

Mombasa European Primary School

TIMELINE

The school dates back to 1935- that's nearly 60 years!

1935.

The **EUROPEAN SCHOOL** Mombasa was started.

There are no formal records of this, but it was a banda on the present school site and the Head Teacher was a Captain White.

1937.

The first formal records began.

We are not sure who the Head Teacher was, but we do know that Term 2 (the school year in Kenya begins with the first term in January) had 12 pupils and that the third term had 14 pupils.

On 20th May 1937 Coronation Cups were presented to all of the scholars!

We are also told of celebrations at the school that 24th May (Empire Day) and 9th June (King's birthday) were undertaken.

The school banda roofs (presumably makuti) were repaired by the PWD!

1938.

Term 1- 16 pupils.

Term 2- 18 pupils.

Term 3- 22 pupils.

We believe that this was just for Standards 1 and 2 (we have reference to IQ tests for 6 and 7 year olds) and that after this pupils went to Nairobi to boarding school.

We do not know who the Principal was, but we do know that he became ill in the 3rd term. A Miss M Coates of the Arab Girl's School stood in for a couple of days.

1939.

Term 1- 26 pupils.

Term 2- 26 pupils.

Term 3- 23 pupils.

May 24th- Empire Day celebration at the Mombasa Sports Club. Flags and medals were presented to scholars by Captain the Hon Sir Ali Bin Salim; HE and Lucy Brooke-Popham were also present. In the afternoon there was a sports day at the

Mombasa Golf Club, so presumably the school had no playing fields at the time?

9th June- the school was given a holiday to celebrate the birthday of HM King George VI; Hurrah!

On 30th June we have a record that the new Head Teacher is Mrs M B Grossert.

More repairs to the banda roofs by PWB in the holidays.

On the 20th September the original Captain White, now Inspector of Schools, paid a visit to the school.

Very sad- a report of the first death at the school. Alistair Taylor (a pupil) died of septicaemia as a result of an accidental kick.

1940. The War Years.

Term 1- 19 pupils.

Term 2- 22 pupils.

Term 3- 9 pupils.

Presumably the drop in pupil numbers was because of the War. This is reflected again in the next couple of years.

On the 16th February a Cub Pack was formed by Inspector Taylor. Every boy in the school became a cub.

24th May- school inspectors again, this time Mr Dolton and Mr Gledhill.

On 11th June the school closed because of hostilities between the Allies and Italy. The school reopened on 4th September. ARP operations began (consisting of a trench, stirrup pump, buckets, shovel, rake and drums of sand). And a First Aid Outfit was installed on 10th September!

1941.

Term 1- 13 children.

Term 2- 14 children.

Term 3- ?? children.

New Head- Mrs M E Hand, who started in December 1941.

The school was redecorated in the holidays and is now “fresh and clean”!

The Wolf Cubs are now led by the Rev B Greenwood as Inspector Taylor has been transferred.

1942.

Term 1- 13 children.

Term 2- 22 children.

Term 3- 33 children.

The ARP roof leaked with heavy rains!

Evacuation plans for Women and Children came into place in April 1942. These were postponed.

A new Assistant Mistress joined the school, a Mrs M Zwart.

The children raise 16 shillings and 50 cents towards their new playground!

Additional children now on the roll- up to 38!

15th December 1942. The pupils gave a short entertainment to parents. Shillings 115 and 16 cents was raised for the UNITY WAR-EFFORT CLUB, the Lonely Soldiers, A piano lent by Mrs Fletcher was returned- too bad.
There are now 41 children on the roll.

1943.

Term 1- 28 kids.

Term 2- 48 kids.

Term 3- 43 kids.

Head Teacher, Mrs Grossert; Assistant Teacher, Mrs Zwart.

A new flush lavatory has now been installed at the school!

It appears that Mrs M Zwart has now become Head Teacher at the end of Term 1 (28th April 1943). Confusion reigns, on 17th May 1943 Mrs Grossert took over from Mrs Zwart.

