

# MOUNT CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

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22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2017

10AM - 2PM

The Centenary Committee warmly welcomes past and present staff, parents, students and friends of Graylands and Mount Claremont Primary Schools as we share this day together.

We would like to show our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, of Elders past and present, on which this event takes place.

Thank you.



One Hundred Years of Harmony - 2017.

"This beautiful artwork, entitled 'One Hundred Years of Harmony' is a one-off reproduction of an original painting created by a select group of six Mount Claremont Primary School students.

The painting was created in August 2017, under the guidance of local artist Vanessa Milner, to commemorate the school's Centenary.

The original 1m x 1m piece was created over four workshops, with students interacting with abstract concepts, imagery, stencilling and collage.

The initials of each artist are incorporated as part of this unique artwork. The project was truly collaborative, with each student



contributing to decisions about colours, textures, composition, suitable imagery and attention to detail.

## Principal's Welcome.....

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On behalf of Mount Claremont Primary School it is a pleasure welcome you to the Centenary Open Day 1917-2017. Today we celebrate 100 years of public education at Mount Claremont Primary School.

For a century students have been educated in these historic buildings and played within the school grounds. The historical fabric of the school is interwoven with students, parents, teachers, support staff and the wider community. The stories of our past and present are displayed throughout the school for you to explore, reflect and connect.

The Centenary Open Day has been a collaborative partnership between the MCPS School Council, P&C Association, Centenary Committee, students, parents, staff and the community. Special thanks to everyone for their time and commitment organising this event.

*Mrs Tracey Oakes, Principal Mount Claremont Primary School*



11th August 2017 - Principal Oakes with the 3/4 Class on Vintage Dress-Up Day.

# 1913 - Our Story Begins.

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A Letter From The Mount Claremont Progress Association

April 1st 1913

*To the Hon Minister of Education.*

*Dear Sir.*

*At a well attended meeting of the above association, the subject of school accommodation was discussed.*

*In view of the fact that a considerable number of the 350 owners of plots on this estate intend settling during the next twelve months, it was deemed advisable to draw your attention to the need in the near future of school accommodation & ask you to consider the necessity of choosing a site in close proximity to both Graylands & Mount Claremont Estates.*

