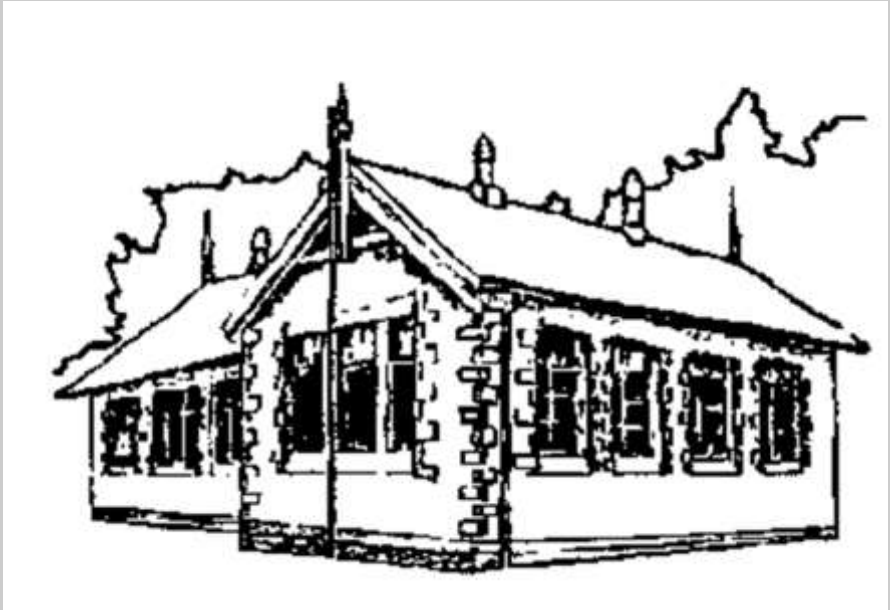




The Outram & Rural District Community Newsletter

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150 Year Anniversary of OUTRAM SCHOOL

The students have been working all term on the history of their school and are keen to ask you to help them celebrate this milestone by inviting anyone with an association with the school (past, present, future) to join them on

Friday 1st September at 1.30 in the school hall

for reminiscing and celebrations. Followed by afternoon tea.

If you would like to attend this function, please RSVP with your name to E-mail: OutramSchool150@gmail.com

so we can cater accordingly.

Please spread the word to people who may not see this. Thankyou.

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School History in West Taieri

by Shona Robertson

Below is a brief outline of the history of the schools in this area

- 1858 West Taieri School began at Woodside on a site near the cemetery. It was moved to Woodside when the school opened Outram. *(The old school building can still be found in Woodside)*
- 1866 Maungatua school started.
- 1873 The first school in Outram was situated further along Beaumaris Street.
- 1880 The school moved to its present site, where a brick building was built. *(Demolished in 1963)*. In 1893 a wooden building was built, commonly known as the infant room. *(This building is now situated up at the Historical Park above Outram.)*
- 1931 West Taieri, Maungatua and Lee Stream all consolidated at Outram.
- 1970 Lee Stream re-opened once again.
- 2004 Amalgamation of all the small schools in the area into Outram School.

Jubilee and Anniversary Celebrations held

- 1958 A centennial Jubilee was held for West Taieri Schools at the rugby grounds. With a large marque set up beside the old hall.
- 1983 125th year Jubilee was held for West Taieri Schools. This was held at the rugby grounds with a large marque set up beside the new hall. *(450 people attended this celebration.)*
- 2008 150th Jubilee for **West Taieri** Schools. Held in the School Hall with a marque set up beside. *(315 registrations were received for this Jubilee.)*
- 2023 It is now time to start celebrating Outram School since its inception 150 years ago.

Outram School 1873



A quick look at the stats.

By Jenny McDonald

- 1873** The first public School in Outram was established on part of the crown land used by the railway.
- 1880** The large brick building was built with two classrooms - later one was split in two to make a third room for a roll of 112. A school residence was built at the same time.
- 1893** The wooden building which became the infant room was built. This served the school for 100 years and is now located at the Taieri Historic Park. The roll peaked at this time, but by 1899 the number had dropped to 199.

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1938 The school bus era dawned and Maungatua, West Taieri and Lee Stream amalgamated at Outram.

