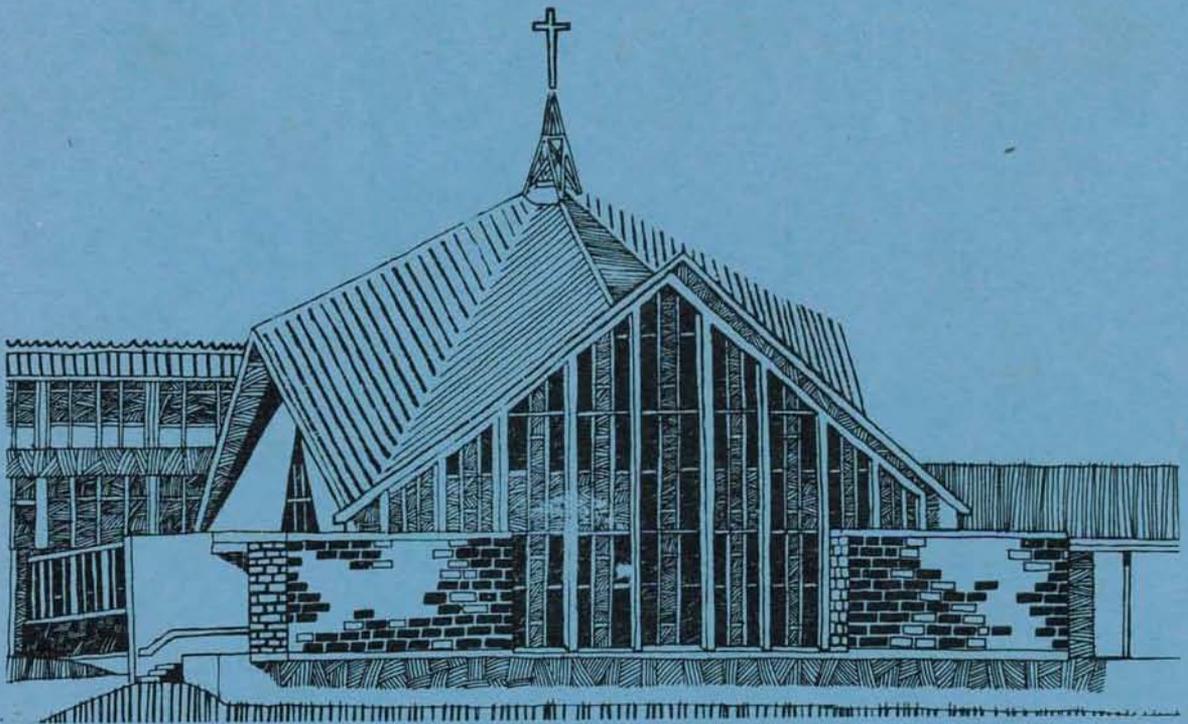


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### **Senior Master:**

D. J. Hucklesby, A.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., L.T.C.L. (C.M.T.), T.T.C.

### **Senior Teacher Junior School:**

Mrs J. Kirby, T.T.C.

### **Honorary Chaplain:**

The Rev'd M. L. Calder, A.T.C., Th.L.

