Please note:

Some closing dates are estimates as National Archives recording is not accurate and I guessed on when their staffing records end.

Red writing = some doubt about the information

Black= Schools in the Wairarapa South of current Wellington Regional Council Border

Blue=Schools in the Bush Area South Of old Wellington Provincial Border North of current Wairarapa Regional Council Border

1. **Admiral Run**: 1902-1910. A small School at the top of Admiral Hill Road at Gladstone about 30 Kilometres from Masterton. The station was a part of a large sheep station owned by Messrs Pain and Sutherland.

2. **Ahiaruhe**: 1929-1938. 13 kilometres from Carterton, another school next to a dairy factory. This school struggled as the School Committee was unable to provide accommodation for the teachers. Just past Stonehenge Aoteoroa observatory.

3. **Akaroa Road**: 1919-1921. 3.6 kilometres North of Pongaroa on State Highway 52 kilometres towards Dannevirke

4. **Akitio**: 1906 –2013. Lovely sandy beach at mouth of Akitio River in Puketoi region. In early times was an important shipping beach, especially for carting wool. Wool was shipped on small boats out to the waiting boats. Beach is very exposed. Akitio is about 26 kilometres from Pongaroa.

5. **Alfredton**: 1887-Present. 47 Kilometres North of Masterton on State Highway 52.. Local domain still open. Situated at the cross road between the Eketahuna–Tiraumea Road and Masterton- Alfredton Road. Important farming area.

6. **Aohanga**: 1895-1896, 1911-? (Owhanga) is near the coast from Pongaroa travelling on the Coast Road. It is a large sheep station. Now owned by Maori Trusts. In the 1960’s Teachers lived in the schoolhouse at Aohanga and drove the school bus to Pongaroa School. Pongaroa School when going to Castlepoint to camp would go to Owhanga and tractor ride through the Station to Mataikona, a short distance.

7. **Awatoitoi**: 1921-1971 22 kilometres along Masterton Castlepoint Road from Masterton Awatoitoi was at Turn Off to Riversdale. The Blairlogie Hotel was still open here in the 1960’s with a great counter lunch, but the Station Blairlogie was actually about half way from this corner and the Whareama turnoff by the church.

8. **Bagshot**: 1930 (6 Months), 1934 (3 Months) .The Wellington Education Board didn’t realise that it owned land at Bagshot and Mr Mawley was growing potatoes and turnips on the land. “Please prove that you own the land” asks Mr Mawley. The school room here was the original Ditton School


10. **Belvedere**: 1886 to 1938. Among a cluster of schools on the Western flanks of Carterton each built close to a dairy factory. 4 Kilometres West of Carterton
11. **Bideford**: 1888 to 2002. The school had 3 different sites. 22 Kilometres North East of Masterton off Te Ore Ore Bideford Road. The last site the school was originally named Glendonald School.

12. **Birketts**: In 1905 there is another reference to the State School at Birketts and yet this school does not show up on the National register of State Schools. Birketts was on the corner of Blairlogie –Langdale Road and Langdale Road on the way to Riversdale. Mr. Birkett was a carpenter. There is an Anglican church on the corner 38 Kilometres from Masterton.

13. **Blairlogie**: 1897-1898 A sheep station on the Masterton to Riversdale Road about half way along the Awatoitoi Whareama section. About 25 Kilometres from Masterton. The Blairlogie school morphed into the Whareama School through Birkett’s Corner.

14. **Brancepath**: 1895-96. This school was on one of the Wairarapa’s largest farms. This farm was subsequently subdivided into many settlements in the area, though the home farm is still operating. About 21 Kilometres on Masterton Stronvar Road, East of Masterton.

15. **Bush Grove**: 1902 In the Mangapakeha area. Run by Mr H G Groves who also dominated in the running of the Mangapakeha School. At times when he wished he opened a small Grade O school in opposition or instead of the local school. About 35 kilometres on the Masterton Castlepoint Road just before Tinui.

16. **Bush Gully**: 1897-1901 A large sheep station on the Martinborough Pahaoa Road past the Hinakura school site about 30 kilometres from Martinborough. School.

17. **Cape Palliser**: 1930-1932 At this time there was no road access to the lighthouse and teachers had a choice of a boat ride or riding a horse from White Rock Station to get to school. The school building was a disused shed at the Lighthouse grounds.

18. **Carlton Hill**: 1898-1900 Neither I or Wairarapa Archives Staff have found this place.


20. **Carterton**: 1878 to Present. The main school in Carterton, next door to Carrington Park in Holloway Street. From 1906 until the opening of Kuranui College in 1960 this school was a district high school teaching children at secondary level as well as primary school.

21. **Castlepoint**: 1913-1999 The school opened in a shed used for workers who had built the lighthouse. From then on there was competition between Whakataki and Castlepoint and even at one stage a half time school where a teacher, Miss Dorgan taught for three alternate days at each school. This included working every Saturday. Even after the Castlepoint School closed there were lawyers involved in what should happen to monies left over. Castlepoint is 65 kilometres North East from Masterton on the coast.

22. **Clareville**: 1874-1974 A school often with a bigger roll than Carterton Opposite the racecourse, now showgrounds, with shops and a community. When the public school closed the buildings were used as a special needs school. 3 Kilometres North of Carterton on State Highway.
The first school Clareville School was in a cottage which then into the “Dipper’s Chapel” and afterwards in the old schoolroom. The first school was a private one conducted by a Miss Green in a cottage then the Dippers Chapel, which is now Devine at Clareville, built by Wm. W. Corpe. She charged 1/- a week for each pupil.

