



# BRENT STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL 1980-2009

We Learn, We Care, We Work Together



## BRENT ST ERA ENDS

FROM 1980 until the present day, Brent Street Primary School has been like a family.

Like the words of the theme song from the 1980s TV show *Cheers*, it has been a school "where everybody knows your name".

Our school has always had lots of things that bring people together. Examples from the 1980s include the fun and laughter everyone had with the Brent St slide, the copper log forts and ball games on the oval.

In the 1990s the school was characterised by a strong bond between staff and the arrival of a modern information communication technology lab. In the early years of the present decade, the school was choc-a-block with nearly 200 students.

More recently, the school has encouraged families to place a high value on education and to become more engaged with our school.

Principal Andrew Moore said: "Our Launching into Learning, Early Years program and partnership with Good Beginnings are

examples of how we learn, care and work together. In the last three years, the school has focused on engaging students through access to flexible learning opportunities and increasing the number of adults in the school."

"Students see the school as an exciting, vibrant, fun place to learn," he said.

"Our school environment program provides opportunities to work towards shared goals. These opportunities have been supported by the life skills kitchen, a mainland camp, partnerships with Chance on Main, Pulse and Bridgewater Farm."

School Chaplain Michelle Haines works in all classrooms to provide additional support.

"December 11 is the final day our school will be filled with laughter as young people enter the classrooms."

In 2010 the school will join with Glenorchy Primary.

Parent Wendy Barnes says: "As one door closes another — a bigger and brighter door — will open."



**CHEERS:** Brent Street Primary School students enjoy lunch together as part of the mentoring buddy class supportive school environment program.

## Join the closing ceremonies

BRENT Street Primary School is merging with Glenorchy Primary School in 2010.

All past and present students, parents, families, teachers and staff are invited to help celebrate the school's contributions to the community.

Phone the school on 6272 2493 to register your interest in attending any of the following celebrations:

● **Wednesday, October 21:** Back to Brent St: visit the school from 1pm for student displays, musical items, historical memorabilia and afternoon tea.

● **Saturday, November 7:** Gala dinner, Granada Tavern function room, \$30 per person, bookings essential on 6272 2493.

● **Thursday, December 10:** Final assembly, Glenorchy Civic Centre, 1pm.

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**GARY and ALEX MIELKE:** When Brent St Primary School opened, Gary Mielke was there as a Grade 3 student. His son Alec is now attending Brent Street Primary and will be there on the last day. "I just loved that feeling of knowing everyone because it was a small school," Mr Mielke said. Alec loves school, the teachers, learning new things, lunchtime sports, German and art.



**BETH COSTELLOE:** Teacher assistant Beth Costelloe has been at Brent St Primary for 18 years. Her favourite memories are the Grade 6 leavers' dinners, which she attends every year, school picnics and playgroup. She said she liked the size of the school because it was like a big family. "I got to know all the students by name." She will miss singing the school song.



**EMMA WISE:** I attended Brent St from 1986-93. My favourite memories are the school camps and my favourite teacher was Mr Lacey who was easy to talk to, made every activity fun and interesting, and took a real interest in students. I am now a teacher at Glenora District High. If students think of me the way I think of Mr Lacey, I will be a happy person.



**SOPHIE and LEILA KLUVER:** The Kluver family has been at Brent St Primary since the school opened. Leila Kluver has volunteered and her three children all attended the school. Sophie Kluver attended Brent St from Kindergarten to Grade 6, from 2000-2007. Her memories of Brent Street are fantastic. Most of all she loved Lizzie the bear from Prep with Mrs Zeitzen.



**McVILLY FAMILY:** Six members of the McVilly family attended our school. Mum Lisa's favourite memories include making life-long friends and, down the track, having her kids go to the same school. They are Kristina, Danielle, Matthew and Aaron, and the youngest Jaidyn who is in Grade 4. Young Jaidyn most enjoys football, the teachers and the big slide.

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