### **Music:**

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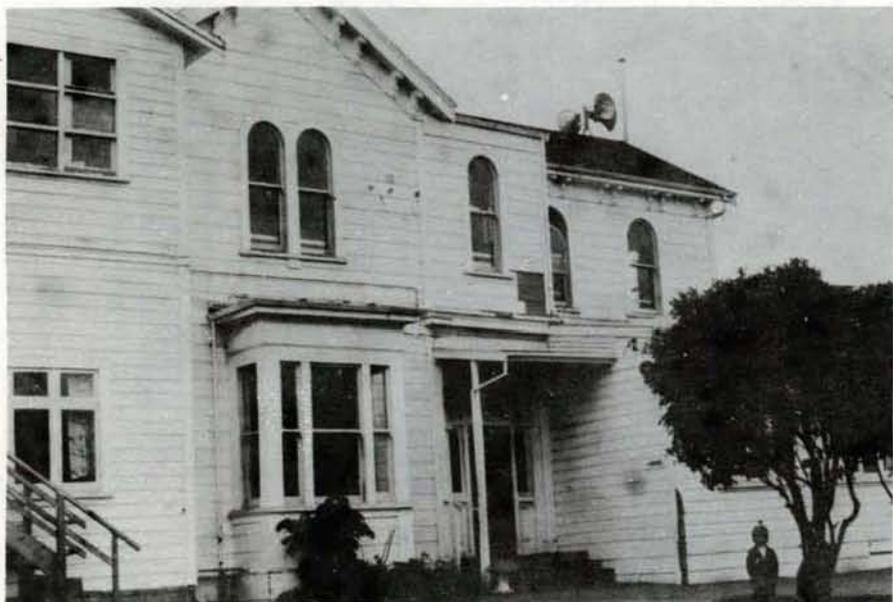
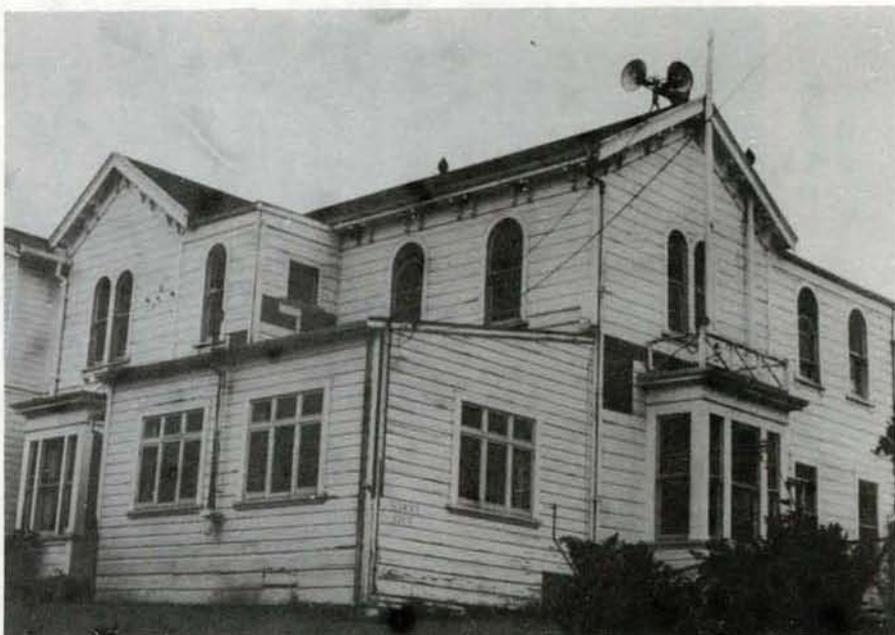
