

SPORT AND SCHOOL YARD GAMES

A Sports Day held at Roseville Park each year was another highlight, when all pupils were encouraged to join in races and ball games.

(Helen Arey (Goddard), 1930-34)

School sports days were on Saturday afternoon at Roseville Park, and were organised and run by the Parents and Citizens. Local businesses often donated the prizes and the refreshments were organised by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Another notable event was the School Sports day held at Roseville Park; off Clanville Road where we had running races, sack races, three legged races plus ice creams and ginger beer.

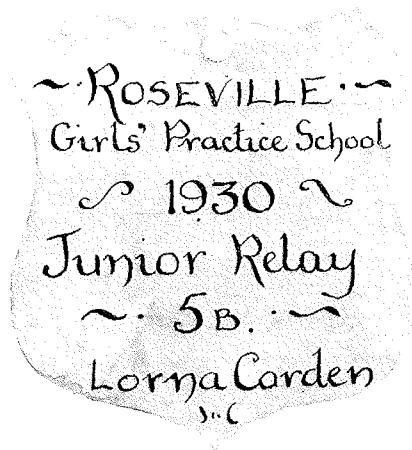
(Angus Caporn, 1933-38)

School sport was held on Roseville Oval and district sport at Waitara. The cask of ginger beer was always a favourite at the school sports.

(George Nethery, 1935-39)

First school Sports Day after the war was celebrated with a treat. Each child received a Violet Crumble bar, unprocurable during the war.

(Marianne Allen (Marx), 1942-45)

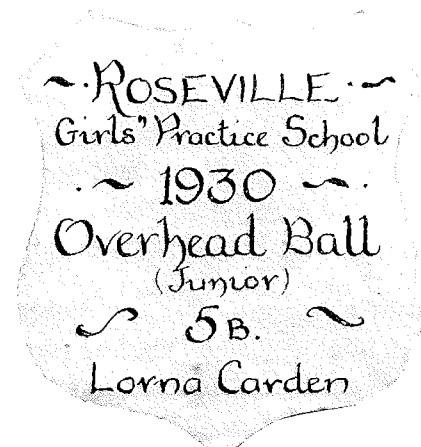


I recall in Kindergarten John Treloar wearing singlet, shorts and spikes in the school races. No one else had such equipment!

(Ross Davidson, 1933-39)

The girls were pretty good vigoro players, bowlers and batters alike. We had Australia's best runner, John Treloar. Ron Sharpe ended up Dux of the school and Australia's Butterfly champion

(Peter Edwards, 1940-48)



Malcolm Whitaker became our beloved hero when he bowled the then plain Don Bradman.

(Ross Davidson, 1933-39)

When Bradman came to Roseville Park,
The whole school went, it was quite a lark
While Sir's best bowlers tried their wiles,
Bradman's sixes were breaking the tiles.
You have a bowl, Sir, he heard someone beg:
And he did and he bowled Mr Bradman round his leg.

The roar that went up from all the crowd
Could be heard at Lindfield, it seemed so loud.
Sir thought he'd retire after all that strain,
As for Mr Bradman, he never came back again.

(Malcolm Whitaker, teacher, 1932-42, 46-48)



1935, School Cricket team – Top row left to right

Mr Whitaker, unknown, McKeckaran, Newman, G. Paton, R. McGregor, Alan Hill, Mr Bryant, D. Lemon, McKay, C. Hall, Mr Kehoe – Head Master, R. Hutchison, G. Carrard, unknown, G. Hapgood, B. Higgs, C. Smith, B. Kentish, A. Dennett, Florentine.

(Photograph courtesy of G. Paton)



ROSEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

THIRTY SIXTH ANNUAL SPORTS

(Under the auspices of the Roseville Parents and Citizens' Association)

ROSEVILLE PARK, SATURDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1964
CLANVILLE ROAD

Commencing at 1.30 p.m. sharp.

GRAND PARADE OF CHILDREN at 1.30 p.m.

ABRIDGED PROGRAMME

INFANTS DEPARTMENT

| BOYS | | GIRLS | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Kindergarten | 25 Yards | Kindergarten | 25 Yards |
| First Class | 33 Yards | First Class | 33 Yards |
| Second Class | 50 Yards | Second Class | 50 Yards |
| Skipping Race, 25 Yards | | Sack Race, 25 Yards | |
| Contestants to provide own sacks and ropes | | | |

