

Apple Bay		Peach Bay
Edgecombe Bay		Port Gore
Endeavour Inlet		Pukekoikoi
Glenburn		Redhough
Hitaua Bay		Resolution Bay
Lochmara		Rocks
Maraetai Bay		Scarborough Run
Okukari		Separation Inlet
Onahau		Tahuahua
Onapua		Te Awaite
Onauku		Te Weka
Opua Bay		Watamonga
Otaki		Wharehunga (Bay)
Otanerau		Whatamonga
Otonga		Whekanui
Oyster Bay		

Apple Bay (1906-1914)

Home of the Berg Family near Stoke's View probably around Mistletoe Bay in Onahau Bay

1906	6	Apple Bay	Robinson	Francis	Master	£	36.00
1907	6	Apple Bay	Lambert	Daisy	Female	£	48.00
1908	4	Apple Bay	Lambert	Daisy	Female	£	36.00
1909	7	Apple Bay	Bedingfield	Marie L	Female	£	42.00
1910	4	Apple Bay	Bedingfield	Marie L	Female	£	42.00
1911	6	Apple Bay	Kelleher	Kathleen	Female	£	36.00
1912	6	Apple Bay	Kelleher	Kathleen	Female	£	36.00
1913	7	Apple Bay	Lay	Dorothy	Female	£	48.00
1914	3	Apple Bay	Berg	Violet	Female	£	42.00

13th November 1907 Stokes View.—Mrs Hapi Love wrote asking that a household school be established at Stokes View, near Apple Bay, with Miss Manning as teacher. The Inspector said the Apple Bay School had lost three teachers lately, and it was questionable whether it would not be wise to allow the proposed new school to supersede the Apple Bay School.

Application Granted

15th June 1909 Miss Sidney Shaw's appointment as teacher at Apple Bay was approved

12th April 1910 Miss B Hansen was appointed mistress of the Apple Bay School

9th May 1911 The correspondent of Apple Bay School advised the Board that Miss K ,Kelleher had been appointed to succeed Miss M Bedingfield, resigned. as teacher

18th April 1913. Inspector reported. Good work was noticed at Apple Bay in blackboard drawing

14th July 1914 The appointment of Miss Berg as teacher at Apple Bay was approved subject to Inspector's recommendation

31st December 1915 Miss Arthur transferred from Koromiko (Where the roll has fallen) to Apple Bay *At end of 1915 Marewa Arthur was still at Koromiko*

NB The teachers in the table above were the teachers at the end of each year teaching in the school.

Edgecombe Bay (1912-1914)

Edgecombe Point is at entrance of Endeavour Inlet and I guess Edgecombe Bay was near

1912	4	Edgecombe Bay	Wemyss	Colin	Master	£	24.00
1913	4	Edgecombe Bay	Lehrke	Veronica	Female	£	24.00
1914	6	Edgecombe Bay	Richards	Walter	Master	£	30.00

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19th April 1912 Master C Wemyss appointed (*Aged about 16*)

Papers Past

14th November 1914 Mr Robert Ewing applied for the establishment of an aided school at Edgecombe, Endeavour Inlet

31st August 1916 See Pukekoikoi An application for. the transfer of the school at Pukekoikoi was granted. Tire Chairman explained that the school was a residential one, and the transfer only meant shifting it from one house. to another

Endeavour Inlet (1887-1895, 1909-1921)

At the head of Endeavour Inlet. There was an antimony mine here in the 1890's

1887	23	Endeavour Inlet	Twistleton	Henry L	Master	£	60.00	
1888	23	Endeavour Inlet	Twistleton	Henry L	Master	£	87.10	
1889	20	Endeavour Inlet	Twistleton	Henry L	Master	£	70.00	
1890	19	Endeavour Inlet	Harris	H W	Master	£	70.00	
1891		Endeavour Inlet	Closed	30th June				
1892	15	Endeavour Inlet	Broadhurst	Frederick	Master	£	45.00	
1893	15	Endeavour Inlet	Lang	JJ	Master	£	25.00	
1894	10	Endeavour Inlet	Lang	JJ	Master	£	45.00	
1895		Endeavour Inlet	Closed	April				
1909	6	Endeavour Inlet	Wilson	Harold	Master	£	36.00	
1910	7	Endeavour Inlet	Wickins	Rose IN	Female	£	48.00	
1911	10	Endeavour Inlet	Wickins	Rose IN	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1912	11	Endeavour Inlet	Robson	Florence	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1913	10	Endeavour Inlet	Reaks	Daisy	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1914	11	Endeavour Inlet	Harris	Margaret IN	Female	£	105.00	£10.00
1915	12	Endeavour Inlet	Munro	Martha	Female	£	110.00	£20.00
1917	9	Endeavour Inlet	Mead	Doris	Sole	£	110.00	
1919	9	Endeavour Inlet	McKinlay	May	Sole	£	160.00	
1921	9	Endeavour Inlet	Fisk	May	Sole	£	170.00	

11th January 1887 ENDEAVOUR INLET. Petition from nine residents at Endeavour Inlet asking for a school and a school master. The petitioners represented twenty- nine children of school age, and five older ones who would attend a night school. The locality was stated to be in the Queen Charlotte Sound School District. Resolved, on the motion of Mr Connolly, that a public meeting of the householders be called to elect a School Committee and form a separate district. The question whether a Board School or an Aided School should be provided was held over.

13th January 1887 A petition for a school and a schoolmaster at the Antimony Mine, Endeavour Inlet, came before the Education Board at its last meeting. It was stated that the total population now located in that inaccessible spot twenty miles from everywhere," as Mr Conolly laughingly termed it amounted to 60, of whom 31 are children and five young people suitable for a night school. The Board is quite willing help the settlers to the blessings of a school, the only doubt in the minds of some of the members being whether the mine is likely to be a permanency and whether they would not have an empty school on their hands in a year or two. Mr Conolly informed them that a large deposit of much better metal had lately been discovered, and that the directors were sanguine about putting it; on the London Market at remunerative rates. Another member, of the Board pointed out that settlement in the Inlet was likely to be quite as permanent as in the saw mill districts, where they had already located several schools,

22nd January 1887 The Endeavour Inlet householders are to meet on Friday the 11th February to decide the boundaries of a new School district and elect a Committee

31 January 1881 A letter was received from Mr J. E. Wearne, Mining Manager of the Endeavour Inlet Antimony Company, and Chairman of the School Committee, suggesting that Mr H. L. Twistleton should be appointed teacher, and asking for the 'usual capitation as an aided school. The Board resolved to accede to the wishes of the Committee, and the Secretary was authorised to arrange with the Picton School Committee for the transfer of six desks from the Picton to the Endeavour Inlet School. A letter was received from Messrs Mexted and Hegglin, asking for a fortnight's extension of time for the contract at Endeavour Inlet, as they had had considerable difficulty in getting timber on the ground. The extension was granted.

5th October 1887 The Chairman reported that the Endeavour Inlet School was nearly finished and he had been asked by the Chairman of that Committee for several requisites, including clock and black-board. The request was acceded to

2nd April 1890 That the Endeavour Inlet Committee's request that the status of their school be raised, be held over till next meeting."

2nd April 1890 Endeavour Inlet (aided)— Mr Twistleton On roll, 28; present, 28. The scholars here were more successful than at the previous examination, especially in arithmetic, -Their spelling was of more than average merit, and both •writing and drawing had evidently been carefully taught. The order and organisation were creditable.'

3rd June 1890 School Committee Endeavour Inlet, J. Wearne (Chairman), T. Kelly, W. Thompson, J. Neal, T. Bright, F. Temple, J. McDean;

6th August 1890 The appointment of Mr Harris to the Endeavour Inlet school was confirmed

8th November 1894 Endeavour Inlet.— Efforts are being made to re-establish an aided school at Endeavour Inlet, the new treatment of the antimony obtained from the mines there, having brought an increased and permanent population.

12th December 1894 ENDEAVOUR INLET. Mr Bright wrote that the residents had accepted Mr J. J. Lang as teacher for their aided school. There were some 10 or 12 children to teach. The appointment was confirmed

18th January 1910 A teacher is wanted for the Endeavour Inlet aided school

15th March 1910 The correspondent of the Endeavour Inlet School advised the Board that he had appointed, subject to the Board's approval, Miss Rosa Wilkins to the position of teacher of that school.—Approved.

24th March 1910 The more important works undertaken were the erection of new schools at Nydia Bay and Endeavour Inlet

18th April 1916 Applications called for a sole teacher

29th May 1918 Endeavour inlet £110 to £140 and £20 housing allowance

31st January 1919 Resigned Miss W Burgess Sole Teacher Endeavour Inlet

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1908 168 Square Feet building (say 3.08 Metres x 5.12 Metres)

1932 72 square feet added

1941 Building removed to Port Gore

School Closed 25th September 1922

26th May 1908 To the Secretary of Education from Marlborough Education Board

I am directed to apply for a grant of £15 to erect a schoolroom at Endeavour Inlet (12' x 14') with chimney at Glenburn The settlers have agreed to build this room provided they are assisted to the above extent

In the past the school has been conducted in a room of a private house but this quite unsuitable It is estimated that 12 children will attend. Department replied apply on correct form

Father	Occupation	Distance from New School	NEAREST School	Distance	Children's Names	Age	
Wm Jones Jr	Sheep Farmer	1/8 Mile	Peach Bay	7 Miles	Laurence	7	
					Valentine	4	
					Dorothy	3	
					Wilford	1	
T Jones	Sheep Farmer	Nil	Peach	7	Alexander	8	
					Leonard	7	
					Arthur	4	
					Gilbert	2	
I Harris	Sheep Farmer	1/2	Peach	8	Kate	5	
					John ?	4	
					Margaret	3	
Peter McDonald	Settler	1 MILE	Glenburn		John	14	Maori

					<u>Charles</u>	11	Maori
					<u>Mary</u>	8	Maori
					<u>Georgie</u>	6	Maori
					Johnnie		Maori
					Tender Age		Maori
R. Ewing	Settler	¼ mile	Glenburn		<u>Robert</u>	6	

9th June 1908 Application for school at Endeavour Inlet

5 Families

Nineteen children Five of whom go to Glenburn (Underlined in chart above)

No public school within 20 miles

Peach Bay aided school 7 miles

No rail

No suitable building

Site proposed: Education Reserve 16 acres

Rimu Timber available at Picton First Grade 14/- 2nd Grade 10/6d. Timber shipped would cost 10 shillings per ton

Site is level dry and clear frontage up to 12 chains

Lodging 10/- per week quite handy

Locals will do all manual labour and board and lodge teacher free

Nearest Post Office Endeavour Inlet

Wm Jones jnr. delegated to be Correspondent

Then another form re school buildings containing much of the same information and in addition:

School age children : Nine

School 14 foot by 12 foot. 168 square feet

Wood building, iron roof, brick chimney

Marlborough Education Board owns the Education Reserve

Cost of building £15

Glenburn Opened 6th May 1907.

Average attendance June 07, 8. September 07, 8. December 07, 8/ March 08. 5. Closed January to 22 March 08

Present school is held in a private building which is quite unsuitable and to which some of the parents refuse to send their children

The Inspector is at present out of town but it is on his recommendations that this request is made 26th June Secretary of Ed department in Wellington approves £15

17th June Secretary Marlborough Education Board I will now send you a the application on the prescribed form as you have approved it

10th July Thanks for approving a new school at Glenburn

3rd February 1909 I wish to apply for a grant the room measure 14 x 12 (feet) A small porch is attached to the schoolroom. Total £22

12th February 1909 Voucher for sum of £22 School building at Glenburn £15 and Furniture £7

13th November 1912 Marlborough Education Board applies for £50 to make an addition of 72 square feet of floor space. The Number in attendance now is 14

Department wanted to know if Board built the school or if it is private property?

25th November 1912. This school was previously known as Glenburn and was erected in 1909. In February of that year your department provided £22 towards the cost of the building which is the property of the Board

31st December 1912 Department approves £50 for enlargement of school

Attendance 1910, 7. 1911, 10, 1912, 12

15th May 1913 Letter from Marlborough Education Board The work has been carried out and I apply for £50. The room now measures 20 foot x 12 foot equal to 240 square foot of floor space

Note This is one of the files retained by Mr Macklin and not sent on for payment of grant

Next Letter dated 5th July 1928 from G L Stewart Wellington Education Board asking for a part time school at Endeavour Inlet where the teacher will be expected to teach 3 days at each school.