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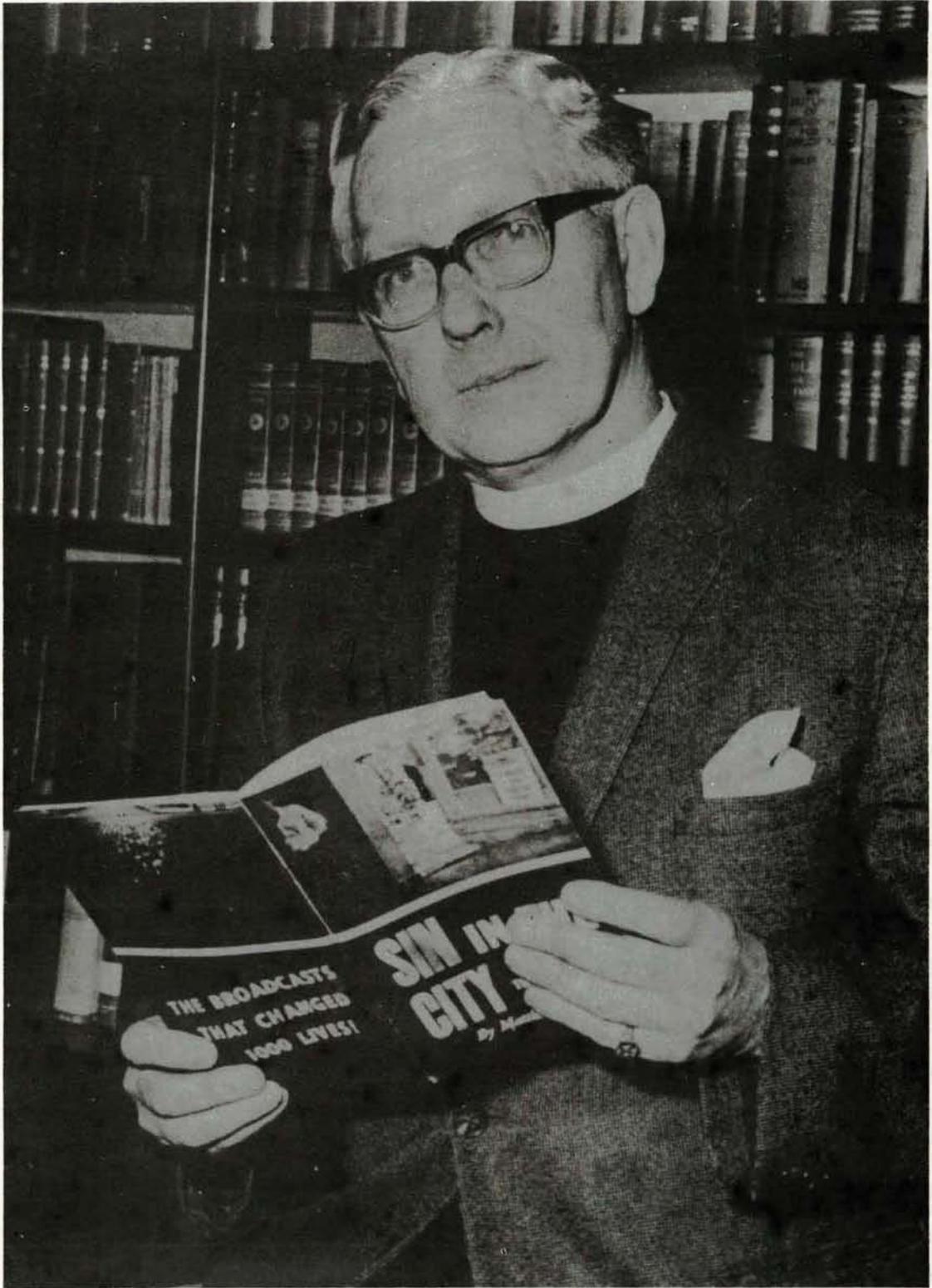
### **Caretaker:**