In June 1943 the boys are being encouraged to play football by a Mr Boucher, so presumably the school playing fields are now in place?

Cub meetings are now held by Mr Lock.

7th September 1943. There is here the first mention of the Kindergarten School next door.

10th December 1943. "The parents of the school were invited to a Tea Party at the school". 2 children, Meryl Smith and Janet Gledhill sat the entrance examination for the Kenya High School and are now accepted as KHS boarders. We are not sure of the ages of these two girls- is it safe to assume that there are classes for older pupils now?

Mrs Zwart resigned as Head Teacher on health reasons. She returns to South Africa, but stays briefly until a Mrs Patrick commenced duties on 25th January 1944.

The school is now known as "**The Government European Primary School Mombasa**".

1944.

Term 1- ??

Term 2- 36 children.

Term 3- 35 children.

5th April- works on the new play ground will proceed! This was completed in May 1944.

In June 1944 Mrs Patrick contracted malaria, but returned a few days later.

27th October. The Director of Education, Mr Foster, plus the Inspector of Schools, Mr Lindahl, visited.

1945.

Term 1- 31 children.

Term 2- 32 children.

Term 3- 37 children.

On 11th April 1945 Mrs I M Patrick became Head.

On 10th May a Mrs Billinge reported for duty. A Mrs Greig is also mentioned hear working at the school in June 1945.

In June 1945 "prisoners have been cutting the grass on the new playing field". So, we now have a new playing field at the school.

On August 7th 1945 a Sports Day was held on the new games field!

We now have reference to children ranging in ages from 6 to 11 years old.

On 12th October 1945 a Mrs Thompson reported for duty as Mrs Billinge had to take a month's leave (her daughter was seriously ill and needed to go to Nairobi for treatment).

16th October 1945. The school visited HMS Howe. This is the first mention of a Royal Navy ship in Mombasa that the school was involved with. HMS Howe was a battleship see <http://www.battleships-cruisers.co.uk/howe.htm>
Mrs Holloway, Mrs Liston and Mrs Patrick accompanied the children.

26th November- Whooping Cough at the school. Keep your kids away if they have a cough or cold!

12th December 1945. Mrs Patrick handed over to Mrs Billinge.

1946.

Term 1- 37 children.

Term 2- 31 children.

Term 3- 33 children.

Mrs D G Plowright arrives from South Africa in January 1946. She is the new Head Master. Mrs Billinge and Mrs Holloway are members of staff.

Cubs now meet every Friday afternoon.

Many children on leave- they went back to the UK on the SS Cameronia in March 1946.

The PWD have removed lots of coral in preparation of a new school garden. Free manure has been donated! The manure was donated by a Mr Owen-Thomas (who was on the School Committee), free of charge.

Electric ceiling fans have been installed by the PWD in the classrooms.

Afternoon classes have been discontinued because of poor attendance and the new hours are 8-12.15 with sports for all on Mondays, 4-6 PM (Mrs Liston), Cubs on Fridays. No mention of Brownies.

New uniforms!

Girls, checked gingham sun-skirt and white blouse. Straw hat, brown hat band with yellow and brown badge.

Boys, brown and white checked gingham shirts, khaki shorts, topee (!!!!) or hat with badge.

The European General Stores, Mombasa, to be the suppliers.

The School Committee recommend that the school cater up to and including Standard II, i.e. a 4 year course.

The Committee suggest a new name for the school, "The Island School"; this went nowhere.

27th July 1946. A school sports day, but IN CONJUNCTION with the next door Kindergarten School; organisers Messrs Hillbourne, Boucher and Miller and Mesdames Holloway, Billinge, Liston and Bosomworth. Speech by Mrs Plowright

and prizes presented by Mrs McKeagh. Interestingly the ages of the children at both schools ranged from 3 years old to 9 years old.

Mrs Billinge tenders her resignation in August 1946 as her husband has been transferred to Kampala.

