

Education as it was



“Better unborn than untaught”

“Teaching is the last refuge for those who have failed in all other ways.”

“The quality of school masters is beyond contempt.”

“Brave teacher saves children from raging bull. Later shot by a farmer.”

Some Advertiser headlines from the 1870s



Recommended
for mature
audiences

WARNING

FOUL LANGUAGE

CRUDE THEMES

VIOLENCE

CYNICISM and SARCASM

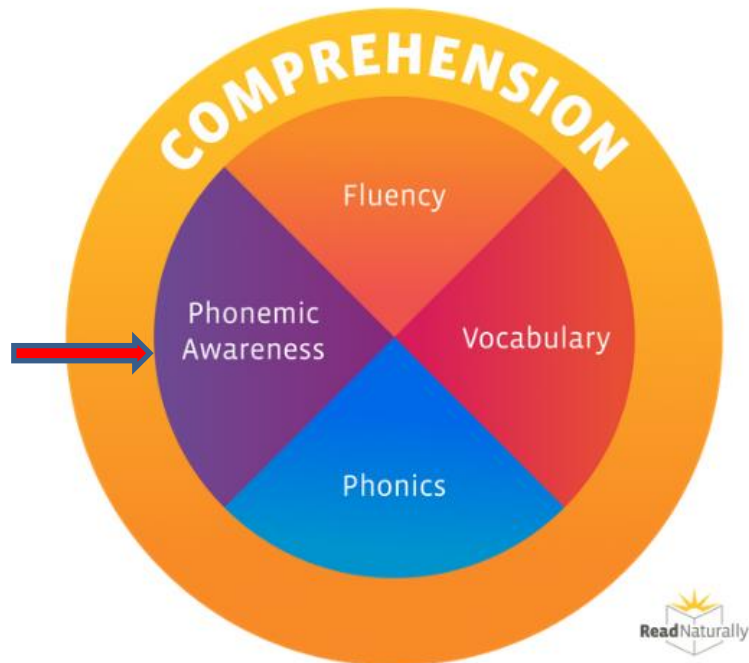
EDUCATION SO IMPORTANT

Although literacy rates have improved this century, there are still over one billion illiterate people in the world.

The ability to read, write, listen and speak in a way that allows us to communicate effectively is essential for social interactions and learning, living and survival skills.

We'll look at numeracy later.

Essential Components of Reading



As of 2022, 14% of Australians were functionally illiterate and could not read newspaper ads & headlines, fill in forms & surveys or understand tags on shop shelves. 30% had literacy skills low enough to make them vulnerable to unemployment or social exclusion.

习近平在越南媒体发表署名文章 开创中越友好新局面

本報記者 一月一四期 一月一四, 在對越南社會主義黨
和越南政府訪問團中, 中越中央總書記, 國家主席胡志明
向越南人民致以親切的問候, 並對越南人民在抗戰中
所取得的勝利表示祝賀。

西州中越友好新篇

中國社會主義學院、中華人民共和國海軍 編譯

此編系中央各級黨部及國家各機關之重要文獻，如經
統計編譯出版，其內容之豐富，材料之詳實，實屬空前之巨著。

平越山山水水，路也曲折而悠长，异国人民的苦难深植于他们的心灵和血液之中。

[illegible]

习近平同美国总统特朗普举行会谈

中美元首一致同意继续发挥元首外交对两国关系的战略引领作用 推动中美关系得到更大发展



资料来源:国家统计局根据全国人口普查资料整理而成,在编入时部分指标与地区统计口径略有不同,特此说明。



（以图10、图11为例，国家主席习近平在出席亚太经合会领导人非正式会议期间，在会场外与媒体记者见面时，向中外媒体发表讲话。这是习近平和夫人彭丽媛夫妇在会前接受媒体采访时的合影。）

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The Advertiser

Thursday, February 6, 2025



US President Donald Trump meets Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House yesterday. Picture: Andrew Caballero-Reynolds/AP

HYDROGEN BOMB

» Tens of millions in unpaid royalties, bills
» Green power plant at risk of blowing up

Belinda Willis

The Whittle studies are owned by a consortium of companies, including the state government

and contractors with the construction. In turn, Power West will receive \$500m by design plant into operation. Energy: Green's GPC Al-

liance is six months in arrears on royalty payments and tens of millions are owed to him, but he has refused to accept it. The premier's hydrogen

plant was to supply power to create green steel in Whyalla, which would need separate approval from the gas. FULL REPORT PAGES 4-5



RECORD SCHOOL FEES

ENOUGH TO SEND YOU PEMBROKE

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J-Slow wages war on cars

Darren Chaffman

Mayor: Jane J-Slow's death in a car crash has led to a new law. The City Council is pushing to make it a road rule. Light: Square: four years ago, despite many business owners, the council is "slow".

The plan would turn the road into a car-free zone, and the road out of Light Square would be closed, one way street. "You need to open the city up, not close it all down," Jane J-Slow said. FULL REPORT PAGE 2

DEMONS CLAIM AFL STAR

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EARLY DAYS OF EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT

South Australia's first school for the settlers' children established at Nepean Bay Kangaroo Island in November 1836 by Captain Walter Bromley, a former army officer.

SA proclaimed a colony on December 28th 1836

- **Home Schooling**
- **Church Schools**

"The streets of Adelaide are a breeding ground for young larrikins and criminals"

Advertiser 1872

- **1851 – Government built some schools & supported them**
- **1871 – Education Act introduced to Parliament by Ebenezer Ward**

"My wife taught my man-servant to read and write so that I could leave him written instructions and he could improve himself. He repaid this generosity by taking a position as a clerk at a much higher wage and much shorter working hours. Being in a stronger financial position he asked our maid for her hand in marriage and we are now faced with having to clean our own boots, wash our own clothes and sweep our own floors.

That Honourable Members will be every gentleman's lot if we have universal education for the working classes."

After two years of arguing and bickering, the Act was defeated by two votes in 1873.

The Act was re-introduced in 1874 and was eventually passed in 1875
It stated that education in SA would be:

- **Free**
- **Compulsory and**
- **Secular – in particular non-Catholic**

The 'FREE' was never totally implemented and the 'SECULAR' was not a great problem as the Catholic Education system was already fairly well established.

The 'COMPULSORY' was seen as very important and Inspectors and Attendance Officers roamed the state looking for youngsters and parents who were flouting the act.