About 3 miles away round ridge ??? after discussion with a Mr McAllister

11th July 1928 approved by Department

21st August 1956 Land transferred back to crown Section 5 Block VII Gore survey district

Approved 20th December 1956

20th December 1956 Section 5 Block 7 Gore Survey district 3 Acres Transferred to Crown

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15th November 1912 Correspondence was received from the correspondent and the teacher, urging the need for an enlargement of the school, which was now attended by 14 children, and was overcrowded.—It was resolved to apply to the Government for sufficient provision for an addition to the school.

17th January 1913 ENDEAVOR INLET. The secretary reported that the Government had granted £50 for the improvement of the Endeavor Inlet School. —The Committee was authorised to expend the money.

17th OCTOBER 1913 Miss Daisy Reaks Vice Miss Robson appointed

31st March 1914 The Endeavour Inlet annual school picnic took place on Saturday, 21st March, and proved an unqualified success. The weather, though of an inclement nature, did not detain any of the many visitors who assembled from various parts of the Sounds. Sports commenced at eleven o'clock, and the children of the local school, and many children from the neighbouring schools, participated in various races and games. During the afternoon, a boys' hat trimming competition was entered into, and created much amusement. The children greatly appreciated the prizes won by them, and late in the afternoon, the picnic broke up, one and all having spent a very enjoyable outing

19th MAY 1914 It was decided to invite applications for a 10 year lease, with right of resumption if the land is required for education purposes, of a section of land at Endeavour Inlet

12th March 1915 Miss M C Munro appointed on the suggestion of the local committee

12th May 1916 Mr. P Burton appointed

Glenburn (1907) .

Endeavour Inlet boarding house

1907 8 Glenburn Robinson Frank Master £ 48.00

21st January 1907 GLENBURN ENDEAVOUR INLET, QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUNDS. ROBT. EWING, Jun., Proprietor THE above New, Convenient, and Up to-date Residence, situated in one of the Pleasantest Bays in the Sound, is now open to receive Tourists and Visitors for the Summer Months. Good Fishing and Shooting obtainable Only short distance from Ship Cove and other places of interest visited by Capt. Cook. Launches and Boats always on hire. SCENERY AND CLIMATE UNEQUALLED. Moderate Tariff. Every attention. Full particulars on application to H. A. McCormick, Agent, Picton

15th October 1907 Glenburn. —The teacher of the aided school wrote complaining of the paucity of his salary (£48 per year). It was resolved that the teacher be informed that it is usual for the people of the locality to find board and lodging in such cases

13th November 1907 Mr Strachan, Inspector of Schools, reported to the Education Board last night that he had during the month visited 25 schools, mostly in the Sounds. The schools attaining the "good" standard were Elaine Bay, Waitaria Bay, Taranui, and Glenburn; and those reaching the "satisfactory to good" standard were Waitohi and

Hitaua Bay (1906-1907, 1912-1913) also 1888 as Hitawa.

A bay at Southern End of Tory Channel

1888	11	Hitawa	Hood	James	Master	£28.00
1906	6	Hitaua Bay	Johnson	Joshua	Master	£ 36.00
1907	6	Hitaua Bay	Nielsen	Andrea	Female	£ 36.00
1912	5	Hitaua	Burgess	Ida	Female	£ 30.00
1913	6	Hitaua	Sparkes	Hilda	Female	£ 36.00

14th October 1891 Mrs Julia White, Hetau Bay, Torea Bay, wrote asking for permission for the establishment of an aided school in that locality. There would be about seven pupils. The nearest school was at Te Weka, two miles away by water. —The matter was postponed till next meeting, further information to be obtained.

1905 Hitau Bay Had been taken in hand by Marlborough Education Board. Native school report 1905

10th April 1906 Hitaua Bay.—Mr Joshua Johnson applied for a stove for the school.—Resolved to reply pointing out that the householder was expected to heat 'an aided school.

11th November 1913 Miss Hilda Spark appointed

In 1905 at Least Hitaua was a Native School with records in Auckland. There was not a native school at Hitaua in 1904, Records show Marlborough Education Board took over the school in 1906

Lochmara (1891-1892, 1894-1898. 1923)

In Lochmara Bay next door to Onahau Bay or On Lochmara Peninsula 5 miles from Picton

1891	6	Lochmara	Houghton	Jessie H	Female	£ 24.10
1892	6	Lochmara	Houghton	Jessie	Female	£ 21.00
1894	6	Lochmara	Ainsworth	L	Female	£ 29.00

1895	6	Lochmara	Ainsworth	L	Female	£	29.00
1896	4	Lochmara	Godsiff	Clara	Female	£	29.00
1897	4	Lochmara	Gullery	Clarissa	Female	£	20.00
1898	5	Lochmara	Gullery	Clarissa Ivy	Female	£	25.00
1923	4	Lochmara	McIsaac	Vera	Sole	£	60.00

8th February 1895 Miss Hargraves, formerly mistress of the Lochmara aided school, was married to Mr E. G. Hyde in Wellington the other day. *I have no reference to Miss Hargraves*
There was also a Lochmara Peninsula adjacent to the Picton freezing works and Grove Saleyards

19th February 1920 Miss M Wastney appointed to Lochmara Aided School as Sole Teacher

5th June 1889 PELORUS SOUND. A letter was read from Mr John Gould, of Pelorus Sound. He had had to engage a tutor for his family, and asked the Board to grant him capitation, as he was 16 miles away from the nearest school. He had engaged a Miss Jessie Houghton as teacher. The Board decided to accede to the request

This is all the information available I suspect this school had another name

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P and A register 6 Children listed

Alice Clarissa Gullery Standard 4 1925, Standard 5 1926 Standard 6 1927 Gained proficiency in 1927 Left to go Home

Ian Gullery Started in Standard in 1925 and Left From Standard 6 with proficiency 1927 also went home

Thomas Gullery Standard 3 in 1925 Standard 6 in 1929

Joan Gullery Standard 2 in 1925 in 1929 passed Standard 6

Joan Gullery Standard in 1925 to Standard 6 in 1929

Cecil Flood attended in Primers from 1st June 1925 18th December 1925 Lived with Mrs F J Gullery

Lochmara went to St Joseph's Picton Came from St Joseph's Blenheim

Ronald Gullery Date of Birth 16th May 1926 In the Primers 1928

1924 Teacher V McIsaac 1925 D F Edwards Taken from covers of work books

Maraetai Bay (1923)

First bay past Dieffenbach Point when turning into Tory Channel from Picton AKA Dieffenbach School

1923	9	Maraetai Bay	Burgess	Muriel N	Sole	£	120.00
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30th January 1924 M N Burgess resigns

27th April 1929 Miss K M Reece appointed

4th March 1930 Miss V Perry Sole Teacher Maraetai

3rd November 1936 Miss M Selwood Sole Teacher Maraetai Bay

National Archives:

11th January 1921 Letter from Jf Baldrick Hitaia Bay Tory Channel

- a) As the school in Hitaia has been closed I would apply for the same school to be opened in Maraetai Bay (Neighbouring Bay to Hitaia)

- b) As the nearest school is 10 miles distance over very rough roadless country and 5 miles by launch it is impossible for children to attend
- c) I would remove without cost any desks etc.
- d) I have no suitable building but I am aware of a small school in Blackwood Bay which has not been used for some time. I would remove it at my own expense to Maraetai Bay
- e) There are 4 children who would attend

Wellington Education Board replies needs more details The Wellington Education Board pays £15 per head on the average attendance

26th January 1921 Wellington Education Board approved

1st February 1921 Mr Baldrick replies he cannot make up the salary to £90 in the current circumstances

We will teach them ourselves and apply for a school later when all the children are at school

17th February 1921 Wellington Education Board replies they could open school if teacher is paid £60 if they can find a teacher

Herman Baldrick Grace 6, Jack 5, Constance 3

Arthur Flood

Mrs Ada Tetley

Mr C Tetley Ada Tetley 6, Ethel Tetley 5, George Tetley 3

Arthur Flood Jean Flood 8, Robert Flood 6, Phylis Flood 4

Families 4 No of Children 6

Picton 20 Miles Te Weka 12

No connection by Rail

Room in House 14 foot x 13 ½. No building available

School Buildings and sites Diffenbach

Grade 1 school opened 15th May 1925 Rent 5/- per week

25th May 1921 H Baldrick writes

- a) Mrs Baldrick a close neighbour who would board at her own home she is prepared to teach until the numbers of children increase
- b) There is a schoolhouse at Tuhuahua or Blackwood Bay could be removed free of charge for labour as long as the board supplied the necessary paint nails etc. and also the cost of punting the school across the channel
- c) There is no one living within miles of the school as the present owners live in Keneperu and they have a school there

June 11th Thos Warren writes a long letter including

- a) The Flood children have to travel 3 miles over the heads and could not be counted on to attend school regularly
- b) The quarter acre site to be given for a school site would be useless

c) Mrs Baldrick is an aunt of the children and I have not met her. I have a list of applicants for a job like this

d) I do not think this school should be treated differently than any other small school and I don't think the building should be moved

22nd June 1921. As the Board does not recommend any near relative teaching related children

23rd July 1921 Mr R Marston recommended as teacher

23rd February 1922 Sec Wellington Education Board writes to Mr Baldrick as the Board understands Mr Marston left Maraetai school did he leave on his own accord or whether the engagement was terminated by you

8th March 1922 Letter from Mr Baldrick. Mr Marston left on his own accord as the school was not large enough and he was only staying until the end of the year

He also knew I wanted a female teacher as it is inconvenient to accommodate a male teacher in the house

Could you employ Mrs Baldrick who is only a relative by marriage and has seven years teaching experience

20th March 1922 I am sending an application letter from Muriel N Burgess

Appointed 20th April 1922

26th June 1922 Mr Baldrick writes a 5 page letter

a) We are struggling to pay £60 a year

b) Miss Burgess is doing very well

c) One parent on a small farm was badly wounded at Gallipoli

Etc.

30th June 1922 Miss Burgess had written to Education Board thinking she was on £75 salary not £60. We will keep her on the same salary until she writes back to us to tell me who told her.

2nd July 1922 Miss Muriel N Burgess writes asking if school can close early so that she can go to Wellington to sit her "D" examination. The mail launch comes only once a week. The parents of the children boarding here need to know Reply The examination is being held during the school holidays

22nd August 1923 Mr Baldrick wants to know how long a teacher has been teaching to get a boarding allowance

Reply Need to have an average of 9 children

30th January 1924 Miss S Granmer appointed

3rd March 1924 Thos Warren wrote a long report to Wellington Education Board including

a) Mr W Martyn proceeded to Picton where he was met by the two Baldrick men who told him they wanted a lady teacher (*In another note Mr Warren wrote that he thinks the Baldrick's want a women teacher to help in the house*)

b) They refused to carry him in their launch

- c) Altogether the brothers were very rude to Mr Martyn and practically said that it was their school and they could do what they liked
- d) One brother is married but has no children accommodation could be easily found
- e) Mr Warren states the brothers should be taught a sharp lesson and the school should be closed

10th March 1924 The teacher will be paying Board as long as the school remains in Grade 1

24th March 1924 A conciliatory letter from Mr Baldrick apologising but stating that they still want a women teacher as they have to share a room with a little girl

Correspondence is in file order rather than date order

3rd May 1924 Mr Baldrick writes again asking what's happening?

