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**Golden Jubilee Issue**

Stanger State Indian High School



**STAFF 1942**

Top Row: A. Raidoo, Late P. Kisten, A Akbar, K. Misra, H. Sohawan, K.V. Naidoo.

Middle Row: M. G. Pillay, D. Jumna, R. L. Juggershad, S. Thammiah, Late V. G. Augustine, S. Ori.

Sitting: L. N. Jungbahadur, G. S. Naidoo, Late S. Doolarkhan (Principal), E. Samuel, R. Sewpaul.



**STAFF 1944**

Standing: S. Ori, R. L. Juggershad, A. Raidoo, Late V. G. Augustine, H. Sohawan, K. V. Naidoo.

Middle: D. James, Late P. Kisten, K. Misra, M. Keerath, A. Akbar, R. Misra, G. Sewpal, H. N. Singh.

Seated: Miss S. Simon, L. N. Jungbahadur, E. Samuel (Acting Principal), R. Sewpaul, Miss N. V. Naidoo.

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For a short while from 11th December, 1943 to 11th October, 1944 the school came under the management of Mr. E. Samuel, one of the doyens in the field of Indian Education in Stanger.

The school was regraded Secondary 11 and Mr. B.W. Charles was placed in command as the second principal on 11th October, 1944.

The school began to grow steadily and it was inevitable that its status would change. Primary classes were soon discontinued to make room for the increasing demand for secondary education. On the 30th January, 1945 Mr. Charles made the following entry in the log book:—

“Owing to extremely large numbers of applications for admission I experienced considerable difficulty in allotting the few places available and had to turn away almost 200 children”.



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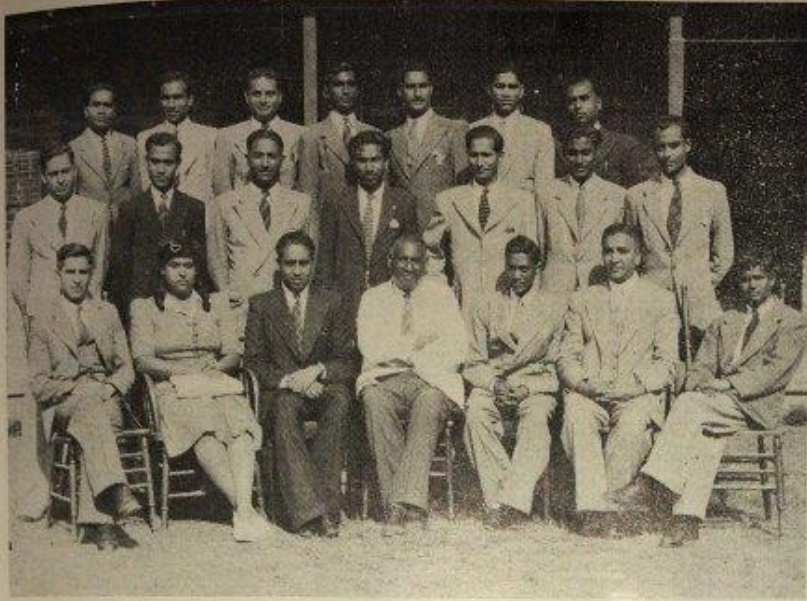
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**STAFF 1947**

**Top Row:** T. R. P. Naidoo, Late K. R. Naidoo, K. V. Naidoo, G. Sewpaul, H. N. Singh, C. Narappa, S. Ori.

**Middle Row:** K. Misra, D. James, N. D. Maharaj, J. Samuel, Late A. N. Singh, C. R. Aiden, A. Akbar.

**Sitting:** B. Jungbahadur, Miss J. Charles, M. Keerath (Vice Principal), Late B.W. Charles (Principal), Late V. G. Augustine, L. N. Jungbahadur, E. Samuel.

**HIGH SCHOOL STATUS**

In 1949 the status of the school was raised to that of "High School". The primary classes began to be discontinued in 1950 and thereafter there were no primary classes. The following table indicates this clearly:

	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>1950</b>			
Sub Stds. discontinued	532	143	675
<b>1955</b>			
No Std. I.	474	138	612
<b>1956</b>			
No Std. II.	490	155	645
<b>1958</b>			
No Std. III.	484	121	605
<b>1959</b>			
No Std. IV	499	119	618
<b>1960</b>			
No Std. V.	512	109	621
<b>1963</b>			
No Std. VI.	576	142	718

Furthermore there was an ever increasing interest being shown in extra curricular activities such as sports and dramatics. Mr. Charles was a keen sportsman and he represented the staff when inter-staff matches were organised. The school was therefore able to excel in soccer and athletics. On 2nd August, 1948 the school won the "Dr. Christopher's Shield" — a prize which was awarded to the school that emerged victorious in the North Coast School's Athletic competition.