*Trusting you will give the matter your favourable consideration.*

*I have the honour to be*

*Yours obediently*

*E.R Slater*

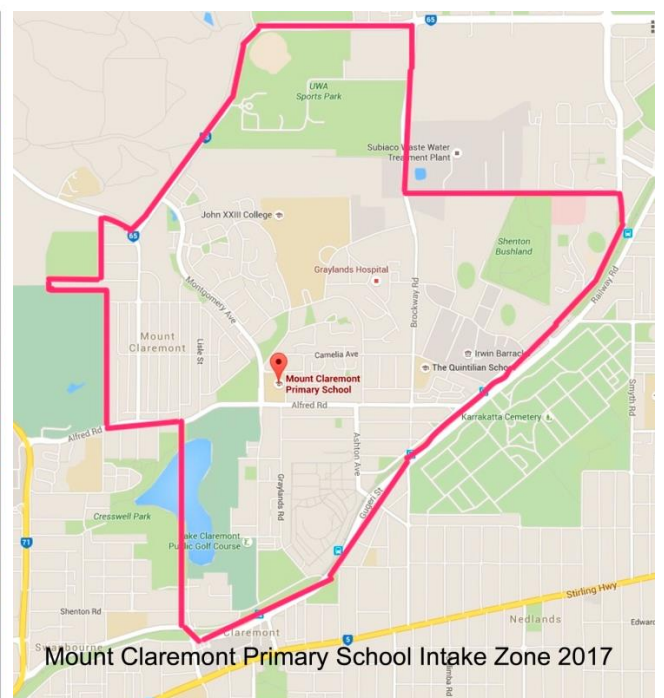
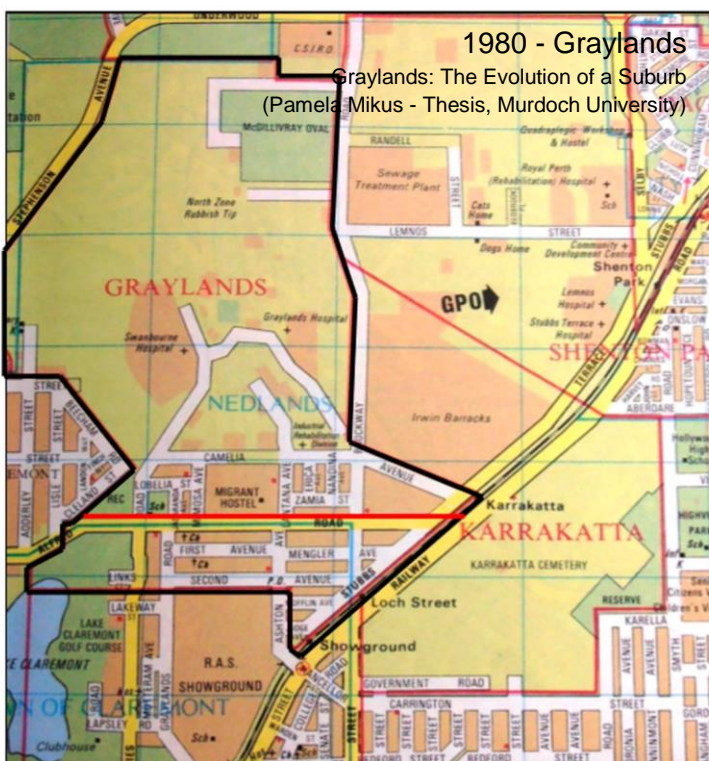
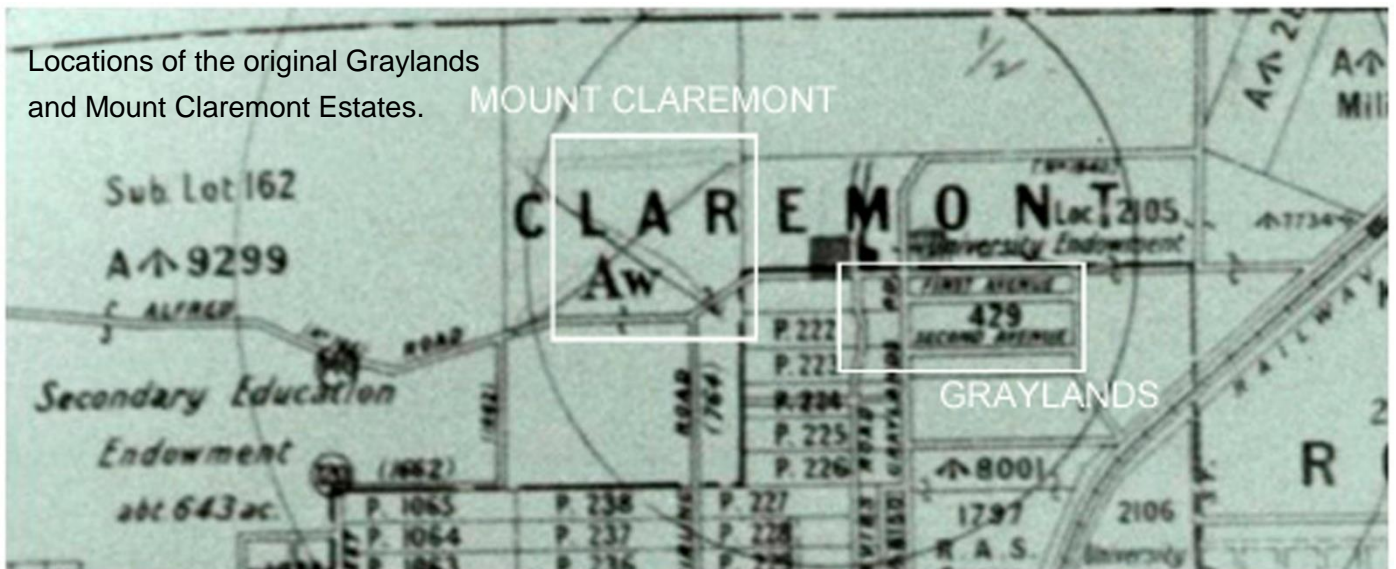


# A School Is Required At Graylands

As there were already schools at Central and North Claremont, the Education Department undertook surveys to see if another school was really needed.

The District Compulsory Officer was tasked to see how many children had to travel long distances to school and if they were going to school at all.

By December 1916 a site had been found and the Director for Education had petitioned for the school to be built.



