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| Hakahaka         |
| Kakapo (Kakapou) |
| Ocean Bay        |
| Opihi Bay        |
| Oyster Bay       |
| Port Underwood   |
| Robin Hood       |
| Stavelly's       |
| Whangataura      |

## Hakahaka (1912-1923)

At Port Underwood at the end of the Waikawa – Port Underwood Road

|      |   |          |           |            |        |   |        |
|------|---|----------|-----------|------------|--------|---|--------|
| 1912 | 2 | Hakahaka | Dundon    | Annie P    | Female | £ | 12.00  |
| 1913 | 2 | Hakahaka | O'Connor  | Clara      | Female | £ | 12.00  |
| 1914 | 2 | Hakahaka | McCormick | M          | Female | £ | 12.00  |
| 1915 | 2 | Hakahaka | O'Leary   | Agnes      | Female | £ | 12.00  |
| 1917 | 1 | Hakahaka | Daken     | Mary E     | Sole   |   | £16.00 |
| 1919 | 1 | Hakahaka | Daken     | Mary E Mrs | Sole   |   | £12.00 |
| 1921 | 1 | Hakahaka | Daken     | Mary E Mrs | Sole   |   | £15.00 |
| 1923 | 1 | Hakahaka | Daken     | Mary E Mrs | Sole   |   | £15.00 |

Mary Eugenie Daken

|            |              |                    |              |       |
|------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1906/20396 | Daken        | Freda Pearl Ursula | Mary Eugenie | Frank |
| 1901/18105 | Daken        | Reginald Francis   | Mary Eugenie | Frank |
| 1910/11815 | Daken        | Laurence Frank     | Mary Eugenie | Frank |
| 1900/3787  | Mary Eugenie | Tee                | Frank        | Daken |
| 1955/23539 | Daken        | Mary Eugenie       |              | 76Y   |

9<sup>th</sup> January 1912 Miss Annie Dundon appointed

6<sup>th</sup> January 1913 WANTED. — Teacher for household aided school. Apply for particulars to Frank Daken, Haka Haka, Blenheim

11<sup>th</sup> February 1913 Sole Teacher Haka Haka aided school Miss T O'Connor

11<sup>th</sup> November 1913 Miss C O'Connor

29<sup>th</sup> January 1914 Wanted A teacher for aided household **school** at Hakahaka. Apply to F. Daken, Hakahaka, Port Underwood.

10<sup>th</sup> February 1914 Haka Haka, Mrs Dakin;

15<sup>th</sup> February 1914 WANTED, a Teacher for Household Aided School two pupils, Standards VI and 11. Salary £30, with board Music extra. Apply to Frank Daken, Haka Haka, Port Underwood, Blenheim Nelson Paper

17<sup>th</sup> March 1914 Mr W Richards was appointed teacher at Haka Haka

11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 Mrs O'Connor Haka Haka

11<sup>th</sup> May 1915 Miss Ida Weaver appointed

15<sup>th</sup> December 1916 Miss A O'Leary appointed

National Archives:

21<sup>st</sup> June 1921 Letter from Secretary Wellington Education Board to Mrs Daken Sole Teacher Hakahaka Sole Charge School Port Underwood asking if the school is closing

21<sup>st</sup> June List of schools to Mr. Warren (inspector) included as far as we know school is still open

5<sup>th</sup> July Mary E Daken replied school is still open I cannot understand how Mr. Warren got the information it was closed.

15<sup>th</sup> February 1924 Letter to Mr. E Daken Hakahaka School stating schools of less than 5 pupils should be closed and children enrolled on correspondence.

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## Kakapo (Kakapou) Bay (1898-1904, 1906-1919)

### On Port Underwood Bay, on Road to Blenheim

|      |   |             |         |            |    |        |   |        |
|------|---|-------------|---------|------------|----|--------|---|--------|
| 1898 | 7 | Kakapou Bay | Everiss | George     | C1 | Master | £ | 42.00  |
| 1899 | 8 | Kakapou Bay | Guard   | Rachael    |    | Sole   |   | £36.00 |
| 1900 | 6 | Kakapou Bay | Andrews | William    |    | Master | £ | 33.00  |
| 1901 | 5 | Kakapou Bay | Andrews | William    |    | Master | £ | 37.00  |
| 1903 | 8 | Kakapou Bay | Andrew  | William    |    | Master | £ | 29.00  |
| 1904 | 6 | Kakapou Bay | Andrews | William    |    | Master | £ | 25.00  |
| 1906 | 6 | Kakapou Bay | Nielson | Emma       |    | Female | £ | 35.00  |
| 1907 | 6 | Kakapou Bay | Paul    | Rachel     |    | Female | £ | 40.00  |
| 1908 | 5 | Kakapou Bay | Nalder  | Gertrude A |    | Female | £ | 36.00  |
| 1909 | 5 | Kakapou Bay | Guard   | Daisy      |    | Female | £ | 36.00  |
| 1910 | 5 | Kakapou Bay | Guard   | Daisy      |    | Female | £ | 30.00  |
| 1911 | 5 | Kakapou Bay | Guard   | Daisy      |    | Female | £ | 30.00  |
| 1912 | 5 | Kakapou Bay | Guard   | Daisy      |    | Female | £ | 30.00  |
| 1913 | 4 | Kakapou Bay | Guard   | Daisy      |    | Female | £ | 30.00  |
| 1914 | 6 | Kakapou Bay | Guard   | Daisy      |    | Female | £ | 30.00  |
| 1915 | 6 | Kakapou Bay | Daisy   | Guard      |    | Female | £ | 36.00  |
| 1917 | 4 | Kakapou Bay | Daisy   | Guard      |    | Female | £ | 36.00  |
| 1919 | 2 | Kakapou Bay | Guard   | Rachel     |    | Sole   |   | £48.00 |

14<sup>th</sup> October 1902 Mr Andrews, teacher, of the Kakapou Bay School, reported that the desks from the Port Underwood School would be removed to Kakapou Bay by Mr Guard, and that Mr D. Baldick had offered £5 for the school buildings on Mr Perkin's leasehold. —The Secretary was instructed to search the records to ascertain the Board's position with regard to the buildings and report.

8<sup>th</sup> May 1903 WANTED. TEACHER for Aided School at Kakapou Bay, Port Underwood. Nine children, For further particulars apply to E. GUARD, Port Underwood

7<sup>th</sup> July 1904 WANTED, TEACHER for Aided School at Kakapou Bay, Port Underwood. Nine children. For further particulars apply to E. GUARD; Port Underwood.

23 June 1905 WANTED, TEACHER for Aided School at Kakapou Bay, Port Underwood. Nine children. For further particulars apply to E. GUARD; Port Underwood.

15<sup>th</sup> August 1905 The correspondent at Port Underwood made a recommendation as to the appointment of a teacher at the Kakapo School. The board did not consider the qualifications in question high enough

13<sup>th</sup> November 1905 Kakapo: It was suggested that the residents should again advertise for applications for the teachership

11<sup>th</sup> December 1905 Port Underwood.—Mr Everiss was appointed to the Kakapo School, on the recommendation of Mr Guard.

12<sup>th</sup> January 1906 A Teacher is wanted for the aided school at Kakapo Bay Port Underwood

10<sup>th</sup> January 1907 A teacher is wanted for the Kakapou Bay aided school

14<sup>th</sup> March 1907 On the whole the best writing was exhibited by 5 schools and Kakapou Bay

1<sup>st</sup> August 1916 Kakapou School children donated five shillings and two pence to Relief of Belgian children's fund

NB Spelling as in Papers Past. Not all advertisements copied

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## Ocean Bay (1900- 1901, 1909-1923)

Next To Hakahaka Bay in Port Underwood

10<sup>th</sup> October 1899 Mr Aldridge again wrote asking to be allowed to open an aided school at his residence at Ocean Bay. He stated his reasons and forwarded four letters in support of the application. The request was granted, and Miss Maud Player was approved of as the teacher of the school.

### 1900

1900 5 Ocean Bay Player Maude Female £ 25.00

21<sup>st</sup> August 1900 Ocean Bay asked for desks, object lesson cards, and a blackboard. The blackboard was granted

### 1901

1901 6 Ocean Bay Pickering E A Female £ 25.00

### 1909

1909 10 Ocean Bay Skelley Claude H T Master £ 90.00 £10.00

*In 1908 Claude Skelley was teaching at Robin Hood Bay which was a school similar to the Ocean Bay school*

25<sup>th</sup> February 1909 A new boarding school for boys has just gone up at Ocean Bay, Port Underwood, and is now in use, under the direction of Mr C. H. Skelly. It is a two-storey building, the upper part consisting of the bedrooms and living rooms, the lower part being taken up with the schoolroom. At the rear of the main building a large lean-to is built, in which is placed the lavatories and bathroom, and further sleeping accommodation. A luggage and cloak room is also built on to the lean-to. The schoolroom is large and roomy, with a holding capacity to accommodate between 40 and 50 boys, and the dimensions are 30ft by 18ft. The room is well lighted and ventilated, and the fireplace is of the old-fashioned open sort, which is now coming again into vogue. The school is built of Rimu throughout, with the exception of the plates, which are of matai. The weatherboards are rusticated, and the walls are matchlined. The inside work is all of figured Rimu. The main building is 54ft by 18ft, with an 18ft stud. The lean-to at the back is 54ft by 18ft, with a 9ft stud. The lower rooms are all lift in the clear. Water is laid on per means of a hydraulic ram from the creek. The builders

were Messrs- Nicoll Bros., of Blenheim, who also undertook the plumbing work Mr E. B. Paine was responsible for the painting work.

2<sup>nd</sup> November 1909 Upon the arrival of the Vice-Regal train at the railway station yesterday a pleasing little ceremony was performed by Miss Konini Crump— daughter of the Rev. J. Crump, Ocean Bay, and great granddaughter of Mrs Isaac Gifford, one of the pioneers of Marlborough, still with us. Miss Crump presented his Excellency with an exquisite buttonhole bouquet, which was graciously accepted

16<sup>th</sup> December 1909. At Ocean Bay a very pleasing function took place on the occasion of the first "break-up" of the Ocean Bay school. The pupils provided a very agreeable entertainment. The programme included a trio by Car Greenfield, Denzil and Clarence Corrigan; humorous blackboard-sketches by Richard Grace, one of which, sketch entitled "Two Rivals," caused considerable amusement; pianoforte duet by K. and A. Crump. Maori haka, by Denzil Corrigan; recitation by Leicester Murray, Fred Farmar and Carl Greenfield. The following were the prize-winners: Dux, R Grace (prize presented by Mr O. N Gillespie, LL.B., Feilding); Progress (senior division), Harold Corrigan (prize presented by the Rev. J. A Crump, Ocean Bay); mathematics R. Grace (prize presented by Mr M H. Oram, M.A., LLB. Wellington) general proficiency, A. Crump (prize presented by Mr F. H. Pope, Dunedin); arithmetic, Leicester Murray (prize presented by the headmaster Mr C. H. T. Skelley); progress (junior division), K. Crump (prize presented by Mr J. Harvey, Lower Hutt).

## 1910

1910 23 Ocean Bay Skelley Claude H T Master £ 90.00 £10.00

20<sup>th</sup> January 1910 Strong willing girl wanted for Ocean Bay

22<sup>nd</sup> January 1910 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL. THE Next Term commences FEBRUARY 2nd. Launch on TUESDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup> JOHN A. CRUMP, Principal!

26<sup>th</sup> January 1910 The Ocean Bay school, which, made an excellent start last year, has now so large a demand made upon its accommodation that Mr Crump is again compelled to enlarge his premises to provide room for the new pupils to arrive next month. Messrs Nicoll Bros are building an extension to his dining-room, making it 34ft x 14ft; a new tennis lawn has been laid down, and a cricket pitch formed. It is evidently the intention of the promoter to make this school one of the best institutions of its kind in the Dominion. Mr C. H. T. Skelley, the headmaster, will re-open the school on February 2nd.

26<sup>th</sup> February 1910 There is on view at present at Gibbon s shop an exhibit from the Ocean Bay school garden

26<sup>th</sup> April 1910 The following schools which had one or more standards missing were also classed "Good": Spring Creek, Riverlands, Ocean Bay, Ugbrooke, Tetley Brook, *Good is the highest grading*

5<sup>th</sup> October 1910 Mr A. A. Corrigan, manager of the Wellington branch of the D.I.C., is at present on a holiday visit to Ocean Bay, where he has a son at school.

11<sup>th</sup> October 1911 To-morrow afternoon a hockey match will be played on the Wairau Cricket Club's ground between the boys attending the Ocean Bay school and the Blenheim Commercial Institute team. The following will represent Ocean Bay:—Grace (capt) Skelley, Hosking, Corrigan (2), Harvey, Greenfield, Moss, Draper, Rabone, and Stuart-Forbes. The match will begin at 2.30 p.m.

13<sup>th</sup> October 1910 An Ocean Bay hockey team were billed to play against the Commercial Institute yesterday on the Cricket Ground, but there were not enough Commercial inch: on the ground to make a team. Eventually some of the Wairau players were requisitioned, and the combination played the match. The game was fast and ended in a draw each side scoring three goals. The ball rose at times owing to the long grass, and one or two of the players were placed hors de combat for a while. The youthful Bay team stood up well against their big opponents, who included several "reps.," and throughout played a plucky game.

17<sup>th</sup> December 1910 A banner has been presented to the Ocean Bay School by Mrs Corrigan, of Wellington. It is in the school colours, green and gold, and is a beautiful piece of work. The banner will be on view in Mr Dowling's window this evening.

19<sup>th</sup> December 1910 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL.

The second annual break-up and prize-giving of the Ocean Bay School took place on Friday. Archdeacon Grace visited the school, and conducted a farewell service. On Wednesday the annual sports were held. A bright and cheerful day contributed largely to the enthusiasm of the competitors and the enjoyment of the spectators. A varied programme of aquatic and running events encouraged the pupils to enter very keenly into the competitions; and, indeed, the boys' efforts displayed considerable skill and ability to perform not only on the land, but also in the water. The Rev. Mr Crump, Principal of the school, and Mr. H. T. Skelley, headmaster, acted as starter and judge respectively. No little praise is due to the committee, which consisted of three school prefects— Grace, Hosking, and Moss—for the admirable programme they arranged, and for the care and judgment they displayed in handicapping the competition in the events. During the week the heats were run off; all the finals were reserved for Wednesday, the "sports day." The following are the results of the final competitions:—Half-mile Race: Hosking 1 Farmar 2, L. Moss 3. Junior High Jump; Hall 1, V. Moss and F. Chalmers (equal) 2. Wheelbarrow Race: Hosking and W. Chalmers 1. Senior High Jump: Grace 1. L. Moss 2. Murray 3. Junior 75yds Handicap: Hall 1, W. Chalmers 2 F. Chalmers 3. Sack Race: Murray 1) Hosking 2, N. Rabone 3. Half mile Walk: L. Moss 1, Murray 2, Draper 3 Three-legged Race: Farmar and Draper 1 100yds Swimming Race and School Champion: Hosking 1. Grace 2, Farmar 3. This last was a splendid race, and the first and second competitors made a very close finish to an excellent contest. It is worthy of note that the winner has something of a record, as he is last year's swimming champion of Wanganui College. 75yds Swimming Handicap Hosking (scr.) 1, Farquhar (8 sec) 2, Farmar (5 sec.) 3. Cross-country Race: W. Chalmers 1, D. Corrigan 2, Murray 3. 100 yds. Running Race and School Champion: Hosking 1, Grace 2, -Murray 3. This event, like the swimming championship, was a close finish between the two big and evenly matched athletes. Hosking won by six inches. 220 yds. Handicap: N. Rabone 1 Cheeseman 2, Hosking 3. Consolation Race: H. Corrigan 1, Cheesman 2, Farquhar 3. Time would not permit of two of the races being held, viz., 50yds junior swimming race and 100 yds. hurdles; but these will take place at a later date. Hosking won the gold medal presented by Mrs Chalmers, of Wellington, to the champion athlete of the school; Hall v/on the gold medal presented by Dr. W H. Hosking, of Masterton, for the junior competitor who gained the highest number of points in the competitions; and V. Rabone won the trophy presented, by Dr. Archer Hosking for the 220 yards. The other trophies were presented by the School Committee. A very conspicuous object on the field was an athletic banner presented by Mrs Corrigan to the school. This banner is an exquisite work of art, and visitors to the Bay have asked for it to be displayed in Blenheim during the holidays. On Friday night the pupils assembled for the presentation of prizes both for school work and for the athletic events. A short programme preceded the presentations. The Principal, the Rev. J. A. Crump, opened with an address to the boys. He reviewed the past year's work of the school, and the school's remarkable progress generally.

Then followed an overture by Mr Horace Bavin; song and chorus, "Play Hard for the School Paul Rabone; chorus, "Will you walk a little faster," by the Misses Crump. Mrs Crump played the accompaniments. Mr Skelley concluded the programme with a farewell address to the pupils. The following are the winners of school prizes:—Dux, R. Grace, gold medal presented by Mrs Corrigan; general proficiency in senior form, Carl Greenfield, prize presented by the Principal; English, in Senior Form, C. Corrigan, prize presented -by Mr O. N. Gillespie, LL.B., Feilding; Mathematics, Victor Moss, prize presented by Mr M. H. Oram, MTA., LL.B., Wellington; general proficiency, A. Crump, prize presented by Mr F- H. Pope Auckland; diligence, L. Murray, prize presented by Mr J. C. Pope, M.A., Nelson; English, in Junior Form, W. Chalmers, prize presented by Mr O. N. Gillespie, LL.B.; gentlemanly conduct, Victor Moss, prize presented by the Headmaster; general improvement, H. Stuart-Forbes gardening, N. Rabone, prize presented by the Headmaster. This happy gathering closed with the National Anthem, which, was sung by all present, the Rev. J. A. Crump then pronouncing the Benediction.

## 1911

1911 27 Ocean Bay Skelley Claude H T Master £ 108.00 £15.00

31<sup>st</sup> January 1911 Extensive alterations have recently been made to the Ocean Bay school, in order to accommodate the increasing number of scholars.

31<sup>st</sup> January 1911 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL. A launch will leave Blenheim for Ocean Bay on FRIDAY. February 3rd. Blenheim boys will embark at 12 noon. J. A. CRUMP, Principal

11<sup>th</sup> July 1911 SCHOOLS COMPETITION. Mr C. H. Skelley, Ocean Bay School, wrote inquiring as to the School Rugby Cup. which is now held by the Convent School, which has ceased playing Rugby, and is now playing "soccer." He asked if it was fair for the Convent School to hold the cup under the existing circumstances and, failing a, competition for it, he asked permission for the Ocean Bay School to challenge the holders for possession. The letter was referred \_to the -Schools Competition Committee to deal with

28<sup>th</sup> August 1911 BOROUGH v. OCEAN BAY,

The Ocean Bay backs handled the leather really well, and showed good form in other departments of back play, but at the end' they were beaten by Borough, with superior forwards, by 6 .points—scored by Wanden and Spittall— to nil. Mr E. S. Hylton refereed

25<sup>th</sup> September 1911 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL, MARLBOROUGH. THE IDEAL EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH ESTABLISHMENT FOR BOYS. Fifteen hundred acres of playground. Boating, swimming, and fishing in the safest bay in Sounds country. Generous diet. Special attention, given to general behaviour and deportment. The best teaching obtainable has secured excellent results at all examinations (vide Government Inspector's report). Course comprises all the usual public school subjects, with Latin, French, Euclid Algebra, Bookkeeping, Physiology. Biology, Botany, Natural Science, and Practical Agriculture for Civil Service and Matriculation' Students. Next Term commences. 3rd October. Apply to the school for prospectus or personally to the principal, who will be pleased to receive parents any afternoon at the Hotel Windsor, until 30th September. REV JOHN A. CRUMP, F.Z.S., Principal.

29<sup>th</sup> November 1911 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL.

.The, annual sports of the Ocean Bay School were held on Monday and Tuesday, 20th and-21st,inst. Bright and cheerful weather prevailed which added considerably to the joy of seeing healthy boys enter good natured rivalry into, trials of skill and strength. ,On Monday the .water in the bay was a placid as a small lake; the committee decided to take advantage .of this and to hold the aquatic events on the first day. The sports committee consisted of the Rev J A Crump. Mr C H T Skelley, L Moss, J Farquhar, S Jackson and L Draper. Two months ago the committee drew up a programme containing a variety of aquatic and running events

Since; the boys had, been undergoing regular and systematic training and were, therefore, in excellent form on the sports day. All the competitions were very keenly, contested indeed the boys' efforts displayed considerable skill- and ability to perform both oh the land and in the water, There was a- remarkable number of :close finishes which goes to show that no little praise is due to the tor their care and good judgment in. handicapping the competitors. The, Rev. J: A Crump acted as starter: and Messrs Skelley and Stuart McLean judged the races: Mrs Crump on both days provided.-; afternoon tea on the lawn

The following are the results of the, competitions: 100 yards school championship Draper 1, Jackson 2, Cheeseman 3; 50 yards Junior Handicap; Pinckney 1; Hayward ,2 F^ Chalmers 3 Senior High Jump, :W Chalmers 1 -Webster 2, Jackson 3; ..Junior High Jump, F. Chalmers 1, Coleman 2, Angus 3. Sack Race,-1st heat, Hector I, Angus 2; 2nd heat, Farquhar 1, Draper 2; 3rd heat. Hall 1, Cheesman 2; 4th heat, Ross 1, Corrigan 2. Final,. Draper 1, Farquhar, Ross 3; 100 yards Swimming School Championship, 'Farquhar 1, 'Jackson ,2, Stuart-Forbes - 3; 50 yards.; Swimming for juniors, F. Chalmers 1, Ross 2, Angus 3; half-mile Walk, Jackson 1, Webster 2. W. Chalmers 3; Throwing the Cricket Ball;, Draper 1,; Jackson .2; Hop-step-and-jump Farquhar 1, Draper 2, W. Chalmers ,3; Three-legged Race, Jackson and Draper 1, F. Chalmers and Coleman 2, Stuart Forbes and W. Chalmers 3; Juniors' Race, Hayward 1, Angus 2, Hector 3; 220 yards Handicap, Jackson 1, Draper 2, Cheesman 3; 75 yards Swimming Handicap, V. Moss 1, Stuart- Forbes 2, Farquhar 3; Pull on Rope, Draper 1, Jackson 2,; Cross-country, W Chalmers 1, L. Moss 2, Corrigan 3; Putting the Weight, Jackson and Draper 1, equal; Kicking the Football, Draper 1, Jackson 2; Consolation race, Stuart-Forbes .1, Cheesman 2, Hall 3; Tug-of-War, Jackson (capt), Stuart-Forbes, V. Moss, Chalmers (2), and Coleman defeated teams captained by Draper, Farquhar, and L. Moss. L. Draper gained the greatest number of points; and therefore won Mrs Chalmers' gold medal for, the champion athlete! Other trophies were presented by Mrs C. F. Murray, Capt. Moss, R.F.A., Dr Hosking. Mr J. C. Pope M.A., and Mr G. H. Jackson

20<sup>th</sup> December 1911 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL.