The first Matriculation class in 1950 had 26 pupils, one of whom was a girl. Thereafter there was a phenomenal rise in the number of

students in secondary classes.

In 1949 the school participated in the Chetty Shield debates competition when it was first initiated and has continued to do so ever since. Interest in this branch of extra curricular activity continued to flourish and in 1951 when the Jan Hofmeyr speech contest was introduced this school participated and won the competition. The school won the competition on two other occasions.

On the 21st April, 1950 Mr. B.W. Charles made the following entry in the Log Book:—

"A kitchen had been erected at the school by the Indian community at a cost of approximately £400. The meals service supply has now been taken over by the school."

Hitherto the school meals service had been handled by a private concern and the preparation of the meals was done in the open air. The erection of the kitchen was certainly a boon.

**AN UNTIMELY DEPARTURE**

The Director Mr. C. M. Booyesen visited the school on 14th August, 1952 and recorded the following comment:—

"Well satisfied with what I saw. Good luck and good wishes. Half holiday granted."

This remark was a well earned one but unfortunately the school was not privileged to enjoy the service and direction of this great headmaster for any longer. Twelve days later Mr. Charles made the following entry:—

"I had to leave school at 10.30 a.m. as I was feeling unwell."

Little did he realise then that this would be his last entry because he passed away that same afternoon.



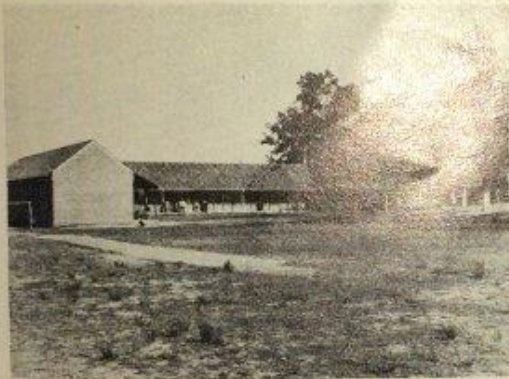


**STAFF 1952**

**Top Row:** J. Samuel, L. M. Gounden, S. Ori, R. B. Garach, R. M. John, P. E. Samuel, M. K. Naidoo, M. Dorasamy, K. V. Naidoo, S. N. Singh.

**Middle Row:** P. D. Pillay, Late A. N. Singh, N. D. Maharaj, B. A. Naidoo, Y. S. Imam, S. Ramlall, R. Perumal, D. James, G. Sewpaul.

**Sitting:** M. D. Maharaj, Late K. R. Naidoo, B. Jungbahadur, Miss S. Charles, M. H. Keerath (Acting Principal), C. A. Naidoo, E. Samuel, L. N. Jungbahadur.



**The "Old Block" - Late 40's.**



**Preparing a treat for the pupils under the popular flamboyant trees which had to make way for the School Hall in 1966.**

From 26th July, 1952 the onerous responsibility of controlling such a large institution fell on the shoulders of Mr. M. H. Keerath the vice principal. The task entrusted to him was ably executed up to the end of that year.

Mr. R. Moodley assumed duty as the third principal of the school in 1953.

Accommodation continued to constitute a problem and it was not possible to do away with the annexe at Sabha Hall. Conditions here were not entirely satisfactory and there arose a growing need for extensions at the school. There were also no suitable laboratory facilities for Biology which was still treated as a "classroom subject."



**Room 10 — First Biology "Laboratory". Master in charge Late Mr. K. R. Naidoo.**





**STAFF 1953**

**Top Row:** Late A. N. Singh, B. A. Naidoo, J. P. Cornelius, M. D. Maharaj.

**Middle Row:** P. D. Pillay, J. Samuel, N. D. Maharaj, D. James, P. E. S. Samuel, S. N. Singh, R. L. Charles.

**3rd. Row:** L. M. Gounden, G. Sewpaul, R. Perumal, R. M. John, R. B. Garach, M. Dorasamy, M. K. Naidoo.

**4th Row:** S. Ori, E. Samuel, Late K. R. Naidoo, R. Moodley (Principal), B. Jungbahadur, Miss S. Charles, L. N. Jungbahadur, K. V. Naidoo.

