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# NEWSLETTER

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## SPECIAL EDITION 130 YEARS

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This year, Karridale Primary School celebrates 130 years of education in our District.

'A Brief History of Karridale and the Karridale School 1883-1983' was produced and made available in 1983 at the 100 Year Celebrations. This Special Edition of the Newsletter contains interesting facts regarding the history of Karridale School prior to 1983 and added recent history of the 30 years since that time.

This time line of events through the years of Karridale Primary highlights the continuous tradition of school being the heart of the community and details the changes that have taken place to bring us to where we are today.

I hope you find this interesting reading.

Through the years, Karridale Primary School students have traditionally enjoyed interaction with our community and surrounding schools.

The continuous support of a dedicated and active P&C Association has always been a valuable aspect of this school. Some events have continued throughout the years and contribute to the rich history at this school while some events have run for a set amount of years as fund raisers for our P&C Association.

Events enjoyed by the community over the years include End of Year Concerts, Music performances, Folk Dancing, Trade Fairs, Family Dances, Sports Days between factions and competing with other schools, Parent afternoons, ANZAC Services, Arbor Days, Litter Drives, Ribbons of Blue, Earth Education, Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Soccer and Softball competitions, Interm Swimming, School Camps to many different destinations, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day breakfasts and Year 7 Graduation ceremonies.

The School Canteen commenced in 2011 and is run by the P&C Association. Students are offered healthy morning teas and lunches on a fortnightly basis. Take Home Dinners are a new and very popular initiative, also offered on a fortnightly basis, that started during 2013.

### CURRENT STAFF

Commencement  
Date

Principal	Fiona Cormack	2000
Room 4	Rohan Bevan	2008
Room 3	Marjorie Busby	1998
Room 3	Vicki Fiorentino	2000
Room 2	Bev Caudle	1989
Room 1	Maria McGill	2007
Registrar	Robyn Dennis	1976
School Officer	Louise van Vliet	2012
Library Officer	Lexie Elson	2009
Ed Assist	Lexie Elson	2006
Ed Assist	Jo Bingham	2009
Ed Assist	Michelle Mottershead	2011
Ed Assist	Jane Jasper	2013
Gardener	Jeff Marshall	1992
Cleaner	Peta Marshall	2010

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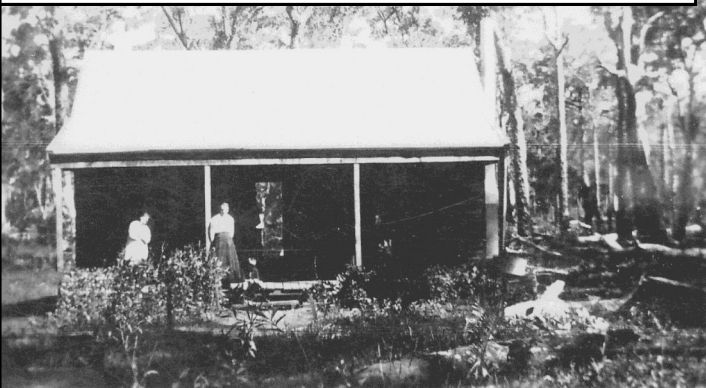
Education in Karridale has been continuous in some form or other since 1883.

1920's Karridale - Robinson's Horse & Sulky  
Transport was mostly confined to horses drawn vehicles.



In isolated circumstances with chronic shortage of education facilities, teaching took place in rough timber huts, settlers' houses, mud huts with earthen floors and canvas rooms supported by wooden uprights in different sites under different names. Stock and equipment moved back and forth over rough forest tracks to any spot boasting at least ten children between the ages of 4 and 14 within a three mile radius.

1933 Stanley Homestead - Karridale  
There was no mains electricity or reliable water supply.



1946 - Karridale Primary—Teacher Mrs Muir



**1933 Chapman's Corner School  
(this classroom remains as Room 2  
at Karridale Primary School)**

The history of Karridale Primary School 1883 - 1983 is covered more comprehensively in a booklet produced in 1983, as part of the Centenary Celebrations.

Karridale Primary School today has capacity to generate solar electricity supplementing grid power usage and a reliable water supply. The oval, once bushland, then gravel, and now grass and the surrounding remnant bushland and gardens are valued for their rural and unique appearance.

There is a modern library and associated facilities with the latest in computer technology and access to Broadband Internet.

Parents and families at the school maintain interested and energetic involvement in fund raising, running the school canteen, co-ordinating the school vegetable garden and participation in the morning reading program.

Students from Karridale Primary have gone on to achieve great diversity in their goals and ambitions including champion sports people, engineers, teachers, doctors, trades people, farmers, etc. Many students have remained or returned to the district with their children and grand children, to attend Karridale Primary School for their education.





## SCHOOL DAYS

### Information from GROUP SETTLEMENT NO. 38 GOVERNMENT SCHOOL PUNISHMENT BOOK

1 to 6 strokes with the cane, usually on the hand, sometimes on the back was considered appropriate punishment for offences such as:

From 1923—1935

- 3 Hitting small girls while going to and from school
- 2 Gross carelessness
- 1 Disobedience
- 2 Locking boy in school at dinner hour
- 1 Vulgarity
- 2 Talking and making noises in school
- 1 stroke across back. Not attending to work
- 2 Careless work
- 2 Continually coming late to school
- 1 Telling falsehood
- 1 or 2 Foolish behaviour (depending on how foolish!)
- 2 Stick throwing
- 1 Spilling water on books
- 4 Impudence while in line
- 2 Answering back
- 1 Acting dishonestly
- 2 Deliberately breaking a ruler in halves
- 2 Writing and passing notes around
- 1 Being insolent when quietly spoken to. (Cane was used lightly more as an example of discipline than punishment as the student was female)
- 4 Deliberately touching teacher's coat while he was correcting other children's work
- 4 Leaving vicinity of school and deliberately staying away for an hour after assembly time
- 1 Deliberately laughing in teacher's face
- 2 Swearing at other children in the playground
- 2 Throwing another boy's cap into the bush