**This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of our
State Education System and despite many criticisms it remains
amongst the top systems in the world.**



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



The Spread of Public Schools

- By 1910, SA's population had reached 220,000.
- Over 800 one teacher schools were scattered across South Australia – about six miles apart in the settled areas.
- State wide, about 1,200 larger schools.
- Correspondence School
- School of the Air



Daveyston



Telowie



Gawler River

Uleybury School is now a museum and is open on Sunday afternoons and to groups by appointment





Education Department South Australia



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

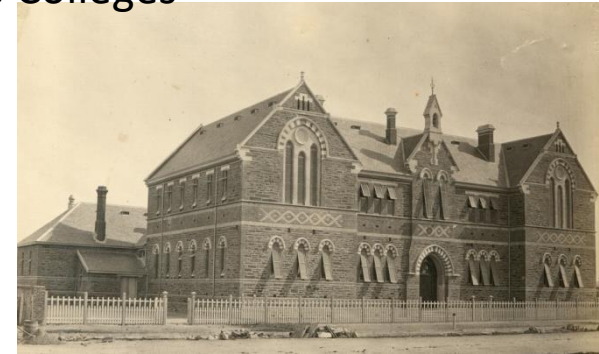
In the late 1870s, teachers were trained in *model schools*.
SA was the first state to introduce Teachers Colleges



Sturt Street Primary



Adelaide High



Flinders Street Primary



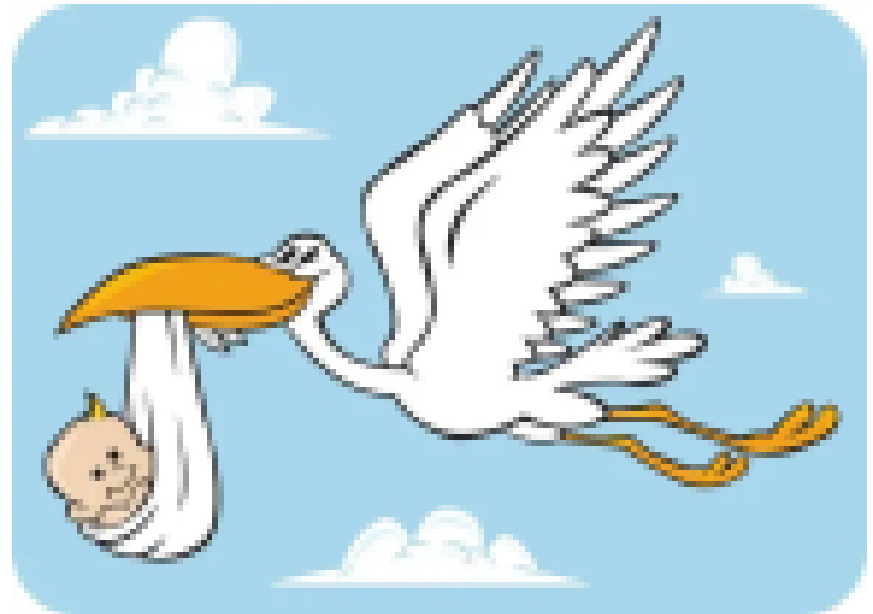
1921 Old Police Barracks



Adelaide Teachers College

1927 Kintore Avenue

The 1940s & 1950s



My Primary Schooling 1945 to 1951

My first interaction with the Education Department

First day at school The Head Master

Classmates My First kind teacher

My First kind Head Master



The School Day began with



I am an Australian

I love my country

I salute her flag

**I honour her King,
King George VI**

**I promise to obey her
laws**

And do you remember the checks for head lice, clean hands, clean nails, school sores and marking the roll?

CLASS RULES

Sit down



Sit up



Shut up

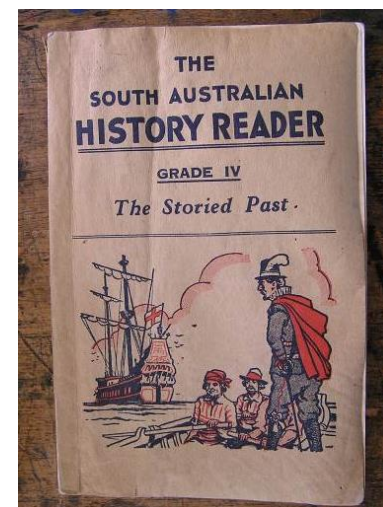
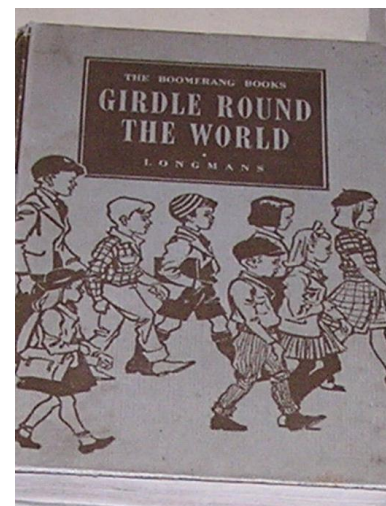
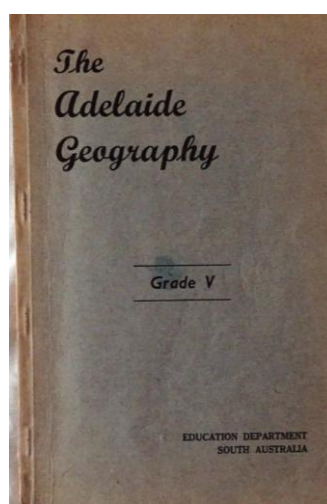
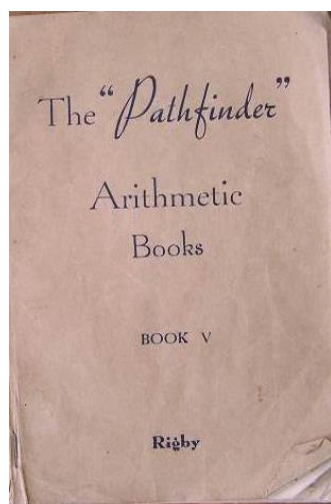


Listen up



Right hand up





Did anyone ever collect cards from breakfast cereal boxes or have a pen friend?

Gee, Dad, you always get
the best of everything
...even

Marlboro!



Yes, you need
never feel
over-smoked
... that's the
Miracle of
Marlboro!



"I'm going to grow
a hundred
years old!"

...and possibly she may—for the amazing strides of
medical science have added years to life expectancy

• It's a fact—a warm, wonderful
fact—that this five-year-old child,
or your own child, has a life ex-
pectancy almost a whole decade
longer than was her mother's, and
a good 15 to 20 years longer than
that of her grandmother. Not only

the expectation of a longer life, but
of a life by far healthier.

Thank medical science for that.
Thank your doctor and thousands
like him... toiling ceaselessly...
that you and yours may enjoy a
longer, better life.