A very delightful ceremony took place at the Ocean Bay School on Saturday, the 16th instant, the occasion being the third annual prize giving and "break-up" of the school. The large schoolroom was very prettily decorated with flowers, ferns, native weeds, and lycopodium. Here the visitors, masters, and scholars met at 8 p.m. The Rev. J. A. Crump, Principal of the school, took the chair. The Chairman, in his opening remarks spoke of the remarkable progress. of the school, and exhorted .the boys to carry out into the outside world all they had learned at the school. Mr Horace Bavin conducted all the singing items on the programme, and deserves great credit for the remarkable results he produced. Mrs, Crump played the accompaniment'. The following programme .was given by the scholar's. :Chorus, "Sailing," The whole school; Pianoforte Duet, "Spanish Dance' by Misses Konini and .Moha Crump, Duet "The Old Brigade" Masters Ross 'and W. Chalmers; Two Part Song, "The Merry Zingari,' The School; Football Song and Chorus, Master Jackson and Hall; Address and presentation-of prizes by the Headmaster, Mr C H. T. Skelley; Swinging Song and Chorus, "Maggie Magee," by Master Sydney Angus and F. Chalmers- Song, "Goodnight Dolly," Misses Wini and Mem Crump

The programme concluded with God Save the King," all joining in. After the completion of the programme all sat down to supper. The scholars wound up with three ringing cheers for the Rev. J. A. Crump and Mrs Crump, and three for Mr Skelley.

The gold medal for dux of the school was gained by. Victor Moss and that for champion athlete was won by Lawrence Draper. Many very fine prizes were given both for school work and for the winners at The Committee wish to thank Mrs Murray. Mrs Chalmers, Mrs Hall, Mr 0. N. Gillespie L.L.B., Mr M H. Oram M.A., LL.B., Capt. Moss, R.F.A., Mr J. C. Pope, M.A., Mr J. Draper, and Mr G. H. Jackson, for j .trophies.

24<sup>th</sup> June 1912 PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT. WHAT A MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL IS DOING.

Nearly every nation in the Old World has a rational system of physical education which is compulsory. But Great Britain and her Colonies neglect this important branch of the training of the young, and it is left to private enterprise to fill the gap. The physical training of the children in every way is as important as their mental training. A child will not progress rapidly in its lessons unless it is healthy and well; and there is not the slightest doubt that a sound course of physical education brings a child to that state of health and development which is essential for its well-being. It is in those countries which have not compulsory physical education where we hear of race deterioration. It is surely time that our educational authorities in New Zealand adopted some course of physical education, for every schoolboy and girl. What is the ideal form of physical education for young children? It must be a system that has for its aim Health, not strength alone. It must make a child smart, supple, graceful, and well-proportioned. It must tend to strengthen and develop the principal organs of the body as a preventive against disease. The results will be a healthy mind in a sound body. Physical training is also a moral training. The young man who takes a pride in his physical well-being is the last man to give way to the vices of manhood.

Realising the importance of this, Mr Skelley, the headmaster of Ocean Bay School, has adopted the Swedish system of physical exercises, which is acknowledged to be the best, and the scholars all go through these exercises for half an hour each day. It is a most popular innovation, and has already made a marked improvement in the physique of the school. In adopting the Swedish system Mr Skelley was greatly influenced by Capt. C H. Moss, whose Boys were at Ocean Bay School. Capt. Moss was for five years the president, of the National Society of Physical Education in England, and he has always been a keen enthusiast in the physical training of the youth of the Old Country; On the invitation of the Rev. J. A. Crump and Mr Skelley, Capt. Moss has been spending a fortnight at Ocean Bay School with the object of drawing up a series of progressive Swedish exercises suitable for the scholars at this school.

Swedish exercises are supposed to be done without a musical accompaniment. But all these exercises have been adapted to music, which makes the lesson as attractive again to the pupils. Luckily, the school has in Mrs Crump an accomplished musician, which has made the task of Mr Skelley and Capt. Moss very much easier. The measurements of each scholar were carefully taken before the course of exercises were started; also, all the defects in each boy, were carefully noted, and special exercises were set for those who had the slightest signs of curvatures, or a disposition to adenoids. The pupils will be measured and thoroughly examined at the end of the term, and the growth and development of each one will be notified to the parents.

13<sup>th</sup> December 1912 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL.

The fourth annual "break-up" and prize-giving of the Ocean Bay School took place on Wednesday last. The Ven. Archdeacon- Grace visited the school and gave a farewell service to the boys; During the week the annual sports were held. A varied programme of aquatic and running events encouraged the pupils to enter very keenly into the competitions. Some of the pupils display considerable skill both on the land and in the water.

James Farquhar won the medal presented by Mrs Chalmers for the competitor who gained the greatest number of points in the senior events. The medal is a beautiful one, the design being taken from the school crest. and it is much coveted by the boys. Whitley Slater won the



silver cup presented by Dr Hosking for the 100 yards swimming handicap, while Allan Hall broke the school record in the hop-step-and-jump. Another noteworthy event was the cross country race. This was won by W. Chalmers for the third year in succession.

On Wednesday night the pupils assembled for the annual concert and prize-giving for school work and athletic events. The presentation of prizes was preceded by an entertaining programme of music by the scholars and masters. The Principal, the Rev. John A. Crump, opened the proceedings with an address to the boys. The programme was as follows — Chorus, "I Love the Merry Sunshine," the School; song and chorus, "Where the Flag is full of Stars," Masters Bush, Harris, and Webster; 'cello solo, "Humoresque," Mr Maclean; chorus, "Golden Slumbers," the School; piano solo, Miss Meme Crump; chorus, "Humpty Dumpty," Masters Rose, O'Connor, Rees, Crouch, and Howell; chorus, "Home Song," the School; 'cello solo, "Gavotte," Mr Maclean; song and chorus, "The Sea," Masters F. Chalmers and Hall; piano solo, Miss Wini Crump; Christmas Carol, Masters Ross and Bush and the {School; "Holiday Song," the School: address by Mr Skelley; presentation of prizes; "God Save the King." The accompaniments were played by Mrs Crump.

While the boys were having supper Mr Skelley told them of the achievements of some of the old boys. He read a telegram from Richard Grace, the school champion in 1910, stating that Grace had won the senior cup, the Marjoribanks Shield, and broken a school record at Nelson College.

Prizes for school work were won by J. Farquhar, W. Ross, W. Crump, M. Bush, W. Harris, and E. Hayward. The following were winners of trophies in the sports events: J. Farquhar, A. Hall, N. Webster, L. Hector, R. Ross, W. Harris, A. Pinckney, W. Chalmers, H. W. Slater, J. O. Harris, M. Bush, and R. O'Connor.

Prizes or trophies were presented to the school by Mrs Chalmers, Mrs Hall, Dr Hosking, and Mr W. B. Stevenson. Mr O, N. Gillespie, and Mr M. H. Oram.

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1913 38 Ocean Bay Skelley Claude H F Master £ 139.10 £15.00

14<sup>th</sup> January 1913 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL.

Ocean Bay is situated within Port Underwood, in the Marlborough Province, and possesses excellent natural advantages as regards scenery, climate, and hygiene. Here is situated a school which, to a visitor, seems unique, and well worth a visit. The students have 1500 acres of every kind of country to roam over. The school itself is a new and commodious building of two stories, the upper containing the dormitories, while on the lower are classrooms, reading-rooms, etc. The junior scholars take the ordinary subjects to the proficiency certificate, while for those remaining on a secondary course in languages, science, etc., is given. The senior boys take practical agriculture, and make a very good show as the result of their work. There is a fine healthy appearance among the youths attending the school that one misses in lads in other places. As a place where boys may receive a good, general education, as well as instruction in the management of a station, there seem opportunities that, might be eagerly embraced by parents that are interested in that kind of life. The outside amusements of the boys include boating, fishing, tennis, football, cricket, hockey, swimming, boxing The principal of the school is the Rev. John A. Crump and the Headmaster, Mr. C, H, T, Skelly,

17<sup>th</sup> April 1913 Inspector reports Ocean Bay has a good library. The best Swedish type Physical education was at Ocean Bay. Excellent gardens. 200 trees were planted on Arbor Day. Ocean bay took swimming and lifesaving

1<sup>st</sup> May 1913 Mr R. T. Grace, an ex-pupil of the Ocean Bay school and at present at Nelson College, has been appointed junior assistant master of the Ocean Bay school. Mr Grace commences his duties at the beginning of the next term

14<sup>th</sup> May 1913. Inspector noted that buildings were not owned by the Board

10<sup>th</sup> June 1913 OCEAN BAY

A request from Mr J. Crump for a teacher's desk for the school provoked a somewhat lengthy discussion. Mr Mackay, to test the feeling of the meeting, moved to inform Mr Crump that the request could not be acceded to. He did so on the ground that the establishment was in the nature of a semi-private school.

Mr Storey seconded the motion

The Chairman moved that the matter be considered after the secretary had conferred with Mr Crump with a view to ascertaining whether the capitation of 1.2s 6d per head provided a sufficient margin to cover the requirement without expense to the Board.

Mr Penny seconded the amendment, which was carried by the casting vote of the chairman on the following division —Ayes: Messrs Penny, Nees, Ferguson, and the chairman. Noes: Messrs White, Storey, Mackay, and Fulton.

12<sup>th</sup> August 1913 The following team will represent Ocean Bay against Wairau to-morrow:—Nightingale, Pratt, Farquhar, Lawry, Bush, Davies, Dimmock, Skelley, Grace, Harvey, Seater

11<sup>th</sup> November 1913 OCEAN BAY.

Mr J. A. Crump wrote asking for a subsidy on £12 raised by the students of the Ocean Bay school for the establishment of a library.—The usual allowance was made.

In another letter Mr Crump asked that capitation be allowed for incidental expenses, which had hitherto been borne by the scholars was resolved to

9<sup>th</sup> December 1913 The application of Mr C. H. T. Skelley to have a cadet detachment at Ocean Bay officially recognised was approved

11<sup>th</sup> December 1913 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL SPORTS.

The Ocean-Bay school's fifth annual sports were held, on Thursday and Friday last. Thursday was not a very fine day, but most of the heats were run. The weather was glorious on Friday, and the .finals were very keenly 'contested. A varied programme of aquatic and land competitions was drawn up and all the events drew large entries. The Rev J Crump acted as starter, and Messrs Skelley, Grace, and Maclean acted as judges. On the second day the Ven. Archdeacon. Grace also assisted in the judging. Several school records .were broken. There was a close finish for Mrs Chalmers's trophy for the championship. This is a coveted honor, and in the end, it fell to Eric Dimock, of Wellington who gained 18 championship points, Fred Pratt, of Totaranui, Nelson, coming second with 14 The gathering was remarkable for the number, of close finishes. The 100 yards championship was won by only three inches; the 220 yards handicap- by two feet; the cross country of two miles was won by two yards, there-- being a great struggle at the finish between W. Dimock and W. Harris; and the 100 yards swim was won by half a yard. Great amusement .was caused by the obstacle race. The boys had to run at the .start without boots or stockings, and these were taken and piled into an indiscriminate heap on the course. Among the obstacles was a- forty-yard fishing net which was pegged all along close to the ground. The competitors had to go under this barefooted. feet first. It was highly amusing to see them in their eagerness getting their toes hopelessly entangled and caught in the meshes. After overcoming many other obstacles, they had to approach the heap of mixed-up boots and stockings, find their own, put them on, and race for home Mrs Crump provided afternoon tea for all on both days. Following are the results, of the races:

50 yards, junior.—First heat,: Hayward 1, Griffiths 2. G. Saxton 8. Second heat: Rees 1, Cohen 2, Pollock 3. Third heat: Flynn 1. A. Davies 2, Pinckney 3. Final: Flynn 1, A. Davies 2, E. Hayward 3..

220 yards.—First heat: Dimock 1. Pratt 2, Bush 3. Second heat:' Seater 1, Clouston 2, Nightingale and Lissaman '(dead heat) 3. Third heat Hector 1. Rose 2, Hayward 3. Final: Dimock 1, Pratt 2, Clouston

100 yards (scratch).—First heat: Dimock 1, Nightingale 2, Bush 3. Second heat: Pratt 1, O. Townshend 2, Clouston 3. Final: Dimock Pratt 2, O. Townshend 3.

75 yards (handicap).—First heat: Dimock 1, Nightingale 2 Bush and Hector (dead heat)3. Second heat: O. Townshend 1, Clouston 2, Flynn 3. Third heat: T. Davies 1, Lissaman. 2, A. Townshend 3. Final: Dimock 1, O. Townshend 2; .Bush 3.

Junior High Jump.—Phelan 0. Harris 2, Rees 3.

Senior High Jump.—Pratt 1, J. Nightingale 2, F. Chalmers 3.

Hop, Step, and Jump.—Pratt 1, Dimock 2, Nightingale 3.

Obstacle Race. First Heat: Griffiths 1, Bush 2, Townshend 3.' Second heat: Chalmers 1, Dimock 2, Hector 3. Third heat: O. Townshend 1, Nightingale 2, T. Davies 3. Final: Dimock 1, Davies 2, Chalmers 3.'

Three-legged Race: Seater and Nightingale 1, Dimock and Chalmers 2, Townshend and Bush 3. Cross-country. Dimock 1, W. Harris 2, Seater 3.

Swimming, 100 yards.—Chalmers 1, Flynn 2, Nightingale 3.

Half Mile Walk.—Davies 1, Seater 2, Nightingale 3. Consolation Race.—O. Townshend 1, Crouch 2, Bush 3.

Much of the success of the gathering is due to the support given in the way of trophies and donations by Mrs Chalmers, Mrs Murray, Messrs I C F. Murray, L. Griffiths, W. B. Stevenson^, B. S. Clouston, H. Seater, J. Farquhar, W. H. S. Hayward Barclay Hector, J. H. Holdaway, R T. Pinckney, and A A Hale.

19<sup>th</sup> December 1913 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL

"Break UP" AND PRIZE- GIVING.

The ceremony of the fifth annual "break-up" and prize giving of the Ocean Bay school took place on Monday evening. The students assembled in the large dining-room, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. A goodly array of tree-ferns and lycopodium gave the room the appearance of a bush scene. The gathering was characterised by the usual happy atmosphere. The Ven. Archdeacon Grace visited the school and gave a farewell service to the students. During the evening a very creditable programme of music was given by the masters and scholars, as follows: Chorus, "I love the merry. merry sunshine" the school; chairman's address, Rev. J. A. Crump; piano solo, "Shepherd's Dance," Miss Konini Crump: chorus, "Wishes," the-school song, "The Shadows,"- Mr Grace; cello solo, "Intermezzo," Mr MacLean; address, Mr Skelley', followed by the prize-giving; chorus, "Sailing," the school; song, "Where my caravan has rested,"-'Mr Skelley; cello solo, "Gavotte," Mr MacLean; chorus, "Home," the school.

The following were the winners of prizes:—School work: F. Pratt, dux; A. Nightingale, general proficiency, Class V. W. Grump, general proficiency, Class V. T. Davies, general proficiency, Class IV. M. Crump, general proficiency, Class IV.; F. Chalmers, general proficiency, Class III Noel Rose. general proficiency, Class 11. A. Pinckney, arithmetic, lower division; Phil Saxton, writing, Mrs Murray's special prize; E. Hayward, progress, lower division; K. Tissiman, progress, higher division; Gilbert Rees, gentlemanly conduct. Sports Prizes.—E. Dimock (championship), 1st in 100 yards, 1st in 75 yards, 1st in 220 yards, 1st in cross country, 1st in obstacle race, 2nd in hop-step-and-jump, winner of Mrs Chalmers's gold medal and the Farquhar Cup, and Mr W. B. Stevenson's prize for the cross country. I F. Pratt (runner-up), 1st in high jump, 1st in hop-step-and-jump, 2nd in 100 yards, 2nd in 220 yards, winner of Mr B. S. Clouston's special prize. W. Harris, 2nd cross country, winner of Mr W. B. Stevenson's special

prize. T. Davies, 1st in half-mile walk. IT. W. Seater, 2nd in half-mile walk. W. Harris, sack race. I P. Chalmers, swimming, winner of White's Cup. J. Flynn, 50 yards (junior). T., Phelan, junior high jump. Nightingale and Seater, three- legged race. O. Townshend, consolation race. The committee wish to thank the following for prizes and donations.—Mrs

C. F. Murray, Mrs Chalmers, Messrs C. F. Murray, W. B. Stevenson. L. Griffiths, B. S. Clouston, IT. Seater R. T. Pinckney, Barclay Hector. W. Hayward, J. Holdaway, and A. Hall.

## 1914-1915

|      |    |           |         |            |    |                  |          |
|------|----|-----------|---------|------------|----|------------------|----------|
| 1915 | 39 | Ocean Bay | Skelley | Claude H T | D3 | Ex Forces        | £ 200.00 |
| 1915 | 39 | Ocean Bay | Crump   | John       |    | Head Master      | £ 180.00 |
| 1915 | 39 | Ocean Bay | Crump   | Aloha      |    | Assistant Female | £ 110.00 |

13<sup>th</sup> January 1914 Ocean Bay, Mr R. T. Grace, assistant master

OCEAN BAY. On the question of approving of the appointment of the assistant master of the Ocean Bay school a controversial discussion ensued,, some of the members protesting against the principle of applying public money, in the shape of capitation for, salary purposes, to what they regarded as a semi-private educational establishment. The criticism and the rebutting arguments were in the nature of those employed in past years. It was explained that the Boards funds were not affected, the Government providing the allowance according to the national scale, and paying it through the Board, and the appointment' of teachers being subject to the approval of the Board. The motion that the present appointment be sanctioned was "carried :on- the following division Ayes 1. Messrs Penny; Conolly, McCallam,' and the Chairman. Noes: Messrs Fulton, Mackay, and Nees.

18<sup>th</sup> January 1914 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL. MARLBOROUGH pupils will please embark on launch Arawa, leaving Blenheim 11 a.m. SATURDAY, 31st. JOHN A. CRUMP, Principal

9<sup>th</sup> June 1914 An application was received that Miss Konini Crump be appointed assistant teacher at Ocean Bay. Mr Ferguson moved, and Mr McCallum seconded, that the appointment asked for be made forthwith. Mr Mackay moved, and Mr Fulton seconded, an amendment that applications for the position be publicly invited. The' amendment was carried by 4. votes to 3

14<sup>th</sup> July 1914 OCEAN BAY.'

I Mr Skelley, 'headmaster of the Ocean Bay School, waited on the Board and asked for the appointment of Miss K Crump as assistant teacher and for a grant for apparatus on the basis of the capitation paid to ordinary schools. On the motion of Mr McCallum, Miss Crump, whose application was the only one, was appointed assistant teacher; and it was resolved that the ordinary capitation allowance (now being received from the Department in respect to the institution be paid to the school

20<sup>th</sup> July 1914 Hockey Ocean Bay School v. Wairau, at 2 p.m.; referee, Mr W. G. Browne

The following will .represent the Ocean Bay hockey team against Wairau at Blenheim on Wednesday: Buckman, Pratt, Bush, Harvey, Pope, Davies, Skelley, Grace, Seator, Corry, and Smith

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1914 WAIRAU (4) v. OCEAN BAY (1)

A team of Ocean Bay schoolboys visited Blenheim yesterday and played their annual match against the Wairau Club. Their exhibition of hockey was meritorious despite the fact that they were opposed to bigger and more experienced. players. The defensive work of the backs was particularly worthy of commendation, and they succeeded in keeping their opponents at bay for the whole of the first spell. The score at half-time was 1-0 in favour of the visitors, Grace having found the net. In the second spell Wairau were more successful in their efforts, and Avon comfortably by 4 goals to 1. Mr W. G. Browne referred.

29<sup>th</sup> October 1914 WANTED, Junior Male Assistant Teacher, for Ocean Bay. School must have good address and be fairly good at athletics; salary, £75 and free board. Duties

commence 1st February 1915. Apply, by letter,' stating qualifications, to Principal, Ocean Bay.

21<sup>st</sup> November 1914 The annual Government examination at Ocean Bay School was held last week, and 10 out of 11 pupils in the sixth standard gained the certificate of proficiency, which carries with it free college education for two years. This school has an excellent record. The principal, Mr. Crump, who is staying at the Windsor, has a few vacancies, and would be glad to see anyone who is interested.

28<sup>th</sup> November 1914 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL, MARLBOROUGH. THE IDEAL EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH ESTABLISHMENT FOR BOYS.

Fifteen hundred acres of playground. Boating, swimming, and fishing in the safest bay in Sounds country. Generous diet. Special attention given to general behaviour and deportment. The best teaching obtainable has secured excellent results at all examinations (vide Government Inspector's report). Course comprises all the usual public school subjects, with Latin, French, Euclid, Algebra, Book-keeping, Physiology, Biology, Botany, Natural Science,; and Practical Agriculture :for Civil Service and Matriculation Students. Next term commences 3rd February. Apply at the School, for prospectus, or personally- to the Principal, who will be pleased to, receive parents any afternoon at the Hotel Windsor, until 28th November. REV, JOHN A, CRUMP, F.Z.S., Principal.

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1915 Junior Scholarship Wilmer Scorer Harris (Ocean Bay), Education Board Scholarship. £3, plus lodging allowance

7<sup>th</sup> April 1915 The examination results obtained by pupils of the Ocean Bay school during the year 1914 are well worthy of special note. Eleven pupils sat for the proficiency certificate; ten were successful in gaining the certificate, and one pupil gained competency. One pupil sat for the Public Service entrance examination/ and he was successful; one for a Senior Free Place, and he too was successful. Of the four Marlborough pupils who succeeded in passing the Junior National Scholarship examination one was a pupil of the school; he gained the Board's scholarship of £33 per annum. The lower forms, too, acquitted themselves with equal merit. Such a high percentage of successes merits the attention of the public, and reflects great credit on the school as an educational institute.

