

Witta School

The Witta School opened as the Maleny Provisional School on 3 October 1892 and was the second school on the range. The first Head teacher was Mr Carl Thiedecke who opened the school with 17 pupils. In 1893 the name was changed to the Teutoberg Provisional School and in 1916 became the Teutoberg State School. In 1916 it became known as the Witta State School.

The first building was made of pit-sawn logs with a hand split shingle roof, which also doubled as the Post Office. The mail was bough from Landsborough by packhorse weekly. In 1974, student numbers had dwindled to 7, so the school was closed and the remaining students were bussed into the Maleny State School. 696 students were enrolled at the school during the 82 years that the school was open. The school has been retained and today is today is a community facility





1947

BACK RAY GAULD, LESLIE NOTHING, ALBERT OSBOURNE, GEORGE NOTHING, KEVIN OSWIN,
 DOUG HARVEY, DAUREK SOMMER, RAY BALL, BRIAN HARVEY, VINCE CABERY, JOHN DIEFENBACH,
SEC. RON HARVEY, IVAN BROWN, MAX OSWIN, EDWARD BAKER, MYSELF, BERYL MANITZKY,
 BERYL HARVEY, ELAINE HONWROID, OWEN BROOKER, GRAHAM BALL, NEVILLE GAULD, RAY COX,
FRONT MICHAEL BALL, MURRAY GAULD, JIM BLAKELY, SID COOK, SYLVIA BAKER, CHAIRE
 COOK, SHIRLEY NEILSON, VALMAE PORTER, DAPHNE HILLIAR, LOLA BROWN, FLORENCE
 MILADY, MARGARET COOK, NOEL COX, IVAN COX, MERVYN Mc DONNOLD



Witta State School 1951

Back row left - Steve Harrison, Nev Gauld, Bill Harrison, Ray Gauld, Owen Brooker, Ivan Brown, Ray Cox. Centre row standing from left - Paul Newton, Val Porter, Mick Ball, Jim Blakely, Lawrie Welden, Johnny Diefenbach, Jack Welden, Murray Gauld, Sid Cook, Ralph Burnett, Fay Dobson, Noel Cox. Front row sitting from left - Daphne Hillier, Lola Brown, Sylvia Baker, Harold Muller, Margaret Cook, Olive Kelly, Florence Milady.



Reunion of past students 1920 - 1929



2012 Witta School Reunion
to commemorate 120 years held at the
Witta School





Wittia State School, 1928

Back Row L-R: Ian Ansell, Ted Cox, George Harch, Jim Andrew, Dick Vandreiike, Baden Powell, Sidney Langton, Thomas Hobgen (Teacher).
 Second Back Row: Victor Cox, Elgene Sommer, Grace Rufus, Hilda Bergemann, May Franks, Freda Oehmichen, Evelyn Bergann, Sis Ball (Elizabeth Annie Ball), Charles Harch, Edward Oehmichen.
 Third Back Row: Edward Ball, Minnie Oehmichen, Jean Baldwin, Gwen Franks, Alma Warne, Joyce Franks, Olga Franks, Eileen Ansell.
 Front Row: (--?), William (Bill) Sommer, Errol Bryce, Eric Sommer, Basil Bryce, Jack Andrew, George Sommer, Leslie Bergann.

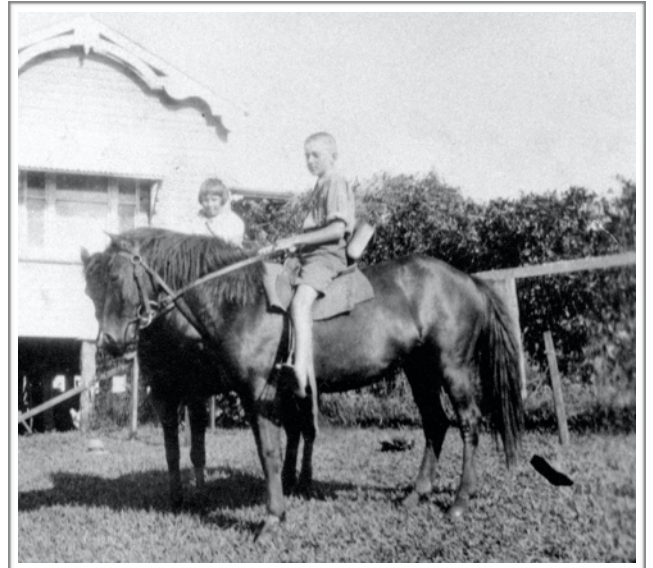
1916



Back Row L to R : Henry Vandreiike, Fred Fleiter, Bill Brooker, Chas Brooker, Florrie Flick , Margaret Brooker.

Second Row L to R : Bert Vandreiike, Harold Brooker, Carl Flick, Jack Brooker, Bob Ball, Adie Vandreiike

Front Row L to R: Oz Manitzky, Willie Wyllie, Bert Brooker, Ivy Fleiter, Edna Vandreiike, Gretchen Wolf



Oehmichen children, Edward and Emma on their ponies, in front of the family home at Wittia after returning from school, 1930



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