

OHHS – Back to School at Oatley West 1958

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Introduction: “School Milk” video presentation by John Whitbread

NSW Primary Curriculum: The “Blue Book” Curriculum for Primary Schools was published in 1952, my copy of the revised edition is dated 1961. It was authorised by the Hon R J Heffron Minister for Education and Dr Harold Wyndam Director General of Education.

Our particular reference today: Year 6

The Curriculum details:

Basic Skills

Knowledge

Attitudes and Habits

Skills included

Communication and expression

Manipulation – sport and exercise

Arithmetic calculation

Ability to think

Skills of personal and group relationships

Knowledge

Child’s understanding of himself and his human relationships

Child’s environment natural and social

Child’s civic and national heritage

Conservation of natural and human resources

The child’s cultural, moral and spiritual heritage

Attitudes and Habits

Understanding and appreciation of the duties of responsible citizenship

Respect for the rights, beliefs and customs of others

Openness of mind

Pride in good workmanship

Respect for law, order and social institutions, love of country and loyalty to the Throne

Wise use of time

Sensitivity to and enjoyment of beauty in its many forms

Habitual ethical behaviour and wholesome habits leading to sound physical and mental health

Content

Physical and Health Education

English

Reading

Language (Grammar)

Spelling

Poetry
Written composition
Speech training (to overcome the flatness of tone and lack of rhythm in Australian speech)

Mathematics

Social Studies

Scripture and Moral Education

Our Homeland Conservation
 Defence

Other Lands and Peoples Commonwealth of Nations
 Our Mother Country
 Our Neighbours of the near North
 USA or USSR

Natural Science (or Nature Study)

Conservation
Soil management
Flower arrangement
Birds and other animals

As well as –

Art
Handicraft
Needlework
Music

What did You Need to know to do well at School?

Year 6 November 1958 Examination

Successful pupils: 1st (Dux) Sandra Britton 583/600 marks. Jennifer Cottrell 566,
Wendy Creighton 565, Dianne Watson 562, Pamela Craggs 555, Ian Robertson 554

Parents' Point of View - Oatley West P&C Inaugural Year – 1958

The inaugural meeting of the Oatley West P&C was held on (Wednesday?) 19th
February 1958 In which room?

The Headmaster Mr Bryant took the chair.

Business A talk was given by the president of the NSW federation of P&Cs Mr
S Liebert, on forming and running a P&C.

Motion That the Oatley West P&C Association be formed

Moved Mr J Yeomans Seconded Mr Audet

Carried

Moved That the first Wednesday in each month be selected as the meeting
night. Carried

It was decided that in view of the good attendance at this meeting an election of
officers should take place. Elected were:

President Mr J Yeomans

Vice Presidents Mrs B Crompton, Mr J Trimmer

Secretary Mr L Atkinson

Treasurer Mr Rex Brown
Committee Mr W Henry, Mrs J Battishall, Mrs E Dalziell, Mr A Jamieson, Mrs V
Carpenter, Mrs M Ailwood
Meeting ended 10.30pm

Meeting Wednesday 5th March

There were 39 persons present

Motion To open an account at the Commonwealth Bank Carried

Motion: That Mr Doug Cross MLA be elected as patron Carried

Quorum After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that 22 persons would constitute a quorum.

Headmaster Mr Bryant presented a list of articles urgently needed at the school. There were 14 items on the list including library books, banners, readers, maps, a container for strip films, a tape recorder and concrete practice wickets with wire surrounds.

The Rag Drive was postponed

There would be a cake stall at Oatley West shops

Several subcommittees were set up: Cake Stall, Publicity, Grounds and Gardens, Social Functions.

The envelope system of procuring funds was adopted.

The meeting closed at 10.30

Meeting 2nd April

Present 28 persons

Resolved that £50 presented to the P&C by the Mothers Club be spent on library books for the primary school.

The headmaster was authorised to purchase –

Pencil sharpeners, Writing charts, Durex tape dispenser and tape, £5 petty cash.

Mr Doug Cross addressed the meeting for 30 minutes. He outlined the possible development of OWPS.

Letters of thanks were sent to Mr Les Fisher, ICI and Transparent Industries for their support.

Meeting 7th May

33 present

Thanks to Oatley Sub Branch of the RSL for their donation of £5

Sub committee reports: Cake Stall, Publicity, Grounds and Gardens

Mr Staples, deputising for Mr Bryant reported on future work to be done at the school by the Department.

Picture Night: Mrs Taylor volunteered to organise a theatre night at the Oatley Theatre on Wednesday 28th May.