1940 A new detached room was added



1950 The dental clinic was added. A Parent/Teacher Association was formed, now known as the Friends of the School.

1951 The school pool was built. →→→→→



- 1963** The earthquake risk old brick building was pulled and replaced by two rooms, and a staff room and administration area were added. In the 1960s the Education Board took over the Police Grounds and house and the school house was demolished. A new school house was later built on the site of the police house.
- 1966** A growing roll of 200 meant the addition of another classroom and book room.
- 1970** Lee Stream reopened to drop the Outram roll by 20.
- 1975** The library was added.
- 1989** “Tomorrows Schools” was introduced basically handing back management and administration from the Education Board to the School Board. As the roll increased so too did the number of classrooms.

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- 2003 The opening of the Allen Centre was an extension of the school library. The Allen Centre Programme began, focussing on the Arts, technology and Inquiry.
- 2004 The amalgamation of small schools on the Taieri (Allanton) helped Outram to grow to 200. Two prefab classrooms were added.
- 2007 With the roll at 247, another classroom was needed. And then the Workshop and Hall, a multi-disciplinary space to cater for large numbers and an indoor option for many activities in the Arts and Physical Education. Also a home base for the After School Care Programme.





2023 *The new playground opened.*

An extensive new playground was completed as a result of a Friends of the School initiative.

Below some lovely pictures from Term 2 2023



OUTRAM SCHOOL 2023

by Principal Kim Allan

2023 marks 150 years of educating the local children from around the area at Outram School.

However, education facilities, including what and how children learn has significantly changed in the 21st Century.

In 2023, Outram School has 8 classrooms and a roll of 190 children. Classrooms of today have children split into year levels (not 'standards' or 'forms') with 16-30 children (depending on age) to one teacher. Teachers and children have teacher aides to help support their learning.

Outram School has a staff of 20, made up of a leadership team, support staff, Learning Support Coordinator, teachers, administration, grounds and buildings. Since 1989, Schools have been self-governing by Boards of Trustees, made up of members of the local community. Outram's Board is made up of 5 elected parents, 1 elected staff member and the principal. It is the Board's job to set the strategic direction of the school.

A school like Outram still enjoys and encourages support from the community. The landscaping, the old and new playground, pool facilities and the school hall are all testament to the contributions of the community past and present.

The NZ Curriculum is undergoing a refresh, but the one learning area that links all curriculum areas right back to 1873 is the importance of literacy (reading and writing). There are 8 learning areas to be taught by teachers - English (reading, writing and oral language), Maths, Science, Social Studies, Technology, The Arts, PE and Health and Languages. Recently added to this, has been Digital Technology and Aotearoa NZ Histories. Outram children learn te reo Māori across the school and in Year 7 and 8 they learn Spanish.

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Learning is aided by the use of tools and materials. Making things using recyclable materials, maths equipment, cooking, art, musical instruments, computers, robots, 3D printers, etc. Learning is much more hands-on and happens in a lot of different places, not just in a classroom sitting at a desk in rows.

Children of today are encouraged to think critically, think outside the box, be curious, form opinions, seek alternative solutions, apply their learning in multiple contexts, use technology and learning tools to solve problems, work collaboratively, relate to others, and be resilient. Teachers are supporting children to have transferable skills that can be applied to multiple jobs and careers in the future, because the future of employment looks very different for today's learners than it did in 1873 or even 10 years ago.

During Term 3 the classes will be completing an inquiry into *"Colonisation and settlement have been central to Aotearoa New Zealand's histories for the past 200 years."* and how *"Interactions change societies and environments."* Classes will visit the Taieri Historical Museum and Park and the senior school will visit Toito. The work in the classrooms will be supported by a day of learning experiences as a school 150 years ago. On 1st September the school will step back in time where the children will participate in activities showing how they would have learnt 150 years ago.

On the afternoon of 1st September, we invite past and present students, families and staff to join the school for a commemoration ceremony at 2.15pm, followed by afternoon tea in the hall to reminisce and catch up. Senior students will be available as guides to take anyone interested around the classrooms as they look today and show off the work they have been inquiring into.

***From strong roots we grow,
children who love learning,
develop passions and reach their potential.***

PAGE 8 HAS A LOVELY COLLECTION OF THE CHILDREN WORKING ON ACTIVITIES

4th & 5th Generations at Outram School

Outram school has had a repetition of family names over 150 years since the school's inception. Some have had 6 generations living in Outram and 3, 4 or even 5 generations attending the school. Some of those locals have shared their stories.

