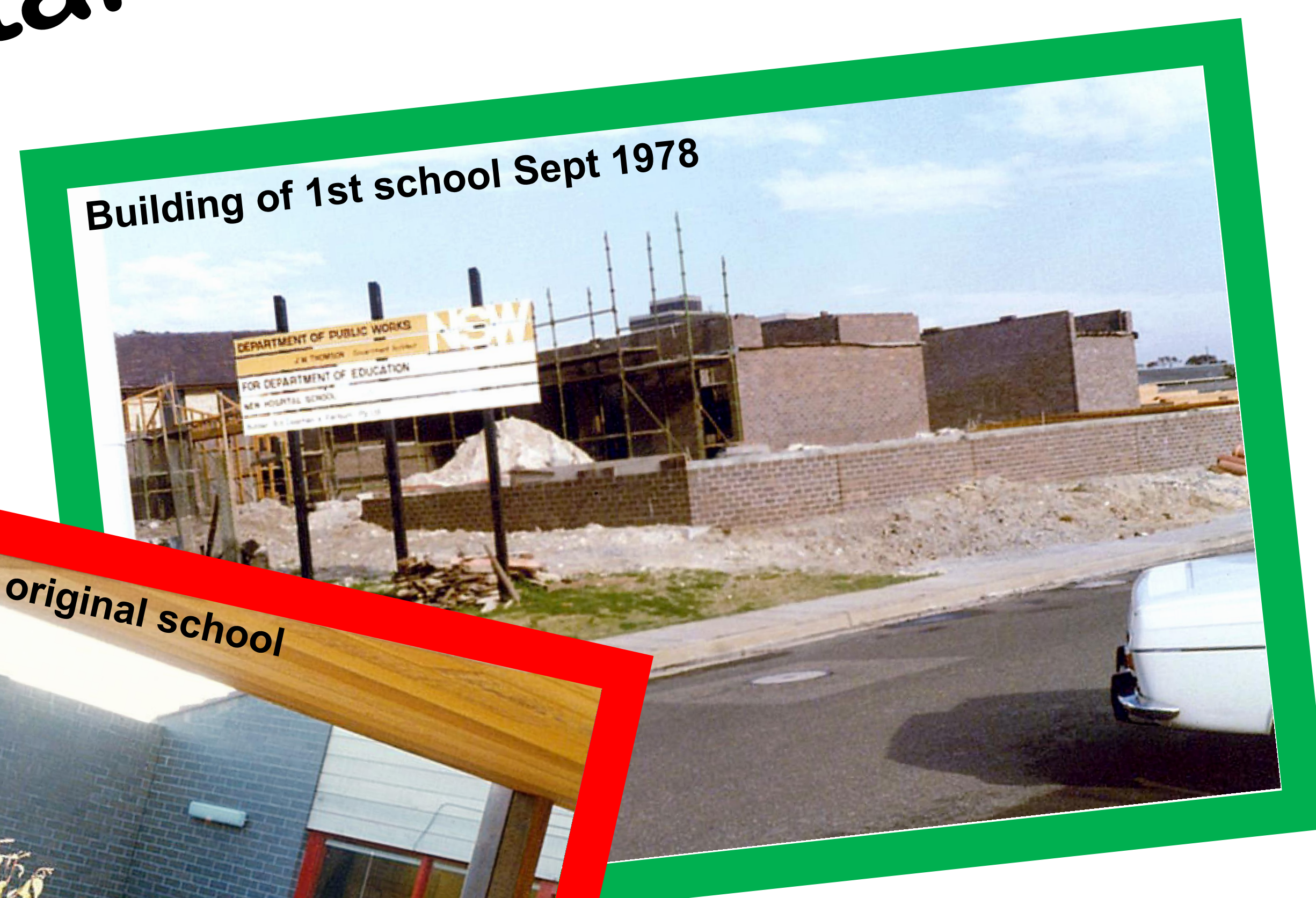


Recollections of Prince of Wales Hospital School and The Sydney Childrens Hospital School



“Children in hospital need occupation. Those of school age who miss some time from school are not only lacking on regular intellectual exercise while in hospital but find themselves disadvantaged in relation to their peers on return to school,” Wrote John Beveridge, Clinical Director of the Prince of Wales Children’s Hospital in 1962.

Under his leadership in 1976 a schoolroom, in partnership with the Department of Education was provided in the new Prince of Wales Children’s Hospital. Registrar Ron Freeman became deeply interested in schooling and negotiated a major building program within the hospital grounds. On the 21st of May 1979 a magnificent Prince of Wales Hospital school building was opened. This building consisted of four classrooms, art and craft room, a diagnostic unit and an open space which included an adventure playground.

In 1995 building commenced on the redevelopment of 50% of the Prince of Wales Children’s Hospital. Included in that redevelopment was a beautiful new school building on Level 0 consisting of a High School Classroom, Primary School Classroom, Multi-Use Classroom and Playground. On the 1st April the renaming of Prince of Wales Hospital to the Sydney Children’s Hospital occurred. The Hospital School was opened on February 4th 1997. It is now called Sydney Children’s Hospital School.