According to a recent Nationwide survey:

More Doctors smoke Camels
than any other cigarette!

NOT ONE but three outstanding independent re-
search organizations conducted this survey. And
they asked not just a few thousand, but 113,597, doc-
tors from coast to coast to name the cigarette they
themselves preferred to smoke.

Answers came in by the thousands... from general
physicians, diagnosticians, surgeons, nose and throat
specialists too. The most-named brand was Camel.

If you are not now smoking Camels, try them. Let
your "T-Zone" tell you (see right).

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., WASHINGTON, D. C.

CAMELS Costlier
Tobaccos



THE "T-ZONE" TEST WILL TELL YOU



The "T-Zone"—T for
taste and T for throat
—is your own proving
ground for any ciga-
rette. Only your taste
and throat can decide
which cigarette tastes
best to you... how it
affects your throat.



TAKE MORE **SUN**
GET MORE **TAN!**

NO FLIES ON ME



THANKS TO DDT

Black Flag, long preferred by housewives everywhere for quickly killing flies and mosquitoes on contact, now does *double duty*. The amazing DDT ingredient now in Black Flag stays on walls, floors, doorways to *keep on* killing flies for weeks! To use wonderful DDT *safely* and *effectively* in your home use only a well-known and reliable insecticide—ask for *Black Flag*.

5% DDT

In Black Flag Insect Spray

10% DDT

In Black Flag Powder

BLACK FLAG

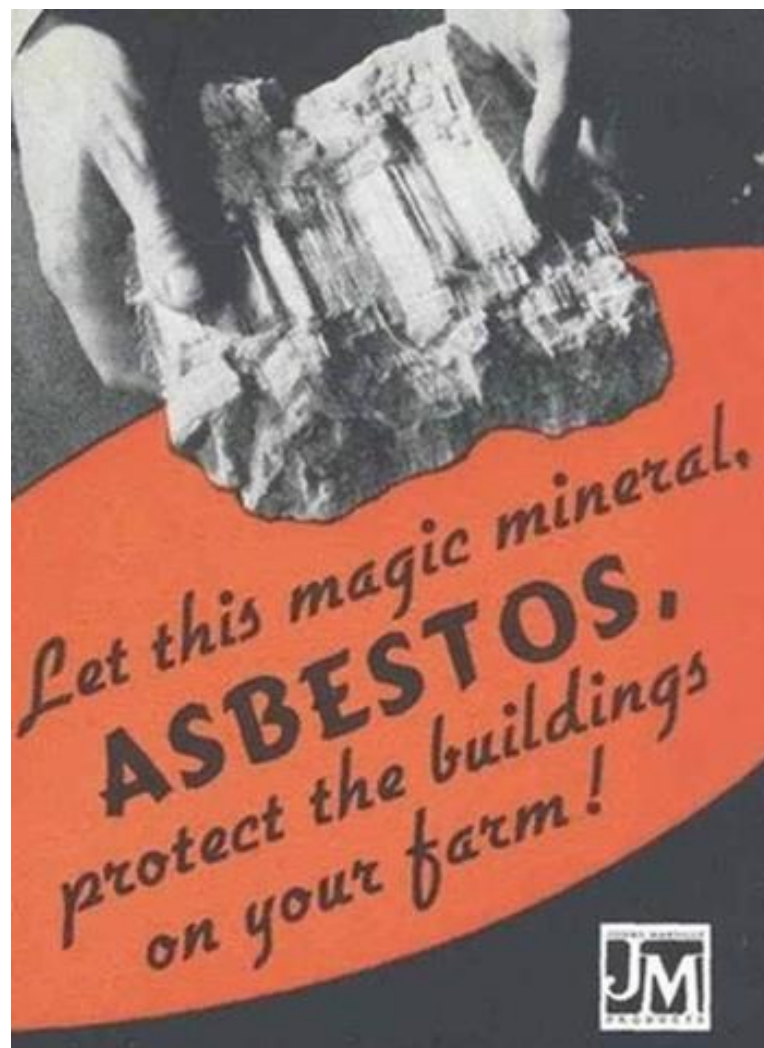
Ask for it by **NAME**

SAFE TO USE!



"DDT is good for me-e-e!"





Spilled that chip fat again mummy?

NO PROBLEM!

Thanks to:

Asbestos

Baby Suit!



I can play
with matches
YIPPEE!



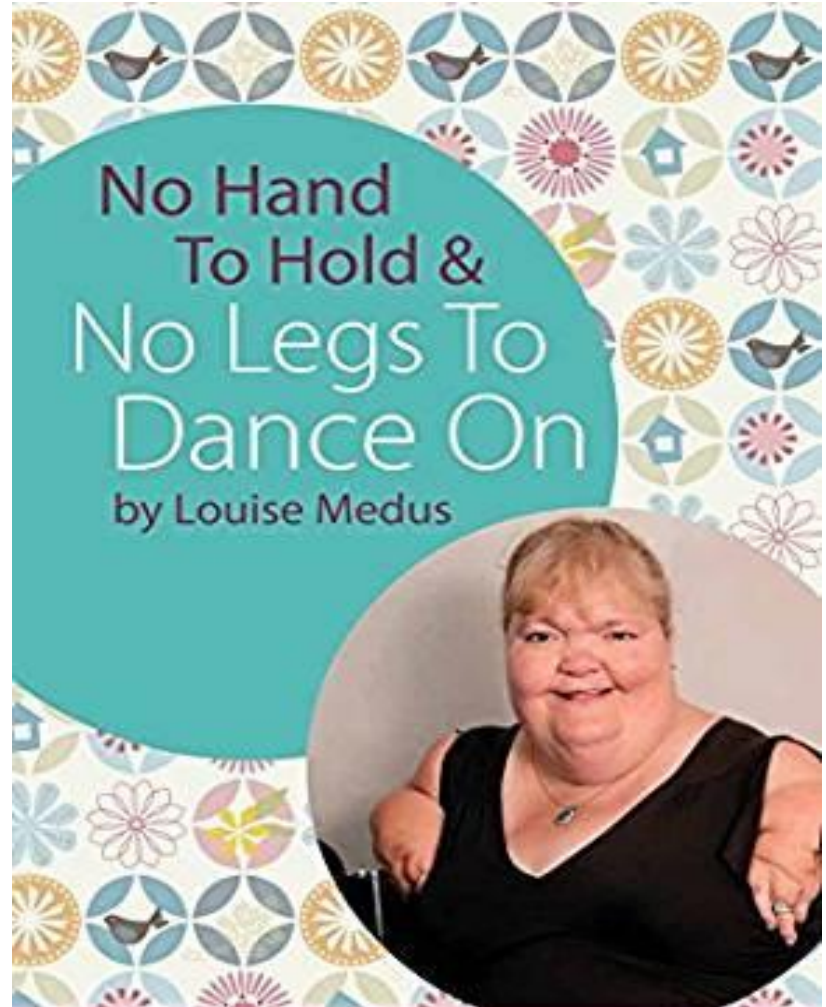
No more
ciggarette burns
on my skin when
I cry too much!



