Memories of Raeburn Park

Raeburn Past Head Teachers memories

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My family and I left the United Kingdom on Boxing Day 1976 and I began duties as Headmaster of Raeburn Park School on 1st January, 1977. I had already been a Head Teacher since January 1959, in schools in Rhodesia and the UK, but I was certainly apprehensive as I was beginning work for the first time in a part of the world to which I had never been.

On my initial visit to the school site I was highly impressed with the facilities and, when in a few days I met with the teaching staff, I knew I was taking over a well-established school with a good building, and a conscientious and talented staff of dedicated teachers.

I found the children delightful, just as children always are the world over, and it was a wonderful experience and privilege for me to be the Headmaster of a school that had children from so many nationalities and from vastly different and colourful backgrounds, and yet we all lived very happily together in the school community.

It is, and always has been, my philosophy that a school is nothing, if it is not a place with a pleasant atmosphere, and it was quite easy to generate this kind of atmosphere at Raeburn as I found the staff and parents were always kind, generous and helpful. We were always extremely happy working together, which was often illustrated in the many memorable social activities that were arranged during my period at the school. My family and I were lucky to have met so many grand people, and to have made so many friends, a large number of whom we still keep in correspondence with and see when they return to the UK on holiday.

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