Mr J. Filacouridis

The old building of St. Mark's Church School which had been a landmark of the Basin Reserve area for over a century. This building was used as the school from 1935 when it was opened for school use by His Excellency The Viscount Bledisloe.



The main entrance to the old school. The mushroom at the front entrance has been kept as it was almost as familiar to pupils as the entrance steps themselves.



The Rev'd M. L. Calder — Chairman of the Board of Governors of St. Mark's Church School since 1960. During his time as Vicar of the Parish he has seen a new church, church hall and vicarage, and as Chairman of the Board of Governors, a completely new school. The Senior school is housed in the Calder Block.

## SCHOOL LEADERS



## PREFECTS

**Back Row:** Simon Broad, Grant Mead, Raymond Wallace, Christopher Huffam, Dewald Jacobs.

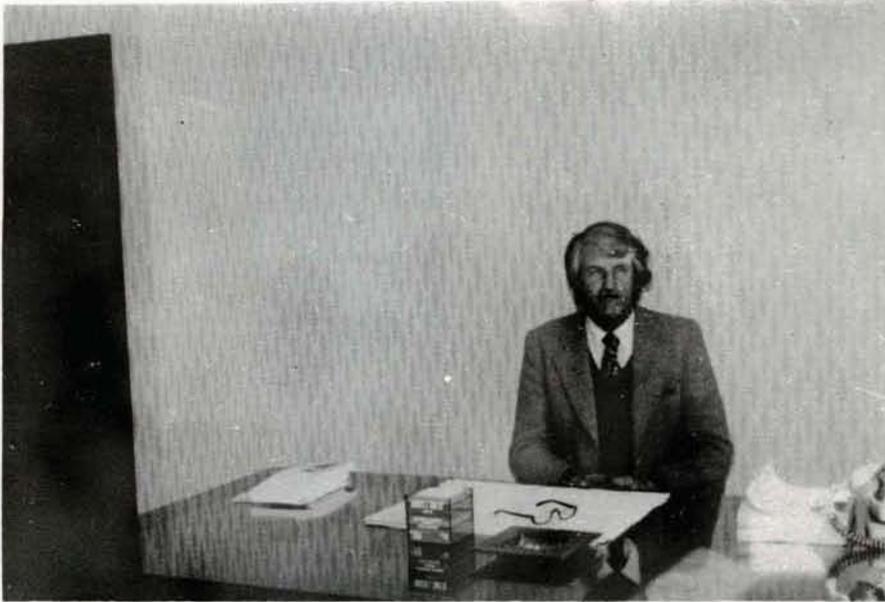
**Front Row:** Helen Cairney, Catherine Weibusch, Anne Tucker (Head), Justine Alexander, Beth Young.



### HOUSE CAPTAINS

**Back Row:** Matthew Overell (Julius), Mark Petty (Averill), Robert van Krimpen (West Watson),  
David Nendick (Owen).

**Front Row:** Kim Coles (West Watson) Karen Glennie (Julius), Gillian Stewart (Owen),  
Nicola Wilson (Averill).



#### FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK:

St. Mark's Church School has, during the past 58 years, seen many changes, both in the field of education and environment. Probably the greatest year would be in 1917 when the school was first established. It was during that time that an **alternative** school system was made available to the city of Wellington — a system which blended the spiritual and secular life of a **child's** development. St. Mark's has continued to use both — the teaching of the Anglican faith, and the secular curriculum, **for the** social, spiritual, mental, physical and aesthetic development of her pupils.

In 1935 an important physical and environmental change took place in the life of the school when the wooden building **was first** occupied as a school. That building served the school well and was a familiar landmark in the Basin Reserve locality. **Many** hundreds of pupils passed through this building and learned to love what it stood for.

On the 14th February, 1971, the first stage of what is now the Calder Block was opened by Sir Arthur Porritt, Bt. **This block** was completed in 1972. This was the beginning of a complete re-building programme. In June 1975 the old wooden building was vacated and the new school occupied, leaving the way for the demolition of the old building. Thus the school had its entire building renewed and we now have what is probably correct to claim, the most modern primary school in **Wellington**.

The school has lived up to the motto "Nulla Dies Sine Linea" (Never a day without a deed).



The official opening of Stage 1 of the Calder Block by His Excellency The Governor General, Sir Arthur Porritt, Bt., on 14th February, 1971.



Geoffrey Hill read the lesson at the official opening of the Calder Block.



The J4 class in the old block. This particular room was under the stairs and had in its time been used as a staff room, a library and lastly as a very small classroom. It was cold, ill lit, and in spite of photographic evidence, unattractive.

The J3 class. Remember the door at the rear which lead into what was known as the "kitchen". This room, too, had been a staff room at one stage.





Pre School 2 which was downstairs and the largest classroom in the old block, It was also one of the coldest in the morning. The noise of chairs, desks and feet from upstairs took some adjusting to, for both teachers and pupils. At the time of transition, Pre School 1 was housed in the "Club Room" of the Parish Hall.



