high hedge and wire fence, but the hedge had holes in it — large enough for small boys to scramble through.

South of the school were open paddocks, with only a few houses scattered through the area up Diagonal Road to Oaklands Road. I remember "pinching" grapes from Hamilton's Winery with my school friends and, on one occasion, being caught by an older Hamilton lad. I only escaped a beating because my father (an ex-Mayor of Glenelg) was known at the winery. — Digby Gell.



Grade 4, 1923



Grade 6, 1928 with Miss Futvoye (back row, right)



Class Group 1939

SOLO FLIGHT — 1920's

I remember Miss ..., a teacher who brought her father's or brother's socks to school for the students to wash.

And there was the solo flight of Jimmy Melrose. All the students from the "Bay" school marched down and assembled on the lawns in front of the house on the esplanade where Jimmy lived with his mother. We all watched and waved as Jimmy flew over and dipped his wing. He was "our very own hero".

Another memory is a poem about our teacher ...

"Mollie ..." — common noun,
Parse her up and parse her down,
Neuter gender, hopeless case,
Governed by her ugly face!

— **Jean Onley (Sleader)**

LUNCH TIMES — 1920's

A man with a horse and a little van used to come to the school gate at lunch times and sold pies, for one penny. One boy, Colin Crawford, whose father was a policeman, had a sixpence each day to buy six pies. If he could not eat them all, I was sometimes lucky enough to get one.

We used to play marbles. One lunch time I played with a boy called Charlie Gabb and cleaned him out of all his marbles. I then sold them back to him for sixpence and cleaned him out again.

Some lucky boys had push bikes. I remember a boy called Jackman. When I had any money I would pay him one penny if I could ride his bike around during the lunch hour.

If we had any money left on Fridays, we used to take our bank books to the eastern end of the Infant School and pay in anything from one penny upwards. This was called the "Penny Bank".

We travelled by train for a school picnic at Long Gully. When the train passed through the tunnels, we would switch out the lights and shout: "Look out girls!", but they were too fast!

On one property near Long Gully we saw a tree loaded with quinces and surrounded by long grass. When several of us ran to get the quinces, we disappeared into a big hidden trench.

We also found an apple orchard and sneaked in and filled our jumpers with apples. A man and his dog came rushing out of the house and chased us off. We had to jump a barbed wire fence, but my friend, Stan, hit the fence, lost most of his apples and tore his pants. But we escaped with plenty of apples.

We often went to the sandhills near Yarrum Grove. If we dug in the sand we could find the remains of an Aboriginal camp. There was a tomb in the sandhills near Minda Home. We used to go there, but we were pretty scared.

One season when the birds were nesting we crept into a big back yard with trees. I climbed a tree and was about to take the eggs out of the nest when a lady came out. She caught Stan and gave him a good telling off. I was left up the tree, hoping she wouldn't see me. She didn't.

They used to have donkey rides on the beach. After school we would ride them back along the beach and up Bath Street to their stables opposite Hoepers in Partridge Street.

Sometimes we would go fishing after school. We would sell the fish to the aquarium half way up the jetty and they would feed them to the seals. Other times we would go to Anderson's stables in Farrell Street and help feed the horses. If we were lucky we would ride a race horse around the yard for exercise.

— **Jack Murray.**



FIGHT WITH FATTY RYAN — 1930's

I was called Bob, even though my Christian name was Athol. I disliked that name because some of the kids teased me by calling me by my sister's name, Ethel. I had lots of fights in the school yard over that; one was with Fatty Ryan. He was bigger, but I was in such a rage I beat him.

One of my teachers was Miss Green. We called her "Boney" because she would start at the back of the classroom and quietly walk towards the front of the room, observing as she crept what we were "doing". If we were "not doing" we got a sharp rap on the back of the head with her knuckles — and it really hurt.

My main friends were Donger Bell, Stinker Frost and Bill Deere.

The classrooms were on the corner of Brighton and Diagonal Roads. Miss Green's class was on Diagonal Road and still stands, just near the children's crossing. The house of the Headmaster, Mr. Bednell, is now the art room. — **A.R.H. Masterson**



Athol (Bob) Masterson.

THOSE DIRTY OLD SLATES — 1896

In 1896 when I was 7, my family moved to Glenelg from Jamestown. My mother died when I was a baby and my eldest sister ran the household.

As far as I can remember, there was only one school in Glenelg. We used to play in the yard before school and then "fall-in" when it was time for school to start. We would line up, class by class, and march into school to the tunes of the drum and fife band.

The headmaster was Mr. Kennedy, a tall, red headed man. The Kennedy's daughter, Daisy, was a classmate of mine and played the violin beautifully. I can remember the dirty old slates; we cleaned them with a cloth or spat on them and wiped them with a sleeve if we had forgotten to bring a cloth.

We used them all the way through school. They didn't break. They were thin and we could slip them under the desk. The classes were all mixed all the way through, but the play yard was divided by a fence. The boys rarely came into the girls' yard. I used to go home each day for a hot lunch, as did most of the children who lived nearby. If I stayed at school for lunch I would bring a jam sandwich to eat.

At lunch time we would play hide-and-peek, touch-wood, skippy and chasey. The yard had large pine trees near the Glenelg Oval and I can remember lobbies in which we stayed when the weather was rough.

I can remember making a handkerchief in needlework class, then a pillowcase and a chemise out of calico which cost 6d. a yard. We used to read the Children's Hour (½d. each) as part of our reading lesson.

There were no lights in the school and I can remember one wet day when it was so dark the teacher had to stop lessons.

In 1897 we all received a medal with a blue ribbon for the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Queen Victoria died in January, 1901, during the school holidays, just after I finished at Glenelg School.

— **Winifred Graham (Dunstan)**

SA violinist dies

LONDON — Daisy Kennedy, one of Australia's best-known violinists, has died in London aged 88. Born at Burra, SA, she showed exceptional talent as a child, later studied in Prague and became a leading recitalist in London.

The Advertiser 6.8.81.

MARCH 1931

GLENELG SCHOOL'S JUBILEE



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1931

At 2:30 more than 300 old scholars answered the roll call and took their places in the class rooms. Many came dressed as boys or girls, with school-bags, marbles, tops, and other paraphernalia of the school-going stage. Mrs. M. Minihan (formerly Miss Minnie Plaisted), one of the first girls to attend the school in 1881, was dressed in a knee-high pink dress and pink bonnet. Other original scholars noticed were Mesdames Burton and Matthews. Among the "boys" were Messrs. P. Stone, G. Bruce, Barrett and five of the Pinch family.

SPORTS AND STREET PARADE

A varied programme, beginning on March 20 extended over a week. On the opening day there was a procession through the streets of Glenelg.

Sports and athletics programme was conducted on Glenelg oval.

Many votes were cast in the king and queen competition, and some candidates had substantial sums to their credit.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

FROM "THE ADVERTISER,"
OF MARCH 2, 1881

At Majuba Hill a British force has been disastrously defeated by the Boers, its leader, Sir George Colley, being among the 500 slain.

The State school at New Glenelg, opened yesterday, has accommodation for 300 children, and already there are 228 on the roll.

Monday, March 23rd

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For Old Scholars only.

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Headmaster, July, 1918—April, 1927.

6.15 p.m.—Reception by Headmaster and Committee.

7 to 7.45 p.m.—Dinner. Orchestral Music and Vocal Numbers.

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| 4. Push the Business On. | 14. Cobbler's Polka |
| 5. Farmer in the Dell | 15. One Step |
| 6. Fox Trot | 16. Diddle Diddle Dumpling |
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