6th May 1924 Wellington Education Board writes that if nothing is done for board for the teacher the school will close. The Board is pushing for the childless brother to take the teacher

15th May 1924 Mr Baldrick writes that he will accept the choice of their male teacher and will do our best to overcome any inconvenience that would be his discomfort

16th June Miss McFadden is teaching asking for journals

December 1924 Roll number 6

Bronchitis Pneumonia has effected attendance

11th February 1925 Miss McFadden having resigned to attend training college we apply for a new teacher

27th February 1925 Miss M E Harrison appointed teacher

6th February Miss Harrison declined and Miss Kingsbeer is appointed

17th March Mr Baldrick regrets Miss Kingsbeer not be appointed as they cannot meet her demand of a salary of £120

28th April 1925 Miss Mavis Easton appointed

9th November 1926 Miss Mavis Easton writes asking to close the school to attend the Picton Flower Show. Approved

17th November 1926 A circular to all schools included That the teacher be not required to perform household duties other than the care of her own room

Another note The teacher is also not required to clean the classroom

20th April 1927 A reliever will be appointed if free lodgings and conveyance to and from Picton is provided

Telegram agreeing

Miss Slattery appointed

Miss Slattery engaged private school regret no other teach available

30th May 1928 As roll is only 3 the board has no authority to appoint another teacher in place of Miss Easton

20th July 1928 Mrs Herman Baldrick is writing to say she is boarding 2 children and with her three school aged children would like a teacher appointed

27th July 1928 Mr M J Turner appointed at present in charge of the school at Taranui A School in South Wairarapa

3rd Aug 1929 Mrs Baldrick Telegrams asking for a female teacher if none available we will wait.
Reply Mr Turner has decided to continue at Taranui

7th Aug Mrs Baldrick Writes Mrs Baldrick writes saying they will accept Mr Turner

2nd March 1929 (As in file) Miss King is away because of her brother's illness

11th March Miss Kelly arriving Wellington steamer relieving

26th April Jack Baldrick 12 years 7 months. Robert 5.5, Grace 14.6, Constance 10.9

May Huntly 9.10

18th December 1929 Mrs Baldrick writes asking for a lady teacher with 5 children

4th January 1930 Miss Perry relieving teacher

1st April 1930 Mrs Baldrick writes saying school will be closed in May

Only 3 pupils

10th December 1930 Mrs Baldrick wishes to reopen hte4 school. There will be 5 pupils and free board for a lady teacher

10th February 1931 Cannot have a male teacher but board insists that they cannot discriminate so Mrs Baldrick will continue with correspondence lessons

1st October 1933 Mrs Herman Baldrick writes about number of children needed for a grade 0 school

Reply must have 5 or 6 children before Department will approve opening a Grade 0 school

17th October 1933 Mrs Baldrick I have not the required number of children yet

16th March 1935 Mr Herman Baldrick applies to reopen the school with 2 families and 5 children

Free Board. Female teacher wanted. No accommodation for male

Children Bob 11, Rex 9, Ian 7, Joan 6, Jean 6

Sheep farmer. 22 years in the district

20th June 1935 No one applied for Job so readvertised

19th July 1935 On form indicated 18 miles from Picton by road but roads are inaccessible all travel is by launch

11th March 1936 Mr S S Amies appointed and resigns

13th May 1936 Miss E Cochrane appointed

25th May 1936. Mrs Jf Baldrick writes there will be five children attending school

25th February 1937 Education Board meeting included that Marlborough members of eth Board look into living conditions at Maraetai before appointing another teacher

That Miss Selwood be transferred to Te Towaka

15th March 1937 Education Board members visited Maraetai School and reported

a) The home is a very humble character

b) We visited the room occupied by the teacher last year. The room is hardly what a teacher would expect but with a little attention could be made quite comfortable

c) There is a blind and curtain and the sashes run freely

- d) The school room must be very cold in winter as there is no covering over the rough lining, the ceiling is open to the rafters, purlings and galvanised iron
- e) There is an open fireplace and one window both in good order
- f) The floor is good but for the sake of safety better steps could be provided
- g) We recommend if a teacher is appointed it should be male if possible

18th March 1937 Mr P L Graham appointed

15th December 1937 Mrs J Baldrick closes Maratai School. The room will be taken by the little girl who sleeps with us.

The children will go onto correspondence

Buildings and Sites 1921-1945

12th July 1922 Re making tracks to the home of Mr Flood reports there is no local body in existence . It is not the Boards job to cut and maintain tracks

3rd November 1922 Track to be completed by Public Works Department to get children to Baldrick's school. Track to be one and a half miles

Okukari (1910-1913)

Flat farmed area at the North Entrance to Tory Channel from Cook Strait

1910	5	Okukari	Kirk	C E	Female	£	30.00
1911	5	Okukari	Martyn	Annie P	Female	£	30.00
1912	3	Okukari	Watson	Leslie	Master	£	30.00
1913	2	Okukari	Raven	Constance	Female	£	18.00

14th March 1911 Miss A Martyns appointed

11th February 1913 The Board approved of the appointment of Miss D. E. Ensor to the teachership at the Okukari aided school.

14th March 1913 WANTED, for Household, School Teacher; two children; salary, .£30 per annum. Apply G. Kenny, Okukari,

18th April 1913 Good mapping was observed at Okukari

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14th February 1913 Miss D E Ensor appointed

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14th April 1911 Mr. G. Gibson informed the Board that he was unable to proceed with his contract for the erection of a new school at Onahuku, owing to being unable to procure dressed timber in the Sounds. He pointed out that the only way to get suitable timber was to take it from Blenheim, and this would cost an extra £12 10s, and he could not do the work unless the Board was prepared to meet him in the direction of the extra cost. It was decided to relieve Mr. Gibson of his contract, and that Mr. Strachan report on this matter when he next visits the district.

National Archives

Grade 1 school established 12/3/42 20 miles from Picton

Onahau and Onahau Bay (1901. 1904-1905, 1907-1913 1938-1946)

Bay on the Grove Arm

1901	3	Onahau Bay	Sheridan	Olive	Female	£	42.00	
1904	2	Onahau Bay	Hebbard	Ruth M	Female	£	42.00	
1905	2	Onahau Bay	Hebbard	Ruth	Female	£	54.00	
1907	7	Onahau	Hebbard	Ruth	Female	£	90.00	£10.00
1908	7	Onahau	Hebbard	Ruth	Female	£	90.00	
1909	8	Onahau	Hebbard	Ruth	Female	£	90.00	
1910	8	Onahau	Hebbard	Ruth	Female	£	94.10	£10.00
1911	7	Onahau	Gullery	C I	Female	£	15.00	
1912	5	Onahau	King	Mary	Female	£	10.00	
1913	2	Onahau	Dickie	G E	Female	£	12.00	

13th August 1901 Onahau. A blackboard is to be sent to this school

2nd December 1901 SUMMER MARINE RESIDENCE. BOARD and Residence at Mrs J. Landall's, Onahau Bay, near Picton. Particulars on application

13th May 1902 A request from Mrs Landall for the means of establishing an aided school at Onahau, Picton Sounds, was granted

9th June 1902 A teacher appointed (*Not named and not there at end of year*)

31st October 1904 Track improvements Onahau to Anakiwa, £150; Onahau Bay to Kenepuru Sound, £60.

15th August 1905 Miss G W Dickie appointed s teacher at Onahau

30th August 1905 The member for the district intends to obtain a survey of the section of the proposed tunnel from Onahau Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound, to Te Mehia (*Sic*) Bay, Kenepuru opened between the two Sounds. This would bring Havelock within two hours' journey of Picton, and enable settlers to send fruit and other perishable produce to Wellington any day

15th October 1907 Miss Sheridan appointed teacher

12th May 1908 Mr Hebbant (*Hebbard*) wrote asking that his sister be appointed to the school- granted

22nd April 1912 Onahau was open for 426 half days in 1911 schools were expected to be open 420 half days a year

It is clear that teachers appointed did not stay long and Ruth Hebbard took over each time

National Archives

3rd October 1938 Miss E A Cahill Grade 0 sole teacher appointed

5th July 1938 Application for a school 2 families five children One of whom is on the roll of another school

Linkwater 10 Miles away. Picton 6 miles away by water

Room 10 foot by 12 foot with brick fireplace

J W Hebbard Farmer Linkwater Block 16 300 acres in area

Donald Henry (12) attends Picton, Jean Hilda 10, Margaret Winifred 7, Gwyneth Rose 5,

Raymond Burton (12)

Letter from Mrs J M Hebbard re Raysford Burton who is now residing at Onahau and will be attending our school . His father lives in Wellington

Joseph will be 5 on January 6th

26th July 1938 Wellington Education Board recommends to Department that school be opened

28th August 1946 School has been closed for some time. Wellington Education Board recommends it be reopened

Appears to not be reopened

Onapua (1910-1913)

A Large Bay in Tory Channel

1910	5	Onapua	Johnson	Maud M	Female	£	30.00
1911	3	Onapua	Johnson	Maud M	Female	£	30.00
1912	3	Onapua	Johnson	Maud M	Female	£	18.00
1913	5	Onapua	Johnson	Maud M	Female	£	36.00

3rd May 1911 Spelling is a useful discipline in accuracy as well as a common criterion of education. Set tests were for the most part- well done. Eli Bay, Nydia Bay, Onahau, Onapua, Renwick, Springlands, Tennyson Inlet, Waitohi, and St. Joseph's may be mentioned for excellence.

The' best writing of the year was found at the followings schools: Clova Bay, Picton, St. Mary's, Fabian's Valley, Onahuku, and Onapua. Composition is still a weak subject. In this direction all well-educated parents; can and ought to give their children much useful assistance.

23rd April 1912 Good .general writing was also noticeable at "Ward, Te Rou. Sea View, Onahuku,. Onapua, etc.

9th September 1913 Miss M.M. Johnston, teacher at Onapua, was granted one week's leave of absence, in October or November so, that she could, received ringing lessons in Blenheim

1921	707	Lyall Bay	Johnson	Marguerite M	C	Assistant	£	210.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Johnson	Marguerite M	C-187	Assistant	£	195.00
1915	6	Redhough	Johnson	Margaret		Female	£	36.00
1914	5	Redhough	Johnson	Maud M		Female	£	30.00
1971/44652		Johnson		Marguerite Maude				89Y

Johnson, Marguerite Maude, 1883?-1971 : Reminiscences

Date: 1890-1910 By: Johnson, Marguerite Maude, 1883?-1971

Ref: MS-Papers-9869

Comprises most of Johnson's reminiscences in which she describes her early family life from her family's immigration to NZ in 1885 and living at Waikawa and Queen Charlotte Sound in the Marlborough Sounds. She continues with her experiences growing up including travels in New Zealand with her sister, and later; 'Trout-fishing'; notes; and cover and notes for 'Botanical explorers of New Zealand' by Rewa Glenn.

Book in National Library Wellington

Onauku (1913-1923) aka Onahuku (1909-1912)

Onauku Bay is a bay in East Bay on Arapawa Island

1909	12	Onauku (Onahuku)	Binley	Jessie	Female	£ 90.00	£10.00
1910	16	Onauku (Onahuku)	Binley	Jessie	Female	£ 90.00	£10.00
1911	18	Onauku (Onahuku)	Binley	Jessie	Female	£ 108.00	£15.00
1912	12	Onauku (Onahuku)	Watson	Jessie	Female	£ 112.10	£10.00
1913	12	Onauku	Watson	Jessie	Female	£117.00	£15.00
1914	7	Onauku	Watson Mrs	Jessie	Female	£ 126.00	£15.00
1915	7	Onauku	Watson	Mrs Jessie	Female	£ 108.00	£10.00
1917	10	Onauku	Watson	Jessie Mrs	Sole	£117.00	
1919	10	Onauku	Watson	Jessie Mrs	Sole	£170.00	
1921	8	Onauku	Watson	Jessie Mrs	Sole	£120.00	
1923	10	Onauku	Watson	Jessie Mrs	Sole	£170.00	
1911/6489		Jessie Olive	Binley	Timothy	Watson		
1979/42358		Watson	Jessie Olive	26/10/1889	89Y		
1914/26590		Watson	Lindsay John Karira	Jessie Olive	Timothy		

12th October 1909 Miss J. Binley, teacher at Onahuku, wrote requesting the Board to erect the new school as soon as possible, as the temporary building was very inconvenient. It was decided to ask the Department for a grant as soon as the attendance justified such a step.

24th March 1910 The buildings now in course of erection or contemplated are Additional j room at Carluke; new schools at' Riverlands, Tahuahua, Nopera Bay, and Onahuku

26th April 1910 For the coming year the most important requirements are better teaching conditions at Riverlands, Nopera Bay, Onauku, Grassmere and Richmond Brook

17th August 1910 TENDERS are invited up to Noon of SATURDAY, 3rd September, for the erection of New Schools at. Nopera Bay (Kenepuru Sound) and Onahuku (Arapawa Island). Full particulars on application to— H. B. HUDDLESTON, C.E., Architect, Blenheim

13th December 1910 Miss Binley applied for leave of absence from the Onahuku school, where she was acting as teacher. Leave of absence was granted

14th February 1911 THE ONAHUKU SCHOOL

Mr Watson wrote informing, the Board that he had decided to remain at Onahuku and asked the Board to proceed with the erection of a school building at its earliest convenience. The Board decided to inform Mr "Watson that the school would be completed before the winter.

