

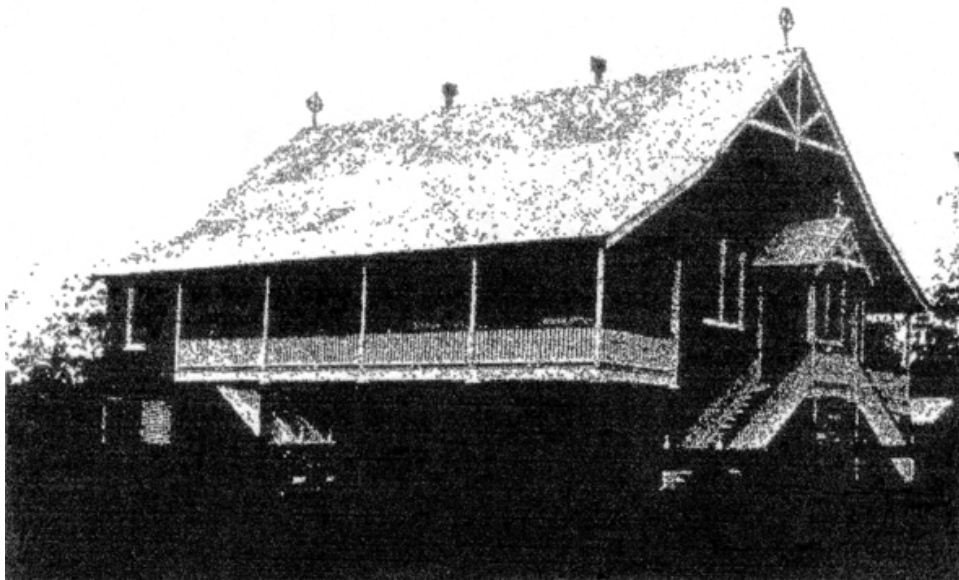
Centenary Snippets

What do you know about the early history of our school?

Who planned and built our school?

Did you know there was a "stump capping" ceremony on 9 January 1910?

The new parish of Goodna was separated from Ipswich in 1892 and Father Thomas Hayes was appointed Parish Priest. The impetus for building a school at Goodna came from the local branch of the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society which was formed to provide social insurance benefits before the advent of the welfare state. A local committee was appointed under the patronage of Father Hayes and once it had been decided to go ahead, the site was prepared and bush logs were brought in to be placed as stumps. The "stump capping" ceremony was held on 9 January 1910. At the stump capping ceremony, 81 pounds was raised and another 300 pounds was collected before the school's opening. The builder was Mr J Carrick of Brisbane and the total cost was in the vicinity of 650 pounds.



The committee members who took an active part in connection with the building of the school were – Messrs J Mukerin, P McCormack, A Coogan, F McCrystal, T O'Dwyer, M Murphy, M Kerwin, W Kennedy, J McQuillan, S C Kelly, T Milady, J B Smith, P Clifford, J McCormack (secretary) J Ryan, P Falvey and T Kelly with the Rev T Hayes and Mr P Cormack as treasurers. (Queensland Times 04.07.1910)