Kuilsriver Primary History

1906 - A member of the church in Sarepta, Mr. Jacob Hamman gave the church some land to build the church building on. (Mrs Hamman's great, great grandfather) They built the church out of corrugated iron/zinc. It was only 14x7m.

1908 - The church decided to start a school in the building. The first teacher was Miss Sarah Fredericks who started the school with only 41 children. At that time it was called 'Kuilsriver Rynse Sendingskool'. She only stayed a year and was replaced by Miss F. de Villiers in 1909. The government did not want to support the school so the church had to pay the teacher's salary.

1910 - Miss F. de Villiers got engaged and left April 1910 and was replaced by Miss Maud Wyngaard. The community was very poor and all the parents couldn't pay the school fees. Therefore the church said that they would not allow the children inside the school who did not pay school fees. Although they said this they could not lock the children out. Instead they had bazaars and concerts to cover the school fees.

1913 - The church wanted to increase the teacher's salary to £72 a year. They could only do it with the governments help, but the government did not want to help them.

1926 - 68 children. Mrs Mary Thomas was principal till 1931.

1931 - Mr. H. Wessels became principal.

1932 - James Foster became principal. The school children became so many that it became the biggest primary school in Kuilsriver. At that time the school was called 'Die Hoogte'. It also had a nickname 'die Blikskooltjie'.

1944 - The 'Zinc School building' was replaced by a brick building which consisted of 5 classes, an office and a kitchen.

1951 - The school at last became part of the education Department and fell under the Parow School Governing Body.

1959 - School had grown to 318 children. They needed more accommodation. The male staff of the school built two wooden sheds. One shed had to be built behind a bush to hide from the building inspector because they never had a permit to build them. The inspector soon discovered the shed and they had to break it down.

1966 - Mr. A.H. Nicholls was principal at this time. Because of the 'Group Areas Act' many wanted the school out of the 'whites only' area. A bomb was thrown into the school and burnt most of the school. The children had to be divided into three different locations, i.e. the old Sarepta School, the old parsonage of the N.G.K. and the Calvyn Protestant Church hall.

1971 - The School was re-opened on the present site and named Jan Bosman Primary after a School inspector.

1994 - Mr. J. Alexander became principal.

2003 - The name was reclaimed and changed back to Kuilsriver Primary.