11th April 1911 ONAHUKU SCHOOL. Mr G. Gibson informed the Board that he was unable to proceed with his contract for the erection of a new school at Onahuku, owing to being unable to procure dressed timber in the Sounds. He pointed out that the only way to get-suitable timber was to take it from Blenheim, and this would -cost an extra £12 10s, and he could not do the work unless the Board was prepared to meet him in the direction of the extra cost. It was decided to. relieve Mr Gibson of his contract, and that Mr Strachan report on this matter when he next visits the district.

3rd May 1911 During 1910 building occurred at Grovetown (residence), Tahuahua, Riverlands. Works in hand include schools, or extensions at Nopera Bay, Richmond Brook, Onahuku.

The' best writing of the year was found at the followings schools: Clova Bay, Picton, St. Mary's, Fabian's Valley, Onahuku, and Onapua. Composition is still a weak subject. In this direction all well educated parents; can and ought to contribute

13th June 1911 ONAHUKU SCHOOL

The Inspector was appointed to arrange the site for the Onahuku school.

14th November 1911 ONAHUKU. In reference to the' dispute about the site of the Onahuku school the chairman said that the builder had been instructed to proceed with the building

23rd April 1912 Native Schools operating under the Board. —Wairau Pa, Waikawa. Pa, Okoha, Otonga, and Onahuku, are really Native schools, and the children on the roll are more or less migratory in. habits. Where fairly settled conditions occur, as at Onahuku, progress is very satisfactory. In some of these schools the work is much hampered by the backwardness of the parents in providing the ordinary school material—slates, pencils, copy books, etc.

13th May 1913 Four residents of Onahuku asked that steps be taken to appoint a male certificated teacher.—It was resolved to give the present female teacher three months' notice, and call for applications for the position, on the understanding that the teacher now engaged was eligible to apply

17th June 1913 Onauku— Solo Teacher £90 to £120, and £10 housing allowance

15th July 1913 Mrs T. Watson was re-appointed to the position of sole teacher at the Onauku school

14th October 1913 ONAUKU. Mr Karira Watson wrote asking the Board to accept a quarter-acre for the school site at Onauku instead of the half-acre originally offered, the request being due to the action of the Land Board reducing his homestead block.—It was resolved to reply that the request could not be granted.

21st October 1914 Martin's to Onauku School, £50; *Track works*

19th February Onauku to be a booth for the Southern Maori electorate

22nd April 1918 WATSON.—On April;. 20th;. 1918. at the Wairau Maternity Hospital: to Mr-and Mrs T; Watson, Onauku. Q.C. Sound—a daughter

10th June 1918 WATSON.—On June 8th, 191R, at Blenheim: Lois Hana, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Watson, Onauku, Picton; aged seven weeks.

25th July 1918 Christmas Parcel Fund Onauku School (per Miss J. Watson) 7s 6d.

3rd October Miss K Abbott Sole Teacher Onauku

26th November 1934 DEATHS.

BINLEY.—On November 19;. 1934;' result of air crash at Bombay,. Alan, dearly beloved brother.' of Mrs. T.. Watson, Onauku, arid' Mary and; W Binley, 23, Tiber Street, Island Bay

6th May 1935 WATSON.-On May 6, 1935, at Lewisham Hospital (the result or an accident), years. (Interment at Picton.)

FATAL INJURIES

RUGBY MATCH

POPULAR PLAYER'S DEATH

A fall after being tackled in a Rugby match at Wakefield- Park1 on- Saturday afternoon caused serious internal injuries to Lindsay J. Watson, aged 20, and despite a blood transfusion and an operation he at' Lewisham Hospital yesterday' morning, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs T.: Watson, of Onauku, Marlborough. Sounds, were making a stormy launch trip across Cook Strait to see him.

The deceased was playing for University against Institute in the third division of the, third grade competition. About half-way through the game he was tackled and he fell heavily, fracturing some ribs on his left side": and receiving internal injuries. The Free Ambulance took him to Lewisham Hospital, where he was given a blood transfusion and was operated upon that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson left the Sounds at 8 a.m. in a vain effort to see their son before he died. They landed at Paremata and came to Wellington by car, arriving at about 1:30 p.m., but the injured boy had died at about 11 a.m. Lindsay Watson had been studying law at Victoria College for the last three years, and for about eighteen months he had been working in the State Advances Department. He was educated at Te Aute College, and took a keen and active interest in several branches of sport. Last year he resided at Weir House, but at the time of his death he was living in Clifton Terrace; All who knew him held him in the highest esteem. The deceased was a friend of the late Jack Ruru, a member of the V.U.C. (*Victoria University Club*) Rugby Club who died last season as the result of injuries received on the football field. National Archives: Yes

Opua Bay (1895-1900)

At Eastern end of Onapua Bay in Tory Channel

1895	4	Opua Bay	Johnson Mrs	M P	Female	£	20.00
1896	4	Opua Bay	Johnson	M P	Female	£	20.00
1897	5	Opua Bay	Johnson	M P	Female	£	25.00
1898	5	Opua Bay	Johnson	M P	Female	£	25.00
1899	3	Opua Bay	Johnson	M P	Female	£	15.00
1900	4	Opua Bay	Johnson	M P	Female	£	20.00

9th August 1898 J. Johnson wrote asking that scm3 land be given to him as compensation for the road which has been taken through his freehold at Opua Bay.— Matter postponed till Commissioner has visited the land

14th February 1899 J. Johnson wrote re the acquirement of some additional Crown land in exchange for a road through his freehold at Opua Bay. Recommended for favourable consideration

22nd August J. Johnson wrote with further reference to his claim for compensation for road taken through his land at Opua Bay. Consideration postponed until next meeting

All above Land Board Notes

See Onapua School Notes

Otaki (1914-1917)

In Port Gore

1914	4	Otaki	Morrison	Mary	Female	£	24.00
1915	4	Otaki (Marlborough)	Morrison	Mary	Female	£	24.00
1917	5	Otaki (Marlborough)	Morrison	Mary	Sole	£	40.00

Pelorus Guardian 23rd July 1918 At the monthly meeting of the Wellington Education Board last week the alteration of the name of Otaki Bay (Pelorus Sound) school to Finners Bay was authorised

Otanerau (1919-1927)

In East Bay Queen Charlotte Sound

1919	7	Otanerau	Trischler	Agnes	Sole	£84.00
1921	8	Otanerau	Dawson	Muriel G	Sole	£120.00
1923	7	Otanerau	Kissel	Elizabeth	Sole	£105.00

30th January 1924 E Kissel resigned

28th February 1924 M. Sawtell, Otanerau appointed

21st May 1924 M Sawtell resigns

School went to 1927

National Archives:

29th April 1921 Letter from A Mackenzie (Correspondent) asking

- a) Miss Greensill Teacher
- b) What will be the arrangement for boarding the teacher in the future
- c) The school will now be a public one and the teacher will have an increase in salary and find herself
- d) We saw in the paper that the Education Board found cocoa for those children coming a long way
- e) 3 children are coming a long way

The average of 9 must be on the roll for a year before the school goes up in Grade reply from Wellington Education Board

16th May 1921 Mr. Mackenzie writes to Board and includes response to a Board circular saying teacher's boarding do not have to do any work except keep their room tidy

1st August 1921 Thomas Warren Inspector writes to Education Board

- a) When we closed Wharehunga School and appointed Miss Greensill as teacher at Otanerau it was necessary she took her young sister with her
- b) Mr. Mackenzie objected to the sister coming on moral grounds- I do not think his accusations were justified and Miss Greensill and her sister went to live with her uncle who lives two or three miles away
- c) Unfortunately the Uncles son had an accident and broke his skull and home temporarily broke up
- d) Miss Greensill was unable to find Board in Otanerau and since Monday the school has been closed
- e) As you can see there has been some sort of friction between Miss Greensill and the Mackenzies and all sort of side issues have been introduced
- f) Miss Greensill is a very lady like girl and one of my most promising junior teachers
- g) At present she is teaching her sister but there are three other children who will attend Wharehunga School as soon as it is reopened
- h) I recommend Wharehunga be reopened with Miss Greensill
- i) That Miss Muriel Dawson be appointed to Otanerau School

5th September 1921 A Mackenzie thanks Wellington Education Board for reopening the school with 6 pupils and Miss Dawson

13th February 1922 Telegram from Mackenzie to Wellington Education Board Just received notice of resignation of teacher. Elderly senior teacher suits best here writing

13th March Telegram to Mr. Warren Otanerau requests elderly female teacher Miss Kissel would suit do you agree?

15th February 1922

- a) Our mail delivery is now fortnightly so sent a telegram re Miss Dawson
- b) She left on good terms and promised to come back bringing two children with her.. Why she didn't tell us she was leaving I don't understand
- c) She was by far the best teacher we have had and the children made wonderful progress under her
- d) With young girls a trip or two to Picton unsettles them and the holidays seem to finish it.
- e) I rang up Mr. Warren's wife (twice) in Blenheim and asked them to do their best
- f) We have the telephone and a wire comes straight to our house so there will be no trouble getting in contact

18th February 1922 Telegram Miss Kissel leaves WELLINGTON Monday's steamer. Please meet in Picton

24th October 1922 Mr. A Mackenzie writes. Met Miss Kissel in Picton

Though Miss Kissel had a rough passage she started school on Tuesday Morning 21st and all we hope is that she finds the place pleasant enough to stay here

13th August 1923 S Kissel asked to take school holidays a week earlier on account of health and starting a week earlier also adding Dominion Day and Labour Day to the school holidays

Reply that you should apply before you take the holidays and adding two extra days on is approved

5th February 1924 Telegram to Mackenzie Teacher not yet selected. How many children available?

6th February Seven children Standard one to standard 6

7th February Telegram. Can probably secure experienced male teacher if suitable. Reply immediately

8th February Telegram will accept male teacher

13th February Letter to Mr Mackenzie appointing Mr M Sawtell to start asap

13th February McKenzie replies Will meet teacher in Picton

13th February Telegram to Mr McKenzie Mr Sawtell leaves Wellington Friday Steamer. Kindly meet Picton

21st February 1924 Letter from Mr McKenzie to Education Board included

- a) Met Mr Sawtell who school on Monday 18th
- b) He found everything left by Miss Kissel in first class order
- c) We were sorry to lose Miss Kissel who got the children on as if they were in the best school in the country
- d) She was by far the best teacher we have ever had

24th April 1924 Letter from Wellington Education Board to Mr Warren asking about the application from Miss Kingsbeer asking for appointment to Otanerau or Waikakehe schools. She as a probationer for 3 years but failed to get into training college

Telegram Miss Kingsbeer unavailable for appointment to Mr Warren

29th May Mr Mackenzie asks when teacher is coming? Reply Board is still waiting Mr Warren's recommendations

30th May 1924 Miss Pike appointed

Telegram from Mr Warren advised me that Miss King appointed- Mackenzie

17th June 1924 Letter from Mr Mackenzie to Education Board

- a) When in Picton I arranged with Miss Pike to come with me and she started on Monday 9th
- b) One of letters to her contained a deposit for Mr Sawtell
- c) We decided to return to you as it may get lost. Mr Sawtell's address was c/o G P O Wellington
- d) Miss Pike seems an earnest worker.
- e) Miss Kissell has a school for 6 months at Dromore Ashburton The teacher there is on 6 months leave

19th November 1925 Miss S Pike writes asking to close a day earlier so she can catch the mailboat out Board approved

15th Jan 1926 Letter from Mr A Mackenzie

- a) Is the school now a Grade 1 school and Miss Pike who is coming back is she entitled to £220 and the Board pay her Board
- b) She is due to Board with a neighbour on her return and I wish to be able to tell him
- c) I understand I will be allowed rent for the school now
- d) Please send maps for the school especially of New Zealand

19th January 1926 Wellington Education Board asks for details of maps already in the school School will be Grade 1

25th Jan 1926 Letter from Mr Mackenzie to Wellington Education Board

- a) We only have weekly mail
- b) We have kept the teachers free for 7 years
- c) Miss Pike has done very good work, but a certificated teacher should do the same and support herself
- d) I think it is a matter of indifference to Miss Pike whether she is appointed or not as she meant to leave but changed her mind
- e) I expect a roll of 9 but perhaps there maybe 12 as the Maoris are so uncertain

2nd February 1926 Miss Pike opened school all going well

9th February 1926 Letter from Board stating school cannot maintain a roll for a grade 1 school

5th February Mr Mackenzie writes roll is only 7 though the other 2 children are still in the district. I expect they will be going to Waikawa School along with the other 3 who attended last year That means there end of hope for a grade 1 school

9th February 1926 Wellington Education Board does not give maps to Grade 0 schools

3rd February 1926 Miss Pike writes

- a) Mr Mackenzie informs me another teacher has been appointed and it will inconvenience me if I have to leave before the end of February
- b) There are 7 children attending one of whom will be returning to Picton in about a fortnight
- c) School did not start until Tuesday February 2nd as I missed the car from Nelson on Sunday

d) Board replies no other teacher appointed. Please make up day missed

18th February Miss Pike writes day has already been made up as an extra lesson has been taken up either before or after school

Board replies can't make up day by adding extra hours to school day

26th March 1926 Day will be made up 3rd June and pointing out the schools does not take days for things like shows and picnics etc.

