

# Merbein history launched

A BOOK detailing and celebrating Merbein's history was launched yesterday.

About 70 children from Merbein, Our Lady's of the Sacred Heart, The Lake, Merbein South, and West primary schools attended the launch.

The book; "Merbein Glimpses into the First 50 years of an Irrigation Settlement," aims to publicise the township's centenary year this year.

"We're having a book launch to celebrate Merbein's 100th year," Bevan said.

"I hope it all goes really well," Author Bernadette Wells said

it was about the beginnings of settlement in the town.

"And, how it was set out to be a dairy settlement and how it quickly changed to growing fruit.

"It was the boom times of the 1920's, and it was a building boom; when Merbein grew very quickly and it details the great success of the sports teams.

"It also contains the names of the settlers who were allotted land in 1909 and 1910.

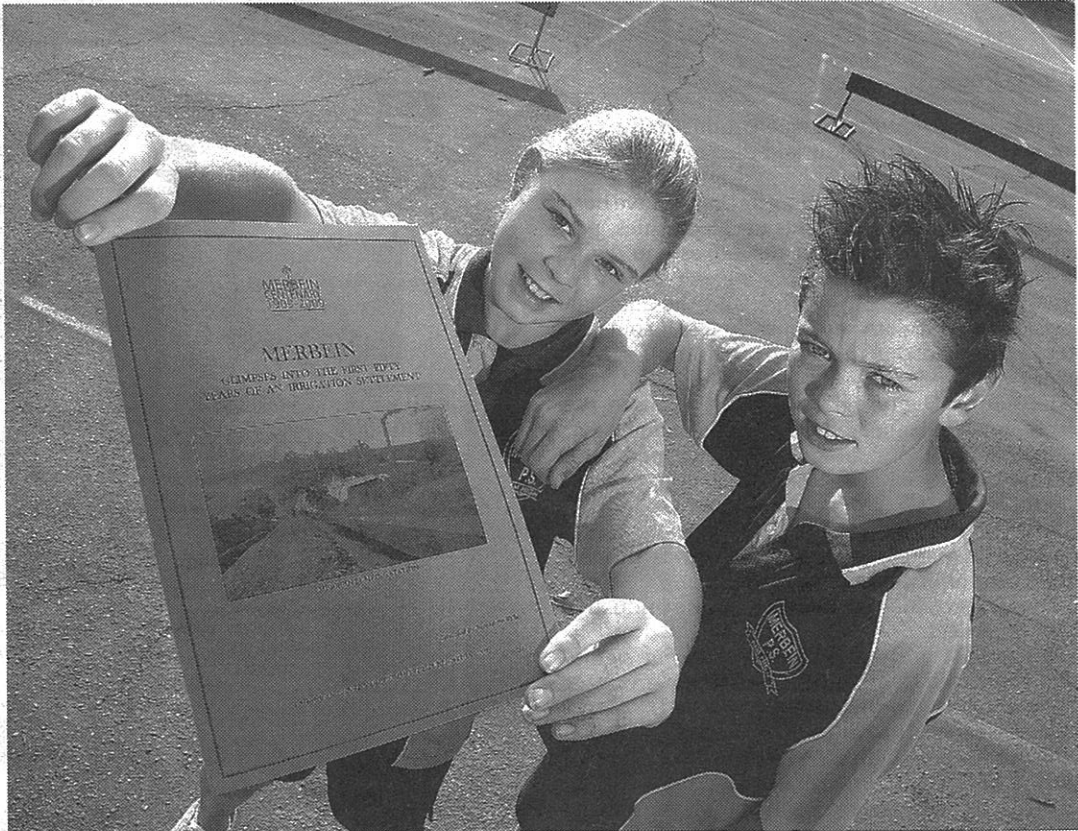
"We're celebrating the centenary of Merbein this year, that's why I wrote it; to put all the information in one source."

Merbein Primary School principal Daniel Nemtsas said all schools participate in centenary celebrations.

Students yesterday watched videos from the 1950's to draw inspiration for this year's centenary parade.

"They were really interested and asking questions and talking about what they were going to do for the parade this year," Mrs Wells said.

"We really wanted to get everyone involved, that's why we were involving the children."



**RICH BEGINNINGS:** Students Emily and Bevan are learning about Merbein's rich past.

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