23. **Clifton Grove**: 1897 About 31 Kilometres on Clifton Grove Road from Masterton. The famous Cycling Hill, climb Admiral Road leads into Clifton Grove Road

24. **Coonoor**: 1896 to Late 1960’s This school is on the Rising Sun Road. The Hawkes Bay Board started just up the road in Keith Holyoake Country @ Waitahora. The school was the old fashioned high windowed school sitting on the ground. Coonoor is 46 Kilometres by road from Pahiatua and 38 Kilometres from Dannevirke

25. **Cornwall Street**: 1950-2004 On the West Side of Masterton, near the Railway Line. I have been told that the school was established on the site because the Wellington Education Board had a disagreement with the Salvation Army owners of the Whatman School. But the school always struggled as the growth in this area didn’t happen. One of the problems being that a number of oil companies had depots near the railways in earlier times and the soil may have been contaminated I was principal here for 16 years and enjoyed my time. However we always struggled for numbers after the Lange Experiment, 7 schools ran buses through our area. Each had only to take a few children and we had lost a class of children. The school morphed with West on the West site in the great Mallard amalgamation of schools and became Douglas Park. I had left a number of years before when the Government announced yet another curriculum revision

26. **Cross Creek**: 1882-1953 A School built because of the isolation of the Railway workers, as the engines had to be changed from ordinary to Fell engines to take the trains up to the Summit on the Rimutaka Incline. The weather at the mouth of a valley in a windy wet area was tough. I can remember seeing a train waiting outside the Featherston picture theatre with a guards van waiting to take people back to The Creek About 12 Kilometres South from Featherston

27. **Dalefield**: 1885-Present Yet another school in a dairy farming area. A strong hockey area, unusual in a rugby playing region.

28. **Ditton**: 1890-1897 On the Wangaehu Valley Road a small school on Ditton Station 20 Kilometres from Masterton Later reopened as Bagshot School.

29. **Dreyer’s Rock**: 1897 to the early 1930’s The outstanding thing about this school was the high quality of the teacher’s in the early years. They were teaching children with no previous schooling and getting results in topics like astronomy and shorthand. The school was always under equipped and the children over taught. Inspiring reading of this log at National Archives

30. **Dreyerton**: 1885-1906 25th May 1903 Papers Past Mr Dreyer, who still survives in Carterton, their interpreter, counsellor, adviser, and registrar, conceived the idea of a township, hence the name Dreyerton. Wairarapa Times Age. A school on the Ruamahunga River Plains. There was a Scandinavian Community here, the Southernmost
one of the Forty Mile Bush. In 1906 school name changed to Kopuaranga

31. **Dyer:** 1907-1951 The Wellington Education Board never called this school Dyerville as it was commonly known as. The Dyer district was named by Richard John Seddon when the area around the Dry River was subdivided. The name came from a merchant in Wellington, Mr Seddon’s Son in Law, married to Phoebe Seddon. About 6 kilometres south on the Lake Ferry Road from Martinborough.

32. **East Taratahi:** 1878 to 1930 Up to September 1918 this school was called the Waingawa School, but then the Kaituna School became the Waingawa School presumably because there was another Kaituna School in Marlborough. Though right from the start this was referred to as the East Taratahi school by locals rather than the Waingawa School. Only the Wellington Education Board would do such a thing with meaningless names. 10 Kilometres south east of Masterton on corner of East Taratahi Road and Perry’s Road.

33. **Fareham:** 1945-late 1970’s Fareham was a house built by the Barton Family. Social Welfare took it over in the 1940’s. Before that it was used by Chilton of James School Lower Hutt during the war as their boarding school. Then the school was run in a number of guises as a special school. Sometime in the 1970’s a new 2 roomed classroom was built here. The Prefab was a Hawkes Bay Education Board build and design. Those teaching in a Wellington Education Board Prefab were jealous of as the Fareham build as they taught in asbestos clad rooms with one exit door and no insulation. On the Northern Outskirts of Featherston on Underhill Road.

34. **Featherston:** 1878 to Present In the centre of town. Became a District High School in the 1920’s, where my Father, Uncle and Aunty attended the school for all their education. My father went on to get a degree in accounting and My Aunty Nancy became a teacher. So Mr Frank Combs, Head Teacher must have done a good job. In 1963 I came to Featherston as a second year teacher and landed a class of about 45 children crowded into the Old Kaiwaiwai Schoolroom. The class was so crowded that any small groups had to be taken out in the corridor by Mrs Watson, the first teacher aide that I had for an hour a week. Bob Grant was Principal and Jim Way Deputy Principal. These two did not get on and this made the dynamics very interesting. Especially for a young innocent new chum.

35. **Fernridge:** 1878 to Present Frederick Gover was Head teacher in 1878 and lasted until 1905. 7 Kilometres up Upper Plain Road, West of Masterton.

36. **Fernyhurst Road:** 1950 to 1958 AKA Fernyhurst Road. The school was established at a New Zealand Forestry Service camp. The Wellington Education Board brought in a prefab for a classroom. Amalgamated with Poroporo and Ngaumu Road to form Wainuioru School on a new site in 1958. About 28 km from Masterton on the Masterton Stronvar Road just before Ngatahuna Road.
37. **Gladstone**: 1879 to Present Gladstone School struggled for numbers for years always a sole or two teacher school up to 1923. 16 Kilometres from Masterton on Te Whiti Road.

38. **Glenburn**: 1879 Only open this one year. 55 kilometres from Masterton on the Te Whiti Road

39. **Glendonald**: 1928-1931 After Bideford school closed, a school was opened in the shearing sheds of Glendonald Station. A school was built on the site, not the site of the previous school and was renamed Bideford School in 1931.

40. **Glencrieff**: 1908 Opened and closed in 1908 Was a sheep farm in Bideford owned in 1913 by W M Lang who sold it to Mr J Lord

41. **Grassendale**: 1890 -1893 and 1950-1951 57 Kilometres from Masterton on the Manawa Road about 13 kilometres north from Tinui

42. **Greytown**: 1878 to Present. On East Street Greytown. The only school in Greytown. Became a District High School in 1905.

43. **Hamua**: 1895- 1973 This school started in 1892 as the Hawera School then in 1894 became Tutaekura School for one year before taking up the name of Hamua. John Hopkirk was Head teacher of Hawera (1893), Then Tutaekura and finally Hamua in sequential years. Hamua is 10 Kilometres North of Eketahuna. I have taken Eketahuna as the base as Hamua School was in the Eketahuna group of schools while Mangamaire and Marima, close by were in the Northern Group

44. **Harley Street**: 1956 -2004 Harley Street School on the corner of Solway Street and South Road was the major school in the South until Central School was moved south by about a Kilometre and then Labour’s Minister allowed Solway to grow by building more classrooms. The school though very well run struggled with roll numbers then until being forced into amalgamation with Central School.