29th March 1926 You cannot make up day on Queen's Birthday pick another day

Reply Day will be made upon Monday 17th May

Approved by Wellington Education Board

20th May 1920 Telegram to Mr Mackenzie Miss Pike transferred to Omaka School will send another teacher as soon as possible

4th June 1926 Mr Mackenzie going to Picton and wants to pick up a teacher. Board replies none available

7th June Telegram to Wellington Education Board My daughter teaching in the meantime. If no teacher available will you appoint her?

Reply Board unable to accept proposal. (*Wouldn't appoint family teachers as teachers in small household schools*)

16th June 1926 Miss Bell proceeding from Wellington Monday. Please arrange to meet her in Picton

17th June 1926 Miss M Bell of Temuka appointed she is well qualified but has no teaching experience

Letter to Mr A A Wedde organising teacher asking him to go Otanerau school and offer her assistance. Miss Bell is travelling by Tamahine

18th June 1926 Letter from Mr Mackenzie to Wellington Education Board

- a) We don't mind Miss Bell not having teacher experience as thought we might not get one seeing it is a long time since Miss Pike got an appointment to Kaituna
- b) We are fixing up the old school which has a better fireplace and has more room
- c) Thanks for 2 maps
- d) We hope Miss Bell will be quite comfortable

17th November 1926 Notifying all schools that teachers do not have to do any other duties in the house than look after their own room

Then a letter to Mr Mackenzie stating teachers do not have to keep the school clean

17th February 1927 Miss Bell is leaving immediately to take up a probationship in another district and Miss Marie E A Ward is appointed She has not quite obtained her D certificate and will ask for help in arithmetic

18th February 1927 Mr Mackenzie writes

- a) We are sorry to lose Miss Bell and is a particularly nice refined girl
- b) She has taken up a pupil teachership at Ashburton as a step to getting to training college
- c) We are sorry the attendance is dropping

23rd March 1927 Wellington Education Board notifies Miss Ethel Gray is appointed in succession to Marie Ward. Miss Gray's address is Hinakura Wairarapa

28th March 1927 I would have warned you when Miss Ward left but Mr Wedde (Organising Teacher) told me his daughter would take the school

I have heard no more

Two of the children are in standard VI and are anxious to get their proficiency

2th April Miss Wedde appointed

18th May 1927 Attendance down to three Closing school Mackenzie

19th July 1927. Attendance register sent as requested the children have now been on Correspondence and seem to be grasping the work better than expected

Otonga (1910, 1912)

In East Bay

1910 10 Otonga Higgle Gordon Master £ 90.00 £10.00

1912 8 Otonga Gibson Francis Master £ 90.00 £10.00

1 September 1911 Otonga School (Queen Charlotte Sound-), £90 and £10 h.a (*Housing Allowance*)

10th October 1911 Mr Sewell's appointment as teacher at Otonga was approved.

16th April 1912 Mr Gibson was temporarily appointed teacher of the Otonga School

11th March 1913 Mr Gibson wrote resigning the teachership at Otonga.

18th April 1913 Otonga was one of the schools that taught History to good effect in 1912

Oyster Bay (1919- 1926)

In Tory Channel opposite Te Awaita Whaling Station

1921 7 Oyster Bay Trischler Agnes Sole

Though the school was open at other times 1921 appears to be the only time a teacher was there at the end of the school year. In 1919 Agnes Trischler was at Otanerau close by

18th February 1920 Miss D Waiti appointed by Wellington Education Board

15th October 1920 WANTED. — Teacher for Mrs. Heberley's- (aided school. Oyster Bay. Salary £100. Apply Box 64, Blenheim.

19th July 1923 M Wastney resigns

28th February 1924 Miss I Hiskens appointed

11th December 1924 Q M Hiskens Oyster Bay resigns

National Archives

21st March 1919 Application to establish a new school

Oyster Bay Tory Channel

One family of 5 children

Two of whom are registered at another school

Nearest Schools Te Awaite Arapawa Island 5 Miles. Te Weka 10 Miles Picton 18 miles

No railway,

Will provide accommodation and keep for teacher

Signed A. Heberley

Occupation Farmer Section 10 Block 40 acres Owned freehold Also Section 2 861 acres Leased in perpetuity . Nearest School is Te Weka 10 miles away by track

Heberley Children Arthur 11, Herbert 8, Mona 7, James 5 and Maisie Ricketts 6

12th February 1920 Wellington Education Board replies approving school Miss Dora Waiti to be appointed teacher Miss Waiti has had two years' experience and her work has been favourably reported on by the inspector of schools

To start on the 19th February 1920

17th March 1921 Telegram Oyster Bay Teacher Ill. closed for 2 days Miss Agnes Trischler

A Heberley Oyster Bay

30th March Oyster Bay Picton. School only closed two days

7th October Letter from Secretary Wellington Education Board to Mr. I F Warren Inspector Blenheim

Enclosing a letter from Miss Trischler teacher of Oyster Bay containing complaint against some of her pupils and asking for a transfer Please consider necessary to meet case

22nd November 1921 Letter from Mr. A Heberley wanting to know why Board is not paying Miss Trischler to teach one of her pupils who has been here for some time

We are to make up her pay to £100 and you are to pay £15 for each pupil

26th August 1922 Miss Trischler terminated and Miss Mona Wastney appointed

13th February 1924 Miss I Hiskens appointed

18th February 1924 Telegram Heberley Picton Failing central school can open Oyster Bay nine children can you supply certificated teacher

19th July 1924 Letter from Wellington Education Board As the organising teacher is coming 25th to 29th August could you please the school a week later except if you are sitting for the Teacher's examination then school will close at normal times. Teacher Miss I M Hiskens

Reply stating that she is a candidate for D certificate examination

Letter from Wellington Education Board to A A Wedde long time organising teacher that Miss Hiskens is sitting examination

3rd October 1924 Letter from Ivy M Hiskens I enclose a copy of Mr. Wedde's report in the log book to Wellington Education Board

"I have advised Miss Hiskens to promote Herbert Heberley 13 years from Standard 4 to Standard 5
Mona Heberley 13 years Standard 3 to Syd 4

James Heberley 11 years standard 3 to Standard 4

These have all been in their present classes since January 1923

Had not Miss Wastney left in August 1923 they would all have been promoted in December 1923

27th February 1925 Miss M Donald appointed Sole Teacher

Letter to Mrs A Heberley School correspondent Oyster Bay Picton

27th May 1926 Telegram to Mrs Heberley from Wellington Education Board Miss Donald detained for special instruction Returning Monday's Steamer

6th August 1926 Telegram to Wellington Education Board from a William Bird Oyster Bay parents propose send children Te Pangu recommend approved teacher be released from end of July *As written though dates are misleading*

17th November A copy of a Wellington Education Board circular is included in file The main portion of which is underlined That the teacher be not required to perform household duties other than the care of her own room

Peach Bay (1897,1899-1901,1903-1909)

Endeavour Inlet in Queen Charlotte Sound

1897	3	Peach Bay	McMahon	Alice	Female	£	15.00
1899	6	Peach Bay	Twistleton	M	Master	£	29.00
1900	6	Peach Bay	Pickering	E A	Female	£	29.00
1901	6	Peach Bay	Dixon	Lucy	Female	£	33.00
1903	5	Peach Bay	Satchell	Alberta	Female	£	25.00
1904	6	Peach Bay	Young	M	Female	£	25.00
1905	7	Peach Bay	Young	M	Female	£	36.00
1906	8	Peach Bay	O'Sullivan	Alice	Female	£	48.00
1907	6	Peach Bay	O'Sullivan	Alice	Female	£	48.00
1908	6	Peach Bay	Reeves	Violet	Female	£	36.00
1909	5	Peach Bay	Bragg	Ethel	Female	£	36.00

14th September 1897 ENDEAVOUR INLET Mr S. Bright, Peach Bay, notified the appointment of Miss McMahon as teacher at the aided school. The appointment was confirmed.

9th July 1900 The appointment of Miss E Pickering was confirmed

20th March 1901 Peach Bay aided school Miss L Dixon

14th July 1902 The appointment of Miss Nixon as teacher at the Peach Bay aided school

0th February 1902 Miss N. Gilkinson as teacher at the Peach Bay aided school, Endeavour Inlet was approved.

21st April 1903 The appointment of Miss A. Lewis as teacher at the Peach Bay aided school was approved.

15th July 1903 WANTED. Teacher for Peach Bay Aided School—five pupils also one music pupil. Apply to T. A Bright, Endeavour Inlet

15th December 1903 the Peach Bay correspondent advised that Miss A. Satchel 1 had resigned her position as teacher there.

15th March 1904 Temporary appointment Peach Bay, Miss M. Skinner

24th October 1905 It is stated (says the Press that Mr T. Bright, of Peach Bay, Endeavour Inlet, has sold his property there to Mr Reeves, manager of the Kenepuru Sawmill Company mill. Mr Bright contemplates going into dairy farming in the North Island when Mr Reeves takes possession of Peach Bay, in some six months' time.

27th March 1906 WANTED—Teacher for Peach Bay Aided School, Endeavour Inlet; salary, £42 and board. Apply immediately—W. Reeves, Koromiko.