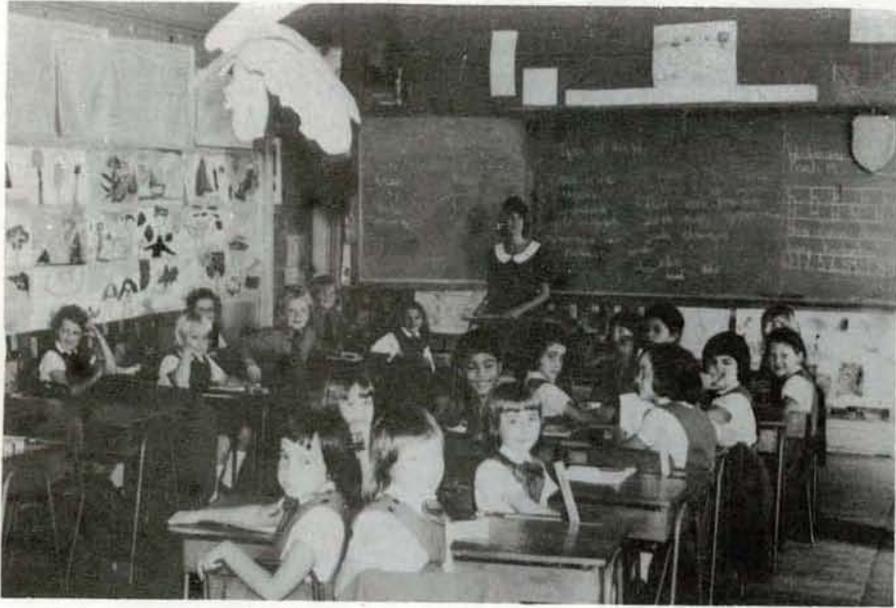
St. Mark's Church School paved the way in 1971 in pre school work in Wellington. Some schools have followed since. The average roll for Pre School 1 and 2, combined, is 50. These are four year olds, preparing for smooth entry to infant school.



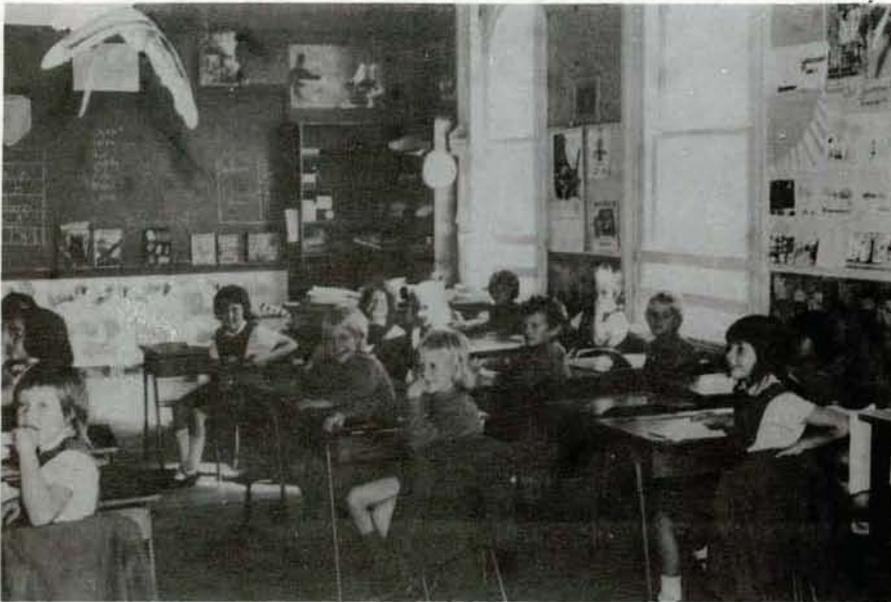
J1. The first class after pre-school. The first class to wear the distinctive uniform of St. Mark's Church School. This room, too, had served in its time as a library, staff room and a class-room.