45. **Hastwell**: 1888-1967 13 Kilometres from Eketahuna on Opaki Kaipororo Road. At the infamous Bush Sports with Marima School in 1968 I remember this school smaller than our 12 children following their banner around. The roll was about 7. A close affinity with Mauriceville West School with many Scandinavian pupils

46. **Hawera**: 1892-93 In the heart of the Forty Mile Bush See Hamua

47. **Hillcrest**: 1943 or Before – Present On the hill above Pahiatua, out of the way. Survived mainly because the manual training centre added staffing to the roll. Originally was the Secondary Department of Pahiatua District High School.

48. **Hinakura**: 1921-1989 Nearly always a sole charge. In the later years it had a high turnover of staff. The district hall was great, the school building and house great, but the expectations of the community were hard to meet. 25 Kilometres from Martinborough East of Martinborough
49. **Hinemoa**: 1898-1935 Through Kaitawa out of Pahiatua on the Hinemoa Valley Road. Held their jubilee in conjunction with Kaitawa About 18 kilometres from Pahiatua

50. **Hiona Intermediate**: 1972-2004 Another wacky idea for the Wellington Education Board to set up a 2nd Intermediate in Masterton. Always struggled in competition with the well regarded Masterton Intermediate. This school was on the Corner of Colombo Road and Te Ore Ore Road on the Eastern perimeter of Masterton (Now Occupied by the Lakeview School). The school was situated on the wrong side of town to attract numbers.

51. **Homeburn**: 1909 One year wonder on border of Aorangi National Park in South West area of Wairarapa. Off White Rock Road from Martinborough

52. **Horoeka**: 1901-1999 I taught at this school for 4 years from 1968 to 1972. This was a delightful experience with a very supportive School Committee. There was a large two roomed school with a modern small house. Even after Featherston the winds were terrific. One blew the front door in and it took some persuasion to have the Wellington Education Board believe it was a natural mishap. We saw a number of swaggers still coming through. They used to sleep in Ian Frame’s Woolshed 70 Kilometres from Pahiatua. The roads were bad. The best way to travel from Pahiatua was to go via Dannevirke and then only the last few kilometres to home were off the tar seal

53. **Huia Road**: 1898-1911 Runs off State Highway 52 just South of Rakaunui. The road goes right through to Mara with the Waihoki School close. There was also a school at Waiowaka. The roll was always no greater than 13. Rakaunui is 16 Kilometres South of Pongaroa

54. **Hukanui**: 1898-1978 Another Bush School Close to the railway line with a station that railcars stopped at in the 1960’s. Here was a whole group of schools in this area that worked closely together. 16 Kilometres from Eketahuna, 19 kilometres from Pahiatua

55. **Ihuraua Valley**: 1899-1988

Ihuraua Operated under both names. For the first nine years under Ihuraua Valley name. They seemed to operate more with North Wairarapa Country Schools than Bush Schools. The area was commonly pronounced “Ish-er-are”. Ihuraua was close to and had quite a bit to do with the Scandinavian Schools. 37 Miles North East from Masterton just off State Highway 52. 17 Kilometres to Eketahuna on the Mangaorango Road

56. **Kahautara**: 1899-1923

**Kahutara**: 1924 to Present Both the same school. When I was growing up and when I was teaching at South Featherston, all the old timers called this area Car Hout Ra much to the debate of the P C brigade. After seeing the name spelt this way so often in my research I can see how it got this particular pronunciation. Now we always say Car hu tara. The Cross Country course developed at this school in the early
1970’s and still used today is an outstanding test of running ability and a bit of satisfaction at the end of a course well testing. On the Lake Ferry Road 15 Kilometres South of Featherston

57. **Kaikuri: 1908-1911.** Kaikuri Station was a part of the huge Pahoa Station broken off and sold to members of the Cameron Family. Pahoa Road about 40 Kilometres from Martinborough


59. **Kaitara: 1898-1937** There never was a Morison Bush School. From day 1 the Kaitara School was at Morrison Bush. One myth is about the length of time Isabella Campbell worked at the school. Staffing records show that she was the sewing teacher between 1883 and 1889 and that is the only record of her being on the staff of Kaitara School. 7 kilometres from Greytown on Bidwills Cutting Road

60. **Kaitawa: 1890 –** I think this school amalgamated with the Catholic School in Pahiatua in 1989. 7 Kilometres East of Pahiatua

61. **Kaituna: 1891-1937** 16 Kilometres from Masterton up the Upper Plain Road following the Waingawa River West. February 1918 changed name to Waingawa School, previously held by the school at East Taratahi. Caroline H Kelleher was teaching here from 1898 until at least 1923

62. **Kaiwaiwai: 1878-1939** On the road to Martinborough the Kaiwaiwai School flourished for a number of years with attendances of over 40. A number of Cundy’s related to my Grandmother were involved with the school. See Featherston for building fate. 8 Kilometres from Featherston on State Highway 53. This school started as a part time school with Waihenga (Martinborough)

63. **Kaiwhaka: 1910-1914 Ross Family** The Kaiwhaka School was on the Road to Cape Palliser Lighthouse 57 Kilometres from Martinborough

64. **Kaiwhata: 1883-1894** The Kaiwhata Road leads out to Riversdale, through Homewood, just after Te Wharau on the Road to White Rock about 50 Kilometres from Masterton. Not the Okautete (Homewood School) which was originally called Kaiwhata

65. **Kakariki: 1898-1956.** 20 Kilometres from Pahiatua south of Hukanui under the hills lay Kakariki. A farming area with a mixture of sheep and dairying.

66. **Kohiku: 1908-1935** Yet another small school in the Akitio County. Located 6 Kilometres from Pongaroa coming South on State Highway 52. From Opening to at least 1923 Irene Hamilton was the only teacher at this school.

67. **Kohinui: 1899-2008** 11 Kilometres North East of Pahiatua, turning right at the Tui Brewery onto Kohinui Road

68. **Konini: 1897 and 1900- 1972** Started life as Makakahi School in 1891 and in 1900 became Konini. The Makakahi River from
Eketahuna passes by the school with the Dairy Factory operating opposite. I took the Marima children through this factory which was making milk powder. There was also a store and garage here. Most Bush Country Schools had a horse paddock. In this area they were called Glebes and the reference to the name I first heard here. 6 Kilometres South from Pahiatua on State Highway 2

69. Korora: 1906-1948 On the Waihi Valley Road North of Pongara. One of the many schools in this area, including Pukehinau, Puketoi and Manuhara. The roads were so bad in this area especially in winter. There was no road material in the area to look after the roads.