Meeting 4th June

23 persons present

The meeting was largely devoted to the finalising of plans for the Winter Fair.

Meeting 2nd July

The secretary was instructed to write to Hurstville Council to ask if they would clear the remaining ti-tree scrub from Oatley Park Road footpath

Cake Stall profits were £11-5-0

Mr Fleming offered to have the stencils cut for the programmes for the sports carnival.

It was decided to leave in abeyance a decision to take part in the next Mothers Club Fete.

Cricket Pitch The question whether the P&C should construct two concrete practice wickets was well discussed. A motion in favour was carried.

Meeting? August

The Headmaster suggested that the P&C provide toilet paper and wall fittings for the school toilets. The suggestion was accepted.

The P&C agreed to buy a load of ashes to be spread around the new seating provided by the Department.

Mr Bryant was instructed to procure the Pictorial Knowledge Encyclopaedia for the school and to inquire into procuring a second copy on terms.

The meeting agreed to support the Mothers Club fete later in the year but a suggestion that there be an affiliation with the Mothers Club was rejected.

Meeting 3rd September

The forming of a Ladies Auxiliary was discussed at length. It was decided to hold a meeting of all interested persons on Monday 15th September. Primary school parents would be circularised.

Motion The P&C will print a monthly Newsletter informing parents of activities of the Association.

Oatley P&C confirmed the booking of their school hall for our concert to be held on the first Saturday in December.

The Grounds and Gardens committee were allocated £10 to be spent on shrubs. The Forestry Commission would be asked to recommend suitable plants.

Because of the bad state of the footpath between Lloyd Street and Douglas Haig Street children are forced to walk on the road. Hurstville Council will be asked to clear and grade the footpath.

Meeting 1st October

Mr Bryant informed the meeting of a visit from a Department of Education representative with the District Inspector. The view was that before any additions or alterations to the school a Master Plan would have to be drawn up.

Mr Bryant was authorised to make some inquiries re the purchase of two first aid kits a stretcher and two blankets

A tender for a flagpole was obtained. The price being £48. This will be submitted to the Department.

Meeting 5th November

A flagpole is to be erected by the Education Department.

Ladies Auxiliary reported that the ladies had covered the new library books and that plans for the school's Christmas party were well in hand. It was agreed that Jass Caps and potato chips would be purchased for the Xmas party.

Class achievement certificates and a Dux honour Roll would be purchased.

Meeting 3rd December

The treasurer Rex Brown reported a balance of £104/1/7.

Teachers phone dues: The treasurer received a cheque from Mr Bryant for £2/0/3 payment for teachers' phone calls

Mr Yeomans expressed his regret for the poor attendance in response to the shrub planting morning. The event was postponed.

The secretary to write and thank Mr Jack Knox for his presentation to the school of the Honour board which will record the Dux of the school for each year. A quote received was £30.

Cricket Nets: After discussion as to whether to allow cricket teams to train at the school nets the following guidelines were set:

A request letter to be written to the Headmaster

The group must be a regular team

There must be an adult supervising the practice

The meeting closed at 10.30

Late final item from the February meeting 1959

The question was raised as to whether the P&C should purchase refrigerators for the cooling of school milk. Mr Bryant said that having tried a bottle of milk at midday he found it to be still cool and palatable. He went on to say that the Department would not permit the using of element type refrigerators in schools and the purchase of sealed unit types would involve the P&C in heavy expense.

The following pages from the 1958 6th Class exams were presented and discussed.

1. Divide the following into subject and predicate:

a. Alas, how cruel he is!

S. _____ *2 each*

P. _____

b. Twinkle, my budgerigar, is learning to talk.

S. _____

P. _____

c. Give these books to the children.

S. _____

P. _____

d. The tick of the grandfather clock resounded in the lonely house.

S. _____

P. _____

e. At which time is the plane due?

S. _____

P. _____

2. Underline the phrase in each of these sentences and state the kind:

a. Beside the stream grew many wild flowers.

Kind. _____ *5 each*

b. The crowd at the theatre applauded the singer.

Kind. _____

3. Join these two sentences using an adjectival clause: *5 each*

a. The men led us to the treasure. We followed them.

b. Join these two sentences using an adverbial clause:

My friend has gone away. I have missed her very much.

4. Underline the subordinate clause in each of these sentences and state the kind: *5 each*

a. The wheat crop will fail unless it rains soon.

Kind. _____

b. Men whose hearts are weak should not do heavy work.

