

Flemington P.S.

1858

School opens 1st December. This was originally Flemington National School conducted, prior to 1861, in premises owned by Mr Hugh Glass. First Head Teacher Mr Joshua Mason had an enrolment of 54 (an average attendance of 24 boys and 21 girls). Under the *Common Schools Act*, the school obtained the number 250 in 1863 and was vested in the Board of Education in 1868 on completion of a new building.

The school received aid from the National Board. The Head Teacher received a salary of £80 per annum, his wife, as Workmistress, received £30 per annum, and there was a £45 per annum House Allowance. The building was leased from Mr Hugh Glass for £50 per annum which was considered exorbitant. The building type was unknown but the Board considered it unsatisfactory. (A note in a file of 1884 states, "...perhaps the old iron school could be rented...").

The Local Patrons were Dr Gibson, and Messrs Hugh Glass, F. Macdonald, Learmonth, Harcourt and Wilson.

1859

Head Teacher: Mr Joshua Mason

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Head Teacher: Mr Joshua Mason until 28th February.

The rent for the building was unpaid and the school was closed but in April, Mr Hugh Glass offered the building free of rent and the school reopened.

1863

14th September: Inspector's Report (Inspector: G. Wilson Brown)

Number on Roll: 85 Present: 64

The Building: Sides and roof – iron lined with boards, and papered.

Floor, wood, 27 x 17½ x 8 feet

Ventilation – only through windows – roof too low.

Playground: Site 32 x 16 yards fenced all round and a partition fence through the middle.

Unoccupied plot of ground adjoining also used as playground.

Desks: 4 desks, each 10 feet.

Forms: 120 feet of forms

Maps: World, Europe, Australia, Victoria, British Isles. (Lacking Africa, Asia and America)

Blackboard: 5 x 3 feet in a frame

Number of Classes: 5

One teacher and one assistant – with monitors

Teachers: Mr George Robert Macadam and Miss Mary Ann Gladwin (the Inspector described both teachers as adequate).

All learning was done from a text.

The children were tested on Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and a mark out of 5 given for each subject.

The occupations of the students' fathers were listed beside their names.

Occupations: Labourer, bootmaker, carpenter, gardener, blacksmith, stockman, baker, carter, butcher, wheelwright, draper, shepherd, chaff-cutter, waggoner, miner, saddler, bricklayer, stockrider.

1867

A new building was required as the old building was in urgent need of replacement. A tender was put out and accepted but then it was decided that the new schoolroom was too small and would need to be extended from 20 feet wide to 30 feet wide. This caused a problem with finances. The School Committee asked that the Department pay half the cost as the Committee members were unable to raise the full sum.

3rd October: This was granted and one acre of land was bought from Mr Hugh Glass for £150. A brick building 60 feet by 30 feet with an iron roof was erected.

The architect was Mr T. Matthews (also a carpenter). The total cost, including land, furniture, sundries, etc. was £872.15.8 of which the Board contributed £428.3.10 and residents £429.11.10. The school, built practically on the footpath, had an inconvenient interior porch. (This was removed at a later date as space was needed for the rapid increase in students.

1868

Committee of the Common School: George Heath, John Filson, Mortimer Rush, John Peck, Robert Terry, John Madden, George Wilson and James Gibson.

School is vested in the Board of Education on completion of the new building. The new building was finally built by local effort with government aid and measuring 27 feet by 57 feet erected using handmade bricks. This building remained part of Debney Park Secondary College as the Commercial Room until it was demolished in 2003.

November: Mr Hugh Glass sells land to the Department for £150 enabling the school to expand.

1869

Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S. Hayden.

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1871

School Committee: Mr W.S. Puckle and Mr Fleming, Mr Thomas Rush had left the district.

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A letter was sent to the Department asking to purchase land so that the school could provide land to be used as a playground.

1872

School Committee: Mr W.S. Puckle (Correspondent), Mr G. Heath, Mrs Edith Puckle

Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Miss Edith Sprigg

Mr W.S. Puckle – School Committee member applied to the Department to buy land behind the school for £42. The School Committee agreed to pay half.

A piece of land 89 feet by 100 feet was bought for an Infant Room.

24th June: Mrs Anna Hayden acted as an Assistant during June.

1873

Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Miss Mary Ellen Shelton, Miss Edith Sprigg, Assistants; Miss Thorina Johnson, Pupil Teacher

Members of the Committee of School No. 250 (Flemington Common School): Mr George Strack, Mr James Gibson, Mr W.S. Puckle, Mr John Filson esq.

In 1873, the school council proposed to extend the building and erect an Infant School and Gallery, as this would be built on the present yard, the council wished to purchase the land behind for use as a playground.

1874

Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Miss Edith Sprigg, Miss Mary E. Shelton, Assistants; Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Miss Thorina Johnson, Pupil Teachers.

Attendance figures: May 138, Jun 154, Jul 144, Aug 154, Sep 168, Oct 191, Nov 173, Dec 170.

The Wesleyan Church schoolroom leased to the Education Department for £2 a month for 6 months with the option of renewal.

1875

Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Miss Edith Sprigg, Miss Mary E. Shelton, Assistants; Miss Thorina Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Pupil Teachers.

Attendance Figures: Feb 170, Jul 195.

29th October: Attendance numbers affected by an outbreak of Scarlet Fever.

The Head Teacher wrote to the Dept. requesting the addition of an Infant Room.

1876

Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S Hayden, Miss Edith Sprigg, Miss Mary E. Shelton, Assistants; Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Miss Thorina Johnson, Pupil Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jun 188.

19th January: An outbreak of Scarlet Fever reported to the Health Department.

24th February: Head Teacher writes asking for a corrugated fence to be erected around the playground to stop the "jockey-boys" who trespass after school hours and make a nuisance of themselves "...by writing on, and disfiguring the walls of the back premises, very obnoxious."

16th August: Head Teacher wrote asking for an Infant Room to be built as "... school attendance is increasing; the average for the week ending 12th August was 199.9. On the 11th August there were 224 and the 14th August there were 212 children present. All children are kept in the same room."

A new 30 feet by 20 feet Infant Room costing £473.1.7 was built.

17th August: Head Teacher asks that the schoolroom be ceiled as the school only has an iron roof.

1877

Head Teacher: Frederick S. Hayden, Miss Edith Sprigg, Miss Mary E. Shelton, Mrs Margaret Carey, Assistants; Miss Thorina Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Miss Beatrice Bolton, Pupil Teachers.

An Infant Room was added and became incorporated into future additions and was demolished in 2003.

7th May: Letter from Head Teacher to Department regarding the Town Clock:

“The clock in question is a town clock and not a school clock. When this school-building was erected by the local committee, two clocks were provided by that body; one placed inside, for the guidance of the school work, the other placed outside on the front of the building and facing the street to serve as a town clock.”

This letter was in response to a letter to the Department complaining that the clock had been allowed to run down. The Head Teacher complained of the expense of getting Mr Gaunt, the supplier of the clock, to come out once a week to wind and set the clock as it was a complicated piece of equipment that required a skilled workman, and his budget for maintenance and cleaning wouldn't cover the cost of maintaining the clock which he said was of no use to the school.

October: Tenders were put out for the sale of the school buildings and land, two offers were received and rejected as being too low - £413 and £320 respectively. An independent valuator estimated the value of the buildings, fences and land to be £1100 but would only, in his opinion, “...fetch about £700.”

1878

Staff at 16th October: Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S. Hayden; Miss Edith Sprigg, First Assistant; Miss Mary Ellen Shelton, Second Assistant; Mrs Margaret Carey, Third Assistant; Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Miss Thorina M. Johnson and Miss Beatrice Bolton, Pupil Teachers.

Attendance figures for 1878: May 304, June 293, July 302, August 302, September 306, November 297 and December 305.

3rd June: Head Teacher wrote:

“...the accommodation at this school for Infants is not sufficient for the wants of the District.

The Infant-room measures 30 by 20 feet, and the average attendance in this room for the last month was 104.

I think it advisable not to receive any more scholars into this part of the school.

Will you be good enough to inform me whether I am right in this decision?”

21st June: The Department replied:

“Advise the Head Teacher he should receive scholars as long as he has space in either room, teaching if necessary part of the 1st class in the upper room.”

The nearby Church Hall was leased for £25 to cope with increased attendance.

1879

Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Miss Edith Sprigg, First Assistant; Miss Mary E. Shelton, Second Assistant; Mrs Margaret A. Carey, Third Assistant; Miss Thorina M. Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Miss Beatrice Bolton and Miss Helena J. Johnson, Pupil Teachers. Miss Annie McArthur and Miss Cecelia Hopkins were employed as Temporary Assistants at £2 per week.

It was proposed that the school site be sold and a new school be built closer to Kensington as that was where the population was greater. It was held that there was no land around Flemington to be developed for housing.

Attendance figures for 1879: January 288, February 278, March 270, April 272, May 271, and June 306. The Head Teacher wrote to explain that the fall in attendance was caused by "sickness and blight which raged in the district."

9th July: The Head Teacher wrote:

"In reply to your memorandum of the __ inst stating that the salaries and allowances to the staff at this school would be reduced from 1st July in consequence of the attendance for the six months ending April having been between 275 and 300, I beg to state that the falling off was caused by the sickness and blight which raged in the district during the period alluded to.

The attendance was affected to such an extent that the **Examination for Results** had to be twice postponed and since then several cases of fever have occurred, on Monday last a family had to be withdrawn from the school in consequence of fever.

I may also state that during the months of January, February and March, the heat was so dreadful (often 115° in the shade) that it was impossible for young children to attend school.

In conclusion I would most respectfully urge that under these untoward circumstances some allowance should be made in making the fresh allotments."

The Department investigated and reported the probable causes of low average attendance:

Nov: two days Board of Advice – Bad Weather

Dec: ½ day Gazetted

Jan: four days excessive heat

Feb: excess heat, Blight, Picnic

Mar: ½ day Gazetted, Cricket match, heat, fever, sore eyes

Apr: one day Gazetted

May: wet weather, Sandhurst exhibition

The Department replied:

"Only the monthly returns for February and March enumerate sickness and blight as causes of low attendance and with these no statement was furnished of children excluded from school on account of infections, sickness in the family with the number of days' attendance thus lost.

Moreover the other months, except December, were below 300. Hence the claim for a special allotment has not been sustained."

August: District opines that if the school was in a more central position, more children from Kensington would attend. Protests were lodged by parents of children living close to the school saying if the school site was shifted, their children would have an extra mile to travel to attend classes.

The District Inspector reported on numbers attending Flemington:

In August the number of children attending was 297 (79 from Ascot Vale; 137 from Flemington; 81 from Kensington) D.I. reported "... as some of the infants are not included, Flemington numbers should be higher."

16th October: A letter was received from Mr R.J. McCutcheon offering to sell land on Ascot Vale Road opposite Ascot Vale Station for the site of a new school.

1880

Staff: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Head Teacher (Monthly salary, £25.17.11); Miss Edith Sprigg, First Assistant (Monthly salary, £14.5.1); Miss Mary E. Shelton, Second Assistant (Monthly salary, £9.10.1); Mrs Margaret A. Carey, Third Assistant (Monthly salary, £7.12.1) Miss Elizabeth McHugh 3rd Assistant (when Miss Sprigg transferred); Miss Thorina M. Johnson (transferred and promoted to Junior Assistant), Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Miss Beatrice Bolton and Miss Helena J. Johnson, Pupil Teachers, Miss Emily Quinton, Monitress (promoted to Pupil Teacher).

Attendance figures for 1880: January 290, February 287, March 299, April 309, May 314, June 299, July 294, August 296, September 201, and October 233.

7th September: Letter to the Department from Head Teacher:

“Since my letter of yesterday enclosing Doctor’s Certificate, the Board of Advice have (sic) deemed it advisable to close the school for one week on account of my illness and the prevalence of measles in the district.”

Reply from the Department:

“The Head Teacher should use this time to have the school thoroughly cleansed and fumigated.”

13th September: Head Teacher stated: “...there were only 72 children present; the measles are raging now in this district...”

3rd November: Head Teacher states in a letter to the Department, “...that the low attendance for November was owing to Measles and Ringworm being in the district.”

1881

Staff: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Head Teacher; Miss Mary E. Shelton, 1st Assistant; Mrs Margaret A. Carey, 2nd Assistant; Miss Thorina M. Johnson, 3rd Assistant; Miss Elizabeth McHugh, 3rd Assistant (transferred); Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Miss Helena J. Johnson and Miss Emily Quinton, Pupil Teachers.

Miss Gregory was absent from 23rd August for 6 weeks with Typhoid Fever.

Attendance figures: Feb. 310, Mar. 276, Apr. 262, May 248, Jul. 233, Aug. 249, Sep. 270, Oct 258, Nov 260, Dec 251.

24th January: Miss Elizabeth J. McHugh wrote to the Department seeking permission to teach Drawing.

18th March: Miss McHugh wrote to the Department stating that she had passed her Matriculation Exam, she passed in Latin, French, English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid and Geography.

4th May Head Teacher wrote to the Department explaining the drop in numbers for April – the Kensington School was to be opened on the 13th of May and those intending to move there had not returned after the Easter break.

23rd August: Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Pupil Teacher was absent from duty for 6 weeks suffering from Typhoid Fever.

1882

Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Miss Mary E. Shelton, 1st Assistant; Mrs Margaret A. Carey, 2nd Assistant; Miss Thorina M. Johnson, 3rd Assistant; Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Miss Helena J. Johnson and Miss Emily Quinton, Pupil Teachers.

Attendance figures: Feb 244, Mar 236, Apr 239, May 241, Jun 263, Jul 257, Sep 287, Oct 274, Nov 240, Dec 259 (on one wet day in July, the attendance was only 160). The Head Teacher wrote: “The average for the week ending the 19th Inst. was 263 and on the 21st and 22nd Insts. there were present 274 and 288

respectively.” The Head Teacher reported that the fall in attendance for November was due to heat and rain, December rain and, in the following year, January heat and blight, February blight and March rain.

24th January: Alice F. Thomson commenced duty on 23rd January as a substitute (Temporary Assistant at £2 per week).

In April, Miss Gregory was absent tending her sister who had Typhoid Fever and so was excluded until after the Easter Vacation.

3rd May: Letter from Head Teacher stating the following absences: Infant Room 101, 2nd Class 30, 3rd Class 20 and Upper Classes 20 (Total 171) Absences because of Ophthalmia and Typhoid Fever.

The Heath Officer wrote and “...considered it necessary to condemn the closet pans and have them replaced by new ones.”

