



HUGHESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HUGHESDALE'S HUNDREDTH

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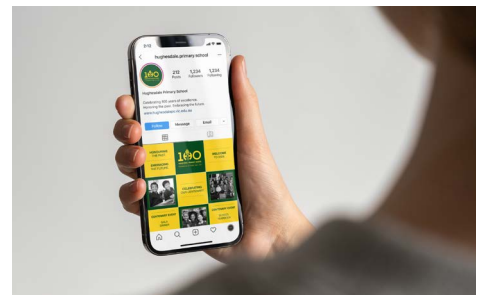
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HONOURING THE PAST.

EMBRACING THE FUTURE.

Honouring the past. Embracing the future.

This simple, yet poignant line sums it all.

This is the theme for the way in which we will celebrate our 100 years. You will see this theme across all events and communications for the centenary.

We welcome you all to contribute with your own stories of Hughesdale's past!

Please email your stories and pics to:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

100 YEAR AERIAL PHOTO

— **MARCH 5TH** —

TIME CAPSULE & DRESS UP DAY

— **MAY 2ND** —

SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION ‘100 HPS’

— **JULY 25TH** —

GALA DINNER

— **AUGUST 17TH** —

CARNIVAL & OPEN DAY

— **NOVEMBER 23RD** —

YEARBOOK

— **DECEMBER 2024** —

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.

Welcome to this milestone year at Hughesdale Primary School and our first official Centenary newsletter - 'Hughesdale's Hundredth'.

As we step into a remarkable chapter of our school's history, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that we announce the forthcoming celebration of Hughesdale's Primary Schools' Hundredth Year! This monumental occasion stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of excellence, dedication and community that has been the hallmark of our school for a century.

Throughout the decades, our school has served as the nurturing grounds for countless young minds, fostering growth, knowledge and character.

As we prepare to commemorate this significant milestone, we invite you

to join us in honoring the rich history and collective achievements that have shaped the educational landscape of our beloved Hughesdale community.

In the journey of education, a century marks not only the passage of time but the indelible imprints of knowledge, inspiration and transformation. Here's to a hundred years of illuminating minds, nurturing spirits and shaping the future. Socrates famously remarked, 'Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.' May the flame of learning continue to burn brightly for generations to come.

Together, let us embrace this opportunity to not only celebrate the past but also to envision a future brimming with promise and possibility. We look forward to commemorating Hughesdale's Primary

Schools' Hundredth Year with reverence, pride and a renewed sense of purpose.

Stay tuned for more details on upcoming festivities and ways to get involved. Let's celebrate a century of excellence and to many more years of inspiring and empowering generations to come!

'Aim High.'



Dean Napier
Principal



80 YEAR FORMATION



90 YEAR FORMATION

GETTING IN FORMATION

Each 10 year since inception, Hughesdale Primary School organises a special way to commemorate the start of a new decade.

Our previous celebrations saw our precious students and amazing teachers gather in number formation and be photographed from above. And this year is no different!

To continue the tradition, students and teachers will gather on the oval to create a 100 formation and a drone will be sent up to photograph this incredible moment.

A practice run took place on February 27th much to the delight of our students, before the main event on March 5th.

What an exciting and likely chaotic time this will be herding the excited students into formation to get the perfect shot. But won't it be worth it!

We can't wait to share the images with you as soon as they are ready. Be sure to watch out on our socials for some behind the scenes of our rehearsal before we unveil the final image!

Event Date:
5th of March

TIME CAPSULE & DRESS UP DAY.

On Thursday the 2nd of May, we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary by holding a time capsule day.

Prior to this day, all students will be given the opportunity to contribute something to our 100 year time capsule. We will celebrate this day by asking students to dress up in olden days clothing. Students will partake in olden days school activities and games. We will also hold a celebration where we conceal our 100 year time capsule.

We also plan to display the contents of time capsules that had previously been planted around the school grounds. The 60th anniversary time capsule (1984) has been located near the front gates. Unfortunately, we have not been able to find the 80th anniversary time capsule (2004). If you or someone else knows the location of this or any other time capsules, please reach out and let us know. It would be great to display as much history of the school as possible.

Event Date:
2nd of May



60TH YEAR TIME CAPSULE

MY REFLECTION BOB BEYNON

My older brother John and I attended the school just after WW2 and I suppose we could be called early baby boomers.

I actually started at Hughesdale in 1950 when I was only 3 years old. Sounds odd for me to be at school at such a young age, but the reason was that my mother {Doreen Beynon} was a teacher before she married and was compulsorily retired as women were in those days when she got married.