J2., in 1975 was housed, before the occupation of the new school, in what was referred to by staff members as the "tomato house". It was probably the only room which kept warm all year round. Old pupils may recall the fire escape which followed the roof down to the "tennis court". The new school now stands over the "tennis court".



Standard One in the room at the top of the stairs. The stairs whose bannister rails were polished by thousands of little hands sliding up and down each year. This room was the "grandstand" to the Basin Reserve, yet few of the pupils using the room became devout wielders of the willow.



Pupils may recall the distinctive windows in this Standard One room. Likewise the pattern ceiling was a distinctive feature. Some may recall the lino around the walls and the spot where a minor fire took place.



Standard Two in the back room upstairs. This room was cold all year but naturally more so in winter. Remember the "bridge" which was the fire escape leading through the holly trees to the playing area opposite the Calder Block.

A view of the front of the old building with the base of the flagpole rising from the "balcony". The entrance to Pre School 2 class downstairs and the distinctive upstairs windows.

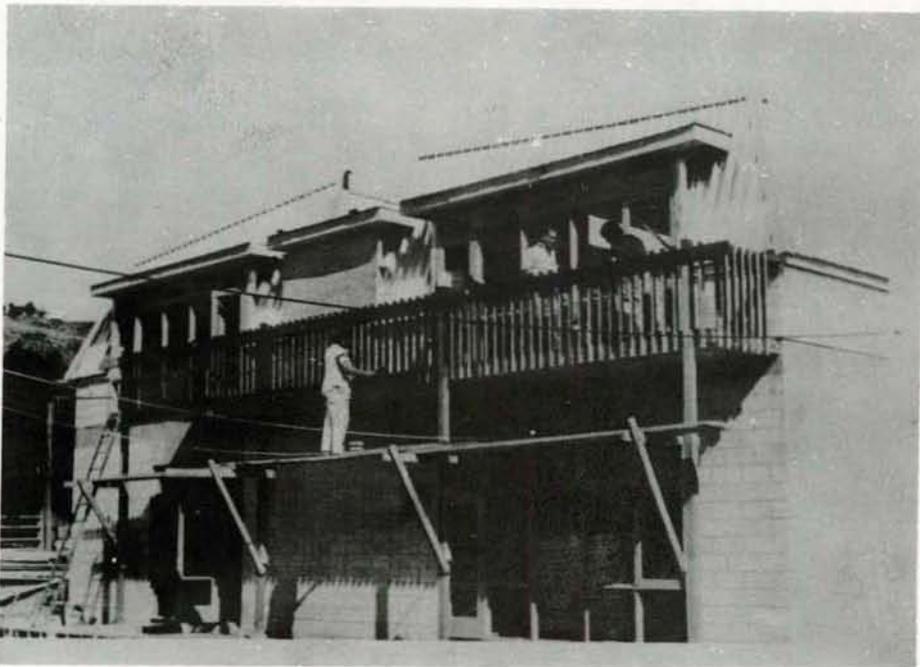




Two further views  
of the  
old wooden  
building.



The new school under construction. This sight was all too often frustrating when it appeared to both staff and pupils that the day of entry would "never" come.



But progress was made and day by day the new school became more of a reality.



The new school nudges its way into the old building with the spire of St. Mark's Church in the background.



More and more the new building overshadowed the old.



Until a sad day in June 1975 the old school was reduced to this and carried away to the tip, yet rising above the rubble is the new building.

In June 1975 the school occupied the partially completed building — amidst a sea of mud.



