

SUMMER HILL
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FISHER'S HILL

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Fisher's Hill Public School
27th March, 1971

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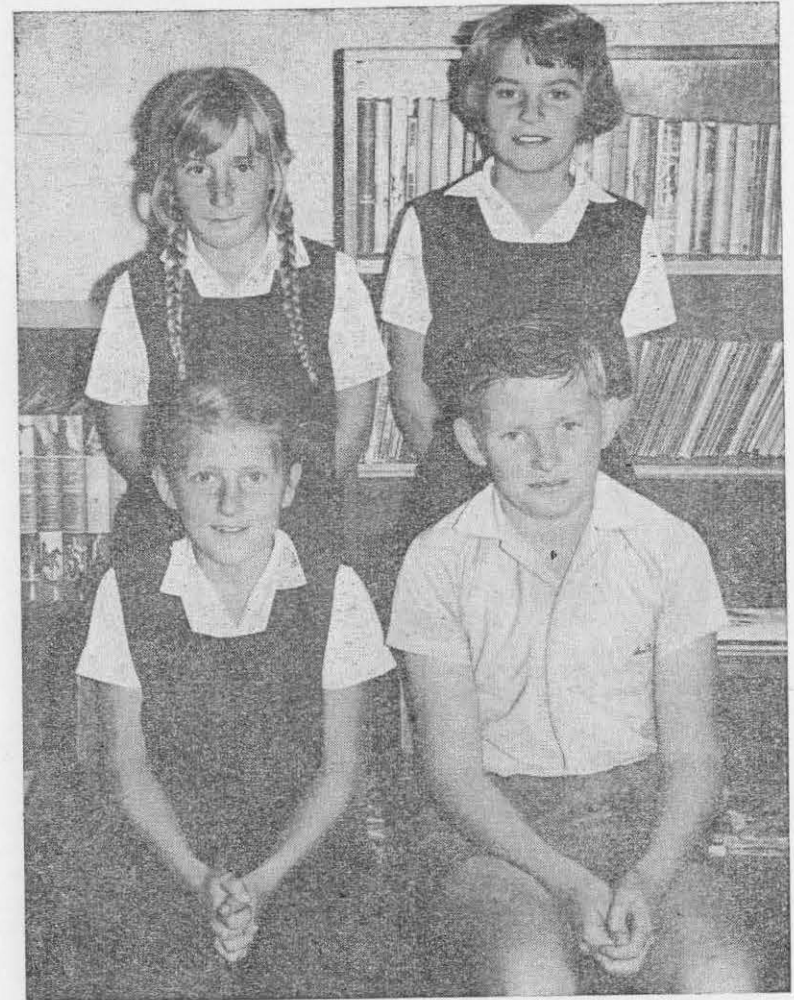
Fisher's Hill joins the ranks of those communities which have seen one hundred years of continuous education. On an occasion like today, the minds of those present go back through the years to remember boys and girls, who shared with them the joys and the sorrows inevitably associated with growing up. That changes have occurred at Fisher's Hill School is undoubted, but the flavour of bygone years seems to linger longer in the smaller communities and there is more to remind us of the past than in the larger cities. It would be a great joy to me if I could really share your experiences as you think and talk about the past.

That the old boys and girls appreciate the worth of the school is evidenced by the support they continue to give, not only financially but physically and morally. Look about you, notice the present generation of boys and girls and I am sure you will agree that the educational returns are rich indeed. In judging the value of your school, your ultimate criterion will be the quality of its products. In valuing the products I hope you will be more concerned with the quality of the boys and girls; what they are rather than what they know. Knowledge is important, but without good attitude it can be dangerous.

Congratulations to those who have made the celebration of this occasion possible. May it remind us all of the debt we owe to the pioneers and may the young, in particular, be appreciative so that they in turn will become worthy citizens who will willingly strive to make a further contribution to the growth of this district and the nation.