Hyslop Families

Contributor- Shona Robertson (Hyslop)

Our Great Grandfather, Frank Brocket attended Outram school from 1875, after arriving from England. He would catch the punt across the Taieri river then walk the rest of the way to school. He eventually moved to Greenfield, and so we missed the next generation attending Outram School, until Charlie and Helen Hyslop moved to Outram and their five children attended between 1937 and the 1940's. With four of their family living in Outram, there were many Hyslop children at the school in the 1960's and 1970's. Then as many of this generation also moved back to Outram, their children also attended, and so it went on with the next Generation, and now the Great, Great, Great, Grandchildren of our original ancestor are still coming through Outram School to this day.

- 1 Frank Brocket
 - 2 Eric Hyslop
 - 3 Lynnette Hyslop
 - 4 Jolene & Glen Donaldson
 - 5 Liam, Nicholas & Hamish Casey
 - 3 Shona Hyslop
 - 4 Emma & Laura Robertson
 - 5 Ada Rogers (Thomas to follow)
 - 3 Niven Hyslop
 - 4 Kelly Hyslop

SCHOOL VACATIONS Otago Daily Times

ISSUE 19671, 24 DECEMBER 1925

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING. OUTRAM.

Standard I.—Sheila Doherty 1, James Anderson 2, Allan Russell 3, Isabel Anderson 4, Alice Sinclair, Robert Walker, Peggy Hall. Special prizes : Progress—Howard Hayward, Mary Shuffill, Alister McDiarmid, Jack Grant, Ivy Welch, James Whitson, Irene MacDonell, Doreen Lawrence, Thelma Mulqueen, Frank Ferguson, Dorothy Welch, Ray Sullivan, Milton Smith, Robt. Howell, Robert Ferguson. Special prizes: Sewing Irene MacDonell and Peggy Hall (equal).

Standard II.—Ruth Payne 1, Jack Hayward and Isabel Grant (equal) 2, George Bathgate 4, Gwen Wright, William Jackson, Winnie MacDonell. Special prizes; Sewing, Gwen Wright. Progress, Gordon Marshall.

Standard III. — Christina McBryde 1, Kathlyn Doherty 2, Helen Walker 3, Fanny Walker and Noel Fraser (equal) 4, William Kofoed, Roy Fisher, Vida Marshall, Edward Gibson. Special prizes; Sewing, Fanny Walker. Progress, Leslie Mulqueen. Handwork, James Welch.

Standard IV.—Betty Bannerman 1, Thomas Walker 2, George Grant 3, Catherine Hayward, Alice Milne, Eunice Scott, James Grant, George Russell, Florence Payne. Special prizes: Sewing, Betty Bannerman. Progress, George Lawrence. Standard V. —Mary Grant 1, Phyllis McBryde 2, Frank McKellar, Raymond Parsons, Bruce Robertson, Eric Dow. Special prizes: Sewing, Mary Grant. Darning; Reta Sullivan. Writing: Phyllis McBride. Progress. Madge Bremner.

Standard VI.--Francis Doherty (dux of school) 1. A. Cuthbert Stewart 2, Kathleen Anderson 3, John Kofoed, Jonathan Snow. Special prizes: Writing, Kathleen Anderson. Sewing, Kathleen Anderson. Darning, Linda Ferguson. Progress ; William Huston. Plodders, Stephen Mulqueen.

Special Prizes. —Navy League; Standard VI. Frank Doherty; Standard V. Rita Sullivan.

Most popular girl, Linda Ferguson. Best behaved boy, Jonathan Snow. Best behaved girl. Florence Payne.

For encouragement of reading good literature: Standard VI. Cuthbert Stewart; Standard V, Mary Grant; Standard IV, George Grant.

Note - some of the children listed in the prize list (bold and Underlined) are also mentioned in the photograph opposite.



Outram School c1922

Back Row: Eric Dow, Charles Low, Nicholas Healy, ?, Roland Allnatt, Ernest Wheeler, George Milne, Brittain Cameron

3rd Row: Tom Walker, George Lawrence, Muriel Fraser, Gertie Drummond, Dolly Gibson, Mary Grant, Annie Healy, George Grant, Jim Grant

2nd Row: Eunice Scott, Linda Ferguson, Thelma Walsh, ? Allnat, Betty Bannerman, Phyllis McBryde, Kathleen Anderson, Annie Snow, Alicia Milne

Front Row: Leslie Mulqueen, Ray Persons, Jack Snow, Alex Bathgate, Paddy Doherty, Bruce Robertson

Teacher: Miss Tui McDonald

Contributor Zelda Matheson

McKellar/ Reid/ Harrex

Five Generations of the family at Outram School

Our family has had an association with Outram School for five generations.

