

Education in Wee Waa 1870 to 1995

Wee Waa Public provides education for 250 pupils

Wee Waa Public School has a pupil enrolment of 250 students.

There are nine classes with small numbers in most of them.

The school is well resourced with additional support staff - a Support Teacher (Learning Difficulties), a Literacy and Numeracy teacher Years 3-6, a K-1 Initiative teacher and a Reading Recovery person.

Special features of our school include a spacious, well cared for playground, shade areas and excellent playground equipment.

The classrooms are well resourced, including the latest computer technology of CD roms.

The large, spacious library has been completely refurbished this year. It is computerised, has a satellite dish for access to many additional programs, and the provisions to access the "Internet".

The school is very progressive in the curriculum offered to our students, as well as in our teaching practice. An emphasis is placed on teaching the basic skills of literacy and numeracy.

Special programs include Peer Support, Reading Recovery, Gifted and Talented program, CAP Instrumental Music, Korean Lotte, Interest Week.

The children are involved in many extra curriculum activities such as Dance Festival, Tourna-

ment of the Minds, Cultural shows, Special days, Academic Challenge, State Knockouts, sporting events at district, regional and state levels.

We believe in teaching the traditional values of taking responsibility, caring for others, valuing our heritage showing respect, and encouraging leadership.

Above all, we hope to instill in our students a love of learning.



Pictured left - teacher Jodie Lowder with Public School Kindergarten kids on the computer, Matthew Hibbens and Sharrell Knight



Wee Waa Public School principal Mrs. Meryl Nolan, front, with assistant principals Carol Miller, left, and Judy Hindmarsh outside their school.

Public School News

Principal accepts a position at Taree

Wee Waa Public School Principal, Mrs. Meryl Nolan, has accepted the position of Principal Three at Chatham Public School in the Taree area.

This position will commence at the beginning of 1996.

Mrs. Nolan has been the Principal at the Public School for seven years.

Her dedication and hard work in building up both the physical and human resources in the school have been much appreciated.

Our children have been very fortunate to have taken part in many schemes and programs unique to the North-West and sometimes country NSW.

We will miss her but wish her well in her new position.

P. AND C. NEWS

Our recent walkathon has raised approximately \$1,000 towards the shade cover for the fixed playground equipment.

This is not quite enough, so we have decided to have one last fundraiser for the year in the form of a 'Christmas pudding and Cake Drive'.

Orders are due back by November 20 for a delivery date of December 4.

A date for next year's fete has been set for May 11, 1996.

As this is a major fundraiser for our School, your help in any form is needed and appreciated.

125 YEARS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

A dinner will be held to mark this occasion on Saturday, November 11 at the Wee Waa Bowling Club Auditorium, starting at 7.30 p.m.

We are fortunate to have Mr. Frank Fisher as our guest speaker. The cost for the dinner will be \$20 a single. Bookings are available at Kimms.

There will be an open day at the School on Sunday, November 12 following the dinner on Saturday. Refreshments will be available to all our visitors. Donations of slice, cake, etc., would be appreciated.

SPORTS NEWS

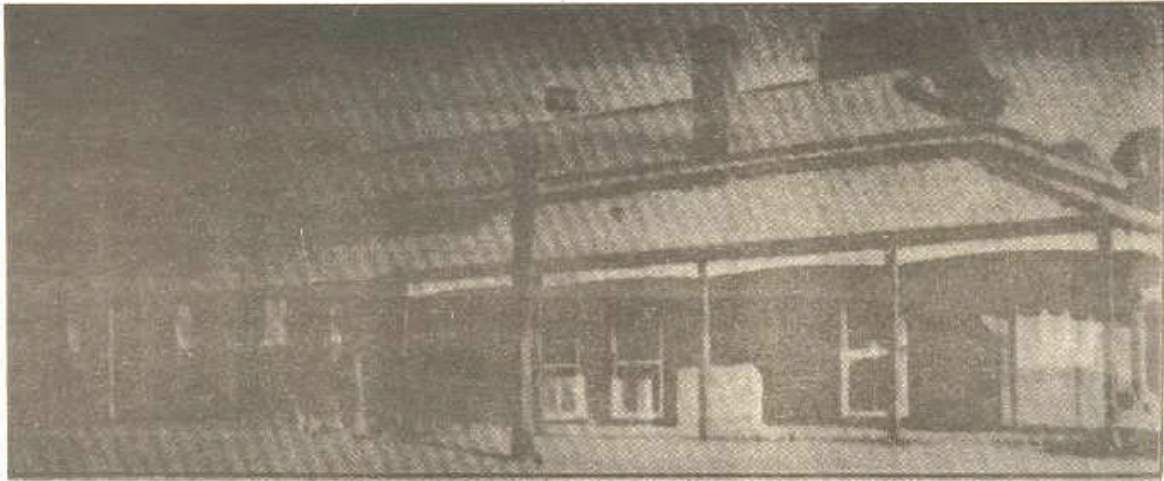
This week Angie Hurrell will be competing at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush. She will be in the 100 metre and 200 metre events. All the best Angie - we will be barracking for you.

Last weekend, three children from the School competed at Boggabri at the Little Athletics Carnival.