1948 - Karridale Primary



## SCHOOL DAYS

### Information from KARRIDALE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL PUNISHMENT BOOK

In the 1940s and 1950s caning continued to be the accepted punishment for offences which included:

- Bullying, spitting water over girls in the playground
- Stealing fruit from school trees, even after warning
- Poking tongue out when reprimanded (behind teacher's back)
- Teasing
- Disgusting behaviour to girls
- Climbing trees in school grounds
- Exposure in school grounds
- Unruly behaviour on the school bus
- Chewing in school
- Abusing staff members at sport
- Disrupting smaller children's games
- Fighting in playground and silent insolence
- Gross impertinence to duty teacher at lunch break

Bad language and disobedience was still being listed in 1964 but the Principal must have despaired over the 3 boys, who will remain anonymous; 4 strokes for wilful disobedience in leaving the school to walk home, in some cases a distance of 15 miles. The 3 boys took some younger children with them and wilfully left the school to walk home even though they were ordered to remain in the school yard.

In the 1970's:

- Stealing tins of juice from the Office
- Drinking juice that other boys had stolen
- Wilful damage to school building (breaking window on engine shed)
- Punching girls
- Throwing rubbish onto the main road
- Swearing in front of a teacher
- Vulgar notes in class
- Rude finger signs
- Fooling about in room and hitting another child with a chess board
- Scribbling on desks
- Class disruption by being involved in a fight in the library area



### Information from Superintendent Inspection Reports and School Journals

- 1956 Enrolment was 65 Boys and 55 Girls - a total of 120. Headmaster - Mr Lionel Smith, Teachers - Mrs Joan Hurst and Mrs Marie O'Kane. There was a Post Primary bus service which provided transport from Augusta. The majority of students travelled by bus on the two services provided. The P&C Association, (in view of the scattered area from which pupils were drawn), was excellent.
- 1957 Enrolment 110. The P&C Association continued to assist the school materially. During the year, card parties, Bazaar, Sports Days and a Fancy Dress Ball were conducted.



- 1958 The P&C provided a 110 volt power plant and funds were made available for a film projector.
- 1959 Enrolment fell below 100 to 95 students. Organisation is sound, with good subject content and reading and formal subjects are generally creditable. Art is of a pleasing standard and variety, with much excellent application in social studies projects etc. Music is also a popular and quality subject. These activities aspects have developed a good pupil co-operation attitude.
- 1960 Enrolment of 96 students. Community co-operation is excellent with an active P&C. Library provision is pleasing.
- 1961 Building & Grounds were deemed adequate for present enrolment of 105. Mr Rex Bandy commenced as Headmaster. Miss Maxine Watterson (Mrs Maxine Patmore) had the difficult task of teaching needlework to 36 girls from Years 3 to 7. She was commended for the use of design and ornamentation and the fancy stitches on doyleys were of a high standard.

*(On Friday 3 March 1961, Old Karridale was devastated by Bush Fire. Due to its proximity and quite by chance, Karridale Primary School escaped the Fires even though buildings were burned to the ground to the west and the east. No mention is made in the Superintendent's Journal of this event. The following articles are included for historical interest.)*





**Left:  
MANAGING DIRECTOR'S  
HOUSE  
OLD KARRIDALE**

**Below: MARCH 3 1961  
AERIAL PHOTO  
KARRIDALE IS**



**Left:  
MANAGER'S  
HOUSE  
OLD KARRIDALE  
March 1961**



# Township Burns As 60 Move Out

Fire swept through the small township of Karridale yesterday morning soon after 60 residents were evacuated. The post office and general store, the hall, a 100-year-old church and two houses were burnt to the ground.

The evacuation began at 11 a.m. as the fire could be heard roaring through the trees a few miles away.

Most residents were able to load all their furniture and belongings on to trucks to be carted to safety.

As a critical fire situation developed in the South-West yesterday, telephone communications with Margaret River, which became the nerve centre for operations, were jammed with urgent calls.

During the day fears were held for the safety of three people, who were all reported to be safe last night. They were a child at Karridale, a man in the Gidgegannup area and a bulldozer driver at Mandurah.

The Weather Bureau said last night the cyclone now moving down the west coast would bring widespread rain within 250 miles of its centre, dampening the fires.

The fire hazard for today would be severe, but decreasing.

## Raced Back

Postmaster Mr. Norm Johnson and his wife were the last people to leave Karridale about noon.

But two men raced back into the township shortly afterwards to retrieve the mail. They got back safely through the fire.

Before the township was evacuated, about 130 children from a school about 1½ miles farther south were taken to Augusta, which later was almost circled by fire.

An unknown number of valuable properties in the area around Karridale have been destroyed, including an old mill at Boranup, five miles north of Karridale.

The area between Forest Grove and Kudarup was alight last night. Telephone lines were burning.

Major fires were reported at Metricup, north-west of Margaret River, and Treeton, north-east of Margaret River, and at Pemberton and Northcliffe.

In Karridale itself seven houses and the C.W.A. rest room were untouched by the fire.

Many of the evacuees waited last night with truckloads of belongings in a clearing at the crossroads to Karridale, 1½ miles north of the town.

Mrs. J. Bushby, who lives half a mile from Karridale, said: "The fire was a terrifying sight. I could hear it roaring through the trees when it was still seven miles away. The flames were leaping out 70ft. in the air."