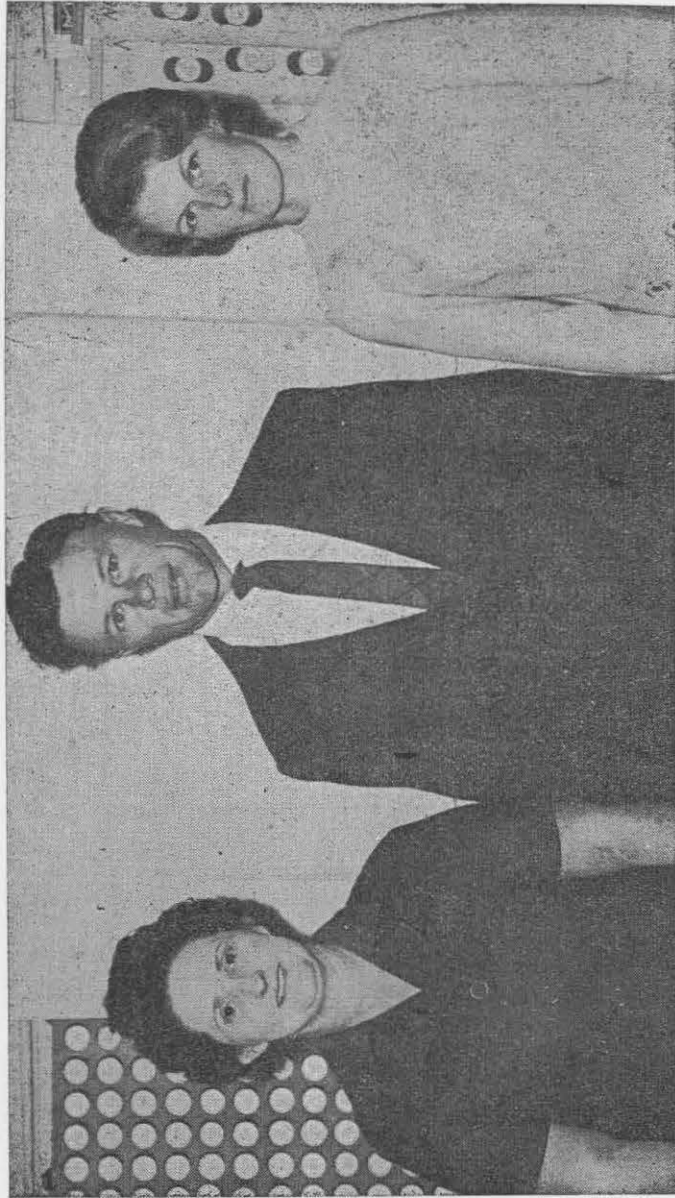
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SCHOOL CAPTAINS — 1971



Standing: **Judith Kealy, Margaret Doyle (Vice-captains)**
Seated: **Virginia Sparke, John Jordan (Captains)**

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF PARENTS & CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION



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The Parents and Citizens' Association of Fisher's Hill is rightly proud of its school's 100 years of service to the educational needs of the rural community.

Although throughout this long period the total enrolment has always been quite small, there has been nothing lacking in the education of the children of this school. Those who have gone on to secondary schools have, in the main, competed favourably in the larger classes.

Over the years the Parents and Citizens' Association has played a vital part in seeing that the children have adequate facilities and equipment to absorb the knowledge necessary to compete in this educated age. It is up to us and to our successors to uphold the standards set by the pioneers who have gone before us.

P. N. DOYLE,

DUX OF THE SCHOOL

- 1956 Diane Kealy.
- 1957 Diane Kealy
- 1958 Graeme Brooker.
- 1959 Helen Cameron — Dianne Priestley
- 1960 Mary Brennan — Ruth Brennan.
- 1961 Kerry Cameron.
- 1962 Marie Kealy.
- 1963 Rosanne Jordan.
- 1964 Lynette Green.
- 1965 Patrick Kealy.
- 1966 —
- 1967 Ian Sparke.
- 1968 Robert Doyle.
- 1969 Anne Doyle.
- 1970 —

EARLY HISTORY OF FISHER'S HILL

In the early twenties of the last century large grants of land were made by the Government all along the Hunter River Valley. In the Paterson district James B. Weber (Tocal); James Phillips (Bona Vista); William Dunn (Duninald); George Lang (Dunmore); Lieutenant Bedwell (Cintra); The Corys (Gostwyk and Cory Vale); J. H. Boughton (Tillimby); and others secured large grants.

To the west of Vacy and adjoining the John Cory grant was an area held by James Adair (Cardoness), which stretched from the Lennoxton Road along the Gresford Road till it joined up with William Bucknell's grant of 2560 acres at "Elmshill" and then extended westward to include land in the Summer Hill area. (Vacy Centenary booklet).