30<sup>th</sup> August 1915 A MALE TEACHER (unmarried) is required for the Ocean Bay School, Port Underwood, during the term of the War. Applicants must be qualified to teach up to Matriculation standard, and be capable of taking charge of the Drill, Games, etc., of the School. Salary £200, rising by annual increments of £10 to £250, together with free board and lodging. Forms of application may be obtained from the undersigned. Applications close 11th September. E- S. HYLTON, Secretary, Marlborough Education Board.

30<sup>th</sup> September 1915 Mr O. H. T. Skelley, headmaster of the Ocean Bay school, has been granted a commission in the second reinforcements of the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Trentham Regiment, and will go into camp on October 11.

9<sup>th</sup> October 1915 Lieut. O. H. T. Skelley, of Ocean Bay, left Blenheim for the Trentham Camp to-day

15<sup>th</sup> October 1915 The annual banquet evening of the Ocean Bay School this year took the form of a farewell supper to the headmaster, Lieutenant 'C. H. T. Skelley, who has 'since, left for Trentham. The large dining-room was beautifully decorated with tree ferns, lycopodium; and great masses of wharangi blossom. After ample justice had been done to the good things on the tables, the toast of 'The King was proposed and drunk with musical honours. Then followed "The Old Boys, especially those at the front," and lastly "Lieutenant Skelley." The

Principal, in proposing the- toast, wished Lieut. Skelley much success and a safe and speedy return to the school which he had so largely helped to make, and which held him in such honor. Lieutenant Skelley. who was loudly applauded when he. rose to reply, in the course of his speech' especially thanked the boys for the deep loyalty always shown by them to the school and himself. During the evening, Mr Crump read numerous. telegrams received during the day from old Ocean Bay boys wishing Lieutenant Skelley good luck and a- safe and quick return; and in behalf of the Ocean Bay boys, past and present, he presented Lieutenant Skelley with a fine travelling rug. The Ocean Bay boys are presenting Lieutenant Skelley with a sword also. Some patriotic- choruses were sung, .and-three cheers for the guest of the evening brought a very enjoyable gathering to a close.

9<sup>th</sup> November 1915 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL. The Principal of the Ocean Bay School wrote stating that. Mr F. W Christian had been working on trial at the school, and asking that he be permanently appointed. Mr Christian's qualifications were also sent in. He was a B.A. of Balliol College, Oxford, and had teaching experience in New Zealand as well as in England. He was 47 years of age, and was a keen cricketer. A sheaf of testimonials accompanied the letter— Appointed, subject to the inspector's approval

25<sup>th</sup> November 1915 Lieutenant C. H. T. Skelley, lately of Ocean Bay, has been selected to stroke the Trent-ham rowing crew which is to compete in the races at the opening of the Wellington rowing season on Saturday.

16<sup>th</sup> December 1915 The annual Government examination at Ocean Bay School was held recently, and eight out of nine sixth standard pupils gained the certificate of proficiency, which carries with it free college education for two years. This result is certainly a fine testimony to the teaching methods of this boarding school. As a place where boys may receive a first class general education as well as instruction in the management of a station or farm, Ocean Bay School seems to offer opportunities that might be eagerly embraced by parents and guardians. The principal, Rev, John A. Crump, F.Z.S., is staying at "Sayers Court," Aurora Terrace, and can be interviewed any afternoon till Monday, December 20.

## 1916-1917

|      |    |           |          |          |      |           |         |
|------|----|-----------|----------|----------|------|-----------|---------|
| 1917 | 45 | Ocean Bay | Eager MA | Edward F | B-52 | Head      | £250.00 |
| 1917 | 45 | Ocean Bay | Crump    | Aloha    |      | Assistant | £126.00 |

15<sup>th</sup> June 1916 Mr. F. W. Christian, M.A., recently head teacher at the Ocean Bay School, Marlborough, has joined the staff of the New Plymouth High School as Classical Master? Mr. Christian is an authority on 'the archaeology, etymology, and botany of the South Sea Islands, about which he has published authoritative works. He has also written upon the Incas of Peru.  
*Not certain for how long Mr Christian was at Ocean Bay*

11<sup>th</sup> September 1916 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL. THE Marlborough and Nelson boys -will leave by launch from Nelson Street Bridge for Ocean Bay School on FRIDAY, 15th September, at 1 p.m. John A Crump, Principal

27<sup>th</sup> September 1916 Mr J H Sarguson head teacher resigns

8<sup>th</sup> November 1916 Mr F Eager appointed Head Teacher

9<sup>th</sup> December 1916 The annual sports of the **Ocean Bay** School were held on December 5, in warm. but beautiful weather. The/ following boys were the winners of the various-events:—  
Long Jump, senior: Rees 1, Maitland 2, Hay ward 3.

High Jump, junior: Bollons 1, Crump and Kennedy 2, Davies 4. High Jump, senior: Brownlee 1, Flynn 2, Cohen and Kay ward 3. 100 Yards, senior; Flynn 1, Brownlee 2, Saxton. 3. 75

Yards, junior Moss 1, Kennedy 2, Collins 3. Wheelbarrow Race, junior: Bollons and Moss 1, Collins mid Kennedy 2, Russell and Hamilton 3.

Half-mile, open : Kenny 1, Bollons . 2, Harris 3.

Sack Race: Meyers and Collins 1, Kennedy 3, Rose 4. Throwing Cricket Ball; Brownlee 1, Rees 2, Harris. 3. Obstacle' Race: R, L. Smith 1. Brice 2, Bollons ii. 3. Three-legged Race: Russell and Beere 1, Meyers and Bollons 2, Rose and Moss 3.

Wheelbarrow Race, senior: Flynn and Smith X, Orchard and Smith ii 2, Saxton i. and Saxton ii. 3. The school championship for the year goes to Brownlee, who had to fire off for it with Flynn. and who receives the gold medal and holds the cup for the coming year. The school breaks up on. December 15th, and will resume on February 6th. Before the boys leave for home Mr Davies will take them round the port in his launch, the Sally.

30<sup>th</sup> December 1916

YOUR BOY WILL BE THOROUGHLY TRAINED for a successful Career, if he is placed in the OCEAN BAY SCHOOL, MARLBOROUGH. INSTRUCTION given in Public School, Entrance University, and Civil Service Subjects; al6o in Practical Agriculture. Special attention to Physical Culture. Manly Sports. COMMODIOUS SCHOOLHOUSE and Fifteen Hundred-Acre Playground. Airy dormitories. Generous diet. Parental discipline. Good moral tone. REFERENCES: The Ven. Archdeacon, Grace; Dr. Donald McGavin; Captain C. H. Moss, R.F.A. F. S. Pope, Esq.; Dr. W. H. Hosking; R. McCallum , Esq., M.P., and others. New Term opens 6th February. Prospectus on application to REV. JOHN A. CRUMP, F.Z.S., Principal, at the School; Or I MR, E. FITZGERALD EAGAR, M.A., Headmaster, Moxham Avenue, Kilbirnie

1<sup>st</sup> February 1917 Meme Crump Ocean bay gained Junior Free place I n examinations

3<sup>rd</sup> February 1917 The Opawa is-to leave Wellington at 10 a.m. on Monday with schoolboys who are returning to Ocean Bay

6<sup>th</sup> August 1917 The Ladies' Executive wish to thank the boys of the Ocean Bay School for the crayfish they sent up, which was auctioned by Mr J. Bary on Saturday night and realised £12 7s 6d. Marlborough Express

## 1918-1919

|      |    |           |          |          |      |      |         |
|------|----|-----------|----------|----------|------|------|---------|
| 1919 | 52 | Ocean Bay | Eager MA | Edward F | B-46 | Head | £325.00 |
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|------|----|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1919 | 52 | Ocean Bay | Crump | Aloha | D-102 | Assistant | £195.00 |
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10<sup>th</sup> January 1918 Ocean Bay: D. Alison, G. Barnes, B. Brice, A. Jacobs, F. Keene, M. Kenny, D. McGregor, O. McLeod, O. Miller, A. Pollock, G. Saxton, Proficiency Certificates awarded

29<sup>th</sup> June 1918 the sons of Mrs Isabel FitzEagar, whose second son, Mr Edward FitzEagar, hold good record of military service M.A., headmaster of the Ocean Bay school, has been rejected on medical grounds. The eldest son. Neale, gave up his ordination to the clergy in order to enlist in the Main Body. After serving continuously with the New Zealanders for a long period he is now in the Royal Flying Corps. Ronald, the third son, loft with the Samoan force, and rejoined immediately on his return to New Zealand, being later drafted to the Rifle Brigade.

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1918 The annual inspection of Ocean Bay School and examination of the sixth standard for proficiency certificates was hold by Mr Sturrock, the Inspector, on. Nov. 7th. Out of 19 pupils in the 6th standard 18 have passed with proficiency. As the odd one has

recently joined the school this amounts to practically 100 per cent on the year's training, and great credit is due to Mr E. FitzGerald Eagar, M.A., the headmaster, for this excellent result. The successful candidates are:—John Platts-Mills, Robert Collins, Maurice Orchard, Wilfred Crump, Desmond Bollons, Valentine Liddicoat, Norman Russell. Antony Roberts, Alan Moss. Charles Aiken, .Raymond Smith, Gray Pankhurst, 'Harry Rose, Nigel Maitland, Alfred Tinkham, George Brownlee David Cormack, and George Cormack

30<sup>th</sup> November 1918 OCEAN BAY SCHOOL.

#### ANNUAL SPOUTS

The annual sports of the Ocean Bay School were held on Wednesday last in fine weather. G. H. Brownlee won the championship for the second time. The following were the winners of the various events:

Championship High jump: Brownlee. 1, Kenny 2, Tinkham 3.

Senior High Jump: Burroughs and Forbes 1, Ham 2, Brice 3. Junior High Jump: Reddish 1, Williams 2, Rees and Mitchell 3.

Championship Long Jump: Brownlee 1. (15 feet) 1, Kenny 2, Pinkham 3.

Senior Long Jump: Crump 1, Roberts 2, Moss, Rose, and Pomare 3. Junior Long Jump: Mitchell 1, Rutherford 2, Brownlee iii. 3. Championship 100 Yards": Kenny 1, Liddicoat 2, Tinkham and Brownlee 1. 3.

Senior 100 Yards: Russell 1, Burroughs 2, Crump and Forbes 3. Junior 75 Yards: Mitchell and Roes 1, C. Harris 2, Rutherford 3. Senior Throwing Cricket Bail: Forbes 1, Barnes 2, Ham 3. Championship Throwing Ball: Brownlee 1. I, Kenny 2, Maitland 3. Junior Throwing Ball: Williams ii. 1, Rees 2, Rutherford 3. Senior Relay Race: Russell, Saxton, and Collins 1, Moss, Crump, and Jones 2, Brownlee ii., Pomare, and Pankhurst 3.

Championship Relay Race: Liddicoat, Maitland, and Townsend 1, Samuels, Orchard, and Brice\_ 2, Kenny, Tinkham, and Brownlee i. 3. Junior Sack Race: Nicholson I, -.Monro 2, Brownlee iii. 3. Senior Race: Russell and Williams 1, Burroughs and Collins 2, Moss and Bollons 3. Championship Three-legged Race: Kenny and Brownlee 1. 1, Tinkham. and Liddicoat 2, Maitland and Samuels 3. Junior Potato Race: Mitchell 1, Rutherford 2, Rees and Williams 2. Senior Three-legged Race: Beere and Panckhurst, and Oi-ump and Jones 1. Saxton and Russell 2, Rose and Smith 3. Junior Three-legged Race: Mitchell and Reddish 1, Scott ii. and Williams ii. 2, Rees and .Rutherford 3. Championship 220 Yards^: Kenny 1, Brownlee. 2, Liddicoat 3. Senior 220 Yards: Russell 1, Burroughs 2, Forbes 3. Junior Wheelbarrow Race: Williams ii. and Reddish 1, Monro and Evans 2, Rutherford and Nicholson 3. Championship Obstacle Race: Tinkham 1, Brownlee I. 2, Liddicoat 3. Senior Obstacle Race: Scott. 1, Collin 2, Saxton 3. Junior Obstacle Race: Seymour 1, Reddish 2, Monro 3. Championship Shooting: Brownlee I. 1. Kenny 2, Liddicoat 3. The final sports event was 100 yards' sprint for the Maitland bat which was keenly contested, and fell to Brownlee I., who also holds the Sports Cup for the coming year. The school, which has been entirely free of all sickness, has now closed for the Christmas holidays, by direction of the Public Health authorities.

29<sup>th</sup> March 1919 Oat of four entries four Ocean Bay scholars secured junior free places, as follow Robert John Collins, George William Cormark, Wilfrid John Crump,' and John Faithful Platts-Mills."

15<sup>th</sup> October 1919 Miss A Crump resigned

10<sup>th</sup> December 1919 Miss D McCardle Ocean Bay

## 1920-1921



8<sup>th</sup> January 1920 HUTTON-MOSS CRUMP. On January 7th, 1920, at Wesley Church, Blenheim, by the Rev. W. Greenslade: Lionel, eldest son of Capt. Charles Hutton-Moss, to Aloha, second daughter of the Rev. John A. Crump and Mrs Crump, of Ocean Bay.

17<sup>th</sup> January 1920 The list for the Wellington education district' of candidates who reached the general standard of qualification (64 per cent) for a scholarship is the Junior National Scholarship examination, held in November last, contains the name of W. J. Crump, of Ocean Bay, with 528 marks.

20<sup>th</sup> March 1920 Swimming at Blenheim the schools relay race, was entered for by teams representing Ocean Bay and the Blenheim Borough School, and as in former years, the Ocean Bay boys won the race The Sturrock Cup for the boys' relay race has been won outright by Ocean Bay.

21<sup>st</sup> May 1920 The question of, the status of the Ocean, Bay school was discussed at length The Department had drawn attention to the manner in which the school was being conducted, pointing out that the primary school purpose for which it was recognised by the Board was being carried on as a private school for boarders from different parts of the Dominion. Mr Bakewell (Chief Inspector) suggested several items as presented by the Education Department in which the connection of the school with the Board was slightly irregular. Messrs Penny, McCallum, and Rishworth outlined the history and position of the school, emphasising the educational benefit to the pupils and district. Mr Penny suggested that half a dozen such, schools, with provision made for pupils by the Department, would solve the perennial difficulty; of small schools in scattered districts: such as the Sounds, It was decided to inform the -Department that the owner ,of the hostel in connection with the school .would make regular the status of. the school. Mr McCallum protested against the 'captious spirit exhibited by the Department over this school, and in supporting' his colleagues said that the trouble arose through the school becoming attractive and obtaining the support of many leading people throughout the Dominion.

11<sup>th</sup> December 1920 ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES. A very pleasant function took place at Ocean Bay School on the evening of December 8th, the occasion being the twelfth distribution of prizes. Proceedings were opened by, and interspersed with, the school songs, which the boys rendered very creditably. In reviewing the year's work, great satisfaction was expressed at the results obtained, even though the school had suffered a complete change of teachers during that time. Sickness had been conspicuous by its absence (as in previous years). In the various classes the following gained prizes for general proficiency and excellence: —Std. V 11., N. O. Maitland. Std. VI., M. Rees. Std. V., R. Comerford. Std. IV., F. S. Cooper and J. P. Seymour (equal). Std. 111., A. V. Tonge. Std. 11, W. Brinsley and E. Collyns (equal). Primers: B. Collyns.

Six boys passed two standards in the one year, and four others sat for their Junior National Scholarships, while 11 secured their Standard. VI. proficiency certificate.

The prizes for the sports, which were held a few days previously, fell to the following boys:—M. F. Kenny, senior cup and championship medal; first in long jump, throwing the cricket ball, hop-step-and-jump, hurdles, 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards; and first equal in the high jump. Gordon Barnes: Runner-up; second in 220 yards, hop-step-and jump; third in 440 yards, hurdles, and throwing the cricket ball; first in three-legged race, sack race; second in wheelbarrow race, winning relay team. N. O. Maitland: Third place; first equal in high jump; second in 100 yards and throwing the cricket ball; third in hop-step-and jump; first in the wheelbarrow race.

The following also secured prizes for most points: E. Chisholm, Donald Weber, Wallace "Webber, Roy Quintrell, Rupert Allen, John Greenwood, Joseph McDuff, Henry Grace, and John Mitchell.

The junior championship medal fell to Joseph Robinson; first in high jump, long jump, 150 yards, sack race, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race; second in hop-step-and-jump. Jack Robinson: Runner-up; first in hop-step-and-jump, potato race; second in 75 yards; third in wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, and 150 yards. Leicester Rutherford: Third place; first in three-legged race and wheelbarrow race; second in 150 yards and high jump; third in 75 yards. The following also gained prizes on points:—Donald Gill, Frank Cooper, Oswald Kenny, Colin Nicholson, Asheton Tonge, Jack Seymour, N. Mills, S. Latter, and J. Rudd.

Senior consolation: A. Majendic Junior consolation: Ra Pomare. Small boys: E. Williams.

The National Anthem closed these proceedings, after which the boys sat down to a hearty supper. Mr Crump, Mr Skelley, and Mr Wills made speeches during the evening, in which they congratulated the boys on their year's work.

## 1922-1923

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| 1923 | 40 | Ocean Bay | Fanning | James F | D-123 | Head      | £345.00 |
| 1923 | 40 | Ocean Bay | Sawtell | Morkar  |       | Assistant | £173.00 |

16<sup>th</sup> June 1922 Mr. Claude H. T. Skelly has been appointed headmaster of the Croydon Diocesan Boys' School at Day's Bay, the Rev. B. H. Hobday having resigned to take up other duties. Mr. Skelly is at present headmaster at Ocean Bay, near Blenheim. He will take up his duties early in September *Known in 2015 as Wellesley College*

20<sup>th</sup> July 1922 Mr Skelley resigns from Wellington Education Board

20<sup>th</sup> September 1923 Mr A E Parkinson resigns

4<sup>th</sup> December 1923 The annual sports of the Ocean Bay School were held last week. The championship was won by H. Harman with 16 points, while J. Robinson, the runner up, aggregated 13 points. These events were all off scratch. The senior and junior events were handicaps, which were drawn up by the headmaster, Mr. Timms. The championships in these classes were won by Leslie Charman and Jack Bythell respectively. The Rev. J. A. Crump acted as starter and the masters, Messrs. Timms and Sawtell. judged the events. Results are appended:— Championship.—Throwing cricket ball: Harman, I. 1; J. Gill, 2; Robinson, 3. 100 yards: Harman, 1., 1; Robinson, 2; Williams, 3. Long jump: Harman, I., 1; Robinson, 2; Gill, 3. Hop, step, and jump: Harman, 1; Robinson, 2; Gill, 3. 220 yards: Harman, 1; Robinson, 2; Neal, 1., 3. High jump: Robinson, 1; Harman, 2; Gill, 3. Seniors.—Sack race: Monro, 1; Jordan, 2; Earnshaw, 3. 100 yards: Charman, 1; Collyns, 1., Monro, 2. Long jump: Leslie, 1; Charman, 2; Hastings, 3. Obstacle race Jordan, "1 Monro, 2; May, 11., 3. Hop, step,-and jump: Leslie, 1; Collyns, 2; Jeffery 3. 220 yards: Charman, 1; Jordan, 2; Max, 3. Throwing cricket ball: Charman. 1; Monro, 2; Smith, 3. 100 yards: Charman, 1: Collyns, 11., Monro 2. High jump, Charman, 1; May, 1., Collyns, 1., 2. Three-legged race: Monro and Leslie, 1; Smith and May, 11., 2. Juniors.—Sack race: Bird, 11., 1; Bythell, 11., 2 Baker, 3. 100 yards: Cooper, 1; Parker, 2; Bythell, 11./ 3. -Long jump, Charman, 1; May, 1., Collyns, 1., 3. Obstacle race: Collyns, 11., 1; Bythell, 11., 2; Bird, 11., 3. -Hop. step, and jump: Bythell, 11., 1; Bird, 11., 2; Button, 3. 75 yards:' Cooper, 1; Bythell, 11., 2; Collyns, 11., 3. Three-legged race: Parker and Collyns, 11., 1; Stock and Cooper, 2. High jump Cooper, Parker, 1; Button, Bythell, IT., Collyns, 11., Brinsley, 2.

## Post 1923

13<sup>th</sup> March 1924 Ocean Bay assistant G P Richardson

15<sup>th</sup> December 1924 Evening Post Athletic sports results listed

20<sup>th</sup> November 1930 A Press Association telegram from Blenheim reports the death of the Rev. John Henry Crump, F.Z.S The cause, of death was- valvular disease of the heart and high blood pressure.' The late Mr. Crump, .who was 64 years of age, was born .in England. In .1886 he emigrated to New Zealand and started farming; at Vernon Marlborough. After some years he, Studied for the Methodist ministry and in 1892 he. was ordained minister and volunteered, for mission service in New Britain, where he served twelve years. Returning to New Zealand, he settled at Ocean Bay, Marlborough, founding the well known school for boys. He lived there for about 25 years, ten years as farmer, and 15 years as principal of the school. Three years ago he retired and the school was closed. Mr. Crump leaves four daughters and one son

## Ocean Bay (National Archives)

Marlborough Education Board files

Ocean Bay Opened 1<sup>st</sup> February 1909 Average age 8 years

Average attendance 1909= 10, 1910- 23, 1911- 27, 1912- 24, 1913- 38

Teacher since starting has been Mr Skelley

Assistant Mr Richard Grace entered on board's returns but not for 1914

Department memo included In accordance with the provision in note 55 of part 1 of the Education amendment act 1913 a male assistant cannot be appointed to Grade IV schools

Board reply to Department included

.... requires special consideration There is no accommodation for a female teacher at Ocean Bay Out of 50 children attending Ocean Bay only 2 are girls, being daughters of the Crump family the only settlers in the bay

Mrs Crump gives the girls the necessary instruction in needlework. The Board agreed to Mr Grace's appointment

20<sup>th</sup> March 1914 Telegram from Hilton Secretary of Marlborough Education Board to Department in Wellington Establishment of Ocean Bay was approved by Board in terms of your Memo

Robin Hood Established 2nd December 1908 Exactly similar Institution

A lot of correspondence and memos between department and Board whether Ocean Bay was a private or public school

25<sup>th</sup> August Letter from Assistant Law Officer saying that appointment of a male assistant was illegal Because one male assistant has been appointed (and no female assistants) then the number of Male assistants exceeds the number of female assistants and is therefore illegal

1<sup>st</sup> April Miss Konini Crump appointed assistant

Letter from Secretary Marlborough Education Board to Department in Wellington included

- a) We advertised in June for an assistant at this school
- b) Miss Konini Crump was the only applicant She is 18 years of age, She has attended Nelson Girls College after gaining Proficiency and has been acting teacher for 6 months

- c) I understand Mr Grace is still employed in the school
- d) The girls at the school this year are Winiiwi Crump aged 13 years 10 Months and Memi Crump aged 10 years 10 months
- e) I may mention that a similar school has been established for many years at Robin Hood Bay in the same locality

21<sup>th</sup> MAY 1916 Will you please state on what date Aloha Crump was paid as assistant vice Konini Crump?