She said she had heard

that their home had been saved but that sheds and about 20 sheep had probably been lost.

Mr. George Smith, whose property is in a valley two miles east of Karridale, said the fire came to his home on four separate fronts as the wind varied.

"I raced out with my wife and son taking a few belongings but when I tried to return the roads were all blocked by burning trees," he said.

A reporter and a photographer from *The West Australian* were among the first people to return through the fire back into Karridale just before 4 p.m. yesterday.

## Still Burning

The road to the town was strewn with burning branches and thick smoke covered the whole area.

In the township itself some buildings were still burning and through the smoke-filled air the sounds of crashing trees and dull explosions could be heard.

Tanks containing hundreds of gallons of boiling water sagged on their burning stands.

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The article below was written in 1982, 21 years after the Karridale Fires of 1961. While the original township of 'Old Karridale' was never rebuilt, the township at Karridale Crossroads and 2km to the south, the Karridale Primary School, Karridale Hall and Volunteer Fire Brigade now service the thriving community of Karridale.

# When fire erased a small mill town

by NORM FULLER

TWENTY-one years have passed since an all-consuming bushfire swept through Karridale and left the small mill town scarcely more than a memory.

To be exact it was March 3, 1961, that saw acts of heroism committed by men and women as a matter of necessity — they never realised the magnitude of the effort they expended to meet the emergency of the moment.

Fortunately there were no fatalities or serious injuries.

The fire started on a nearby farming property and, fanned by a strong breeze, entered adjacent timber.

Never contained, the blaze continued burning surrounding bush, properties and machinery — it just ran its course over a 25 kilometre front.

One great benefit the fire actually brought was that it completely destroyed bush and accumulated debris of years, allowing the area to be put under pasture the following season.

The fire also revealed interesting facets of history, hidden by the bush and long forgotten.

The old graveyard on top of the hill overlooking the township was

seen again, names of pioneers still visible on the headstones.

The magazine behind Millar's Timber and Trading Company store was also revealed. This building was similar in appearance to a wartime bunker and housed explosives used by the timber workers.

There were unselfish deeds committed, each a heroic feat in its own right — memories of which should be carved into local history as a reminder of the calibre of citizens who went before.

To name some —

There was Hubie McDonald, proprietor of a transport enterprise at the junction of Bussell highway and Karridale road, from where vehicles were directed to convey goods, livestock and firefighters to vantage points.

Mr McDonald and his wife, Joyce, tirelessly and meticulously pursued their task to its successful conclusion.

Reg and Daphne O'Halloran at Deepdene, iso-

lated when the fire raced through the scrub yet miraculously saved when the flames did not cross Caves road.

Mrs O'Halloran said the most wonderful sound she ever heard was the voices and footfalls of Collie miners walking down the road. These men were volunteers, who answered a call to fight the fire.

Alan Wood, of Hamelin Bay, was working at Boranup Mill when it became surrounded by fire. He drove a bulldozer through the burning bush to the main road at McLeod's creek where he used the machine against the oncoming holocaust.

Frank and Elaine Hastie had a tiny tea room on the hill along Karridale road just beyond the town. This point was used as a watering hole and communications centre for the firefighters.

Mr Hastie in company with Alan Wood, helped save material from the Millar's company store.

Johnno Johnson was manager of the Millar's Timber and Trading

Company premises. His wife, Mrs E. V. Johnson, was postmistress.

These two, caught in the centre of the inferno, were lucky to escape after valiant, mostly vain attempts, to save the contents of their home.

Ernie Bailey, of Margaret River, quietly carried on his self imposed task of mobile supply of big quantities of tea and other refreshments for the volunteers. He followed the firefighters close into operational areas. Many were thankful for his ministrations.

Mrs Bill Connell and Gladys Howes were two women who walked through the fire to the burning Church of England and rescued a small organ and other artefacts which are still cherished today.

Nothing now remains of Karridale town. Gone forever are the Karridale hall, the CWA hall, the Church of England and almost all traces of the M. C. Davies empire.

However, there are memories yet.



1963 In the Needlework Report, Miss Groen (Mrs Betty Dunbar-Smith in her first year of teaching) was commended for her interest and effort in seeing that every girl has produced a set of good to very good articles.

1963 - Karridale Primary School Sports Day  
Looking northwards towards Karridale Crossroads



Photos courtesy of Betty Dunbar-Smith  
(Miss Groen)



1964 Flywire was supplied on windows and doors. In August, floodwaters rose to several feet above the Blackwood River Bridge (old bridge) and the Nillup bus with 30 children was unable to run. Mr Busby, P&C President at the time, arranged for the children

from Nillup to be ferried across the river by dinghy and picked up by Mr Stanes' school bus for the week until the bridge was passable once more.

1965 Enrolment 80. A reconditioned generator was installed in February to run both lights and projector satisfactorily. The P&C held a very successful Children's Fancy Dress Ball with an excellent range of costumes. From October to December, colds and a measles epidemic had an adverse effect on attendance. The area in front of the school verandah was sealed with tar and concrete steps onto the verandah were installed.

1966 Enrolment 72. **In June the school was wired for mains power.** Severe colds were effecting attendance. Late in 1966 all classrooms, the office (present photocopy room) and outside of the building were renovated and painted. Each class was located to the hall supper rooms in turn while the work was completed.

1967 Enrolment 77. The P&C gave an amount in excess of \$300 for the provision of library books, graded readers, two radios, a radiogramme and microphone and sundry items. Folk dancing was part of the regular timetable in the hall each week for students. Playground equipment was transferred to a more suitable location.