70. Lansdowne: 1909-2004 This school was a successful school on the Te Ore Ore Road when the Labour Government told the Board of trustees to amalgamate with Hiona and Totara Drive to form a new school. From 1918 for some years Te Ore Ore School was a side school after being burnt down in a fire.

71. Lime Hills: 1904-1905, 1908 A Sheep Station at Ngaturi 13 kilometres from Pahiatua on the Pongara Road

72. Longbush: 1904-1950’s Sole Charge 24 kilometres from Carterton on the Longbush Martinborough Road

73. Makairo: 1894-1940 In 1898 the name of Makairo School was changed to Kohinui School to match the postal address. However the Makairo School and Kohinui schools both continued to operate for a long while. TO lease 700 ACRES for 3 or 5 years; 7' I-L& roomed house, wool shed, sheep dip, orchard. The land is divided into 12 paddocks; some of the land has been cleared 15 years; 10 miles from Woodville, 5 miles from Kumeroa, 1 ½ miles from Makairo School. Papers Past 1900

74. Makairo Valley: 1898 Operated in this long valley that runs from Coonoor to Kohinui

75. Makakahi: 1891-1900 Became the Konini School in 1900. See Konini

76. Makomako: 1896-1973 In early times was often a two teacher school. Users of the Pahiatua Track will drive past the school site. 13 Kilometres from Pahiatua, West on the Makomako Road (Pahiatua Track). Always referred to by locals as “Mocka Mock” School. After closing of the school, schools used the buildings and site as a school campsite.

77. Maku: 1901-1910, 1919, 1923

78. Manuhara: 1899-1900, 1911-1913, 1915-1917

I haven’t been able in a look at what is what and which is which to make a decision, so I have bracketed the two schools together. Another researcher, another time.

a) 1902 A new school built at Manuhara
b) 1904 Maku School is in Mount Cerberus Subdivision
c) Maku School.—With decent attendance Miss McLauchlan is competent to make a thorough success of the school As it is the pass
work is most creditable (the three failures wore all new comers) but with such irregular attendance it is impossible for any teacher to do justice to the class subjects. March 1902
d) January 1908 Maku School burnt down in the bush fires

e) Request for a school at Puheinau 3 Miles from Maku and 3 miles from Horoeaka 1904. Puheinau was South of Horoeaka on the Waihi Valley Road
f) That a new site be purchased at Waihi- Manuhara Junction, of four acres, for re-erection of a school to be removed from Maku 1907

g) 9th April 1908 The secretary of the Education Board, Mr G. L. Stewart, has had to make a dash into the Mount Cerberus country this week for the purpose of arranging the Maugatiti school difficulty. The average attendance for 1907 was fourteen at Maku, fifteen at Puheinau and seven at Maugatiti. By an alteration of sites it is hoped to make two schools do the work of three, and Mr Stewart's efforts will be to reconcile the parental settlers to the proposed change.
h) 1911 Aided school at Maku closed

The Manuhara Road -Waihi Valley Corner is 14 Kilometres North East of Pongaroa.

79. Makuri: 1893-Present) Makuri School was in a thriving sheep farming area with a very strong small town culture. getting thrashed.

80. Mangahao: 1896-1955 Mangahao School is West of Pahiatua. Situated on the Mangahao River which starts above Shannon in the Horowhenua and comes through the Tararuas to join the Manawatu River to flow back out in Foxton in the Horowhenua. 7 Kilometres on the Pahiatua Mangahao Road towards the Pahiatua Track. There was also a Mangahao School at the Power Station East of Shannon also in the Wellington Education Board area.

81. Mangamahoe: 1896-1934 When the railway line was being pushed from Masterton to Eketahuna Mangamahoe was a railway town with a camp being set up there. This was the terminal for passengers. 27 Kilometres North on Opaki Kaiparoro Road

82. Mangamaire: 1898- Present. Another rail centre and dairy factory Township. Children from Marima went to this school when it closed. One of the last places in the Bush to have its own little store, operated by the Rural Mail people so when short of supplies, families could ring and have it delivered with their mail. 11 Kilometres from Pahiatua.

83. Mangamutu -1989 School Pahiatua renamed from Scarborough see Scarborough School

84. Mangaone: 1885-1950. It looks as though the Mangaone School was not at Mangaone as on modern maps but at or near the township of Pleckville. Pleckville does not have a school registered in its own name yet there definitely was a school and schoolhouse there. 5 Kilometres from Eketahuna to Alfredton Mangaone Valley. In 1896 It was announced that Mangaone School would be called Rongmai School. This didn’t appear to happen
85. **Mangaone Valley**: 1893-1895 Somewhere on the Mangaone Valley Road East of Eketahuna which travels basically from Eketahuna to Pahiatua

86. **Mangaoronga**: 1904-1908 Mangaoronga Road is the home of the Old Eketahuna Cemetery just South of Eketahuna

87. **Mangapakeha**: 1898-1952 This school always struggled for pupils. When the building was first erected the locals continued their school elsewhere. There were problems with teachers appointed by locals. 34 Kilometres from Masterton. The building is used at the Cobblestones Museum in Greytown

88. **Mangapari**: 1915 Mr A D McLeod’s farm South of Martinborough Roll of 3 on White Rock Road

89. **Mangarama**: 1900-1935 Mangarama school is actually on Mangaramarama Road near Pahiatua about 2 Kilometres from Pahiatua

90. **Mangatainoka**: 1900- Present. The school on State Highway 2, the last school for the old Wellington Education Board. 6 kilometres North of Pahiatua. The home of the Tui Girls and a rugby match each Super Season

91. **Mangatiti**: 1901-1909 A school 10 Kilometres from Pongaroa on the Pahiatua Road. Renamed as Puketo School

Manuhara See Maku

92. **Mara**: 1913-17 Onto the Huia Road then Spur Road South East from Pongaroa in an area where there was a huge number of efforts made to school their children

77. **Marima**: 1902-1967 I was sent to Marima by the Wellington Education Board as a reliever in 1967. The house had been built by the locals and was opposite the old school, in the hall. A newer Avalon planned school had been built around the corner on a piece of land given by Trevor Lund. I had 11 boys and 1 girl in my class and at the end of the year the parents of her decided to send their children to Mangamaire, much closer for them and better for Glenys. The rest of the families decided to close the school. The building was later taken to Tinui School. I married the sewing teacher.