8th October: A letter from the Essendon District Board of Advice (No. 30) to the Department recommending that the attendances for the month of November for Flemington and Kensington Schools be disregarded when making teacher allotments for the coming year as many of the children’s parents were employed in the horse racing industry as both schools were close to “Melbourne Racecourse”.

During the week of the Melbourne Cup, the Head Teacher closed the school as it was dangerous for children in the area.

1883

Staff: Mr Frederick S. Hayden; Miss Mary E. Shelton, 1st Assistant; Mrs Margaret A. Carey, 2nd Assistant; Miss Thorina M Johnson, 3rd Assistant; Miss Elizabeth Gregory, Miss Emily Quinton, Miss Mary McAllister, Miss Jane Mahon and Miss Annie Chitson Thornton, Pupil Teachers. (Miss McAllister and Miss Mahon were promoted from Monitors to Pupil Teachers); Mr James Ryan was the visiting Singing Master.

Miss Gregory resigned after 12 years as a Pupil Teacher to marry and Miss Helena Johnson was “removed” from the 31st May as she repeatedly failed the examination to move from Pupil Teacher 4th Class to Pupil Teacher 3rd Class.

Attendance figures: Jan 260, Feb 256, Mar 267, Apr 312, May 321, Jun 353, Jul 346, Aug 337, Oct 326 (175 boys; 151 girls), Nov 325 and Dec 331.

The Head Teacher stated the reasons for low attendance from January to March as heat and blight, blight and rain, respectively.

1884

Staff: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Miss Mary E. Shelton, 1st Assistant (transferred 22nd October); Mrs Margaret A. Carey, 2nd Assistant (on leave); Miss Margaret H Butler, 3rd Assistant; Miss Thorina M Johnson, 3rd Assistant; Mr John C. Jennings, Assistant; Miss Jane Mahon, Miss Annie Thornton, Miss Mary McAllister and Miss Emily Quinton, Pupil Teachers. The Reverend Mr Short gave Religious Instruction.

Mr John C Jennings was appointed as 3rd Assistant to cover the absence of Mrs Carey.

Mr Hayden’s salary was £26.7.2 a month, Miss Shelton’s £13.19.11, Mrs Carey’s £8.8.0 and Mr Jennings’ £7.9.4.

Attendance figures: Jan 296, Mar 333, Apr 335, May 343, Jun 352, Jul 340, Aug 308, Sep 311, Oct 328, Nov 325

8th February: Mr Jennings reported for insubordination.

9th February: Public Service Commissioners recommend that Mr Jennings’ services be dispensed with.

19th August: A letter from the Head Teacher to the Department stating that the two Williams children were being excluded as their older sister was visiting a house infected with Small Pox, "till all fear of infection is past."

17th September: A letter from the Head Teacher to the Department stating:

"Owing to the inadequate accommodation and crowded state of the rooms, I consider the health of the children will be imperilled if the school be kept open during the next three weeks.

A list of the names of the children at present affected is forwarded herewith. (A list of 59 names – see photocopies). Besides the names given, a great many others do not attend for fear of infection."

13th November: A letter from the Head Teacher to the Department stating that the school was closed from 22nd September until the 6th October and from 10th October until 20th October due to a Measles epidemic.

11th December: Miss Margaret Carey, a teacher at Flemington from 1st December 1877 until 11th December 1884, resigned due to ill health (her letter of resignation was signed with a X as she was too ill to sign her name) on the 15th December she died at the age of 36 after a long illness (Aphonia). Miss Carey began her service on the 1st July 1865. At the time of her death, her annual salary was £100.16.0.

During this time, a new school was being built in Bank Street, Ascot Vale. The new school was to replace the Flemington School.

1885

Head Teacher: Mr Frederick S. Hayden, Miss Margaret H Butler, Miss Thorina M Johnson, Miss Jane Mahon, Miss Annie Thornton, Miss Mary McAllister and Miss Emily Quinton, Pupil Teachers.

Net Enrolment in January was 449, but in March the new Ascot Vale school was opened and the Head Teacher, Staff and pupils transferred.

Meetings were called at the Kensington Town Hall to protest at the closing of the Flemington school, parents were concerned at the distance their children would have to travel, the busy roads they would have to cross and the fact that the Newmarket Sale yards were in close proximity. (High steel post and rail fences were still along Racecourse Road in the 1950's as stock was often moved along the road).

Mr Hayden wrote to the Department complaining of the proposed re-opening.

31st March: Flemington No. 250 closed and all Departmental property moved to the new Ascot Vale School in Bank Street. Mr Hayden takes up the position of Head Teacher.

While the school was temporarily closed, it was used as a courthouse while the caretaker's residence was used for a time as a police station.

20th July: Copy of Extracts from Board of Advice:

"In reference to the temporarily re-opening the Flemington school No. 250 (during the additions to the Kensington school) the Board have carefully weighed the matter over and unanimously resolved to recommend that in view of the present dangerously crowded state of the Kensington school, it is absolutely necessary that the Flemington school should be re-opened as soon as possible."

5th August: "I recommend that No. 250 be opened temporarily. Furnish as for a school of 100 children, utilising old desks, etc. as much as possible." (signed) J.B. 5.8.85

7th September: Mr James T. Matthews appointed as Temporary Head Teacher.

8th September: Letter from Relieving Head Teacher, Mr James T. Matthews, stating he had re-opened the school and that Miss Lillie, the assistant, had reported for duty. He also stated 81 children were registered and several more were expected. He stated that a supply of slates had arrived but needed 4 dozen inkwells as there were none in the school.

Numbers continued to increase and the Head Teacher stopped admitting children even though parents requested a place for their children.

27th September: Mr Horatio N. Rumfry appointed as Temporary Head Teacher as from 1st October.

1st October: Mr Matthews relieved and Mr Rumfry takes charge.

7th October: Letter from Head Teacher asking for an assistant:

“...as it is quite impossible for two of us to instruct efficiently 136 children.”

10th October: Mr Charles Overman transferred to the school.

Staff: Mr Horatio N. Rumfry, Head Teacher; Jessie W. Lillie, Assistant; Mr Charles Overman, Pupil Teacher.

Attendance figures: Sep. 135, Oct. 132.

With the increase in numbers, it was necessary to extend. Thirty feet frontage was obtained from the Police premises next door on the west side, and a contract let for an extra 1,500 square feet of space. This included a second storey on the original building. Total cost was £1,500.

1886

Mr Horatio N Rumfry: Head Teacher; Miss Jessie Lillie, Mr John E. Hanigan: Assistants; Mr George H. Rogers: First Male Assistant; Miss Alice M. Bean: temporary Junior Assistant; Miss Sarah C. Flowers: Junior Assistant; Mr Charles Overman, Miss B.M. Harvey: Pupil Teachers.

Attendance figures: Aug 181 (353 on Roll), Sep 195 (369 on Roll), Oct 192 (386 on Roll)

Miss Harvey commenced duty as a Pupil Teacher on **Thursday, 14th January, the day on which the school reopened after the Christmas Vacation.**

1st February: Mr Rumfry reported that a case of “Typhoid Fever exists in the family of Mr James Mei of Princes Street Flemington,” and that the children had been excluded.

22nd June: Mr W. Cross for the Flemington and Kensington Board of Advice recommended the retention of School No. 250 on the completion of additions at Kensington School as the school population of the area is “upwards of one thousand.”

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Oct '85	132	482	378
Nov	125	478	394
Dec	140	474	374
Jan '86	142	484	369
Feb	158	534	431
Mar	165	526	444
Apr	166	532	460
May	172	<u>541</u>	<u>476 = 1135</u>
Accommodation for:		609	452 = 1061

12th July: Head Teacher: Mr Horatio N. Rumfry was transferred to 2586 Caulfield Racecourse, he ceased duty at Flemington on the 12th July. Mr George H. Rogers replaced him as Temporary Head Teacher. Mr William H. Martell took over as Head Teacher on the 23rd September.

19th July: Mr G.H. Rogers applied for appointment as “Teacher of Military Drill.”

In a letter to the Department dated 11th August, Mr J.J. Burston, who was the successful applicant for the vacant Head Teacher position at Flemington, wrote to decline the position as, “I do not think the Flemington School sufficiently good to warrant me accepting the offered transfer.” In an earlier letter, (2/8/1886), Mr Burston was concerned that accepting would, “... injuriously affect either my fixed salary or my position on the Classified Roll.”

When Mr Martell left Newtown P.S. Geelong, he presented an inventory of school property to the new Head Teacher. On arrival at Flemington, he accepted an inventory from the departing Head Teacher.

1887

Head Teacher: Mr William J.H. Martell, Miss Fanny Acton, Junior Assistant; Mr Charles Overman, Pupil Teacher.

2nd June – 15th October: Between these dates, children had been excluded from the school because of outbreaks of Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Typhoid Fever had been reported in their families.

12th September: Head Teacher reports that the Harper children of Bryant Street, Flemington, had been excluded from the school because measles had been reported in the family.

14th October: Head Teacher reports that the Paisley children of Princes Street, Flemington had been excluded from the school because of measles.

21st October: Head Teacher reports 38 cases of measles – children excluded from school.

31st October: Head Teacher reports 18 cases of measles – children excluded from school.

4th November: Head Teacher reports 24 cases of measles – children excluded from school.

1888

Head Teacher: Mr William J.H. Martell; Miss Joanna Young, Miss Caroline Coleman, Assistants; Miss Fanny Acton, Miss Edith H. Osborne, Junior Assistants; Miss Ellen O’Meara, Miss Annabella Taylor, Miss Louisa Price, Mr Charles Overman, Pupil Teachers.

Average attendance for January 1888 was 219.

On each occasion, when a teacher was absent and when they return to duty and a Temporary Assistant was appointed and left, the Head Teacher would report, in writing, to the Department. When a Temporary Assistant was urgently required, a telegram was sent. No telephones or Internet in 1888!

7th August: Head Teacher wrote to the Department asking for additional staff as, “... the average attendance for June and July was 269 and 258 respectively. The average for the six months ending 31st July was over 250. The attendance today was 282 ½”.

17th September: The school was re-opened by the Minister of Education (Pearson). During the alterations and additions to the building, the children received lessons in premises leased from Mr J. Crichton; The Royal Hall, Princes Street, Newmarket.

Mr James J. Ryan (Singing Master) requested permission to be present at the opening of the new building.

24th October: The children of Mr W.E. White of Church Street, Flemington, were excluded because Typhoid Fever was reported in the family.

1889

District Inspector: Mr William Gamble

Head Teacher: Mr William H Martell, Mr James S. Morrison, Miss Elizabeth Herman, Mr Arthur P. Hennessy, Miss Edith Osborne, Miss Agnes B. Mathieson, Miss Joanna Young, Miss Mary Menzies, Miss Jane W. Davison, Assistants: Miss Annabella Taylor, Mr George Washington, Miss Beatrice Niel, Miss Jessie H.G. Martell, Miss Ellen O'Meara, Pupil Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 344, Feb 310, Mar 316, Apr 338, May 357, Jun 384, Oct 441, Nov 435, Dec 470

Between January and May, the Head Teacher excluded children because of Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Typhoid Fever had been reported in their families.

Head Teacher reported on the number of children in each room:

Room 1: 5 th and 6 th Classes	average attendance	59
Room 2: 3 rd and 4 th Classes	:	125
Room 3: 2 nd Class & 1st Division Infants		130
Room 4: Infant Room	:	72

18th June: Head Teacher asks for male assistant "... the average attendance is nearly 400 and the staff consists of 3 Female Assistants and 3 Female Pupil Teachers."

1890

Head Teacher: Mr William H Martell, Mr James S. Morrison, Miss Elizabeth Herman, Mr Arthur P. Hennessy, Miss Edith Osborne, Miss Agnes B. Mathieson, Miss Joanna Young, Miss Mary Menzies, Miss Jane W. Davison, Miss Lillian Bullock, Assistants: Miss Annabella Taylor, Mr George Washington, Miss Beatrice Niel, Miss Jessie H.G. Martell, Miss Ellen O'Meara, Pupil Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 398 (on Roll 498), Feb 405 (on Roll 569), Mar 407 (on Roll 599), Apr 409 (on Roll 629)

By this year, the whole of the adjoining Police property had been purchased for £1,977. This included a four room house.

Two rooms were leased from the Wesleyan Church for 35/- weekly and some classes occupied these.

11th February: 9 children excluded for Typhoid Fever; 4 for Diphtheria; and 2 for Ophthalmia.

17th February: 11 children excluded for Ophthalmia.

25th February: the three children (John, Peter and Janet) of Mr Blackwood of Wellington Street, were excluded because of Typhoid Fever reported in the family.

5th March: 14 children excluded for Ophthalmia; 1 for eruption; and 2 for symptoms of Diphtheria.

During the months of May, June and July, children were excluded for Whooping Cough, Typhoid Fever and Diphtheria.

1st July: Head Teacher wrote asking for an additional assistant as the school had an average attendance of above 450.

12th August: Miss J. Young wrote asking permission to attend Elocution Classes.

During August and September, children were excluded because of Diphtheria.

19th December: Mrs Marie Dorum (nee Menzies) wrote tendering her resignation because of marriage and applying for compensation.

1891

Staff: Head teacher: Mr William H. Martell; Miss Joanna Young, 1st Assistant; Miss Ellen F. Lyhane, Mr Thomas J. McGalliard, Miss Jane Davison, Junior Assistants; Mr Edward C. Murphy, Assistant; Miss Jane

Banks, Miss Beatrice Niel, Miss Ellen O'Meara, Miss Lillian J. Bullock, Mr Robert Francis, Miss Jane Pierson, Pupil Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 465, Feb 446, Mar 458, Apr 453, May 462, Jun 451, Jul 472, Aug 481, Sep 468, Oct 447, Nov. 448, Dec. 470.

12th January: The Secretary for Public Instruction acknowledged the receipt of a letter forwarding a "Life Policy for the sum of £250 in favour of Mr George Ransom, teacher."

26th May: A case of Diphtheria reported in the family of Mr Richard Pearse of Marwick Street – children excluded from school.

11th September: Children of Mr Oman excluded because of Diphtheria.

Lillian Bullock, Pupil Teacher, was excluded from the school because of Diphtheria in the home of her father, Mr Thomas Bullock of Lee Street, Newmarket.

1892

Inspector of Schools: Mr S. James Swindley

Staff: Head Teacher: Mr William H. Martell, Miss Joanna Young, First Assistant; Mr James Morrison, Second Assistant; Miss Jane W. Davison, Third Assistant; Mr Thomas J. Mc Galliard, Junior Assistant; Miss Ellen Lyham, Junior Assistant; Miss Ellen O'Meara, Miss Edna E. Hall, Miss Beatrice Neil, Miss Lillian J. Bullock, Mr Robert A. Francis, and Miss Agnes Laird, Pupil Teachers.