1968 Enrolment 80. Junior room contained 22 students in Year 1,2&3B. Middle room contained 28 students in Year 3A,4&5. Senior room, conducted by the Headmaster, had 30 students in Year 6&7. Swimming classes were held at Flinders Bay. The P&C assisted with the organization and operation of a Camp at Point Peron in April. 52 students and 10 parents attended the camp and were joined by a party of children and parents from the Kudardup Primary School. Library books, supplementary readers, craft materials, sporting materials, loam for redressing an area of the playground and shrubs for Arbor Day were supplied by the P&C. New tubular steel desks and chairs were received at the school. Free milk was distributed to children at recess time each day.



1969 Enrolment 81. In March an epidemic of mumps caused low attendance. Camp was being held again at Point Peron with Kudardup and Karridale Schools jointly. Illness continued to effect attendance until May. Following 'The Moon Landing' on July 20 1969, on October 31 the school closed at 12noon in accordance with the Minister's wish, to allow the children the opportunity of viewing the arrival of the three American astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins in Perth. An end of year Fancy Dress and Social was held in the Karridale Hall and the timetable was suspended during the afternoon of 18 December to allow all children to attend the annual school picnic at Hamelin Bay.

1970 Enrolment 77. Predicted to be 70 or less students as Karridale Primary School entered the 70's. A Television receiver was installed. An external light to illuminate the bitumen area was installed and shelves for cases were built at the end of the verandah.

1971 Enrolment 69.

1972 Enrolment 58. Staff consisted of a Principal and 1 teacher plus a 1/10th staff member. It was also noted that Karridale had a happy school atmosphere internally, and in community relationships. A 'Trade Fair' was organised jointly by the Karridale P&C, the Karridale and Alexandra Bridge CWA and Aitkens of Margaret River. This was a highly successful evening with displays of students school work included as decoration in the Hall.

1973 Enrolment 48. Chicken Pox was responsible for high absences during the end of 1973. Use was made of local interested citizens for wool activity and sport coaching. The P&C willingly conducted a once monthly sit-down, community type meal in the adjacent hall. Most students enjoyed this opportunity for a "get-together" meal, sharing a new experience with one another. The end of year Picnic at Hamelin Bay was held on the last day of school and a Father Christmas Party evening at the Hall was organised by the P&C.

1974 Enrolment 56. Swimming lessons at Flinders Bay.

1975 The floors in 2 of the classrooms were in a poor state with holes and there was to be investigation into re-flooring or carpeting. Senior room furniture was in a poor condition and to be upgraded, the lawn mower was replaced and the spirit duplicator of 15 to 20 years vintage was replaced. On the retirement of the Principal in late 1975, the relieving Principal (for 3 months) noted that many repairs were needed including broken windows and flywire, broken asbestos and boys toilet. The school gardener had not been working for some time and investigations revealed he had left the District. A new gardener was appointed and the P&C were approached to fund a new sandpit, art/craft and sporting equipment.

1976 Enrolment 40. Trenwyn Fahey commenced as Principal. A Secretary's position was advertised in February and Robyn Dennis commenced working 3 afternoons a week. Funds were so limited that the PWD Inspector would not replace chain on the swings. P&C planned to raise funds to meet school needs and trialled school lunches and morning tea hot drinks. They contributed to the cost of carpet in the Junior Room. An 80 dozen lamington drive made a profit of \$40.00 with 12 mothers helping during the day. One classroom was not in use and it was decided to use it as a library/resource room. One of the Cleaner's tasks was to collect kindling and clean fireplaces. The PWD carpeted the two remaining classrooms during the winter of 1976. A new lawn mower arrived but was deemed very dangerous as it threw stones some great distance. A 'Trade Fair' was organised by the P&C and local trader 'Aitkens' and made a profit of \$371.40 for the P&C. Flu and suspected mumps caused high absences.

1977 Primary School enrolment at Karridale was still 40 students but the affiliation of the Kudardup Pre Primary Centre with the School meant 21 more students. Maxine Woolston commenced as teacher in charge of the Pre Primary Centre and water supply problems were noted. Senior class attended a camp in Pemberton. Enrolment actually dropped to 37 students but the Pre Primary was increasing and had an enrolment of 27 students which increased further to 31 later in the year. The P&C were providing some school lunch days with warm food in winter, and held a Quiz Night at the Augusta Hotel. The first Honour Certificates were issued.

1978 Enrolment of 37 students plus 18 Pre Primary. Barry Darnell commenced as Principal. Good attendance at P&C meeting. New climbing equipment constructed by school gardener. Cyclone Alby struck just after school on April 4 1978 and resulted in loss of power for 2 days. One set of football goal posts was erected. P&C held another successful Trade Fair with \$700 profit. Fotek commenced school photos. PWD fitted a pedestrian gate and constructed a cement path across the lawn to the tarmac. Karridale P&C Association provided a play fort and two climbing poles for the students. Black and Orange factions were chosen for Sports Day and attended the Naturaleeuwien Interschol Sports. Swimming lessons were held at Flinders Bay in November.

1979 Enrolment 44. Pre School 20. Betty Dunbar Smith commenced as music specialist for half a day a week. Senior children travelled to Bunbury in March to welcome Prince Charles (who granted a holiday to all schools). Miss Gail Buswell (Mrs Gail Warren) replaced Mrs Maxine Patmore in the Junior Room. 20 students and 15 adults attended a camp in the Goldfields in September. A Quiz night, Old Time Dance, P&C stall and fire wood sales were conducted to raise funds. The 'Back to Karridale' Ball in the Karridale Hall and Picnic Day at 'Old Karridale' were held in October. The Augusta Civic Park Community Centre opened with stalls and a Pet Show for the children.