## What's In A Name

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**1916** - In December the Mount Claremont Progress Association writes to the Director of Education supporting the new school site.. At the time the Association petitioned: "*to respectfully ask you that at such time when the school is erected, it shall be named The Mount Claremont State School*"

**1917** - Announcements are made that the new school is to be named Graylands Primary School.

It is generally held that the school and suburb are named after Mrs Maria Gray. In 1896 Mrs Gray starts selling land, and it is believed that it was her estate agents suggestion the area became known as Graylands.

**1917** - Upon hearing the Education Departments decision, the Mount Claremont Progress suggests a compromise: "*...that as do you not find it advisable to call the new school Mount Claremont School, it be called the Alfred Road School*."

As they think that naming it Graylands, *will be very misleading as any person looking for the School would naturally go to the Graylands Estate to look for it...*"<sup>1</sup>

**2006** - By 1986 the parts of Graylands above Alfred Road had been renamed Mount Claremont, while parts of Graylands below Alfred Road became Claremont. Graylands Primary School endured until 2006, but by 2007 had become Mount Claremont Primary School



The first known picture of Graylands Infant School students - 1918

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from the original CPA letters, 1917.

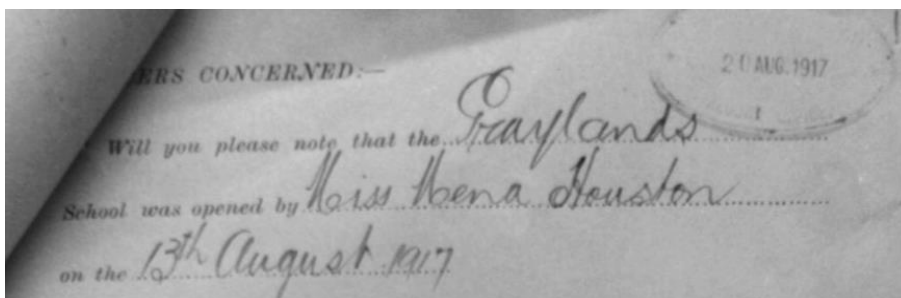
## A Small School Opens

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A humble pavilion building 30ft x 20ft, situated on four acres of land close to the Alfred and Davies Road intersections, was formally handed over by the Department of Works and Trading on Friday August 3rd 1917.

At the time the land was valued at seventy pounds an acre and operating under a revised lease of ninety-nine years from designated University Endowment lands.

Built in the style of a one-teacher country school, there was a tiny store room, a hat room and one tap. There was no glass in the windows, rather were sliding canvas panels to keep out the rain and heat. In 1918 a shelter shed was added for special classes such as sewing<sup>2</sup>.



On August 13 1917, Miss Mena Houston became the first Head Teacher of Graylands Primary School.



(The Graylands State School after renovation - 1940)

Initially there were only eight students, but within a week this increased to forty-eight. Within a month there were fifty-three students.

(The original school was situated where the Staff car park is now)

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<sup>2</sup> "Growing Up In Graylands - 1992"

# Immigration

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During the late 1940's the Government recognised that in order to develop and protect Australia, the population needed to increase....and rapidly.

Immigration policies are initiated to entice refugees and displaced persons from WWI to come to Australia. Centres are set up in several cities, including the Migrant Reception and Training Centre in Graylands.

In 1947 the focus was migration from Britain and Europe, but visitors to the Centre (later known the Graylands Migrant Hostel) came to reflect the ebb and flow of conflict around the world.

In the 1970's the Centre housed many migrants from Vietnam.

Accommodation at the Centre is utilitarian and lacking in luxury.

Initially the barracks and infrastructure left by the Army are used, with Nissan huts added as the Hostel is developed in 1951.

Later, more substantial brick buildings are added.

1951 - A camp school opens at the Centre, technically as an extension of Graylands Primary School.

1953 - There are too many children and the camp school closes with teachers and students relocated to Graylands proper.

1968 - The community and staff struggle under the increased needs of these new citizens. The school groans under the strain of 666 students.

1974 - Sees the first noted response by Graylands to meet the needs of children with English as a second language.

1979 - Graylands Primary School dedicates four teachers to what becomes known as the Intensive Language Centre (ILC).

With many children coming from poverty and conflict. Safety, care and compassion become just as important as English, maths or spelling.