However, she was widowed in 1950 and the then Principal Mr Bartley convinced my mother to come back to the job despite mum's protests that she had no one to mind me {no child care in those days}. Mr. Bartley said "I'll mind him", so off to school I went!

Each day I was shuffled from class to class as all the other infant teachers took their turns at minding me just so my mother could teach at the school. This is how short the education department was of teachers.

My mother taught at Hughesdale Primary School for around 20 years I think, and then moved to Coatesville Primary. I'm sure many former students will remember her.

The following year I was officially enrolled in Mrs. Gardiners Prep Class as one of 55

kids in my class and there were three other prep classes around the same size. The school was bursting at the seams and whilst I'm not sure of the exact numbers I think the attendance reached around 1100 by the time of the new Queen's visit in 1953. Hard to believe that we all fitted in when I went to the last reunion but we did.

Some of the teachers were Miss MacIntosh, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Lambert, Mr Loutit, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Gardiner and of course our legendary Grade 6 teacher Mr George McHutchison the hardest and fairest man I have ever met. He was a wonderful example to all the students as he taught in a difficult year that the transition from grade 6 to secondary school is.

In my class there were some who would gain some fame later in life. Doug Warbrick {the Claw} founder and co-owner of RIP Curl, Lawrie Peckham Olympic high jumper and former Olympic Team Captain and flag bearer and of course Ray Groom Former Melbourne footballer, Federal MP and Minister for Housing, and former Premier of Tasmania.

I remember that every Friday we had house marching on the 'girls playground' on the Austin St. side of the school.

Boy you had to be in step to win the marching banner for the week. It was and I am sure still is a fantastic school with a long and distinguished history.

Bob Beynon
Past Student



MARCHING DRILLS, 1943



KIRSTEN WILLIAMS, AGED 8

MY REFLECTION KIRSTEN WILLIAMS

It was 1980 when I first walked through the doors of Hughesdale Primary School to begin Prep. There were 950 students when I began school and we all fitted in to the main building and some portables.

The Camp Australia building had 4 classrooms with no air-conditioning. I was unlucky to be stuck there in Grade 2 and 3! The library was completed when I was in Grade 2 and the art room when I was in Prep. With the exception of the Tanner building and the gym, the school looks the same!

My fondest memories of primary school are sports, friendships (I still have some primary school friends), Mr Davidson making everything fun, the Grade 6 disco, camps to Canberra and Somers for 10 days... and Christopher jumping out the window and running away (in the middle of class!).

My memories of primary school are all centred around the fun things we did or that happened, events and incidents that were out of the ordinary.

My mum was on the Mothers' Club Committee, which meant myself and my friends could always beg an adult for icy-pole money on hot days.

I've been very lucky to recreate some of these memories for my child and I hope that I have been able to do the same for yours.

This is my last year as a HPS mum and while it will be sad to leave - HPS will always stay in my heart. A great school and I wish it well for the next 100 years!

Kirsten Williams
Past Student



CLASS OF 1981, PREP

A SHORT HISTORY

CHAPTER ONE: THE BEGINNING

1924: 100 years ago a single-storey brick school opened in Brine Street.

Acting Head Teacher Max L. R. Martin accepted the key to Oakleigh South State No. 4176 and welcomed E. W. Greenwood, MLA, to officiate at the formal opening of the school on Friday 21 November 1924. Oakleigh's mayor, Cr J. V. Hughes, also attended the opening. He could not have imagined then that in years to come the school would bear his name.

In the following year Robert W. Peart, a veteran of World War 1 who served in Egypt and France, succeeded Max Martin.

Initially, provision was made to seat 350 'scholars' but almost immediately enrolments climbed to 430. In 1928 the school could cite an enrolment of 740. The Department of Education sent District Inspector A. E. Thorne who reported that crowding was excessive: Grade 3 conducted in Room 7 held the least number of children with 56; Room 8 held the most with 105 Grade 2s. Pupils, he said, were "crushed into a room".

Less than four years after his school opened, Robert Peart was arranging for the lease of more accommodation. Hansard records that Squire Reid, elected MLA for the State seat of Oakleigh, begged for an addition to be given priority stating that a room in the junior school, built to hold 50, instead held 122, and it was "not fair to expect so many babies to sit in such a small place".

Work finally commenced on the solution, a second storey, and from July 1929 junior students were shuffled about the existing school, while senior students were billeted around Oakleigh to various locations including a local dance venue in Carlisle Crescent known as Hanney's Hall.