1980 Enrolment 42 plus 24 at Kudardup Pre Primary. The brick tennis wall was constructed. On Arbor Day each family planted a tree beside the oval. A 'Trade Fair' made \$600 profit for the P&C.



1981 Enrolment 39 plus 26 K&P students at Kudardup Pre Primary Centre. Year 4 to 7 Camp to Guildford Sports & Recreation Camp in Perth.

1982 Mrs Gail Robinson commenced in Room 1. Enrolment still at 39 children in Primary School. Swimming lessons were held at Hamelin Bay. An obstacle course and volleyball court were new amenities to the school. Gas heaters were installed. Trade Fair profit of \$729 for P&C. Orange 612 and Black 401 Faction Sports. Competed as 'Orange' Faction in Augusta Faction Sports. Interschol competition Karridale, Cowaramup, Augusta and Margaret River Primary Schools.



1983 Enrolment 50 plus 26 at Kudardup Pre Primary Centre. Swimming lessons continued at Hamelin Bay. Prince Charles visited WA and a holiday was declared on 26 April. A Litter Drive was well attended and raised \$270 for P&C. School Camp at Wellington Mills. A 1000 gallon tank was supplied for the Pre Primary Centre at Kudardup and extensions took place to this building. The Gestetner Printing machine was retired and the first photocopier purchased. Centenary Committee was formed for 100 years celebrations to be held on 26 November. These Celebrations were held in fine weather with 300 visitors plus families attending. 'A Brief History of Karridale and the Karridale School 1883—1983' was printed and 200 copies sold.

1984 Kudardup Pre Primary Centre reported no water and Fire Brigade is carting water for them. A Grant was received for the school oval and work commenced in May on the oval, as the water supply was supposed to be completed in July. The P&C levelled, carted sand, seeded and supered the oval in June 1984 and parents concreted the cricket pitch on the new oval. The large corrugated iron tank was installed for rainwater. **A school computer was purchased.**

1985 Enrolment 50 plus 24 at Pre Primary Centre. Tennis Courts and quadrangle were resurfaced. P&C replaced Bussell Highway boundary fence, ploughed for tree planting, parkland cleared the west end of the oval and planted some kikuyu. 19 Year 4 to 7 students attended School Camp to Noalimba in Perth.

1986 Enrolment 54 plus 19 at Pre Primary Centre. An open meeting was held to discuss a bigger bus as the current one was overloaded at times. P&C Trade Fair raised \$2500. On 30 July school children went by bus to Flinders Bay to see the stranded whales and watched them pushed out to sea. All children thoroughly soaked and sent home early. Weatherboard School house to be replaced.

1987 Enrolment 60 plus 19 Preschoolers and 19 four year olds. Transportable School house erected. On 20 May children visited STS Leeuwin while it was anchored in Flinders Bay. New toilets were built at the north end of the verandah and a Principal and Registrar Office was constructed on the south end of the verandah. Bruce and Daphne Marsh took over as owner/driver on the Karridale/Nillup Bus run from Colin Mann who had been driving the bus for almost 25 years. High Jump was removed from the Interschool Sport program.

1988 Enrolment 59 plus 28 Preschoolers and 14 four year olds. School Decision Making Group was formed. Trade Fair proceeds \$3917.00. Old toilets between hall and school demolished. Leeuwin Lions donated \$750 towards cost of link mesh for School Tennis Courts.

Karridale Primary School Oval has been the venue for many Sports Days.

In 1988 Lee Shenstone won the Senior Champion Boy and Overall Points at the Interschool Sports held at Karridale Primary.







1989

Enrolment 73 plus 17 Preschoolers and 25 four year olds. Miss Bev Martin commenced (Mrs Caudle) as Junior Primary teacher. P&C decided to construct a rammed earth library. A Book Fair was held raising \$300. 31 students and 4 adults attended School Camp to Noalimba in Perth. Post and rail section of fence constructed with crosscuts, auger and adze by students with the help of ex forest worker, Tom Brittain. Plans for a new Library building were accepted and construction commenced with P&C providing funds and parents undertaking the building work.

1990 Enrolment 73 students in Primary School. Jeff Brown commenced as Senior Room teacher. As four classrooms were required, the Hall supper rooms were used for the year. The School Bus transported Pre Primary students to Kudardup Pre Primary Centre. The Trade Fair was held once again for P&C fundraiser with \$4158 profit. The Library building was completed early in the year.





Construction of  
Karridale Primary  
School Library  
by Karridale P&C  
members

