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I attended the school from 1946 until 1953.
I remember a war cry of Newcastle East which went like this: "East, East, East we are,
we are Newcastle East,"
the school motto was "keep climbing".

The children used to kiss and run around buildings where they weren't allowed. The girls used to skip to teasing rhymes, and play cricket on the way home from school.
Lunch time games were skipping, donkey, ball games, hopscotch, fly, vigero, cricket and swimming.

Lessons consisted mostly of geography, history and sewing, but we were never given a great deal of homework. In those days we were not allowed to talk in class. The desks we used were double desks.

Punishment took the form of the feather duster. Girls rarely got the cane.

There was no official uniform, Year 6 students

designed the maroon and gold motto and the war cry. The school colours of maroon and gold were made up in 1953.

My worst memories are of getting the stick, and writing in pen and ink.

Students sometimes smoked, just about everybody at least had one turn.

The school had a frolic every year down at the city hall. This was a family affair as well as a social gathering. All students dressed in fancy dress. It was an important event to look forward to.

I remember celebrating Wattle Day, Red Cross, Health March and of course Break-Up Day.

Red Cross activities were strongly promoted after the war. They used to raise a penny per week from people selling cards. Girls used to march in the Red Cross veil.

On Empire Day (Commonwealth) we all got half a day off to participate in the march.

The Christmas party was a big event. Every child