Kind. _____

5. Punctuate: /3-3

dauids happiness was complete when he received a copy of biggles

chinese puzzle by capt w e johns

6. Cross out the ^{teach}wrong word in the brackets:

a. Which is the (smaller/smallest) state, Victoria or Tasmania?

b. One of (them/those) pencils (is/are) mine.

c. There are no secrets between you and (I/me).

6. (cont.)

f. Neither of the apples (are/is) ripe.

7. From the mountain peak that was a thousand feet above him an icy blast swept downwards as the remainder of the climbers rested on their ropes and waited for Mr. James to give his next order to them.

From the passage above select the following:

a. Personal pronoun, singular number. _____

Lead.

b. Personal pronoun, plural number. _____

c. Proper noun. _____

d. Common noun, plural number. _____

(20)

e. An adverb. _____

f. An adjective. _____

g. A conjunction. _____

h. A relative pronoun. _____

i. A preposition. _____

j. A finite verb. _____

Write:

a. The opposite of legal *lead* _____

b. A word similar to "perplexed". _____

c. The plural of "brother-in-law". _____

d. The singular of "fishermen". _____

e. The masculine of "ewe". _____

(6)

f. The feminine of "wizard". _____

g. The apostrophe in : These childrens books.

h. The apostrophe in : The foxes lairs.

i. One word for the underlined phrase: The travellers reached a shallow crossing in a river. _____

j. The instrument which is used for detecting the presence of uranium. _____

TABLES.

20 x 1

1. 30 . 2. _____ . 3. _____ . 4. _____ . 5. _____
 6. _____ . 7. _____ . 8. _____ . 9. _____ . 10. _____
 11. _____ . 12. _____ . 13. _____ . 14. _____ . 15. _____
 16. _____ . 17. _____ . 18. _____ . 19. _____ . 20. _____

MENTAL ARITHMETIC.

25 x 4

1. 100 $67\frac{3}{8} + 38\frac{1}{2} =$ _____ 14. 89 threepences = _____
 2. $69 \times 12 =$ _____ 15. 1 score at $11/6$ each = _____
 3. $3556 \div 7 =$ _____ 16. Divide four and two-fifths by 11
 4. $2001 - 611 =$ _____
 5. $58/6 + 29/10 =$ _____ 17. $2\frac{3}{4} \times 20 =$ _____
 6. $\pounds 2 - 12/10\frac{1}{2} =$ _____ 18. $\frac{3}{8}$ of 2/- = _____
 7. $11\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} =$ _____ 19. 1.5 of 3 lbs. = _____
 8. $\frac{5}{8} \times 12 =$ _____ 20. $17/20$ of $\pounds 1 =$ _____
 9. $2.3 + .84 =$ _____ 21. Two-thirds of 6st 6lb. = _____
 10. $1.2 - 0.3 =$ _____ 22. 17 marks out of 20. What % _____
 11. .7 of 1 acre = _____ 23. 5 gall. 3 pt. - 35 pt. = _____
 12. 60% of 10 stone = _____ 24. Triangle: Base 2.4". Height 3".
 13. 25% of a century = _____ Area = _____
 25. Dividend 47. Divisor 8. Find
 quotient and remainder.

WRITTEN ARITHMETIC.

9 x 2

1. 108 $\begin{array}{r} 947 \\ 78,874 \\ 9,269 \\ 87,868 \\ \hline 7,946 \end{array}$ 2. $\begin{array}{r} \pounds \quad s. \quad d. \\ 3 \quad 17 \quad 9 \\ 315 \quad 14 \quad 6\frac{1}{2} \\ 37 \quad 4 \quad 4\frac{1}{2} \\ 654 \quad 17 \quad 6 \\ \hline 89 \quad 18 \quad 11\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$ 3. $\begin{array}{r} 324,438x \\ \underline{\quad 307} \\ \hline \end{array}$
 4. $\begin{array}{r} 562,017- \\ \underline{257,969} \\ \hline \end{array}$ 5. $\begin{array}{r} \pounds \quad s. \quad d. \\ 795 \quad 12 \quad 3- \\ \underline{236 \quad 16 \quad 6\frac{1}{2}} \\ \hline \end{array}$ 6. $\begin{array}{r} 89 \overline{) 16,047} \\ \hline \end{array}$

ARITHMETIC. SIXTH CLASSES. SHEET 2.

7.	£	s.	d.	8.	£	s.	d.
46	725	10	6	66	193	15	6

9.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
36	14	$7\frac{1}{2}$ x	62			

DO ALL THE FOLLOWING WORK ON OTHER SHEETS OF PAPER.

GEOMETRY (2)

1x12

Construct an isosceles triangle with base 2.5" and other sides 3".
Measure the sizes of the base angles.