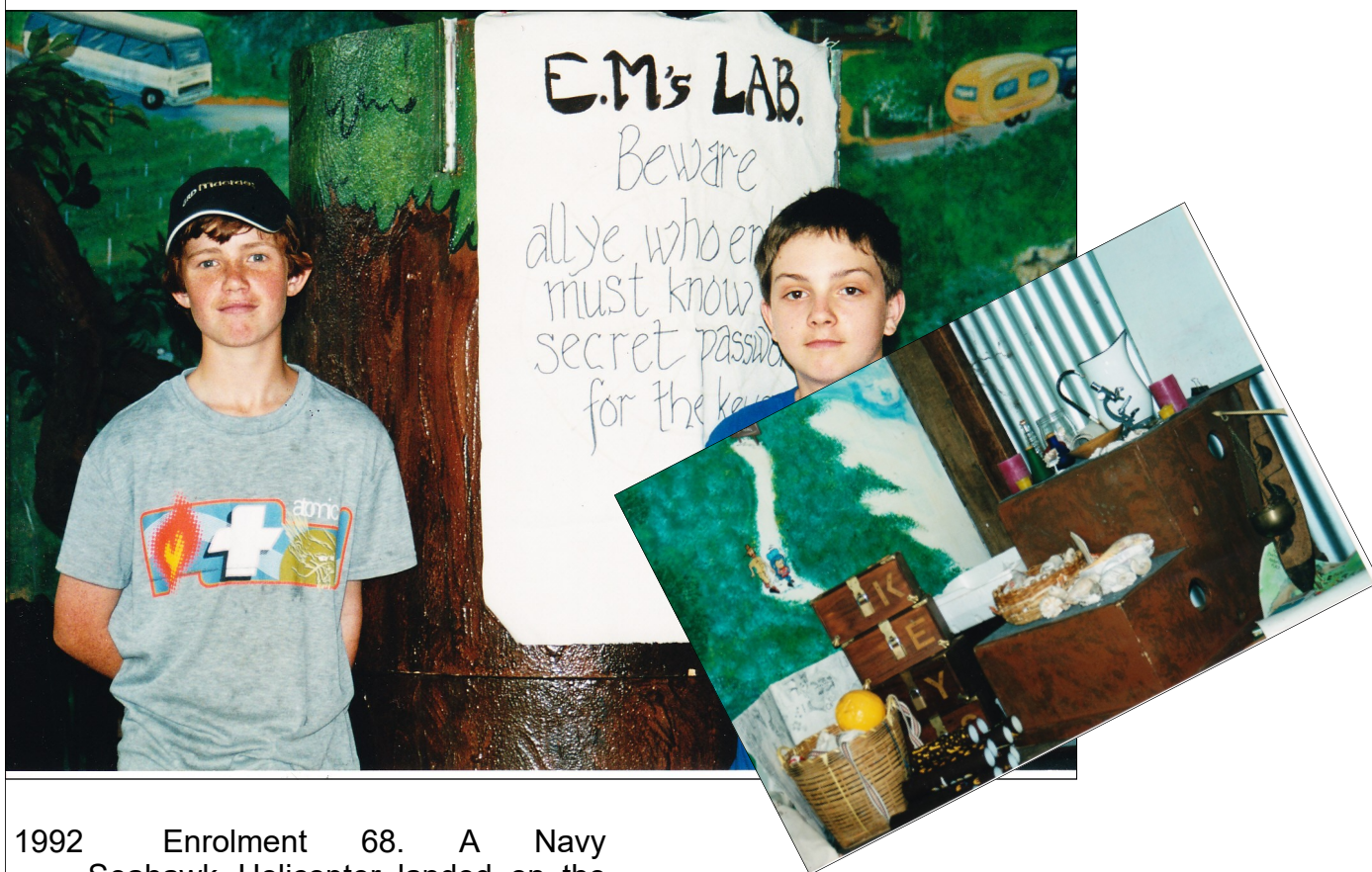


1990 School Photo

KARRIDALE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
1990



1991 Earth Keepers was introduced to help students gain an affinity with the environment in an enjoyable and interactive way. Students had to earn their KEYS before gaining access to EM's Lab.



1992 Enrolment 68. A Navy Seahawk Helicopter landed on the school oval for students to see. Creative Playground Scheme Grant of \$1000 used to build the Primary Adventure Playground. Jeff Marshall commenced as school gardener.

1993 Enrolment 74 including Pre Primary. Carpets were replaced in Rooms 2 & 3. The pine trees behind school were removed in preparation for Art/Craft building. Year 6/7 students went on Camp to Rottnest Island.

1994 Enrolment 81 including Pre Primary. Discussion regarding proposed rammed earth Art/Craft Room to compliment the Library. Russell Harrison achieved Senior Triple Jump record at Interschool Sports at 9.49 meters. This record still stands in 2013.

1995 Enrolment 66 including Pre Primary. Art/Craft Room was completed for use. Funding of approx. \$35,000 was provided from School, P&C and Leeuwin Lions of Augusta.

1996 Enrolment 66 including Pre Primary. Pre Primary buildings constructed onsite at Karridale and Augusta Primary Schools. Pre Primary students commenced full time. New school uniform being promoted.

1998 Enrolment 82. Pre Primary and Kindergarten students from Kudardup Pre Primary Centre now attending Onsite Centres at Karridale and Augusta Primary Schools. Marjorie Busby commenced as Year 3/4 teacher. Principal, Barry Darnell retired after 21 years at Karridale Primary School.

1999 Enrolment 76. Jeff Brown was Acting Principal for 12 months.

2000 Enrolment 88. Fiona Cormack commenced as Principal. Mrs Vicki Fiorentino commenced as Art/LOTE teacher.



- 2002 A grant for playground equipment was used to add to the Adventure Playground.
- 2003 Enrolment 77. On Saturday 26 November, Karridale Primary School celebrated its 120th anniversary with a gathering of past and present families and students.



A Group Photo was taken to commemorate  
120 years of Education  
at Karridale Primary School

Music and afternoon tea were shared with the 120th Celebration Cake being cut by Year 7 students -



Ashleigh Bernhagen  
Vaughan Colyer  
Jesse Stewart  
Shelby Shaw  
Elisha Jackson  
Kayla Owen



2004 Enrolment 84. New Administration/Staff Room building completed.



The original school office was located in the current photocopy room in the main school building.

During 1980's a Principal and Registrar Office was constructed on the south end of the school verandah (currently the Teacher Resource Room).

In 2004 a new transportable Administration building provided a Principal and Registrar Office along with a Staff Room and Interview Room.