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

| BOYS | | GIRLS | |
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| Age Championship, 13 years, i.e., born 1949 | | Age Championship, 13 years, i.e., born 1949 | |
| Age Championship, 12 years, i.e., born 1950 | | Age Championship, 12 years, i.e., born 1950 | |
| Age Championship, 11 years, i.e., born 1951 | | Age Championship, 11 years, i.e., born 1951 | |
| Age Championship, 10 years, i.e., born 1952 | | Age Championship, 10 years, i.e., born 1952 | |
| Age Championship, 8 & 9 years, i.e., born 1953-54 | | Age Championship, 8 & 9 years, i.e., born 1953-54 | |
| Junior and Senior Championships — Relay Races | | Junior and Senior Championships — Point Score | |
| for Junior and Senior Classes — Point Score | | School Championships Cup — High Jump | |
| School Championships Cup — High Jump Finals | | Relay Races for Junior and Senior Classes — Ball Games in Teams. | |

RACES FOR MOTHERS AND FATHERS
NOVELTY EVENTS TO BE ARRANGED

PARENTS NOTE — Afternoon Tea will be on sale, Price 1/6 — Free Drinks for Children
(We regret that we are unable to provide hot water)
CAKE STALL AND FANCY GOODS STALLS

APPEAL FOR FUNDS — The spontaneous and generous response by Parents to appeals for funds has kept the Sports and Prize Days going in an admirable way year after year, and the Committee has no doubt that from a finance viewpoint the Thirty-Sixth Sports and Prize Day will be as successful as ever.

The Committee wish to point out that each year a little more money is required than in the previous year, and would ask parents to bear this in mind when sending their prompt contributions (small or large amounts) to the school.

B. WATKINS
President

MRS. SYME
Hon. Treasurer

MRS. CLEMENTSON, MRS. SIBBALD
Hon. Secretaries

During the season, in the lunch break, the school Rugby team would play the rest, up to about forty boys. The team always won, which impressed the benefit of teamwork and discipline on us all. Needless to say, I was one of the forty.

(Laidley Pimington, 1923-29)

The school cricket team went to Roseville Park to play cricket with Donald Bradman, who was promoting cricket to schools on behalf of the Education Department. Mr Whitaker clean bowled Bradman and we all thoroughly enjoyed the exhibition of the great cricketer. He hit many sixes on to roofs of adjoining houses but no one complained.

(Geoffrey Paton, 1930-36)

There was a concrete cricket pitch in the playground and before school and at recess and lunch we would play. There would be about four balls in use and if you could get the batsman out you took over the bat. To encourage us to bowl the correct length Mr Whitaker would place a two-shilling piece on the pitch, propped up with a pebble, where the ball should land. If you hit the coin it was yours. 'Two bob' was fortune at the time.

(Brian Day, 1932-38)

Girls' games in the playground were rounders, skipping, jacks and hopscotch. Boys played rounders, tops, marbles in different seasons and a horrible game named 'bastings' when a tennis ball was thrown at the opposition as they tried to cross from one side of the playground to the other - a wet ball hurt even more.

(Geoffrey McIntosh, 1925-32)

The boys had the best play area. A large grassed area bordering Addison Avenue. The girls had the use of the asphalt only.

(Bobbie Page (Wall), 1932-38)

One of my favourite games was spinning nuts off the box trees on the asphalt.

(Elaine Aiken (Chaffer), 1933-39)

All the little girls spent every recess time out under the huge tree in the playground that dropped nuts or berries of some kind. We came to school armed with doll and baby brushes and swept the nuts into divisions of rooms and corridors as we played house - a monumental house filled with huge families.

(Suzanne Devine (Landers), 1942-48)

Vigoro was my sporting love. I really fancied myself and could hit that ball over the huge trees separating the girls' and boys' playgrounds.

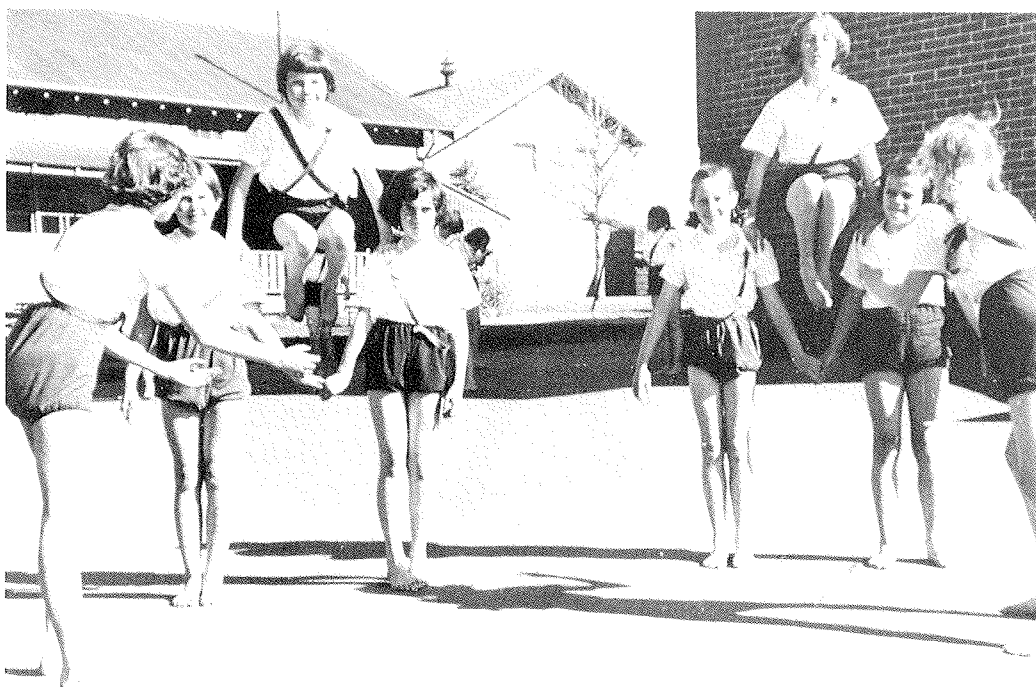
(Robin McLeod (Landers), 1944-50)

