

MEMORIES OF BERHAMPORE KINDERGARTEN 1946/1948

Our family lived at 66 Herald st. Berhampore and we all went to kindergarten when we turned three

Phillip Hyman attended 1944 to 1946

Marcia Hyman attended 1946 to 1948

Anton Hyman attended 1947 to 1949

My name is Marcia and here a few of my memories.....

Berhampore Kindergarten had a fair most years as a major fundraiser, I went as Baby Bunting in my first year, I've still no idea who or what it was but it looked like a mix between a teletubby and a baby rabbit with a little round space for my face and I had a terrible struggle in the toilet as I think I was sewn in.

Every afternoon was nap time in the front room on little canvas stretchers which we had to lie very quietly in even if we thought we weren't tired, but soon seem to drift off.

There was a Wendy House with four walls no roof and miniature furniture.

I had a problem with two large bossy girls they were probably only four or so but then I was a very tiny three. They thought I would make a wonderful baby and tucked me up in the little bed and told me not to move then left me for what seemed forever. So after a few of these episodes I hid from them.

The only thing I remember someone being growled for was throwing sand around in the sand pit.

We had a jungle gym which for some strange reason was on the concrete, rather miraculously no one ever seem to fall off and injure themselves I'm sure they'd have rubber under it now.

The toilets were tiny versions of the real thing with miniature hand basins and the doors were hung in the middle like saloon doors and if an adult was in there you would see their legs and top half.

Our mother was a committee member for many years and helped organise a lot of functions. She made a huge quantity of Hokey Pokey one year and with my spending money I bought a lot of it not knowing I was entitled to a free bag which mum gave me too. I was very sick and dropped most of it in the bin.

We played a game where we rolled into tight balls pretending to be cabbages that the teacher then walked among picking up. I apparently was a wonderful cabbage and nearly burst with pride.

My mother bought a cake in for my 5th birthday it had pink rosettes and I can remember the teacher saying only Marcia was allowed to eat them. We all trooped up to Berhampore School carrying the cake and delivering me the new pupil to the Primer one.

Marcia Robertson 70yrs old

Berhampore Kindergarten

From: marcia robertson [marciamaxiner@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 15 October 2009 1:08 p.m.
To: berhampore@wn-kindergarten.org.nz
Subject: Old photos

Dear Urmila

I've been on holiday in Australia, thank you for your letter and so sorry you've had so much trouble with the e.mail computers can enough of a bother without getting the wrong e.mail address,.

I'm not all that computer literate, like you I'm just learning, sometimes the computer does all sorts of weird things, and thats when I call for help from various family members.

Yes I have 3 or 4 photos with my eldest brother in, one has his best friend in it too, maybe the others will recognise themselves when they see the photos, unfortunately he died 5 yrs ago, its my younger brother you have been corresponding with.

I was at Berhampore kindergarten 1946/48 I remember turning five and my mother bringing a cake to Kindy, then all the kindy kids trotted up the road across Britomart St. and into the Infants School, the entrance was on the same road as the kindergarten.

Last time I visited the kindergarten a few years back it looked much the same on the outside.

Have you still got a Wendy house? I remember being tucked up in the bed by two of the bigger girls(4ish) I was a very tiny child and made a great baby, albeit a reluctant one that wouldn't stay in bed.

Will get the photos to you in the next few days, only have mostly happy memories of the kindergarten, apart from the Wendy house and a psycho child who couldn't resist terrorising me i.e. pulling my hair and screaming, but hey that's life and I'm over it now.

Will be in touch
Marcia Robertson

10th of Oct 09

70 Rintoul Street
Westport 7825

Dear Urmila,

It was so excitent
to receive your letter and to know
that you will soon receive the
old photos from Marcia. I am sorry
about the E-mail which was probably
the wrong ^{number} and not your computer
skills. To be honest, when it comes
to those type of things, I'm as
thick as a post!

And Marcia's daughter Jane has
two friends who are working with
you so it looks like things should
get sorted out really well.

Anyway, good bye for
now. Kind Regards,

Anton Hyman
(a.k.a. 'Little Boy Blue')

70 Rintoul Street
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2nd of Sept 09

The Head Teacher
Berhampore Kindergarten

Dear Madam,

I was looking at the computer records of my old school and Kindy in Berhampore for 'Old Times Sake' with my sister. We were in the Kindy in about 1946 to 48 but could find nothing of interest recorded.

If you would like a few photographic records of that time including us as 'little Bo-Peep' and 'little Boy Blue' in 1947 fancy-dress outfits (and they were hand made in those days) just send a message to :- Marcia Robertson

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P.S. MARCIA

WOULD LIKE YOUR

E.MAIL ADDRESS

IF POSSIBLE.

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I don't think you'll be disappointed

Yours faithfully

Anton Hyman

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1944 Prob.

Phillip Hymman on left in striped jersey

musical appreciation



Slide coming from top of a deck (an addition), at the back of Kindergarten
With one entry to the slide through a door & also up a set of steps, at the side
of the decking.

The door was an access to the Kindergarten so you could come
out & go down the slide from inside as well as up the steps.

Sandpit is the brick object in background that girl is sitting on

Phillipthymen is boy behind two girls on slide

1944/1945



1948.

Anton Hyman on left. (Little Boy Blue)
Marcia Hyman on right (Miss Muffet)

Fancy Dress Parade at Berhampore
Kindergarten.



1944/1945 (Below chair)

Centre. Phillip Hymman - on his left Harold Hall (blond boy).

Prob. XMAS. ? December 1944. Nativity scene?



1944/1945

Phillip Hyman in dark clothes on the right

On the kindergarten lawn with borrowed sheep.