2005

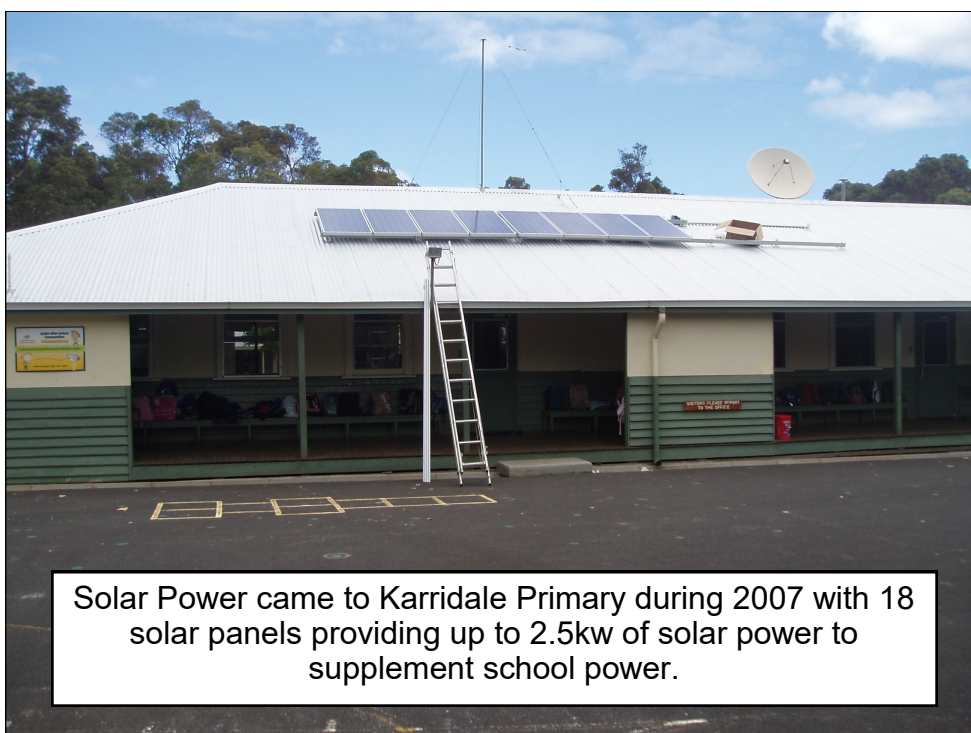
Enrolment 86.

2006 Enrolment 75. Lexie Elson commenced as EA. Betty Dunbar-Smith retired after 43 years of teaching at Karridale Primary School.

2007 Enrolment 76. Maria McGill commenced as Pre Primary teacher. A 2.5kw Solar System was installed and panels mounted on the main school building roof.

2008 Enrolment 82. Reverse cycle air conditioners were installed in the Library and the Art Room. A grant for playground equipment added further structures to the playground.

2009 Enrolment 72. Jo Bingham commenced as EA. Tennis and Basketball Courts were resurfaced and fenced and new football goalposts were erected. The Pre Primary area was fenced and a new Pre Primary playground constructed using funding from the Jack and Lena Ryall Estate. A generator was provided for water supply during power outages. The school was painted and recarpeted.



Solar Power came to Karridale Primary during 2007 with 18 solar panels providing up to 2.5kw of solar power to supplement school power.





Building Education Revolution funded an Undercover Area and School Canteen built during 2010. End of Year Presentations traditionally held in the local hall can now be held in the new Undercover Area.



2010 Enrolment 81.

2011 Enrolment 66. School Canteen commenced fortnightly. A stage was built for the Undercover area. Additional air conditioners were installed in classrooms using funding from the Jack and Lena Ryall Estate. A stage was constructed for the Undercover Area.





Solar power supply was further enhanced during 2012.  
With funding provided through the Solar Schools Program.

- 2012 Enrolment 68. A 13-15kw Solar System was installed and 67 panels were spread between the roof of the main school building, the Library and the Art Room.
- 2013 Enrolment 70. Jane Jasper commenced as EA. Blue won the Faction Sports Carnival against Black for the first time since 1997 by 9 points.



School Vegie Garden is well tended by students with the help of parents and school gardener. Produce is used in the School Canteen



## SCHOOL WATER SUPPLY

During 1956, it was mentioned as 'active grounds development' in the Principal's School Journal that a sports area was cleared and graded. This new area was gravel but provided an area for sport and play. Vegetable garden plots were also mentioned although their location is not clear.

The P&C continued to carry out improvements to the playground but the water supply from a bore and windmill situated between the present pre primary playground and the school house was continually breaking down during the summer months as follows:

**1964**—The pump on the windmill was faulty and the well making water very slowly. Three loads of water were bought from an Alexandra Bridge farmer.

**1966**—The pump on the windmill was faulty and the well making water very slowly. Three loads of water were bought from an Alexandra Bridge farmer.

**1967**—Areas of the grounds were planted with lawn and gardens were established. The windmill and tank stand were replaced by an overhead water storage tank with a pressure switch for water supply to the toilets which were situated between the present Pre Primary building and the hall.

**1975**—The Shire provided loam and a roller to assist in grounds development but the bore for the water supply was not working and the toilets were out of action. The bore was repaired once again but water supply would continue to be a problem for Karridale Primary School.

**1976**—It was noted that the state of the bore water was appalling and that constant approach to the Public Works Department had resulted in an upgrade being due next financial year. Water was regularly running out to the toilets and PWD maintenance was continually being conducted on the pump. Augusta Fire Brigade pumped rainwater into overhead tank for toilet use. Mr Murphy, the gardener, progressively burned off around the school to reduce level of wild grass and snakes. There were tracks to the toilets (at back of school), the hall, the school house and the water tank.

**1977**—Commenced school with a dry bore, the Principal considered closing the school which resulted in the PWD organising water to be carted regularly for the overhead tank supplying the toilets. 3 loads were carted before contractors redrilled the bore. PWD work was promised to be completed with aeration plant and renewal of underground pipes.