My grandmother, Ethel McKellar, attended Outram School in the 1890s. Her father was the stationmaster/postmaster so they lived just through the fence in Railway Lane.

For her secondary education, she boarded at Girton College in Dunedin then went on to attend Dunedin Teachers College. She returned to the Taieri and held the position of assistant teacher at both Outram and Woodside schools. She also taught at Musselburgh School. She married William Reid in 1916 and lived at Round Hill on the Mahinerangi Road.

The family moved down to Harveys Flat in 1924 to be closer to schools. My father, Ken Reid, along with his brother Ron, attended Woodside School, living with their grandparents on Woodside Road during the week. When the other 2 children, Archie and Phyllis were ready for school in the late 1920s, they came from Harveys Flat by horse and gig each day. They left their horse in the looseboxes at the back of Walmsley's store.

My grandmother went on to be the president of the West Taieri Schools Centennial committee in 1958, assisted by her sons Ken and Ron along with other members of the community. Her son and my father Ken was chairman of the 125th jubilee. I joined him on this committee.

I started school in 1953. On fine days the land-girl working for us would take me from Harveys Flat to the West Taieri Cemetery on the back of her mo-ped to catch Sandy Walker's bus. This continued until the Shiels from Lee Stream Hotel started a bus to bring their daughters and the other Hill families to Outram School.

I was joined by my sisters, Janice and Christine during the 1950s. In 1961 I attended boarding school then went on to Dunedin Teachers College and like my grandmother returned to do my PA year at Outram School.

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After 2 years teaching in Central Otago, I returned following my marriage to teach at Outram, until starting a family.

In 1983 my youngest son, Michael started at Outram School. He was preceded by his brothers, Brendon and Richard. Following his secondary education at boarding school in Dunedin and tertiary education at Lincoln University, Michael tried his hand at dairying before deciding that sheep and beef farming was what he wanted to pursue so returned to the family farm at Outram.

Michael and Annette's children, Emily, Caitlin and William attended Outram School from 2007 through to 2021. The education at Outram has stood our family in good stead. Ken's brother, Ron, was co-dux with Sheila Doherty, another long-standing Outram family in 1930. Ken didn't receive any tertiary education as he was called home from boarding school to the farm as his father had broken his leg and his brother Ron was at Lincoln College. However, he did go on to serve in organisations, often as treasurer, at a national level in later life.

Emily got a taste for learning Spanish while at Outram and continued to study it at secondary school. At the age of 15, she flew on her own to Spain to spend 6 weeks living with a Spanish family!

I served on the first Board of Trustees in 1989 and Michael's wife, Annette, was also on the Board Trustees until 2022 serving a term as Chairperson.

Sporting activities have played an important part of life at Outram School. Basketball, now known as netball, and athletics were my interests, Hockey under the influence of Jenny McDonald has been prominent for both Michael and his brothers and then for his children. Michael is still playing and he and Will play in the same team on Sundays.

1. Ethel McKellar
2. Ken Reid
3. Elizabeth Reid/Harrex
4. Michael Harrex
5. William, Caitlyn, Emily

Contributor Elizabeth Harrex (Reid)

Anderson/McDonald Families

Charles Anderson went into partnership with Mr Lyttle (of Outram Hotel) in farming "The Downs" from 1920-34. Albert (1899-1959), his son, was a shearer and trapper but also worked on the farm. Albert Anderson married Marjorie Edith Anderson, no relation, from the North Otago area and their daughters, Joyce and Lorna both went to Outram school, Joyce being dux in her final year. She married Ross McDonald, who was a contractor and lived in several houses, before buying 12 Beaumaris St. They sold part of their section (Where the Doctor's Surgery is today) to fund the purchase of the General store at 17 Holyhead Street from Norman Forbes. They raised 7 children who all attended Outram School. Three of them had children and grandchildren who also attended the local school, and continue to reside in Outram to this day.