8th January 1908 A girl named Elly Aldridge had the misfortune to break an arm at Peach Bay, yesterday. The broken limb was successfully set by Dr Redman, at Picton, and' the patient returned home in good spirits

Port Gore (1911-1917)

Entrance from Cook Strait

1921 building from Endeavour Inlet

Residence 12 x 10= 120 square foot

Cost £100 for removal

1911	4	Port Gore	Hoare	Daniel	Master	£	24.00
1912	4	Port Gore	Lehrke	Veronica	Female	£	24.00
1913	4	Port Gore	Quartermain	May	Female	£	30.00
1914	5	Port Gore	Robertson MA	Isabel	B4 Female	£	30.00
1917	5	Port Gore	Clode	William H	Sole		£40.00

11th July 1911 PORT GORE. Mr Hoare was appointed teacher at- Port Gore

30th May 1912 A teacher is wanted for Port Gore

12th August 1913 Miss M. Quartermain, Port Gore;

11th June 1915 Wounded soldiers' and sailors' Fund. Proceeds sale of bale of fungus, donated by W Wells Port Gore Hikoekoa

15th June 1915 Miss Lehrke Port Gore

8th January 1918 Proficiency Successes Olive Wells, Nellie Wells, Daniel Wells

24th Jan 1918 Mr H Clode Sole Teacher Port Gore Aided School

15th May 1918 Miss M N Cameron, Sole Teacher resigns

Pelorus Guardian

14th July 1911 Mr. Hoare was appointed teacher at Port Gore

22nd June 1915 Miss Olive Hart appointed

National Archives:

1921 1 schoolroom 216 square feet from Endeavour Inlet Erected 1921 Bach 12 foot by 100 foot Still there in 1951

Cost of removing school from Endeavour Inlet to Port Gore £100

1921-1928 Port Gore Accommodation

9th June 1921 Letter from S J Parsonage Child Welfare Department Nelson

To Superintendent Wellington Child Welfare Branch included

- a) Smith Family Thomas 15, Mary 12, Bartholomew 13, Emsley 11, Jenny 9, Messines 8, Hinera 7, Melville 2 ½
- b) I visited them recently I had great difficulty in seeing parents the mother sending a message by the older boy that she wasn't at home
- c) Eventually she came and I was able to impress her with the need for something definite about her children
- d) At the conclusion of this Mr. Smith came down the hill and found he was quite cooperative

- e) There is no doubt the home is one of the most isolated that it is possible to imagine
- f) I was informed there mail comes once a fortnight at Endeavour Inlet and one of the boys has to travel over 12 miles over steep bush covered hills in all kinds of weather
- g) Mrs Smith is that she has to do a Man's work on the farm and they have no facilities for a teacher
- h) The fact that the Department said the Teacher could live in a tent and attend his own cooking was quite unsuitable
- i) Mr. Smith had never been to school
- j) They would be prepared to give the younger children correspondence but the problems with mail would hinder
- k) They are not making a sufficient living to purchase books or materials required by the children, they find it difficult to even secure suitable clothing
- l) The only child I was able to see was the eldest boy the others kept well out of the way and I was only to see fleeting glimpses of hurrying figures which indicates that the children are so unused to seeing people they are afraid of them
- m) I stressed on the parents that it was not natural that if ever the time came that circumstances made necessary for the children to leave home
- n) As the parents are now prepared to cooperate I feel that some consideration to their being enrolled in Correspondence

8th October 1941 Director Of Education approves of the shifting of the Endeavour Inlet School and providing a portable bach

17th October 1945 Education in the sounds. The Question of Education of Children in the sounds was discussed The Committee visited Port Gore

That the Government Statistician be asked to supply the names of children in the Sounds Area

That the question of the establishment of a residential school for these children

22nd November 1948 Letter to Mr. T W Smith Port Gore included

It is regretted the establishment of a school has never reached finality

Several hundred pounds would be needed to complete works required

Could you please supply a list of children who would attend a school at Port Gore

Are there any other children than those of your own

Blank Sheet with headings

Name, Age, Class, School at which now enrolled, Distance from Proposed School

Pukekoikoi (1921-23)

Endeavour Inlet. Between entrance and Punga Cove

1921 6 Pukekoikoi Henderson Lilian A

Sole £105.00

1923 5 Pukekoikoi Henderson Lilian A Sole £90.00

26th November 1913 Pukekoikoi post office to school £50

22nd January 1916 WANTED.— Two practical Miners and one pick and shovel man. Miners 11s, Labourers 10s. Apply, 'phone or letter, J. N. DUNN, Pukekoikoi.

31st August 1916 The alteration of the name of Edgecombe Bay School to Pukekoikoi was approved

27th September 1916 An application for the transfer of the school at Pukekoikoi was granted. Tire Chairman explained that the school was a residential one, and the transfer only meant shifting it from one house to another.

29th August 1917 Miss Atkinson, Sole Teacher Pukekoikoi resigned

30th January 1924 L A Henderson resigned

See Edgecombe Bay

National Archives

Undated letter from Miss N Brown Nelson Mine is the lot to inform you that my sister Miss Lena Brown who for the last 15 months has been in the employ of the Wellington Education Board resigns as the result of a complete breakdown

4th February 1921 Edgecombe Bay Picton Letter from Mr. Payton Has heard of Miss Brown's sickness and asks for another teacher

11th March 1921 J H Payton writes We are still waiting for a teacher and are waiting to begin school again

Reply Inspector Warren *He who ran the Blenheim office of Wellington Education Board after Marlborough Education Board joined with Wellington in 1915)*

26th April Miss I Henderson will begin from the 1st May

13th February 1924 Miss Jean Workman appointed

13th October 1924 Wellington Education Board letter to Miss Workman The Board is in receipt of your amended quarterly report -please note that amended has only one "m"

17th March 1925 There are 4 children at Pukekoikoi school this year

24th June 1925 I am writing re Edgecombe Bay school. Our teacher was transferred to another school and we have not heard of another teacher.....

26th June Last comment from Wellington Education Board There has to be at least 5 or 6 children . The Government will subsidise at £15 per head on average attendance

There is trouble in getting teachers d=for small schools and eth Board expects some difficulty in securing someone for Pukekoikoi

Redhough (1914-1915)

Couldn't find a Redhough in Marlborough

1914 5 Redhough Johnson Maud M Female £ 30.00

1915 6 Redhough Johnson Margaret Female £ 36.00

Maud Johnson also taught at Onapua in Tory Channel and I am guessing Redhough was around this area

23rd December 1915 Redheugh School, Queen Charlotte sound, for young boys Note different spelling

23rd December 1915 REDHEUGH SCHOOL, Queen Charlotte Sound, for boys from- 6 to 14. Certificated teacher. French spoken. Teacher 11 years' residence- France. Swimming, safe boating .and bathing. Careful supervision. Write for terms to Mrs J. Johnson, Redheugh. Picton.

Resolution Bay (1904-1905, 1915-1917)

There is a schoolhouse Bay in Resolution Bay North of Endeavour Inlet

1904	3	Resolution Bay	Williams	Beatrice	Female	£	15.00
1905	3	Resolution Bay	Williams	Beatrice	Female	£	18.00
1915	7	Resolution Bay	Trischler	Eleanor	Female	£	42.00
1917	8	Resolution Bay	Woodhouse	K	Sole	£	56.00

13th June 1904 A request for an aided school at Resolution Bay was granted

10th November 1914 Mrs J. Landall wrote asking that provision be made for the establishment of an aided school at Resolution Bay. There were six children to be educated.—The application was granted.

12th January 1915 H. M. Sparks, Resolution Bay

29th July 1918 Christmas Parcel Fund (Soldiers) Resolution Bay School Children per Miss Woodhouse 10 shillings

10th June 1919 Resolution Bay aided, school, male preferred.—B. A. Pullman.

18th June 1919 Miss K Woodhouse Sole Teacher Resolution Bay resigned

30th June 1919 TEACHER Wanted State aided school, Resolution Bay, Sounds. Eight pupils; comfortable home. Apply E. A. Pullman

8th February 1928 J McPherson Sole Teacher Resolution Bay appointed

1st October 1928 Miss M F Wallis Endeavour Inlet and Resolution Bay

4th March 1930 Mr C K G Masters Sole Teacher Resolution Bay

24th July 1930 Miss M Carroll Sole Teacher Resolution Bay

11th September 1930 Miss M Mahony Sole Teacher Resolution Bay

3rd March 1931 Mr A J D Barker Sole Teacher Resolution Bay

20th July 1931 Earthquake relief Fund (Napier) Resolution Bay School 2 shillings

23rd April 1932 Miss R Edge Sole Teacher Resolution Bay

23rd December 1932 Archie Annear won an essay completion as a Standard 6 pupil held by the SPCA Wellington

19th December 1935 Miss K I Tarrant Sole Teacher Resolution Bay

National Archives

18th July 1918 Note from Marlborough Education Board to editor school Journals 13th July 1918. Resolution Bay School Closed

24th October 1927 Application to reopen Resolution Bay School

1 Family McManaway Farmers and fishermen Section 57, Block 13. 675 acres of land Nearest School Te Punga 15 miles away Gwendoline 8, Thomas 6, John 4

E Annear 10 Years

Resolution Bay (Pelorus Sound (sic))

One child on roll of another school

Possibility of conveyance by train Nil

Possibility of conveyance by any other means Nil

Nearest School Te Pungu 15 Miles. Maraetai 11.5 Picton 19 Miles

1 D A Strachan Inspector States I think this school would be best served by establishing a Household school

Letter from Wellington Education Board to Director of Ed The applicants have considered correspondence school but are unable to devote the time needed

28th November 1927 No objection from Department

10th October 1927 from Mrs W D McManaway I was wondering (Letter Shortened)

- a) I have one girl attending a school in Tory Channel but I have kept her away as they have a skin disease which is very catching
- b) I have two others ready for school
- c) There is one boy in the next bay which would make four
- d) Correspondence is out as I have 5 children to look after
- e) What is the best thing to do?

Application for new school

No of children 4

Te Pungu 15 Miles, Baldricks 11 1/2 miles Picton 19 miles

Building 10 foot x 10 foot at Fern Face owned by McManaway

Accommodation for Teacher: Room in House

Free Board and Lodging

Nearest Post Office: Picton

16th November Letter to Mrs McManaway approving school subject to your acceptance of the rules and by laws

30th November From Education Board Nothing more can be done until receipt of acceptance of rules and by laws sent to you on the 16th

13th December Letter from Mr McManaway I don't see my way clear to board the teacher and also make up the difference in salary

There are two families concerned. My neighbour is not in a position to help at all

I can't quite see how much you want me to make up

Reply from Wellington Education Board I would be quite satisfied if parents made up salary to £75 per annum

31st December Letter from Mr McManaway to Education Board I see in the Gazette you are advertising for a teacher £25 I thought it would be £60 that is four pupils at £15 and I would then be happy to cover up to £75

31st January 1928 TELEGRAM REQUESTING MISS MCPHERSON NEW TEACHER COMMUNICATE WITH YOU REGARD ARRIVAL time (Note telegrams were always if typed in capital letters. No punctuation marks were used.

15th February 1928 Letter to Education Board from Mr McManaway I thought it best to advise you that the teacher you appointed has taken an appointment in Southland

15th February Reply from Board Sorry to hear Miss McPherson is declining the teachership. The Board has not heard from Miss McPherson

We will attempt to secure another teacher for you

8th March 1928 Letter from Mrs McManaway. I have two more children to attend. Kenneth Payton, 8 Last Birthday and Albert Jones last year both from Pukekoiko Endeavour Inlet. That will make 6 all together. I wondered whether you let the teacher know we get the mail once a week and also have our own launch

8th March Letter from Wellington Education Board We have appointed Mr William Sparks as a temporary teacher

The Board has telegraphed Mr Sparks regarding the matter

26th March I will arrange boat etc., to meet the new teacher when requested. Mrs McManaway

13th April Telegram. TOILE HAVING ACCEPTED POSITION ANOTHER BOARD AND SPARKS UNABLE CONTINUE BOARD HAS REQUESTED MR BANKS ACCEPT TEACHERSHIP AT YOUR SCHOOL HAVE INSTRUCTED HIM TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU DIRECT

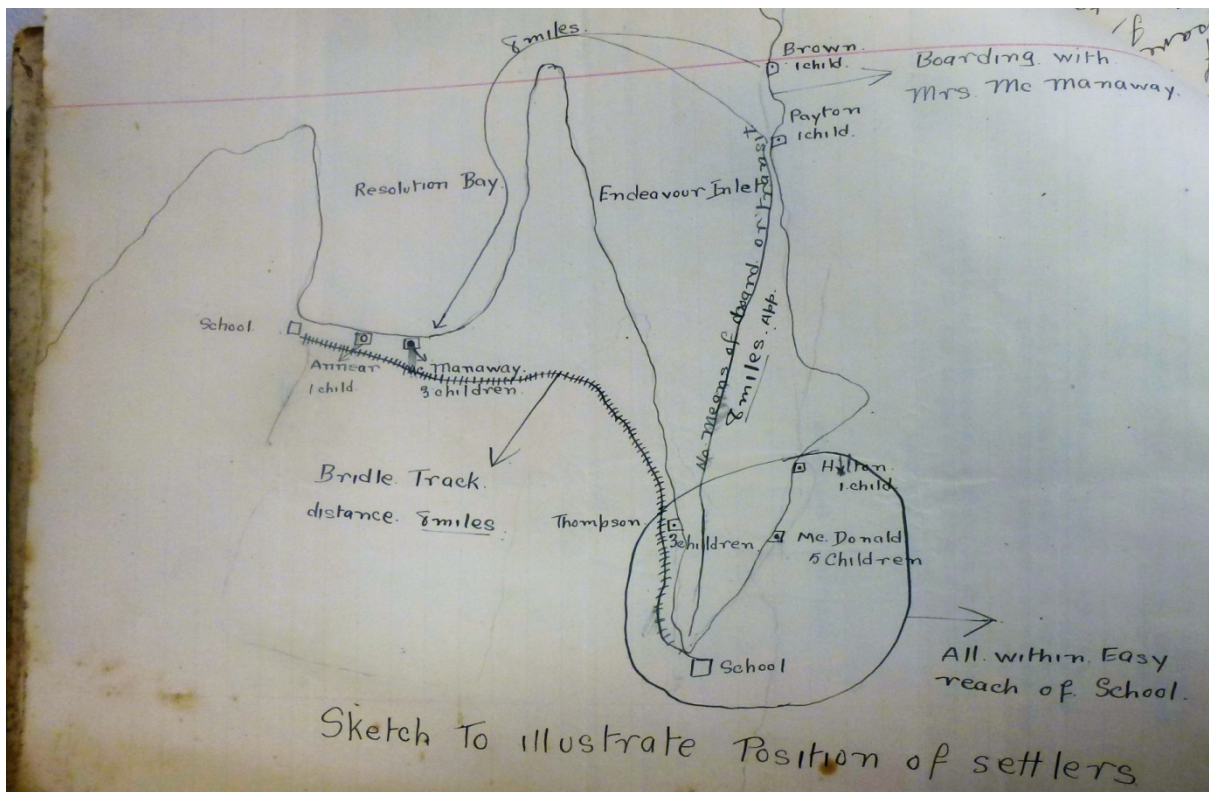
26th April 1928 Letter from Mr D V Banks included