Saxon Holland for Narrabri L.A.'s was outstanding, winning four of his five events and becoming the Under Nine champion.

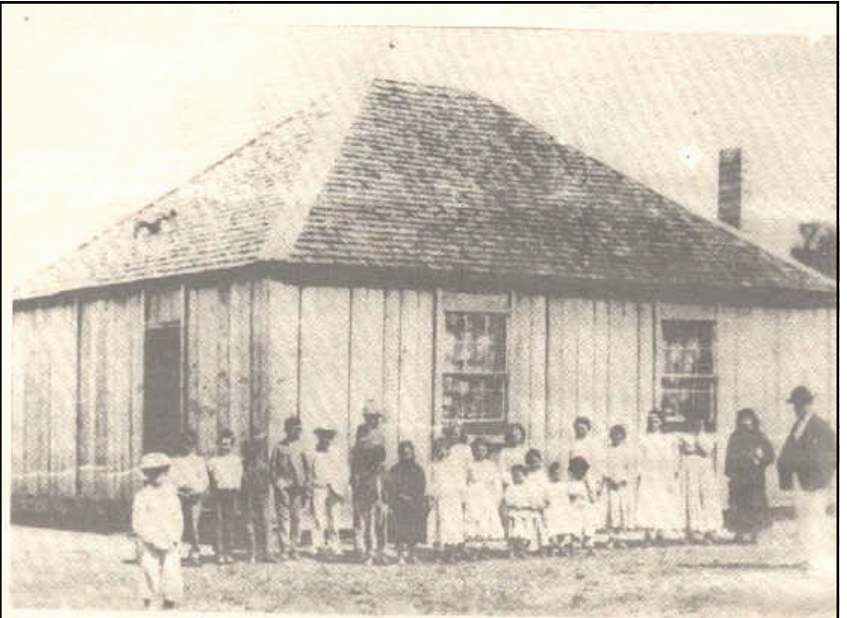
Matthew and A.J. Swansbra from the Wee Waa Club also competed outstandingly in their Under 11 and Under 10 year groups respectively - both finishing with the bronze medal in their age groups.

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Wee Waa Public School (Erected 1884)

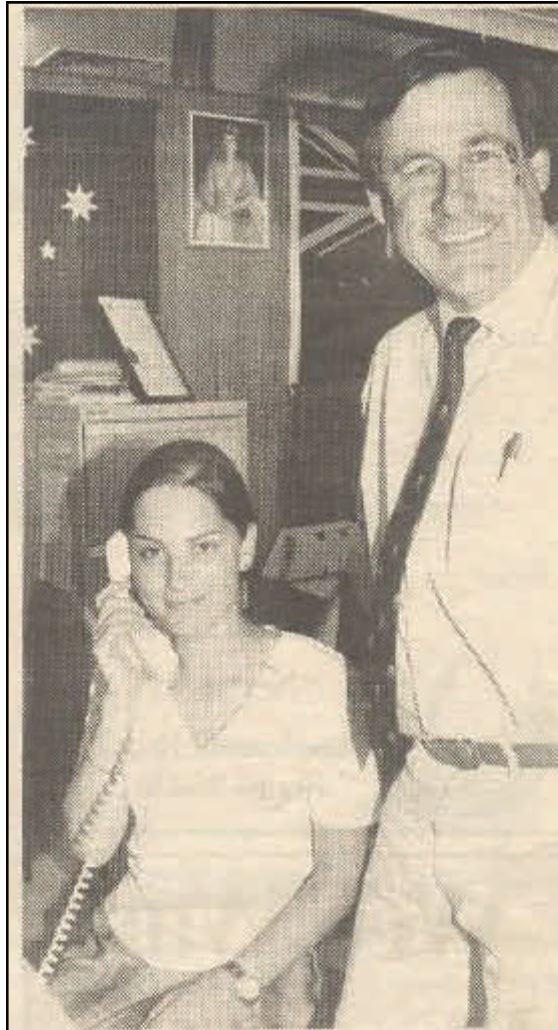
Pictured right,
Wee Waa Public
School in 1874.
The history of
public education
in Wee Waa will
be in focus at the
commemorative
dinner on
November 11.



Wee Waa Public School Class of 1910. Wee Waa community can reflect on a great tradition of education over the past 125 years which has nurtured many students who have gone on to great achievements.

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Sarah Lilliebridge is a Wee Waa High School student doing Work Experience at National Party Member for Barwon Mr. Ian Slack-Smith's office in Wee Waa. The Work Experience program is an important element in modern education in Wee Waa.

Congratulations from Member for Barwon

I would like to congratulate Wee Waa and District on its 125th year of education.

Wee Waa is the oldest town in the Namoi Valley, and has provided continuous education for 125 years. Those 125 years have produced many outstanding people in the community, who have been educated in Wee Waa.

School pupils and staff have served our nation in the Boer War, the first World War, the second World War, the Malaysian

Campaign, the Korean War, Cyprus and the Vietnam War. The Wee Waa Community has endured fires, floods, droughts, boom times and depressions.

Today we have a great High School, two Primary Schools, a Christian School and a Pre-school as well as TAFE courses in our town.

My congratulations to Wee Waa and best wishes for the future of education in our community.

Ian Slack-Smith MP
Member for Barwon.