**1978**—First comment for the year is regarding the water problem. Principal siphoned water from drinking tank to keep toilets going. Bore pump and fittings were renewed and worked for 3 days. Following more failed attempts at mending the system, the pump was removed, leaving no water to the toilets or grass areas. The foot valve was replaced and appeared to be holding but water needed to be carted for the school house.

**1979**—Water continued to be a problem with P&C becoming involved in contacting the Public Works Department.

**1981**—After constant water problems and pressure from the community, test holes were dug on adjoining properties to source a reliable water supply for the school, as the bore was still not providing enough water.

**1982**—Water supply still a problem and the idea of a Dam on a neighbouring property is a possible solution.

**1983**—Commenced year with water pump broken down. A public meeting was held at the school with PWD and Education Department representation and a water supply was promised by November 1983 for the school.

**1984**—During the first weeks of school water was having to be carted as there was no water for toilets. The pump was constantly needing priming, sludge in pipes and foot valve. The suction pipe was lengthened to no avail. After bucketing water for the toilets and many more water problems, school was closed on 4 April awaiting carted water. The gravel area was levelled and prepared for seeding and fertilising which was undertaken by the P&C.

**1985**—The School Dam was not dug until the end of February and a mobile pump was immediately fitted to fill the tank. Work continued on a reticulation system to supply water to the new oval.

**1986**—The dam was not providing sufficient water, with an oval now needing to be watered during summer, the level was low and less draw on the dam was recommended.

**1987**—In March the dam was only holding one foot of water.

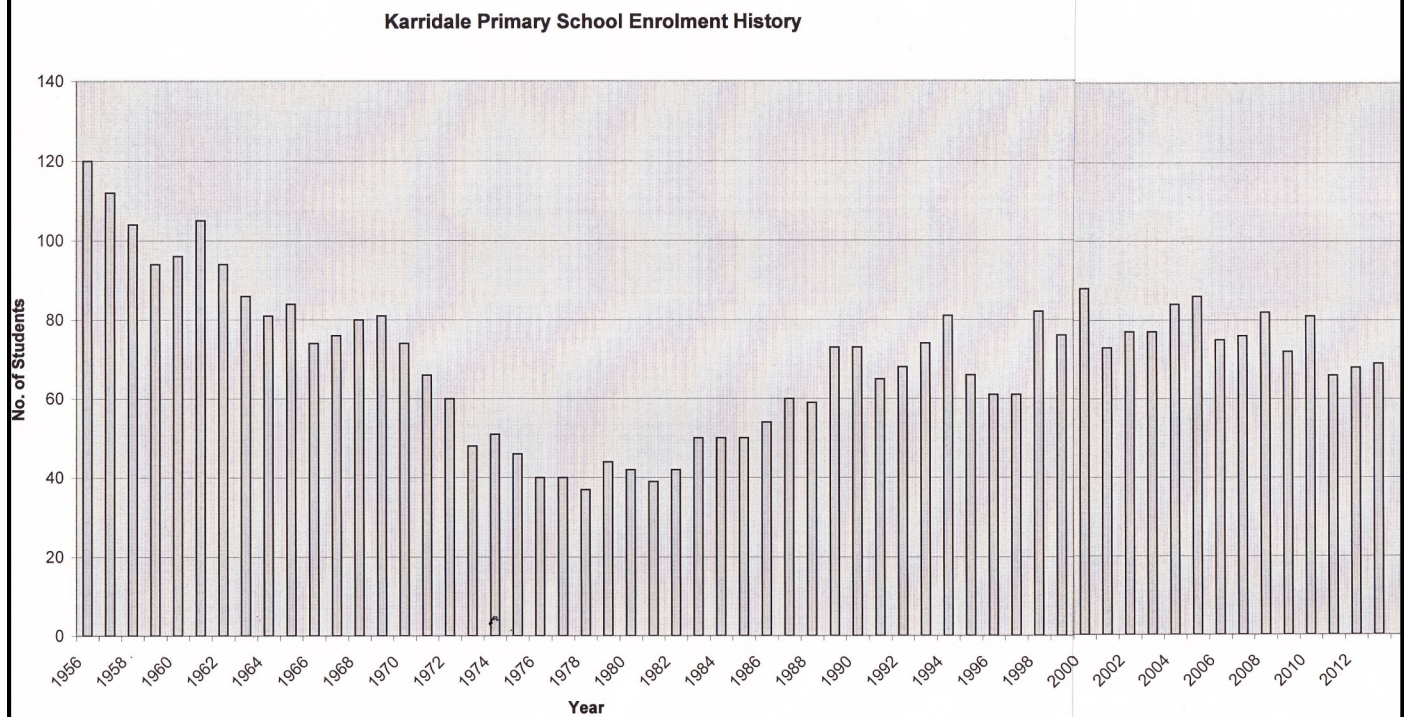
During the 1990's the dam was re-dug deeper to provide a more lasting supply during summer. After overcoming numerous difficulties, the water supply now lasts through the summer months until Autumn. Watering of the oval ceases while the dam is low, leaving enough water for the toilets and hand watering.

The dam supply is also connected to water re-fill points for the Karridale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. (There are three water access points beside the school oval and one point near the KVBFB Shed).

The School drinking water supply has always been rainwater, originally with a small tank on each corner of the school building. The large tank behind the art room has replaced the original tanks. If necessary this supply can be used as back up in the event of a power failure by starting a generator and using diversion taps.



# Enrolment History



1986 Arial photo with looking west towards Foul Bay.  
Karridale Primary School is in the foreground.  
School Dam newly completed on lower left of photo.