**NO MORE MORNING
SICKNESS THANKS TO
THE WONDER DRUG
THALIDOMIDE**



In 1961 Dr William McBride revealed thalidomide to be the cause of the largest man-made medical disaster in history with huge numbers of severe birth defects in children.





Bread (loaf) 0/9d (8c)



Milk 0/9d pint (8c)



Sugar (lb) 0s/10d (9c)



Butter (lb) 3s/11d (39c)



Potatoes (lb) 4s/0d (40c)



Tea (lb) 6s/6d (65c)



Super Petrol (gallon)
3s/10d
(8.6c per litre)



Holden Car
£1,100
(\$2,200)

Clare High School, Adelaide & Wattle Park Teachers Colleges, the University of Adelaide & National Service at Woodside.



Intermediate Class Clare High 1954



Adelaide Teachers College 1956



The Cloisters University of Adelaide



National Service Woodside 1957



Wattle Park Teachers College 1957

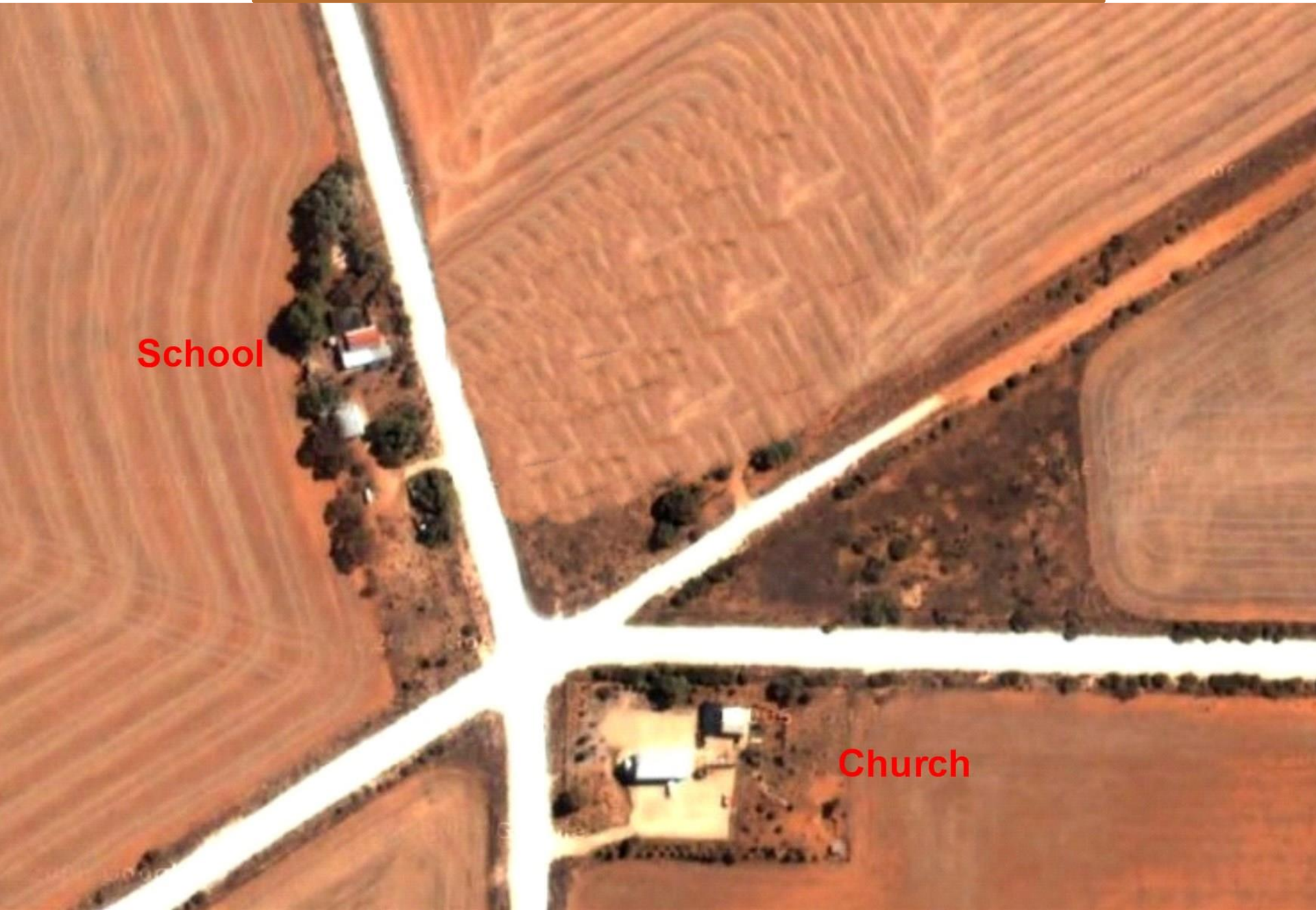
**In six years I had gone from being a pimply first year high school student
to a qualified teacher and a highly trained and efficient killer.**



TELOWIE CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL 1958,1959, 1960

School

Church









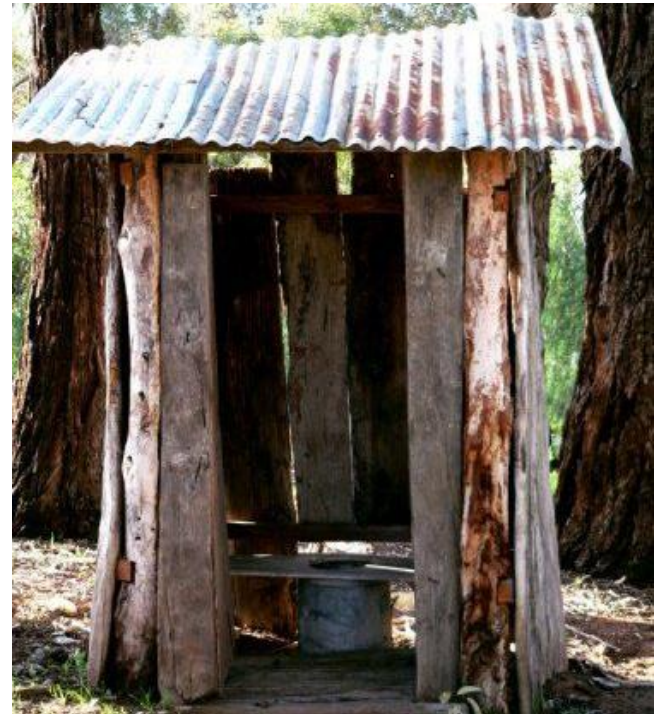








**A Longdrop is a pit
with a bottom
at both ends**



Long drop toilets

- ❖ Smelly and unhygienic
- ❖ A great home for flies, rats, mice, centipedes, scorpions, snakes and red-back spiders
- ❖ Architecture and design not exactly classic

Annual Salary £716 -- £13-15-8 per week --Less than £2 per day





EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CERTIFICATE of CLASSIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

BRIAN C. BURT

having passed an Examination in the prescribed subjects, and having given satisfactory evidence of practical skill in the art of Teaching and School Management, has been placed in Class III, Division B, from 1st January, 1958.