Charles Anderson - Albert Anderson (Maungatua school)

1 Joyce McDonald (nee Anderson)

2 Ian 3 Clare 4 Finn, Meg

2 Ritchie 3 Karyn 4 Rana, Tiana

2 Rosslyn (Gale) 3 David 4 Kylie, Regan

Contributor Rex McDonald

Reid/ McDonald Families

Arthur Reid farmed on the Woodside Rd and lived in the old brick home called Broomfield. The house stands today and is 3 brick layers thick. Arthur went to school at Outram in the 1900s, his son Ray went in 1930s, after a stint at the Woodside school. His son and daughters, David and Diane went in the 1950s and Carolyn followed. Carolyn now works at the school office.

Diane married Ritchie McDonald and had 3 daughters, who attended in the 1970s; Lynne, Karyn and Tineka. Karyn's daughters are at the school at present.

1 Arthur

2 Ray

3 Diane

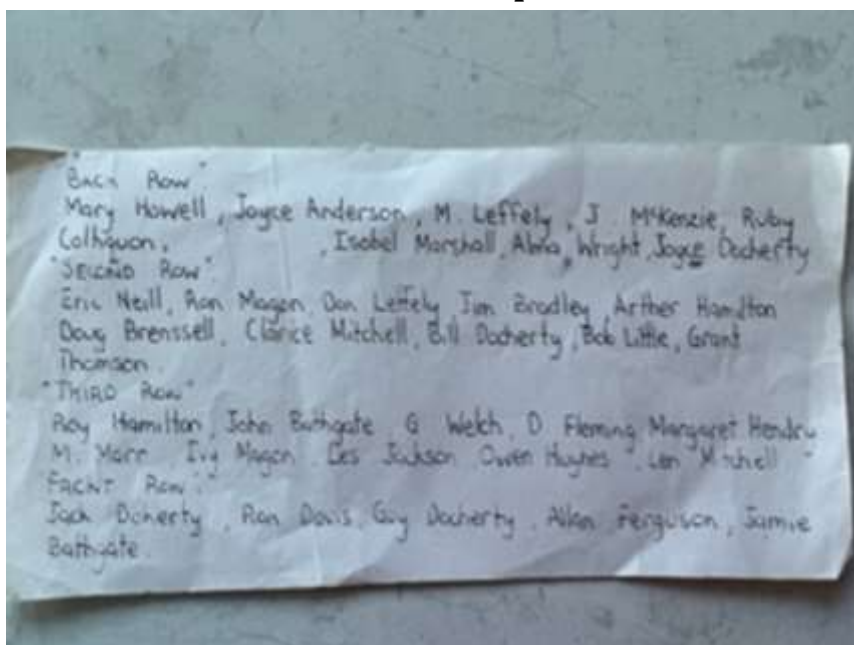
4 Karyn

5 Rana, Tiana

Contributor Diane McDonald



1932 Class photo



Brensell/Scott/Bain Families

1 Jack Brensell- 1923 -Went to school in the primers.

1 Joan Brensell (nee Docherty) attended Woodside School 1928 and then 1936 Outram School.

Pam recalls Dad talking about the Doctor's dog coming over to the school and eating their lunch. The school informed the doctor's wife and she invited them over for lunch. Lunches were good, so they left their bags handy for the dog, but got caught out and all bags were put on high hooks after that.

Jack and Joan married and had 2 daughters, Doreen and Pam.

2 Doreen Scott (nee Brensell) attended from 1952 -1960. Doreen married Richard Scott and their three children attended Outram school.

3 Michael Scott went from 1975-1982

Mark Scott from 1977-1985

Nikk Cuthill (nee Scott) from 1981-1989

Nikk lives in Outram today and her two children also attended Outram.

4 Sam Cuthill -2010-2018

Maddie Cuthill - 2013-2021

2 Pam Bain (nee Brensell) -1954-1962. Pam married Brian Bain and they had two children.

3 Lisa Miles nee Bain - 1977 -1985

Paul Bain - 1979-1987. Paul's children also attended Outram.

4 Tayla Bain - 2013-2021

Jesse Bain - 2015-2023

Janferie Tansley taught Nikki and the 4 girls of the next generation.

Contributor Doreen Scott

Bathgate Family

The Bathgate family arrived from Scotland over 150 years ago, and many generations of our family have been lucky enough attend Outram school as part of their education journey.

Five generations of our family have attended Outram School.

James Bathgate was born in 1888 and attended from 1895–1903.

His son George Robert attended from 1921-1929, followed by his son Ian from 1954 -1957.

