

Mr Russell Aubrey – Mayor of Melville
Mr Bob Bader and Mrs Pat Pinkus - Past Principals
Staff (Past and Present)
Students (Past and Present)
Parents (Past and Present)
Ladies and gentlemen
Boys and Girls

Welcome or welcome back to BPPS

On 1 February 1989 Banksia Park Primary School opened its doors for the first time. This was a magnificent new school which was the envy of everyone and I still recall walking through to vote in a WA election early that year thinking that it would be great to teach here – it is funny how things turn out!!! People still aspire to attend our school thanks to the great students, supportive parents and a wonderful staff. This school has a terrific feel about it – something that everyone comments upon from their first visit.

I would pay tribute to the Foundation Principal, Bob Bader, and subsequent principals, Clive Pascoe and Pat Pinkus who have led the school through its ongoing development.

The staff have played a pivot role in its development and it is interesting to note that we still have 2 original staff from 1989 - David Brown and Aggie Hanrahan who have seen the school's progress and celebrate its history.

The school looks much the same as it did 30 years ago but most of the baby blue colour has been removed or painted out and we have the addition of this Performing Arts Centre, Teaching Block 3 and a few other extras.

Our world has changed significantly in thirty years. In 1989 there may have been a few computers in the school but nothing like the technology we have available today. Despite this, some things don't change and it is the ongoing spirit, passion and commitment shown by the Banksia Park community over 30 years that is at its core. It is fantastic having an established and continuing legacy of great school pride and of course ongoing "Friendship and Knowledge".

The parents and students are always motivated and involved and this is a real feature of our school – right from the very beginning when they wanted the name changed from East Leeming Primary School to Banksia Park Primary School and would not take no as an answer from the bureaucracy and went to Minister Carmen Lawrence.

Special thanks to the P&C and especially Maria Wilson and her Fair Committee for organising this terrific event.

Thanks for coming and have a fantastic day to celebrate 30 years of our wonderful school – with many more into the future!!!!

Martin Humphreys
Principal