PROMOTIONS

Baden Parsons
Minister of Education

E. Anderson
Director of Education

Dated at Adelaide this SECOND day of

JUNE, 1958.

A. E. Paul
Chairman, Public School Teachers Classification Board













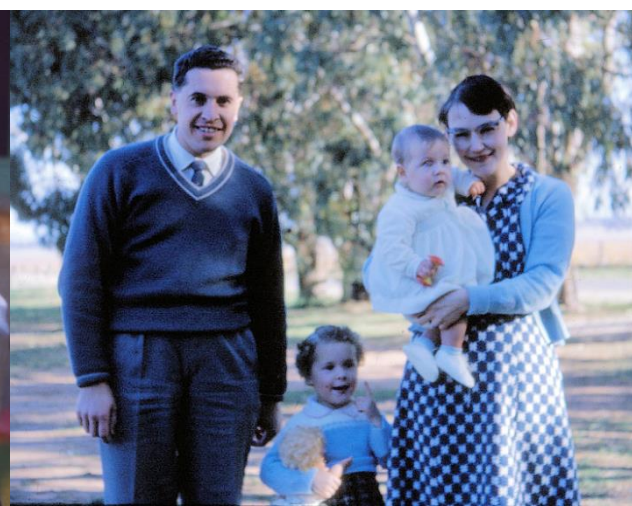


The 1960s

- Aboriginal people recognised in 1967 referendum
- End of White Australia Policy
- Influence of migrants brought about enormous social and culinary changes
- Vietnam War and resulting unrest
- Premier Sir Thomas Playford retired after 27 years
- JFK assassinated
- Decimal currency and the impending introduction of the metric system of weights and measures brought about radical changes to the curriculum
- The *Space Race*
- Hippies



Stockwell 1961 to 1966



Grammar and Composition were important components of English curriculum. Daily diaries were all the rage and this was pretty hard for country students who mostly did the same things day after day. There were some occasions when the teacher was given an interesting insight into what went on at home – sometimes it was better not to know.

Dad bumped mum and mum said, "If that makes a brooze I'll show the parson." Dad smacked her bum hard and he said, "show the parson that brooze."

Sudden realisation that the world had changed

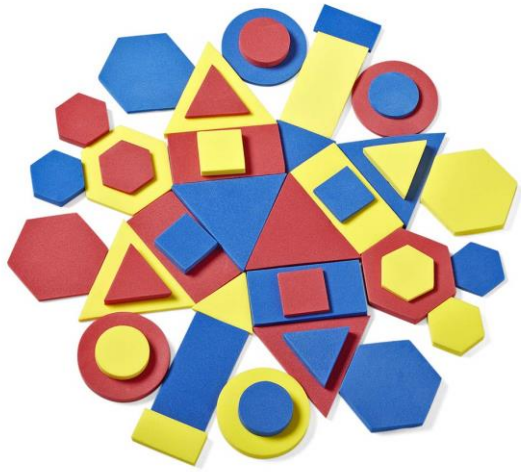
- Decimal currency
- Metric system of weights & measures
- Panic in a system that hadn't changed in fifty years
- Enormous changes to the curriculum and methodology
- Old text books thrown out
- Emphasis on activity based learning
- More flexibility

AND

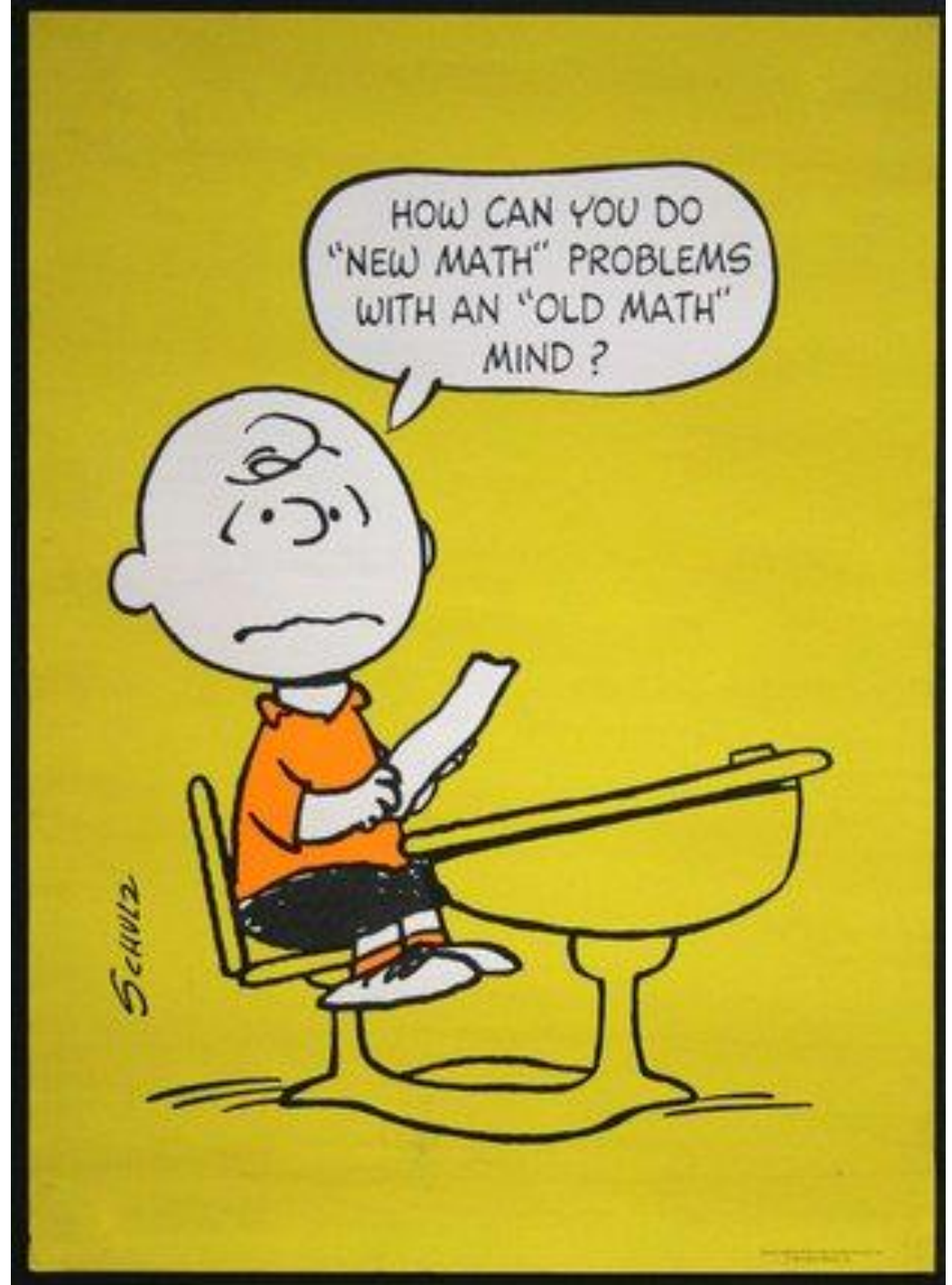
**THE NEW KING OF THE CLASSROOM WAS
PROFESSOR DIENES'**