Miss E Penny takes over from Mrs Billinge- there had to be alterations in classes due to an influx of “little ones”!

September 1946. Mrs Holloway resigns, as she has to take David (??) to England for an operation on his eyes. Mrs McCormick joins as a teacher.

Heavy rains in Mombasa; in September there were 9 inches of rain. This disrupted classes.

October 2nd 1946. School Children’s Party on HMS Glasgow. Mrs Holloway (presumably now back from the UK) and Mrs Bosomworth accompanied the party. HMS Glasgow was a light Cruiser <http://uboot.net/allies/warships/ship/1229.html>

1947.

Term 1- 38 children.

Term 2- 44 children.

Term 3- 62 children.

Acting Head- Miss Foat; Mrs Plowright to go to Kilimani School, Nairobi.

Staff members- Miss Penney and Mrs McCormick. Mrs Bosomworth to go on leave in February. Miss Penney resigns with effect from 30th July. Mrs Barnes joins the staff (Standards I and II).

The school opened on 13th January, but closed on the same day, owing to a “strike by the natives”! The school reopened on a voluntary basis on 20th January, and the “native strike” was over (terminated) on 25th January.

A school banda was blown down in a gale; interestingly this seems to have led to discussions about new school classrooms and in August 1947 building operations were started at the school.

2nd October- children paid a visit to HMS Norfolk, a Heavy Cruiser <http://www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-06CA-Norfolk.htm>

1948.

Term 1- 76 children.

Term 2- 82 children.

Term 3- 92 children.

Mrs Irvine was in charge of Standard II, but Mrs Holloway took Miss Irvine’s place on 3rd February 1948.

15th March 1948- new furniture delivered to the school!

May 24th Empire Day, also the Annual Sports Day. "The children behaved very well and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. All children were weighed and measured in preparation for Dr Holiday's visit on June 4th!!"

In June 1947 we have the first mention of the Brownies!

A Mrs Creed Newton resigned from the staff on June 30th. Mrs Shaw joined the staff. Mrs Shaw resigned on August 10th.

Another Royal Navy ship entered Mombasa. The school visited the ship, HMS Birmingham, a Light Cruiser, <http://uboa.net/allies/warships/ship/1228.html> , on 22nd September. "The children had a very happy afternoon."

In October 1948 we have a reference that a Mr Gillett interviewed parents of the children who were being promoted to the Nairobi Primary School on 1949, so full curriculum to 10 and 11 year olds still not available in Mombasa for Europeans?

A Mr Hillingbourne is now coaching boys in cricket.

1949.

Term 1- 108 pupils.

Term 2- 107 pupils.

Term 3- 107 pupils.

Miss Foat is Principal.

A Mrs Barton joins the staff in January.

Miss Foat goes on leave in May 1949, and Mrs E Barnes takes over. The supporting staff are now Mrs Holloway, Mrs Susan Bayne, Mrs Barton and Mrs McCormick.

May 23rd, Arbor Day. Three trees were planted, one by the Rev Jupp, one by Michael Bosomworth and one by Mildred Maker. The Rev Jupp offered a prayer and gave a talk to the children. The children sang a hymn!

15th July. School Sports Day. The PC, Coast Province, Mr Mullins will be present and his wife will present the prizes.

Interesting- on 26th September, a visiting PE expert (a Mrs Dodds) suggests that ALL children do PE barefooted to cure flat-footedness.

2nd September 1949. HE the Governor of Kenya, Sir Philip Mitchell visited the school. He was accompanied by a Mr Lewis-Jones plus Captain Williams, Chairman of the School Committee.

3rd October. Dr Holiday checks out (again) all the school children in a full Medical Inspection.

November 1949. The school is now known as the Mombasa European Primary School! MEPS has arrived. There is mention of a new classroom here.

Mrs Barnes appointment as Principal terminated.
Captain Williams, Chairman of the MEPS School Committee, resigns in December to return to England.

1950.

Term 1- 96 pupils, up to 100 in February. 104 in March.