The first person to take up land at Summer Hill was Mr. Edward Kealy. His "grant" was approximately 525 acres. Other grants in the area were "Bird Hill" and "Glen Albyn". As far as can be ascertained "Glen Albyn" was a grant to Mrs. Elizabeth Ley and "Bird Hill" was a grant to a Mr. Clarke. Later "Bird Hill" was sold to Mr. S. Cardow.

Mr. Edward Kealy arrived in Sydney from Ireland in 1822. Later he worked for Mr. Nowlan of "Eelah Estate" on the Hunter River. About 1829 or 1830 Mr. Kealy moved to the Summer Hill area with a party of convicts. His task was to clear and open up the land for grazing and the growing of tobacco and wheat.

Mr. Kealy's family consisted of three boys and three girls. One of his sons, William Kealy, was the grandfather of Mr. P. A. Kealy, of Fisher's Hill. Another son, Edward, was the grandfather of Vincent Kealy, and the great grandfather of Edward Kealy, of Summer Hill.

The late J. A. Kealy, who has left some interesting notes about the early history of Summer Hill, was Edward Kealy's son. Mr. John Keogh was also the grandson of Edward Kealy. At present there are nine descendants of Edward Kealy attending Fisher's Hill School.

The late Mr. John Kealy (son of Edward Kealy and Anne McKeown) has left this record regarding selections in this area:

"The first to select land around Summer Hill were my cousin, Edward Kealy; my mother, Anne Kealy; my brother, Patrick and my brother, Edward. Others to take up selections were Thomas and James Hall; Charles Walker; John Maher; and Charles Mansfield. I would say from recollection, that the first land taken up would be in the year 1880. All selections have changed hands with the exception of the land taken up by the Kealy families.

The first house at Summer Hill was built prior to 1842. I have records of a kitchen being added by a Mr. J. Dobson in 1842. The general prices charged to the working men for provisions in 1842 were as follows:— Beef 3d. per lb., tea 3/- per lb., sugar 3d. per lb., soap 9d. per lb., pork 6d per lb., butter 1/6 per lb.

The wage paid to a farm hand in 1866 was £15 per annum and keep.

In later years dairying started in this locality and we took our milk to a creamery at Vacy. (This was run by Mr. Uriah Heep).

After a little time the farmers purchased their own separators. I believe my brother, Edward, and I were first in this area to buy a

separator. From that time on the industry has moved along to what it is at the present day."

MORMONS (Late J. A. Kealy)

"The Mormons were here long after my grandfather arrived at Summer Hill. They had a meeting place where Mr. Doochan's house now stands."

ABORIGINES (Late J. A. Kealy)

"As far as I could say there was never any trouble with the natives or bushrangers in the early days. I have a clear recollection of numbers of natives coming here and staying about four weeks. They would then return to Boydell's (Allynbrook). They would catch fish and only ask for flour, meat and sugar."

HISTORY OF FISHER'S HILL SCHOOL

Not many schools have the distinction of being renamed twice.

Summer Hill Provisional School was established on 1st March, 1871. The name was changed to Bunnabunoo on 17th December, 1884. In November, 1934, the name was again changed to Fisher's Hill. The changes were apparently made to avoid confusion with places of similar names. As the history of the Post Office reveals, an attempt was made in 1923 to have the name of Fisher's Hill changed to Koorungal. Fortunately the request was dismissed. Most of the older ex-pupils will always remember the school as Bunnabunoo.

The Fisher's Hill Public School (Bunnabunoo) is situated on the Paterson River about four miles from Vacy. The land on which it stands was once known as "The Bight". The Paterson River rises in springs high up under the south-west edge of the Barrington Tops. The Paterson joins the Allyn at Vacy and the Hunter near Morpeth. To the south-east of the school is Mt. George. To the east, across the Paterson, is the present Summer Hill property. Here also stands the historic Catholic Church.

THE FIRST SCHOOL

In 19th January, 1871, the Reverend William Stone applied for assistance to the Summer Hill Provisional School. William Stone was the Catholic Clergyman of East Maitland. He submitted the name of Thomas Fitzgerald as the first teacher. The number of children within a two-mile radius was reported to have been 46. On the Annex to the Application for Aid to a Provisional School eight parents promised to send children to the school.

The list included: Stirleibar (2), James McKeon (1), Matthew Maher (5), Francis Larney (1), Hugh Byrne (4), Edward Kealy (4), William Kealy (6), John Ekint (1), Flory (2). (Note the number in brackets refers to the number of children).