Ian's three children Andrea (1978l-1985), Bronwyn (1980-1988) and Simon (1985-1992) are all past pupils and now Simon's children Caleb and Ashlee are present day pupils.

Ian was on the Board of Trustees and enjoyed the opportunity to learn about school governance.

Andrea recalls her first day in the old school building with the pot belly stove and having Robin Walmsley (nee Bathgate) as her first teacher. Many years later she had the opportunity to be a student teacher in Robin's class and learn from her wealth of knowledge and experience.

It has been great to see the changes over the years as the school has developed and gone from strength to strength. We as a family, wish them all the very best for their 150 year celebrations and for the years to come.

1 James 2 George 3 Ian 4 Simon 5 Caleb, Ashlee

Contributor Ian Bathgate

**1971 Class
Photo**

*Supplied by
Ian
Bathgate*



The Blairs of Abbotsford

The Blair family of Abbotsford started their schooling at Outram with my Grandad John Bell Blair in 1905.

My Uncle, Alan Blair started in 1934 and 4 years later my father, Ian Blair started.

In 1962, I, David Blair started school on a very wet day followed by my sisters Judith in '63 and Janet in '65. Sometimes our huntaway "Mac" could also be found in the playground.

One of our memorable moments was in 1963 when the Terminus Hotel burnt to the ground. The Fire Brigade came and drained the swimming pool for extra water when we were due to start swimming the next day. My sister Judith was most indignant about that. When Janet was able to ride a bike safely, we all biked from the farm in Riverside Rd to school, a distance of 3 miles.

We have fond memories of Pet Day, which I rode my pony to and Sports days with the other Taieri Schools. Our sporting prowess at Outram School grew with the arrival of teachers Jenny McDonald (nee Bint) for hockey and Laurie Mains for rugby.

In 1987 Tracey the eldest of my children started school, followed by Regan in '88, Lauren in '90, and Kendal in '92.

We all have special memories of our time at Outram School.

1 John (Jack)

2 Ian, Alan

3 David, Judith, Janet

4 Tracey, Regan, Lauren, Kendal

Contributor David Blair

I apologise to those families with several generations attending the school whom I have not been able to contact in time for this edition. I would welcome any follow up contributions for the next

‘West of the Taieri’ in November.

Jenny McDonald.

The Doherty Family “The Balmoral lot”

The Doherty family's association with the Outram School dates back to 1906 when Francis (Frank) Doherty, who had arrived in New Zealand from Ireland in 1878. He moved from the land he was farming at Lee Stream to a property on the outskirts of Outram. Among the younger members of his family, who made the move from the hill to the plain, were Liela and her brother John, who was six when he was enrolled at the Outram School.

Frank wasted no time in getting involved with the Outram community. By 1908, he was elected onto the School Committee and he remained an elected member for the next 17 years. During this time, the family moved over the road to Balmoral which is still the family farm.

First generation: John, son of Frank and Eliza, 1906 until Standard 6 and then on to high school in Dunedin.

Second generation: John and Christina's son Len, a pupil for only perhaps three to four years in the early 1930s until his sister June who was four years younger was ready for school and the two enrolled at St Mary's in Mosgiel.

Third generation: Len and Jessie's family, Barbara, Shona, and Fred, pupils in the mid -1950s to 1970s .

Fourth generation: Fred and Clare's family, Keady, Erin, Holly and Ryan, late 1990s to 2000s. Fred, like his Great Grandfather, served on the school board including a stint as chair.

1 John (Jack) 2 Lennie 3 Fred 4 Keady, Erin, Holly, Ryan

Contributor Kate Doherty

Doherty Family “The Lee Stream lot”

Francis (Paddy) Doherty 1918/19 to 1924/25 Dux

His siblings: Kathlyn 1920's, Charles 1920/30 Dux, Shelagh 1929/30 Co Dux, Des

(Brian) 1955 to 1963, Colin 1958 to 1966, Elizabeth 1960 to 1968

**Brian's children: Brett 1993 to 2001, Mark 1995 to 2003,
Callum 1998 to 2005**

Contributor Brian Doherty

Fergusons of Balmoral

Frank Ferguson, 1918-1977 attended Outram School in the 1920s. He was from a family of 8 children of William and Mary Ferguson. Six boys and two girls all who attended Outram school in 1910s, 20s and 30s.