Term 2- 98 pupils.

Term 3- 93 pupils.

Head- Miss Foat. Members of staff- Mrs Holloway (Std IV), Mrs Barton (Std III), Miss Foat (Std II) and Mrs McCormick (Std I). So, we still have no Stds V, VI or VII). Handwork returned by Miss Janisch.

16th February. Mr Patrick, the Fire Master, gave a talk to Stds III and IV.

17th February- another Medical Inspection by the now famous Dr Holiday!

16th March. Mr Harold Scott (Pianist) visited the school and gave the children a musical appreciation hour. It is presumed that the school now has its piano back!

May 1950. Mrs McCormick has been transferred to the Arab Girls School and has been replaced by Miss Symons.

16 more trees planted.

Father Ryan started a class for the Roman Catholics. He now visits the school on Thursday mornings. Padre Jupp also visits the school on Thursday mornings.

July 1st, Annual Sports Day. Proceeds of Shillings 173 and 55 cents raised for the EASPCA. Thank you letter on 6th July from Mr L Collins, President of the EASPCA.

July 6th. Nairobi Police Band performed at MEPS.

An interesting letter-

July 2nd 1950.

Dear Miss Foat,

I feel I must lose no time in writing to tell you how much my husband and I enjoyed your sports yesterday, and how struck we were with the excellence discipline displayed by the children, and the splendid organisation of the whole proceeding.

Everything went with a swing, and it was all most enjoyable. May we congratulate you and your staff on your efficiency and the grand spirit shown by all.

Yours sincerely and most appreciatively,

Katherine Bibby.

Excellent. We have the original letter.

3rd August. School visit to HMS Mauritius, Light Cruiser, <http://www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-06CL-Mauritius.htm>

October 1950. The Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, visited Mombasa on 4th, 5th and 6th October. Several of the Cubs and Brownies went to meet him at the airport. A Camp Fire was held at Port Reitz on 5th October.

16th and 17th November. Mr Barton, the Principal of Nairobi Primary School, visited Mombasa to meet the parents of present and future pupils.

8th December. Prize Giving of MEPS, now held at the School. Mrs Lewis-Jones presented prizes. She was the wife of the Provincial Education Officer). The Chairman of the MEPS School Committee, Sq Leader McCormick, made a speech.

1951.

Term 1- 108 pupils.

Term 2- 104 pupils.

Term 3- 108 pupils.

Principal- Miss Foat.

Staff- Mrs Walker (Std 1A), Mrs Barton (Std 1B), Miss Foat (Std II), Mrs Dalglish (Std III), Mrs Holloway (Std IV).

Mrs Barton left on February 9th and was replaced by Mrs Nihill. Mrs Nihill left in April. Miss Cochrane joined the staff in May.

The school uniform was changed in September. Plain yellow was used in place of yellow check gingham for the girls.

A brand new piano arrived.

A large brass bell was installed on 19th September to help eradicate unpunctuality.

It appears that there are new buildings. It is suspected that there are now two rows of buildings. One the one side, Stds 1 (A & B), Std II, and on the other, Stds IIA, Stds III and IV?

Dr Neville inspected children in Stds 1A and 1B (what ever happened to the dreaded Dr Holiday?) on 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th October- some inspection if it took 4 days!! Indeed, an Emergency Meeting was held on 2nd November to discuss Dr Neville's visit. No further reference is made to this.

5th December. Annual prize giving. The prizes were presented by a Mrs Sykes Thompson.

1952.

Term 1- 118 pupils.

Term 2- 135 pupils.

Term 3- 140 pupils.

The school is growing.

Principal- Miss Foat.

Staff- Mrs Walker transferred to GATTC (Teachers Training College?). Mrs Krcmar took her place. Miss Cochrane has transferred to Nakuru. Miss McClelland takes her

place. Mrs Patrick is now in charge of Std II. Mrs Holloway, Std IV; Mrs Dalglish, Std III, Miss Foat Std IIA.