John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library – Nissan Huts 1951 Graylands Hostel

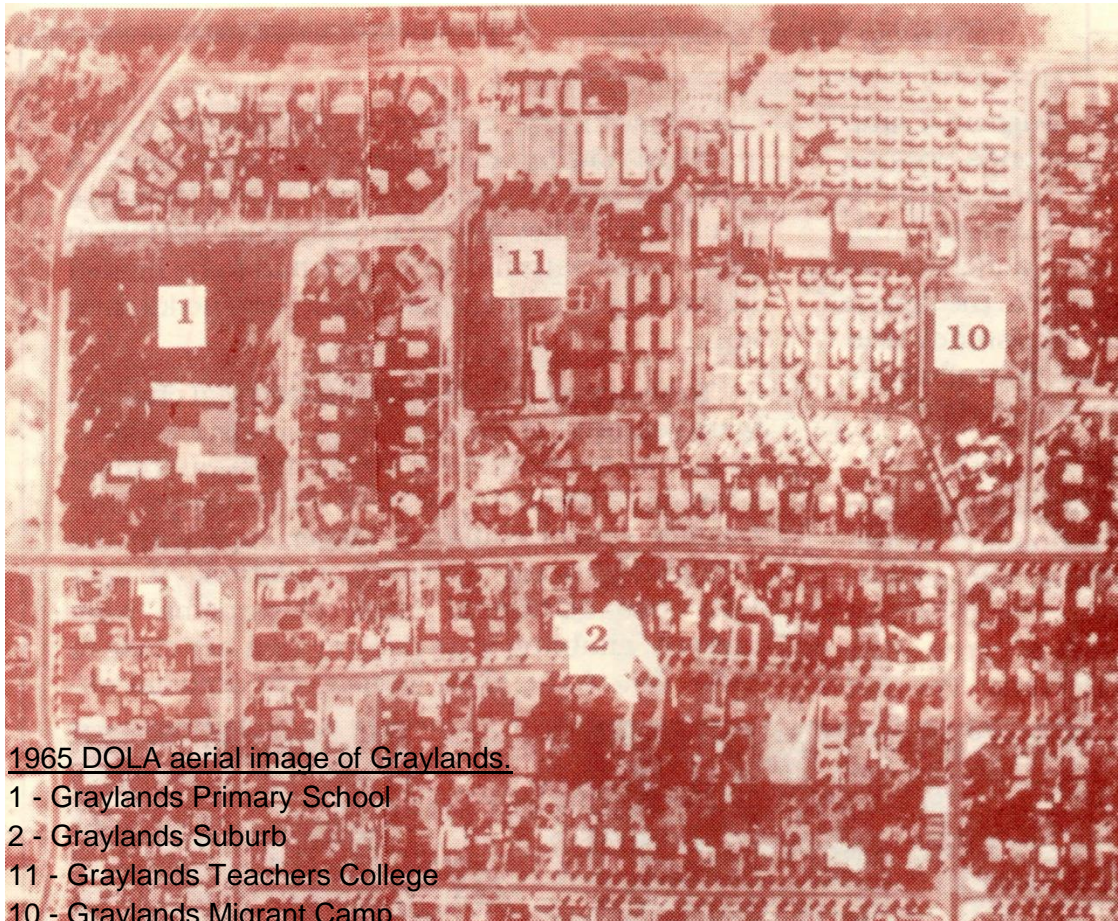
30-31 July.  
1-2 August and  
19-23 August, 1968.

Enrolment in Each Grade			
	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 1	66	51	117
Grade 2	42	42	84
Grade 3	56	47	103
Grade 4	55	42	97
Grade 5	47	36	83
Grade 6	48	47	95
Grade 7	43	47	90
Special Class			
1st Year			
2nd Year			
3rd Year			
Total	357	312	669

Vietnamese Migrants – Credited As Being At Graylands Migrant Hostel – Battye Library



A typical interior of a Nissan communal laundry - <https://i.pinimg.com/originals/9e/51/0c/9e510c3b49774af3e90d8db85a956c5.jpg>



1965 DOLA aerial image of Graylands.

- 1 - Graylands Primary School
- 2 - Graylands Suburb
- 11 - Graylands Teachers College
- 10 - Graylands Migrant Camp

# The Graylands Teachers College

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A combination of returned service people from WWI and a change in application criteria leads to a boom in Teacher enrolments.

A survey of several sites for a new College leads to the empty part of the land taken for the Migrant Centre, but not without a little concern...