Attendance figures: Mar 458, Apr 458, May 462, Jun 451, Jul 472, Aug 481, Sep 468,

2nd July: Arthur Willie Walsh replaced Miss Edna Hall (transferred)

19th July: Arthur Willie Walsh recommended as a Pupil Teacher at age 15 years 3 months as a holder of the Merit Certificate obtained in June 1891, by Head Teacher.

Attendance figures: Jan. 461, Feb. 513, Mar. 515, Apr. 523, May 521, Jun. 549, Oct. 447, Nov. 448, Dec. 470.

1st February: Letter from Head Teacher requesting:

"... a press with glass doors, may be granted to the above named school. The press is required to contain the School Lending Library, consisting at this date of one hundred and thirty-one books, and also to contain the nucleus of a School Museum, including a grant of Mineral Specimens from the Council of the Ballarat School of Mines."

5th February: The department replied:

"Ack.: only the ordinary press is provided by the Department. Should the teacher desire a better kind of press, one of cedar with glass doors will be supplied on the teacher's understanding to pay half the cost. His share will be £3.13.2."

2nd February: Head Teacher replied giving permission for the half cost to be deducted from his salary.

22nd March: The children of Mr Haigh of Flemington excluded because of Typhoid fever.

25th April: The children of Mr Martin Murphy of Lambeth Street, Kensington were excluded because of Typhoid Fever.

16th May: The children of Mr Frank Haire of Kensington were suspended because of Diphtheria.

Additions totalling 202 square feet were added to the school building.

29th July: The Head Teacher reported that the leased building had been returned and the new building occupied.

23rd August: Further land was acquired. The Police Station next door was acquired.

Head Teacher estimated that "...normal attendance at 500 when sickness is not prevalent."

From September 1890 until August 1892, £182.6.8 was paid to the Wesleyan Church, Flemington, as rental of a church building for "state school purposes."

1893

Head Teacher: Mr William H. Martell; Mr James S. Morrison, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Emma G. Fairhall, 1st Female Assistant 3rd Class; Miss Joanna Young, 1st Assistant; Miss Jane Davison, Assistant; Miss Ellen F. Lyhane, Junior Assistant; Miss Agnes Laird, Miss Beatrice Niel, Miss Ellen O'Meara, Mr Arthur Walsh, Mr Robert Francis, Mr James Morrison, Miss Annie Cardwell, Miss Annie Nicol, Miss Jane Pierson and Mr Thomas McGalliard, Pupil Teachers, Edith Bushe and Lovelock Eldridge, monitresses (Monitresses were paid a salary of £10 a month).

Head Teacher, Mr W.H. Martell retired on the 30th June and was replaced by Mr David Thomas Manson on Monday, 14th August, (transferred from 1189 Golden Square, Bendigo.) Between times, Mr James S. Morrison was Acting Head Teacher.

Not all of the above staff was present at the school at the same time, the Pupil Teachers and Assistants were moved about as the numbers rose and fell during the year. There were many letters over the years from Head Teachers begging for more staff as their numbers rose or teachers resigned. Often, a teacher was transferred if an emergency occurred at another school and the Department deemed that a school had teachers in excess. It was nothing for a teacher to be suddenly notified on a Friday to be present at a bush school on the following Monday.

Attendance figures: Mar 533, Apr 522, May 522, Jun 388 (measles epidemic) Jul 333, Aug 481 Sep 473

15th May: Letter to the Department from Mr W.H Martell, Head Teacher.

"Referring to your letter of the 30th March in which I am informed that having attained the age of sixty my services will not be required after the 30th June 1893, I beg to ask for a reconsideration of my case ...during 32 years ...usual practice of the Department in retaining the services of efficient men until they reach the age of sixty-five."

The request was denied and Mr Martell was superannuated on the 30th June 1893 on £195.12.5 per annum based on his average annual income for the last three years of £366.12.5.

Mr Martell was Head Teacher from 22nd September 1886 until 30th June 1893.

6th June: Letter from Head Teacher to Department:

"...Miss Agnes Laird, Pupil Teacher in the above named school was absent from duty on Thursday the 1st inst through the inclemency of the weather and the flooded state of the road at Flemington Bridge, also that Miss Niel, one of the Staff, reached the school on that date so thoroughly wet through that I deemed it necessary to send her home in the interest of her health."

15th June: School closed on account of a measles epidemic from the 15th June until the 3rd July and then extended to 19th July.

7th July: A letter from the Town Clerk (Mr William Cattnach) of the Borough of Flemington and Kensington.

"I have to inform you that the Health Officer now recommends that both Flemington and Kensington State Schools should be kept closed until 17th July 1893 by which date it is thought the epidemic will have spent its force."

7th August: A letter to the Department from Mr E.B. Jones of Dover Street, requesting permission to make a collection in the school for a poor widow – permission was granted.

"Mary Jane Gardiner of 12 Short Street Flemington, a laundress, with two young children is left totally destitute and without the common necessities of life in fact without a bed to lie on...church funds too low owing to the number on the books."

1894

Head Teacher: Mr David T Manson; Mr James S Morrison, 1st Male Assistant, Miss Emma G. Fairhall, 1st Female Assistant, Miss Jane V. Davison, 2nd Female Assistant; Miss Ellen F. Lyhane, Junior Assistant;

Miss Annie Nicol, Miss Annie Caudwell and Miss Ellen O'Meara (absent), Pupil Teachers 1st Class; Mr Robert Francis, Pupil Teacher, 2nd Class; Miss Jane Pierson and Mr Arthur Walsh, Pupil Teachers, 3rd Class (salary - £30 per annum); Miss Agnes Laird, Pupil Teacher, 4th Class; Miss Lovelock Eldridge and Miss Edith Bushe, Monitresses.

Attendance figures: Jan 433, Feb 439, Mar 443, Apr 437, May 466, Jun 470, Jul 468, Aug 445, Sep 455, Oct 430, Nov 515, Dec 464.

26th April: Letter from Head Teacher asking to:

“...retain Monitresses as a Pupil Teacher has been absent since January and unlikely to return...” and “A severe attack of blight throughout the school was the cause of the falling off of attendance for the first three months. This week the numbers range from 475 to 490 and will increase considerably.”

31st October: Mr David T. Manson, Head Teacher retires at age 57 after 38 years service. He was Head Teacher from 12th August 1893 until 31st October 1894.

1st November: Mr James S Morrison takes over as Acting Head Teacher.

1895

Head Teacher: Mr J.S. Morrison, 1st Male Assistant (Acting Head Teacher)

Mr J.S. Morrison was acting Head Teacher from 1st November 1894 until 21st June 1895.

Mr Richard G.B. Hocking, Assistant; Miss Esther Carter, Assistant; Miss Emma G. Fairhall, 1st Female Assistant (transferred to 2608 Ascot Vale); Miss Jane W. Davison, Assistant; Miss Ellen F. Lyhane, Assistant; Mr Robert Francis, Mr Arthur G. Walsh, Miss Agnes Laird, Miss Annie Caudwell and Miss Annie Nicol, Pupil Teachers; Miss Lovelock Eldridge and Miss Edith Bushe, Monitresses.

24th June: Mr Sinclair M. McNab transferred from 876 Lilydale and took charge as Head Teacher.

Attendance figures: Jan 405, Feb 407, Mar 409, Apr 433, May 455, Jun 451, Jul 446, Aug 440, Sep 456, Oct 459, Dec 453.

1896

Head Teacher: Mr Sinclair McNab; Mr Richard G.B. Hocking, 1st Male Assistant, Miss Agnes Muir, 1st Female Assistant 4th Class; Miss Ester Carter, Assistant; Miss Ellen Lyhane, Assistant; Miss Jane W. Davison, Assistant; Miss Annie Nicol and Mr Robert A. Francis (made a Temporary Assistants at £56 per annum), Mr Arthur W. Walsh, Miss Agnes Laird, Pupil Teachers, Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Miss Edith Bushe, monitresses.

Attendance figures: Jan 436, Feb 451, Mar 476, Apr 460, May 466, Jul 449, Aug 450, Sep 457 Oct 469, Nov 456, Dec 469.

1897

Head Teacher: Mr Sinclair McNab, Mr Richard B. Hocking, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Agnes Muir, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Jane W. Davison, Assistant; Miss Ellen Lyhane, Assistant; Mr Arthur Walsh, Mr Robert Francis, Miss Annie Caudwell, Miss Annie Nicol and Miss Edith Laird, Pupil Teachers; Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Miss Edith Bushe, monitresses.

Attendance figures: Jan 469, Feb 483, Mar 475, Apr 478, May 494, Jun 527, Jul 513, Aug 519, Sep 520, Oct 511

22nd January: Letter from Mr William Hulme applying

“...for the position of First male Assistant at School No. 250 Flemington rendered vacant by the death of Mr Hocking.”

21st June: Letter from Head Teacher informing the Department that Miss Winnie Turner had

“... passed in Reading, Spelling & Composition, Writing, Arithmetic [1], Arithmetic [2], Grammar and Needlework.”

1898

Head Teacher: Mr Sinclair McNab, Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Agnes Muir, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Jane W. Davison, 2nd Female Assistant; Miss Ellen Lyhane, Assistant; Miss Edith Laird, Miss Annie Nicol, Mr Robert Francis, Mr Arthur Walsh and Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Pupil Teachers; Miss Florence Read, Monitress; Mr A. Babbage, Monitor.

1st January: Mr Richard B. Hocking resigns due to ill health.

11th January: Mr Hocking dies.

Attendance figures: Mar 475, Apr 478, May 317*, Jun 465, Jul 491, Aug 537, Sep 530, Oct 490 (measles).

*The school was closed for 3 weeks from 28th April because of a measles outbreak. This caused major problems for the teachers as the Inspector for Schools, Mr S.J. Swindley, was to examine for results in May. In a letter to the Department, the Head Teacher asked for an extension so the teachers could prepare their students. **Payment by Results**

1899

Head Teacher: Mr Sinclair McNab; Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Margaret Flett, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Jane W. Davison, 2nd Female Assistant; Miss Ellen Lyhane, Assistant; Miss Edith Laird, Miss Annie Nicol, Miss Annie Caudwell, Miss Florence Read, Mr Robert Francis, Mr Arthur Walsh and Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Pupil Teachers; Mr A.J. Babbage and Mr Gordon Story, Monitors.

The Head Teacher, on two separate occasions, wrote to the Department objecting to his staff being sent away to do duty in other schools:

“...as school work can not be carried out in a satisfactory manner because of teacher absences.”

Attendance figures: Jan 481, Feb 496, Mar 495, Apr 511, May 530, Jun 533, Jul 542, Aug 539, Sep 535, Oct 513, Nov 548

11th September: Following a letter of complaint about the treatment of her daughter by Mrs A. Law, Miss Margaret Flett replied: (see photocopy).

1900

Head Teacher: Mr McNab: Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, 2nd Male Assistant; Miss Margaret Flett, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Jane W. Davison, 2nd Female Assistant; Miss Ellen Lyhane, Assistant; Miss Annie Nicol, Miss Annie Caudwell, Miss Florence Read, Miss Jane Pierson, Mr A.J. Babbage, Mr Arthur Walsh and Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Pupil Teachers; Miss Mary Lyhane and Edith Jane Pick, Miss Edith Ruth Small and Miss Amy Louise Smale, Monitresses.

Attendance figures: Jan 535, Feb 553, Mar 532 (260 boys, 272 girls), Apr 522 (260 boys, 262 girls), May 549, Jun 586, Jul 564, Aug 564, Nov 547, Dec 549.

21st April: Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant, applied for leave to attend the Police Court at Essendon:

“I have taken proceedings against the owner of a cow for damage done to my garden. I have endeavoured to settle this matter amicably but so far have failed.”

1901

Head Teacher: Mr McNab: Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, 2nd Male Assistant; Mr James P. Cummins, 3rd Male Assistant; Miss Margaret Flett, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Bridget Gilmore, 2nd Female Assistant; Miss Jane W. Davison, 3rd Female Assistant; Miss Ellen Lyhane, Assistant; Miss Annie Caudwell, Miss Florence Read, Miss Jane Pierson, Miss Thirza J. Harman, Mr A.J. Babbage, Mr Gordon Story and Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Pupil Teachers; Miss Edith Ruth Small and Miss Amy Louise Smale, Monitresses.

Attendance figures: Jan 442, Feb 544, Mar 579, Apr 549, May 560, Aug 568, Sep 560, Oct 548, Nov 522, Dec 525.

27th May: Letter from Head Teacher:

“Albert Edwin Patterson attended for three years ending 31st December 1900 without being absent for a single meeting and I beg to ask that the certificate issued by the Department for attendance may be granted to him.”

1902

District Inspector: Mr Samuel Summons

Head Teacher: Mr Sinclair McNab, Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Margaret Flett, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Bridget Gilmore, 2nd Female Assistant; Mr Robert Buchanan, Miss Ellen Lyhane, Assistants; Miss Florence Read, Mr Gordon Story, Mr Robert A. Francis, Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Miss Annie Caudwell, Miss Thirza Harman and A.J. Babbage, Pupil Teachers; Miss Edith Ruth Small and Miss Amy Louise Smale, Monitresses.

Attendance figures: Jan 531, Mar 531, Apr 540, May 544, Jun 521, Jul 530, Aug 541, Sep 540, Oct 544, Nov 511, Dec 499.

24th January: Letter from Head Teacher:

“I have the honour to forward the names of four scholars attending the above named school who have attended without any absence during the three years ending 31st December 1901.

viz.		Yrs	Mths
James Boarder	age	14	6
Norman Cooper	“	11	8
Gladstone Cooper*	“	9	7
Dorothy Leonard	“	9	4

*See photocopy.

1903

Head Teacher: Mr Sinclair McNab, Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Margaret Flett, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Bridget Gilmore, 2nd Female Assistant; Mr Reginald Dennis, Miss Thirza J Harman, Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Assistants; Miss Blanche E. Rye, A. Babbage, Miss Annie Caudwell, Mr Gordon Story, Miss Helen Connelly, Miss Jane E. Pierson (resigned to marry), Pupil Teachers; Miss E. Small and Miss Amy Smale, Monitresses.