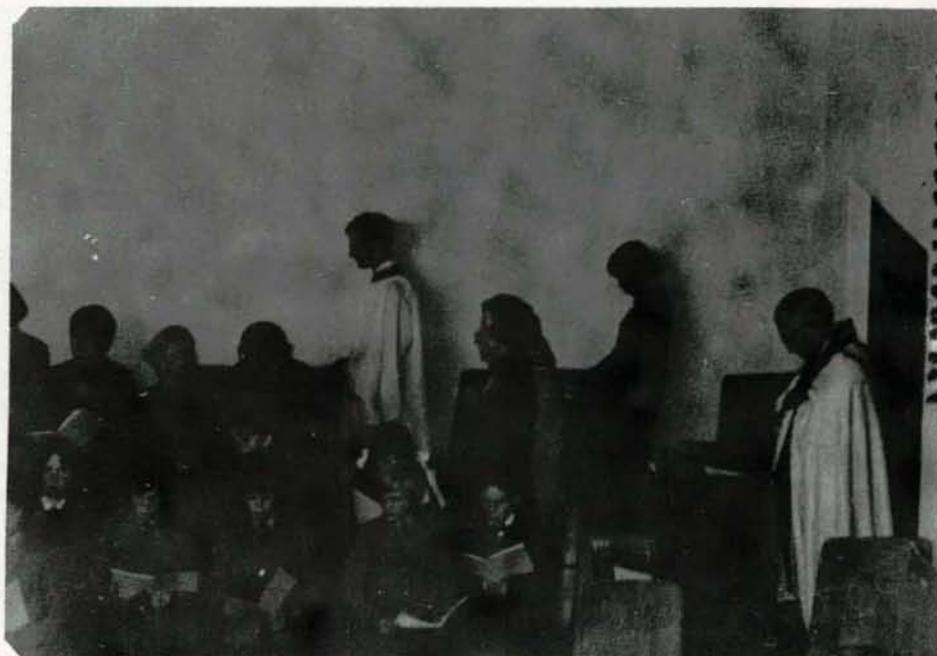


On the 19th October, 1975, the school with her staff, pupils, parents and friends met on a wet southerly morning in the Parish Church of St. Mark's to thank God for the school and its progress — to pray that the future of the school would be to serve Him and to open the new block. So packed was the church that it was necessary to place children around the chancel.





The opening address was delivered by the Headmaster, The Rev'd R. G. Kirby, who unveiled the plaque of the new school, hitherto to be known as the Kirby Block.



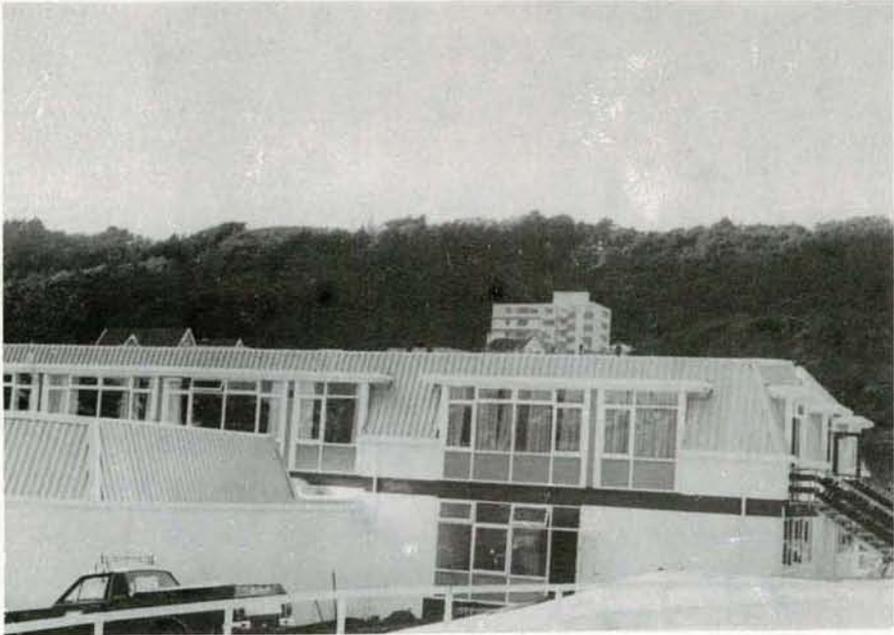
The vicar of St. Mark's and the Chairman of the Board of Governors blessed the plaque at the same service. After the opening the flag of St. George was flown from the masthead.



