

Founders Day



6 April 1914



Stigtersdag

Founders Day Fact



Mount Pleasant Primary
was part of a farm called
Buffelsfontein.

The farm was sold in 1861 and
renamed **Emerald Hill.**
It was sold again and in 1883,
a hotel was opened on the
farm. It was called the **Emerald
Hill Hotel** and it operated until
1900. Plots on the farm were
then sold off and a school was
opened on one of the plots of
the farm on **6 April 1914.** It was
a small wood and iron building.

Stigtersdag Staaltjie



Laerskool Mount Pleasant het met 13 leerlinge begin op 6 April 1914. Op die foto is al die leerlinge in die oorspronklike skoolgebou, omstreeks 1916.

Founders Day Fact



Did you know that **1918**, the “Spanish Flu” affected our school, just like Covid-19 is doing right now? The school was closed for the 4th term of 1918 and the building was used as a community clinic. The Standard 6 final examinations were postponed to the beginning of 1919.

To the left is some of the old learners attending the school just before and during the 1918 pandemic.

Founders Day Fact



Miss Short was the first teacher. This was Mount Pleasant Primary School for 42 years until 1956.

Mrs May Roughton was the first principal appointed in 1920 when she took over from Miss Short. She lived in the house next to the school's entrance in Milner Street – number 38.

Founders Day Fact



In **1924**, there were 37 children from Grade 1 – 8 in the school and Mrs Roughton taught them all in English and Afrikaans. In 1925, Mount Pleasant got a 2nd teacher. In 1931, the English and Afrikaans classes were separated because there were 59 children in the school. They built a wooden wall in the middle of the building to separate the 2 classes. There were no school uniforms and no sport fields.

Founders Day Fact - Principals 1914-2021



Mrs Roughton



Mr Gildenhuis



Mr Knoetze



Mr van Rooyen



Mr van Dyk



Mr Mey



Mr de Vries



Mr Chandler

Stigtersdag Staaltjie

Die skoolwapen is tydens **1950** ontwerp en is deur die jare aangepas tot die wapen wat ons vandag gebruik. Die skool se leuse, **Bou Stewig**, is tydens dieselfde jaar in gebruik geneem.



Founders Day Fact



In **1956**, the wood and iron building was demolished and a new brick building was built.

The main entrance of the school was in **High Street.**



Stigtersdag Staaltjie

Die heel
eerste
skoolbaadjies
word in
1963 gedra.

Founders Day Fact – Sport and Culture through the years



Stigtersdag Staaltjie



Die skool se eerste
Hoofseun en
Hoofdogter
is in **1964** verkies.

Op die foto is die
prefekte van 1976.



Stigtersdag Staaltjie

Die skool se
netbalbane en
tennisbane is in
1967 gebou.

Founders Day Fact

In **1976**, the **School Song** was composed by Mr Bam and it was sung by the school choir at the official opening of the new school building.

Do you know why we
are so happy,
That we sing out with heart and soul?
There's a school that we love so dearly,
Where we learn how to reach the goal.

Our teachers uphold
our motto:

BUILD FIRMLY, reach the sky.

So when our learning here is done,
We can hold our heads proud and high.

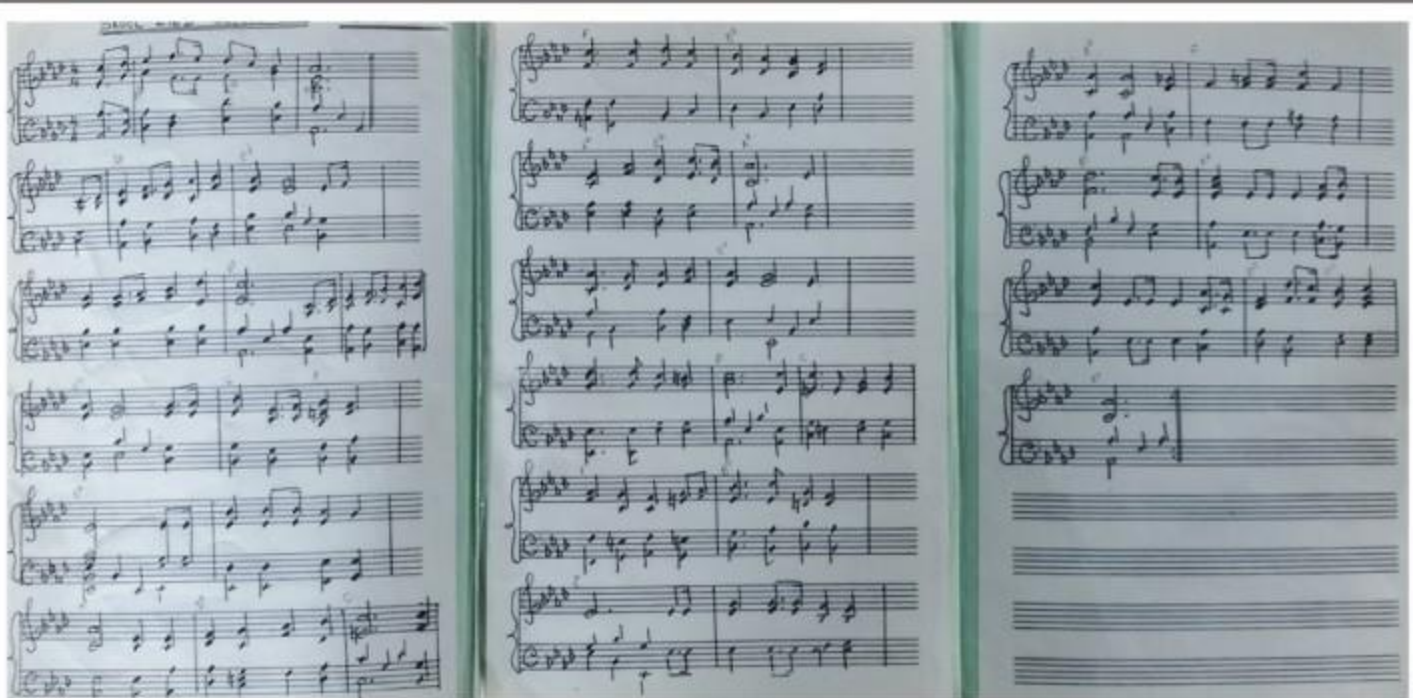
Die Laerskool Mount Pleasant
staan stewig teen die rant.

Hier leer ons tel en lees en skryf,
en om suiwer ook te dink.

Maar die gaafste van heel ons leertyd,
die mooiste om ook te sing:

STEWIG BOU, trots getrou.

Deur ons werk, word ons sterk.
Laat ons lewe vir volk en kerk.





Founders Day Fact

In **2014**,
the school
celebrated
our centenary.

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Our school is situated in the beautiful suburb of Mount Pleasant.

Indeed

**A Vision
with a View!**