



**Freeway Park
Primary
School**

HISTORY IN WORDS

**WHERE IT ALL
BEGAN.**



ABOUT US

IMAGES IN HISTORY

Freeway Park Primary School has a very interesting history. The school was originally called Elspark Primary School. It was situated near Vegieland. It opened its doors in 1973. Mr. L. Booyesen took over as principal. The name of the school changed to Rondebult Primary School. It was in a rural setting surrounded by trees and farm animals. The majority of the children came to school in municipal buses so there were no extra mural activities after school. During the first year of school, stationery and reading books were limited and the children did not wear a school uniform. There was no hall, and assembly was held in the quad under the syringa trees. The emphasis in 1973 was on the environment and the children had to learn about their environment. Our outings had to be within walking distance of the school. The Grade 1 children went to the sewage farm. This was the closest place of interest. On this particular outing one of the boys went too close to one of the pools filled with thick sludge and as a result was quite smelly for the rest of the day: quite different from the outings the children go on today!

In 1976 the school in Freeway Park was completed and Rondebult Primary moved across to its present site. Mr. Booyesen also moved across as principal, and the school became known as Freeway Park Primary. The teachers planted grass on the soccer field as their extra mural duties. Each Grade was allocated one day a week to pick up stones on the soccer field. They had a bin to fill and at the end of each week the grades that had filled their bins were rewarded with an extra 15 minute break.

Since then, each principal has left his mark on the development of the school. Their dedication and interest can be seen all over the school in many ways.



*VIEW FROM ELSENBURG
RD*



*VIEW FROM OUTSIDE
THE HALL - LOOKING
WEST*



*VIEW FROM THE NETBALL
FIELDS. THE HALL IS IN
THE BACKGROUND*

PRINCIPALS THROUGH THE YEARS



PRINCIPAL
JANUARY 1976
TO
DECEMBER 1980
MR L P BOOYSEN



PRINCIPAL
JANUARY 1996
TO
DECEMBER 2001
MR A.H BRADFORD



PRINCIPAL
AUGUST 1981
TO
DECEMBER 1986
MR T. MULDER



PRINCIPAL
APRIL 2002
TO
APRIL 2012
MR I. OLIVIER



PRINCIPAL
APRIL 1987
TO
JUNE 1992
MR J.A.M LISTON



PRINCIPAL
OCTOBER 2012
TO
MAY 2024
MS M.A VAN EEDEN



PRINCIPAL
JULY 1992
TO
JULY 1996
MR R.D COWELL



ACTING PRINCIPAL
MAY 2024
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MRS N. NORTJE

EST. 1976

HISTORY OF Freeway Park Primary School

DID YOU KNOW THE ORIGIN OF OUR SCHOOL?

Having been at our School since 1976, perhaps you would like to know some of the history of our school. We first occupied the premises of the old school in Rondebult which still carries the logo of Rondebult Secondary. Originally it was known as Elspark Primary School. Then the Principal at the time, L P Booysen, had the same change to Rondebult Primary School to identify with the suburb.

When Freeway Park developed and this school was built, it was decided to split Rondebult Primary with children from this side coming to our School and the other half to Leondale Primary. (At that time both schools were the same brown and yellow uniform).

We opened our school in January 1976 with Gr. 1, Gr 2 and Std 1 classes and after the school holidays in April, the rest of the school moved over.

At that time, I would work at the old school for part of the morning and then come up here to do some office work which was also necessary because we didn't have a telephone for quite a few months, and I had to act as a runner. Our post office work box was in Elsburg and that necessitated a daily journey to collect post.

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We then had to raise funds to buy hall curtains and hall chairs and waited quite a while for our vital intercom system.

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We have had 7 Principals- Mr. L P Booysen, Mr. T Mulder, Mr. J Liston, Mr. R Cowell , Mr. A Bradford, Mr. I Olivier, Ms M A van Eeden and now the acting principal of the school Mrs N Nortje. All Principals of high calibre who each in his own way, with their different styles, made great contributions to our School which have resulted in the very high-profile`