*The School grows to greater dimensions*

Being aware of these difficulties the Natal Education Department commenced extensions which included an administration block, a laboratory, six classrooms and a new kitchen in 1959 and were ready for occupation at the beginning of the school term in 1960.

The laboratory facilities encouraged the introduction of an additional subject, Physical Science as part of the school curriculum. Pupils writing the Junior and Senior Certificate Examination are given the opportunity to choose either Biology or Physical Science.

Since there were no primary classes other than Standard Six in 1960 the kitchen was not used as such but it was destined to play an important part in providing much needed accommodation at times of pressure in later years. This kitchen served the school as a classroom, then it was converted into a temporary Biology Laboratory and to-day it stands proud as an Art Studio.

**THE FIRST FETE**

Realising the need for a school hall an effort was made to raise funds. A grand fete was held on 3rd December, 1955 and a handsome sum of R500 was raised for this purpose.

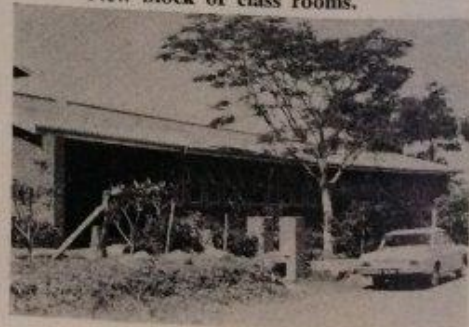
The two organised tours to Lourenco Marques and Cape Town will always bring back pleasant memories to a number of students.



**The Science Block.**



**New block of class rooms.**



**Administration Block.**





**First Speech Day —**  
Guest of Honour Mr. M. R. Muthukristna.

### FIRST SPEEGH DAY

A notable introduction in the life of the school was the Annual Speech Day towards the end of 1957 and Mr. M. R. Muthukristna was the first guest speaker. This feature, as intended, gives pupils and parents an opportunity to listen to addresses by eminent educationists and since it is held at the end of the school year it provides a grand finale to the year's work.

On 20th March, 1963, two prefabricated classrooms were completed and occupied. This enabled the school to admit the large number of pupils seeking admission to Standard Seven as a result of the large numbers passing the Standard Six Examination in the feeder schools.



**Another innovation — School Tuck Shop opened**  
28th August, 1954.

Mr. R. Moodley who so emiaently served as a third principal of the school was promoted as a Supervisor of Indian Schools as from 1st January, 1964. Subsequently he was appointed Inspector of Indian Schools and this school was fortunate to have had him as its first Inspector.



**"The Prefabs"**  
adjacent to Art Studio.



**Fete — 1955** Principal Mr. R. Modley addressing guests.



**Boys on tour — Dec., 1959**





Girls  
leave  
on tour —  
Lourenco  
Marques  
(5.1.61).

### AN EVENTFUL DECADE

Mr. T. Vadivalu who was transferred from the Shakaskraal State Aided Indian School became the school's fourth Principal on 1st January, 1964. The fact that in the fifty years of this school's existence there had been only three changes in its headship has contributed tremendously to its stability and the preservation of the high traditions of the school.

### PHENOMENAL GROWTH

The greater demand for post primary education which became a significant feature at the turn of the decade, brought with it once again accommodation problems. Thus at the beginning of 1964 approximately 150 more pupils had to be accommodated in Standard Seven. The new block of classrooms where provision had been made for the addition of five classrooms had to be completed as a matter of urgency. Until then, the kitchen,

library, hall and the laboratory had to be used as classrooms.

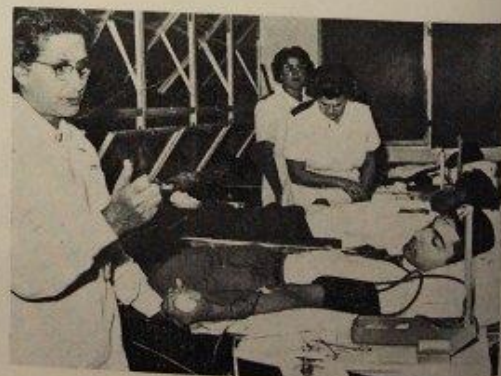
Temporary arrangements were dispensed with by the end of the first term of that year. However in 1965 the roll had risen to almost 1000 and two further class units had to be set up. The Biology and Physical Science laboratories had to house two peripatetic classes and this arrangement still remains as a feature of the school's organisation.

