

Reservoir schoolchildren go back to 1939 for 75th anniversary celebration

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Teacher Luisa Vivarelli, with staff and pupils celebrating 75 years at Holy Name Primary School with a Back to 1939 Day. Pictures: Carmelo Bazzano *Source: News Limited*

INK wells were full, canes were poised, and the nuns' habits were full length at a Back to 1939 Day at Holy Name Primary School in Reservoir.

The school day began on Thursday as it would have seventy-five years ago with a flag-raising ceremony and rousing version of *God Save the King*.

Nuns checked the lengths of girls' uniforms, boys' hair, and the state of fingernails, and children marched into class.

Year 6 teacher, Susan Mitchell, said it was a "fantastic day" and one that offered plenty of insight into how things have changed in Victorian schools.

"We were having fun with the left-handed writers, trying to make them write with their right hand," Ms Mitchell said.

During the day the students enjoyed old-school games, like jacks, marbles and egg and spoon races.

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Preps recited classic nursery rhymes for the afternoon assembly, but the older students brought things back to the 21st Century with some raps, celebrating the history of the school.



Angelina and Daniel, both 11, dressed in style for Holy Name's Back to 1939 Day. Picture: Carmelo Bazzano *Source: News Limited*