Attendance figures: Jan 471, Feb 527, Mar 528, Apr 519, May 524, Jun 537, Jul 544, Sep 534, Oct 566, Nov 554

Three years Attendance Certificates for:

Frank Cooper	Beatrice Hawkins	Muriel Uric
Daphne Leonard	Grieve Picken	James Uric
Robina Wiese		

1904

Head Teacher: Mr Sinclair McNab, Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Margaret Flett, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Bridget Gilmore, 2nd Female Assistant; Mr Reginald Dennis, Miss Elizabeth Bailey, Miss Ellen F. Lyhane, Miss Thirza J Harman, Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Assistants; Miss Amy Smale, Miss Blanche Rye, Miss Annie Caudwell, Pupil Teachers; Miss Amelia Cooper and Miss Pauline Lumsden, Monitresses.

Attendance figures: Mar 560, Apr 547, May 566, Jun 565, Jul 559, Oct 562, Nov 555, Dec 540.

9th Dec: Attendance Certificates for three years without missing a meeting between 1901 – 1903, awarded to: James Preston (11yrs 8mths) and Grace Uric (9yrs 2mths).

School dismissal was 4:00 p.m.

1905

Head Teacher: Mr Sinclair McNab, Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Elizabeth Bailey, 1st Female Assistant; Mr Harold H.B. Skewes, Mr Reginald Dennis, Miss Ellen F. Lyhane, Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Miss

Thirza J Harman, Assistants; Miss Amelia Cooper, Miss Verena Muriel Gascard-Begg and Miss Pauline Lumsden, Monitresses.

Attendance figures: Jan 527, Feb 550, May 526, Jun 460, Jul 471, Aug 543, Sep 548, Nov 545, Dec 533.

During the year, the school was connected to the sewerage system.

11th January: A letter from Miss Pauline Lumsden:

“I have the honour to apply for a transfer as a Monitress to one of the Fitzroy or Carlton schools or any other school such as South Brunswick, or Clifton Hill, within walking distance of my home.

Since the alteration in train services from **North Fitzroy to Flemington**, I have to leave home very early in the morning to get to school in time and I do not reach home till late at night. The expense of travelling is also much greater now, hence my application for a transfer.”

5th September: A letter from Mr Louis H. McNab:

“I have the honour to inform you that my brother, Sinclair, Head Teacher of Flemington, died suddenly at Armadale Railway Station yesterday, 4th September, at 6:45 p.m.

I shall duly hand over any keys required by the Assistant-in-charge of the school.”

Mr Sinclair McNab: Born 13.3.1849; died 4.9.1905 aged 56yrs 5mths. Service 1.3.1868 to 4.9.05. Head Teacher at Flemington from 22.6.1895 to 4.9.1905.

13th October: A letter from Mr W. McColl, Town Clerk for the Borough of Flemington and Kensington, stating that;

“I am directed by His Worship the Mayor (Councillor A. Dobson, J.P.) to inform you that he proposes giving the children of this district an entertainment in this Town Hall on Friday next, 20th inst to commemorate the Unification of this Municipality with the City of Melbourne.”

19th October: Mr James Moloney appointed Head Teacher to take charge on the 22nd January, 1906.

18th December: Acting Head Teacher, Mr William Hulme reported to the Department:

“...that the tablet in memory of the late Mr Sinclair McNab has been completed and is now in place.”

The marble tablet was placed in the front entrance hall as a tribute to Mr McNab.

1906

The school was known as a State Elementary School.

Head Teacher: Mr James Moloney, Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Mr Harold H.B. Skewes, 2nd Male Assistant; Miss Elizabeth Bailey, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Blanche Gilmore, 2nd Female Assistant; Miss Ellen Lyhane, Mr Romeo C. Sloss, Assistants; Miss Blanche P. Rye, Miss Viola Estelle Murphy, Miss Ethel Newall, Miss Annie Caudwell, Miss Florence Read, Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Miss Amy Smale, Miss A. Cooper, Miss V. Begg, Miss Alice Isabel Wheeler, Junior Teachers.

During this year many teachers resigned or were transferred, the Head Teacher appealed many times for staff, “...send me help”...was his plaintive cry.

Attendance figures: Jan 533, Feb 556 Mar 561, Apr 559, May 559

25th January: Attendance Certificate awarded to Ida Meier, aged 12yrs and Agnes Webster, aged 14yrs.

30th January: Attendance Certificate awarded to Arthur Jelliffe, aged 10yrs 8 mths, in 3rd Class for full attendance from 1903 to 1905.

23rd July: Mr H.T. Maloney Cadets Corps formed.

Land with a frontage of 30 feet to Mount Alexander Road, was purchased for £150 from Mr A. Heenan.

1907

District Inspector: Mr Russell

Head Teacher: Mr James Moloney, Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Mr Romeo Sloss, 2nd Male Assistant; Miss Elizabeth Bailey, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Bridget Gilmore, 2nd Female Assistant; Miss Ellen F. Lyhane, Miss Adelaide Sargent, Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Miss Blanche C. Rye, Assistants; Mr Edgar T. Searle, Miss Viola Murphy, Miss Helen Connelly, Miss Janet Willman, Miss Amy Smale, Miss Amelia Cooper, Miss Elizabeth Alice Fletcher, Miss Verena G. Begg, Miss Elsie I. Foote, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 586, Feb 582, Mar 576, Apr 583, May 595, Jun 597, Jul 590, Aug 554, Sep 482, Oct 510, Nov 538, Dec 537.

A block of land 79 feet 6 inches by 189 feet 9 inches on the west side of the school was bought for £276/10/-

A Certificate of Attendance for Gladstone Cooper (aged 13yrs 6mths) was applied for from 1899 to 1905 (he left school on the 8th May, 1905).

Quarterly Attendances for Gladstone Cooper

1899	94	116	124	114 = 448 meetings or 224 days	
1900	94	112	126	114 = 446	223
1901	81	97	128	111 = 417	217
1902	92	113	128	111 = 444	223
1903	98	114	128	110 = 450	225
1904	102	114	127	116 = 459	230
1905	94 (then left school)				47

Irene Coate "...completed 8 years attendance without missing one meeting." From Jan 1898 to Jan 1906.

1908

Head Teacher: Mr James Moloney, Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Mr Romeo C. Sloss, 2nd Male Assistant; Miss Elizabeth Bailey, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Bridget Gilmore, 2nd Female Assistant; Mr Henry F. Dunn, Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Miss Ellen F. Lyhane, Miss Adelaide M. Sargent, Miss Margaret Myers, Mr George H.C. Trengrove, Assistants; Miss Helen Connelly, Miss Maude Florence Kerriss, Miss Elsie Foote, Mr Edgar T. Searle, Miss Viola Murphy, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 512, Mar 567, Apr 559, May 576, Jun 582, Jul 596, Aug 588

1909

Head Teacher: Mr James Moloney, Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Elizabeth Bailey, 1st Female Assistant;

Attendance figures: May 567, Jun 568, Jul 578, Sep 553, Oct 550, Nov 547, Dec 510.

1910

Head Teachers: Mr James Moloney (finished 31st January), Mr Peter Robin (from 1st February to 31st August), Mr Robert Ellis (Acting Head Teacher from 1st September), Mr William Hulme, 1st Male Assistant (until 7th June), Mr George Clark, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Rhonda E Hall, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Margaret Lyell, 2nd Female Assistant; Mr John A. Curtis, Special Assistant; Miss Agnes B. Mathieson, Mr George H. Trengrove, Mr Norman S. Osbourne, Miss Lovelock Eldridge, Miss Beatrice E. Bell, Miss Blanche McFarlane, Miss Margaret Myers, Miss Hannah Valentine, Assistants; Miss Florence E. Salter, Miss Verena G. Begg, Mr Edgar Thomas Searle, Miss Edith L. Lyons, Mr John C. Nunan, Miss Bertha Margaret Windmill, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 567, Feb 557, Mar 533, Apr 530, May 552, Jun 562, Jul 549, Aug 564, Sep 545, Oct 549, Nov 544

It was in this year that suggestions were being put forward for a new building. The reasons cited at the time was of the noise of motor traffic and electric trams on Mount Alexander Road; the children were dismissed directly onto the street and the present school was in three separate building at three separate levels.

7th June: After an argument with the Head Teacher over the running of his class, Mr Hulme had a heart attack and died.

An Inquiry was held and it was recommended that the head teacher be transferred because of the animosity towards him from the community.

When Mr Robin took over the running of the school, he brought with him some definite ideas about how things should be done. His first altercation occurred with Mr Trengrove who was conducting Military Drill at the time. Mr Robin approached Mr Trengrove and "...within the hearing of the boys..." proceeded to tell Mr Trengrove he was wrong in his methods of instruction. When Mr Trengrove reacted, Mr Robin accused him and reported him for insubordination.

Later in the year, he was checking the books of Mr Hulme's class when he noted that the parsing of sentences was not done in the manner he (Mr Robin) wished it to be done. He approached Mr Hulme and made his wishes known and Mr Hulme tried to explain to his class the different method of parsing. Both Mr Hulme and the class became confused so Mr Hulme approached Mr Robin and asked him to come to his classroom and show the class his preferred method. As he was doing this, Mr Hulme interrupted saying the pupils were confused and didn't understand Mr Robin's method. Again, "...within the hearing of the pupils..." Mr Robin had words with Mr Hulme. With this, Mr Hulme left the room.

Mr Robin finished the lesson, dismissed the children for lunch and returned to his office where he found Mr Hulme waiting for him. The argument continued and Mr Hulme closed the door and leant against it, refusing to allow Mr Robin out. Mr Robin, in his statement, said he tried to move Mr Hulme from the door by grabbing his coat and pulling him out of the way. During this struggle, Mr Hulme's face struck a cupboard (Mr Robin) or the end of a rolled up map (Mr Hulme from Staff witnesses).

Mr Robin then left the school and Mr Hulme went to the Staffroom and told the staff that he had been assault by the Head Teacher. He showed them his wrists and face which were both marked. He then left the Staffroom and walked into the playground.

A short time later, a boy came running into the Staffroom and announced that Mr Hulme had fainted in the yard. The teachers carried Mr Hulme into the Staffroom whereupon "...his breath got fainter and fainter and he died...". The police were called.

It was stated in the Inquiry that followed that Mr Hulme had suffered from a weak heart for some time.

During the Inquiry the school was closed.

Mr Robin was transferred immediately and Mr Trengrove at the end of the year.

Mr William Hulme, born 15.3.1855, died 7.6.1910. In Service from 3.8.1880 until 7.6.1910. At Flemington from 11.3.1898.

17th June: Authority for Mr Peter Robin to cease duty (committed for trial).

18th June: Mr Robert Ellis appointed Temporary Head Teacher.

9th August: District Inspector Bothroyd stated in his report:

"When Mr Robin assumed charge of the school, there is no doubt that he applied himself earnestly and systematically to the task of raising the standard of efficiency throughout.

His Zeal was unmistakable. All the teachers save Mr Hulme and Mr Trengrove gave him their co-operation from the outset.

Mr Hulme showed a spirit of resentment from the beginning and frequently failed to conceal his annoyance. It is very regrettable that he allowed himself to take up this attitude of antagonism towards his head teacher."

21st September: Mr Archibald Weir appointed Head Teacher to take charge on 23rd January, 1911.

1911

Mr F.W. Clarey was the Correspondent of the first official School Committee.

Head Teacher: Mr Archibald Weir, Mr George Clark, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Rhonda Elizabeth Hall, 1st Female Assistant, (retired due to ill health at age 49 years on 30th November. Miss Hall began service on 1.8.1880, she began at Flemington on 1st September, 1910.), Miss Agnes Mathieson, 2nd Female Assistant; Mr Norman S. Osbourne, Miss Martha S. Booth, Miss Janet Willman, Miss Margaret Lyell, Miss Edith L. Lyons, Mr John C. Nunan, Mr John James Curtis, Miss Florence E. Salter, Miss Verena Begg, Miss Blanche McFarlane, Assistants; Mr William Richard Roberts Langford, Miss Mary Quinlan, Miss Vera McGrath, Miss Margaret Myers, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 547, Feb 593, Mar 585, Apr 582, May 563, Oct 610, Nov 591

19th December: Norman Kemp awarded an Attendance Certificate for uninterrupted attendance from 5th July 1905 until 25th August 1911.

1912

Head Teacher: Mr Archibald Weir, Mr George Clark, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Agnes B. Mathieson, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Martha S. Booth, Miss Alison Brock, Miss Mary A. Thackrah, Miss Florence E. Salter, Miss Blanche McFarlane, Miss Edith J. Pick, Mr Norman S. Osbourne, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Janet Willman, Mr William R. Langford, Assistants; Miss Estella Myrtle Forbes, Miss Elsie M. McIntyre, Miss Vera McGrath, Miss Edith L. Lyons, Miss Elizabeth A. Fletcher, Miss Margaret Myers, Junior Teachers.

1913

Head Teacher: Mr Archibald Weir, Mr George Clark, Miss Martha S. Booth, Miss Margaret Myers, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Bertha Windmill, Miss Florence E. Salter, Miss Vera McGrath, Miss Hilda M. Gibbons, Miss Agnes Mathieson, Assistants; Mr William R. Langford, Miss Elsie M. McIntyre, Miss Elizabeth A. Fletcher, Miss Edith L. Lyons, Junior Teachers; Mr Raymond Vick, Diploma Student.

Attendance figures: Feb 576, Mar 559, Apr 561, Dec 588.

11th February: Head Teacher wrote to Department:

“...inform me...whether the same science work may be given to the 7th and 8th Grades, when one teacher has charge of the two grades, and if they may be combined...”

Reply: “In the record Syllabus to be issued shortly, the work in science will be divided into Course I and Course II when Grades VII and VIII are taught by one teacher. Courses I and II will be taken in alternate years.”

11th March: Head Teacher wrote to Department:

“...request that you inform me as to the times and dates for the Physical Training class for Female Assistants at Albert Street Orderly Rooms.”

14th June: Miss Alison Brock, Female Assistant, Class V, wrote asking that Deductive Logic be recorded as a science (and enclosed a newspaper cutting for reference.)

15th December: Head Teacher wrote to the Department:

“...the School Committee propose providing a picture show at Newmarket for the children of this school on Friday afternoon, 19th inst, at 3 p.m., and have asked me to apply that the children may be allowed to leave school at 2:30 p.m. on that day. I may state that only part of the staff could go with the children as the remainder will be required to complete returns and necessary work at the close of the year.”

