

MOSMAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL IN FRONT
OF YOU HAS EDUCATED
MOSMAN PARK'S CHILDREN
FOR OVER A CENTURY.



(ABOVE): MISS HOLLAMBY'S
FOLK DANCING CLASS AT
MOSMAN PARK STATE SCHOOL,
1953.

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*'... We called it "the bush" and
we used to walk about a mile
to school on sandy tracks
through it.'*

BILL DAVIS

(BELOW): THE FIRST PARENTS'
ASSOCIATION AT BUCKLAND
HILL SCHOOL IN 1920.

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(ABOVE): A GROUP OF STUDENTS
IN FRONT OF MOSMAN PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL (THEN KNOWN
AS BUCKLAND HILL SCHOOL),
1922.

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(RIGHT): THE PLAYGROUND
AND CLASSROOM AREA OF
MOSMAN PARK PRIMARY
SCHOOL, 1989.

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In 1904, the Buckland Hill Road Board applied to the State Government for a local school to serve residents south of Glyde Street. Following a petition signed by 229 ratepayers, a one-room weatherboard school was opened on this site in November 1906.

Conditions in the school's first years were rough and the school's isolated location meant that some children had to walk several kilometres to and from school each day. Weathered canvas shutters exposed teachers and students to winds and driving rain and the classroom sometimes flooded. The school lacked running water until 1917 and electricity until 1919. The thick black sand in the playground made it impossible for children to stay clean, while the lack of fencing allowed horses, goats and poultry to roam freely on the school grounds. Miss Elsie Main, the first teacher at the school, complained that:

'...The sand is too thick to allow the children to march properly, and the children get very dirty from having to go backward and forwards so much through it.'

Take a look at the school and its surroundings today. It has come a long way from its early days as a school out in 'the bush'.



IN 1920, NEW PRINCIPAL RODERICK BROOKE-COWDEN ENCOURAGED PARENTS TO FORM WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S FIRST METROPOLITAN PARENTS' AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

IN ITS FIRST FEW YEARS, THE BUCKLAND HILL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION HAD A BIG IMPACT ON THE SCHOOL'S DEVELOPMENT. ITS EARLY ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDED THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT, THE INSTALLATION OF A FENCE, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND LANDSCAPING OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

THESE EFFORTS WERE THE BEGINNING OF A LONG HISTORY OF DEDICATION BY ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS TO MOSMAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL.