Oakleigh South become Hughesdale State School No. 4176

By 1930 the second storey was completed and the enlarged school was officially reopened in March in a ceremony performed by the Hon. John Lemmon, MLA, Minister for Education. Lemmon was struck by the 'homely decorations and discipline of the children'. Discipline was the trademark of Headmaster Robert Peart, who ran the school in accordance with his military training.

A former pupil recalled that "Mr Peart trained us like we were in the army", which was most apparent in marching drills and athletics training. School No. 4176 as in fact renowned for its prize-winning amongst its district in these competitions. The assembly itself had a similar military flavour; students marched inside to the beat of the school's drum band, the sound fearful in the distance to latecomers.

Marching drills, a flag salute and singing of the national anthem was a daily feature of school life. This military influence at Oakleigh South State was significant and apparent in its early motto: 'Aim to Serve'.

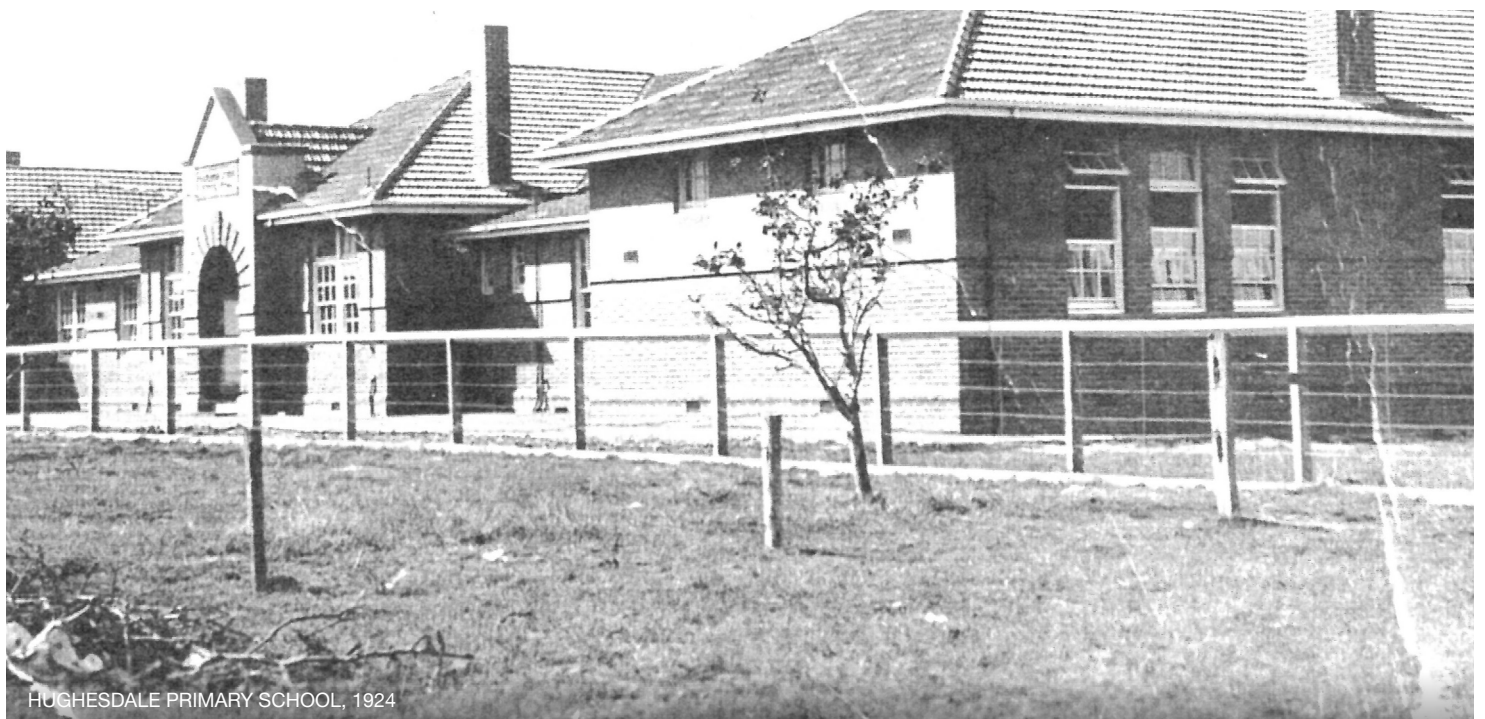
The remodeling of the school coincided with the beginnings of the Great Depression. Across the State many families became homeless and it was common to see children barefoot and without food. The school community rallied where it could and those with the means sent in an extra lunch for deprived children. Local dairies sent in free milk. With exercise books unaffordable for many, brown paper was cut to size, tied together and used instead. As well as hard times epidemics of diphtheria and poliomyelitis caused great anxiety and the school's closure for various periods of time throughout the 1930s.