1914

School Committee: Mr F.W. Clarey

Head Teacher: Mr Archibald Weir, Mr George Clark, Miss Martha S. Booth, Mr Ernest Montgomery, Miss Janet Willman, Mr William R. Langford (granted leave for Military Service 19th August), Miss Blanche McFarlane, Miss Hilda M. Gibbons, Miss Vera McGrath, Miss Alison Brock, Assistants; Miss Rebecca Douglas, Miss Eleanor McMahan, Miss Ethel Newall, Miss Edith L. Lyons, Miss Zetta M. Shields, Junior Teachers; Mr Raymond Vick, Mr M. Drummy, Diploma Students.

Attendance figures: Jan 581, Feb 593, Oct 576, Nov 580, Dec 583.

1st September: A letter to Mr M. Drummy informing him:

“...that officers of the Public Service of this State who are receiving the Expeditionary Force will draw Military Pay only while so employed, but their positions in the Service will remain open for them on their return to Victoria, and if, under ordinary circumstances, they would have been granted increased pay during the period of their absence with the Expeditionary Force, such increased pay will be granted to them on their resuming duty in the State Service.”

8th September: Letter from Head Teacher:

“...to inform you that classes were dismissed as shown hereunder on account of disinfecting operations during the past week.

Grade 5: Thursday Afternoon Grade 2: Wednesday Grade 4: Friday

Grade 3: Monday Afternoon Preparatory: Monday Afternoon

The shelter sheds were made use of as far as possible.”

20th October: Letter from Head Teacher explaining why a child was not admitted to the school:

“...in reference to the non-admission of Mrs Forbes' daughter, to state that the average attendance of the class for the past few weeks was 83, and the dimensions of the room are 30 feet by 20 feet. On hot days the atmosphere, with all doors and windows fully open is most unwholesome. As it is, there is hardly room to place blackboards or to move about the room.”

22nd October: Application for a holiday on Tuesday, 3rd November.

1915

Mr Archibald Weir, Mr George Clark, Miss Martha S. Booth, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Hilda Gibbons, Miss Jessie C.M. Savage, Miss Agnes Aberdeen, Mr William R.R. Langford (with Expeditionary Force), Miss Blanche McFarlane, Miss Vera McGrath, Assistants; Miss Madge Roche, Miss Zetta M. Shields, Miss Fanny Bottoms, Miss Estella Forbes, Miss Eleanor McMahan, Miss Edith L. Lyons, Junior Teachers, Mr Norman Heathcote, Diploma Student, Miss Olive Chamberlain, Monitress.

Attendance figures: Jan 575, Feb 586, Mar 582, Apr 587, May 596, Jun 610, Jul 598 (Net Enrolment 688), Aug 582 (NE 645), Oct 587, Nov 566, Dec 544.

{In a building with space for 574 and a rented building with space for 50, a total of 624.}

3rd February: Head Teacher reports the average marks obtained at the Matriculation Certificate exams in November last.

	Spelling	Composition	Grammar	Elementary Maths	?	Geography	History
Flemington	18	16	14½	13½	13½	15	15½
St Brendan's	18	14½	13½	13½	13	10	10
Kensington	16	15	13	10	12	12½	11½

28th August: Miss Hilda Gibbons wrote:

“I have the honour to apply for a transfer to some other school, if possible, in this district. I know there is a vacancy at Moonee Ponds West.

My reason for applying for a transfer is this: - I feel that I can no longer stand the conditions under which I am working. Although I am not under a Doctor, my nerves are in a bad state and probably these are reasons. Last year for some months I taught ninety children – certainly too large a class for one person – obtaining help whenever it was possible which was not often.

This year, at my own request, I was given my favourite class, the VIth Grade, and expected to do good work with it. However these are the conditions – seventy-five scholars – a room shared with another class, and in a position, where the street noises: - motors, electric trams, etc., render one's best efforts almost fruitless. Until now, I did not know I was possessed of “nerves” but I feel that I cannot keep up under the conditions, here set out.”

6th December: A property in Wellington Street was purchased for £400.

15th December: The Head Teacher is informed:

“...that new Baths have been opened at Essendon within easy access of his school.

He is requested to inform the Director when arrangements are made to have the pupils attending his school instructed in swimming.”

1916

District Inspector: Mr J. Cross

Head Teacher: Mr Archibald Weir, Mr George J. Clark, 1st Male Assistant, Miss Hilda M. Cock, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Martha S. Booth, Miss J.M. Stewart, Mr Theodore Cory (Army Service), Miss Janet Willman, Miss Hilda Gibbons, Miss Vera McGrath, Miss Agnes Aberdeen, Miss Alison Brock, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Assistants; Miss Ethel M. Russell, Miss Fanny Bottoms, Miss Madge Roche, Miss Ruby S Tynan, Miss Ada M. Frusher, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 543, Feb 571, Mar 546, Apr 537, May 547, Jun 547, Jul 572 (NE 642), Aug 547, Oct 554, Nov 554, Dec 536.

September: Number of Girls in 8 th Grade:	6
7 th	22
6 th	24
5 th	13
4 th	2

26th October: Letter from Mr F.M. Clarey, School Committee:

“I beg to apply on behalf of the above Committee for a holiday on Cup Day. Our school is so situated that the extra traffic is a source of danger to the children journeying to and from school.”
Granted.

1917

Head Teacher: Mr Archibald Weir, Mr George Clark, Miss Martha S. Booth, Miss Jessie C. Savage, Miss Vera McGrath (resigned 30th April), Assistants; Miss Ethel M. Russell, Miss Dorothy Nangle, Miss Florence M. Goble, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 528, Feb 545, Apr 566, May 570, Jun 552, (Net enrolment: 639), Oct 550, Nov 541.

When a new site was proposed, it was suggested that further properties be purchased and a new school building be erected facing Wellington Street. The new building would consist of 12 rooms in two storeys for 600 children.

17th August: letter from Head Teacher asking the Department to “...authorize the reheading of some of the school drums...” Approved.

1918

Head Teacher: Mr Archibald Weir, Mr George Clark, Miss Martha S. Booth, Miss Helen McFarlane, Miss Lena M. Cartledge, Miss Vera McGrath, Miss Jessie C. Savage, Assistants; Mr Thomas Woods, Miss Irene Carroll, Miss Fenny Bottoms, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 528, Feb 545,

Patriotic Fund

Flemington collected £521.5.10 for the War Relief Fund.

16th December: A change of site was first recommended after a visit to the present site by the Minister for Education Mr W. Hutchinson who met local Members, Messrs Wards MLA and Disney MLC and members of the School Committee.

1919

Head Teacher: Mr Archibald Lamont Weir (retired on 30th November after 45 years' service – 23.2.1874 to 30.11.1919) Mr Weir was Head Teacher at Flemington from 1st February 1911; Mr George Clark, Acting Head Teacher; Mr Morris B. Hambrook, Miss Martha S. Booth, 1st Female Assistant.

Attendance figures: Oct 552, Nov 546, Dec 546.

In February, it was recommended by Mr Russell Brown (Government Valuer) that land be bought on the "Travancore" Estate for £6,250 and a new building erected at the cost of £8,500.

The "Travancore" Estate covered 90 acres and the owner, Mr John Madden, was subdividing. He approached the school and offered to sell land to the Education Department for a new school. Realising that many children would come from the new subdivisions, his offer was accepted. However, after much procrastinating by the Bureaucrats of the Department, the present site and an agreed amount was settled upon.

28th July: School Committee asked for:

"...a special holiday on Monday, 4th August – the day set apart by the Melbourne City Council for peace celebrations amongst the schools within the municipality." (The picnic was planned to be held at the Zoo).

8th August: Memorandum from Mr Russell Brown (Government Valuer).

"At the request of the Minister of Education, I have again gone into the question of a site in "Travancore" Estate, with the vendor, with the result that an area, as shown on the attached tracing, is offered at £5,000.

In submitting same, it is pointed out that the position is not as good as the former sites offered in the same estate, for the reason that the level land is reduced in area. With a view of making the proposition more suitable from a building site point of view, it is suggested that the portion (marked "A") on the tracing be also purchased, which would make the expenditure about £5,600. The total area of this site would be 5½ acres.

The land referred to faced Mooltan Street and also had frontage on Flemington Street. The site was rejected as the playground would be too steep.

So, the fiddling about went on.

26th August: In a letter to the Minister of Public Education, the Chairman of the School Committee wrote:

"Dear Sir,

With reference to the question of the purchase of a new school site, the Flemington School Committee is anxiously awaiting the Government's decision on the matter. We fear if finality is not reached at an early date, Mr Madden will be compelled to withdraw his offer. This would be a serious matter as there is no other suitable site in the district. According to press accounts, the Government will have a considerable surplus over this year and an expenditure of portion of this for Flemington School would undoubtedly be money well spent.

In my interview with you some weeks ago, you kindly promised, if possible, to arrange for the Premier to visit with you and inspect the site. I should be glad to know if you have been able to arrange for this.

(Signed) Yours Sincerely,
A.E. Lyons
Chairman

26th November: Mr William H. Bulleid appointed Head Teacher.

27th November: Head Teacher wrote that:

"...a quantity of Cartridges, loaded and blank, and also a quantity of rifle oil was at the school. He also stated that: "Some cotton waste that was with it was sold for Red Cross funds during one of our war efforts."

The Department replied asking if there was a rifle range at his school and whether his cadets would be likely to use the ammunition.

The material was returned to the Defence Department.

1st December: Mr George Clark appointed Acting Head Teacher.

2nd December: Mr Morris Hambrook (Assistant, 5th Class) wrote:

"I enlisted for Active Service in August 1915. I resumed duty on 12th December, 1918.

On 21st April, 1919 permission was granted to me by Mr F. Russell, Chief Inspector, to assist the War Savings Committee and the Central Peace Loan.

I resumed duty when this work was completed on 8th November, 1919.

I hereby apply for payment of bonus in full to be paid to returned soldiers."

1920

Head Teacher: Mr William H. Bulleid (takes charge from 1.1.1920), Mr George Clark, Miss Martha S. Booth, Miss Hilda May Cock, Miss Edith Lyons, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Assistants; Miss Agnes Aberdeen, Miss Ethel Falls, Mr Thomas Sylvester Coman, Mr Thomas Woods, Miss Rita Kroger, Miss Jessie M. Stewart, Mr Edmund Bernard Doolan, Miss Rebecca Douglas, Miss Dorothy Nangle, Miss Irene Carroll, Junior Teachers.

There were many resignations among the junior teachers. Some resigned to move to New South Wales because of the poor chance of advancement and where the pay was better.

Staff allocation for the school was: Head Teacher, 8 Assistants and 6 Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 524, Feb 524, Mar 483, Apr 464, May 487, Jun 526, Jul 540, Aug 530, Sep 538, Oct 529, Nov 496, Dec 501. (The fall in attendance from March to June was due to Measles and other illness).

17th February: The Head Teacher reported "...that this school was successful in winning the Champion Athletic School Flag of the V.S.S.A.A.A. and the Rounders Pennant for 1919;..."

13th April: The Head Teacher wrote complaining of a "...weakening of staff..." as experienced teachers were either transferred or given extended leave and junior Teachers acting as Assistants. He also stated that a Temporary Junior Teacher was appointed "...who is really of very little use." He supplied the following information:

Numbers on Roll and Staffing

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Net Numbers</u>	<u>Staff June 1920</u>	<u>Staff Jan 1920</u>
7 & 8	58	Asst (+ H.T.)	Asst + J.T.
6	77	Asst	Asst + J.T.
5A & 5B	76	Asst + J.T.	
4A & 4B	71	Asst + J.T.	Asst + J.T.
3A & 3B	77	Asst + J.T.	Asst + J.T.
2A & 2B	113	Asst + Temp. J.T.	Asst + J.T.
1+	42	J.T.	J.T.
1-	36	J.T.	J.T.
P	<u>43</u>	Temp. Asst	Asst
9 Classrooms	<u>593</u>		

The Head Teacher complained of the "...defects of the building and by the fact that some of the rooms are too small to admit of grades being combined."

27th September: Nellie Temple was transferred to Flemington as a Temporary Assistant from the **School for Feeble-minded**, Fitzroy.

13th November: Mr Edmund Doolan, Junior Teacher, was not allowed to take up duty until he had his "enormous tonsils" enucleated. (Which he duly did).

1921

Head Teacher: Mr William H. Bulleid, Mr George Clark, Miss Martha S. Booth, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Annie P. Smith, Miss Lena M. Cartledge, Miss Helen V.B. McFarlane, Miss Janet Willman, Assistants; Miss Clara Kennedy, Mr Edmund Doolan, Miss Irene I.G. Coleman, Miss Veronica Quinlan, Miss Muriel Margaret Hayes, Miss Elizabeth M. Milner, Mr Thomas S. Coman, Miss Dorothy Nangle, Mr Bartlett Woodbridge Mcllroy, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jan 528, Mar 517, Apr 511, May 527, Jun 516, Oct 535, Nov 533, Dec 513.

8th April: Letter from the Secretary of the Department to Mr E.C. Warde, Esq, M.L.A.:

“I have to inform you that the Hon. the Minister has approved of the necessary expenditure in connexion with the purchase of land for a new school site at that place.”

1922

Head Teachers: Mr William H. Bulleid (transferred to Ascot Vale), Mr Alfred Willoughby Williams (commenced 24.4.1922), Mr George Clarke, Miss Martha S. Booth, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Annie Smith, Assistants; Mr Ernest L. Allsop, Mr Thomas Leslie Briggs, Miss Elizabeth M. Holmes, Miss Ruby S. Tynan, Miss Katherine D. Meldrum, Miss Elizabeth J. Milner, Miss Clara Kennedy, Miss Rita E. Kruger, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Mar 551, Apr 535, May 547, Jun 539, Sep 526, Oct 529, Nov 531, Dec 520.

6th November: The Secretary of the Department wrote to Mr E.C. Warde, Esq, M.L.A.:

“I have to inform you that the Hon. the Minister has arranged with the Public Works Department for the provision of a Foundation Stone in connexion with the erection of the new school building at Flemington.

The Minister desires that you shall perform the ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone although he will be pleased to be present.

The date of the proposed ceremony will be fixed later, and the Committee will be duly advised.”

17th November: Letter from Minister of Education to His Excellency the Rt Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke K.C.M.G. Governor of Victoria:

“Your Excellency,

I have the honour to make a request on behalf of myself as Minister of Education and of the parents of the children attending the State School at Mount Alexander Road, Flemington.

For some years past, the teachers and scholars have suffered great difficulties from the noise of the trams and motor traffic on this road, particularly on race days at Moonee Valley; so much so, that effective teaching has been practically impossible.

