

Carter's Ridge State School 1925 - 1967

A school at Carter's Ridge was requested by petition of parents dated August 1924, and on 18 Sep 1924, a formal application was made to the Department. The parents wanted River View as the name, but suggested Carter's Ridge (Carter being the name of the chief land owner in the area) as an alternative. 14 children were available, of whom 6 were already attending a school at some distance.

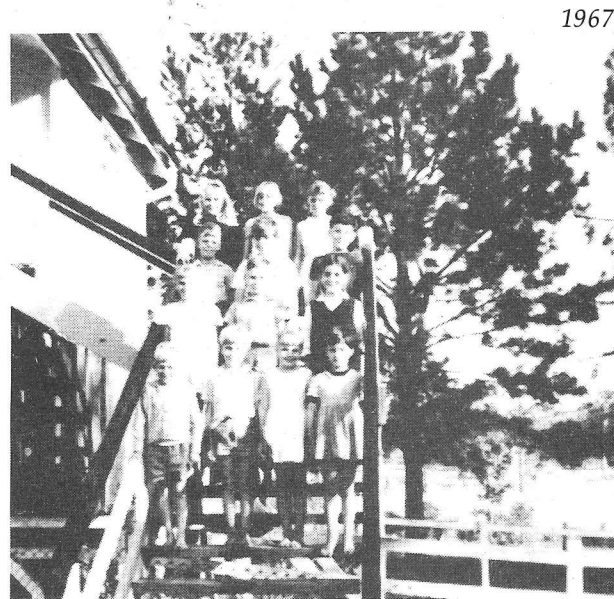
The application was for a Provisional School, the parents being prepared to erect a suitable building at their own expense. The proposed site, offered by Mr D.V. Carter was approximately 3 acres of forest land.

On 25 Oct 1924, Inspector William Taylor visited the area to report on the application. He recommended that the application for a Provisional School be granted. In a letter of 4 Dec 1924, the people were informed of the Minister's approval of the establishment of a Provisional School on Portion 1524, Parish of Tuckekoi, as donated by Mr Carter, provided that the people erected suitable buildings.

Early in the new year, the people suggested to the Department that, until the Provisional School was erected, a cottage offered by Mrs J.S. Poulsen be used as a temporary school. This cottage was 17 ft 11 in square, with 8 ft verandahs on front and back. It was quite old and had wooden shutters instead of glass windows.

The school was opened in this cottage by the first Head Teacher, Catherine Enid McCaffrey, circa June 1925. It remained in this building until 1930, when State School buildings were completed. The buildings were erected by Westbrook Brothers for £322 18s 7d.

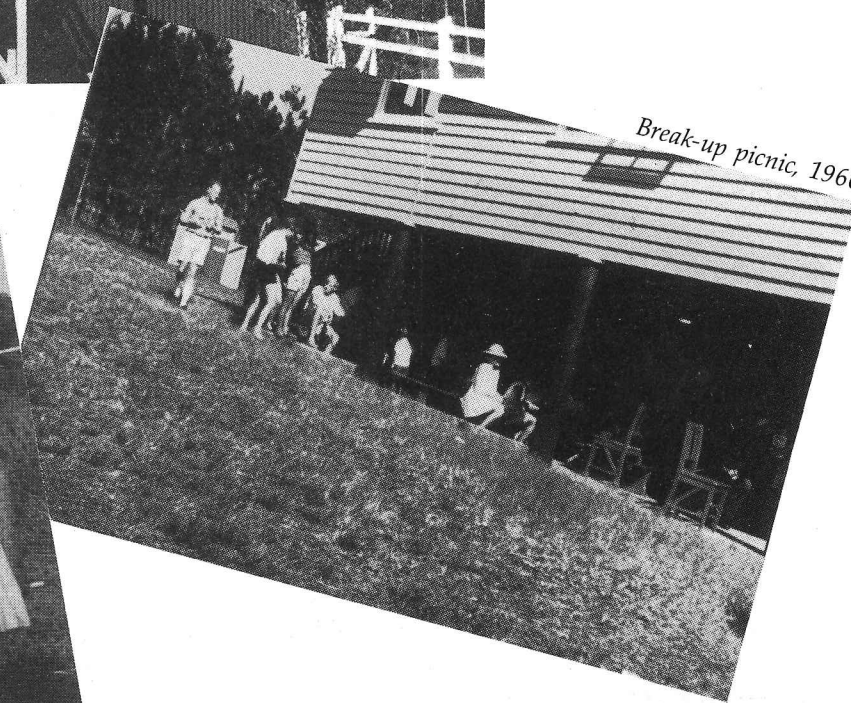
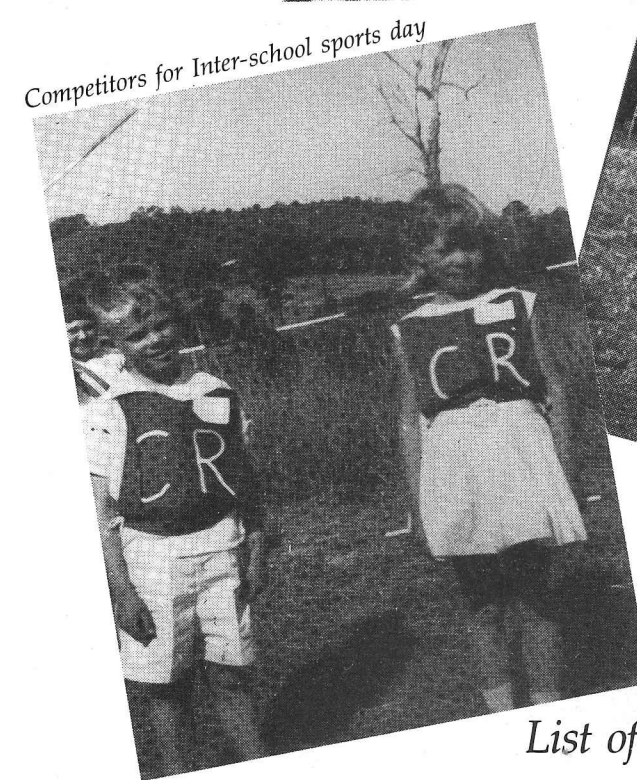
Low attendance in the 1960s caused the Department to send Inspector F.J. Routh to investigate closing the school. Routh reported in July 1967, and recommended closure. He stated that transport to Cooroy, Imbil or Federal schools all were possibilities, but pointed out that the parents preferred Cooroy. Transport of approximately 10 children to Cooroy was likely to be necessary, and no additional staff or accommodation was likely to be needed at Cooroy to cope. Consequently, Carter's Ridge State School was closed on 27 Aug 1967. The removal of the buildings from the site was completed in June 1968, and remain on the property of Mr Poulsen.



C.R.S.S. Building, 1984



School Break-up,
1966



List of Principals

McCaffrey, C.E.	1924 - 1925
Chappell, Dorothy E.	1926 - 1936
Blake, B.H.	1937 - 1938
Hansen, G.	1939 - 1941
Clarkson, Jean H.	1942 - 1945
Carroll, P.	1946 - 1947
Tomlinson, H.F.B.	1948
Henry, James R.	1949
Mountney, K.G.	1950
Pearson, Ron C.	1951
Eyers, A.J.	1952 - 1953
Trevelton, M.J.	1954 - 1955
O'Sullivan, P.T.	1956 - 1957
Allen, C.G.	1958 - 1959
Maguire, T.B.	1960 - 1961
King (Junior), W.J.	1962 - 1963
Coulter, C.R.	1964 - 1965
Mylrea, Malcolm	1966 - 1967