### PUPIL ENROLMENT

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
1964	677	198	875
1965	746	246	992
1966	674	221	859
1967	608	229	837
1968	686	282	968
1969	655	301	956
1970	624	352	976



Addition of 5 classrooms to the new block commence.



First Bleeding Session — 1964.





STAFF 1964

TOP ROW: A. Pillay, N. V. Naidu, U. Sewlall, S. Sewsunder, C. G. Pillay, R. Naidoo, K. Ramdial, K. Bodasingh, V. A. Rama, M. Murugan, G. M. Bux.

MIDDLE: G. Haridas, R. Naidoo, V. Moopanar, J. Devcharan, B. Nirhoo, H. Bansi, R. Rugabeer, B. G. Singh, M. Raju, T. Reddy, D. Subbar, J. Samuel.

SEATED: R. B. Garach, L. Naidoo, M. S. Samuel, Miss M. Govender, Mrs. C. Naidoo, S. K. Naidoo (Vice Principal), T. Vediyudu (Principal), R. H. Sham (Vice Principal), Miss K. Moodley, G. Royappen, S. N. Srinivasan.

### THE "TAKEOVER" OF INDIAN EDUCATION

On 1st April, 1966 Indian Education came under the control of the Department of Indian Affairs. The Principal in his speech day of 1966 commented:—

"The change of control has been carried out without the slightest interruption of work or inconvenience to any one. In fact the officials and authorities responsible for this operation are to be highly commended for the competent manner in which this has been accomplished."

In this year also two new subjects, Afrikaans and Accountancy became part of the school curriculum. These subjects were written at Senior Certificate level for the first time in 1969. The results in both these subjects have been very gratifying. Nearly all the candidates who offered Afrikaans in that year had no primary school background and commenced

their study of the language in standard seven. In view of this the fifty per cent passes in this subject should be considered satisfactory.

The Division of Indian Education began its control of the Junior Certificate Examination at the end of 1966 and this has remained so ever since.

### A NEW FEATURE

Streaming was introduced in 1967 and pupils were given the opportunity to opt for the Advanced or Ordinary Stream. At the end of the year of the 268 pupils who wrote Seven, 131 of them wrote the Ordinary Grade. In Standard Eight 72 pupils entered for the Ordinary Stream out of a total of 212 candidates. By 1968 when streaming had been carried out at the Standard Six level, this system of our education became fairly well established and both parents and pupils alike began to realise the need and benefits of such a system.



Distribution of Students who wrote the Junior and Senior Certificate Examination in the two streams.

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE			
ADVANCED			
	Boys	Girls	Total
1967	113	37	150
1968	110	44	154
1969	110	64	174
ORDINARY			
	Boys	Girls	Total
1967	56	16	72
1968	65	27	92
1969	50	28	78
SENIOR CERTIFICATE			
ADVANCED			
1968	87	35	122
1969	65	25	90
ORDINARY			
	14	3	17
	20	3	23

Up to the end of 1965 — almost a quarter century from the time secondary education became available at this school — there was no variation in the curriculum followed for examination purposes. The pupils had no option but to write the "straight six" subjects. In 1966 with the introduction of Afrikaans and Accountancy greater differentiation became possible and in the following year Ordinary Grade pupils were able to take Health Education as a substitute for Mathematics.

## DOMESTIC SCIENCE

A notable omission at this co-educational institution has been the lack of facilities for the teaching of Domestic Science or Housecraft to the girls. Since 1942 i.e. a period of 28 years during which post primary education has been available, it was not possible to give any attention to this subject. The Principal in his speech day address in 1964 referred to this matter as follows:—

"An interesting feature of this year's enrolment was the large number of girls at school. There were approximately 200 and I expect even a larger number next year. This indicates the desire of our parents to provide their daughters with higher education.

In spite of several difficulties the fact that our parents are enthusiastic in this respect in most instances. Unfortunately at present as in the past, the girls have to do the same subjects as the boys and there is a tendency to refer to housecraft to mathematics. If a training was provided. Several girls who leave school do not pursue any particular career unless we consider being a housewife as one, because most of them invariably become one, then training in Housecraft does seem essential."