*Shocking! You've never seen anything like it. Great ravines right through the ground, feet high in weeds – there wasn't a building that didn't have holes where kids had thrown rocks through the asbestos and glass; every toilet was smashed. Even getting round the place was almost impossible. We went along the top road, next to the Migrant Camp. We looked down on it. First we said, 'This is hopeless!' Then we started to count up buildings. We found so many rooms that we thought, 'This could be done up – at least there would be far more room space than at Claremont.'*

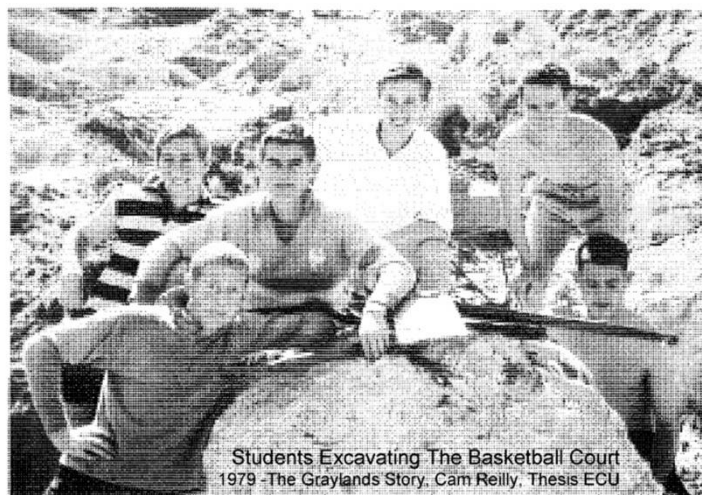
as spoken by Mr Neil Traylen, the founding Principal of Graylands Teacher College, 1954. 1979 - The Graylands Story, Cam Reilly, Thesis ECU.

The College opens 1955 and controversially closes in 1979.

"Not For Ourselves Alone" becomes the College's motto, and the Graylands campus gains a reputation for its alternate (and somewhat adaptable) approach to teaching.

The relationship between the Primary School and College becomes mutually beneficial. Because of the College, Graylands becomes a demonstration school, with many teaching students performing assessments and observing lessons there.

The primary school benefits from the latest approaches to teaching and in times of enrolment booms, a ready supply of teachers were just up the road!



## Our War Years

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In 1942 the 4 Motor Vehicle Trades Training Centre is built along Lantana Avenue and Perth prepares itself for war.



Trenches are dug in school playgrounds and students learn what to do when the air raid siren sounds. The students often see soldiers doing exercises and interactions with prisoners of war at the Showground's were common.

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*"Every child had to have a first aid box, a rubber peg to bite on, and the girls a yellow or green sun hat to match in with the sand and bushes. Everyone had a bag or mat to lie on in the trench and it wasn't unusual to jump in the trench and land on a goanna."*

*The rubber peg, which hung from a piece of string about the child's neck, was to 'put between our teeth to stop concussion from bombs dropping'.*

*They often had air raid practice and when the siren sounded they had to file out in set order and 'you wouldn't dare to go before your turn. You had to jump in the trench where your spot was and lay on your stomach and put your peg in your mouth'.*

*If the children heard the siren out of school hours they had to 'run home like mad'.*