A milk scheme has now started on 16th Jan and this “has been a great success”.

February 5th. News of the King’s death was heard whilst children from MEPS were at a party on HMS Kenya, a Light Cruiser <http://www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-06CL-Kenya.htm>

There was no school on February 6th January.

12th March 1952. We have a new Chairman of the MEPS School Committee, a Mr Dodds.

28th June. Annual Sports Day prizes were presented by Mrs O’Hagan- Desmond O’Hagan was the PC at the Coast.

Mrs Kier joined the school as a temporary relief for Mrs Patrick- Mrs Patrick returned on 19th August. Mrs Krcmar terminated her employment on 30th August and was replaced by Mrs Keir.

A Special Meeting was held at the PEO’s Office on 6th October to discuss Medical Examinations. Commander Miller, Dr MacKenzie and Dr Cochrane and Miss Foat were present. Obviously the medical status of children was held in the highest priority. Was this to do with polio? The main HUGE outbreaks in the USA started in early 1952.

On 26th and 27th November Mr Barton, Head of Nairobi Primary, was at the school again interviewing parents for children going up to Nairobi to complete their primary education as boarders.

4th December- Open Day with prizes presented by Commander Miller.

1953.

Term 1- 168 pupils.

Term 2- 161 pupils.

Term 3- 160 pupils.

Head- Mrs Patrick- Miss Foat from November 1953.

Staff- Mrs Holloway, Std IV; Mrs Dalglish, Std III; Miss Baker-Beall, Std IIA; Mrs Patrick, Std IIB; Miss N Shield, Std IA; Miss McClelland, Std IB.

Miss Baker-Beall resigned on 17th January (did not seem to last long?) and Mrs McCulloch took her place.

3rd February. Lady Mary Baring, wife of HE Governor of Kenya, visited the school. She gave the school a holiday on 4th February- what a nice lady!

Mrs McCulloch resigned on 6th March. She was replaced by Mrs Clifford. Indeed, Mrs Clifford resigned on 21st March- Ides of March? Something going on here?

4th April. Tree planting; Padre Jupp planted a tree, one of three planted on that day. Only 14 children attended this ceremony- strange?

1st May. Mrs Patrick as Acting Principal. Mrs Rutherford, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Vile reported for duty.

15th May. Cinema Show given by the British Council, a Coronation Film. A daylight screen was used so there was no need for a blackout!

School Houses were introduced in the 2nd term of 1953.

Mackinnon- RED. Captain, M Attwood.

Wavell- GREEN. Captain, T Illidge.

Livingstone- BLUE. Captain, Jill Parris.

June 1st, start of Coronation Week.

Party on board HMS Newfoundland, a Light Cruiser, <http://www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-06CL-Newfoundland.htm> for Stds III and IV.

Party on board the Dunnottar Castle, Union Castle Line <http://www.cruise-ships.com/union-castle-line/sold/dunnottar-castle/>

June 2nd and June 3rd were holidays.

On 4th June the whole school attended a film, The Royal Tour of Kenya, at the Naaz cinema.

On the 5th June, Professor Wali Adam, The Mysterious Indian Magician, presented the latest Indian Magic and Mysteries at the school-

Bengal python

Magic eggs

Cooking on Human Head

Fire issuing from Magician's mouth

Watch-making

Rope and ring tricks

Card tricks

Indian Basket Tricks- disappearing man from the Basket

Cloth tricks

Mango tree trick

Pro. Wali Adam will change the face of any human being by means of his magic power

Pro. Wali Adam will lift a stone weighing 150 lbs with his powerful eyes (anybody who could duplicate this magic will be awarded £15,000).

Wow!

6th June- Presentation of Coronation Medals at the school.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Music was provided (Rule Britannia and British Grenadiers) on a Gramophone! The gramophone played during the presentation of the medals.

Mrs Dalgleish- Ribbon Medals

Mrs Patrick- Medallions

Mrs Kier- Booklets

Miss McClelland- Sweets.