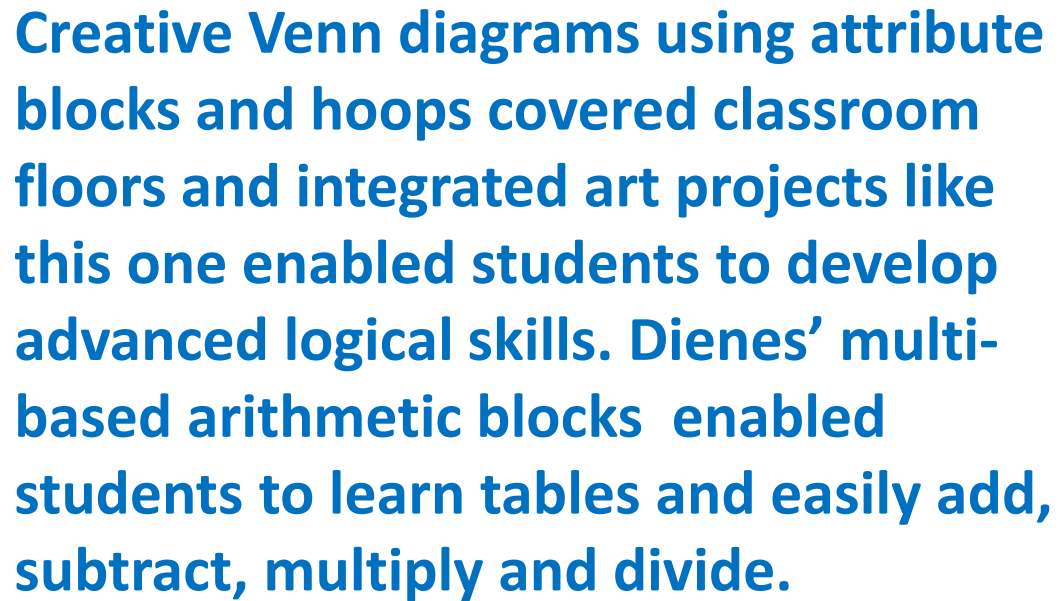
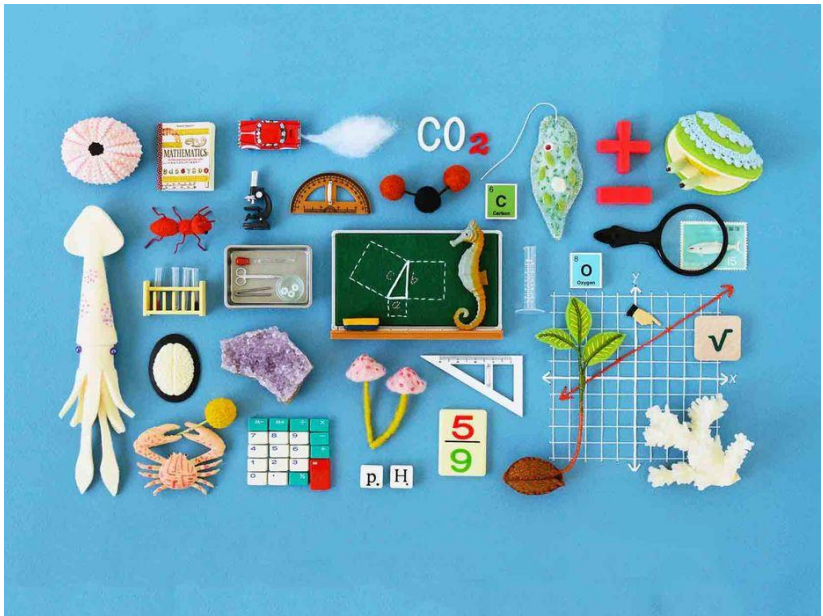
'NEW MATH'

FRESH FROM NORTH AMERICA



Attribute blocks and
Cuisenaire rods were
the way to go.