Coordinates -40.503815, 175.731812

93. **Martinborough**: 1898-Present The Martinborough School was only named such as from 1898 previously called Waihenga School. See Waihenga.

All the schools with Masterton in their name I am going to take as separate schools as each had a unique reason for being.

94. **Masterton** 1878-1902. The first Masterton School situated opposite where The Warehouse is now. On Corner of Now called Russell Street and Queen Street

95. **Masterton District High School**: 1903-1930 The District High School was a school where education was carried onto to a
college standard. It was not until 1905 that special secondary teachers were appointed to Masterton DHS. Ordinary schools had a Standard 7 which catered for children who wanted a secondary education.Same site as Masterton School.

96. **Masterton Central** 1923-2004 On two sites, one on the old site of the Masterton District High School, then rebuilt on a new site 1.5 Kilometres South on South Road. This altered the balance of rolls on many Wairarapa Schools. In 2004 Became Masterton Primary School in a forced amalgamation with Harley Street School

97. **Masterton East**: 1937-2002. At one stage had a large roll but by end of the school the numbers attending were low and the school struggled. The School was in Johnston Street on the outskirts of Masterton. When it closed the competing Kura closed down its school in Jean Street and moved rapidly into the Masterton East School buildings

98. **Masterton Infants**: 1885-1901 Operated as a separate school on a different site either, Masterton West Site or Victoria Street Site as a separate school lead by Laura Keeling. It appears that the Masterton School Committee was in charge of all the Masterton schools until Lansdowne School was formed. Closed because it was illegal for the Wellington Education Board to run an infant school. They could only run a full primary school or a District High School.

99. **Masterton Intermediate**: 1947- Present. A very successful Intermediate with two dominant Head Teachers John Macdonald and Frazer Mailman who were each at the school for a long time and ran the place in a manner that they wished. Originally on Short Street now renamed Intermediate Street.

100. **Masterton West**: 1921-2004 At the West End of Cole Street Masterton West operated until the forced joining with Cornwall Street on the West Site. Also ran a side school at Victoria Street Masterton for the younger children. Now called Douglas Park School

101. **Matahiwi**: 1898-1981 10 Kilometres East from Masterton along the Matahiwi Road until Cootes Road. School was on this corner.

102. **Mataikona**: 1945-1949 Mataikona School was held in the shearsers’ quarters at the end of the Mataikona Road. The teacher at Castlepoint assisted with advice and the teacher of Mataikona visited Castlepoint to see how teaching was done. 73 Kilometres from Masterton on the Mataikona Road

103. **Matarau**: 1895 Ready to open .However under this name never seemed to open Matarau The school had a teacher appointed Miss J Houghton but doesn’t appear to have operated. Matarau is on Udy’s Line. Udy was a well known Greytown name

104. **Matarawa**: 1878-1937 At one stage the Wellington Education Board wanted to close down both Dalefield and Matarawa and build a school in the middle of the area. On Matarawa Road, 8 kilometres from Greytown where a lot of the children from Matarawa went to primary school.
105. **Matawhero** *At least 1919* At Matawhero Station just South of Kahutara Road and Lake Ferry Junction

106. **Maunganui**: *1911-1912* The only Maunganui in the Wairarapa is about 30 Kilometres down the Western Lake Road near the Wairongomai School site which opened in 1915. Two teachers taught at the school with low roll numbers.

107. **Maungaraki**: *1948-1967* On top of Admirals Road which is used for cycle racing as it is so steep to Clifton Grove Road about 30 Kilometres from Masterton. Not to be confused with the Maungaraki School in Lower Hutt.

108. **Mauriceville (East)**: *1889-Present*. Note at various times either Mauriceville School was called plain old “Mauriceville”. The school is by the railway line, where the dairy factory and lime works provided work and the railway station was busy. 22 Kilometres North East of Masterton on the Opaki Kaipororo Road.

109. **Mauriceville Railway**: *1887-1888* The original name for Mauriceville East School.

110. **Mauriceville West**: *1878-1972* This school struggled early on in dealing and educating children with English as a 2nd language. The area was settled by Scandinavian Settlers and the teachers had to cope with these people struggling in a foreign country. The school was also famous at different periods for its wood working, science lessons and huge gardens. 24 Kilometres from Masterton.

111. **Mikimiki**: *1897-2004* I have found no evidence that Mikimiki School was ever on a different site. Children from here before 1897 went to Opaki School which was further North than it is now. This school was monotony to record. 16 Kilometres North of Masterton on State Highway 2 on the Kiriwhakapapa Road Corner.

112. **Mikimiki Valley**: *1913-1914* This school was at head of the Mikimiki Road in a farm building on McKenzie’s Farm. There was a timber mill here. 22 Kilometres from Masterton.

113. **Momona**: *1901-1907 intermittently* I found a Mamona mapped on the Waihoki Road and am guessing this is the same as Momona as the area is clearly where the school was situated. On the most Eastern Point of the Waihoki Valley Road.

114. **Moroa** The original name for Morison Bush School called Kaitara. Only open before the 1877 Education Act was passed.

115. **Mt Wolff**: *1899* Mt Wolff was listed as ready but may have then been renamed Waione School before it opened as the Waione School in 1899. Mt Wolff was a settlement scheme at Waione.

116. **Newman**: *1890-1970* The Newman School is North of Eketahuna. The school here was right on the Road with the house on one side and the school on the other. My Father in law was Dudley Newman Cox as he was born here. 4 Kilometres North of Eketahuna on State Highway 2.
117. **Ngahape**: 1930-1945; 1954-1966 Open twice with a big gap in between. This school was built at the end of the road. It was only a reasonably short walk through bush to the road at Homewood near the sea.

118. **NgaiPu**: 1898-1893, 1907 A sheep station East of Hinakura off the Bush Gully Road before one gets to Bush Gully Station About 27 Kilometres from Martinborough.