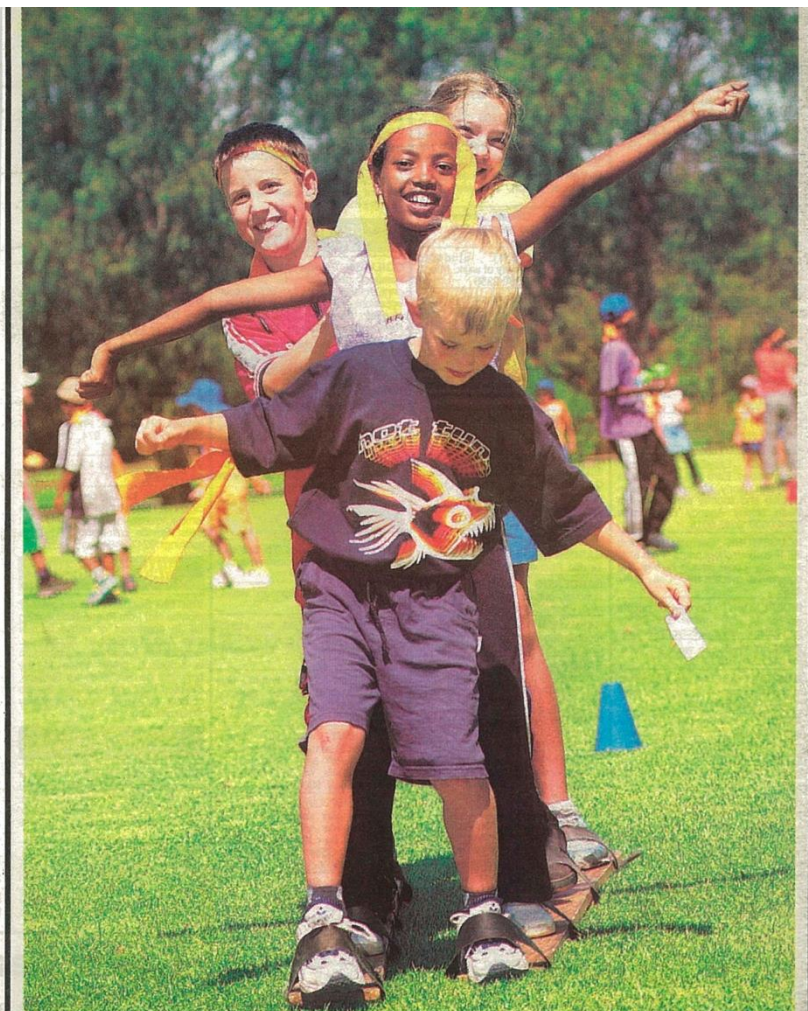
# The Intensive Language Centre

The story of the ILC begins in 1979 with a modest grant of \$3,000.00, 3.4 teachers, 43 children and a lot of heart.

Over the next twenty-three years the ILC has helped over three thousand children from seventy different countries.

In the beginning the ILC has to deal with outdated educational policies regarding migrant children and intolerant attitudes of some locals (especially during the Vietnam and Cambodia conflicts).

In 1987 the Migrant Hostels close and with great sadness the ILC closes in 2002.



Trying a spot of land skiing are (from rear) Madelene Mulholland, Alexander Page, Abeba Hadera and Connor Frank.

## An education in true harmony

Every day is Harmony Day at Graylands Primary School – but with 75 refugees, March 21 gave the school a special reason to celebrate.

Children, teachers and parents became a sea of orange on the school oval, taking part in activities designed

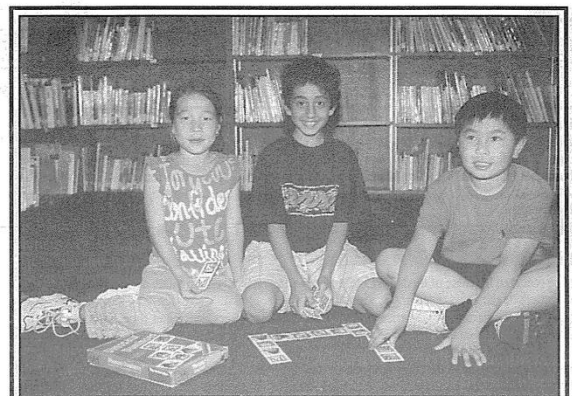
to develop respect, understanding and sharing of skills between races and ages.

The games includ-

ed bocci, boomerang throwing and base footy.

Two hundred and ninety children from a

diverse range of cultures wore orange ribbons, and orange pop-sicles were given out at the end of the day.



Graylands ILC will soon close and a new facility will open at Parkwood PS.

## End of era for Graylands centre

THE Graylands Intensive Language Centre will close its doors after 23 years at the end of term with a new centre to take its place at Parkwood PS.

Graylands PS Principal Pippa Gillett said the 57 students now at the centre would move on to places at their local schools as was usual when they had completed four terms at an ILC.

Some staff from the centre would take up positions at Parkwood and a farewell celebration was planned for December 13.

Pippa said the ILC had played an important role in the transition of new arrival students from non-English speaking backgrounds into mainstream schools.

It had been the first of its type to be established in WA with foundation staff of Kaye Oates, Anne Mackay, Kay Thurston and Kathleen McGregor.

"This core group of four people came up with the notion of providing a separate program," she said.

"It gradually grew from there. Over time we've had a range of students from different ethnic groups.

"The students' needs have been met by a very dedicated and caring staff."

Students from years 1-7 usually enrolled at the school for 12 months and then moved on to their local primary schools.

The ILC programs were extremely important in allowing the students access to not only the curriculum but also in assisting them with their transition into a new country.

"It's an opportunity to explore a new culture in a safe and secure setting," Pippa said.

"It really is a joy to see the students develop their confidence."