27th June- Sports Day.

300 parents attended, the biggest Sports Day yet.

Interhouse winners, Mackinnon, with 177 points.

Wavell, 115 points.

Livingstone, 84 points.

Mrs Kennaway, wife of the Provincial Commissioner, presented the prizes.

Martin Attwood, Captain of Mackinnon, received the House Cup.

Individual prizes were for Shs 7/50, Shs 5 and Shs 3, redeemable at Mombasa Times Ltd or at Badruddin's Sports Store in Salim Road.

18th July. Naaz Cinema, to see "A Queen in Crowned". They got these flicks out to Kenya pretty quickly!!

30th July, Cockhouse Party, won by Wavell (Std IV classroom). At 5.30 PM Master Phillip Boucher entertained everyone with a Puppet Theatre.

31st July- end of Term. Mrs Lewis and Mrs Rutherford resigned.

September 1953- new Sanitation Block opened.

14th September. Party for Stds I and II, HMS Ceylon, a Light Cruiser,

<http://www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-06CL-Ceylon.htm>

15th September, Staff Meeting. We see that Mrs Ashby has joined the staff as well as Mrs Parris.

Hockey is introduced to the school.

Miss N Shield is now Mrs Scrimshaw.

House meetings-

Mackinnon, Boy Captain, Martin Attwood; Girl Captain, Carol Miller

Wavell, Boy Captain, Tom Illidge; Girl Captain, Corrie Grootveld

Livingstone, Boy captain, Martin Wilson; Girl captain, Jill Parris

October 28th. Boxing Classes started under Mr Rifkin.

New PTA formed- meetings on the last Wednesday every month.

12th November- School Concert. 350 people attended. We have a copy of the Programme.

1954.

Term 1- 212 pupils.

Term 2- 223 pupils.

Term 3- 181 pupils.

We now have 2 extra classes, Std IVB and Std V.

Staff- Mrs Ashby, Mrs McAdoo, Mrs Parris, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Dalgleish, Mrs Holloway, Mrs Scrimshaw, Mrs Vile. Miss Foat is Principal.
Mrs Dalgleish takes long leave on February 26th and is replaced by Mrs Mortimer Lloyd; Mrs Lloyd ceases duties on 16th March and is replaced by Mrs Wild.

19th April- MEPS PTA Easter Fete held in the grounds of the school.

Chairman- Captain Penny

Hon Secretary, Mrs Walker

Hon Treasurer, Mrs B Day

MEPS School Rep, Mrs Ashby

Parent's Rep, Mrs Lewis

Kindergarten Rep, Mr Champion

FETE COMMITTEE- Messrs Webb, Thompson, Blackwood and Mostyn; Mesdames Patrick, Neville Owen-Thomas and Mostyn.

2nd Term. Mrs Jupp took over Std V from Mrs Scrimshaw. Mrs Garvey replaced Mrs McAdoo. Mrs Higinbottom replaced Mrs Parris. Mrs Lori acted as a Supply Teacher for Mrs Holloway, who was ill. Mrs Vile terminated her employment on May 31st.

20th May. Tree Planting Ceremony performed by the Rev Jupp. A Flamboyant Tree was planted.

28th June. 48 children visited 4 American Navy ships, USS Barton, USS Stickell, USS Soley and USS Strong.

8th July- HMS Ceylon again. 240 kids went, 60 from MEPS.

10th July.

Soccer match, MEPS vs Goan Boys, no score.

24th July. Mrs Wilde went on 3 months leave. Mrs Perkins took over IIB.

24th July. School Sports Day.

Wavell, 146 points (Hurrah!)

Livingstone, 136 points

Mackinnon, 128 points.

Mrs Hatfield presented the prizes.

10th August 1954.

Mr C J Metcalfe takes over as Headmaster.

Miss Foat stays as a teacher (Std IIB).

Mrs Jupp now with Std V.

Compulsory afternoon school reintroduced. Possibility of keeping pupils in Mombasa until Secondary School mooted. Indeed, Stds VI and VII introduced in 1955.