Mr. Inspector Dwyer visited the school. He reported that the building was in an unsuitable state of repair. Mr. Inspector Dwyer also gave approval to the selection of Mr. Fitzgerald as teacher.

He said: — "The teacher is disabled on one side of his body, but his manner is tolerably intelligent, and he shows a moderate knowledge of elementary grammar and arithmetic, and reads pretty well."

Mr. Inspector Dwyer recommended that aid be granted from 1st March, 1871.

The school room as described by the Inspector — (1) Material: A rough slab hut, shingled roof and slab floor; (2) Dimensions: About 24ft. x 16ft.; (3) Accommodation Afforded: Sufficient room; (4) State of Repair: In bad state at present, but to be immediately improved.

This school was on the property of Mr. William Kealy of "The Bight". During the time of Mr. Fitzgerald's successor, Miss Ellen Harrigan, two rooms were added to the back of the school. Miss Harrigan and her sister lived in these rooms until she retired and married Mr. John Comerford (a first cousin of the late J. A. Kealy). The school was approximately 150 yards north of the present school.

On 28th February, 1879, Miss Harrigan applied for promotion. Examiner's report: "not undeserving. She is earnest and her work is worth the award. Tolerable. No obstacle".

The next teacher to be appointed to the Summer Hill School was Mrs. Rose O'Brien. Mrs. O'Brien and her husband lived at the old school from 1879 to 1883. Mrs. O'Brien had taught in Liverpool, but as she had no testimonials, the Council was urged to show caution before employing her. She was authorised to train at the Girls' Public School, West Maitland, for two months. She received £8 from the Council of Education during training. In return she signed a bond to refund same within two years if she resigned or was dismissed — "death only exception."

THE FIRST SCHOOL (1871-1883)



Teacher: Mrs. Rose O'Brien (1879 - 1894)

THE PRESENT SCHOOL

During Mrs. O'Brien's time the local member of the N.S.W. Parliament, Mr. H. H. Brown, made representations for the extension of the school buildings. He suggested that land be purchased from Mr. W. Kealy. Mr. Inspector McIntyre recommended on 21-4-1882 that a new school and residence be built at Summer Hill. His estimate for a weatherboard building with a shingle roof was £500. (This included weathershed, outoffices, water supply, fencing and furniture).

Tenders were called in the "Maitland Mercury" to be in by 7th August, 1882. Only one tender was received from James Richardson and Reuben Taylor. The tender was considered "extremely high" (£1245) and fresh tenders were called. Three tenders were received in this instance and Richardson and Taylor's second tender (£1195) was accepted. Proceedings were then held up as the site had not been secured. The contractors were asked to submit fresh tenders for a brick building on 3-11-82. The tender for the brick building was accepted on 19-11-82. Eventually three acres of land were purchased from Mr. William Kealy for the sum of £30. A right of way was also granted to the school. Although the school was erected in 1883 negotiations regarding the land continued until 11th June, 1886.

The bricks for the new building were made locally about 200 yards south of the school on the property of Mr. W. Kealy. (This property is now owned by Mr. P. N. Doyle).

FISHER'S HILL SCHOOL BETWEEN 1883 AND 1894



Mr. O'Brien (husband of the teacher in the background)

Mrs. O'Brien taught at the school until 1893. In 1887 in one report to the Inspector, Mrs. O'Brien pointed out that four of her pupils were now teaching in Public Schools. One pertinent remark by an inspector — "Teacher's dog came into school so persistently, I feel sure it is accustomed to be there during school hours."

Mrs. O'Brien was followed by Mr. Henry Parkinson, who only remained at the school for three months.

On 2-4-1894 Mr. Maurice Collins was appointed to the school. He remained at the school longer than any other teacher — a period of 23 years. Mr. Barney Collins, son of the late Mr. Maurice Collins, has sent us his impressions of that period —

"My father, Mr. Maurice Collins, was appointed to this school over 70 years ago. It was then named and known as the Bunnabunoo School. The school and residence were both lovely brick buildings. Inside the school there were three classes, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In front of each class was a blackboard. On the school walls were a number of large maps embracing the world. The school in those days had an average attendance of 52 to 56 pupils. A number of farmers had State School boys. This is one of the reasons for such a large number of pupils in a country school. In the playground was a weather-shed which was a big wooden building with seats all round. It was partitioned for boys and girls. There was a big bell post with a huge bell which was rung every school morning at 9 o'clock and 9.30. Arbor Day was celebrated each year. Several ornamental trees were planted during my father's time. Dad had two long footbridges erected by the Education Department. The Paterson River was continually rising and falling. The rainfall then was very much more than in recent years. (One bridge led to Summer Hill the other to Glen Albyn). We also held a few concerts at the school and made enough money to buy suitable books for the school library. Inspector Kevin on his next visit was very pleased. Inspector Kevin died at Gresford and is buried there. Mother used to visit the school on two afternoons a week. She taught needlework with some excellent results."