Reply from 1<sup>st</sup> February 1915

A long memo making inquiry re Ocean Bay school and whether it is private or public unsigned

20<sup>th</sup> June 1916 Letter to Marlborough Education Board Inspector labelled confidential from Department and included

- a) It seems doubtful that this school is conducted in accordance with the act
- b) Miss Konini Crump was appointed for nearly 2 years but does not appear to have any experience or carry out any teaching duties
- c) Later on Her sister who is now stated to be only some seventeen years of age and equally devoid of teaching experience took her place receiving £117 per annum
- d) Were these positions advertised and appointments made as to being the best available
- e) It appears the Rev Mr Crump acts as commissioner without a warrant

11<sup>th</sup> July 1916 David Sturrock's (Inspector for Marlborough Education Board) reply

- a) The women were appointed when the Department overruled an appointment of a master
- b) Miss Aloha Crump has passed two sections of the D Examination and the Board's Instructor reports she is one of his best students
- c) Miss Crump has charge of the Junior Room under the direction of the headmaster
- d) This school under Mr Skelley's direction was a well conducted school and was a credit to all concerned
- e) The number of children taught by her totals 20 in Standard 1,2,3, and 4
- f) The charge for board and lodgings (including washing and mending) is £25 but no fees are charged for tuition
- g) As the school is the only house in the bay no School Committee could be elected and The Marlborough Education Board appointed Mr Crump as correspondent

19<sup>th</sup> July 1916 A whole page of questions from the Department asking repeated questions re Mr Crump and whether it is a private or public school

Reply from Mr Fynton

- a) 26 pupils receive primary instruction from teachers appointed by the Board
- b) These pupils receive purely primary instruction for 25 hours per week
- c) The teachers appointed by the board devote the full 25 hours to the 26 pupils mentioned
- d) Miss Konini Crump taught until her sister succeeded her
- e) There is no private school connected with the establishment
- f) Four of the students are children of residents in the immediate vicinity
- g) Three others would have to live away from home to attend a public school

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1918 Mr Eager Teacher called in to the office

a) On roll 43

- 1) 13 from the sounds and have no other school to attend
- 2) 30 could attend household schools without inconvenience
- 3) There is a household school at Kakapo, Guards Bay
- 4) There are no non boarders except Mr Crump's own boy
- 5) Mr Crump exercises no control and interferes in no way with the instruction in the school

9<sup>th</sup> September 1918 Wellington Education Board has established school district at Ocean Bay. The Robin Hood School is now closed and also that at Kakapo Bay

## 1920

8<sup>th</sup> January 1920 Letter from Mr J A Crump to Minister of Education

- a) Miss Blair declines to take position of assistant teacher and I ask that a male assistant be appointed
- b) I understand a new provision of the act allows that
- c) This school consists entirely of Boys with an average attendance of about 50 and in an out of the way place
- d) A male teacher would be easier to house than a female teacher
- e) Letter referred to Wellington Education Board

29<sup>th</sup> January 1920 Letter from Mr G L Stewart SECRETARY of Wellington Education Board to Secretary Ministry of Ed

The Board wish to appoint Edward Noel Hogben

6<sup>th</sup> February 1920 Department refuses male appointment

The folder closed in 1920 with long, long letters querying the right of Ocean Bay to being a state school and whether all the information been give given was correct

## 1921 New Folder

8<sup>th</sup> December 1921

- a) Mr P Williams resigned.
- b) I am apt to say that Mr Williams is as good a teacher as the certificated teacher he replaced.  
Stated Mr Skelley Head Master

Reply from Wellington Education Board In the meantime I think that Mr Williams might arrange to return to Ocean Bay at the beginning of next year

1<sup>st</sup> February 1922 Mr Skelley appears to be at Croyden College Days Bay [Wellington] and still running Ocean Bay

10<sup>th</sup> July 1922 Mr Crump wrote saying the Mr Skelley has resigned and the August 1<sup>st</sup> the job would be advertised

There is no accommodation for a married man

We were able to have Mrs Skelley here for a few months but we had to terminate the arrangement to make room for my married daughter who will be living with us during her Husband's absence at Port Darwin for 3 years

18<sup>th</sup> August 1922 Appointment of Mr A E J Parkinson Grading 116 B Certificate 15 ½ years' service South Wellington 3 ½ years

29<sup>th</sup> August 1922 Mr Parkinson's appointment starts 21<sup>st</sup> September

27<sup>th</sup> February 1923 Appointment of Miss Bisset as assistant. Mr Crump advises position would be temporary

22<sup>nd</sup> March Telegram from Parkinson Miss Bisset strongly wants to return to Te Horo. Ends this month. Miss Bisset was Infant Mistress at Te Horo and she could return there as the position had not been filled

13<sup>th</sup> April 1913 Mr Parkinson telegraphed Wanting to know where a teacher was?

25<sup>th</sup> May Mr Bernard Smith appointed Temporary Assistant. Instructed to report earliest possible

25<sup>th</sup> June No qualified teacher applied. Temporary appointment. Mr M Sawtell who for some time has been in charge of the school at Castlepoint

12<sup>th</sup> July Question about holiday dates from Mr Crump The dates are very inconvenient for us on account of the tides and the running of the weekly mail launch. Requested change of dates. Wellington Education Board agreed

14<sup>th</sup> September Mr Parkinson has recently married Miss Bisset and the two of them are appointed to Oparau School

*Oparuru (Near Te Kuiti) School had 44 children in 1923 Arnold and Dorothy Parkinson Teaching*

21<sup>st</sup> September 1923 Head Teacher position readvertised

15<sup>th</sup> October 1923 Telegram Wellington Education Board Teacher urgently needed Ocean Bay Sawtell incapable managing school

17<sup>th</sup> October 1923 Mr J Fanning appointed 24 years' service Head Teacher Korokoro 6 ¼ years

24<sup>th</sup> October 1923 Arranging Timms take temporary charge first November

3<sup>rd</sup> November 1923 Mr J Fanning appointed

9<sup>th</sup> November Letter from Mr Crump complaining about frequent changes of Head Teacher Mr Fanning to arrive at 1<sup>st</sup> December. Wants Mr Timms to finish the year and complete the work He is working hard to prepare the scholars for Proficiency scholarship test

Reply We can't change it and Mr Fanning wants to get there on the 1<sup>st</sup> so he can set up programmes for next year

16<sup>th</sup> November 1923 The boys of the sixth standard of the above school who are going up for their proficiency examination this year protest against the change of masters so near the examination

F Hastings (Scholarship Candidate) J Monro, D Gill, K Jeffrey, K May, I Lindup, J Robinson, H Harmon, T Edinger, E Cordery, J Cowie.

The Members of the sixth standard

20<sup>th</sup> November 1923 We can't make changes. Mr Fanning leaves Wellington on 26<sup>th</sup> and travel to Ocean Bay on the mail launch next day. Mr Timms will proceed to Korokoro on the return mail boat

30<sup>th</sup> January 1924 Mr Richardson certificated teacher replaced Sawtell from beginning of February  
1<sup>st</sup> March 1924 Mr G B Richardson appointed permanent assistant at Ocean Bay 2 years teaching service

12<sup>th</sup> November 1924 Letter from Mr Crump stating that Ocean Bay school would close at the end of the year

Mr Fanning had a very high standard but there does not seem to be a need for this type of school anymore

## Log Book

### 1910

3rd February School opened

25th March School closed for Easter Holidays

27th April School examined

14th April Mr. Strachan paid a surprise visit to the school (*School Inspector*)

20th May School closed for the funeral of the late majesty King Edward VII

7th June Archdeacon Grace visited the school and held a service

18th August Mr. Strachan examined the school

11th November Held Sports

10th December Held School Annual examination

17th December School Broke Up

### 1911

3rd February School opened with twenty seven pupils on the roll

20th March R Coleman entered the school

17th 18th March D A Strachan present

23rd October Annual Inspection

5th December Annual Examination

7th February School sports

12th December School broke up for Xmas vacation

### 1913

5th February School opened with Thirty Four pupils

6th February Amakoura Training Ship visited the Port. Captain Hooper and many boys came ashore

10th February Commenced the swimming class. Amakoura left the Port for Port Chalmers

12th February J Flynn entered the school

14th February Commenced gardening Class

19th February L Hector returned to school

22nd February Ocean yacht race from Wellington to Ocean Bay  
3rd March Picked 2 cwt (*One hundredweight = 50 .8 Kilograms*) of tomatoes from school garden  
14th March Transplanted leeks and cut the first crop of pumpkins  
17th March Yacht Oyster from Nelson arrived and the crew looked over the school. Magnificent meteor seen at 11 pm  
20th March During the week ending the 21st March a cwt of tomatoes picked from school garden  
22nd March Commenced Swedish Drill in the evenings. Eclipse of the moon not visible, obscured by clouds  
24th March Commenced preparation classes  
28th March Commenced extra singing classes on Friday Evenings  
1st April Onions pulled from school garden  
2nd April Mr. Lester and took measurements for the installation of gas in the school (*Possibly carbide gas or a term for petrol, Researcher's grandparents had carbide gas installed in their house at about this time*)  
7th April A violent South East gale blowing. Two boats sheltered in the port  
10th April Boats that were sheltering left the port  
Mr. Skelley left for Wellington to see the battle cruiser New Zealand  
12th April Mr. Skelley returned  
20th April Picked the last of the ripe tomatoes  
26th April Had the term drill contests and awarded prizes, Seator, Dimcock and Bush gained prizes for excellent drill and W Harris and Stanton G gained prizes for improvement during the term  
24rd April to 25th April Held the term examination

## 1916

5th October commenced relieving work at Ocean bay today Roll 45. There have been many changes of teacher during the year and he work has evidently suffered  
H Abraham  
6th October Sent in quarterly returns, Average 44  
11th October Received 12 packets assorted vegetable seeds and 6 packets flower seeds  
28th October Received ½ a box of white chalk and 2 tins of ink powder from Board, also monthly return forms  
1st October Received salary cheques and returned vouchers  
6th November Received that my work as relieving teacher terminates at the end of this week  
8th November Yesterday and today very wet. River flooded mail delayed  
10th November received proficiency forms and annual exam form  
Except to leave for Karori assistantship tomorrow. Registers and records all left up to date  
R H A  
Good Luck to Ocean Bay  
E Fitz Gerald Eagar M A  
13th November Commenced duty here today



15th November received journals from Board  
22nd November 5 absentees today  
29th November six absentees  
30th November Cheques received and vouchers returned  
5th December School sports held in beautiful weather  
7th December Notice of Mr. Sturrock's on the 14th inst. received (*Inspector*)  
11th December Collected and sent of 6/- (Shilling) for Xmas fund for poor Belgians  
14th December Mr. Sturrock did not arrive but sent exam papers

## 1917

6th February Reopened today with 17 Boys at school  
7th February All boys except Baines have returned  
8th February beautiful weather  
9th February Commenced gardening for the year/ Tomatoes have done extremely well, we have 144 plants in full bearing. A new spot of ground is being dug by the boys. Fine weather continues  
16th February Agriculture class held. The boys have private plots as well as the school garden in which they grow vegetables for use in the huts  
13th July Grass seed gathered from the garden plot and from the football field  
14th July Maurice Harris re-entered the school. He is doing Standard 6 work, although he has a proficiency certificate, as his parents do not make him overwork  
3rd march Swimming classes held. We usually hold this class in the luncheon break just before midday dinner  
15th March journals came today on the Launch  
20th March Four bays went with me to Robin Hood Bay to get the paper with the news of the Russian Revolution We left at 3 a.m.  
27th March 1917 Mail launch arrived with no mail  
27th March Mail 1917 Overland mail arrived  
30th March End of Quarter: mail left too early to send returns by it. But these were made up as soon as possible and posted in the land mail next Tuesday  
2nd April One of the boys Baines was sent for by special launch today, as his mother died yesterday in Blenheim  
3rd April Mail left with quarterly return. The mission launch called in at the weekend and Rev Bakewell took service on Sunday  
10th April Although an authorised holiday we held school today- on special circumstances necessitate some discrimination in such matters. Mr. Platts, Mills Mrs. Mills their son and Mr. And Mrs Fisher and son visited us yesterday. Mr. And Mrs Platts Mills were so impressed with the school and its general condition that they ask to send their boy to as soon as the examination is held as we can accommodate him  
12th April The Hinemoa called in yesterday and as usual Capt Bollons and a party came ashore. A few boys were the Captains guests to luncheon  
17th April Journals Arrived. We are more or less handicapped by their late arrival. But this is later than ever before  
19th April Term exams being held

24th April Exams satisfactorily over and the term report on each scholar well on the way to completion

27th April On Wednesday I made a special point of telling of the landing of the Anzacs on Gallipoli

30th April Have today removed M Davis from the register, as he has been sent for home, and will most probably not be returning

1st May Salary voucher signed and sent to the Board's Secretary

3rd May Voucher from the Board received today, they have again overpaid me at the rate of £10 extra per annum- I am not notifying them till I go to Wellington. Two new boys entered today

7th May term holidays are to begin tomorrow

23rd May Term holidays ended today. Two boys have left and a few have not yet returned

29th May Cheque book for use by staff received. We are beginning chemistry now, one night a week to be devoted to the subject

1st June Journals arrived today- the mail launch was unable to get over the bar yesterday

4th June We observed King's Birthday by special lessons dealing with loyalty to King and Empire

6th June We began Latin as a school subject on Friday Last

11th June A howling southerly gale is blowing; it arose during the night

12th June The fierce gale is still in full progress

19th June Wet Weather

21st June Mail Launch arrived today. Copy of scholarship regulations received from the board

25th June This afternoon we are taking Friday's table of work viz. agriculture as it was too wet for outdoors on Friday

26th June The boys collected 10/- for the relief of the London Children injured by the last raid. This is as the Board has requested

29th June Have today applied for garden necessities viz. seeds and hoes. Returns made up for the quarter

4th June I received today notice of my having been drawn in ballot; I was examined some time ago by Dr. Elliott, who said I was unfit on account of an old sprain

7th July Leaving for Wellington for a medical inspection

12th July Returned to duty I was certified fit for Home Services. During my absence the boys carried on exactly as though I had been present and had a satisfactory report from Mrs Crump

18th July We did not take a holiday for Arbor day but I spoke of its meaning and importance

20th July Rather too wet for gardening so we shall take Monday's programme of work and so get Agriculture in on Monday

23rd July Still wet and very muddy; we are taking Tuesday's work, hope for a day suitable for digging onions

25th July Although threatening to rain we opted to do some digging, grubbing and maintaining today

28th July Today is Saturday but in accordance with one custom on very wet Saturdays, we are holding school and take the first fine day as the Saturday. This practice is necessary here, as otherwise the boys lose the benefits of the break

1st August A very fine day, as the ground is sufficiently dry, we shall do over weekly digging in case it should be wet again on Friday. This morning I rang Mrs Corry and offered her crayfish on behalf of the boys, she gladly accepted them

2nd August Yesterday I received notice from the Board that my order for seeds and for the hoe would be fulfilled soon. I had also notice to forward measurements of the class rooms

6th August Mrs Corry rang me today to say that the twenty six crayfish had been auctioned in Blenheim, by the commercial travellers and had realised the sum of £12-7-6. This amount goes to the Red Cross Fund

9th August Journals to hand today. Their late arrival is bad for work in a way. Seeds came on Tuesday

13th August A new boy from Robin Hood School began here today. He is above average age for his class Standard 6 and much below the standard of work

15th August Reports all made out ready for sending home

20th August Douglas Alison left today for home

27th August Big Southerly blowing. Heard today that Mr Alison has decided to send his son back here, he is very pleased with his general improvement

18th August Closed today for term holiday

12th September The boys left home for school today, seven are absent for various reasons and five new boys are admitted. One of these Cowrie is not normal in mind owing to his having meningitis in infancy

18th September Journals arrived today

20th September Mail brought instructions from the Board directing us to close on Dominion Day this was so definite that we intend to take the day off, although our custom is not to close for odd days during term

25th September Observed yesterday as a holiday in accordance with the Board's instructions. We spent all the morning in the gardens and planted onions, beans and sweet corn

27th September Mail launch today. The weather has been both warm and wet, so we are expecting seeds up very soon

2nd October The quarterly returns, which I made up on Friday last will go by today's mail. As usual the average attendance was excellent for the quarter

4th October Launch mail arrived today. Last night we had an excellent shower of rain and today the seeds have sprouted well. Yesterday after school about 9 boys and I worked for an hour or more putting in radishes, turnips and silver beet

10th October No journals have yet arrived the delay is prejudicial to one's work to some extent

12th October The journals did not reach here yesterday which means that over half the month is gone before we get them

16th October The October journals came to hand today. During the recent fine weather the garden has done really well

18th October Received a package of books re helping returned soldiers; it does not seem very practicable to me as set out therein

23rd October Received proficiency and competency forms today from the Board's office

26th October Several Boys and I gardened yesterday after school; we planted some long rows of peas and some carrots

30th October After a steady rainfall for two days the garden has made good progress

1st November Today the scholarship Time Table came. One boy sits for this exam and one for matriculation

2nd November Today we sent 57 crayfish to Mrs Corry to sell in the Red Cross shop

5th November We gardened today after school, we planted four long rows of peas and did some jobs round about

Began term examination today as a preliminary to Mr. Sturrock's test in a fortnight

14th November Yesterday Mr. Hursthouse wrote thanking me for our donation of Crayfish which helped funds for baby Week and were sold for 1 shilling per pond at the horticultural show

16th November Yesterday after school the older boys and I gardened, everything is growing well

19th November Have made up all the required class lists, and shall send them into Mr. Sturrock tomorrow.

I also forwarded a test I set Standard 6 in arithmetic and English upon which I chiefly based my report to the Inspector

22nd November I set the test papers sent Mr. Sturrock, I am posting the results by the mail. These were Standard 6 and Standard 4 Arithmetic and English

26th November D McGregor left today for Blenheim to sit for the Scholarship examination

30th November A Haggitt leaves tomorrow for Blenheim to sit for the matriculation examination

4th December I forwarded to the Board's office today a list of books I propose getting for the school library

10th December After school today the Boys and I worked in one garden, as we intend leaving it in good order for the holidays. Everything in it is doing excellently

10th December A good rain has been falling today and during part of last night

13th December Annual visit of Inspector

14th December Mr. Sturrock to me to mark present those boys, Haggitt and McGregor who had been absent in exams in Blenheim

18th December School closed for the year

## 1918

7th February School reopened for the year. Bar too bad for some boys to return (*That'll be the Wairau Bar not an alcohol bar*)

11th February Well settled down

15th February Took gardening this afternoon according to timetable. Our vegetables are remarkably good. Mr. Sturrock highly pleased. The garden has his official mark And now the results of steady work are apparent. Sweet Corn, onions, beans, peas, silver and red beet, turnips, carrots, parsnips,

cucumbers, marrows, and tomatoes are in great quantities. We supply the house with all that is required and are sending some to the Blenheim Red Cross Shop.

16th February Wet day

19th February Breaking up of bad weather

20th February Very severe earthquake in the night. Apparently no damage is done.

25th February We picked over 60 lbs (Pounds) of beans, some buckets of tomatoes, 70 cobs of corn and two marrows each weighing 12 lbs today (*12 lb = 5 kilograms*)

26th February Today we sprayed the smaller bed of tomatoes

1st March We sent Mr. Stewart a hamper of vegetables (?)

4th March Today we picked a large quantity of beans, 14 cucumbers, 100 corn cobs and 1 large turnip

7th March No Launch today owing to heave seas at the bar. No March journals yet

13th March today two teams of Amokura Boys came ashore to play football (*Rugby*)

19th March A wild northerly is raging

26th March We close for Easter on Friday

5th April Opened after Easter today

9th April A Cupboard was received from Ward and Co while I was in Picton for Easter

11th April. We picked a marrow weighing 22 lbs

17th April The Journals reached here a few days ago in a very torn condition

22nd April Began term examination

23rd April Exam report received from Mr. Sturrock

1st May Finished term exams, and posted all reports to the parents

7th May So far the journals are not here, it increases one's difficulties when they are so long in coming.

The inspector's report dealing with his visit on the 13th December 1917 says: - All the boys, 49 in number were present, Thirteen were presented for proficiency, twelve of whom were successful while the other received a competency certificate

The following remarks deal with the whole school

Reading Satisfactory to good. Recitation Satisfactory, Composition Satisfactory to Good, Spelling satisfactory to good, Arithmetic Very Good, Geography Very Well Known, History Good, Drawing satisfactory, Singing satisfactory to good. Drill (*Physical Education*) Very Good. School gardens excellent. The school has made progress and is well conducted

Clean and tidy. Signed D A Sturrock

29th Mat returned today from Wellington

4th June Journals arrived

21st June Last week I was absent from duty on urgent private business. Everything went satisfactorily while I was away

27th June Began preparing for a flower bed doing the work out of school hours

3rd July Yesterday we had a snowstorm which covered the hills almost to the sea. Now a strong southerly is blowing

9th July Beautifully fine and mild

16th July Captain Bollons of the Hinemoa called in yesterday and took a party of boys to dinner on board. (*Captain Bollons was the captain of the ship that serviced all the lighthouses in New Zealand.*)

23rd July The weather has been fine for some days with frosty mornings and clear bright days

6th August No journals, as yet for August have just finished term examinations

14th August Strong Northerly winds have been blowing for some days. We have none of the severe colds prevalent everywhere else *Presumably reference to the influenza Epidemic*)

20th August Mail arrived today, for entry forms for and circular regarding the Junior National Scholarship exams

11th September Resumed duty today Four boys absent Two new ones admitted

16th September One boy and one girl from Robin Hood bay admitted today

23rd September Mr. Lawton, the agriculture expert, (*From The Wellington Education Board agriculture adviser to the Board and based in the Wairarapa*) paid us a visit and declared himself very pleased with our gardening

1st October Very stormy boisterous weather. Robin Hood Bay children absent

10th October No October journals are yet to hand. And Mr. Lawton has kindly forwarded me phials of grass seed to begin a collection

16th October Journals for this month just to hand today

25th October Heavy Southerly weather has affected the bar and the launch is unable to come

31st October Mr. Sturrock telephoned to say that in accordance with his notice to me he would be here to examine the school next week

4th November Platts- Mills one of my scholarship boys has to return home probably for an operation similar to one he recently had. He leaves tomorrow

7th November On spite of very rough weather with heavy winds and rain I am informed that Mt Sturrock is on his way to examine the school as he notified me

Signed David Sturrock Roll 52 Present 49. Annual Visit

## 1919

5th February reopened after Xmas holidays Roll for the week 52 with notice of others coming

20th February Mail launch bought me a list of the Board's vacancies

27th February Fine summer weather. Swimming is going very well.