Some time ago, I was fortunate in securing for the Department a portion of “Travencore”, Mount Alexander Road, Flemington. It is a magnificent site for a school, situated on one of the highest points around Melbourne, and the Public Works Department has at present in course of erection an up-to-date school with the most modern hygienic arrangements.

It is the earnest desire of the School Committee that Your Excellency will confer the favour of laying the Foundation Stone of this school. I do not think that you have performed a ceremony of this nature in connexion with any new school in Melbourne during your term of office. I have therefore the greatest pleasure in supporting the request of the School Committee.

I shall be glad to confer with you on this matter after the next meeting of the Executive Council.”

1st December: Letter from the Secretary of the Department to the School Committee – Mr F.W. Clarey

“I have to state for your information that, in accordance with the request of your Committee, His Excellency the Governor has now consented to lay the Foundation Stone of the new school building at Flemington at 3 p.m. on the 14th December.”

11th December: The new school opens on a property formerly owned by Sir John Madden.

1923

District Inspector: Mr Fussell

Head Teachers: Mr Alfred W. Williams (retired 30.4.1923 at Flemington from 16.4.22), Miss Martha S. Booth, (Acting Head Teacher from 12.3.23), Mr James A. Thomas (Acting Head Teacher from 1.4.23), Mr Richard Williams (commenced 2.7.23), Mr George Clark 1st Male Assistant (retired 28.2.1923, at Flemington from 1.9.10), Miss Nellie Smith (English Exchange Assistant), Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Assistants; Miss Elizabeth J. Milner, Miss Rita E. Kroger, Miss Winifred H. Trengrove, Mr Ernest L. Allsop, Junior Teachers.

30th April: Mr Williams retired at the age of 63 years after 48 years service, he began teaching on 14th August, 1874. His average income for the last three years was £437.6.8 and retired on an annual pension of £291.11.1.

28th February: Mr Clarke retired at the age of 64 years after 48 years service, he began teaching on 14th December 1874. He retired on an annual pension of £243.6.8.

Attendance figures: Feb 541, Mar 524, Aug 553, Sep 545, Oct 569 (NE 645), Nov 570, Dec 557.

The new school opens.

24th May: Mr Richard Williams appointed Head Teacher and takes charge on 2nd July.

6th December: School No. 250, Flemington proclaimed as a Training School on 6th December under Public Service Act 1915 No. 2713, Section 147 and Approved by the Governor in Council the 12th December 1923 and Gazetted 19th December 1923.

1924

District Inspector: Mr William Henderson

School Committee: Mr W.A. Laing Esq

Head Teacher: Mr Richard Williams, Mr James A. Thomas, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Martha S. Booth, 1st Female Assistant; Miss Nina W. Whelpton, Miss Janet Willman, Miss Helen McFarlane, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Victoria Dorothy Yeo, Miss Lena M. Cartledge (Gr. 2), Assistants; Miss Ruby M. Angus, Miss Elizabeth M. Holmes, Miss Winifred H. Trengrove, Miss Clara Kennedy, Miss Irene Coleman, Mr Thomas L. Briggs (Gr. 3), Mr Ernest Allsop (Gr. 4), Junior Teachers.

The salary payable is £166 per annum as a Temporary Teacher.

Enrolment figures: May 581, Jun 583, Jul 574 (NE 682), Aug 564, Sep 601, Oct 618, Nov 626, Dec 602.

31st January: Complaint Case

“Mrs Guest, 24 Railway Place, Newmarket, called to complain that instructions have been given by the Head Teacher of the Flemington State School to the 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade scholars to buy school requisites at Mr Fox’s shop in Mount Alexander Road, Flemington.

Mrs Guest’s husband has a shop in Railway Place, Newmarket and has for some years supplied the scholars with books, etc. he thinks it is not fair for the Head Teacher to give such instructions to his scholars.”

8th February: The Head Teacher replied that he didn’t give instructions, that children near Mrs Guest’s shop still bought books there, and that Mr Fox was the only stationer in Flemington and was near the school gates.

He also said that he wanted uniformity of books throughout the school, - especially with Exercise Books and Drawing Books.

The children and staff were interviewed and statements taken by the District Inspector, Mr William Henderson.

5th April: In his report, the District Inspector stated that the teachers said the children could get their books at Mr Fox’s but stated none said they should.

He advised the Head Teacher to instruct his staff in future not to mention a bookseller when giving the children the list of books required for the following year.

15th July: Letter from Department re Caretaker’s Cottage:

“Cottage is similar in design to others erected...No verandahs provided...This type is very compact and satisfactory.”

19th August: The Head Teacher purchased two Remington typewriters (Foolscap size) for £32/10/-

10th October: Letter from the Department acknowledging a letter from The Rev. F.C. Vian and stating that the old school building was to be remodelled for use as a Domestic Arts College.

13th October: Grade VIII: Mr J. Thomas, Male Assistant, 4th Class

Grade VII: Miss Coleman, Junior Teacher

Grade VI: Mr Montgomery, Male Assistant, 5th Class

Grade V: Miss Willman, Female Assistant, 5th Class

Grade IV: Miss Yeo, Female Assistant and Miss McFarlane, Female Assistant

1925

Head Teacher: Mr Richard Williams, Mr James A. Thomas, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Martha S. Booth, 1st Female Assistant; Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Lynda C. Rylah, Miss Elizabeth J. Goudie, Miss Nellie Smith (English Exchange Assistant Teacher), Assistants; Mr Ernest L. Allsop, Miss Veronica Quinlan, Miss Lucy Michell McNicholl, Miss E.M. Holmes, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Sep 604, Oct 611, Nov 602 (NE 705).

17th February: Miss Veronica Quinlan, Junior Teacher, resigns stating that the present Junior Teacher salary "...is insufficient to meet the high cost of living of the present day."

8th April: Mr G.E. Worde, caretaker of the old school, applied for the position of caretaker of the new school.

15th May: Approval granted for the grading and levelling of the school site.

12th June: Permission granted to Miss Thelma King of 7 Eltham Street Flemington to use the Kindergarten Room "...for the purpose of holding a Singing Class on Saturday afternoons."

15th September: Head Teacher received a letter from the Department:

"I have to inform you that in connexion with the departure of the Governor-General on Wednesday, September 30th you should report to Mr Bromilow at 3:45 p.m. on that day in Government house Grounds."

1926

Head Teacher: Mr Richard Williams, Mr James A. Thomas, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Martha S. Booth, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss E.M. McColl, Assistants; Miss Jean Margaret Singleton, Miss Marie Adele du Frocq, Miss W.H. Trengrove, Miss Gwendoline French, Miss Clara Kennedy, Miss Valmai Nolan, Mr Allan Charles Mills, Junior Teachers.

Miss G. French worked as a Temporary Junior Teacher and was paid £1.1.11 for the day.

3rd March: School broken into and damage done.

30th November: Approval for "...an electric gong to be installed in lieu of strengthening the framework of the present belfry and for the present stand and bell be dismantled."

1927

Head Teacher: Mr Richard Williams (President of the Training Schools' Association), Mr James A. Thomas, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Martha S. Booth, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Helen M. Gilbert, Miss Dorothy Olsson, Miss Marie du Frocq, Mr R. Gaffney, Miss H. Young, Miss E. Benson.

1928

District Inspector: Mr William Henderson

Head Teacher: Mr Richard Williams, Mr James A. Thomas, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Martha S. Booth, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Helen McFarlane

31st January: School reopened after Christmas Vacation.

1929

District Inspector: Mr William Henderson

Head Teacher: Mr Richard Williams, Mr James A. Thomas, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Martha S. Booth, 1st Female Assistant, (retired 18th November); Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Mr Michael Dwyer, Miss Victoria D. Yeo, Miss Jean Rigby, Assistants; Miss Minnie Varley Wild, Miss Winifred Murphy, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures (Net Enrolments): Mar 733, Jun 750, Sep 758, Dec 765.

1930

District Inspector: Mr W.H. Dooley

School Committee: Mr W.A. Laing, Mr P. Edney

Head Teachers: Mr Richard Williams (to retire on 17th March after 50 years service but Mr Williams died at home on 29th January, he began teaching on 10th March 1880), Mr George J. Neuss (commenced Monday, 3rd March), Mr James A. Thomas, 1st Male Assistant (Acting Head Teacher); Miss Grace G. Shedden, Miss R.M. Angus, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Dorothy E. Richardson, Miss Elsie McColl, Miss Dorothy Olsson, Miss Gladys Dripps, Mr W.H. Wilding, Miss W. Sare, Mr Arthur A. Walsh, Miss Janet Willman, Miss Irene Agnew, Assistants; Mr Paul Alex Joseph, Miss Marjorie Elwyn Halling, Mr Edward Morganti, Mr Richard John Lonsdale, Mr William Thomas Ryan, Miss Helen Gilbert, Miss Helen Mary Gumley, Miss Winifred M. Murphy, Miss Minnie V. Wild, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Mar (NE 753), May 753, Jun 744, Oct 744, Nov 743

Afternoon Session Assemblies at 1:30 p.m., Play at 2:50 p.m., Reassemble at 3:00 p.m. until dismissal at 4:00 p.m.

During 1931, parents applied for free books on an "Application for a Free Grant of School Requisites" form. These were the Depression years.

18th Mar: The Head Teacher reports of a child excluded as a carrier of Diphtheria. The City Medical Offices are arranging to test for infection the other members of his class.

29th July: Memorandum to the Head Teacher:

"Referring to the report of the District Inspector...from which it appears that only four girls from this school were enrolled at the neighbouring Domestic Arts School this year, you are asked to be good enough to take steps to ensure that outgoing pupils will in future be fully advised as to the opportunities available in district schools taking post-primary courses."

21st August: The Head Teacher asks for approval to start a school orchestra.

1st September: Approval given for the formation of a school orchestra.

1931

Head Teacher: Mr George J Neuss, Mr James A. Thomas, 1st Male Assistant;

Attendance figures: Dec 640 (NE 740)

1932

School Committee: Mr G.E. Gray, Mr P. Edney, Mr H.W. Walsh

District Inspector: William H. Dooley

Head Teacher: Mr George J. Neuss, Mr James A. Thomas, 1st Male Assistant; Miss Janet Willman, Mr Arthur William Walsh, Mr Hugh Irwin, Mr M. Dwyer, Miss Grace G. Shedden, Miss R.M. Angus, Miss A. M. Wicking, Assistants; Miss Marjorie Halling, Miss Helen Gumley, Mr David Dillon, Mr William Ryan, Mr R.J. Lonsdale, Miss H.M. Gilbert, Junior Teachers.

Attendance figures: Mar 652 (NE 719), Sep 610 (NE 700), Dec 619 (NE 688).

10th March: Acting on a complaint from a local shopkeeper, the Head Teacher looked into the matter ascertaining that a neighbouring shopkeeper on several occasions had stood within the school grounds and sold confectionary to the children. He also reported that he had given an unemployed returned soldier permission to sell home-made pies at lunchtime. He withdrew permission when he learned "...neighbouring shopkeepers also sell these goods."

July: Balance Sheet of Queen Carnival held by School Committee in July 1932:

	Receipts			Expenditure		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Princess of Summer	120.	5	6	15.	3	8
Princess of Autumn	94	.16	.9	8.	4	0
Princess of Spring	94	.5	.0	22	.15	.0
Princess of Winter	<u>52</u>	<u>.17</u>	<u>.10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>.14</u>	<u>.3</u>
	<u>£362</u>	<u>.5</u>	<u>.1</u>	<u>£56</u>	<u>.16</u>	<u>.11</u>
						- £305.8.2
						Paid to Committee:
						P. Edney Hon. Sec.
						J. Uren Pres.

1933

Head Teacher: Mr George J Neuss, Miss Janet Willman, Miss A.M. Wicking, Mr Hugh Irwin

15th March: In reply to his letter, the Head Teacher is informed that rubbish bins are obtainable from the Penal Department and he should contact the appropriate person at Pentridge.

18th October: Permission granted for a holiday on Tuesday, 7th November on account of the heavy race traffic.

1934

School Committee: Mr R.W. Arthur

Head Teacher: Mr George J. Neuss, Mr A.W. Walsh, Miss Janet A. Goldsworthy, Mr Ernest A. Montgomery, Miss Ruby M. Angus (Grade 2), Miss Grace G. Sheddon, Miss Eileen C. Power, Miss Mary E. Shanahan, Miss Winifred S. Sare (Kindergarten), Miss Amy A. Crump, Miss Minnie V. Wild, Miss Kathleen L. George, Miss B. McFarlane, Miss Marsie M. Pedlow (Grade 1B), Mr M. Dwyer, Miss Linda C. Rylah, Miss Daisy M. Osborne, Mr Hugh Irwin, Miss Agnew (Grade 1A), Miss A.A. Brown (Grade 2), Miss Ada M. Wicking (Infant Mistress), Assistants; Miss Helen M. Gumley, Miss Marjorie E. Halling, Junior Teachers; Mr William Ryan, Student Teacher.

Attendance figures: Mar 605 (NE 683), Jun 593 (NE 653), Aug 605 (683)

16th April: The Head Teacher submitted a Balance Sheet for Euchre Parties held during the month of March, recording a profit of £2.9.9 in aid of School Funds.

The profit over 4 months from Euchre held in the school was £7.16.9.

6th June: Head Teacher asks for Swimming Medallions for Leslie White and Elaine Butler and a Swimming Badge for Elaine. Cost: 9/6 for medallions and 1/- for the badge.

12th November: Letter from Head Teacher stating that he was returning the Examination Papers for the Merit Certificate as they had become "...uncovered during transit and the papers were so disfigured by being smeared with broken eggs..."

1935

School Committee: Mr J.S. Mitchell

Head Teacher: Mr George J. Neuss, Miss Janet Willman, Miss Daisy M. Osborne, Miss Irene Agnew, Miss Olive E. Smyth, Mr Michael J. Dwyer, Miss Antoinette Andrews,

Attendance figures: Sep 576 (NE 648), Dec 571 (NE 640).

1936

Head Teacher: Mr George J. Neuss, Miss Janet Wellman, Miss Olive E. Smyth, Miss Edna F. Moore, Miss Kathleen L. George, Assistants; Mr Alan Cruikshank, Miss Elma J. Williamson, Miss M. O'Loughlin, Mr John Fraser, Student Teachers.

Attendance figures: Mar 546 (NE 611), Apr 519 (NE 613*), Jun 529 (NE 618), Dec 572.