The department allowed Mr. Collins in 1894 to conduct an Evening Public School in the schoolroom. Eleven young men promised to attend.

Additions to the residence included a washhouse in 1896, a bedroom in 1898 and the enclosure of the back verandah in 1910. The second mentioned was required by Mr. Collins who had a large family. When asking for it he wrote:—

"In this house there are ten persons of mixed sexes including a servant woman whom Mrs. Collins is compelled to keep as her health is not good enough to allow her to do her own work."

When Mr. Collins, who was described as "one of the old school" retired, an inspector made the following recommendation about a replacement:—

"All the children, but one are Catholic, the one Protestant lives in a Catholic home. There is a suggestion to establish a Convent School in which case our school property would not be used. It would be advisable to send a teacher who is a Catholic to succeed Mr. Collins."

The teacher in 1936, Mr. B. D. Dickson, commented on the isolation of the place.

"There is a tri-weekly mail service. The Post Office being a half-a-mile from the school in a private house. There is no opportunity of replying to correspondence on the day on which it is received as the mail comes out and goes straight back.

"There is no shopping facilities, with the exception of the grocer, who calls once a week; no trades people come this way. We have to depend on milk lorries to bring bread, meat, papers, etc., these they leave on the road nearly half a mile from the school.

"There is no Church, School of Arts, or other social activities. Teachers are generally looked to to carry out certain social and civic duties, this, in my case incurs a deal of expense in travelling and a deal of inconvenience as well.

"The school is about half a mile from a by road of poor quality. I have to keep this road in repair at my own expense."

FISHER'S HILL SCHOOL — 1934



Back Row (l. to r.) Noel Connelly, Pat Soper, Jack Jordan, Tom Maher, Frank McVey, Albert (Nuggett) Bowd, Jim Fairhall, Keith Jordan; Centre Row (l. to r.): Gwen Bowd, Holly Bowd, Nita Fairhall Vera Maher, Amanda Fairhall, Laura Jordan, Alice Holdam, Doreen Maher; Front Row (l. to r.) Shirley Digby, Daphne Digby.

The school closed for brief periods in 1936 and 1941. There were 14 children enrolled in 1938.

In 1940 while Mr. Robert Bruce was teaching, one pupil, Norma Fairhall (Mrs. M. Simms) won a Bursary. In a letter to Norma Mr. Bruce said, "I do believe you came in the first three in the State."

IN RECENT YEARS

Fisher's Hill School was re-opened in 1950 by Mrs. H. Hancock who now teaches at Gresford. A Parents and Citizens' Association was formed and the late Mr. Kevin Kealy became President. Mrs. Hancock held a concert at Vacy for the first time. The school residence at this stage was condemned. Mrs. Hancock travelled to the school each day. The school was in a very run-down condition after being closed for seven years. Mrs. Hancock devoted much time and energy to improve conditions.

In August, 1951, Mrs. Dominic White took over. Mrs. White is well remembered for her colourful personality and her marked aptitude in the speech field. During Mrs. White's time (30-1-52) an emergency meeting was called to protest against the proposed destruction of the school residence. The residence was allowed to remain although Mrs. White lived in a house owned by the late J. N.

Doyle. Mrs. White remained until December, 1955.

When the present teacher arrived in 1956 permission was sought to occupy the old residence. The P. and C., led by Mr. K. Kealy, proved very co-operative. Windows were repaired and a temporary bathroom was built. The electricity was connected at the P. and C.'s expense. The teacher painted the inside of the residence.

The parents had not worked in vain. When the District Inspector, the late Mr. J. A. Archer, visited the school and inspected the residence he was very impressed. From this time onwards sympathetic consideration was given for general repairs to the residence and school.