3rd March The weekend Southerly has given place to fine summer weather again

10th March he journals came by unexpected mail boat on Saturday night

13th March We returned at Midday from Blenheim where a team had gone for the swimming sports. We entered for 5 events, gaining three firsts, one second, and One fourth. We were successful in securing the Sturrock cup for the relay race.

20th March Miss Crump received notice of having passed in sewing, thus completing her D certificate

25th March Rain fell last night for the first time for some weeks, very little fell

3rd April A good soaking rain fell during the night

7th April Am beginning the term examination now as Easter and the other holidays will be here soon

17th April Am leaving this afternoon for Wellington to meet my brother who is returning after serving abroad since the beginning of the war. School will be carried on by Miss Crump alone for two days after Easter.

28th April Everything had been very satisfactorily done during my absence. One boy is absent still owing to his father Dr Meade's death. Another has his knee and a third is waiting to meet his brother

2nd May Have received word from the chairman of Committee that the time proposed for holiday is agreed to

28th May We returned from Wellington today. Miss Crump has been compelled to ask for leave to attend again for treatment to her eyes. She hopes to be back at school on Tuesday

3rd June Miss Crump was not allowed to leave for school yesterday, but intends doing so this week

5th June Several boys have heavy colds but all are improving steadily

6th June David Sturrock (Inspector) signs log Roll 53 Present 52

6th August have overlooked entering up this book for some time. Have had a very strenuous time with school and have been unwell

14th August Mail is here to time for the first time for several weeks

16th August Today Saturday we kept school so we thus be entitled to break up on time for the steamer instead of having to wait as would otherwise be the case

22nd August We leave this afternoon for the term holidays if the weather is fine

14th September Floods detained us in Blenheim on our way to school The river still being in flood we went by train to Picton and then walked over the hill

19th September The last of the absent boys returned yesterday

22nd September Work is progressing well Miss Crump has forwarded her resignation as from November 1st

1st October Quarterly returns compiled and posted yesterday afternoon. The weather is still too uncertain for gardening to any intent

9th October. No October journals yet to hand. This delay is disadvantageous to the school

15th October Before breakfast this morning we planted some marrow and cucumber seeds

22nd October The launch with the mail is not to leave Blenheim until 1.00 pm

30th October Journals came last launch 23rd inst. Word of a shipping strike came to us yesterday

3rd November There has been no launch since October 23rd. I have not heard what arrangements have been made for Miss Crump's successor. In the meantime Miss Crump is continuing at my request

12th November Mr. Sturrock notified me last mail of his early impending visit, and sent me last year's cards in Arithmetic and English

17th November Mr. Sturrock rang for me last Saturday but I was away for the morning, he will visit us next Thursday weather permitting. I omitted entering Miss Crump's absence from school during part of last week with consent of the Committee

27th December Mr. Sturrock's report and the proficiency forms obtained by Standard 6, all eighteen of them gained them reached me today. The report has been scheduled

1st December Miss crump has again had to leave for Wellington with consent of the Committee. Mr. Sturrock's report states

Reading valued from satisfactory to very good

Spelling good to very good. Recitation, satisfactory, Composition Good, Writing Satisfactory to very Good, Arithmetic Good, Geography and history Satisfactory to good

Singing and Drawing satisfactory

Physical exercises regularly taken. School garden good. I was very pleased with the whole work of the school. Standard 6 did very good and even work

Miss Crump returning by today's boat

8th December last Saturday and on a previous Saturday which I have marked as for the 15th December owing to our mail launches only leaves once a week on Friday. We would be delayed 3 or 4 days if we did otherwise

12th December There is one last school day, all we ask for is a break in the weather

## 1920

19th February resumed today

26th February No launch today owing to the rough weather. Mr. Bake well (*Wellington Education Board Inspector*) has intended visiting I understand

3rd March Full attendance today. Two boys away unwell yesterday

11th March We expect the mail today to arrive by land as Hope, the mailman is ill. Miss Ross began work here on Monday March 1, as relieving teacher

17th March St Patrick's day. We gathered a great quantity of marrows today from the school garden

25th March Tomorrow a team of twelve swimmers are leaving for Blenheim with me, after school, to compete in the Schools swimming sports. Owing to the bad weather today, Saturday we have held school, and so will take a holiday on the first fine day. There are several cases of mild Influenza. I am without an assistant still

20th April We have had a very widespread attack of influenza. I myself was ill, but managed with only one day's absence. Most of us are on the mend

26th April All the boys are back in school now except for two  
? ? I intend ringing Mr. Warren (?) to see whether the days of the visit can be changed as packing for holidays is such an upset

4th May Mr. Warren has rung to say he is compelled to keep to his original time, viz. 6th Inst  
Miss Ross has informed the chairman that she has no intention of returning to Oyster Bay after our term holiday

6th May Thos Warren signs log

27th May Reopened school again after term holiday. Miss Ross has not reported for duty

31st May Miss Ross is present read the Prince's message to school children this morning Gathered school wood until luncheon time

3rd June Although as the King's Birthday today is a school holiday, with the chairman's consent and encouragement of the assistant we are holding school; I shall have to be absent soon for two days, on one of which, I shall mark the registers for today But the holiday due today shall be taken later

7th June Five boys absent because of heavy colds. Streat? And the two Pomares have not yet returned from their homes, also for reason of sickness

16th June Several boys have been absent all have returned but one or two

23rd June Notice has come from the Board that the Department has approved the appointment of a male assistant from July 1st

3rd July Today Saturday we met Mr. Will up Port. He commences duty as relieving assistant on Monday July 1st  
Work has proceeded much more smoothly in the lower room since Mr. Will's arrival

22nd July No journals as yet for this month. The delay hampers ones work

26th July Arbor Day, I believe; no notice has come from the Board re closing. so we are shall remain open and shall utilise the extra day for travelling when term holidays begin

4th August Referred to the origin of Great War, as today is the anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities

9th August As Saturday was a particularly wet and rough day we held school, all being present: Provided the chairman of the School Committee thinks it's advisable we intend to "save" this extra day until holidays and go home a day earlier

18th August The mail has only just been sent up to Blenheim owing to rough seas

21st August Today is Saturday and again we have held school intending to take the first fine days one holiday. The weather is exceptionally bad, with snow falling and strong southerly winds blowing

2nd September We close today for term holidays, as one day is due for a Saturday we worked. For tomorrow he registers are marked as for that Saturday

23rd September We returned today, having to walk over the hill as we had to do going home, the Bar being so bad

Two new boys are here, the rest being held up in Blenheim. I have been notified by the Secretary of the Education Board that I shall be relieved from duty her from November 1st

5th October All boys except Allen and Nicholson have returned. These two are unwell at present



14th October Full attendance this week. Allen has returned and Nicholson removed from the register

26th October Yesterday being Labour Day we had a full holiday

28th October We expect Mr. Warren today I shall end my period of time here tomorrow. E Fitz Eager MA

1st November Anniversary Day. Mr. Eager left on Friday I also went to Blenheim for the weekend

2nd November Mr. Skelley rang up to say he had reached Blenheim but was unable to get down here

4th November Mr. Skelley arrived by launch and took charge. I returned to my room

A R Wills

4th November Mr. Skelley took charge of the school

24th November School sports were held

29th November Annual examination began

2nd December Annual examination completed

17th December School broke up for Christmas vacation

## 1921

3rd February School reopened on 3-2-21 with Forty-four pupils Mr. A R Wills did not return as he had been appointed to Ngamoti School Fiji

I Williams who was appointed in Mr. Wills place arrived on the 2nd and commenced duty on the 3rd

10th February Two new boys Nightingale and Halliday arrived and commenced school forthwith.

Parents of some of the boys arrived

17th February Pomare and Rutherford who had not returned since the Xmas vacation arrived and commenced school work

4th March Five boys and Mr. Skelley left for Blenheim to compete in the swimming sports. We rowed to White's bay after school

6th March Mr. Skelley and the swimming boys returned. The boys won the Sturrock cup for the relay racing. PLatts came first in Boys under twelve and second in breaststroke under fourteen Cooper came second in championship. Relay team was composed Comerford. PLatts, Moore, Cooper

7th March W P Fisher a new boy arrived on Sunday with the swimming team and commenced school on Monday, today. Parents of some of the boys arrived

12th March Mr. Skelley, Williams and seven boys rowed up the port to select site for Easter Camp

18th March Sowed Cabbages and lettuce for winter use

24th March Sowed cabbages and Lettuce for Winter use (As written)

25th March School closed for Easter holidays Mr. Skelley and Mr. Williams and 17 boys left Thursday afternoon for the head of the Port on Guard's Launch. AS bay was selected and three tents were pitched for the party to camp during the holidays. The camp despite rain was both successful and enjoyable. The Guards called for the campers on Tuesday 29th instant

1st April Sowed turnips as an experiment. It is intended to use the tops of these turnips as an early spring vegetable as the tops just before going to seed are supposed to be very nutritious

2nd May Commenced terminal examinations

6th May Mr Lawton Agricultural Instructor visited the school and lectured on insects. Mr. Lawton left on Saturday

9th May Completed technical examination

25th May It was omitted to state that the school was closed on Anzac Day 25th. All the school was assembled at 9.30 when a short address on the landing of Gallipoli was given by the Head teacher.

Then the whole school was brought to attention and remained so for three minutes as a mark of respect for those that fell that day. In the evening the Head Teacher gave a lecture on the war  
12th May The school broke up for the first term vacation. Both Guard's launch and Hope's were employed conveying the boys to Blenheim

1st June The school reopened after the term vacation

3rd June Empire Day The school was closed for ordinary school work but the boys were assembled and addressed on Patriotism and loyalty were given by the Head Teacher. In the evening the H T gave another of his series of lectures

23rd June Mr. Mountguard Physical Training instructor visited the school. After watching the teachers drill their classes he took both Junior and Senior divisions in exercises and organised games- the latter were greatly enjoyed by the boys

21st July Mr. Warren, School Inspector visited the school supervised the teaching and examined registers

11th August Mr. Foston visited the school and gave a lecture on "Fartherest North" The lecture was illustrated by lantern views. The boys obtained some useful information concerning the Northern Most parts of New Zealand

26th August The school broke up for the third term vacation

14th September The school reassembled after the third term vacation

20th October Mr. Mountford Physical Training Instructor visited the school. As it was wet an inside, programme was taken, owing to the bad weather, the launch could not cross the bar and Mountford was unable to leave until Sunday 23rd

9th November The school held its annual fireworks display

1st December Annual examinations were commenced

8th December School sports were held

9th December Annual Concert and Prize giving

15th December Inspector Warren arrived and held annual examinations

16th December Mr. Warren left for Blenheim

20th December School broke up for Christmas Vacation

## 1922

7th February School reopened with Thirty Six Pupils

11th May School broke up for term vacation

31st May School reassembled with thirty-nine pupils

11th June The Rev Laurensen visited the school and held service

16th June Archdeacon Spark visited the school and held service in the school in the evening

24th August The school broke up for the 2nd term vacation

13th September The school reassembled for the 3rd Term with 41 pupils

Pomare and Stevenson removed from the register. Three new boys Auld, Peterson and Taylor have been entered in the register as pupils of the school

22nd September Mr. Skelley did not return this term. He resigned his position as head master of this school as from the 14th inst.

Mr. Parkinson B A has been appointed headmaster of Ocean Bay but he does not take up his duties until the 21st September

During the interval between Mr. Skelley's resignation and Mr. Parkinson's appointment, I have been acting master P Williams

23rd September I arrived Via Picton today and am to take up school duties next week

25th September Dominion Day

26th 27th September Heavy Southerly Rain  
29th September Wrote to Board for seeds for this year's planting operations and for lawn mower  
9th October During the heavy rain of Saturday, last we held school, and in consequence today off as Saturday  
23rd October Labour Day  
27th October Mr Parkinson left for Wellington today to sit for his M A examination  
31st October Plant pumpkin seeds  
4th November Anniversary of Marlborough School Holiday Signed I Williams  
11th November Returned to school today after sitting for examination. Mr. Williams was keeping going in my absence. Very wet so school was held through Saturday  
13th November We held our annual fireworks display  
14th November G Auld left today. Mr. Crump took him as far as Blenheim where Mr. Auld met him  
19th November Mr. Webb and Mr. Barnes physical drill inspectors visited the school today. The boys were in swimming and afterwards Mr. Webb took all classes in organised games  
20th November Began annual examination  
21st November Mr. Williams in bed today with bad throat  
22nd November Mr. Williams was away yesterday, but resumed today  
24th November Mr. Warren visited school and held annual and Standard 6 proficiency examinations at night  
5th December Annual sports were held  
7th December. Election Day School Holiday  
8th December Annual Launch picnic held  
11th December Annual concert and prize giving  
15th December School broke up for Christmas vacation. Today was counted as inspector's holiday

## 1923

1st February School reopened today with 40 boys on the roll, 39 being present. This includes 9 new boys  
4th February Yachts competing in ocean yacht race from Wellington were in the bay  
9th February Mr. Crump left on a visit to Wellington  
10th February Two old boys Scott and Russell revisited the school  
19th February Mr. Williams received notice of appointment as assistant in Government School, Apia, Samoa  
22nd February I returned last night, having been absent in Wellington for two days on private business  
22nd February Mr. Crump returned today. I received notice of having passed my M A exam  
23rd February Mr. Williams left today. He has resigned as from the end of the month but has to leave by this week's launch in order to catch the Island boat at Auckland on March 2nd. The school and household presented him last night with a small suitcase  
24th February A wet Saturday so we held school and shall take the first fine day off. All are present for the first time for a fortnight the school having suffered from an epidemic of colds and mild influenza  
27th February Received word from Mr. Crump today that Miss Bisset has been appointed temporary assistant in this school and that she is to leave Wellington by tomorrow's steamer. The Tutanekai arrived in the bay and at Captain Bollon's request, most of the boy's went out to visit the boat.  
*Serviced the lighthouses of NZ*  
5th March Miss Bisset arrived on Friday last and took up her duties today

30th March Miss Bisset received notice to return to Te Horo. She left here today. I am going over to Wellington also. Some of the boys are holding their Easter Camp on the flat by Mr. Crump's Bush  
4th April I returned from Wellington. There is no assistant here at present. Two boys have not yet returned from their Easter trip to Blenheim

12th April Mr. Crump received word from the Board that the position of assistant is to be readvertised and that in the meantime the Board is unable to send anyone relieving as assistant. This will mean my being without an assistant for the rest of the term. All boys now present

16th April Hastings injured his arm on Saturday and was sent to Blenheim yesterday. His arm was found to have the small bone broken.

18th April Hastings arrived back at school

21st April A wet day, so took school in order to make up an extra day for travelling in term holidays

25th April Anzac day

27th April Inspector's report for visit on 24th November 1922 arrived. The following is a copy of section II. " the scheme of work and time table are approved, the registration is correct and the attendance is excellent The e boys are under good control and there is a good spirit of work in evidence. Progress in the lower division is good and an excellent foundation is being laid for the work of the Upper Classes. The teacher is commended for the standard of work reached. The work of the upper division was interfered with during the year by a change of teachers. Progress on the whole is very satisfactory

The boys of this school are well looked after, physically, mentally and morally. The development of character is a special feature of the school. The buildings and grounds are in good order (Signed T F Warren

30th April Term examinations in progress

1st May A heavy storm has been raging. Heavy floods in Blenheim and other districts. The biggest seas in the bay that Mr. Crump remembers

8th May Large quantities of material from Blenheim and Awatere washed ashore

9th May We leave tomorrow for Wellington, we have worked one Saturday to make up for Friday

11th. We have one day, Tuesday 29th to make up on the first wet Saturday. I was told in Wellington that Mr. Barrett Smith was to report as Temporary assistant but we have heard nothing of him so far. Two boys have left and Two new boys arrived

31st May Arrived today we travelled from Wellington yesterday

3rd June Launch arrived this morning. Mr. Crump received word that Mr. Smith has accepted another appointment, so will not be coming here. Thus I am still left without an assistant

4th June Holiday King's Birthday

14th June Received from Board 1 sheet of hyloplate (*Blackboard*) 6 foot by 8 foot (cut in two)

20th June Back at school today. Have had to direct the boys from bed, as I was suffering from a sharp attack of influenza, and am still far from well. Many boys have bad colds

22nd June The chairman of Committee tells me that Mr. Sawtell has been appointed temporary assistant

12th July The mail launch arrived, after an interval of two weeks. Mr. Sawtell is to come by first opportunity after hte4 end of this month

21st July A wet Saturday. Made up one of the extra days required for holidays

2nd August The chairman of Ce informs me that the Board have agreed to our holidays being from August 31st September 18th inclusive, the two extra days to be made up

Mr. Sawtell arrived and took up his duties up to this I have been four months without an assistant

4th August I was absent yesterday, having had to go to Wellington for the weekend on business. One new boy Johnson came back with me

20th August Began second term examination

24th August Mr. Sawtell is in bed today  
 29th August we leave tomorrow for Wellington Have worked an extra day to make up for Friday 31st  
 20th September Arrived at school today. Blenheim boys are held up as launch is unable to cross the bar  
 21st September Blenheim boys arrived today  
 24th September Closed being Dominion Day  
 11th October Tomorrow is my last day at Ocean bay as I am leaving to take up a position in the Auckland District A W Parkinson M A  
 15th October I have taken temporary charge of the school until the new headmaster arrives ( *Mr. T F Warren M A visited and inspected the school today W Sawtell*  
 18th October Mr. Crump informs me Mr. Fanning has been appointed headmaster of the school. Mr. Fanning will take up his duties as soon as possible  
 19th October Things have progressed satisfactorily this week  
 22nd October Holiday today it being Labour Day  
 25th October Mr. Crump informs me that Mr. Timms of Wellington is being sent to take charge of the school until Mr. Fanning arrives  
 2nd November Mr. Timms arrived today by the launch and took charge  
 2nd November ? Timms took up duties as relieving head teacher  
 9th November Notification received that I am to go to Korokoro as from 1st December. Mr. Crump is writing to the Board asking them to allow me to stay until the end of the term  
 16th November Education Board has written to say that no alteration of the arrangement entered into with Mr. Fanning can take place.  
 17th November Wet Saturday. School held today  
 19th November holiday today in lieu of last Saturday  
 26th November School sports held. Despite the coldness of the weather everything went off satisfactorily  
 28th November Francis Hastings went to Blenheim to sit for Junior National Scholarship  
 29th November Mr. Warren arrived to conduct examination. I give up charge today. W Timms  
 30th November I arrived at Ocean Bay yesterday, and took up my duties as Head teacher today. Mr. W Timms Relieving Teacher having left this morning for Blenheim en route to Wellington. The roll number is 42, all being present. J Fanning  
 Yesterday Mr. T F Warren M A, Inspector of schools, conducted the annual examination  
 31st November We observed the Inspector's Holiday today  
 ? December The annual concert and presentation of prizes and sport's trophies took place today  
 13th December The annual picnic was held today in Port Underwood  
 15th December Mr. Lawton Supervisor of Elementary Agriculture, visited the school today and discussed with him the agriculture scheme for the year  
 20th December School closed today for the Christmas Holidays. The parents of about twenty boys have expressed their intention of withdrawing their sons from the school after the holidays

## 1924

15th February Mr. Lawton supervisor of Elementary Agriculture, visited the school today and discussed with us the agriculture scheme for this year  
 31st March The average attendance for the quarter ended march was 36.1  
 23rd April During the Easter Holidays the senior boys caped in their huts and were under the supervision of the Head Teacher who slept in a tent near by

In order to travel by the only available launch which leaves Blenheim for Ocean Bay on Thursdays we did not return from our May Holidays in Wellington until 28th May. We arrived at school on Thursday 29th May. In order to make up these days which we missed we held school on Saturday 3rd May and we intend to hold school on Tuesday 3rd June, The King's Birthday and on Saturday 7th June

Since the beginning of the year we have been having one hours preparation work every evening from Monday to Thursday inclusive, from 7 p.m. to 8p.m.