Neville Ferguson 1948, son of Frank and Hazel Ferguson was a pupil from 1953-1961. His brother Stewart also attended in 1960s. Neville's favourite memories of school days were playing sport, and being coached by Mary Speight at cricket. Mary was a NZ rep at cricket.

Mike Ferguson 1980, son of Neville and Cathy Ferguson attended Outram from 1985-1993. His sister Amy also attended from 1988-1995.

Oliver Ferguson 2012 and Liam Ferguson 2015 are present day pupils. They are sons of Mike and Kathrine Ferguson.

1 Frank 2 Neville 3 Michael 4 Oliver & Liam

Contributor Cathy Ferguson

Ferguson/Gruppelaar

Another son of William and Mary Ferguson was Peter. He married and lived in the double storey house at the end of Bidston Street. His eldest daughter Raelene married Leo Gruppelaar and had 4 children who all attended the school. Son David Gruppelaar, followed by his sons Daniel and Charlie, all had their schooling at Outram as well.

1 Peter 2 Raelene 3 David 4 Daniel & Charlie

Contributor Raelene Gruppelaar

Sporting Achievement - Teachers and Pupils

Outram Teachers who represented New Zealand in sport

Mary Webb (nee Speight)

NZ Women's Cricket team

Player in 1957-1961.

Batter (110 runs) and right arm off break bowler, occasional wicketkeeper



David Loan South Island Hockey Team Player

David Lockhart NZ Hockey Team. Player 1960s Goal Keeper.

Laurie Mains

MNZM



Mains in 1970

Laurie Mains All Blacks Rugby Team, Player and Coach

Played for All Blacks 1971-1976 as Fullback, 15 games.

Coached NZ 1992-95.

Was appointed a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to rugby 1998.

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Warren Lees MBE,

NZ Cricket Team. Player and Coach

Played for NZ as a wicketkeeper/
Batsman 1976-83- 21 test and
37 one day Internationals.

Coached Black Caps 1990-93.

Interim coach White Ferns



Jenny McDonald

NZ Hockey Team.

Player and Coach (U21)

Played for NZ 1971-1986 as
striker- 94 tests, 195 total
games, scoring over 200 goals.

Captained 1984 Olympic team
in LA.

Coached NZ U21 1990-94.

Inducted into NZ Sports Hall of
Fame.

Past pupils who have excelled in sport

Steve Hansen

All Blacks Coach

Coached Wales 2002-04,

assistant NZ 2004-11,

All Black Coach 2012-19

winning the 2015 World Cup.

Awarded a knighthood in 2020.



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Clarke Johnstone Equestrian



NZ Eventing Team 2010 Kentucky, bronze alongside Andrew Nicolson, Mark Todd, Caroline Powell

2011 -silver medal with Nicolson, Powell and Jonathan Paget.

2012 Summer Olympics - 4th, 6th placings.

2016 Rio.

Badminton 5th.2022 Pratoni team, Coaches NZ youth squads

Adam Hall Para Athlete Skiing representing NZ

Alpine skiing- Double Paralympic gold medals in men's standing 2010, 2018, bronze x3.

World championships
1 silver, 2 bronze.



Ryan Doherty

NZ and Commonwealth Special Olympics in 2021/2.

Won 3 silver medals and second overall.

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Malachi Buschl

Hockey NZ Black Sticks, 2023

Played in Pro league games in
Christchurch, European tour 2023



People to watch

Brooke McAlwee Touch, Demi McAlwee Touch,
Ollie MacKenzie Touch, Trey Russell Touch,
Zeke Buschl- Hockey,

Life after Outram School *by Richard Harrex*

- 1980-1987: I attended Outram Primary School. The school had a very strong hockey following and I was one of many that played hockey for Outram School. There was a strong community participation in all aspects of school life.
- 1988-1993: Moved to the boarding house at John McGlashan College in Dunedin.
- 1994-1997 Completed a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Canterbury University.
- 1998-2001: Moved to the central North Island to start my first professional job as a graduate project engineer. The job was for Carter Holt Harvey at the Kinleith Pulp and Paper mill in Tokoroa.
- 2001-2004 During this time, I travelled through Southeast Asia, the United Kingdom & Europe. I worked in Scotland and England. I met up with several other ex-pupils while I was travelling.
- 2005-2011: I returned to NZ and back to working at the Kinleith Pulp and Paper Mill where I moved to senior engineering roles and then into middle management roles.
- 2012-2021 I worked for myself as an independent engineering contractor and consultant. Ondine and I married in 2013, moved to our current home in rural Pukekohe and had 2 children.
- 2022-2023: To get more time living at home, we purchased a business called Nova Shades, building shade structures across the greater Auckland area.

