

# *Anniversaries*

## *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary :1973*

The school celebrated its Jubilee on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1973. Mrs Elaine Stewart was the secretary of the planning committee. The celebrations centred on a fair in the school grounds and a dance in the evening, which commenced at the South Warrandyte Hall at 8pm.

At 11.30am a "Cobb & Co." coach left the Eastland Shopping Centre in Ringwood arriving at the school around 12.15pm carrying Mr and Mrs Race Matthews (State Member of Parliament). This was a re-enactment of the first trip made by Mr Mason, Head Teacher in 1923 who brought the school's first students to school in a hired horse and buggy. (The horse later bolted up the old driveway, fortunately without causing injury.) Also present for the official opening were: Mr Don Brown, school principal; Councillor Gerald Smart, Mayor of Ringwood; Mr Norman Lacy, Member of Parliament for the electoral district of Ringwood and Minister for Education; Mr Ron Dickson, who welcomed past students and Mr Keith McCubbery, President of the School Committee.

Despite poor weather, the celebrations were highly successful. Mr Thomas Lloyd, a former Junior Teacher at the school from 1928 – 1930 wrote to Mrs Stewart in these words:

"You all contributed to a little piece of history in a district that has seen the last-even if it is a long last, of things on a small scale. Change and growth will no doubt be the rule from now on. Your Jubilee will have done so much to link the 2 eras and will help to fix the early history of the school in quite a valuable way."

(Numurkah High School: Sunday 21 October 1973)

## *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:1998*

Celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were co-ordinated by a committee of interested parents and teachers. Activities centred on an Open Day at the school on Friday 23 October followed by a Reunion Dinner for past and present school community members- students, parents and teachers. The dinner was held at the Ringwood Bowling Club function room at 7pm. A Heritage Fair was conducted in the school grounds on Saturday 24 October followed by a Bush Dance which commenced at 4pm. A feature of the Heritage Fair was a display of historical records and memorabilia.

A register of all teachers who taught at Ringwood North was established. A brief history of the school was written by the principal chronicling the development of school facilities over its 75 years. Public Record Office documents were accessed as were the extensive records held at the school. These documents were subsequently sent to the Public Record Office to be archived.