I was absent for the week ending 6th June in order to attend my Brother's Funeral

9th June We held school last Saturday 3rd June and on Saturday 10th June. Since the beginning of the year we have been having one hours preparation nearly every evening from Monday to Thursday inclusive form 7 p m to 8 pm

I was absent from school for the week ending 11th June in order to attend my brothers funeral and transact urgent business connected with his estate. I had the Committee's permission

25th July One boy left the school for Nelson College, last week, and a new boy came to the school today

1st August So far we have been unable to obtain supply of knives and scissors and liquid glue for handwork (Cardboard work)

15th September Three boys left at the end of the term and the Roll Number is now 35

2nd October The average attendance for the quarter ended September 30th was 37

7th October Mr. G Richardson has been granted one month's leave of absence by the Education Board in order that he may sit for the University terms and degree examination. He leaves for Wellington 11th October

10th October Today Colonel Butcher and Colonel Chaytor visited the school and presented a Union Jack on behalf of the Navy League to which most of the boys belong

28th October Today Inspector Bird, Senior Inspector Wellington- Marlborough District visited the school and made the annual inspection. He also took the Standard 6 proficiency certificate examination

12th December As Rev, J A Crump cannot see his way to continue the boarding establishment after this year it has been decided to close this school as from the end of this term. The Education Board has been duly notified

J Fanning Head Teacher

A Copy of part of the admission register showing where some of the boys came from 1913

| Home                | Previous School | Went to              |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Ocean Bay           |                 | Auckland             |
| Riversdale Blenheim | Borough School  | Blenheim             |
| Stoke Nelson        | Nil             | Stoke                |
| Blenheim            | Borough School  | Borough Blenheim     |
| Havelock            | Havelock        | Nelson College       |
| Havelock            | Havelock        | Post Office Havelock |
| Tua Marina          | Tua Marina      | Work                 |
| Tua Marina          | Tua Marina      | Father's Farm        |

|                       |                           |                          |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ohana Bay French Pass | Taught at home            | Home Teaching            |
| Wellington            | Clyde Quay                | Scots College Wellington |
| Blenheim              | Borough                   | Riverview College Sydney |
| Springlands           | Springlands               | Loan Mercantile Blenheim |
| Nelson                | Boys Central Nelson       | Boys College Nelson      |
| Nelson                | Boys Central Nelson       | Home Teaching            |
| Wellington            | Terrace School            | Nelson College           |
| Wharanui              | Terrace School            | Nelson College           |
| Blenheim              | Borough                   | Dillon's Point Blenheim  |
| Sydney                | Te Aro                    | Business in Gisborne     |
| Brunner               | Cobden                    | England                  |
| Stoke                 | Cabrough House            | Nelson College           |
| South Invercargill    | South School Invercargill | Invercargill             |
| Akaroa                | Akaroa Borough            | Christchurch             |

Then last 20 children enrolled in 1923

| Home                   | Previous School             | Went to        |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Brightwater Nelson     | Hope                        | Nelson         |
| Auckland harbour Board | Tenamu Westland             | Auckland       |
| Pukekohe               | Pukekohe                    | Auckland       |
| Days Bay Wellington    | Eastbourne                  | Unknown        |
| Hatitai                | Vaipouli Samoa              | Wellington     |
| Island Bay             | Island Bay                  | Wellington     |
| Wellington             | Palmerston North            | Wellington     |
| Blenheim               | Ocean Bay                   | Nelson College |
| Pinohia Pelorus        | Pinohia (Private)           | Pinohia        |
| Blenheim               | Linton                      | Unknown        |
| Days Bay Wellington    | Muritai                     | Wellington     |
| Wainuiomata            | Wainuiomata                 | Wellington     |
| Manakau (Horowhenua)   | Manakau                     | Wellington     |
| Kilbirnie              | Lvall Bay                   | Wellington     |
| Spring Creek           | Spring Creek                | Spring Creek   |
| Balclutha              | Gisborne Main               | Wellington     |
| Balclutha              | Gisborne Main               | Wellington     |
| Kelburn                | Wesley College (Wellesley?) | Wellington     |
| Wellington             | Clyde Quay                  | Wellington     |
| Springlands            | Springlands                 | Blenheim       |
| Wellington             | Ocean Bay                   | Wellington     |

## Ophi Bay

Ophi Bay (1912-1915) At the Northern Head of Port Underwood

1912   4   Ophi Bay   Cameron   Hilda   Female   £   36.00

|      |   |           |        |         |        |   |       |
|------|---|-----------|--------|---------|--------|---|-------|
| 1913 | 5 | Opihi Bay | Rolfes | Phyllis | Female | £ | 24.00 |
| 1914 | 5 | Opihi Bay | Rolfes | Phyllis | Female | £ | 30.00 |
| 1915 | 5 | Opihi Bay | Watson | Henry   | Male   | £ | 24.00 |

#### Pelorus Guardian

14<sup>th</sup> March 1913 Miss Sarah Hutchinson appointed

22<sup>nd</sup> June 1915 Mr. Herbert Watson appointed

18<sup>th</sup> February 1916 Miss Marjory Germyn appointed

12<sup>th</sup> May 1916 Mr. H Watson appointed

### Oyster Bay (1888- 1896)

Port Underwood next to Hakahaka Bay not to be confused with Oyster Bay in Tory Channel home of the Heberley's

|      |   |            |       |         |        |   |       |
|------|---|------------|-------|---------|--------|---|-------|
| 1888 | 5 | Oyster Bay | Budge | Richard | Master | £ | 17.10 |
| 1889 | 3 | Oyster Bay | Budge | Richard | Master | £ | 14.00 |
| 1890 | 3 | Oyster Bay | Budge | Richard | Master | £ | 20.10 |
| 1891 | 4 | Oyster Bay | Budge | Richard | Master | £ | 24.00 |
| 1892 | 4 | Oyster Bay | Budge | Richard | Master | £ | 24.00 |
| 1893 | 5 | Oyster Bay | Budge | Richard | Master | £ | 35.00 |
| 1894 | 5 | Oyster Bay | Budge | Richard | Master | £ | 25.00 |
| 1895 | 5 | Oyster Bay | Budge | Richard | Master | £ | 25.00 |
| 1896 | 5 | Oyster Bay | Budge | Richard | Master | £ | 25.00 |

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1890 Oyster Bay (aided).— Mr. Richard Budge. On roll, 10; present, 6. The task undertaken by the teacher of three families of children; under his charge, is probably unique. The scholars are scattered among several bays, to be reached only by boat and to be taught in alternate groups. The work done under these exceptional circumstances was far better than I had expected it would be. Inspector Hodgson's report

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1890 Expensive Inspection. — It cost £10 to convey the Inspector of Schools to Port Underwood. On this trip he examined two schools, viz.: Port Underwood and Oyster Bay, whose presented children numbered respectively 14 and 6.

6<sup>th</sup> May 1890 From Mr. B. Budge, Oyster Bay drawing attention to his small salary. £10 per annum

8<sup>th</sup> February 1893 and two schools — Port Underwood and Oyster Bay — closed for the holidays a day or two before the date fixed, and notified several month 3 beforehand, for the examination.

I received notice of this step from the teacher of the Port Underwood School, just in time to prevent a fruitless journey, and the reason assigned for it was that the examination would interfere with the children's holidays.

If the Committee or the teachers had given timely notice of their objection to the date appointed, other arrangements could and would have been made, and I consider that the Board and its Inspector have reason to complain of such wanton discourtesy. I am not prepared to say who is responsible for this neglect, the Chairman of the Committee, or the teacher of the Port Underwood School. Each lays the blame upon the other.

15<sup>th</sup> June 1897 OYSTER BAY. Mr. R. Bridge (*Sic*) wrote resigning his position as teacher at Oyster Bay.

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| 1900/7112 | Budge | Richard | 77Y |
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## Port Underwood (1882, 1885- 1905)

### Port Underwood

|      |    |                |          |           |    |        |   |       |
|------|----|----------------|----------|-----------|----|--------|---|-------|
| 1882 | 14 | Port Underwood | Spencer  | J H       |    | Master | £ | 42.00 |
| 1883 | 3  | Stavely's      | Stavely  | Robert S  |    | Master | £ | 10.10 |
| 1885 | 13 | Port Underwood | Stavely  | Robert G  |    | Master | £ | 42.00 |
| 1886 | 15 | Port Underwood | Stavely  | Robert G  |    | Master | £ | 42.00 |
| 1887 | 10 | Port Underwood | Moore    | Charles P |    | Master | £ | 48.00 |
| 1888 | 14 | Port Underwood | Moore    | Charles P |    | Master | £ | 44.00 |
| 1889 | 18 | Port Underwood | Ruff     | Charles   |    | Master | £ | 70.00 |
| 1890 | 21 | Port Underwood | Ruff     | Charles   |    | Master | £ | 84.00 |
| 1891 | 25 | Port Underwood | Ruff     | Charles   |    | Master | £ | 87.10 |
| 1892 | 20 | Port Underwood | Ruff     | Charles   |    | Master | £ | 70.00 |
| 1893 | 14 | Port Underwood | Ruff     | Charles   |    | Master | £ | 57.00 |
| 1894 | 13 | Port Underwood | Rough    | Patrick   |    | Master | £ | 54.00 |
| 1895 | 13 | Port Underwood | Ruff     | Charles   |    | Master | £ | 54.00 |
| 1896 | 11 | Port Underwood | Ruff     | Charles   |    | Master | £ | 48.00 |
| 1897 | 8  | Port Underwood | Brewer   | Lottie M  | E3 | Female | £ | 37.00 |
| 1898 | 7  | Port Underwood | Tee      | Mary E    |    | Female | £ | 33.00 |
| 1899 | 6  | Port Underwood | Tee      | Mary E    |    | Female | £ | 29.00 |
| 1900 | 7  | Port Underwood | Morrison | Frances   |    | Female | £ | 37.00 |
| 1901 | 4  | Port Underwood | Murphy   | Agnes     |    | Female | £ | 20.00 |
| 1902 | 4  | Port Underwood | King     | Mary      |    | Female | £ | 20.00 |
| 1903 | 3  | Port Underwood | Flood    | Lillian   |    | Female | £ | 20.00 |
| 1904 | 3  | Port Underwood | Flood    | Lilian    |    | Female | £ | 15.00 |
| 1905 | 3  | Port Underwood | Flood    | Lilian    |    | Female | £ | 18.00 |

7<sup>th</sup> February 1882 A petition was received from Port Underwood settlers, asking the Board to give them an assisted school. They had already provided a building. It was resolved that Port Underwood and Queen Charlotte Sound be proclaimed a school district, excluding Picton, Shakespeare Bay and Waikawa.

29<sup>th</sup> March 1882 Port Underwood. All that portion of the Sounds County lying within the watershed of Port Underwood and Wilson's Bay. JOHN T. ROBINSON, Secretary

30<sup>th</sup> March 1882 Port Underwood School District. —At Mr George Baldick's residence, Port Underwood, on the 15th April, 1882. at noon Meeting to elect a School Committee

9<sup>th</sup> June 1882 Road to Port Underwood. On Tuesday next Mr Conolly has given notice to ask Government if they will, place the sum of £250, or any sum on the estimates to provide for the repair or construction of a bridle track from Waikawa Bay to Port Underwood

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1882 Mr Flood, Chairman of the Port Underwood School Committed, wrote notifying the resignation of Mr Spencer, the teacher of that school

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1884. Messrs Dakin and Day, settlers from Port Underwood, attended as a deputation to ask for a school. The present school was on private ground, and would not work. They asked for timber for the erection of a building on Government ground (though there are no reserves for educational purposes), and for the Board to convert the teacher's

present pay into a proper salary. A site on Crown land could easily be obtained. The district was so scattered that the deputation could not say what the probable attendance would be, and they would prefer that the district should be governed from Picton or Blenheim, instead of having a School Committee of its own. The former school (Mr Spencer's) had been on private ground, and the owner found that the children frightened his sheep, so it had been broken up for about 16 months. Taking the whole Port Underwood district the attendance would exceed 20, and some of the children would have to come by water. The deputation wanted a school to be worked in a similar way to that in Tory Channel. The Chairman was inclined to think that the Port Underwood school, if established, would have to be an aided, and not a salaried school under the Board. Mr Sinclair pointed out that if an attendance of 15 children could be secured the Board would grant about £60, -which would probably pay for a teacher. The Chairman asked if a meeting of settlers could be got together to select a freeholder. The deputation doubt that if Crown Land was selected, the Board could get it reserved through the Land Board, and either directly, or after a little while, there would be no difficulty in granting the timber. The deputation said that the settlers would in that case put up the school, and would bring it to the spot in their own vessel. They would also procure for the Board particulars of the children of school age. The Chairman said that if the school were erected and the site reserved, and the Board granted capitation in aid of the tuition and expenses the Port Underwood must manage the remainder for themselves. There was great difficulty in the way of the school being managed from Picton or elsewhere, though, as the port was already a school district, it might be merged into Tua Manna or Picton. The deputation would prefer Picton as they would soon be connected with it by a mail service

The Chairman promised, as a member of the Picton Committee, to see if that body would take over the Port Underwood School. The deputation thanked the Board, and withdrew, promising to call a meeting of settlers, and procure further information

7<sup>th</sup> October 1884 Mr Dakin attended to point out the section at Port Underwood selected by the residents as a site for a school, to be put under the jurisdiction of the Picton School Committee. The Chairman said he believed the Picton Committee would underwrite it. Mr Henderson said it would be necessary to dissolve the Port Underwood School district, and merge it into Picton. Mr Dakin explained that the site was Crown land, leased, and the lessee was willing to give an acre of it. It was part of the Separation Run, Opihi Bay. Resolved that application be made to the Lands Board to reserve the site for school purposes. The Board then adjourned.

4<sup>th</sup> April 1885 The S.S. Manaia is to make an excursion trip to Port Underwood on Monday at the low return fare of 5 shillings. She will leave at 8 o'clock in the morning, and, all being well, will be back in Blenheim by 7 o'clock in the evening. Should the day prove fine and bright the run to Port Underwood and back ought to be very enjoyable. A large party of excursionists are going over there from Wellington

7<sup>th</sup> April 1887 Port Underwood Regatta.— The residents at Port Underwood intend holding a regatta at that snug harbour on Easter Monday. There are several very good bays at the Port, and as considerable interest is being taken in the matter, some capital sport is anticipated. The steamer Neptune will make an excursion to Port Underwood, carrying passengers to the regatta and back at the low fare of five shillings. She will leave Blenheim at 7 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> July 1887 Mr Stavely was not a classified teacher. List of teachers published

8<sup>th</sup> February 1888 PORT UNDERWOOD SCHOOL. Mr Stavely, late teacher of the Port Underwood School, waited upon the Board, He stated that he had resigned for private reasons, and said that outsiders had no confidence in the present school, and he asked for capitation for his own boarders and his children, as there was no Committee at present, and the householders would not accept the position. The present school only answered two

families. He had, boarded several children from Koromiko, who were sent for the sake of the sea air, The district was a very scattered one, and he only asked for capitation. The buildings he would put up at his own expense. After some discussion, it was resolved to grant Mr Stavely the usual capitation allowed to aided schools

10<sup>th</sup> April 1888 PORT UNDERWOOD SCHOOL, The members of the Port Underwood School Committee forwarded several sheets of minutes and resolutions of the Committee, objecting to the granting of capitation to Mr Stavely, as being unjust to the teacher, Mr Moore, who was the recipient of a vote of confidence at a public meeting. Mr Stavely also forwarded two long letters, stating that he would not send his children to a school in which the parents of the children were held up to ridicule. He offered to build a school at Ngakota Bay free of cost, and stating that he had stopped trespassing on his paddocks, through which he had allowed access, owing to the impassability of the roads. Mr Conolly thought it was time they paid more attention to the working of these aided schools. The Chairman said all the parties had waited upon him, but he knew nothing further than was given in the correspondence. Mr Ward understood there was no Committee in existence. The Chairman replied that only Mr Flood had resigned. Mr Stavely's school now consisted only of his own family Mr Hawker's children were not going there. Mr Hutcheson thought it would be an endless job so go into the dispute. Mr Parker suggested that the matter should stand over till the election of the new School Committee, and moved to that effect. The motion was carried unanimously

5<sup>th</sup> June 1888 From Mr Budge, Port Underwood, sending a list of books required at his school.

4<sup>th</sup> September 1888 Suicide. Information was received yesterday to the effect that Mrs Stavely Of Port Underwood District, had committed suicide, by taking "Rough on Rats," and afterwards cutting her throat We learn that Mr Stavely wrote to the Resident Magistrate immediately after the sad occurrence, stating that his wife had been off her head for a .short period, and had made most determined attempts at suicide, resorting to poison, the knife, and drowning. By which means she actually accomplished the deed, will of course transpire at the inquest, which Mr Allen has arranged will be held by Mr A. G, Fell, J.P., of Picton.

Mr Day of Port Underwood was her brother . A son, C G Stavely gave evidence

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|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1873/39482       | Staveley  | Charles George              | Elizabeth        | Robert George |
| 1875/11528       | Stavely   | Frank Spencer               | Elizabeth        | Robert George |
| 1878/14754       | Stavely   | Henry Owen                  | Elizabeth        | Robert George |
| 1881/7575        | Stavely   | Alice<br>Elizabeth          | Elizabeth        | Robert George |
| <u>1892/2530</u> | Stavely   | Gwendoline<br>Ida Priscilla | Emily<br>Maude   | NR            |
| 1895/6443        | Stavely   | Evelyn Maude                | Emily<br>Maude   | Robert George |
| 1899/2409        | Staveley  | Robert George               |                  | 57Y           |
| 1872/8126        | Elizabeth | Day                         | Robert<br>George | Staveley      |

6<sup>th</sup> November 1888 Mr Conolly protested strongly as a rule against the appointment of unknown persons without credentials. He did not oppose the present request, but he would like the principle kept in view. He would like at the same time to ask who was at Port

.Underwood. The Secretary said Mr Moore had left and Mr Staveley the newly appointee master had not taken up the duties.

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1889 The time of meeting was 7.30 p.m. except in the cases of Wairau Valley, Kekerangu, Canvastown, Port Underwood, Pelorus Sound, Queen Charlotte Sound, at which 2.30 p.m. was the time. Meetings to elect School Committee

7<sup>th</sup> May 1889 From Port Underwood asking for repairs to the ceiling, and two new desks and outdoor offices. The work could be done for £3 if the Board supplied the timber. Ordered to be done. *Offices is the word for toilets, where you go to do your business*

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1890 Port Underwood. Mr Ruff. On roll, 20. present 14. The present teacher, who found his school in a very backward and disorganised state, had brought it to such a pass by well-directed energy, that his scholars were able to give a very satisfactory account of themselves on examination day. The school buildings, including teacher's cottage (or rather hovel), are simply a standing disgrace to the district.

6<sup>th</sup> May 1890 PORT UNDERWOOD. The Committee of this (aided) school wrote asking that the teacher's residence, termed by the Inspector a hovel, might be repaired. The teacher (Mr Ruff) had made an outlay out of his own pocket which the Committee hoped would be refunded. Resolved that £10 be voted for repairs to the teacher's residence.

10<sup>th</sup> January 1893 PORT UNDERWOOD. A letter was received to the effect that the children had gone for their holidays, and the 28th December was not a suitable date for their examination. The Chairman suggested that as the Committee knew as far back as August last that the date was fixed for December 28th they should be asked why they did not advise the Inspector earlier. He moved accordingly. Seconded by Mr Hutcheson and carried

1<sup>st</sup> August 1893 From the Port Underwood Committee, asking for some repairs to the teacher's house. Consideration deferred to a fuller meeting.

7<sup>th</sup> November 1893 PORT UNDERWOOD. The Committee wrote applying for the cost of rehabilitating the school building which had been all but demolished by gales Resolved that the Committee be written to asking for an amended estimate of this work, as a chimney and windows would be needed

5<sup>th</sup> December 1893 The Chairman of the Port Underwood Committee wrote re proposed new school building. It was resolved to expend the sum of £26 m erecting a new building

14<sup>th</sup> April 1897 UNDERWOOD. A clock was granted to this school.

12<sup>th</sup> May 1897 A blackboard was granted the Port Underwood school.

15<sup>th</sup> June 1897 FORT UNDERWOOD. It was resolved to ask the chairman of the late committee (Mr Flood) to act as commissioner to manage the Port Underwood school, the householders having failed to elect a new committee.

11<sup>th</sup> January 1898 Marina school and resigning his position as third master of Borough Schools. PORT UNDERWOOD. Mr Flood wrote asking that the school be removed over the hill to a site in the bay where he resides. It was resolved to write and ask Mr Flood the probable cost of removal, and if anyone at Port Underwood would undertake the work in the event of the Board deciding to carry it out. The Inspector was instructed to write to the other settlers and ascertain their views on the proposal

16<sup>th</sup> February 1898 The aided schools have done as a whole remarkably well, particularly Brightlands, Grove, Kekerangu, Port Underwood, Taradale et al

PORT UNDERWOOD. Correspondence was received from residents of Port Underwood as to Mr Flood's proposal to shift the school bidding over the hill into another bay. It was resolved to reply the Board does not see its way to remove the building at present.

13<sup>th</sup> April 1898 PORT UNDERWOOD. Mr Joseph Flood applied for capitulation for an aided school at his residence. Resolved that the Board cannot subsidise another aided school so near one already established.

11<sup>th</sup> May 1898 Mr Flood repeated his request to have the present school at Port Underwood removed to Wangakoke Bay.— Resolved that the matter stand over until the possibility of securing a site has been ascertained, but that in the meantime the Board sanction the temporary establishment of a household school at Mr Flood's residence. An application for the teachership of the Port Underwood school was referred to the Commission

13<sup>th</sup> September 1898 Miss Tee appointed

11<sup>th</sup> March 1899 PORT UNDERWOOD. Mr Aldridge and Mrs Dakin wrote asking that the aided school be removed from Mr Flood's place to Whangapeka Bay (Clouston's), as being a more central site. Mr J. H. Flood, correspondent, wrote, recommending that the request be granted. It was decided to reply that the Board has no objection to the removal of the aided school, provided that the Board is not put to undue expense.

116<sup>th</sup> August 1899 PORT UNDERWOOD. Mr J. Aldridge wrote objecting to the request to pay Is a week for the education of his children at the Bay school, and asking for the usual assistance to establish an aided school at his own house. Resolved to draw the attention of interested parties to the regulation, under which no charge can be made except for the maintenance of the teacher

21<sup>st</sup> August 1900 Miss F Morrison appointed

15<sup>th</sup> April 1902 Miss King appointed

19<sup>th</sup> August 1902 It was resolved that offers be invited for the old school site at Port Underwood.

14<sup>th</sup> October 1902 Mr Andrews, teacher, of the Kakapau Bay School, reported that the desks from the Port Underwood School would be removed to Kakapau Bay by Mr Guard, and that Mr D. Baldick had offered £5 for the school buildings on Mr Deakin's leasehold The Secretary was instructed to search the records to ascertain the Board's position with regard to the buildings and report

12<sup>th</sup> January 1903 The appointment of Miss Lilian Flood as teacher at Port Underwood School, vice Miss King resigned, was temporarily approved.

8<sup>th</sup> June 1903 The appointment of Miss Neilson as teacher at Port Underwood was confirmed

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## Robin Hood Bay (1886-1915)

In Port Underwood closer to Blenheim on West Side

Te Ara Encyclopaedia: Probably named after a sailing ship, Robin Hood Bay faces onto Cloudy Bay, with the Robertson Range at its back. At some point, the bay had an extensive Māori population, as indicated by the remains of stone and earth walls on the flats, where kūmara (sweet potato) was cultivated. Sheep farms were subsequently established and there is now also plantation forestry on the hillsides above the bay. A small cottage in the bay was probably built by a whaler around 1848. Between 1886 and 1918 it was one of a number of buildings which formed part of a small boys' boarding school; it later had a number of other uses.