119. **Ngakoni**: 1897, 1900, 1902-1904,1907 Ngakoni Station was at the Hinakura end of the Road Between Hinakura and Admiral Hill Gladstone.

120. **Ngapopatu**: Ngapopotu, 1896-1911 On the Manawa Road starting at Tinui Township going west about 5.5 Kilometres from Tinui.

121. **Ngatahuna**: 1902-1903, 32 Kilometres from Masterton on the Ngatahuna Road off the Masterton Stronvar Road.

122. **Ngaturi**: 1893-1972 About 13 Kilometres from Pahiatua off the Pahiatua Pongaroa Road.

123. **Ngaumu Road**: 1923 to 1957. Ngaumu Road was always a small school that struggled. Until the Fernyhurst School was opened the teacher at Ngaumu lived at the Fernyhurst Forestry Department camp and transported the children to Ngaumu School in his car. The maximum he could carry was 10 children. Seatbelts anyone?

124. **Nikau**: 1894-1942 A small school situated on the road to Pahiatua Track if you turnoff at Mangamaire going north. 17 Kilometres from Pahiatua via Mangamaire.

125. **Nireaha**: 1897-2001 Nireaha was the last of the small schools to close in the area around Eketahuna. About 6 kilometres along Nireaha Road West of Eketahuna.

126. **Okautete**: Closed 2001. AKA Homewood School. This school for much of the time was run as a Native School and therefore not under the Wellington Education Board control, records for this part of the school are held in Archives Auckland. Only from 1962 did it become a normal state school under Wellington Education Board Control. 60 Kilometres East of Masterton on the coast near Riversdale.

127. **Opaki**: 1878-Present Opaki School was originally further North by Mikimiki Road and when Mikimiki School was opened the school was moved to be near the Railway Station. I can find no mention of an Upper Opaki School as I have seen written. 6 kilometres north of Masterton just off State Highway 2.

128. **Otahuao**: 1887 School was open for 1 year on a farm on the Castlepoint Road. 7 Kilometres East on Masterton Castlepoint Road.

129. **Otohuia**: 1896, 1900 Otohuia Which is a young settlement situated on the summit of the Puketoi Ranges, 1300 feet above the sea level, has just built a school and ten children are attending daily. March 1896 Papers Past.
130. **Pahaoa** 1891-1892, 1896-1897. Spelt Pahau in Wellington Education Board parlance. Pahaoa is 45 Kilometres from Martinborough on the Hinakura Road then Pahaoa Road. A large station developed and owned by the Cameron Family.

131. **Pahiatua** 1885- Present. On the West side of main street of Pahiatua. In 1904 became a district high school with a designated secondary teacher. Secondary Department was in a side school at Hillcrest School. Ceased to be a District High School when Tararua College was formed in 1960.


133. **Pakowai**: 1908. Just along the road from Momona on the Waihoki Valley Road. Yet another school on this road. It probably shows how bad the roads in this area were.

134. **Papatahi**: 1913-1914 Wairongomai School started in 1915. On Western Lake Road close to the Wairongomai School on Papatahi Road. Papatahi is a farm long in the Donald Family. 28 Kilometres south of Featherston following Western lake Road.


136. **Parkville**: 1899-1990. Named after the Park Family this is a suburb of Eketahuna across the Makakah River and the deep chasm. It is certain that this school was at Rongokokako rather than at Parkville and the Name of Rongokokako was adopted after 2 years of the Parkville name.

137. **Paruwai**: 1953-1956. On the Paruwai Road off Range Road near Tuturumuri An aided school on Mr. Weber’s property.

138. **Penton**: 1897 A later local name for Mangapakeha School after the local farm run by Mr J Mcleay. According to a report the first school at Penton had burnt down in 1897.

139. **Pirinoa**: 1886-Present. The Pirinoa School is 36 Kilometres from Featherston.

140. **Ponatahi**: 1896-1977 Ponatahi was the Northern School in our rural group of schools for the South Wairarapa 12 kilometres from Carterton on the Ponatahi Road. The Ponatahi Christian School took over the facility once the state school closed.

141. **Pongaroa**: 1896-Present. Pongaroa was a thriving little town, headquarters of the Akitio County Council and the Puketoi Rugby Sub Union of the Bush Rugby Union and had the local pub. In 1968-72 Pongaroa School was the centre of activity for Waione, Horoeka, Akitio and Tiraumea Schools. Hugh Hughes was Principal and was excellent at organising the younger Head Teachers in the area. 91 Kilometres from
Masterton to Pongaroa. 54 Kilometres from Pahiatua and 60 Kilometres from Dannevirke. The road to Dannevirke was the best driving surface.

142. Pori: 1911-1917 36 Kilometres from Pahiatua along the Pahiatua Pongaroa road then onto the Pori Road.

143. Poroporo: 1915-1959. Another school established after land was taken off Brancepath Station for settlement. About half way along Westmere Road off the Masterton Stronvar Road 25 kilometres from Masterton.

144. Pukehinau: 1904-about 1945 In the middle of a bunch of schools Horoeka, Maku, Korora and Manuhara. 61 Kilometres from Pahiatua. Though sometimes listed as Korora School they were clearly two different schools operating at the same time.

145. Pukenui: 1918-1929 For some of the time was a part time school with Ruakakapatuna School. Papers Past 19th November 1919 Each school sharing a teacher. The sub-committee which was appointed to consider the re-building of the Pukenui School destroyed by fire on 22nd September, stated that there are two settlements- (a) Pukenui and (b) Ruakokopatuna, about two miles further on.

146. Puketoi: 1898, 1900, 1910-1959 Puketoi is on Range Road which leads off the Pahiatua Pongaroa Road at the top of the climb 11 Kilometres from Pongaroa.

147. Putara: 1910-1976 17 Kilometres South West from Eketahuna on the Putara Road


149. Rangi Tamaiti 1905-1910 This school took the place of Woodhurst School on the Tinui Valley Road. Iris Stratford taught for the first two years and Annie Williams for the last three.

150. Rangitumau 1894-1969 Te Rangitumau 1891-1893. The same school, different name. Rangitumau amalgamated on Opaki. Rangitumau is situated on Rangitumau Road off the Opaki Kaipororo Road at Double Bridges. 15 Kilometres from Masterton.