Once the economic situation across the country improved a sense of renewal was experienced. In 1938 the school changed its name to Hughesdale State School No. 4176 to better reflect its location.

The name Hughesdale derived from James V. Hughes, a councillor of the Town of Oakleigh and mayor in the year that the school opened.

Extract from

A Short History of Hughesdale Primary School 90th Anniversary Souvenir



HUGHESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL, 1924

100 YEAR LOGO BOLD AND PROUD.

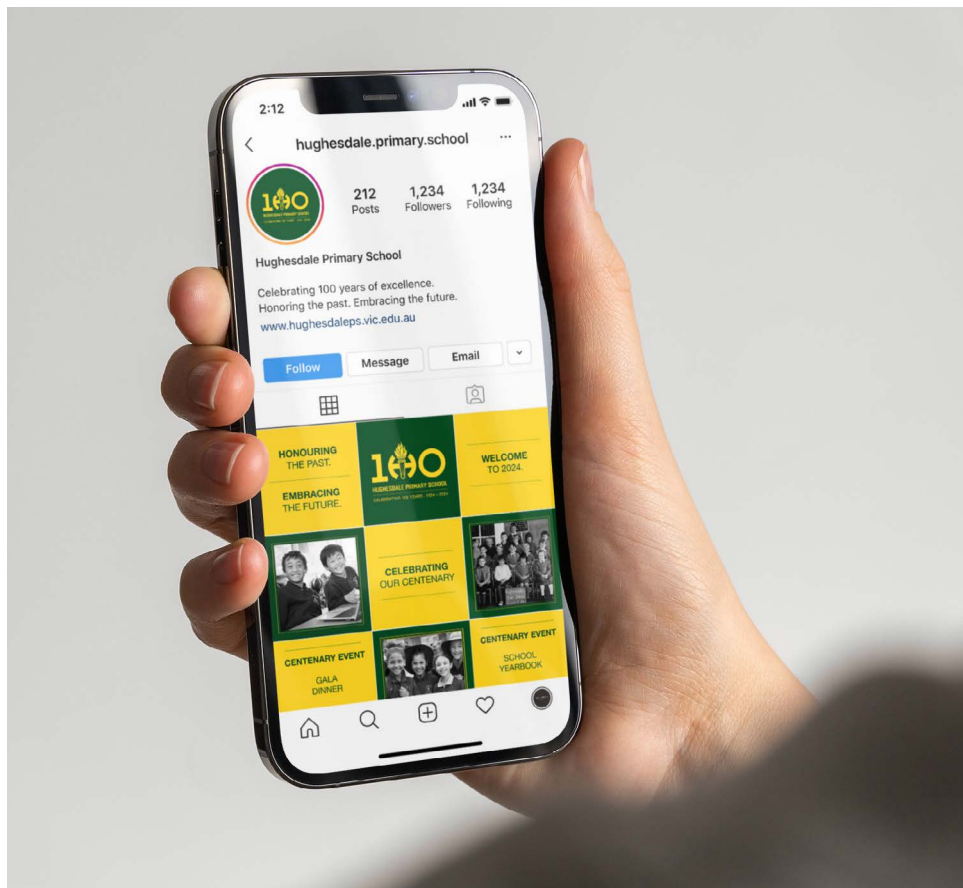
In honour of our 100 years, we have crafted a very special version of our beloved Hughesdale Primary School logo.

The logo shows our 'Aim High' flame at the heart of the 100 years burning bright. We have retained and showcased the 'H' with the flame from our existing HPS logo as well as our Hughesdale Primary School font. Staying true to who we are - but celebrating this wonderful milestone in a bold interpretation.




This logo will be proudly used across our school communications for 2024 and we hope our community of teachers, students, parents and families will feel pride in being part of this centennial year!

We would like to thank Grade 6 mum - Lynne Franke for kindly donating her time and brand expertise and that of her design agency grenade.com.au to craft this logo and much of our Centenary branded communications.

Keep your eyes peeled as it rolls out across the school and online. In the next few weeks there will be some signage out front of the school to shout it out loud that we are 100 this year! And some merchandise is in the making - details to follow...



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