Emotional and social development needs were also a priority as some of the students were traumatised by events in

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their home country or because they had to leave family members behind.

"A number of the students may not have been in a school before," Pippa said.

Ethnic Education Assistants provided invaluable support through interpreting and interaction with

the students.

There had been significant interaction with the mainstream primary school students through initiatives such as buddy class activities.

Pippa said it had been a pleasure to see pupils from different ethnic groups forming good relationships with each other.

The input of ILC staff and students to the school culture has helped mould the school ethos.

She said they would be greatly missed.

# Mount Claremont Primary School - Today

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In 2017, Mount Claremont Primary School provides quality education for 213 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our motto 'We Care' ensures meaningful learning experiences and directs students towards the pursuit of excellence in the Western Australian Curriculum.

The school offers specialist teaching programs with specialist teachers in: Music - Choir and Instrumental Music; Visual Arts -the Centenary Art Project; Physical Education - swimming, athletics and range of sports; and Language-Japanese. A range of digital technology is available for the students to conduct their learning via different platforms. The school has a Chaplain to support students and families.

The school has attractive, well established grounds and gardens with extensive shaded grassed areas, playgrounds, a well-resourced library, early childhood centre, and an undercover area for physical education and performing arts.

Partnerships are established with the Mt Claremont Farmers Market, Friends of Lake Claremont, Camp Australia and Primary Extension and Academic Challenge (PEAC).

The School Council, P&C Association, parents, teachers and support staff work together to improve student outcomes in a caring environment.



August 12 2017

## Today's Events

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**10.00am - All classrooms open.** Please walk around the school at your leisure and experience the displays the students have done.

**11.00am - Scotch College Pipe Band** performing. Enjoy the band as they pipe through the school.

**11.45am - Gather on the grassed area** next to the Library (the old ILC site) for formalities.

- Mount Claremont Primary School of Instrumental Music Students. Brass and Clarinet.
  - Mount Claremont Primary School Choir.
  - Principals Welcome - Mrs Tracey Oakes.
  - Welcome - The Hon Mr Colin Barnett MLA)
    - Unveiling of the Centenary plaque

**12.00pm - Dancing Through The Decades.** Join Carmelo from Dancing with the Stars and Performers as they perform on the blue netball court area.

**1.00pm - Auction** - Mount Claremont's own Simon McGrath will host an auction on the main grassed area.

**2.00pm - Event closes.**

## Things To Do Today

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- ✓ **Visit the classrooms.** See what the students have done ....memory lane is waiting for you.
- ✓ Visit the undercover area and see the **Students Centenary Art** pieces.
- ✓ Go to the **merchandise stalls** and purchase a token of today.
  - ✓ Make sure you sign the **Centenary Welcome Book.**
  - ✓ Catch up with old friends.

# Thank You!

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## **2017 Centenary Principal Committee:**

Libby Johnson      Jo Heptinstall      Rosalind Carter  
Fiona Robbins      Simone Shedley      Robyn Buckley  
Anita Buchanan      Jane Marsh

## **Sub Committee:**

Fiona Murray      Rachel Grieves

## **Auction and Raffles:**

- Simon McGrath (Abel McGrath Property Group)
  - Emily Dickson – Yallingup accommodation
  - Samantha Campbell – Arbonne hamper
- Christina Graham - Thermomix thermoserver
  - Mt Lawley Framers - Framing sponsorship
    - Shorehouse
  - Mount Claremont Farmers Market

## **Mount Claremont Primary School:**

- Tracey Oakes (Principal)
- Mount Claremont Primary School P&C Committee
  - Mount Claremont Primary School Council
- Mrs Anita Buchannan and the School of Instrumental Music - Brass and Clarinet
  - Maggie Thornton, Amy Hannaford, Jane Marsh and Jo Heptinstall (Photography)
- Parents, teachers, students, friends and family of Graylands and Mount Claremont Primary Schools.

## **Community Partnerships:**

Floreat Scout Group      Friends of Lake Claremont  
WA Historical Society (Inc)      Scotch College Pipe Band  
St John Ambulance Service      Simon McGrath  
Tim Gardner      The Hon Colin Barnett MLA  
Vanessa Milner

## **Vendors:**

Carmelo Pizzino      Cherry Bomb Entertainment  
Aaron Smyth      DJ Zel      Shak Shuka      La Petite Crepe  
The Pizza Lounge Swanbourne      Barista Coffee

# Suzy's Ice-Cream Van