151. Rongokokako 1901-1982 7 Kilometres West of Eketahuna

152. Rongomai 1896-1939 11 kilometres North East from Eketahuna going up the Mangaone Valley Road

153. Rough Hill 1935-about 1960 The Rough Hill Station was on the Cape River Road East of Tuturumuri off the White Rock Road. The Wellington Regional Council bought the property and sold the buildings to the Wairangi Station. The school was on Rough Hill Station property.
154. Ruakokopatuna: 1921-1944. At times was a shared teacher position with Pukenui. 15 Kilometres South Along White Rock Road and then Ruakokopatuna Road

155. Ruawhata: 1915-1939 13 Kilometres from Pahiatua turning off onto Ruawhata Road and Mangatainoka


157. Saunders Road: 1900-1935 In 1911 the school burnt down and was rebuilt. The teacher was not able to get accommodation and had to sleep in the school porch 23 Kilometres from Eketahuna on Alfredton Road, State Highway 52, Pori Road and then right to Saunders Road

158. Scarborough: 1894-1989 School just out of Pahiatua near the railway station became Mangamutu School just off Scarborough Road

159. Sherwood: 1896-1902 School on the Coast Road from Pongaroa to Akitio

160. Solway 1919-Present. At the southern end of town. The nearest school at the time was Masterton Central in the centre of town. Originally going to be hurt in the big restructure but following political pressure was enhanced. Already the face of schooling in Masterton had changed as Solway was allowed to grow above previous levels and took pupils away from nearby schools, read Cornwall Street and Harley Street.

161. South End: 1962- Present At the South End of Carterton the South End School has always struggled for roll numbers. Bill Farland of Mikimiki, Matahiwi, Poroporo, Wainuioru, Rural Advisor finished his teaching career here as Principal

162. South Featherston: 1899-Present Aka Featherston South in the early years. Built close to the dairy factory, which my grandfather was Secretary of for a while. My Great Aunt, Nell Cundy was a first day pupil of Featherston South School. In 1972 I was appointed to South Featherston School as head teacher. We had an old school house built in 1913 still with an outside toilet and laundry. Two of the classrooms were the original school buildings with windows so high I was the only one who could look out the windows at 6 feet tall.

163. Spring Grove: 1919-1923 About 8 Kilometres on Longbush Martinborough road from the Longbush School

164. Stronvar: 1899-1900, 1908-1909, 1912-1915 33 kilometres from Masterton on Ngahape Road. These schools possibly were on different sites. An attempt was made in the 1940’s to have a school at the Stronvar Golf Club

165. Tablelands: 1908-1948 7 Kilometres east along Hinakura Road from Martinborough.
166. Taipoa: 1888  An aided school 26 Kilometres on the Te Mai Road from Tinui. Taipoa was a sheep station. This station backed onto Mataikona Station and Whakataki Station

167. Tane: 1897-1938 18 Kilometres from Eketahuna on the Mangaone Valley Road

168. Taratahi West: 1895-1967  The Taratahi East and West schools were along way apart, especially as the Clareville School was also called Taratahi No 1 school in its early days. On Chester Road 11 kilometres from Masterton after going up Norfolk Road past the JNL timber mill

169. Taueru: 1881-1984  This school was always a small school on the outskirts of Masterton with a roll rarely passing 50 pupils. On Masterton Castlepoint Road 13 kilometres. Tauwera is an alternative spelling.

170. Tauherenikau: 1878-1936 by the Tin Hut Hotel at Tauherenikau. There is a house on the apex of the triangle straight opposite the hotel that looks like a typical Wellington Education Board schoolhouse. Mrs Evelyn Shepherd, a friend of my Grandmother Carlyon taught here. I remember her well. Makes one feel very old.

171. Te Aupapa: 1896-1901  On the Te Aupapa Road  Just South of the Kaitawa turn off 8 Kilometres from Pahiatua

172. Te Mai: 1897, 1899, 1903  26 Kilometres from Tinui on the Castlepoint Road then onto the Tanawha Road and then finally on the Te Mai Road

173. Te Ore Ore Native: 1879-1889 Native School: James Sillars at this school in difficult circumstances held at the Te Ore Ore Pa

174. Te Ore Ore: 1897-1916 State School, 1917-1924 Side School of Lansdowne, 1925- 1983. On the Corner of Masterton Castlepoint Road and State Highway 52. School is still there as a residence. The concrete milk box still out front. Residence was shifted to South Featherston, a most welcome change for us from the cold old house we were living in.

175. Te Wharau: 1918-1989

Wharau: 1898-1899, 1902-1917 The Wellington Education Board and Ministry until 1917 called this school Wharau even though the locals called it Te Wharau from at least 1902. 42 Kilometres from Masterton on the Te Wharau Road which starts at Gladstone

176. Te Whiti: 1885-1972. 11 Kilometres on the Gladstone Road before the memorial oaks. Later used by St Johns as a camp for a number of years.

177. Tinui: 1914-Present
Te Nui: 1878-1913 Same school, different name. 50 Kilometres from Masterton. 2011 Roll 55. The Marima classroom was brought down to Tinui.

178. The Summit: 1904. Operated for less than a year. Only access was by train. A parent must have got frustrated with the lack of reliable train service and tried to run a school.

179. Tikaramonga: 1902-1905 Listed on maps as Tikaramango Road, another school around Rakaunui District. 7 kilometres south of Pongaroa.

180. Tiraumea: 1896-1897, 1900, 1921-2012. Once a very strong community with a very strong rugby heritage. On edge of Puketoi Area, which associated in Rugby and Schooling and Shopping in Eketahuna and Masterton. 41 Kilometres from Eketahuna. 20 kilometres from Pongaroa. The name of the Waterfalls School was changed to Tiraumea in 1918.

181. Tora: 1952-1974 46 Kilometres from Martinborough right on the beach. A lovely spot. In the 1970’s I was part of a team that looked at the school site for a camp. We decided the road was too bad for transporting city children.

182. Toro: 1902-1909 Toro school was on the Morriss farm at Haunui with Christina Morriss as the school teacher. Haunui is near to Tiraumea. 45 kilometres from Eketahuna.