26th November. MEPS School Swimming Gala at 4.30 PM, The Florida Swimming Club. Previous Galas were held at the Mombasa Swimming Club at English Point, Nyali.

1955.

Term 1- 296 children.

Term 2- 297 children.

Term 3- 301 children.

Head- C J Metcalfe

Staff; Mrs Jupp (6), Mrs Garvey (5A), Miss Bull (5B), Mrs Holloway (4A), Miss Aylward (4B), Mrs Patrick (3A), Mrs Dalglish (3B), Mrs Walker (2A), Miss Foat (2B), Mrs Lockwood (1A), Mrs Ashby (1B).

School Clerk- Miss Castellino.

2nd March. MEPS School party on HMS Quebec, Light Cruiser, <http://www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-06CL-Uganda-Quebec.htm>

4th March. Mrs Dalglish broke her ankle and is away for 3 weeks. Mrs Banham steps in temporarily.

9th March. The big Mombasa Strike ended- it interfered with school attendances.

May '55. Miss Foat back as Acting Principal while Mr Metcalfe on leave. Mrs Lock joins as a Teacher (2B). Mr Metcalfe returned on 4th July 1955.

9th June. MEPS party of children taken to the Stadium to attend the Parade for Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday.

21 June. MEPS School party on HMS Gambia, Light Cruiser, <http://www.naval-history.net/xGM-Chrono-06CL-Gambia.htm> . Note- these RN ships frequently visited Mombasa as a show of force during the Mau Mau Emergency.

Note in the Mombasa Times, August 1955.

PTA Members- Mrs Haylett, Mr Hill, Mr Tyrell, Mr Adcock, Mrs Chetham (also EA Women's League), Mr Chetham and Mr Beck.

29th July. Sports Day.

Livingstone, 101 points

Wavell, 97 points

Mackinnon, 92 points

12th September. Mrs Hodgson joins as teacher for 5A (ex-UK).

25th November. Swimming Gala at the Florida Club. Zandra Shinn accepts the Patrick Cup on behalf of Mackinnon, who won the House Competition.

End of Year House points-

Mackinnon, 372

Wavell, 365

Livingstone, 369

Competition in Academia and Sports were paramount!

1956.

Term 1- 352 pupils.

Term 2- 368 pupils.

Term 3- ??

The new School Block opened on 13th February. There are now 3 blocks.

Head- C J Metcalfe

Staff- Mrs Lock (1), Mrs Green (1), Mrs Walker (2), Miss Foat (2), Mrs Patrick (3), Mrs Holloway (4), Mrs Lockwood (4), Miss Bull (5), Mrs Hodgeson (6), Mr Cronin (6), Mrs Jupp (7).

On 23rd January Miss M E D Aylward reports for duty after leave. On 19th January Miss Hatfull reports for duty. On 5th March Mrs Wheatcroft started duty.

In May 1956 (2nd term) Mr K C Usher reports for duty.

Mrs Green joins in Term 2

Lots of sports-

Soccer:

Livingstone vs Wavell. 0-0

Wavell vs Mackinnon, 2-0

Mackinnon vs Livingstone, 0-2

Hockey:

Livingstone vs Wavell, 1-2

Wavell vs Mackinnon, 1-1

Mackinnon vs Livingstone, 0-2

Netball:

Livingstone vs Wavell, 7-24

Wavell vs Mackinnon, 23-6

Mackinnon vs Livingstone, 9-10

1st June. Visit to the school of Lady Crawford, Deputy Governor's wife, Mrs P O'Hagan, PC's wife and Mr Hatfield, PEO.

14th June. Std 7 visit new Shell installation at Chamgamwe.

14th June. Std 6A visit Shimanzi Power Station.

20th June and 21st June. Visits to HMS Superb, Light Cruiser,
<http://uboard.net/allies/warships/ship/7948.html> also <http://www.world-war.co.uk/Swiftsure/superb.php3>

11th July. Mr Cronin suspended from duty.