### 1886

1886 5 Robin Hood Smith Matheson J Master £ 15.00

4<sup>th</sup> May 1886 ROBIN HOOD BAY. Letter from Mr Stace stating that he had engaged a competent teacher Mr Smith formerly of Kekerangu, and asking to be supplied with maps and blackboards and that the school be made an aided one. There were five children at

present, but when a track was made to White's Bay there would be nine. Resolved on the motion of Mr Parker that Mr Stace's request be complied with

## 1887

1887 5 Robin Hood Ellis Harold L Master £ 15.00

## 1888

1888 5 Robin Hood Bay Blake Alfred W Master £ 17.10

7<sup>th</sup> March 1888 Robin Hood Bay; (Household school.) —Mr Harold Ellis. On Roll 5, present 5. The present teacher has made such good use of his five months' term of office, that none of his scholars found the slightest difficulty in passing the standard attempted. The work was good all round.

## 1889

1889 6 Robin Hood Bay Blake Alfred W Master £ 21.00

15<sup>th</sup> March 1889 Robin Hood Bay (household school Mr Blake. On roll, 6 present, 5. The scholars had evidently been carefully taught, the several standards attempted being passed with ease. Handwriting is the weak point.

## 1890

1890 6 Robin Hood Bay Blake A W Master £ 21.00

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1890 Robin Hood Bay (household). Mr Blake. On roll 6, present 6. The scholars here again acquitted themselves fairly well. The handwriting has improved.

12<sup>th</sup> December 1890 competed for, which was accepted with thanks. Nelson College Scholarships. The annual examination for the Nelson College Scholarships was begun to-day, in the Borough Schools, under the supervision of Mr Gillespie. (*Among*) the names of those that are going A. W. C. Stace. They went through dictation and English this morning, and all finished under the allotted time. The subject this afternoon will be English History. The examination will last all day to-morrow.

## 1891

1891 7 Robin Hood Bay Blake Alfred W Master £ 24.10

13<sup>th</sup> January 1891 The Education Department forwarded a memo enclosing the name of A. W. Blake B.A. (Robin Hood Bay) who had been raised in the classification of teachers to C-4

## 1892

1892 4 Robin Hood Bay Blake Alfred W Master £ 14.00

## 1893

1893 6 Robin Hood Bay Blake Alfred W Master £ 29.00

23<sup>rd</sup> June 1893 An Unusual Visitor. Mr Blake, schoolmaster at Robin Hood Bay, informs us that on Monday last a most unusual visitor in the shape of a seal was seen there by some of Mr Stace's boys. It was quite 8ft long. There have been few such visitors to this part of the island of late.

8<sup>th</sup> September 1893 The Inspector examined the Robin Hood Bay aided school on Wednesday last. Six pupils were presented and passed, and we understand the Inspector expressed himself pleased with the result of the master's (Mr Blake) efforts for the year

## 1894

1894 7 Robin Hood Bay Blake Alfred W Master £ 33.00

8<sup>th</sup> October 1894 Mr Smith, Inspector of Schools, examined the Robin Hood Bay school on Saturday, when all the scholars presented by Mr Blake passed satisfactorily.

15<sup>th</sup> September 1902 FUNERAL NOTICE. THE Friends of the late Mr. Alfred Wolleston Blake are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral which will leave the Wellington Hospital, To-morrow (Tuesday), 16th September, 1902, at 9 a.m., for Karori Cemetery. E. MORRIS, Jun., Sanitary Undertaker

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## 1895

1895 8 Robin Hood Bay Campbell Quintin Master £ 37.00

19<sup>th</sup> April 1895 The M.H.R. Medals.— The Secretary of the Education Board has notified Mr T. L. Buick, M.H.R., that on going through his examination schedules for last year, he found that the girl who obtained the highest number of marks at a country school was Ethel McMahan, of the Taradale Aided school, Kenepuru, who gained 408 out of a possible 520 marks. The boy who made the highest score was Edward Stace of Robin Hood Bay, who gained 322 out of the same total.

12<sup>th</sup> June 1895 Mr J. Aldridge wrote making a similar request. He proposed to engage the services of Mr Blake, who had been teaching at the Robin Hood Bay school for some years. The Secretary said that he thought it his duty to inform the Board that it had come to his ears it was the intention of certain residents in town to use the school asked for as a kind of health resort for their children— in fact four out of the six children would be those of town people. It was resolved to ask Mr Aldridge to furnish the names and ages of the children he had numbered

ROBIN HOOD BAY. Mr H. Stace wrote, applying for four desks for his aided school. It was resolved to reply that the Board was unable to supply desks for household schools

13<sup>th</sup> November 1895 The annual sports of Robin Hood Bay were held on the 9th November. It was a beautiful day. The races were the following 100 yds. run, 440 yds. run, three-leg race 150 yds., 250 yds. run, 440 yds. walk, bag race 100 yds., and consolation race. The following races were run for the championship 440 yds. run, 440 yds. walk, 100 yds. run, and 250 yds. run. G. P. Rogers won the first championship, and E. P. Stace and N. E. Hubbard were respectively second and third, C. E. Hiley won the consolation race and K. Mackenzie the bag race. After the races afternoon tea was served round by the Misses Stace. Altogether the afternoon was spent very pleasantly.

3<sup>rd</sup> December 1895 Successful.— Ninian Hubbard, of the Robin Hood Bay school, successfully passed in drawing, free-hand, model and scale at the late examination. His name was omitted from the list of Blenheim boys not being an attendant at the Blenheim Borough school.

28<sup>th</sup> December 1895 Robin Hood Bay.— We understand the success of the Robin Hood Bay scholars in the last scholarship examinations is due to the strenuous exertions of the teacher, Mr L. Campbell, who has had a teaching experience of over sixteen years in Scotland and the colonies

## 1896

1896 8 Robin Hood Bay Campbell Quintin D2 Master £ 37.00

24<sup>th</sup> February 1896 Mr Thos. Mackenzie, M H.R., on his return trip from exploring the West Coast Sounds, proceeded on the S.S. Hinemoa to visit Robin Hood Bay, in order to see his eldest son, who is at school there, After a pleasant stay of an hour, the Hinemoa took her departure for Wellington

8<sup>th</sup> December 1896 Master Edward Stace, a son of Mr H. J. Stace, of Robin Hood Bay, met with a nasty accident as he was proceeding home on Saturday night. Passing through Grovetown, the horse he was riding slipped on a stone and rolled over with him, He had his shoulder put out and one leg badly bruised and cut. He is we are glad to learn, progressing favourably towards recovery.

24<sup>th</sup> December 1896 Robin Hood Bay possesses the proud distinction of winning the two Marlborough scholarships this year. To the teacher, Mr Campbell, we extend our hearty congratulations

## 1897

1897 8 Robin Hood Bay Graham William Master £ 37.00

10<sup>th</sup> February 1897 Robin Hood Bay has done very creditable work- Inspector

21<sup>st</sup> July 1897 CORONER'S INQUEST.

An inquest touching the death of Mr Quinton Campbell was held at the Royal Hotel yesterday by Mr R. D. Nosworthy, Acting Coroner. The following jury was empanelled Messrs R. H. Small (foreman), R. Witt, T. Brunton, P. Maher, G. Wakelin, and W. M. Stace. John Godfrey, labourer, residing at Ocean Bay, Port Underwood, said he left Blenheim, on Monday morning at 10 o'clock for home. On reaching the top of the hill between White's Bay and Robin Hood Bay he found deceased lying on his back, partly on the track, with his right arm under his back and his left on his breast. He alighted from his horse and found Campbell to be quite dead. He then rode on to Robin Hood Bay and acquainted Mr H. J. Stace with his discovery. The body was very stiff, the ears being frost bitten, and he would infer that it had been lying there from some time on Sunday night, A basket (identified as property of deceased) was lying about a mile from the body, and he considered that deceased was going towards Robin Hood Bay. Walter Robinson, labourer at Marshlands, said that on Saturday afternoon deceased and himself came from Spring Creek to Blenheim in the bus, and returned to Spring Creek in the same manner on Saturday night. On alighting from the bus after the return journey they both went into the Ferry Hotel, Deceased was perfectly sober, and he did not see him take any drink. Shortly afterwards deceased left the hotel to walk home.

To the Foreman He could not say whether deceased had been drinking when he last saw him. It would take about three and a half hours to walk from the hotel to where he was found.



Henry J. Bruce, sheep farmer, Robin Hood Bay, said that deceased resided with him as teacher of the aided school. Deceased left home to go to town at nine o'clock on Saturday morning. On Sunday evening witness's son rode from Blenheim to Robin Hood Bay, reaching his destination about 5 o'clock, but saw nothing of Campbell. On hearing of the discovery from Mr Godfrey he telephoned to the police, and then his son, Mr Godfrey, and himself conveyed the body to the Cloudy Bay beach, where it was received by Constable Price. Mr Campbell left home in excellent spirits and good health, Deceased occasionally returned home the worse for liquor. On one occasion he returned in a very weak state. He never knew him to stop out at night before. J. A Fuller, licensee, of the Royal Hotel, said that; deceased stayed in his hotel for some time on Saturday evening, departing by the bus. On leaving he was perfectly sober. He took a bottle of square gin with him. During the evening he took two glasses of hot whiskey, and complained of the cold. John Barr, licensee of the Ferry Hotel, said that deceased stopped in his hotel on Saturday night for about five minutes, leaving at 10 40. Witness advised him to remain all night, as it was extremely cold, but he said he would go home. Constable Price said that there were no marks of violence on the body. He searched the body and found a watch and chain, spectacles, knife, pipe, tobacco, and eighteen pence. Dr Nairn said the body was well nourished. The lungs were much congested, the heart enlarged, and other organs not healthy. The heart was in such a condition that any severe strain, such as a walk up the hill, without rest, would cause its failure. Faintness, with after exposure, would be sufficient to cause death in his case.

To the foreman Would consider death eventuated from natural causes.

The jury returned a verdict That deceased met his death from failure of the action of the heart, brought on by over-exertion."

27<sup>th</sup> July 1897 On reading the account of the inquest on the late Mr Q. Campbell, I was surprised to see that the verdict given by a jury composed of highly intelligent men was quite contrary and in direct opposition to the evidence given by myself. Your readers may remember that the verdict was. That death was caused by failure of the heart's action brought on by over exertion." Now, I would like to ask these intelligent jurors if any over exertion was proved Quite the contrary. I stated that the deceased was a very active man, and an excellent walker that on one occasion he had walked from Robin Hood Bay to Blenheim and back in one day and not shown any symptoms of being tired. I might have added that he had ascended the highest peak here, 3000 feet, and was certainly not the most tired of the party and that lately he was in good form from having tramped the bush from daylight to dark, shooting during the Jubilee holidays. On this last lamented occasion the deceased had, we know for certain, 32 hours in which to walk 32 miles (he took short cuts, and did not perform the last three and a half miles of the whole distance, which is 36 miles). I will ask, where does the over exertion come in?

I will grant the weather was unusually cold and severe, but the deceased was warmly clothed, and the action of walking quickly would promote circulation, and there are several places of shelter on the way. Now, Sir, my object in writing is not to cavil at the verdict of the jury, not to expose the deceased's failings I liked him too much to do that but to endeavour, by pointing out the primary and true cause of death, to do a little good. I will venture to assert that by carrying liquor on the road with him Mr Campbell signed his death warrant for, instead of walking right home, as he was well able to do, he would and evidently did loiter by

the way, sitting or lying down to drink every now and then; the liquor partly stupefied him, and the extreme cold would induce torpor and sleep, which in such weather proved fatal. I think no sensible man will contradict my deductions. I have known the deceased and others do exactly as I have written above, only in more favourable weather. Now, I presume publicans act within their legal rights when they give a man of intemperate habits a bottle or two of liquor to consume on the road but I would like to point out to them that morally though not legally they are responsible for such deaths, and assuredly will have to account for them. The remedy I would propose is that a bill should be brought in that no liquor should be supplied to anyone leaving a public house, or at any rate in a very restricted quantity, now, the quantity is unlimited. I have known an unfortunate man have four bottles of liquor to consume on the road and such a man would lie out a couple of nights drinking, enough to kill anyone in bad weather. In conclusion I will say that I am no faddist, and wish to write only plain serious truths, and have no belief in glossing over unpleasant facts. I am, etc., Henry J. Stace.

## 1898

1898 8 Robin Hood Bay Haughey James D2 Master £ 37.00  
15<sup>th</sup> February 1898 The appointment of Mr Houghey (*Haughey*) appointed

## 1899

1899 9 Robin Hood Bay Haughey James D2 Master £ 41.00  
15<sup>th</sup> February 1899 A New Zealand Boy, .Mr Thomas Mackenzie's eldest son, Kenneth (writes a London correspondent) has already covered himself with educational honors. Although he has only been three months at the City of London School, he has, in the Christmas examination, come out at top of all his subjects. This reflects credit not only upon himself as regards his ability and industry, but also upon the New Zealand school where he received his previous education.' It may be mentioned that the school where young Mackenzie received his "previous education" was at Robin Hood Bay, the teachers of which will, no doubt, feel pleased at the success of their pupil in London  
12<sup>th</sup> July 1899 ROBIN HOOD BAY. The correspondent asked for three desks.— Matter deferred for further consideration  
1<sup>st</sup> August 1899 Mr Stace, of Robin Hood Bay, writing to the Education Board, referred to remarks made at the previous meeting with reference to a request for some desks for the aided school at that locality. Some of the members, it will be remembered, took exception to the granting of assistance to an aided school that had really developed into a boarding institution. Mr Stace pointed out that he started the school some time ago for the benefit of his own children only, and erected the accommodation at his own expense. Three children, really four, had obtained scholarships while at the school, so that it had been of great service to local children. The Board granted the desks  
15<sup>th</sup> November 1899 Headmasters of the Blenheim and Renwick schools, waited on the Education Board at its last meeting as a deputation from the Marlborough Teachers' Institute, and laid before it certain resolutions passed at the recent annual meeting of the latter body. One request was that a regulation should be made to the effect that teachers should discontinue giving tuition to scholarship pupils outside of school hours. It was stated that it

was the practice to take pupils early in the morning and later in the evening, Mr Howard, of Picton, also referred to this subject when appearing before the Board with reference to another matter, supporting the contentions of the deputation. It was pointed out that, in the matter of scholarships, there was no hope of competing against the Robin Hood Bay School, which was really a kind of boarding school and made a special feature of examinations

4<sup>th</sup> December 1899 SCHOLARSHIP TUITION.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir,— I notice in a recent issue of your paper that a request was laid before the Education Board that a regulation should be made to prevent teachers giving tuition to scholarship pupils outside of school hours. That seems to me to be very much the same thing as saying that any teacher who happens to possess a little energy and ambition shall be debarred from making use of those troublesome qualities and be reduced to the level of those who do not possess them. In a small school such a regulation would practically mean that no scholarship pupils could be prepared for the obnoxious reason that where one teacher has to carry on the whole of the work without assistance and where the school is cut up and divided into little classes embracing perhaps all the standards, a teacher's time is very fully occupied. No doubt such a regulation is intended for the above purpose as we are told a little further on that there is no hope of competing against the Robin Hood Bay school, which was really a kind of boarding school, and made a special feature of examinations. This statement is absolutely incorrect and obviously absurd. This little school was started and maintained for years entirely for the benefit of my own family, and has drifted into its present position by force of circumstances, as my own family gradually grew up— but is there any harm in boarding boys, or ought they to come out and find themselves? No special feature is made of examinations, the boys are taught according to the usual syllabus, and if a boy shows sufficient ability the best is done for him to obtain a scholarship, but no more than would be done by any energetic teacher. But the absurdity of saying there is no hope of competing against our paltry little school is evident when one considers the large pick and choice of material that can be got in the bigger schools. Our school has no pick whatever, as will be patent when I say that three years ago we had only two pupils that fulfilled the requisites of age and ability, (both gained scholarships), two- years ago we had only two (one obtained a scholarship), this year we have not a single boy the right age truly a wonderful choice when compared with a large school of both boys and girls against our eight or nine boys. —I am, etc., Henry J. Stace, Robin Hood Bay.

## 1900

1900 10 Robin Hood Bay Haughey James D2 Master £ 45.00

28<sup>th</sup> March 1900 Educational.— We are pleased to notice that Master Lewis Clouston, who has been educated for the last three years at the Robin Hood Bay school, has taken a remarkably good place at the Wellington College. This school was one of three which in the inspector's last report were mentioned as excellent.

## 1901

1901 11 Robin Hood Bay Haughey James Master £ 51.00

19<sup>th</sup> November 1901 Mr Fell gave notice of motion for next meeting, "That the Board do not continue its grant to the Robin Hood Bay School." He said his object was to raise a

discussion on the question whether the school was or was not a private one, and to have the matter settled.

10<sup>th</sup> December 1901 Robin Hood Bay School.—In accordance with notice given last month, Mr Fell brought up at the meeting of the Education Board yesterday the question of continuing the grant to the Robin Hood Bay School. It was stated that of the nine pupils at the school seven or eight were "outsiders from an" aided-school point of view. The inference was that it was a boarding establishment. It having been pointed out that under the new system of Government capitation for aided schools the cost of maintenance fell on the Government rather than on the Board, it was resolved to refer the facts to the Department and abide by their decision.

## 1902

1902 13 Robin Hood Bay Haughey James D1 Head £ 64.00

13<sup>th</sup> January 1902 Robin Hood Bay School.—In accordance with notice given last month, Mr Fell brought up at the meeting of the Education Board yesterday the question of continuing the grant to the Robin Hood Bay School. It was stated that of the nine pupils at the school seven or eight were "outsiders from an" aided-school" point of view. The inference was thjt it was a boarding establishment. It having been pointed out that under the new system of Government capitation for aided schools the cost of maintenance fell on the Government rather than on the Board, it was resolved to refer the facts to the Department and abide by their decision.

14<sup>th</sup> January 1902 Robin Hood Bay School.—At the December meeting of the Education Board, the question as to the status of the Robin Hood Bay school was referred to the Department. The Department, however, has declined to say whether the school should be regarded as a private boarding school, and whether the capitation grant should be discontinued. A letter received by the Board this morning said: —Recognition or not of the Robin Hood Bay school and the terms under which it may rank as a school under the Board is one for the Board to settle." The Board took no further action.

19<sup>th</sup> February 1902 LOCAL & GENERAL NEWS.

Matriculation. —Kenneth P. Stace, of Robin Hood Bay, was successful in passing the recent matriculation examinations

## 1903

1903 13 Robin Hood Bay Haughey James D1 Head £ 68.00

12<sup>th</sup> September 1903 The large bay south west of Port Underwood now Robin Hood Bay, was Otairira (the residence of Tairira, a priest of the Wharekura). From an article re Maori Names in Marlborough

21<sup>st</sup> October 1903 Scholastic—At the annual examination of the Robin Hood Bay School the pupils, as usual acquitted themselves well, reflecting great credit on their teacher, Mr Haughey. Three small boys, Everard Stace, Edward Joseph and Jack Kendall did remarkably well, passing the Second Standard and getting full marks in every subject.

30<sup>th</sup> December 1903 Post Office established at Robin Hood Bay

## 1904

1904 14 Robin Hood Bay Haughey James D1 Master £ 72.00

## 1905

1905 12 Robin Hood Bay Haughey James Master £ 80.00 £10.00

9<sup>th</sup> February 1905 Robin Hood school were near the bottom of the schools in the school arithmetic 18<sup>th</sup> December 1905 M H R (*Member house of representatives*) Medals examinations Cuthbert Free Robin Hood Bay was 4<sup>th</sup> = with a score of 630/660 Out of all Marlborough Schools aged 12 years 8 months.

## 1906

1906 16 Robin Hood Bay Powell William H Master £ 99.00 £10.00

20<sup>th</sup> February 1906 The marks gained by the several Marlborough candidates in the Junior National Scholarship examination were as follows:—Cuthbert Wm. Free, Robin Hood Bay, 538

## 1907

1907 16 Robin Hood Bay Avery A G Master £ 99.00 £10.00

29<sup>th</sup> January 1907 C W Free, Robin Hood Bay top of Marlborough with National Scholarships with 642 marks He was eighth in New Zealand He was not eligible to take up the scholarship

We understand that Cuthbert Free who came 8th in the recent scholarship examination for the whole Colony has been prepared for the last two years at the Robin Hood Bay school, and that had he been entered for the Queen's Scholarship he would; have won it. It is to be regretted that he didn't compete as it would have been worth £200 to him.

15<sup>th</sup> May 1907 Master Gordon McRae, who received his primary education at the Robin Hood Bay school, has done well at Nelson College, passing the Civil Service examination with credit which entitles him to three more years' free tuition at college.

## 1908

1908 16 Robin Hood Bay Skelley Claude H T Master £ 99.00 £10.00

11<sup>th</sup> February 1908 Mr Skelley appointed

4<sup>th</sup> December 1908 Proficiency examinations. Robin Hood, Everard Stace, Hastings Grace, Jon Kendall

## 1909

1909 7 Robin Hood Bay Fawcett Joseph Master £ 108.00 £15.00

9<sup>th</sup> February 1909 Mr Pickard appointed

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1909 Our Robin Hood Bay correspondent writes;—It is always nice when a rising young man can re-visit the place where he spent his early school years; and can recall with pleasure the many happy days passed there. Such was the case last week, when the Hon. T. Mackenzie's eldest son, Kenneth, now Dr Mackenzie, revisited Robin Hood Bay, at which place he was at school for three years, and again for one year after having been at a London

school. Under the late Mr Campbell's able tuition the doctor says he imbibed his first taste for learning, and later on advanced with Mr Haughey. The doctor mentioned the fact that out of Mr Campbell's small school of seven boys four are now professional men, all doing well. He looked up all his old haunts, and mentioned with evident pleasure the numerous "out of school" works in which he was always ready to help—such as at shearing time, packing wool, etc., —often working late at the same. Any work was readily done, his father being sensible enough to wish they had to learn anything out of school as well as in. It was a real pleasure to hear him talk of bygone days—he was always a bright pleasant lad, and has not changed in disposition. We wish him every success in life.

6<sup>th</sup> April 1909 Robin Hood Bay.—The correspondent for the Robin Hood Bay aided school wrote requesting the Board to approve the temporary appointment of Mr Rickards as teacher there. The request was acceded to.