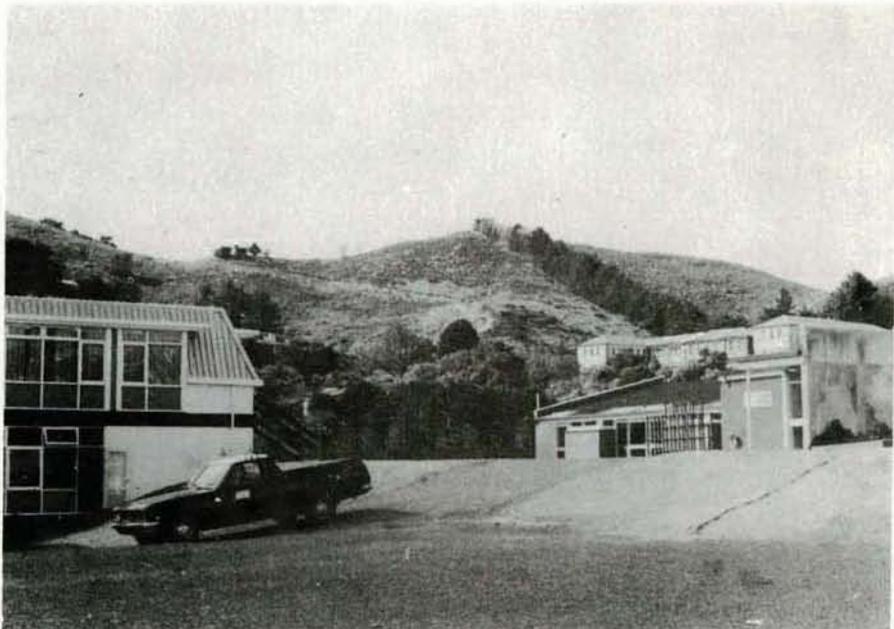
The new school with the crest against the screen.

The new school with the administration block on the right. The old school bell is housed on the left hand wall of the block.

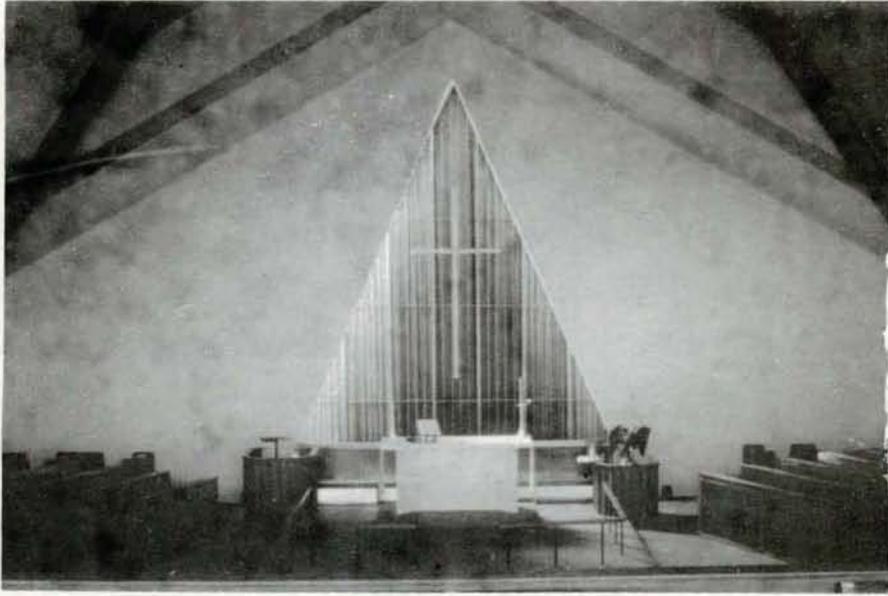




The rear of the new school.



The new school looks out on to the Calder Block shown on the right.



Where it all begins — in the house of  
God.  
Where it all ends — in the hands of  
God.  
What it is all for — for the children of  
God.