13th July. Mr Cronin committed suicide.

14th July. Mr Cronin buried at European Cemetery.

22nd September. Visit of Princess Margaret. The famous Tusks of Mombasa constructed specially.

7th October. Great stuff, 2 girls in the Olympic Trials at Mombasa Stadium; Maureen Leonard and Lillian Hilton.

16th October. Another Royal visitor, the Duke of Edinburg. MEPS children line the streets opposite Wardle's chemists.

Interesting Mombasa Times report, undated.

European Primary School 1st 11 beat their reserve side 5-0.

1st team: McFarnell, Cowen, Wilson, Van Aardt, Potter, Jones, Jackson, Jupp, Wylie, Snaith (who got 4 goals), Eaton.

Reserves: Saward, Campbell, Cousins, Ford, walker, Jupp, Metcalfe, davies, Hoarau, Bates, Czyzewski.

18th November. Service at Mombasa Cathedral to be conducted by the Rev R B Jupp, Provost of Mombasa Cathedral.

1957.

Term 1- 410 pupils.

Term 2- ??

Term 3- ??

Headmaster- C J Metcalfe.

Staff- Mrs Jupp (7A0, Mrs Holloway (7B), Miss Hatfield (6A), Mrs Wheatcroft (6B), Mrs Hodgeson (5A), Miss Bull (5B), Mrs Beresford (4A), Mrs Lockwood (4B), Mrs Walker (3A), Mrs Potgeiter (3B), Mrs Ashby (2A), Mrs Strickland (2B), Mrs Green (1A), Miss Whittle (1B), Mr Usher (PT), Miss Doshi (Clerk).

Mrs Margaret Drysdale joined as a temporary appointment as Miss Hatfull in hospital with Dysentery. Mrs Turner and Mrs Carlton-Holmes joined in the September term.

Boxing matches, undated.

Coach, Max Cable of MOW (was PWD).

Mike McFarnell bt Barry Jupp.

Anthony Cowan bt Chris Jupp.

Dave McFarnell bt Peter Castley

Mike Gazzard bt Shaun Metcalfe

On 11th March, more boxing.

H Sadd bt D Morley

Bruce Yeowart bt C Moore

D Black beaten by M Morton

P Davis bt Ian Cousins

Chris Wylie bt Henry Czyzewski

Mike McFarlane vs Mike Bisker, draw??

Lloyd Pickwell bt Tony Chetham

Shaun Metcalfe bt Mike Gazzard

Andrew Cowen bt Chris Jupp

Barry Jupp bt Mike Thompson

M Wilson bt M Wilson

Dave McFarnell bt P Weissner

15th June 1957. MEPS vs Hill School Eldoret. Hill School win by 9 to 7.

5th October. Arbor Day. The PC, Desmond O'Hagan, plants a tree.

18th May 1957, Mombasa Times report that Michael John Oldham of MEPS has been chosen to play the Kenya part of Tarzan's son in "Tarzan and the Trappers". Gordon Scott played Tarzan.

5th October. Sports Day.

Livingstone, 103

Wavell, 82

Mackinnon, 78.

This was Livingstones 1st Cup. Martin Wilson and Susan Cottenham received the Cup from PEO A V Hatfield.

22 October. Kenya European Preliminary Examinations (KPE) introduced.

29th November. C J Metcalfe handed the school over to Mr Usher on Mr Metcalfe's departure on UK leave.

9th December 1957. Mombasa Times.

C J Metcalfe stated that the record of acceptances for secondary education was as good as, if not better, from other primary schools in the Colony (i.e. MEPS acceptances). These successes were due to the sincere and healthy devotion of the staff, who taught in Mombasa under peculiar difficulties not apparent in other parts of the Colony.

One of the major problems of the staff at the school was the bad language used by the boys. Mr Metcalfe urged parents to help suppress "this evil and iniquitous habit".

1958.

No pupil numbers recorded.