Back Row (l. to r.): Paul Doran, Dianne Priestley, Rosemary Kealy, Helen Cameron, Graeme Brooker; Centre Row (l. to r.): Kathleen Brennan, Pamela Priestley, Angela Kealy, Katherine Jordan, Annette Kealy, Mary Brennan, Ruth Brennan; Front Row (l. to r.): Ken Brennan, John Kealy, Rosanne Jordan, Marie Kealy, Charles Doran, Kerry Cameron, George Priestley.

In 1959 the school was fortunate to win the Sports Shield at Gresford. A presentation was made to the late Mr. Kevin Kealy in 1960 in recognition of his many years of service in the P. and C.

In 1961 the late Mr. Mervyn Brooker became President of the P. and C. During this year Silky Oak and Wattle trees were planted in the playground. The P. and C. adopted a new sports uniform for all pupils. The girls were to wear a special pleated tunic. This tunic has proved very popular.

In 1962 extensive alterations, repairs and additions were made to the school building and residence. Over £3000 was spent. This was a fitting reward for the P. and C. which had been very generous in repairing the residence.

During 1963 cement paths and assembly areas were constructed at the school. Mr. A. (Nugget) Bowd, an ex-pupil and a resident of Vacy, received a presentation for his valuable assistance to our P. and C. during the past 10 years. A garage was also provided for the residence.

1964 heralded a new era in this district. A convent was opened at Gresford and Sister Mary Virgilius and Sister Mary Simeon began regular visits to the school. They also began teaching music at Gresford. Fluorescent lights and playground seating were provided by the department.

FISHER'S HILL SCHOOL — 1964



Back Row (l. to r.) G. Priestley, F. Muddle, C. Herbert, R. Brown, C. Porter, L. Green, S. Porter, G. Richards, R. Jordan, R. Herbert, T. C. Sparke (Teacher); Centre Row (l. to r.): M. Kealy, B. Brown, I. Sparke, R. Doyle, D. Brown, R. Porter, P. Kealy; Seated (l. to r.): C. Jordan, A. Doyle, W. Porter, Jo Kealy, J. Kealy, C. Kealy, B. Herbert.

In 1965 the P. and C. provided a new wireless for the school.

During 1966 contractors began drilling for water in the "horse paddock". Water was obtained at 99 feet (600 gallons per hour). The water was found suitable for a septic system. Mrs. Jack Jordan completed 10 years as Secretary of the P. and C.

1967 brought great rejoicing to the pupils of Fisher's Hill. At Gresford they won the Combined Sports Shield. James Kealy won the Owen Fogarty Shield, gaining the maximum number of points. Sister Mary Helena and Sister Mary de Pazzi took over duties at the Gresford Convent.

1968 brought great sadness to all people in this area. Mrs. G. Keppie who had been Treasurer of the P. and C., died suddenly during the Christmas Vacation. Mr. Kevin Kealy, who had been President every year from 1950 to 1962, with the exception of 1961, passed away after an operation in May, 1968. Mr. Kealy was the instigator of much of the good work done for this school. Sister Mary Beatrice relieved Sister Mary de Pazzi. A tape recorder was purchased in July, 1968. Pupils travelled to Dungog to meet the Governor of N.S.W., Sir Roden Cutler. Ian Sparke and Colleen Herbert were

awarded "Merit Awards" by the Gould League of N.S.W.

1969 Fisher's Hill School participated in a Music Festival at Maitland. The septic sewerage system was completed at a cost of over \$11,000. James Kealy again won the Owen Fogarty Shield. Sharyn Kealy won the Sub-junior Cup. In the Health and Temperance tests the school won the "Dorothy Bradley Prize", "The Ross Thomas Prize" and "The Council Prize". John Jordan, Anne Doyle, Robert Doyle and Colleen Herbert won individual book prizes.

1970. Mrs. J. Jordan and Mr. P. Doyle were made Life Members of the P. and C. The Assembly Area was increased. A school bus service began on 1-7-70. Sister M. Columbkille and Sister Margaret Mary were appointed to Gressford.