Number of Assistants Flemington was entitled to:

	Class II or IIa	Class III	Class IV	Class V	
Female	1	1	2	7	+ 2 Student Teachers
Male			2	1	

*8th May: Head Teacher explained that: "...the average attendance for April was low because of the Easter Vacation. The average for the previous week (in May) was 538 and was likely to increase as the fear of a Diphtheria epidemic loses its force."

30th August: The Head Teacher submitted a Balance Sheet for a Fancy Dress Ball:

Receipts	£37.07.03
Expenditure	<u>10.08.05</u>
C. Balance to School Funds	<u>£26.18.10</u>

8th October: Head Teacher applied for "One Swimming and Life Saving Medallion and One Badge for Ray De Morton (pupil) cost 5/9."

1937

School Committee: Mr S. Ross

Head Teacher: Mr George J. Neuss, Miss Janet Willman, Miss M.M. Ryan, Miss Linda I. Liebenritt, Miss Ada M Wicking, Miss Eleanor M. McMahon, Miss Janet Goldsworthy, Miss A.T. Andrews, Miss Helen V.B. McFarlane, Miss Mary E. Shanahan, Mr Ernest A Montgomery, Mr J.T. Barrett, Miss V.A. Bressler, Miss E.I Rackstraw, Assistants; Miss Elma Jean Williamson (resigned to marry) and Ian C. Payne, Student Teachers.

Attendance figures: Mar 546 (NE 587), Jun 521 (NE 570), Sep 395 (NE 578), Dec 521 (NE 538).

8th September: Miss Elsie J Rackstraw commenced duty as a temporary assistant. Miss Rackstraw was an exchange teacher from England.

5th October: A letter from the Department:

"I have to inform you that it has been decided to exclude Grades I to V from this school.

The total number of children in these grades should be reported to the Department.

Assignments of work will then be forwarded weekly to the school with supplies of stamps and wrappers for posting to the children concerned.

The teachers not employed in class should prepare and forward weekly assignments of work to this Department in accordance with the attached instructions which are enclosed for your general information only."

21st October: Letter from the Department re exclusions for poliomyelitis:

"The exclusion of Grades I to V is in accord with the procedure now being followed in all such cases. At the present time there are very few schools for which the higher grades are excluded."

A parent of a Grade VIII student complained that as a Grade VIII boy suffering from the symptoms of poliomyelitis was sent home accompanied by two other boys, that all the Senior Grades should be excluded as well.

27th October: Head Teacher requests permission to close the school on Tuesday 2nd November on account of the danger to the children from "the congested Melbourne Cup traffic."

28th October: Permission to close the school on the 2nd November denied.

1938

Acting District Inspector: Mr James H. Barling

Head Teacher: Mr George James Neuss, Mr Hugh Irwin (retired 22nd July aged 65 after 48½ years service), Mr Charles T. Hine, Miss Amy A. Crump, Miss Janet Willman (retired to take care of aged mother), Miss Marjorie Jensen, Assistant (resigned to marry); Miss May N. Wells, Miss Mary E. Shanahan, Miss Mary J. Kearney, Miss Ada M. Wicking, Miss Mary Eleanor McMahon, Miss Janet A. Goldsworthy, Miss Eileen C. Power, Mr Ernest Albert Montgomery, Miss Edna F. Moore, Assistants; Mr Ian Charles Payne, Miss E. Williamson and Miss Betty Dorice Sommerville, Student Teachers.

Attendance figures: May 367 (NE 522), Jun 463 (NE 545)

23rd February: Head Teacher reports that Dr Bull of the City Health Office asked that:

“...the Eighth Grade should be excluded for three weeks following a case of Poliomyelitis being contracted by a boy in this class.”

The class was excluded until 11th March. A parent wrote to the Department complaining that the school should be closed as were both Ascot Vale and Kensington. He was informed that the school would be closed if the health precautions in place at the school should not stop the spread of the infection.

8th December: Head Teacher applies for “Forms of Application for a Free Grant of Elementary School Requisites – Unemployed Relief”

16th December: Head Teacher paid £1.9.1 for Tramway Concession Swimming Tickets

1939

Head Teacher: Mr George Neuss, Mr E.A. Montgomery (Acting Head Teacher), Miss May N. Wells,

Attendance figures: Jun 436 (NE 532), Dec 481 (NE 539)

26th July: Mr Neuss retires.

10th August: Mr Robinson McNally Malseed appointed as Head Teacher.

1940

Head Teacher: Mr Robinson McNally Malseed

Attendance figures: Dec 393 (NE 479)

1941

Head Teacher: Mr Robinson McNally Malseed

Attendance figures: Jun 391 (NE 431), Jul (NE 434)

1942

Attendance figures: Jul 324 (NE 362)

5th January: Mr A.P. Block, Sector Warden, applied to the Department for permission to dig air raid trenches in the school grounds. The Department denied his request stating it would be too dangerous for the children to have open trenches in the school grounds as they might fall in.

1943

Head Teacher: Robinson M. Malseed

Attendance figures: Sep 326 (NE 385), Oct 307 (NE 360), Dec 334 (NE 373)

1944

Head Teachers: Mr Robinson M. Malseed, Mr John G. Leckie (commenced 20th March); Miss Hazel Mary Evans (Acting Head Teacher from November), Miss Grace M Henry, Mr William J McNeill (transferred),

Miss Marie E. Wigmore (transferred), Elsie G. Graham, Miss Lillian C. Stuart, Miss Mary E. McMahon (transferred), Miss Rosina E. Rangott, Eleanor Agnes Coles and Elizabeth Olive Risk.

Mr R.D. Horne, School Committee

Attendance figures: Mar 291 (NE 324), Jun 286 (NE 323), Sep 305 (NE 343), Nov 304 (NE 352), Dec 286 (NE 323).

October: Letter to the Education Department from the Department of Mental Health asking that part of the school grounds be provided so, "...residential quarters for the Medical Superintendent, Travencore..." be built.

1945

District Inspector: Mr T.F. Scott

Head Teachers: Mr John G. Leckie (transferred), Mr Richard Bradshaw Slater (commenced 25th June), Miss Hazel Mary Evans (acting H.T. from 29th May), Mr Richard John Lonsdale (Returned Serviceman-Ex-RAAF), Mr John Francis Cregan (Ex-RAAF), Miss Helen V.B. McFarlane (retired 3rd July because of ill health), Mr Robert W. FitzGerald, Miss Nancy Beckham, Miss Edna Moore, Assistants; Miss Dorothea Patricia Allen, Miss Eleanor Nanette Le Plastrier, Miss Evelyn Gwendoline Bedford, Student Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jun 268 (NE 322 – 159 boys; 163 girls), Sep 268 (NE 322), Oct 292, Dec 282.

23rd November: The School Council reported that:

"The school bell will require replacing on account of damage during years of use ... desire to install an electric siren of medium volume ... cost of installation £6 approx."

Permission was denied

1946

Head Teacher: Mr Richard B. Slater, Miss Hazel M. Evans, Miss Eliza B. Filmer, Miss D.M. Mortimer, Miss Loris T Knowles, Assistants; Miss Betty D. Perry, Miss Eleanor Nanette Le Plastrier, Mr John Tasman Emerson and Mr Lionel George Taylor, Student Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jun 289 (NE 320), Sep 303 (NE 339)

15th April: Application is made to the Department for a new school bell to be supplied. The Department replied that it regretted it was unable to supply and install a new bell.

3rd May: A cheque for £18.3.0 forwarded to the Department as a result of the school's effort in raising money for the Children's Hospital Building Appeal.

1947

Head Teachers: Mr Richard B. Slater, Mr Allen S. Esler (commenced 9th September), Miss Hazel M. Evans, 1st Female Assistant (transferred); Miss Marion Walker, 2nd Female Assistant; Loris Knowles, Miss Nancy Beckham, Miss Mary E. Wigmore (transferred), Miss Ruth S. Lacey, Assistants; Miss Patricia D Sparkes, Miss Alison Mae Andrews (resigned), Miss Betty D. Perry (transferred), Miss Eleanor Nanette Le Plastrier, Miss Rosa Veronica Carrodus, Student Teachers.

Attendance figures: Jun 289 (NE 309), Jul 288 (NE 142 boys; 165 girls), Oct 303 (NE 333)

23rd January: Mr R Horne of the School Council wrote asking that the Kindergarten be reopened. The Department replied that the education of pre-primary children was not a matter for the Education Department:

"It is regretted that owing to the shortage of teachers, the kindergarten classes originally in operation in this school cannot be re-established."

1948

Head Teacher: Mr Allen S. Esler, Miss Loris K. Knowles (resigned to marry), Mr Francis J. Hogan, Miss Effie A. Treloar, Mr Allan Graeme, Miss Ruth S. Lacey, Miss Margaret D. Mortimer, Miss Marion Walker, Mr

Archibald K. Collyer, Miss Doris E Williams, Assistants; Mr Anthony Byrne, Miss Patricia Elizabeth Cahill, Student Teachers.

Attendance figures: Feb 300, (Net Enrol. 332), Mar 314 (NE 336), Jun 321 (NE 357), Jul 309 NE 164 boys; 192 girls), Sep 305 (NE 358), Dec 316 (NE 363).

In 1948, there were separate Staff Rooms for Male and Female Staff.

26th Jul: The Head Teacher informs the Department of the formation of a branch of the Social Service League.

1949

Head Teacher: Mr Allan S. Esler, Miss Doris E. Williams, Mr Frank A. Parker, Miss Marion Walker, Miss Margaret Dorothy Mortimer, Miss E. Olive Risk, Miss Beckham, Miss Effie A. Treloar, Miss Valerie J. Gardiner, Mr Frank Thompson (ex-Army), Mr Robert W. Fitzgerald, Mr Ronald James Atherton Holmes (ex-RAN), Mr Donald Stewart Long (Ex-Army), Mr Francis J. Hogan, Mr G. Sprunt, Assistants; Mr James Edward Gerard Hewitt, Student Teacher.

Mr Augustus H.E. Harvey, Mr Geoffrey Cox and Miss Mary A. Ragland, were appointed as Temporary Assistants to be in charge of the children who were transferred to Flemington because of a fire at Aberfeldie State School.

Attendance figures: Mar 349 (NE 375), Apr 327 (Chicken Pox), Jun 330 (NE 367), Jul 330 (NE 367) Oct 443, (NE 492), Dec 386 (NE 498)

1950

District Inspectors: Mr T.F. Scott and Mr Robert P. McLellan

School Committee: Mr G.A. Creese

Head Teachers: Mr Edwin Allan Worcester (commenced 31st January), Mr Allan Samuel Esler (retired 2nd February, age 65, after 47 years service), Miss Margaret D. Mortimer, Miss Eleanor Le Plastrier, Mr Robert C. Menzies, Mr William H. Wilding, Mr Daniel Feehan, Miss Mary M. Murphy, Mr Charles V. Cecil, Mr Francis J. Hogan, Miss Kathleen M. Shine, Miss Zadie C. Harrison, Miss Effie A. Treloar (resigned to marry), Miss Marion Walker, Mr F.A. Parker, Assistants; Mr Kenneth John Jacobs, Miss M.D. Mortimer and Miss Margaret Baglin, Student Teachers, Mrs Philp, Cleaner.

Attendance figures: Mar 426 (NE 461), Jun 436 (NE 465), Sep 437 (NE 480), Dec 430 (NE 477)

From Monday, 13th February, post-primary classes were transferred to Kensington.

16th December: The District Inspector reported that ex-grade 6 pupils of the Essendon – Ascot Vale area be transferred to a Grade 7 at Flemington.

Forty boys were to be transferred as..."no accommodation in existing post-primary schools in the area..."could be found – accommodation at Essendon Technical School was limited.

1951

Head Teacher: Mr Edwin A. Worcester, Miss Zadie C. Harrison, Infant Mistress; Miss Barbara E. Fricke, Miss Gwendolyn Phyllis Bailey, Miss Elizabeth O. Risk, Mr Clifford S. Bassett, Mr Daniel Feehan, Mr Raymond G. Bridges, Mr Robert C. Menzies (transferred), Mr Francis J. Hogan (transferred), Assistants; Miss Ruth Lorraine Bailey, Student Teacher.

Attendance figures: Feb (Net Enrol. 490) Mar 436 (Net Enrol. 477 – Accommodation for 685), Dec 427 (NE 481).

15th February: A letter to the Head Teacher from the Department:

"I have to inform you that it has been decided that the class of post-primary boys established at your school will be transferred to State School No. 2374, Kensington, as soon as practicable. The Head Teacher of Kensington has agreed to let you know when seating accommodation is available.

Mr E. Greenwood should accompany the boys to Kensington where he will assist in the Art and Handwork of the Central (Secondary) Classes as well as those of your group of boys. Mr D.

Feehan will remain on the staff of your school and the District Inspector is endeavouring to secure the services of another suitable teacher for general subjects with the group.”

1952

District Inspector: Mr Phelan

School Committee: Mr J.F. McDonnell

Head Teacher: Mr Edwin A. Worcester, Mr William F. Corrigan, Kathleen M. Shine, Mr Daniel Feehan (transferred), Mr Eric George Lacy, Miss Margaret Dorothy Mortimer, Miss Valerie Gardiner, Mr W.F. Corrigan, Miss Barbara E. Fricke, Miss Claire Fogarty, Miss Gwendolyn Phyllis Bailey and Mr Edmund William Gleeson (he and his class transferred from Strathmore State School because of “accommodation difficulties”).

Temporary Teachers’ salary was £500 per annum.

Attendance figures: Sep (NE 548)

30th September: The Head Teacher reports that the school was broken into and asks for security screens be attached to the lower floor windows. The Department replied regretting that because of inadequate finances, this wouldn’t be able to be done.

21st November: Application by the School Committee for permission to erect a recreation and luncheon room.

1953

Head Teacher: Mr Edwin A. Worcester, Mr Eric G. Lacy, Miss Valerie J. Gardiner, Miss Zadie M. Harrison, Mr R.G. Bridges, Mr Thomas J. Curtain, Kathleen M. Shine

Attendance figures: Feb (NE 548), Jul (NE 431)

22nd April: Letter from the Secretary (Mr D.H. Wheeler) to the Head Teacher:

“Referring to previous correspondence, I have to inform you that the investigation conducted by the Psychology Branch indicates that the number of pupils of **Opportunity Grade** level in your school is sufficient to justify the establishment of an Opportunity Grade.

In view of the shortage of trained teachers for such grades the Department will not establish one at this school at present. However, it will consider your application again towards the end of the current year.”

8th December: Letter from the Secretary stating because of the number of pupils, an Opportunity Grade does warrant establishment in the school.

