

# SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS

By Pill Pugh

In the 1930s and 40s before Maccas and Red Rooster, we had once a year, The Sunday School Picnic. Homemade sandwiches, cakes and the best buttered bread covered by coloured hundreds and thousands. Some kids, because of family circumstances, had never been to a picnic and they looked forward to it. It was all free. And a generous one or two in the Church paid to hire a bus so we could travel together to the bush or a beach. Games and races were fun. And a three-legged race caused tumbles and much laughing. We climbed into old bags for a sack race. Teachers and the minister joined in the fun.

No distractions then, no mobile phones. It did not matter which home you came from, or which school you went to, or if dad had a posh car. Many had no car. We were all the same, together, at the Sunday School Picnic. In one country parish we picnicked at a lake, swam and played cricket with a bat manufactured from a fallen branch. Together, we were one. I sum that up in a word, FELLOWSHIP. How we need that experience today in our mad rushing world. Where Sunday is just another day. We have no time for fun and spiritual togetherness in this mad rushing world.

## Reflection:

*Lord, please give us a dose of common sense about priorities. May our thoughts and actions focus on the goal of discipleship as the scripture reminds us: Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.*

Matthew 6:33

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