LIST OF PRINCIPALS

Name	Date of Appointment
Summer Hill Provisional School	
THOMAS FITZGERALD	March, 1871
ELLEN HARRIGAN	January, 1873
MRS. ROSE O'BRIEN	August, 1879
School named Changed to Bunnabunoo, December, 1884	
HENRY PARKINSON	January, 1894
MAURICE COLLINS	April, 1894
FRANCIS FITZPATRICK	September, 1917
V. G. CONNELL	October, 1921
D'ARCY DICKSON	January, 1929
School's Name Changed to Fisher's Hill, 1934	
School Closed 13th August, 1936	
ROBERT BRUCE	October, 1936
PHYLLIS WESTMAN	February, 1941
School Closed May, 1941	
WALTER FENNINGS	May, 1942
ELEANOR OGILVY	May, 1942
School Closed 21st September, 1943	
HAZEL H. HANCOCK	April, 1950
MRS. BRIDGET WHITE	July, 1951
T. C. SPARKE	January, 1956

FISHER'S HILL POST OFFICE

(Compiled by the Postmaster-General's Department, Public Relations Division, per Mr. K. A. Frost, District Postal Manager, Maitland)

Records indicate that the Fisher's Hill Post Office was established on 15th December, 1909.

Mrs. Catherine Kealy was appointed the first Postmistress and was paid an annual allowance of £15 to conduct the office.

Records are very vague, but it appears that the Post Office was connected by telephone on 7th October, 1914, and approval was given on 25th May, 1927, for the connection of the first subscriber, B. McEwan, to the Fisher's Hill Telephone Exchange.

Representations were received from the secretary of the Fisher's Hill Progress Association on 24th November, 1923, to change the name from Fisher's Hill to Karingal for the following reasons:—

"1st — It is not a hill at all.

2nd. — There is a hill called Fisher's Hill about a mile from here.

3rd. — Owing to the number of names ending in hill it causes a certain amount of confusion with our mail."

However, the request could not be acceded to, due to the similarity of the proposed name to Kootingal, Kooringa and Karangi.

Mrs. Catherine Kealy died on 28th November, 1948, and Mrs. Ellen Jane Kealy, daughter-in-law of the deceased, was appointed as Postmistress.

Following the resignation of Mrs. E. J. Kealy on the grounds of ill-health, Fisher's Hill subscribers were connected to Vacy Telephone Exchange on 1st July, 1964.

Mrs. L. Lowrey has been in charge of the Vacy Post Office since 1943 and her family has been running the office since 1st February, 1919.

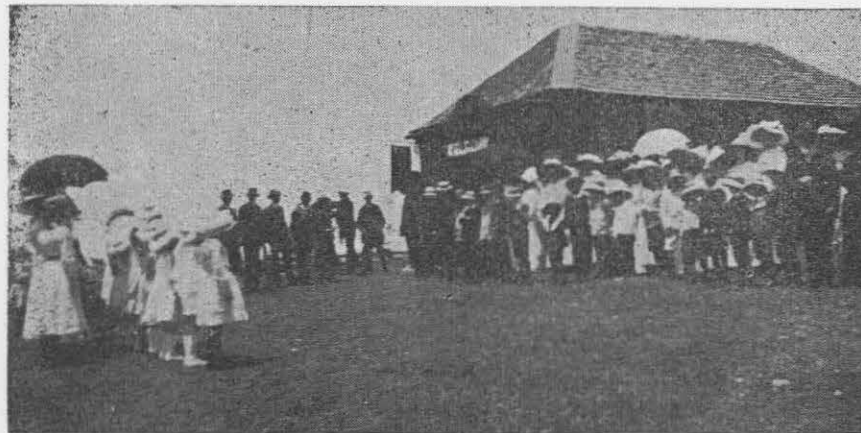
In 1950 during the time Mrs. H. Hancock was teaching at Fisher's Hill a party line was attached to the school. This was replaced by a direct line in 1964.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

(Late J. A. Kealy)

"The first Roman Catholic Church was erected at Summer Hill in the year 1842 by Mr. John Dobson for the sum of £42-16-0. It was built with ground sleepers and split dressed slab walls. The roof was covered with split shingles. The altar and altar rails were made of red cedar. The flooring was of 6 x 1 flooring boards (sawn timber). I would say they were pitsawn as there were no saw mills about at that time. I would say from recollection it was about 40 feet long and 20 feet wide. The old church was built quite close to where the new church stands on land given by my grandfather and the adjoining landholder, Mr. Clarke. The church and graveyard occupy approximately three acres of land. A new church was built about 38 years ago (1912). The contractor was Mr. William Howarth."

THE OLD CHURCH (1842-1912)



Occasion: Laying the foundation of the present church at Summer Hill during the time Mr. Maurice Collins was teaching.

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