1. Draw a box.
2. Draw a fox by the box.
3. Draw a fox on the box.
4. Write a story about your drawing.

Justin

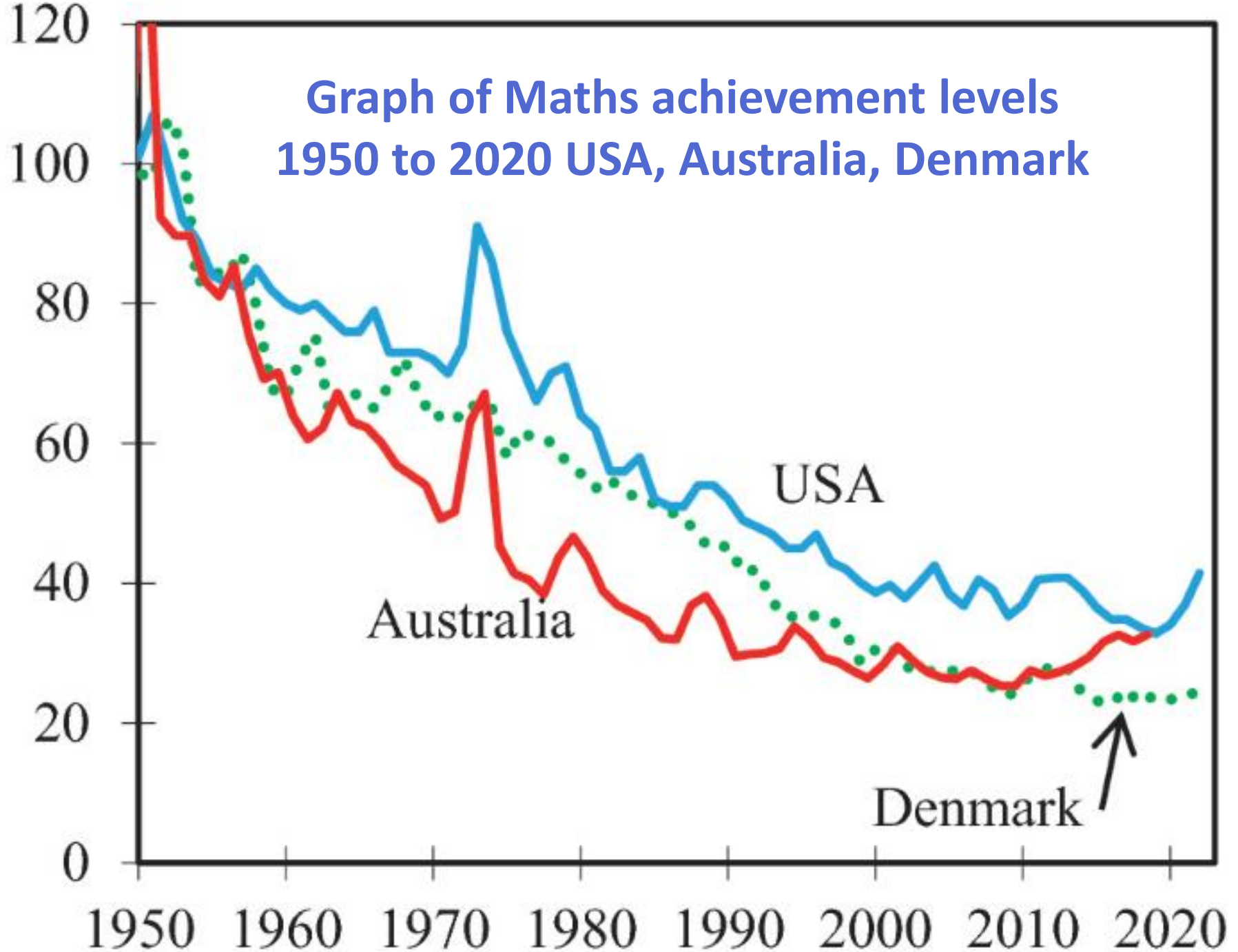


The fox was too big so I drew a chicken.

The bloody fox was hungry so he ate the poor little buggery.

Lots of kids cry'd but I just felt sad

**Graph of Maths achievement levels
1950 to 2020 USA, Australia, Denmark**



STOP PRESS

South Australia to introduce a numeracy guarantee as first action under new funding agreement

GRATTAN
Institute

REPORTS

EXPE

How to teach maths well

by Nick Parkinson

DIRECT INSTRUCTION

Totally new methodology pioneered by Dan Petrie, Amy Haywood and Nick Parkinson





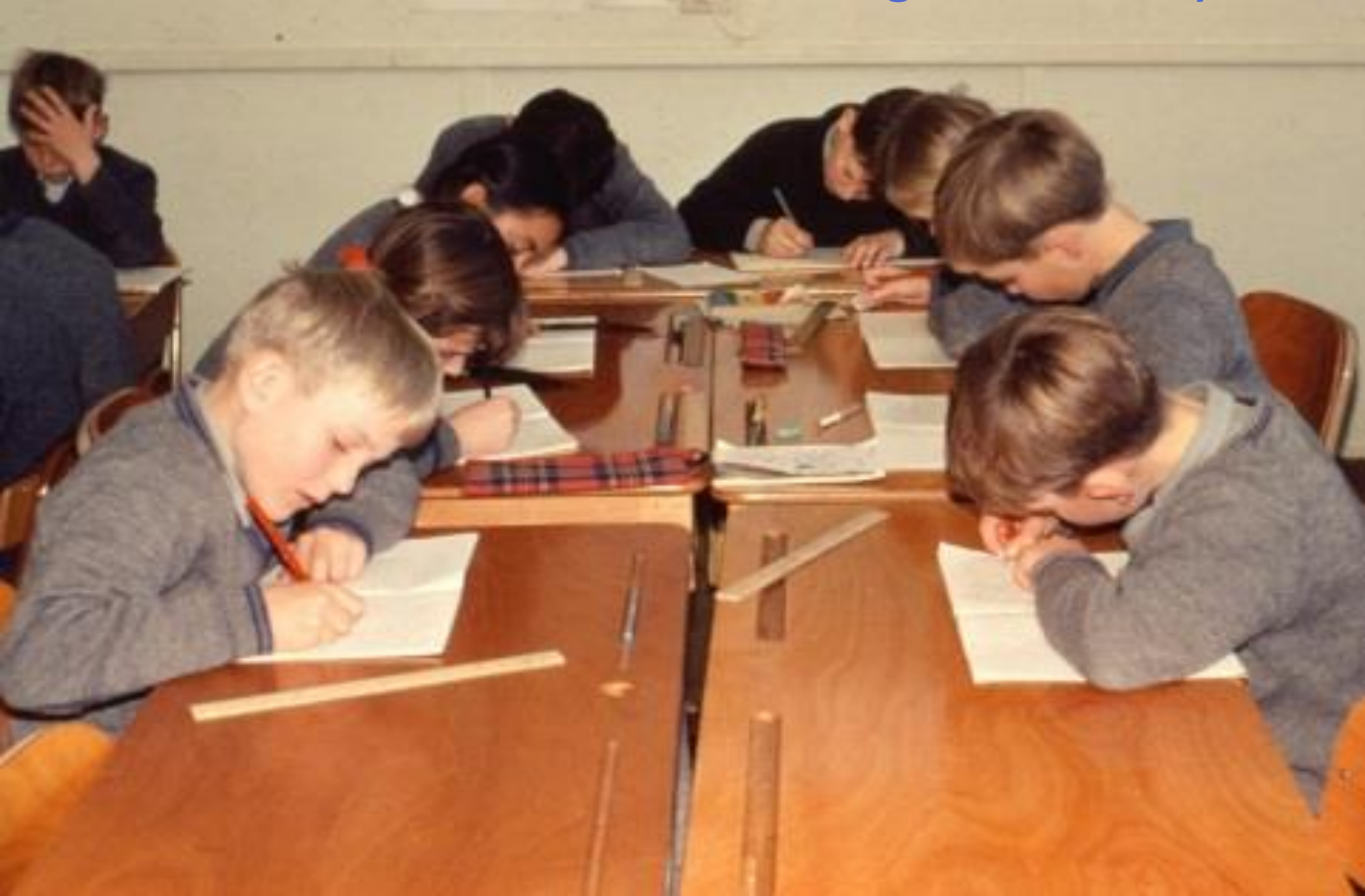
ROSEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 1971