7th July: Letter from Secretary to Mr R.O. Smith, Hon. Sec. Essendon District State School Committees’ Association:

“I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and to inform you that if the press on secondary accommodation in the Essendon-Flemington area demands it, consideration will be given to your suggestion that central classes be established at Flemington Training School in 1954. It is understood, however, that the post-primary classes were moved to Kensington some two years ago because of accommodation difficulties at Flemington.”

1954

School Committee: Mr W.H. Davies, Secretary

Head Teacher: Mr E.A. Worcester, Thomas J. Curtain, Evelyn G. Moffat, Miss Marjorie Wake,

1955

School Committee: Mr A. Treadwell, Chairman.

Head Teacher: Mr Edwin A. Worcester, Miss Ivy E. Gregson, Mr Thomas J. Curtain, Miss Edna F. Moore, Mr Clifford S. Bassett, Mr Charles W. Smith, Miss Winifred L. Booth, Miss Aileen P. Cunningham, Miss June Mason-Jones

Attendance figures: Mar (NE 421), Sep (NE 420), Dec 420 (NE 477)

1956

Head Teacher: Mr Stanley J. Hall, Mr Thomas J. Curtain, Miss Edna F. Moore, Mr Clifford S. Bassett, Miss Aileen P. Cunningham,

School Telephone No. FU7137

Net Enrolment: Feb 400, Mar 408, Jul 440

12th January: Contract let for Recreation Hall

19th January: Work begins on Recreation Hall

9th May: Recreation Hall completed at a cost of £872.0.0.

Children from the Maribyrnong Migrant Centre bussed in.

1957

Head Teacher: Stanley J. Hall, Mr Thomas J. Curtain, Miss Edna F. Moore

Net Enrolment: Feb 313, Jul 318

1958

Head Teacher: Stanley J. Hall, Miss Edna F. Moore

Net Enrolment: Feb 352, Jul 371

1959

Head Teacher: Alan B. Smith commenced 3rd February.

Net Enrolment: Feb 344, Jul 354.

1960

Head Teacher: Alan B. Smith

Net Enrolment: Feb 366, Jul 371.

1961

Head Teacher: Alan B. Smith

Net Enrolment: Feb 356, Jul 339.

1962

Head Teacher: Alan B. Smith

Net Enrolment: Feb 323, Jul 341.

1963

Head Teacher: Alan B. Smith

Net Enrolment: Feb 392, Jul 381.

1964

Head Teacher: William R. Birrell commenced 4th February.

Net Enrolment: Feb 414, Jun 420

From 1964, school numbers greatly increased. Building began on the high-rise apartment blocks at Debney's Paddock and various principals, as the buildings were completed, asked for portable classrooms to accommodate the expected increase in the number of children to the school.

1965

Head Teacher: William R. Birrell

Net Enrolment: Feb 429, Jul 426

1966

Head Teacher: William R. Birrell

Net Enrolment: Feb 488, Jul 495

1967

Head Teacher (Special): Clifford L. Greenway commenced 7th February.

Net Enrolment 13th February: P: 84, Gr1: 69, Gr2: 90, Gr3: 85, Gr4: 55, Gr5: 62, Gr6: 58. Total: 503.
Jul 502

1968

Head Teacher (Special): Clifford L. Greenway

Net Enrolment: Feb 510, Jul 507, December: P: 70, Gr1: 102, Gr2: 62, Gr3: 81, Gr4: 69, Gr5: 52, Gr6: 64.
Total: 500.

1969

Head Teacher (Special): Clifford L. Greenway

Enrolment figures: Feb 522, 1st July, 619.

21st October: A parent, Mrs F. Brassinton wrote to Mr Thompson re toilet facilities.

28th October: A parent, D.M. Ball, wrote to Mr Thompson re the overcrowding at Flemington.

28th November: Letter from Mrs B. Stephen, Hon. Sec. Flemington School Council to Mr R.A. Clarey esq M.L.A.

“...re concerns that enrolments are likely to increase from 520 (Feb '69) to 860 (approx.) by April 1970 and what provisions would be made re classrooms and toilet facilities and:

“Why should education standards be jeopardised by a recent letter from the Education Department, which specifies that a new classroom will only be added when class enrolment exceeds 49?”

A copy of this letter was also forwarded to Sir Henry Bolte (Premier) and Mr Lindsay Thompson (Minister for Education).

1970

District Inspector: Mr J.A. Joyce

Head Teacher (Special): Clifford L. Greenway and Mr K.J. Ick (Acting)

Enrolment figures: Feb 755, Mar 781, Jul 798, Aug 804, Nov 816, Dec 799.

Net Enrolments Feb: P: 139, Gr1: 139, Gr2: 105, Gr3: 112, Gr4: 76, Gr5: 92, Gr6: 94. Total: 757

Situation at end of Term 1

Estimated Net Enrolment: 844

Staffing Schedule: 820 – 854 = 25 teachers less I.M. = 1 = 24 teachers in classrooms.

Teacher/Pupil Ratio: 1 : 35.2

1971

District Inspector: Mr John A. Joyce

Principal (Special): Mr John J. Tierney

Enrolment Feb: 852, Jul 820.

Enrolment Dec: P: 160, Gr1: 150, Gr2: 138, Gr3: 98, Gr4: 106, Gr5: 91, Gr6: 97. Total: 840.

1972

District Inspector: Mr E.A. Mason

Principal (Special): Mr John J. Tierney, Mr P.F. Thussen (Acting), Mr W. Bruggy, Vice Principal, Mr Robert H. Thompson, Assistant.

Enrolment figures: Feb 836, Jul 872.

14th March:

Legislative Council

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 28

Wednesday, 14th March, 1972

Question 26:

The Hon. G.J. O'Connell: To ask the Hon. the Minister of Public Works –

- (a) Is the Minister of Education aware of the lack of toilet facilities at Flemington P.S. No. 250 and that 22 members of the female staff have only one toilet for their use?
- (b) Will the Minister take action to rectify the situation?

Answer:

- (a) The Minister of Education is aware that there is a slight deficiency in pupils' toilet facilities. There are two toilets for female staff.
- (b) Yes – two portable toilet blocks will be provided as soon as they become available.

1973

Principal (Special): Mr Michael G. Downes commenced 5th February.

Actual Enrolment 28th February: 942, Jul 933.

Actual Enrolment Nov: P: 151, Gr1: 146, Gr2: 146, Gr3: 148, Gr4: 135, Gr5: 105, Gr6: 107. Total: 938

1974

Principal (Special): Mr Michael G. Downes

Attendance figures: Feb: P: 136, Gr1: 139, Gr2: 148, Gr3: 128, Gr4: 145, Gr5: 127, Gr6: 112. Total: 935

May: P: 137, Gr1: 136, Gr2: 145, Gr3: 134, Gr4: 146, Gr5: 124, Gr6: 111. Total: 933

Oct: P: 147, Gr1: 119, Gr2: 136, Gr3: 134, Gr4: 131, Gr5: 119, Gr6: 102. Total: 888

There were 16 permanent rooms and 11 portables in use as well as 3 Special Purpose Rooms, Lib. etc.

1975

District Inspector: Mr E.A. Mason

Principal (Special): Mr Michael G. Downes

Attendance figures: Feb: P: 50, Gr1: 44, Gr2: 51, Gr3: 43, Gr4: 32, Gr5: 40, Gr6: 52. Total: 332
Jul 332

It was expected that the new school at Debney Meadows to open in 1975.

1976

President School Council: Mrs Kathie Gizicki

Principal: Norman M. Fetherstonhaugh commenced 2nd February.

Net Enrolment: Feb 317, Jul 312.

It was proposed that major building works be carried out in the grounds of the school including a multi-purpose hall. The area chosen was where the current All Purpose room now stands.

1977

District Inspector: Mr R. Francione

Secretary School Council: Mrs Maria Hansen

Principal: N. Fetherstonhaugh

Enrolment Stats 28.1.77: Prep: 50, Gr1: 43, Gr2: 32, Gr3: 49, Gr4: 45, Gr5: 37, Gr6: 49. Total: 305
Jul 308.

A member of the School Council wrote to the Minister of Education, Mr Lindsay Thompson in the Bolte Government, complaining that because of a shortage of classrooms, there was a teacher/student ratio of 1:49.

Another request was made for more toilet facilities for female staff – 25 teachers sharing one toilet.

In the late 70's, huge changes were planned. Where the existing asphalt is, an open-air theatre was to be built and a multi-purpose hall was to be constructed.

1978

Principal: Margaret L. Powrie commenced 6th February.

Net Enrolment: Feb 286, Jul 283.

1979

Principal: Margaret L. Powrie

Net Enrolment: Feb 262

1980

Principal: Margaret L. Powrie

Net Enrolment: Feb 229

1981

Principal: Rex W. Chadwick commenced 2nd February

Net Enrolment: Feb 213

1982

Principal: Rex W. Chadwick

Net Enrolment: Feb 225

1983

Principal: Rex W. Chadwick

Net Enrolment: Feb 254

1984

Principal: Rex W. Chadwick

Net Enrolment: Feb 233

1985

Principal: Alan Canning commenced 4th February

Net Enrolment: Feb 236

1986

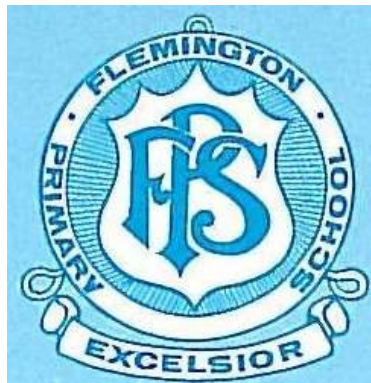
Net Enrolment: Feb 223

1987

Net Enrolment: Feb 185

1988

Net Enrolment: Feb 187



1995

School Council President:

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss

Enrolment: 180 with 40 Preps



1996

School Council President:

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss

Enrolment: 196 with 34 Preps

1997

School Council President:

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss

Enrolment: 213 with 39 Preps

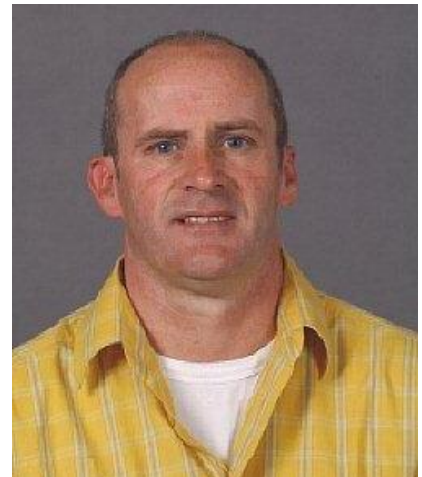
1998

School Council President:

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss

Enrolment: 238 with 38 Preps



1999

School Council President: Shane McIntyre

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss

Enrolment: 251 with 52 Preps

2000

School Council President: Shane McIntyre

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss

Enrolment: 243 with 43 Preps

Amphitheatre is constructed on the eastern side of the main building.

2001

School Council President: Shane McIntyre

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss

Enrolment: 257 with 44 Preps

Tribute to Norm Bowler

To commemorate the memory of Norm Bowler, who was part of the Flemington Primary school for 22 years, David proposed that an area facing the oval containing a park bench & drinking fountain be constructed.

A small plaque would be attached in memory of Norm. The cost would be approx. \$2500.00.

2002

School Council President: Marian Lieschke

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss

Enrolment: 282 with 48 Preps

2003

School Council President: Marian Lieschke

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss

Enrolment: 310 with 62 Preps

2004

School Council President: Marian Lieschke

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: David Moss // Paul Bastiaan

Enrolment: 295 Preps = 62



2005

School Council President: Marian Lieschke

Principal: Sandra Walker

Assistant Principal: Paul Bastiaan

Enrolment: 320 Preps = 42

Principal, Sandra Walker retired after many years as leader.

School Council tendered for an architect to design a school hall. The hall is to be funded through a Co-operative formed by parents and supported by a low fee interest loan guaranteed through the Department of Justice.

The school underwent a Negotiated School Review with Barrie Fenby.

Critical Friend was Brett New of Debney Park SC. A new Strategic Plan was developed.

The school also underwent Performance & Development Culture Accreditation and was successful in round one.



2006

School Council President: Marian Lieschke

Principal: Lesley McCarthy

Assistant Principal: Paul Bastiaan // Sandra McOrist & Joanne Ryan shared role

Enrolment: 343 Preps = 61, Full Fee Paying International students = 2

A City Water and Schools Efficiency grant allowed for the installation of water tanks to provide water for student toilets and gardens.



2007

School Council President: Lisa Frazer

Principal: Lesley McCarthy

Assistant Principal: Sandra McOrist

Enrolment: 363 Preps = 58, Full Fee Paying International students = 3

A Commonwealth Government grant allowed the installation of two, 45,000 litre water tanks to support the oval.



2008

School Council President: Tim Pegler

Principal: Lesley McCarthy

Assistant Principal: Sandra McOrist

Enrolment: 388 Preps = 64, Full Fee Paying International students = 4

The Flemington community farewelled Fred Stokes, ex gardener and caretaker, who passed away in July.

A scholarship in Fred's name will be awarded to a Year 6 student at Graduation who demonstrates the values and beliefs espoused by Fred through his long service to the school.

The Flemington Girls school celebrated 150 years with events at Debney Park SC and Flemington PS.

Funding from the State Government allowed for the repairs and replacement of the roof of the main building. 12,000 tiles were removed, wood, beams and rafters replaced and 12,000 terracotta tiles replaced.

Painting was also completed.

Funding grants through the Commonwealth Government and State Government allowed the installation of 18 solar panels onto the roof. The energy is fed back into the grid and saves the school money on the electricity account.



2009

School Council President: Tim Pegler

Principal: Lesley McCarthy

Assistant Principal: Sandra McOrist

Enrolment: 418 Preps = 84, Full Fee Paying International students = 6

We welcomed 12 Korean students to our school during February. The students experienced Homestay and attended a number of excursions and activities during their stay.

The school underwent the Triennial Review process supported by Professor Len Cairns from Monash University. A new School Strategic Plan was developed.

Following substantial grants from the Commonwealth and State Governments, planning and facilities construction was undertaken.

National Schools Pride funding provided new heritage, cast iron gates for the front of the school, an Outdoor Learning Environment between the amphitheatre and the Art room and a running track of synthetic rubber around the oval.

BER funds of \$3 million allowed the design of a full sized basketball court/hall and Performing Arts complex.

State funds will allow the construction of new classrooms.