STAFF 1968

Top Row: P. Gounden, U. Sewlall, S. Moodley, V. Moopnar, Soobramoney, S. Latchmanasamy, M. R. Chain, R. Misra, L. Chunilall, A. D. Maharaj, B. Kissun, V. Reddy, Y. Essop, N. Vasan, S. M. Karim.

Middle Row: J. N. Pillay, G. M. Naidoo, S. Govender, M. M. Moodley, R. Sudhoo, J. Devcharan, D. Naidoo, K. Ramdial, R. Chantharpurat, I. Omarjee, N. Iyer, P. Williams, N. Naidoo.

Seated: N. V. Naidu, M. E. Hoosen, L. Naidoo, S. N. Singh, Mrs. C. Naidoo, N. D. Maharaj (Vice Principal), T. Vadivalu (Principal), H. Rambaran (Vice Principal), Miss D. Rajmangal, H. E. S. Samuel, B. Nirhoo, A. Pillay, B. G. Singh.



It is pleasing to learn that the Division of Education realising the necessity for this subject in such a large institution with almost 350 girls to-day, has given high priority to the inclusion of a domestic science block which will be attached to the new block of classrooms in the direction of College Road. There is no doubt that when this subject is offered it will provide for our girls an opportunity to include in their curriculum a subject that would be of tremendous interest and value to them as well as a greater variety of subjects to choose from.

### SCHOOL CURRICULUM

To-day the following subjects are being offered and the number of pupils taking them in the various standards is indicated on the following page.

With these subjects different combinations have been made possible and pupils may choose those subjects for which they have an aptitude. Judging from the statistics given it could be observed that whilst it may seem to have moved away from the stranglehold of the "six" it does seem regrettable that subjects such as Latin and History are being almost annihilated. Pupils seem to show a preference for subjects with the opinion that their subjects are easier and that they could gain marks easily. Over the years this has certainly proved erroneous.

Afrikaans will become compulsory as from 1972 which means it has to be included for all Senior Certificate Courses. Nevertheless Latin can still be offered as an additional language. One pupil at school is pursuing such a course with three languages.

As from 1969 General Science which combines Physical Science and Biology has replaced either of the above mentioned Sciences for the Junior Certificate Examinations. At the Standard Nine level however, pupils will be permitted to opt for Physical Science or Biology. Physical Science which was introduced in 1960 has not been able to attract as many pupils as Biology.

It is hoped however, that in the near future pupils may be permitted to offer both these sciences for the Senior Certificate.

### NON-EXAM. SUBJECTS

Art and Music, the aesthetic subjects provide a much needed relief on the time table as well as cater for the tastes of pupils. Physical Education too is proving to be tremendously interesting. Specialised teachers are now in

charge of these subjects. Career guidance and Citizenship are other non examination subjects on the school curriculum. That pupils possess aptitude for Art and Music will have to be realised soon, and it is hoped that sometime in the future these would be taken as examination subjects.



Where the Domestic Science building will appear.



Physical science laboratory; Pupils working under the guidance of the science master (extreme right) and the Laboratory Technician in the background. This school is fortunate to have the services of a technician as from 13.5.65.



In the Biology Laboratory.





In the Art Studio.



Exhibits — Art Studio.



Mahommed Nakooda



Tasneem Meer

The works of art of these two students were selected for exhibition in England.

### A MULTIPURPOSE AMENITY

The school hall, which was first thought of in the late fifties, materialised almost ten years later. This much needed additional facility was officially opened by Mr. P. R. T. Nel, the then Director of Indian Education on 3rd June, 1967.



Opening of School Hall by Mr. P. R. T. Nel.

This hall was appropriately called "Memorial Hall" in memory of those "great preceptors who through their wise guidance and purposeful instruction... have made it possible for the school to attain such a high reputation". The hall came to be dedicated by the following words of the Principal:—

"We wish to recall the school's association with such devoted educationists as Mr. S. Doolarkhan, and Mr. B. W. Charles."

He also made grateful reference to those teachers no longer with us but "whose work in the classrooms and their zeal for extra curricular activities had enabled the school to rise to greater heights.

... "Gratitude is the heart's memory and in humble gratitude and in acknowledgement of what these men and women had achieved for us and to their cherished memory, we dedicate this Hall."

The school is certainly placed in a very favourable position because such a multipurpose amenity has contributed much to the school's cultural welfare.