

Glenelg Primary School Reunion

Newsletter 7.8.06 **from Stephen Crabbe**

And the snowball keeps growing...

The list of contacted people in the 1957 Year Group is still growing. Through *John Allen* we now have contact with *Terry Brook* and *Bob Holdsworth*, so please add these to the list I sent last time. *Perry Burns (nee Martin)* is on the trail of *Margaret Sedunary*, *Ken Jaekel* is tracking *David Ettridge*, and I think I'm close to reaching *Sandra Jackson* and *David Pounsett*.

Here are some of the names being tossed around lately. Let us know if you have any idea where the people may be now.

Girls (using childhood surnames): *Jacqueline Fesltead, Marilyn Stone, Beverly Biddle, Robyn Rasleigh, Helen Batty, Leonie Sherra, Bev Roberts, Carol Crump(spelling?), Diane Walker, Barbara Cox, Susan Watson, Kate Nesbitt, Robyn Rashleigh, Kay Thompson.*

Boys: *Neil Smith, David Mangelsdorf, Robert ("Hassett") Lindsay, John Kidman, Brenton Tilbrook, Simon Nancarrow, Peter Ey, Chris Jones, Eric Bailey. John Abbott, Robert Connor, Peter Frearson, John Whittle, Kingsley Bullock, Roger Bawden, Richard Owen.*

Information from the School

Peter Corbett has managed to extract a little detail from the school about their plan for Sunday November 5th. From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be a "carnival" on the school grounds. The programme will include displays of school activities and memorabilia (including photos), food stalls (sausage sizzle?) and tea/coffee, and the resurrection of a time capsule buried at the centenary celebration in 1981. Sections of the school will be allocated to gatherings of students from specific decades.

Re-unions will be made very welcome but no assistance can be given by the school.

It seems we can expect little or no help from the school with publicity for our re-union. They have no flyers or promotional material. Since information already sent to print-media outlets will be published only when the editors see fit, it will probably be too late for adding to our dinner numbers which we must begin finalising now.

Peter is contributing copies of his class photos to the carnival display, and the school would greatly appreciate any more you can offer.

Photographs & Memorabilia

Perry Burns has sent a photo of *Grade 7 Girls (Miss Wade)*, with just a handful of names to go with it. If you think you could add some names to the faces let me know and I'll send a copy of the photo.

From *John Allen* we now have a photo of *Grade 7 Mixed (Mr Jarvis)*. We have quite a few names for this, but some of you must be able to recognise the rest. Give me a shout if you want a copy.

There is Room at the Inn!

Well, the bad news is that the Glenelg Function Centre is *not available* for November 4th. But wait! The *Jetty Hotel* (formerly St Vincent Hotel) in Moseley Square has a function room available for \$200.00 (soon to increase slightly) that can seat up to 80. Decorations like balloons cost extra. Facilities such as a microphone and whiteboard are at hand and we could display photos. A three-course meal would cost you around \$30 to \$35. Drinks would be served to individuals at a bar dedicated to our group. We could play any CDs we care to bring.

The *Morphettville Function Centre* (at the racecourse) offers a similar package at a little higher price and maybe with more restriction on what we can do.

Peter and John are investigating a couple of other possibilities in the Glenelg area, but I believe we need to act fairly quickly before everything is booked out.

Crunch Time

So it's time we made a firm decision. Are you willing to confirm that you will attend a dinner on November 4th on the basis that it will be at the Jetty Hotel or a similar venue offering a similar package? (We will also look at bigger venues as an alternative to use if our numbers swell beyond 80.) Are you willing to pay a small amount to cover a deposit and hiring cost when we need it? Will you bring a partner?

If we can get your answers very soon we will know whether to proceed with a booking. *Please complete and return the form attached to the email, or phone one of us in the list at the end of the newsletter.*

Important point: Some of you are feeding information to others who are not on our central contact list. Perhaps they prefer not to give out their personal contact details, which is fine. But we need to know whether they will come to the dinner, so *send in a commitment on their behalf*.

Daytime Gathering

Some people seem to be interested in getting together informally during the day or before the dinner. It could be a good way to introduce ourselves or recognise each other, get a few casual and incidental photos, and ease into friendly relationships again after 50 years. Depending on numbers, we could look at one of the following:

- a coffee shop, a hotel, or a hired hall for this
- an outdoor location with some shelter – even hiring a marquis if necessary
- a pre-dinner session (say from 5:30 or 6:00) at the Jetty Hotel before sitting down formally about 7:30.

Your comments are most welcome.

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