

Changes at school

Grandparent Lerida

Grandparent Lerida lived in the city then moved to the country.



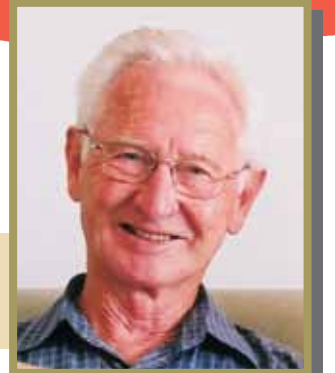
When I was young Dad decided the city was no longer the safest place because of the war. We moved to live on an orchard in the country.

From 1939 to 1945, during World War II, many children did not go to school. They went to the country to stay with family or friends, or to special camps. Parents thought their children would be safer away from cities.



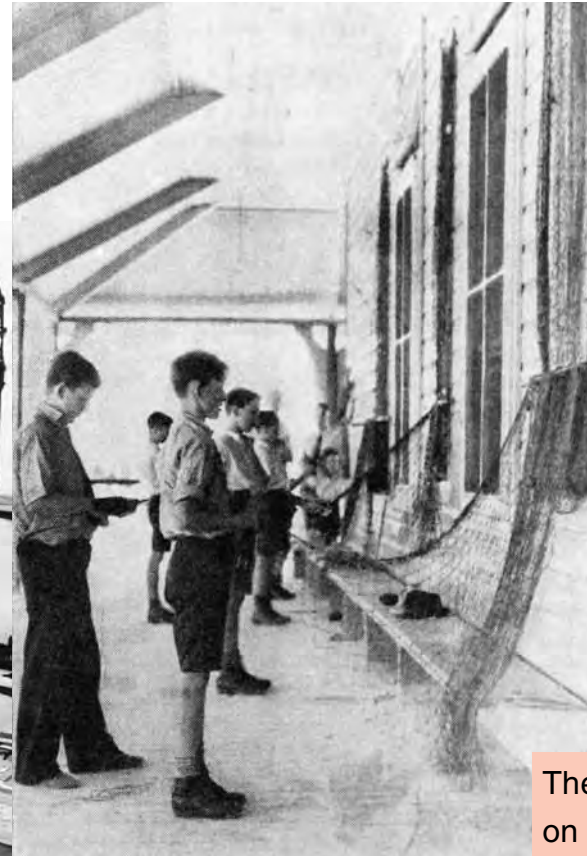
Children reading together in a camp run by the government

Grandparent Trevor



When I was young the war came closer and closer to my home.

Children at school helped make things for the soldiers. They knitted socks, and scarfs to keep soldiers' necks warm.



These boys are making nets for soldiers on the battlefields to hide under.

Grandparents

Grandparents can teach us a lot about what life was like when they were young. The grandparents in this book grew up in Australia.



Grandparents Sol and Diana with granddaughter Stella



Grandparent Rhonda with her family



Grandparent Lorraine with granddaughter Maddison



Grandparents Trevor and Lerida with grandson Mac



Grandparent King with granddaughter Ashleigh

Some grandparents grew up overseas. Ask your family members about what life was like when they were young. You will learn a lot about their past and also your own history.

Grandparents who grew up in the Netherlands may have gone to a village school like this one.



Mystery from the past

Can you guess what these things are?
Perhaps your grandparents will know.
Here are some clues:

- children used them every day at school
- they are very hard, but break easily
- the board is made of thinly cut stone.



Answer: They are a slate and pencils.

Glossary

cane	a long stick used to hit someone to punish them
embroider	to use a needle and thread to decorate cloth with patterns
fife	a small flute
hygiene	keeping things clean so they stay healthy
mission	a place Aboriginal people were sent to live when their land was taken away
pageants	plays or parades, often about something that happened in the past, performed by people dressed up in costumes
punishment	to hurt someone because of something they have done wrong
salute	to raise your hand to your forehead to show respect
slates	thin pieces of stone used for writing on
sums	number problems, such as adding up and taking away
tracing	to copy a shape by drawing over it on paper you can see through
weathershed	a shed in the school playground where children eat their lunch