- a) In accordance with your instructions I have taken up position of sole teacher
- b) The average attendance has been 6 thereby bringing the amount to £90
- c) I have also learnt there are 2 more children receiving no education what so ever
- d) Does this come within my duty to enrol or try to enrol these children
- e) The chief difficulty is the transit but this could probably be overcome
- f) The school is very short of materials hence the enclosed request for apparatus
- g) I am commencing the school on April 22nd as it was impossible to arrange attendance before then
- h) As regards salary Am I entitled to any remote allowance as the only means of transport is by launch

30th April Another letter from Mr D V Banks

- a) As these children have only had 3 weeks schooling I will not give them a term examination
- b) Also could I take one week for a holiday instead of the fortnight
- c) The school has no facilities for gardening
- d) Should I apply for these before the Inspector visits?

1st May Subject to parent approval the Education Board has no objection to shortening the holidays Hold your first examination at the end of this term



Need to raise question of agriculture in school with inspector first

19th May 1928 Long letter from Mr D V Banks included

- a) 6 children at Resolution Bay
- b) Across the hill is Endeavour Inlet In this inlet at the head are situated a number of parents who are very desirous of securing education for their children
- c) I paid a visit to discuss if any means of transportation could be arranged for the pupils
- d) This would be impracticable as the minimum rate of a launch per day would be £1-10-0 and the passage could not be easily negotiated in rough weather
- e) Every means of arranging things was discussed and the only satisfactory thing was a 6 week school
- f) There is a government track of about 8 miles from school to school
- g) This track is quite passable even in the worst weather
- h) I would have no trouble in securing a horse to travel backwards and forwards
- i) There is a school building at the inlet and also one at Resolution Bay
- j) This is the only satisfactory solution to a problem which has caused considerable upheaval in past years
- k) The number if the schools were amalgamated would be 16 and probably more
- l) If the schools were divided it would be hard to keep an average
- m) Would you kindly see what can be done

29th June During Inspector Burn's visit he recommended I apply for an extra week's vacation

I am sitting My C certificate and as I curtailed the May holidays can I have the sanction of the Board

5th July 1928 Letter to director of Education from Wellington Education Board recommending a part time school at Endeavour Inlet to be run in conjunction with a Grade 0 school at Resolution Bay

It appears there will be 16 children on roll

The teacher will teach for 3 days at each school

2th July Variation in school holidays accepted

11th July 1928 Letter from Department approving opening up part time schools

12th July Because the combined school will be a Grade 2 school we will have to advertise the position. It is up to you whether you will apply but we will expect higher graded teachers than you to apply

If you are not successful, you will be transferred to another Grade 0 school (*Paraphrased*)

Copy of Letter to P McDonald Endeavour Inlet

16th July Letter from Mrs W D McManaway

- a) First time I have heard of the combined schools
- b) Mr D V Banks asked my opinion about it sometime back and I told him we were not agreeable under any consideration as my children were backward enough as it were
- c) I explained it was almost impossible unless the Education Board paid for a launch to transport the teacher
- d) By road it is 8 miles over a rough bridle track
- e) We find it costs more to board the teacher and 2 children than what it would cost to board the children in Picton
- f) Also my health would not stand it as there are 12 in the house for me to cook for
- g) But I will do my best to carry on until the holidays

17th July Letter from Mr D V Banks to Education Board included

- a) When I wrote to you previously both people at the Inlet and Resolution Bay were in full accord with the proposal
- b) So the proposal was quite feasible
- c) Things have altered. It appears that there is a personal enmity between the two places The top of the Inlet will not agree with the bottom and Resolution Bay is the same
- d) Also Mrs Thompson in the Inlet has been burnt out and is moving
- e) Mr McDonald is uncertain in his Movements and since I have received your communication it appears that the people here (Resolution Bay) is the same
- f) I may state that the nature of people in the Sounds here can undergo a complete change in a very short while trying to do my best for the people I have actually made the situation worse

- g) Mrs McManaway also finds it too much for her and seems to be in no accord with the amalgamation
- h) I may state her ambition was a Grade 1 school but now she turns down the proposition
- i) I am very sorry if this has caused any inconvenience but I am just stating the facts.

23rd July 1928 Letter from P McDonald Endeavour Inlet included

- a) I desire to convey the settlers thanks to the board (Re-establishing a half time school)
- b) In reference to a meeting of settlers to have the correct names and ages of children
- c) There are a number of families in other bays who desire to have children attend at Endeavour Inlet
- d) I ask for the appointment of a teacher be held over if possible until we have a meeting as I understand there is a strong plea for Mr D V Banks to teach both schools

30th July Influenza at Resolution Bay No teacher may I close a school if there are not any pupils well enough to attend

30th July 1928. Letter from John Jf Annear The school at Resolution Bay is not being closed down re the letter from the late correspondent

I am taking over the correspondent's position for the school from this date and intend to keep the thing going

2nd August 1928. How many children are going to the Resolution Bay School ?

The Board has decided to convert it into a part time school

8th August 1928 Letter from P Macdonald

- a) I am informed that as some of the Children at Resolution Bay have gone to Picton that part of the school is closed
- b) However Mr Annear is prepared to take the teacher in
- c) We could board the teacher at Endeavour Inlet and carry on the part time school
- d) The following are the children that will attend Endeavour Inlet School
- e) (i) Ivan Hilton 8
(II) Olive Macdonald 7
(iii) Nini Reeves 8
(IV) Pani Morris 12
(V) Charlie Thomas 8
(VI) Nannie Macdonald 9
(VII) Andrew Mason 9
(VIII) Jean Thompson

None of these children have attended any school

May I point out that there are others who are attending other schools at a great disadvantage to their parents and will attend this school when it opened

The parents of both schools are of the opinion that if possible the services of Mr Banks should be retained

As owing to his adaptability to the class of country and his taking manners with parents and children we are quite satisfied with him.

15th August Letter from Mr Annear. There will be three children to start with at present

3rd September 1928 TELEGRAM TO JOHN ANNEAR MR BANKS WILL OPEN PART TIME SCHOOL THIS WEEK

10th September 1928 Letter from Mr Banks . It is my duty to establish a Committee what are the conditions of establishing such a body?

Reply Either have a Committee at each place or appoint someone from each place as a correspondent

13th September Mr J E Willett has been appointed and will start Monday 5th November. Letters to Peter McDonald and J H Annear

22nd September 1928 Letter from J H Annear Chairman of Joint Committee

Meeting of parents and householders held at the house Mrs B Harris this evening

- a) Both schools were fully represented
- b) The Committee is J Annear (Chairman), Mrs Payton Resolution Bay
- c) T D Jones, J H Hilton, Mrs Harris, P H Macdonald Endeavour
- 1) Mr Annear saying that Mr Banks term of office terminated on the 5th November next
- 2) Mr Annear was in favour of the people making representations to the Board to retain Mr Banks
- 3) Grave doubts that any other teacher would take the position if they knew the difficulties he had to contend with
- 4) The distance between schools was 10 miles the greater part being through bush and parts of the track was subject to slips and it appears that before coming here Mr Banks was accustomed to such difficulties
- 5) Mr Banks had had obtained not only the confidence of the children but also of the settlers which meant a lot in making a success of the school

22nd September Letter from P Macdonald to Wellington Education Board includes

Please can Mr Banks be appointed?

25th September Letter from Wellington Education Board We regret we cannot appoint Mr Banks to the position as there were more highly graded teachers available

5th October Letter to Mr Banks from Wellington Education Board Please inform new teacher that individual returns of pupils at each school will be needed

29th November John E Willett wrote Re his salary and lack of insurance deductions. Am I not entitled to a remote allowance?

4th January 1930 Letter from John H Duncan Resolution Bay included

- a) We are applying for a sole charge teacher at Resolution Bay as we have given the part time school a fair go and found it wanting

b) We have carried the Endeavour Inlet school for the Fourteen Months and don't intend to do so any long We have eight pupils all the time and Inlet has three at the most

c) I think you will agree that as we have a building at R'B we have a right to have a teacher
30th January 1930 Telegram to Annear. WILET TRANSFERRED ANOTHER POSITION STOP OWING TO SMALL ATTENDANCE BOARD CONSIDERS HALF TIME SCHOOLS CONTINUE FOR PRESENT STOP ACCOMMODATION BE AVAILABLE FOR SINGLE TEACHER

3rd February 1930 Telegram to Board. Board available for Resolution Bay School only

3rd February Telegram to Annear. BOARD APPROVES ESTABLISHMENT OF GRADE O SCHOOL RESOLUTION BAY ON USUAL CONDITIONS. PLEASE TELEGRAPH IF FREE BOARD AND LODGINGS ARE AVAILABLE

4th Feb 1930 Letter to P H Macdonald Endeavour Inlet

1) As there appears to be only 3 children the Board would not be justified in carrying on half time school

2) It is hoped the children will make use of the correspondence scheme

6th February Mr D G Edwards relieving teacher

5th February Telegram from Annear. Parents of Children will not consider half time school under any consideration Resolution Bay will not lend building for same

6th February Telegram from Wellington Education Board. SEPARATE SCHOOL APPROVED RESOLUTION BAY. MR EDWARDS TEACHER LEAVING SATURDAY STEAMER PLEASE ARRANGE LAUNCH MEET HIM PICTON. ARRIVAL STEAMER OR SUNDAY TELEGRAPH TIME AND PLACE *(As Written)*

8th February Launch Sterling meeting steamer Saturday Annear

23rd June Letter to J H Annear from Wellington Education Board included

a) Mr Masters *(Presumably the teacher)* A state of affairs has arisen in which one of the families who undertake to board the teacher have come to look upon their obligations as a personal encumbrance. This constant friction leaves me no choice but to be relieved of my duties as I cannot tolerate the feeling of having to be dependent for food and shelter on any who resent my presence

b) Mr Masters has obtained a job in the Nelson Board and will be leaving Resolution Bay on the 4th or 5th July

c) I will be pleased if you could replay re Mr Masters letter

d) Would you prefer a male or female teacher

27th June Telegram from Mr Masters asking when relieving teacher arrives

27th JUNE REPLY BOARD AWAITING REPLY FROM MR ANNEAR. RELIEVING TEACHER CAN BE SENT WHEN MATTER SATISFACTORILY ARRANGED

30th June Letter from Mr Annear to Wellington Education Board included

a) One of our families has taken a personal dislike to our present teacher Mr Masters for some reason or another

- b) My own home has every confidence in him
- c) They resent him giving the children discipline but I think it will be so in most of the small places
- d) I will leave it in your own hands for a female or male teacher as two of the children want a strong hand with them

3rd July Miss Mahoney accepts the position I think she will be a good disciplinarian, from Wellington Education Board

7th July Telegram from Annear. When are we to expect a new teacher?

