

1911-2011

Merbein Primary School



**100
YEARS**

Merbein P-10 College,
Jenner Street Campus



Centenary Celebrations

26th – 27th August 2011

Merbein Primary School/ Merbein Higher Elementary School/ Merbein P-10 College Jenner Street Campus is celebrating its Centenary in 2011.

Past students, staff and families of the school are invited to come along and join in the celebrations.



FROM a tin shed, a few tables and chairs and 20 students to one of the largest schools in Merbein, the town's primary school has come a long way over the past century.

The school will officially celebrate its 100th birthday later this year, providing a chance to reflect back over those years and how the school, and education, has changed. Merbein Primary School officially opened on April 25, 1911, after requests to the Water Commission of the time a year earlier by local settlers of what was then known as White Cliffs for a school to educate their children.

The first school building, a crude galvanised iron and red gum shed, was donated by a Mr James and moved to where the Uniting Church is currently located.

Lessons began under the tutelage of Miss Mahy, the school's first teacher and principal. Five years later the school moved to its current location in

Jenner Street (then known as Surgery Street), occupying the Merbein Public Hall, which the Victorian Education Department rented for 15 shillings per week.

The school continued to grow along with the surrounding township, changing to become Merbein Higher Elementary School in 1945, when student numbers had grown to 128, catering from Prep to Year 9.

Student numbers continued to swell during the following years, reaching 228 at their peak.

Past students, staff, school councillors, friends and volunteers etc. are encouraged to register interest by completing the registration form below (this is for the Saturday evening barbecue) and forwarding it with payment of \$10.00 for adults, children aged 5-14 \$5.00 or family for \$30.00 (2 adults and 3 children).

PROGRAM

Friday 26th August. 1.00pm – 3.15pm School Picnic and games

Saturday 27th August – 11.30am – 12.30 pm – Roll Call,

Lunch – soup and baked potatoes \$6.00

12.30pm – 1.15pm Official ceremony and time capsule opening

Local Footy Game at Kenny Park and/or visits to the new school

6.00pm – Dinner, steak/sausage/chicken and salad

6.30pm - Bush Band

7.45 pm – Speeches and cake

8.00pm Fireworks display

If you would like to answer these questions please do so then send them back to the school office.

Five Questions

- 1. When did you go to school?** _____
- 2. How did you travel to school?** _____
- 3. What did you like the most about school?** _____
- 4. What games did you play at recess?** _____
- 5. What is your best/worst memory of school?** _____

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Registration form

Name _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address _____ Post Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email address _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000 - 2011 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1990 - 1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1980 – 1989 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1970 – 1979 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1960 – 1969 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1950 – 1959 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1940 – 1949 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1930 - 1939 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1920 - 1929 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you know (or know of) the oldest living student who went to this school please contact us on 5025 2295.