183. Totara Drive: 1968-2003. A very successful school lead by Mike Dixon closed down by the Government because Hiona School was failing. A damaging ridiculous action that upset most of the community.


185. Tutaekura: 1894 In transition from Hawera to Hamua, this school was called Tutaekura for one year. The Tutaekura settlement was planned for the corner of the Konini Rugby turnoff to the Pahiatua Track rather than the Hamua Corner a couple of Kilometres South on State Highway 2.

186. Tuturumuri: 1923- Present. Opened rather late as the area opened up. On the road to Tora. Has the only covered in school swimming pool in the Wairarapa.

187. Village Settlement: 1897, 1900. I Haven’t found the site for this school but would guess it is somewhere where land is being cut up and a new settlements formed. Possibly on top of the Puketoi ranges.

188. Waihakeke 1901- 6 Kilometres South East of Carterton on the Waihakeke Road.


Waihoki 1910-1912  As I have done only a little research it is possible that the Waihoki Valley School and Huia Road School are one
and the same. South of Pongaroa off State Highway 52. Another school in this area of schools

190. **Waingaro:** (28 scholars), 1st standard, 3; 2nd, 5; 3rd, 6; 4th. 6. 29th May 1878 Drawing Competition 18th August 1885

_Waingaroa—_ Geo. Daysh, Ernest Reynolds, Walter Reynolds

The formation and metalling 87 chains of portion of same road from near Waingaroa River past Donald’s, **Manaia**, towards Masterton 5th December 1865

191. **Waingawa:** There never was a Waingawa School at Waingawa. The Waingawa School was the name given to the East Taratahi School on the corner of Perry’s Road and East Taratahi Road. Then in 1918 the Kaituna School on Upper Plain Road was called Waingawa and The Waingawa School was called East Taratahi, presumably because the Wellington Education Board had taken over Marlborough Schools and there was a Kaituna School there. But only the Wellington Education Board would do such a thing. Just imagine the amount of mail going to the wrong Waingawa

192. **Wainuiorau:** 1895 closed 1900 7th August 1885

_Fears are entertained for the safety of George Buck, a son of Mrs. Buck, of Taita. He was returning from Carterton on Sunday afternoon to Cooper’s Station, **Wainuiorau**, and has not been seen or heard of since. He is supposed to have been drowned in the **Wainuiorau** River, as his horse was found with the saddle on near the river._ Papers Past

193. **Wainuioru:** _1899, 1959-Present._ Roll 75 in 2010. This school was built on a new site and Combine Fernyhurst, Poroporo and Ngamu Schools. Later on children from Ngahape attended. 19 Kilometres from Masterton on the Westmere Stronvar Road Corner.

194. **Waiohine:** 1905-1908 7th April 1908 Mrs. Leighton, formerly in charge of the Waiohine School has been transferred to Mangatiki The present school at Matarawa is stated to be badly situated, besides having become old and dilapidated. 30th May 1908 The Waiohine School in the same neighbourhood, had to be closed, owing, it is alleged, to a bridge over the river intended for the use of the children being erected three miles away from their homes. About 8 Kilometres from Greytown on the Waiohine Valley Road

195. **Waione:** _1899-?_ When I was teaching at Horoeka the Waione School was situated in a cold dark section on the corner of State Highway 52 and the road to Horoeka. The school was the old high windowed, high ceiling box. Later on a new school was built about 600 meters further North in a much better position. The school house was below the State Highway on the opposite side of the road from the school next to Don Ferrick’s Transport Company

196. **Waiowaka:** 1901-1905, 1907. Waiowaka School is yet another school around Huia Road in the Rakaunui Area. Waiowaka Road runs off Huia Road

197. **Wairere** 1897-1907 37 Kilometres from Masterton through Bideford and Glendonald Roads.

198. **Wairongomai:** 1915-1938. The Wairongomai School was not at the Mathews Station home but further down the Western Lake Road closer
to the Papatahi Turnoff. 26 Kilometres from Featherston. Before the realignment of the Ruamahunga River entrance and the making of the East West Access the children from here went to Featherston. Then after the road was built in the 1960’s more and more children went to Kahutara.

199. **Wangaehu** 1878-1939 One of the earliest schools in the Wairarapa, its roll never seemed to grow beyond a sole charge. In 1915 it closed down because of low numbers but then was restarted in 1923 to close in 1939. 11 Kilometres from Masterton on Te Ore Ore Bideford Road

200. **Waterfalls**: 1906-1918 In 1918 Name of Waterfalls School was changed to Tiraumea as there was a school called Waterfalls in Marlborough

201. **Weraiti**: 1912-1913 12 Kilometres on the Masterton Stronvar Road

202. **Western Lake**: 1926-? On Gooding’s farm in a shed. Not sure when it closed. Took some children from the Cross Creek School and affected their roll. 11 Kilometres from Featherston on Western Lake Road.

203. **Westmere**. I have seen a number of mentions of a Westmere School in the area of Wainuioru including in official documents. However I have no proof it actually existed but that it was a local name for Wainuioru or Poroporo School.

204. **Whakapuni** 1912

205. **Whakapuni** 1911, 1913-1914 J D McLeod’s, Whakapuni Farm on the White Rock Road. I am guessing that they are both and the same as Annie Ogg taught at both. 25 Kilometres from Martinborough

206. **Whakataki** Established 1884 Closed 1918 Re Established 1938 Closed 1946 Re Established 1954 Closed 1954. Part Time School (With Castlepoint) Established 1923 Closed 1938. Whakataki is 61 Kilometres from Masterton. 4 Kilometres from Castlepoint. The whole life of this school it was in competition with Castlepoint, over the hill,

207. **Whareama**: 1899 to Present Day to this school in the Langdale Block. On the Langdale Road off the Blairlogie Langdale Road on the way to Riversdale. Originally called Blairlogie School

208. **Whatarangi**: 1905. One Pupil, One Teacher, One Year, 60 Kilometres from Martinborough on the Cape Palliser Road.

209. **Whatman**: 1925; about 1950 The Whatman home was an orphanage on Ngaumutawa Road on the Western edge of Masterton.

210. **Woodhurst** 1898-1900. Another school out of Tinui. Three kilometres on the Tinui Valley Road, just East of Tinui