PROBLEMS (20)

4x15

*7 Solving Out
& Answers*

1. A milkman carries 60 gallons of milk on his round. If 95 customers take 2 pints each, 47 take 3 pints each and the rest take 1 pint each, how many customers are served on the round?
2. Jim borrowed £5 from his older brother to pay for his bike repairs. He paid £2/10/- back the first week, the rest to be repaid at 2/- a week. How many weeks will it take him to repay the whole £5?
3. In a certain family of five, each person ate on an average $\frac{3}{8}$ lb. meat a day. How much meat would that family eat in a week?
4. A tarring plant completes a chain of road in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Working 40 hours a week, how many weeks will it take to tar $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road?

November 1958.

SILENT READING. SIXTH CLASSES.

Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions.

It was a charming evening--- mild and bright, and Tom enjoyed the feeling of rapid motion through the pleasant air. The four grays skimmed along as if they liked it quite as well as Tom did; the bugle was in as high spirits as the grays; the coachman chimed in sometimes with his voice; the wheels hummed cheerfully; the brasswork on the harness was an orchestra of little bells; and thus they went clinking, jingling, rattling smoothly on.

Yo ho! past hedges, gates and trees; past cottages and barns, and people going home from work. Yo ho! past donkey-chaises drawn aside into the ditch, and empty carts with rearing horses held by struggling carters close to the five-barred gate, until the coach had passed the narrow turning in the road. Yo ho! by churches dropped down by themselves in quiet nooks, with rustic burial grounds about them, where the graves are green, and daisies sleep on the bosoms of the dead.

QUESTIONS.

1. 60 Twice you are told it was late in the day. Where? _____
2. What tells you that Tom was an outside passenger? _____
3. How do you know that the coach was travelling fast? _____
4. There were certain drivers who heard (or saw) the coach coming. What shows this? _____
5. What shows that the coach was travelling along a narrow, country road? _____
6. I am inclined to think that the time of the year was not winter. Do you agree? Why? _____
7. What signs of joy are there in the first paragraph? _____
8. What is meant by "and daisies sleep on the bosoms of the dead"? _____
9. Write this sentence changing the words underlined to give the opposite meaning: Tom enjoyed the feeling of rapid motion through the pleasant air.

Suggest a suitable title for this extract. _____

6-60 (Study)

Base

1. Fill in the blank spaces: 50 x 300

At Gallipoli _____ brought wounded on his donkey.
 On the _____ Trail, the Australians pushed back the
 Japanese. At _____ in 1940 the British were evacuated and
 saved from the advancing Germans. The Commonwealth Parliament, which
 consists of two houses, the _____ and the
 _____, meets in _____. The Prime
 Minister is _____, the Leader of the Opposition is
 _____ and the Governor-General is _____.
 This government looks after such matters as _____.

2. Name the men who:

- a. Worked for self-government in N.S.W. _____
- b. Wanted free settlers instead of convicts. _____
- c. Is called the Father of Federation. _____
- d. Brought in the Public Schools Act. _____
- e. Is called the Pilot of the Early Commonwealth. _____
- f. Was Prime Minister during World War I. _____
- g. Was Prime Minister during World War II. _____
- h. Started the Snowy River Scheme. _____
- i. Started Secondary Education in N.S.W. _____
- j. Led Australian and American forces in S.W. Pacific. _____

3. Fill in the blank spaces:

The _____ Organization was formed after
 World War II to prevent war. Its headquarters are in _____.
 There are two sections, the _____ and the
 _____ which meet regularly.
 _____ was the only Australian to be President.
 The _____ of _____ was formed at the end of World
 War I, but failed to keep the peace though it did much good work.
 _____ was not a member though its leader,
 _____ helped form the League. The _____
 _____ Office tries to improve the conditions of _____
 throughout the world.

4. Name the person who :

- a. Introduced vaccination. _____
- b. Gave the world anaesthetics _____
- c. Discovered bacteria. _____
- d. Used antiseptics. _____
- e. Found the cause of malaria. _____
- f. Discovered radium. _____
- g. Cured sleeping sickness. _____
- h. Cured some diseases in animals. _____

SOCIAL STUDIES. SIXTH CLASSES. SHEET 2.

5. In the spaces provided place the names which correspond to the numbers on the map.

1. Dam for M.I.A. _____
2. Dam for Snowy Scheme. _____
3. Weir. _____
4. Coal centre. _____
5. Silver Lead centre. _____
6. Hydro-electric station for N.Coast. _____
7. City on Southern Line. _____
8. Educational centre on Northern Line. _____
9. Town on Darling River. _____
10. City on Macquarie River. _____