Marianthe Vadoulis, Peter McKay, Greg Ahrens, Michael Ahrens, Robin Nettelbeck, Heather McKay, Kym Lienert, Jenny Nettelbeck
 Colleen Lienert, Scott Secombe, Jenny Burt, Roger Sims, David Coleman, Tim Noack, Stephen Burt, John Coleman
 Joanne Lienert, Andrew Noack, Greg Mattiske, Peter Eckermann, Karen McKay, Milton Vadoulis, Michael Mattiske, Anne Secombe
 Kaye Menzel, Jacqueline Fletcher, Sheryl Coleman, Kevin Sims, Margaret Vadoulis, Glen McKay

**Group learning has always been used
in small country schools**



Students just got on with their work. (Note the absence of ink wells. That innovation didn't go down well.)



Shock, horror! Desks not in rows.



Change and reorganisation.
More reorganisation and more change.

We trained hard-but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form into teams, we would be reorganised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising; and what a wonderful method it can be for creating the

Evanston 1972 to 1974 – Four Teacher Open Space Unit



- Modern design and equipment – carpets, air conditioning, flexible learning spaces, art areas, withdrawal rooms, teacher prep area
- Activity based learning, group work, self directed learning, team teaching, modern audio visual equipment
- Focus on social development and creating a strong community

THE REALITY: 160 to 180 students packed into spaces designed for 130 students, not enough furniture, poor air conditioning and ventilation

THE RESULT: CHAOS!

1975

Sandy Creek Primary

1976

**Elizabeth Regional
Office**



The Whitlam Era

- **Schools' Commission**
- **Laissez-faire approach**
- **Endless innovations**
- **Millions of dollars poured into education**
- **Open Education**
- **Outdoor Education**

Mount Pleasant Primary

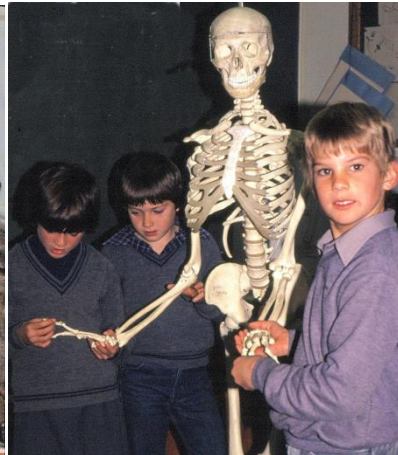
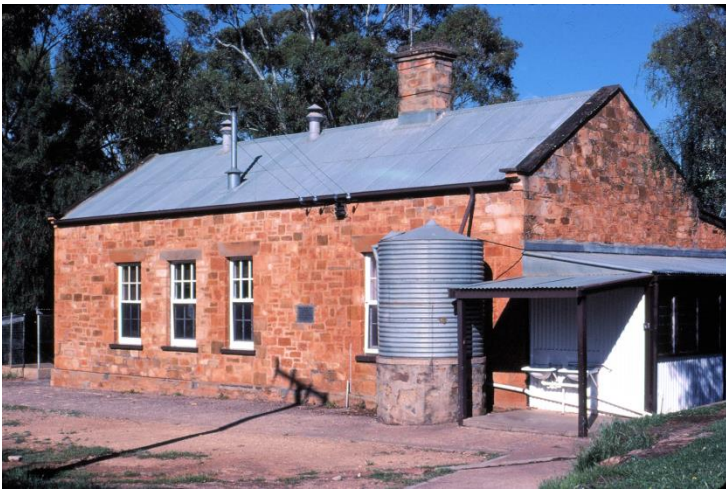
Book Week 1977



Victor Harbor Camp 1977



Mintaro Primary 1978 to 1981



The 1990s and beyond – the computer revolution



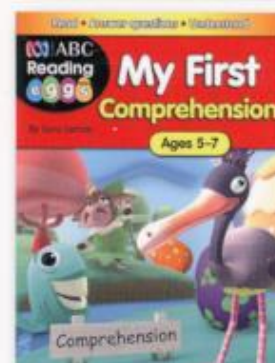
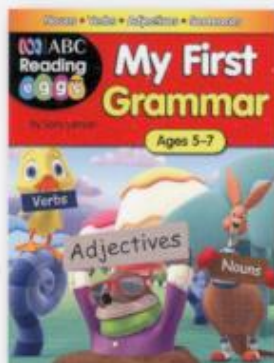
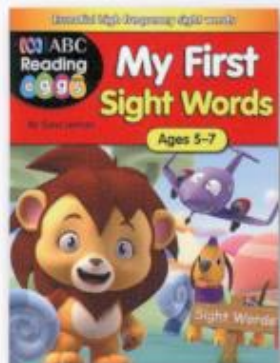
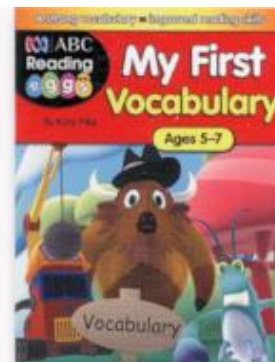
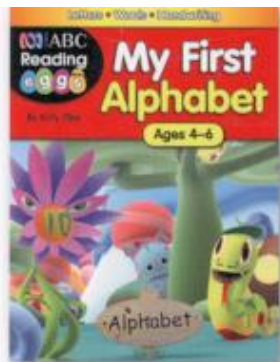
Angle Vale 1991 and today



Gawler East 320 students on Lyndoch Road site in 1982
765 students on the new site in 1995

Today, Education is Gawler and Districts' main industry with over 10,000 students in over 20 schools (state and private), plus early learning centres. The growth of educational facilities has been phenomenal and shows no sign of slowing down with thousands of new houses being built.

With excellent resources and the gathering momentum to return to common sense teaching, the future of education is bright, but there is a very long way to go. The public system could learn so much from the many excellent private schools and governments need to give education much more support.



**A PRACTICAL
GUIDE TO
EFFECTIVE
TEACHING**

**Schools are places where
Children go to learn**

-- Anon

**I have never let my schooling
Interfere with my education**

-- Mark Twain



Thank you for being such an attentive, well behaved class.