

Bald Knob School

1902 - 1945

Children of the first settlers in the Bald Knob region walked 7 miles (11km) to Landsborough to go to school. In 1901, parents asked the Education Department for a school and were told that if they could find 2 acres of land and one fifth of the cost of the school, a school would be started. The land was donated by Captain Palmer, locals raised the necessary funds and the school opened on 20 January 1902.

Fifteen children were enrolled and the school operated as a one teacher school until it closed because of lack of numbers in 1945. There were two temporary closures during this time. The longest serving teacher was Walter E Jones who served from 1920 to 1940. 439 pupils were enrolled during the 43 years the school operated. The school was moved into the Maleny School and is still used as a classroom today.

After the Maleny State School Centenary in 2013, Jean Elder of Bald Knob visited the school and identified her old school. The classroom is labelled.



BALD KNOB SCHOOL , 1927

Back Row : Ron Perkins, Edgar Haly, Bill Williams,
Eddie Collett, Albert Woods, Colin Duffield,
Ernie Collett, Jum Daniels, W. E. Jones (Teacher)

Second Back Row : Bill Haly, Joyce Wilson, Maud Woods,
Mabel Lack, Veda Wilson, Jean Zischke,
Ella Nisbet, Ivy Champney, Mary Wilson

Second Front Row : John Ward, Alma Carroll, Tui Anderson,
Doris Collett, Winnie Daniels, Vera Pike,
Audrey Duffield, Joan Wilson, Eunice Duffield,
Dulcie Maltman, Dorothy Daniels, Frank Collett,
Dorothy Williams

Front Row : Trevor Wilson, Jess Burgess, Mervyn Burgess,
Ben Bowser, Fred Goostrey, Ken Richardson,
Harold Maltman, Russell Carroll, Ruben Bowser,
Stan Zischke, Ron Pike, Bob Burgess, Ron Musk,
Fred Ellison



Mrs Hilda Jones handing out ice cream cones to the children of Bald Knob School , C1930, The school children were probably enjoying a special break up party for end of year celebrations before school holidays. Mrs Jones was the wife of Bald Knob school teacher, Walter Jones. Walter and Hilda lived in a home adjoining the school and owned land Portion 60V close by at Bald Knob.



Bald Knob School pupils, Bald Knob, 1943

Pictured Back row (L-R): Cynthia Lambton, Earle Perkins, Maurice Jones, John Feeney, Reg Beanland, Graham Ryan, Bill Ryan and Dick de Lanty.

Middle row: Stella Beanland, Joy Brandenburg, Joyce de Lanty, Maisie Feeney and Daphne Jones.

Front row: Kathleen Ryan, Jean Elder, Alan Condon, Tom de Lanty and Desmond Jones.

Admission Register of the Bald Knob State School 1911 - 1912

REGISTER OF		Bald Knob State		SCHOOL.			
DATE OF ADMISSION	CHILD'S NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	OCCUPATION OF FATHER	CLASS	DATE OF LEAVING SCHOOL	AGE OF CHILD AT DEPARTURE
July 17 th 1911	Brandenburg, James	9	Bald Knob	Carpenter	1st	12/14	
July 17 th 1911	Brandenburg, Lucile	5	Bald Knob	Carpenter	1st	5/9	
Jan 22 nd	Wynne, Emily	9	Bald Knob	Carpenter	1st	12/12	
Jan 22 nd	Wynne, Cardinal	7	Bald Knob	Plumber	1st	12/12	
Jan 22 nd	Shaver, Alex James	12	Bald Knob	Blacksmith	1st		
Jan 22 nd	Shaver, George	10	Bald Knob	Blacksmith	1st		
April 2 nd	Smith, M. M. M. M.	6	Bald Knob	Farmer	1st	5/14	
June 1 st	Landy, Margaret	10	Bald Knob	E. C.	1st	7/12	
June 1 st	Wickland, Elsie	7	Bald Knob	E. C.	1st	7/12	
May 13 th	Ward, Francis	6	Bald Knob	Saddler	1st	7/18	7/18
June 15 th	Wray, Ethel	14	Blackall	Labourer	1st	12/12	
Oct 7 th	Wick, Thomas	9	Blackall	Labourer	1st	12/12	
Sept 25 th	Wray, M. M. M.	5	Blackall	Farmer	1st	5/13	7/14
Sept 22 nd	Wray, M. M. M.	11	Blackall		1st	7/13	
Nov 15 th	Wray, D. Grace	5	Blackall	Farmer	1st	7/14	
Nov 15 th	Wray, M. M. M.	5	Blackall	Carpenter	1st	7/14	7/19
Sept 27 th	Wray, M. M. M.	11	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/19	
Sept 27 th	Wray, M. M. M.	13	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/19	
Sept 27 th	Wray, M. M. M.	8	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/22	
Sept 27 th	Wray, M. M. M.	5	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/23	
Sept 27 th	Wilson, Audrey Lillian	6	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/23	
Sept 27 th	Wilson, Corrie Ernest	4	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/25	
Sept 27 th	Young, Mary Alice	7	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/25	
Sept 27 th	Ward, Maria Caroline	6	Bald Knob	Saddler	1st	12/25	
Sept 27 th	Wepner, Lillian Grace	10	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/25	
Sept 27 th	Wepner, Harry Alice	11	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/25	
Sept 27 th	Wepner, Ralph	13	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/25	
Sept 27 th	Skinner, Lottie William	7	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/24	
Oct 2 nd	Freeman, Leola E.	12	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/24	
Oct 2 nd	Freeman, Ethel M.	7	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/24	
Oct 2 nd	Freeman, Percy J.	10	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/24	
Oct 2 nd	Book, Hazel Elsie	10	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/24	
Oct 11 th	Luke, Mildred S.	12	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/24	
Nov 6 th	Fitch, Eric	12	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/24	
Jan 30 th	Lerner, Charles	6	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/24	
Jan 30 th	Freeman, Isaac John	5	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/24	
April 6 th	Hart, Maizie	8	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/24	
April 30 th	Maltman, Edith Irene	6	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/24	
May 2 nd	Freestun, Allan Lockyer	8	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/24	
Aug 15 th	Maltman, Joyce, Berina	5	Bald Knob	Dairyman	1st	12/24	
Jan 30 th	Brandenburg, Frederick	6	Bald Knob	Carpenter	1st	12/25	
Feb 6 th	Brandenburg, Margaret	8	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/25	
Feb 6 th	Brandenburg, Lucile	6	Bald Knob	Labourer	1st	12/25	
May 4 th	Wray, M. M. M.	4	Bald Knob	Farmer	1st	12/25	
May 15 th	Wray, M. M. M.	3	Bald Knob	Farmer	1st	12/25	