The Chinese families were an integral part of Outram School for many decades. They came as market gardeners and worked hard to give their children greater opportunities to be educated and have a wider choice of occupations in the future. The stories of the Young family demonstrate their success.

Victor's story

Life on our market garden was fun but also hard work. Looking back I would not have wanted it any other way. We were all brought up appreciating the importance of strong family values, good work ethic and having resilience.

Outram school was a great little "big" school with nurturing and caring teachers. Education was very important in our family and it was expected that we were all going to University. Remaining on the market garden was an option but our parents wanted an easier life for us instead of working 7 days a week from morning to sunset.

I became a dentist and am still living and practicing up in Auckland. Liz, my wife whom I met at Uni is a pharmacist and we have 2 children. Conrad works at NZ Super Funds and Isabella is a physiotherapist working in Christchurch Hospital.

We all love going down to Outram to visit the parents and we are all very sentimental about our upbringing and time there. Undoubtedly we will return for visits in the years to come.

Walter's story

I'm Walter and married to Jenny Young (from CHC), we're both accountants, both work for General Electric and we're all dual citizens - USA and NZ.

I was educated at Outram School, Taieri High School, Otago University, B Comm in Accounting.

I have lived and worked in; 1987 Wellington, 1990 London, (met Jenny), 1994 Hong Kong, (joined General Electric) transferred with them to 1998 Albany, NY, USA, 2000 West Virginia, 2002 Philadelphia, PA, 2005 North Carolina, 2018 - Current Houston, Texas, - still with GE.

Our children are both Engineers: Sam and Jackson.

My memories of Outram:

1. Working on the farm,
2. Outram school and Mrs McDonald as my teacher, riding our bikes to school, the swimming pool, playing cricket at lunchtimes, ringing the school bell, woodwork classes in Mosgiel once a week, Outram school camping trips although I never went but wanted to. Also playing hockey for Outram school and Otago.
3. Going to McDonalds for sweets and other goodies - Rex was always there! I remember 5c mixtures and the 20c mixture was a big brown bag!
4. Going to the butcher, post office, milk bar.
5. Trying to play tennis on the Outram asphalt courts late in the summer evenings after work and going to the Outram Rodeo.

Beverley's story

My memories of growing up in Outram largely involve working on the market garden every day after school and in the weekends from a very young age, driving tractors, riding motor bikes, and fighting with my older brothers. We would work until dark sometimes during the long summer days picking potatoes, packing lettuces, cabbages, caulis, broccoli, celery and silverbeet, and in the winter it would be the dreaded job of picking brussel sprouts in the freezing cold.

In 1986, Bachelor of Commerce majoring in accounting from the University of Otago. Began my accountancy career at KPMG Dunedin for 2 years, then 6 years in Auckland before working for a pharmaceuticals wholesaler for a couple of years, and then starting a family. When both our kids started school I went back to chartered accountancy, where I have been ever since.

Jennifer's Story

All us kids worked on the garden after school and every school holiday. We all went to Outram school and Taieri High School in Mosgiel, apart from Tony who went to Otago Boys. He played hockey for school. Victor, Bev and I had piano lessons in Outram during Primary school days. We enjoyed going to the markets with Dad early in the morning. I went to Uni and got a BCom in major information systems. I worked for PC Direct and IBM in Auckland the last 15 years in Residential real estate and now working for a property developer in Auckland. Married Dylan Yung from Otaki, a Dentist. We have 2 kids, Lachlan, Bachelor of Dental Technology Otago Uni, and Lancel graduated 2022 Otago Uni B Science, and Anatomy and Physiology.

Tony's Story

I was educated at Outram school, Otago Boys and Otago Uni with a BCom in Accounting and Finance. He worked in London for 14 years before returning to Auckland in 2019, married Tua Mey from Wellington, who is a Business Analyst. They have 2 kids, Taylor born 2009 and Connor born 2013. Tony works at NZ Funds.

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Again, I apologise to those families with several generations attending the school whom I have not been able to contact in time for this edition. I would welcome any follow up contributions for the next 'West of the Taieri' in November.

Jenny McDonald.