11<sup>th</sup> May 1909 Mr H. J. Stace, correspondent, Robin Hood Bay school, asked the Board to ratify the appointment of Mr W. M. Uttley at the school vice Mr Rickards resigned.—Approved

13<sup>th</sup> July 1909 Mr Noble was appointed to succeed Mr Uttley as teacher at the Robin Hood Bay School Hood Bay

10<sup>th</sup> August 1909 The Board approved of the appointment, of Mr Fawcett as teacher at the Robin School

## 1910

1910 9 Robin Hood Bay Fawcett Joseph Master £ 112.10 £10.00

12<sup>th</sup> January 1910 mile from the school, had been substituted.—Agreed to. SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. Mr J. S. Fawcett, Robin Hood Bay,- wrote asking the Board to agree to the school remaining closed until February" 7<sup>th</sup>, as several of the children would not return until that date.—Received.

5<sup>th</sup> February 1910 The Robin Hood Bay school reopens on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

## 1911

1911 13 Robin Hood Bay Fawcett Joseph Male £ 117.00 £10.00

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1911 Master Everard Stace, of Robin Hood Bay, has successfully passed his free place examination. He has been a student at Nelson College for the past year

24<sup>th</sup> March 1911 Dr Kenneth Mackenzie, son of the Hon. T. Mackenzie, and formerly a pupil at the Robin Hood Bay school, has been appointed demonstrator of anatomy and practical surgery at the Edinburgh University.

29<sup>th</sup> November 1911 ROBIN HOOD BAY SCHOOL.

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, the Robin Hood Bay School held its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual sports under very favorable conditions. The, school children (17 of whom were present) were in excellent spirits, and made the most of the occasion. Increased skill was displayed in both boxing and wrestling, and altogether the results were very satisfactory. At night, the scholars were entertained in the school-room., which was prettily decorated for the occasion, and each received several useful and artistic presents from a well-laden Christmas tree. Following a huge bonfire and fire-works display was a dainty supper, to which all did justice. Mr Stace, in

speaking to the boys, said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and he was sure they would all join him in. thanking Mr Fawcett j (the tutor) for the many times he had so willingly assisted them in games, sports, etc. As an earnest of the esteem in which Mr Fawcett was held he would ask him to accept a token from the boys of the school and receive their many and grateful thanks. Mrs Stace made the presentation (a prettily-chased silver card-case with inscription.) The recipient made a suitable reply, and after some very hearty cheering on the part of the boys, the gathering dispersed.

12<sup>th</sup> December 1911 The resignation of Mr J. L Fawcett as teacher of the Robin Hood Bay school was .received. The appointment of Mr G. Bigg-Wither to the vacancy was approved

## 1912

1912 18 Robin Hood Bay Bigg-Wither BA George B3 Male £ 95.00 £10.00

6<sup>th</sup> January 1912 Mr G. Bigg-Wither, B.A., headmaster of the Robin Hood Bay School, has received advice from London to the effect that he ,has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society

29<sup>th</sup> August 1912 The Rev. Mr. Wallace, of Christchurch, has been visiting Robin Hood Bay, where his son has been a. pupil for some time

## 1913

1913 15 Robin Hood Bay Bigg-Wither BA George B3 Male £ 120.00 £15.00

18<sup>th</sup> April 1913 Inspector's Report included Robin Hood Bay Taught history with most effect (with 12 others). Robin Hood Bay taught swimming and lifesaving (7 schools)

12<sup>th</sup> May 1913 Dr Kenneth Mackenzie, son of the, High Commissioner for New Zealand and a, former pupil of the Robin Hood Bay school, will return to New Zealand from .the Old Country at. an early date, for the purpose \_of commencing practice in the Dominion.

29<sup>th</sup> August 1913 The Rev. Mr. Wallace, of Christchurch, has been visiting Robin Hood Bay,', where his son has been a. pupil for some time

## 1914

1914 15 Robin Hood Bay Bigg-Wither MA George B3 Male £ 130.00 £15.00

20<sup>th</sup> January 1914 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Robin Hood Bay school will reopen on Monday,, February 9. Vacancies for a few pupils

19<sup>th</sup> May 1914 Master Sadlier, the eldest son of the Bishop of Nelson, is spending, his term holidays at Robin Hood Bay as the guest of Mr and Mrs Stace

## 1915

1915 15 Robin Hood Bay Bigg-Wither George B2 Male £ 140.00 £20.00

14<sup>th</sup> January 1915 The boy who topped the list of Junior National Scholarship winners for Marlborough at the recent examinations, R. G; Spence, is a pupil of the Robin Hood Bay School.

14<sup>th</sup> December 1915 Thirty-four old pupils of the Robin Hood Bay school have answered the call of Empire. Of this number four Montearth, J. Grace, J. Scales, and W. Brown—have laid down their lives. Tee names of those who have been or are still serving are as follows:-C. Clifford, R, Mowat, F. Chaytor L. Aspinall, A. Otterson, W. Fitchett, C. Hudson, P. Hudson

T. Stringer, G. McRae, J. Kendall, E. Joseph, W. Findlay, D. Harty,- D. Hosking, R. Brown, C. Free, L Chaytor, A. McDonald, J. Harvey J. Kerr,- G.. Anderson, J. Chaytor, -A. Haylock, D. A. Cresswell, K. Forth, G Park, H- Young. H. Grace, and B. MacKay. A "roil of honor" was recently placed in the schoolroom at Robin Hood Bay.

## 1916-1917

22<sup>nd</sup> January 1917 Robin Hood Bay School, Blenheim, will reopen on 12th February. There are, a few vacancies.

28<sup>th</sup> June 1917 Mr G Biggs Wither Resigned

10<sup>th</sup> July 1917 Robin Hood Bay (Port Underwood)— £110 to £140 and £20 house allowance and free lodgings

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1917 Lieutenant G. R, Park, who has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery at Messines, was the younger son of the late Mr. R. G. Park, of Blenheim. Lieutenant Park, like Captain C. W. Free, M.C., is an old boy of the Robin Hood Bay School.

10<sup>th</sup> August 1917 Miss J Campbell appointed

13<sup>th</sup> August 1917 Mr. George Bigg-Wither, 8.A., who has been teaching at the Robin Hood Bay School, Marlborough, for the last six years, has accepted a similar position 'at the Native College, Otaki

5<sup>th</sup> November 1917 SPLENDID RECORD

THE ROBIN HOOD BAY SCHOOL. Under ordinary circumstances the closing of a small, school is of interest only to the Education Board and those immediately connected with it, but the school which has lately been closed at Robin Hood Bay deserves some mention. This school was started in 1886, and had therefore been in existence nearly 31 years. When it was closed it was complimented by the Wellington Education Board for the good record it holds. Nearly 200 boys have passed through it. Of that number over 50 have gone to the front—probably more than are known, as in the lapse of years some have been lost sight of. As many are married and settled and some still too young to serve, the above number is quite a creditable percentage. They are serving in all capacities—in the Navy, as airmen, as privates, and as officers. Five have given their lives for their country, and some have been awarded military honours.

During the whole period of the school's existence it was never closed for a single day on account of illness, while no accident of any importance ever occurred. A great many boys became excellent swimmers, some carrying off prizes when sent to other schools.

From a purely educational point of view this small school holds a) splendid record. When the M.H.R. medals were instituted by Mr, Buick a Robin Hood Bay pupil was the first to gain one, and on several subsequent occasions the medal was secured; also, a special prize which was open to all the Marlborough schools for the best essay on Political Economy was gained by two of its pupils, who secured both first and second places. It is understood that a pupil from this school was the only boy in Marlborough who ever qualified for the Queen's Scholarship. Unfortunately he was not entered for it. He came 8th for the whole colony and fifth for the Middle University district. He also headed the list for the ordinary scholarship examination, being nearly 100 marks ahead of the next competitor. Four other Marlborough



scholarships have been won by pupils of this school, also an excellent pass for the Junior Civil Service, and in addition a recent pupil gained the Junior National Scholarship.

25<sup>th</sup> March 1931 Miss M E Woolley Sole Teacher appointed

Te Ara Encyclopaedia

Helen McRae Mowat was born on 26 October 1850, the eldest child of Marjory (May) McRae and her husband, Alexander Mowat, a sheepfarmer at Altimarlock station in the Awatere valley, Marlborough, New Zealand. Her early diaries show her to be a diligent if rather impersonal recorder of the daily activities at Altimarlock: the weather, the farm work being done, and the comings and goings of visitors, many of them relatives, often on their way to or from the neighbouring property of Blairich. On 1 September 1874 at Altimarlock Helen Mowat married Henry Joseph Stace, an Englishman from a military family. He was manager of Starborough station (later the location of Seddon) where the Staces spent their early married years. They were to have two daughters and six sons, one of whom died in infancy.

In 1886 Henry Stace bought a property at Robin Hood Bay at the entrance to Port Underwood, Marlborough, then accessible only by boat but later also by pack track from Rarangi to the south. With six children of primary school age, Henry and Helen were entitled to half the salary of a teacher, paid by the Marlborough Education Board. As the older children moved on, sons of friends were invited to make up the required number. Thus the isolated Robin Hood Bay Public School became a boarding establishment for boys, and as its reputation spread, it attracted students from as far afield as Auckland and Dunedin. The average number of pupils at any one time varied between six and 10. The two Stace daughters were the only girls ever on its roll. The presiding force was Helen Stace, a big woman nearly six feet tall, who was said to be an excellent organiser. She was more of a manager than her title of matron implied. When farming times were hard and wool prices low, the school provided the main family support.

A separate schoolhouse was built and running the school became largely a family affair. Bertha, the younger daughter, was for many years her mother's mainstay and the elder daughter, Alice, taught music and dancing. Bread was baked weekly in a large outside oven.

The schoolboys were treated as part of Helen Stace's family. They were expected to take their turn at household chores: chopping wood, milking the cows, churning butter, and killing and dressing sheep. They became skilled in swimming, fishing, sailing, rowing, bushcraft, and pig hunting. For the five-mile boat trip round the cliffs to and from Rarangi, some of the older boys took the oars. The sole-charge teachers employed included some highly educated Englishmen, who for reasons such as a weakness for alcohol had been dispatched to the colony and were able to offer their pupils an almost classical education. By the time the school closed in 1917 after 21 years, a total of 163 boys, including the poet D'Arcy Cresswell, had experienced its invigorating life.

Helen Stace and her husband then sold the property and retired to Picton. She is remembered by her grandchildren as having been a large and somewhat daunting presence when presiding over family occasions like Christmas gatherings. She died in Lister Private Hospital, Blenheim, on 19 January 1926, her husband having died two years earlier. All but one of the five surviving sons lived to be over 80; the two daughters lived to more than 100.

## Robin Hood Bay National Archives

18<sup>th</sup> November 1908 Letter from Marlborough Education Board to Department of Education included

- a) Most of the children attending come from other parts of the Dominion
- b) Children are boarding with Mr. Stace who was originally granted an aided school for his own children
- c) Should teacher's salary be on Number of children attending or No of children living in locality
- d) Another person opening a school on same basis in this district (Ocean Bay)

23<sup>rd</sup> November memorandum to Minister from Secretary of the Department

- a) School is no longer a 0 Grade school but is a 1 or 2 grade school
- b) If the school goes to Grade then the teacher's salary goes from £28 to £90
- c) The taking in of boarders means that the change could happen more often than usual from ordinary growth
- d) The fact that boarders are being taken in makes this quite an untenable position
- e) Signed E Gibbes Secretary

1<sup>st</sup> December Letter from H J Stace to G Fowlds Minister of Education

- a) This is a question I am going to suggest the following
- b) If you refuse to pay capitation on boarders coming from various parts of the colony which is virtually semi private
- c) In fact refuse to pay capitation to a school
- d) I ask that you have the school remain open 1 year longer. I think this would be just for the following two reasons
- e) That our school is one of longstanding having been started in 1886 then solely for our own children
- f) That such an action would be fair to ourselves and the boys we have made arrangements for the coming year
- g) Mr. neighbour Mr. Crump who wishes to start a new school on similar lines (semi private, never having a school should not be allowed to start such a school in the same way
- h) But it still would be in order for him to start a school for his own family (He has no adjacent families with school children)
- i) This would put to bed the question of whether private schools should receive capitation
- j) I would guarantee to close the school at Xmas 1909
- k) Please excuse small paper, I have no other.

2<sup>nd</sup> December 1908 Letter from Secretary of Education to Marlborough Education Board included

- a) It is presumed though the school at Robin Hood Bay is conducted as public school in a private house
- b) There is therefore an obligation for all children in the area to attend as if it was a public school
- c) The fact that a child is only temporarily in the locality would not appear to afford legal ground for refusing to admit it to a public school

31<sup>st</sup> May 1918 Letter to Wellington Education Board (Look over Marlborough Education Board in 1916) from Director of Education

Re Robin Hood Bay and Ocean Bay Schools

- a) No meeting to form a Committee has been held at Ocean Bay School, no meeting has been held of the community and therefore no Commissioner can be appointed
- b) Therefore teachers cannot be appointed no grants be given
- c) The same as for Robin Hood Bay school where the Marlborough Education Board stated the Department had approved the opening of a public school. This was wrong as the Department only assumed the school was being run as a public school.
- d) These schools at present cannot be regarded as public schools

1918 Letter from Wellington Education Board Robin Hood is closed and the children will attend the Ocean Bay School

## George Bigg-Wither

5<sup>th</sup> February 1900 Resident Master at King's College Auckland

4<sup>th</sup> April 1900 George Bigg-Wither nominated for Auckland University College Council

12<sup>th</sup> June 1901 Head of King's College Cadets Captain Wither/ Also in command overall

30<sup>th</sup> October 1901 Mr Graham Bruce head of Kings College dies and Mr G Bigg-Wither becomes acting headmaster

31<sup>st</sup> October 1901 The executors of the late Mr. Graham Bruce announce that the work of King's College will be continued as heretofore under the same staff, Mr. G. Bigg-Wither, B.A., remaining as headmaster

20<sup>th</sup> December From Prize giving report of King's College ,,,, and amongst those on the platform were Messrs. J. M. Mowbray and A. Heather, who made a few congratulatory remarks on the efforts of the new principal (Mr. Bigg-Wither) and his 'staff.

8<sup>th</sup> January 1902 Geo Bigg-Wither still Head Master at King's College

17<sup>th</sup> June 1903 Citizens Ball attendance by Geo Bigg-Wither

21<sup>st</sup> August 1903 Attended Auckland Club Ball

21<sup>st</sup> September 1903 Attended Rhodes Scholars Address at University of New Zealand, Auckland. *NB I have not included every black tie reception attended as King's College Headmaster*

18<sup>th</sup> December 1903 Distribution of Prizes at King's College. The headmaster (Mr. G. Bigg-Wither, B A.) submitted his report on the work of the school for the past year—the eighth year of the existence of the college. This showed that 38 new boys had entered, the number now on the roll being 98, of whom 34 were boarders

20<sup>th</sup> December 1904 Annual Report At the end of the first term. Mr G. Bigg-Wither, who, since the death of Mr Graham Bruce, had acted as headmaster, resigned,

4<sup>th</sup> December 1905 Appointed to Waihi District High School as teacher

19<sup>th</sup> December 1905 Mr G Bigg-Wither was judging the work of senior Girls A Memlmerly Girls Collegiate School Auckland

25<sup>th</sup> January 1906 Appointed Master District High School Waihi

18<sup>th</sup> August 1906 Mr Bigg-Withers name sent by the Hokitika Schools School Committee to Education Board as choice for assistant

23<sup>rd</sup> August 1906 Mr Bigg-Wither resigns from Waihi School

30<sup>th</sup> August 1906 In a long article in the Waihi News the following portion is copied that Mr. Bengé, the headmaster, be asked to give an explanation as to the complaints made by Mr. Bigg-Wither in a letter to a member of the committee, the letter to be forwarded to Mr. Bengé

5<sup>th</sup> September 1906 Further correspondence where Mr Bigg-Wither complains that a private letter had become public

12<sup>th</sup> September 1906 Geo Bigg-Wither assistant master for Secondary George Wither

28<sup>th</sup> September 1906 Expected to arrive in Hokitika on Monday (Victoria High School) Hokitika

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1906 Mr Bigg-Wither, the newly appointed assistant master at the Victoria High School, arrived by last evening's train and enters on his duties to-day.

28<sup>th</sup> November 1906 Though Messrs Sporrán, M.A., Gatland B.A., Bigg-Wither, B.A., have taught the secondary pupils in the Waihi District High School, none have yet given satisfaction to the headmaster. The enclosed extract from a letter of Mr Bigg-Wither will bear out this statement."

I consequently find it disagreeable to have my work directed, examined, and criticised by a headmaster, whose opinion about secondary work, if it clashed with mine, I would be unable to accept for the reason that my knowledge and experience of that work are greater than his. There have been occasions when the headmaster has marked, as if wrong, work that high school pupils have done in with, my teaching. They have asked me if their work was not right; of course I have had to tell them it was. Incidents of this kind. are not conducive to harmony."

10<sup>th</sup> October 1907 By the last steamer from New Zealand there arrived Mr. George Bigg-Wither, B.A., the newly-appointed principal for the Government College, and he has taken up the duties of the position.

18<sup>th</sup> June 1908 Mr. George Bigg-Wither, principal of the Tongan College, is leaving New for Zealand by this steamer, and an auction sale of his furniture and effects was held in the college residence yesterday by, Mr. Geo. .Scott wielding the hammer. There was a good attendance of both whites and natives, and the furniture. Which was mostly new, realised fair prices.

15<sup>th</sup> November 1910 Mr Geo. Bigg-Wither was appointed headmaster at the Nydia Bay school.

15<sup>th</sup> April 1916 Geo Bigg- Wither sending nature notes from Robin Hood Bay

4<sup>th</sup> September 1918 A fine of £2, in default seven days' imprisonment, was imposed on. a soldier named George Bigg-Wither, who was convicted on a charge- of having committed a nuisance in Lambton Quay.

30<sup>th</sup> September 1918 George Bigg-Wither was charged with having committed an indecent act in Lambton-quay, but stated that he had no recollection of the occurrence Police evidence was given that Bigg-Wither appeared to be somewhat hazy in his mind, though he was not intoxicated. The Magistrate said that possibly the offence was accounted for by some lapse of mental power, and warned Bigg-Wither of the serious consequences which might follow such an act. A fine of £2, in default seven days' imprisonment, was imposed, and a prohibition order was issued by consent

13<sup>th</sup> March 1917 Joined Army as a private. Started active service in October 1918 in Samoa, Spent 108 days on overseas service . Born 10<sup>th</sup> March 1873 in Nelson NZ. Father, Charles, Mother, Eleanor. , Discharged from army in Samoa 14<sup>th</sup> March 1920 ‘ Listed as Labourer on joining army, last employer H Harvey of Waitui. Next of Kin. Brother James, a solicitor in Palmerston North

23<sup>rd</sup> August 1919 Department of Native Affairs, Samoa. Private G Bigg-Wither has been appointed Accountant, and Clerk in the Department. H. C. Cotton, Capt., Secretary of Native Affairs Apia, 20th August, 1919.

8<sup>th</sup> January 1925 Dec. 20. A mild sensation was caused when it became known that Mr. George Bigg- Wither had died suddenly at Fagamalo, Savaii. Mr. McCarthy, Crown solicitor, and Mr. F. D. Baxter, solicitor, of Apia, were in Fagamalo at the time for the purpose of making an inquiry and report on administration business, and an inquest was held before Mr. McCarthy as coroner. The finding of the coroner was that death was duo to a rifle shot, self-inflicted, while deceased was temporarily of unsound mind. The funeral was held the same day in the presence of a number of officials, traders and natives, the interment taking place at the cemetery at Fagamalo. Mr. Bigg-Wither was well liked by all who knew him, and he had done valuably work for the Administration for quite a number of years. He was a man of marked literary talent, and had graduated from the Otago University with distinction. Much sympathy has been expressed for his relatives.

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| 1909 | 6  | Altimarlock    | Bigg-Wither    | George | B4 | Master | £ | 36.00  |
| 1910 | 7  | Altimarlock    | Bigg-Wither    | George |    | Master | £ | 48.00  |
| 1911 | 12 | Nydia Bay      | Wither BA      | GB     | B3 | Master | £ | 90.00  |
| 1912 | 18 | Robin Hood Bay | Bigg-Wither BA | George | B3 | Male   | £ | 95.00  |
| 1913 | 15 | Robin Hood Bay | Bigg-Wither BA | George | B3 | Male   | £ | 120.00 |
| 1914 | 15 | Robin Hood Bay | Bigg-Wither MA | George | B3 | Male   | £ | 130.00 |
| 1915 | 15 | Robin Hood Bay | Bigg-Wither    | George | B2 | Male   | £ | 140.00 |

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## Stavely's (1888)

Port Underwood, Separation Inlet

1888    3    Stavely's    Stavely    Robert S    Master    £    10.10

Please see Port Underwood School for more information Re Mr Stavely

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## Whangataura (1921) Later Hakana School

At the head of Port Underwood

1921 7 Whangataura Cross Rona Sole £105.00

15<sup>th</sup> June 1921 Miss R Cross Appointed

7<sup>th</sup> February 1931 Miss Joyce' Ahradsen left yesterday for Picton, having been appointed by the Wellington Education Board as teacher of the Hakana School, Marlborough Sounds.

National Archives: Became Hakaua or Hakana School according to archives ‘

25<sup>th</sup> March 1931 Miss M Bell Sole Teacher Hakana

## National Archives

Erected 1925 Area 240 square foot Private building Maintenance not payable

Buildings and sites

Undated application 1921?

W Wilkinson Leased land Whangataura Bay Reg 11, Cliff 9, Brett 5

T Daken Leased and Freehold Daphne 14, Corrie 12, T, G, K, 5

Four school age and Four pre school

Ocean Bay school 9 miles away, Picton 14 miles away. Waikawa 11 miles away

Would build a school if material found

Thomas Warren Wellington Education Board rep in Marlborough writes The position is a central one and a school there is necessary. I therefor recommend its establishment

The size of the room being used is 14 foot x 12 foot

## Hakana

10<sup>th</sup> February 1925 Application for a school at Hakana Port Underwood

Four families with ten children

None of the children attend another school

There are no schools in Port Underwood

3 roomed cottage available at Whangakoko T Daken is owner. Probably no rent to pay One room 20 foot x 12 foot

Several of eth settlers will accommodate teacher

Nearest Post Office is Hakana Post Office

Application by A L Flood Hakana Port Underwood

21<sup>st</sup> April 1925 Department advised of opening of school

26<sup>th</sup> March 1931 Named changed by Wellington Education Board to Whangataura