Our entire before school, playlunch and after lunchtime was spent playing vigoro, year in year out and we all enjoyed it so much.

(Lynette Roberts (Treleaven), 1951-57)

The boys' and girls' playgrounds were separate but we used to play ball games on the border line hoping that our balls would 'run' into the boys domain so we could make contact.

(Gail Denner (Degotardi), 1952-58)



Physical education in the school playground, 1953.

... Playing vigoro at lunchtime and hitting the ball down to the boys' playground so that we had an excuse to be there.

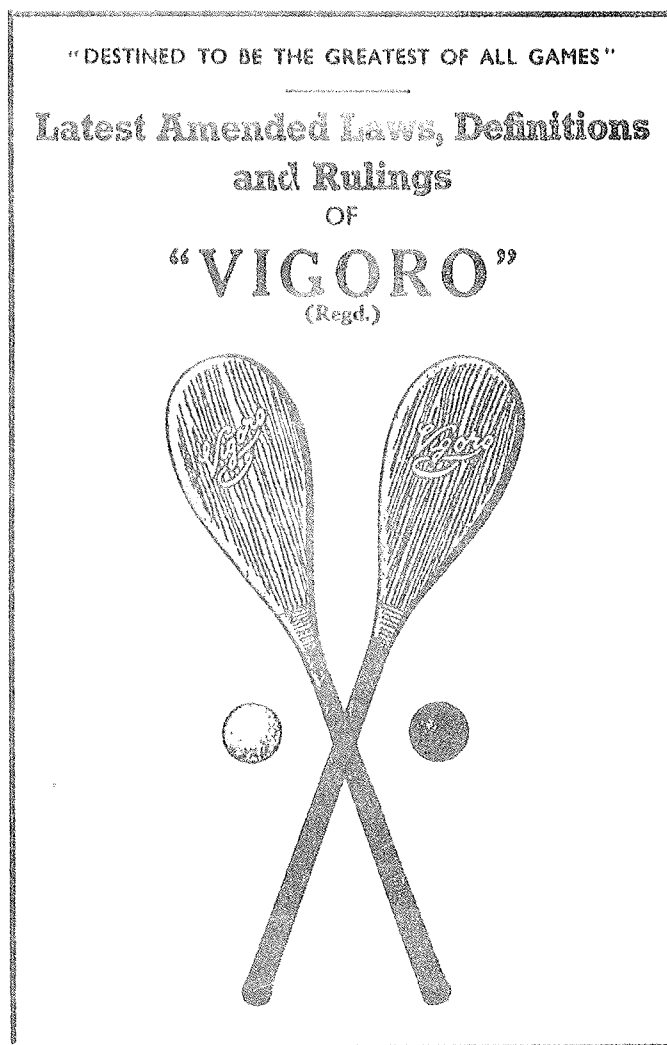
(Laraine Cameron (Pegg), 1952-59)

I remember walking around Waitara Oval at the District Sports Carnival in our 'bloomers' ... when I was an early maturing girl. I can still laugh about the sight that must have created! We wore a Peter Pan collared shirt with a chocolate and gold bow tie and our 'bloomers'.

(Maria Circuit (Theunissen), 1953-57)

Pleasant memories for me were playing vigoro at lunchtime or, with others, dragging out the high jump equipment onto the grass and jumping to my hearts content. I have good feelings that I jumped 4 feet 11 inches numerous and the elusive 5 feet three times. Yearning to reach greater heights I at one time pleaded with the sports teacher to be taught the western roll, but was refused, with the explanation that it was not wise for women to use that technique.

(Shannon Lightfoot (Susan Mitchell), 1954-62)



Vigoro