Reply Miss Mahoney leaving today Steamer arrives Resolution Bay Mail Launch Wednesday Morning

11th August Miss Carrol has been appointed to a position at Wanganui. We have decided to appoint Miss Mahoney as Permanent teacher. She was second on the graded list of applicants

17th January 1931 John H Annear As our last teacher has resigned I hope you are going to send us one early so the school will be opened at the right time

24th January Wellington Education Board letter for a temporary charge teacher

9th February Letter from (Mr) B G Gane Resolution Bay

- 1) Last year Albert Jones attended this school and passed the fifth standard
- 2) He was boarded by a resident of the bay for his home is 6 miles distance by water and eighteen by track
- 3) This year his parents have written to say he has left school, although there is no intention of sending him elsewhere
- 4) The boy will not be fourteen until May 8th Next
- 5) Will you please advise me whether I need to take action

Reply: please inform of the parents address

Answer Mr T D Jones Pukekoikoi Via Picton

B G Gane relieving teacher

5th March 1931 Telegram (As written) No heard from Teacher yet what wrong J Annear

10th September Letter from A J D Barker Sole Teacher Resolution Bay

- a) Is this school going to receive a visit from the inspector in the 1st half of this year
- b) When I was on my way here I was informed at the Board a visit would be made shortly, but nearly five weeks have now elapsed
- c) If no visit could I obtain advise from the board on one or two matters

10th September 1931. Letter from Mr A J Barker included wanting to close the school on Wednesday to visit his home in Napier stating he had opened the school early and worked on King's birthday

(Approved by Board)

26th May 1931. Telegram Teacher has Scabies should children be kept home. Barker, Resolution Bay

Reply MEDICAL OFFICER SENDING LITERATURE SUGGEST CLOSING SCHOOL MONDAY CHILDREN AND TEACHER AFFECTED SHOULD OBTAIN PROPER TREATMENT MEANTIME

12th August 2 families offering free board to teacher W McMannaway and J Annear

1st September 1931 Mr Barker allowed to travel to Napier to sit for examinations there

27th January 1932 Appointment of Mr T A Lambert as relieving teacher

23rd January Mr John Macdonald writes to Education Board asking for a part time school at Endeavour Inlet

27th January Telegram from Mr Annear Re letter Part time school will not have anything to do with it under any consideration

Followed up with a strong letter saying no. Reply from Education Board to Mr Macdonald use correspondence school

10th March 1923 Letter from John Annear asking why a teacher has not appeared at Resolution Bay

Reply Appointment to be considered at Board Meeting next Wednesday

24th March 1932 Miss Rachel Edge Appointed vice Miss Maxwell

2nd May 1932 Letter from Miss Edge to Secretary Wellington Education Board included

- a) Re Opening of school on 23rd. Request reopen on Tuesday 24th on the condition that 5 hours be made in addition on the closing week
- b) Travelling arrangements will be simplified if this is done

Reply from Board Must be signed by the chairman *Miss Edge had put his name as agreeing but it wasn't signed by Mr Annear. Miss R E Edge was teaching at Kaituna Waingawa Sole Charge in the Wairarapa in 1936, coming from the Hataitai School where she was relieving she went on to teach at the Mangaroa School, North of Upper Hutt*

10th January 1933 Letter from John J Annear to Wellington Education Board

I am sorry to have to write to you that there will not be any school at Resolution Bay this year. The reason why is that one family is leaving the district and that would leave only myself with only one child to go to school

So we could not run it with one pupil only. So I have to report such bad luck

Registers sent to Board

Rocks (1907, 1917-1923)

Queen Charlotte Sounds about 6 Kilometres from the Portage

1907	2	Rocks	Wiesner	Hermine	Female	£	12.00
1917	3	Rocks	Dalziel	Agnes	Sole	£	24.00
1919	2	Rocks	Campbell	Constance M	Sole	£	24.00
1921	2	Rocks	Erskine	Gladys	Sole	£	30.00

10th July 1907 Messrs. Mowat and Wanden report having sold, on behalf of the executors of the late Captain Kenny, to Mr. G. H. Broadbridge, of Wairau Valley, the well-known sheep-station in Queen Charlotte Sound known as "The Rocks." The property consists of 1950 acres, all of which is freehold

13th August 1907 The Rocks.—Mr Broadbridge's request that The Rocks be made an aided school was granted.

10th December 1907 The Rocks Mr. G. H. Broadbridge was appointed correspondent

National Archives

6th February 1918 *Application for a new school*

Queen Charlotte Sound near Picton

1 Family 3 children

Picton 4 miles away by Water Linkwater 8 miles by water Portage 4 Miles by Track to a household school

Approved by Director of Education 19th February 1918

Staffing 1921-22

10th May 1921 Letter from Walter Wastney to Wellington Education Board Thanking for appointment of Miss Erskine

I regret I will not be able to comply with the bye laws stipulating £90 per annum as the minimum salary

Miss Erskine accepted the position at £54 per annum with free board and lodging and in the meantime is quite willing to continue teaching under that arrangement

22nd December 1921 Letter from Mr. Wastney saying Miss Erskine has resigned as teacher from 31st January 1923 owing to it being necessary that I send the children to Picton

19th January 1923 Wellington Education Board acknowledges school is closed

Scarborough Run (1897-1905, 1907-1908, 1911-1917)

A farm between Miritu Bay (Bay of Many Coves) and Mint Bay Endeavour Inlet. Probably later renamed Dryden Bay

1897	3	Scarborough Run	Williams	Agnes	Female	£	15.00
1898	5	Scarborough Run	Williams	Agnes	Female	£	25.00
1899	6	Scarborough Run	Williams	Agnes	Female	£	29.00
1900	7	Scarborough Run	Williams	Agnes M T	Female	£	33.00
1901	8	Scarborough Run	Williams	Agnes M T	Female	£	33.00
1902	6	Scarborough Run	Brydon	Eliza M	Female	£	40.00
1903	5	Scarborough Run	Brydon	Edith	Female	£	30.00
1904	5	Scarborough Run	O'Sullivan	F T	Female	£	25.00
1905	4	Scarborough Run	King	Mary	Female	£	80.00
1907	3	Scarborough Run	Murphy	Christine	Female	£	18.00
1908	5	Scarborough Run	Murphy	Christine	Female	£	24.00
1911	4	Scarborough Run	Williams	Beatrice	Female	£	24.00
1912	4	Scarborough Run	Williams	Beatrice	Female	£	24.00
1913	4	Scarborough Run	Arthur	Muriea	Female	£	24.00

1914	3	Scarborough Run	Dalziel	Janet	Female	£	24.00
1915	3	Scarborough Run	Dalziel	Janet	Female	£	18.00
1917	3	Scarborough Run	Braddock	Ella M	Sole		£24.00

16th December 1896 Messrs Bowden Bros. wrote asking that an aided school be established at Scarborough Run, Queen Charlotte Sounds. Granted. The appointment of Miss Flora "Williams as teacher was confirmed

14th June 1899 SCARBOROUGH RUN. Messrs Bowden Bros., asked the Board to assist in erecting a small school building, the cost of which would be about £12. Not desiring to establish a precedent, the Board took no action. A request for some desks for the present school room was granted.

4th November 1903 School Examination.—The annual examination of the Scarborough Run School (Queen Charlotte Sound) was held on the 31st ult. All the pupils succeeded in passing the following standards: VI, Florence Bowden; V., Percival Bowden; 111, William Bowden 11., Leonard and Ivy Bowden.

9th May 1905 Miss Mary King appointed

24th October 1906. WANTED— A Teacher for the Scarborough Run, Queen Charlotte Sound aided school. Apply, Bowden Bros.

Still advertising 8th December 1906

20th March 1909 . WANTED.—A Teacher (Female) for the Scarborough Run, Queen Charlotte Sounds, aided school. Apply to Bowden Bros., Picton

23rd October 1909 The Picton Press records the death of yet another of the early settlers, in the person of Mrs M. A. Bowden, who was called to her long rest yesterday morning, at her residence in Waikawa Road. The deceased lady, who was 74 years of age, had been in failing health for some time. She was a very old resident of Marlborough, and entitled to be ranked among the old identities of the province. Her husband died in 1903, and she leaves two sons and one daughter to mourn their loss, as well as eleven grand-children. The members of the bereaved family are: Mr Thos. Bowden, the well-known captain of the Sounds, trader Gannet; Mr Richard E. Bowden, Of Scarborough Run; and Mrs Dryden, Picton.

2nd February 1911 MARRIAGE.

Kenny-Bowden.—On 31st January, at the residence of the bride's parents. Scarborough Run, Queen Charlotte Sound: Mervyn, second son of the late Mr Aylmer Kenny, to Florence Muir, eldest daughter of Capt. T. H. Bowden

22nd February 1913 WANTED.— Lady teacher for Scarborough Run School. Full particulars on application to R. E. Bowden Correspondent, Scarborough Run, Picton.

11th March 1913 Miss M Arthur Scarborough Run

18th April 1913 Inspector reports that Scarborough Run excelled in Mapping and Pencil Drawing

30th April 1914 A teacher for the Scarborough Run, Queen Charlotte Sound, aided school. Apply R. E. Bowden, Picton

20th March 1915 BOWDEN.—On March 18, 1915, at Scarborough Run, Queen -Charlotte Sound, after a long illness borne with great patience: Ivy youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thos. W. Bowden; aged 21 years. Deeply regretted. Long days and nights she bore in pain,

30th May 1917 Miss E C Mackenzie Sole Teacher Scarborough Run resigns

20th February 1918 It was advised that the Coonor School and the Scarborough Run aided school had been closed.

29th August 1928 The death occurred at Picton on Wednesday last of Captain Thomas W. Bowden, master for many years of the well known Sounds trader Gannet. Captain Bowden

was born at Yelloton, Tory Channel, in 1859, his parents having just previously arrived from England. He spent his boyhood in the Sounds. At the age of 18 years he proceeded to Wellington, where he served his time as an apprentice to the engineering trade, and where he resided for a number of years. In 1884 he married Miss Kate Thirkell, a daughter of the late Mr. E. Thirkell, some time manager of the Patent Slip at Wellington, and organiser of the successful expedition which raised the Taranaki after she sank in Tory Channel, on 18th August, 1868. After living in Wellington for some years, Captain Bowden and his brother Ernest took up land at Scarborough Run, in Queen Charlotte Sound, but he decided to go to sea again. He was already possessed of a master mariner's ticket, and the brothers purchased, about 32 years ago, the Gannet, in which they commenced the Sounds trading venture in which the captain had been engaged ever since. About nine years ago Captain Bowden dissolved the farming partnership with his brother, who returned to Wellington. Messrs. Percy Bowden and Mervyn Kenny then entered into partnership with him with the Gannet and launch Florence. The family comprises one son, Mr. Percy Bowden, of Picton, and one daughter, Mrs. Mervyn Kenny, also of Picton, while Mrs. Bowden survives her husband. He was a Freemason, and one of the earliest members of the Antipodean Lodge of Oddfellows, Wellington.

Separation Inlet (1909-1911, 1913)

Was Past Double Cove on way to the Grove

1909	3	Separation Inlet	Burgess	Ida I	Female	£	18.00
1910	4	Separation Inlet	Burgess	Ida I	Female	£	30.00
1911	4	Separation Inlet	Burgess	Ida I	Female	£	24.00
1913	3	Separation Inlet	Elvy	Ernest	Master	£	24.00

Tahuahua (1894-1896, 1907-1915)

Known as Blackwood Bay in Queen Charlotte Sound

1894		Tahuahua	Budge	S B R	Master	£	29.00	
1895	7	Tahuahua	Budge	S B R	Master	£	33.00	
1896	4	Tahuahua	Budge	S B R	Master	£	20.00	
1906	8	Tahuahua	Budge	S B R	Master	£	48.00	
1907	10	Tahuahua	Budge	S B R	Master	£	54.00	
1908	15	Tahuahua	Budge	S B R	Master	£	85.00	£10.00
1909	12	Tahuahua	Budge	S B R	Master	£	103.10	£10.00
1910	13	Tahuahua	Budge	Sylvanus B R	Master	£	108.00	£10.00
1911	13	Tahuahua	Budge	Sylvanus B R	Master	£	108.00	£10.00
1912	8	Tahuahua	Budge	Sylvanus	Master	£	108.00	£10.00
1913	9	Tahuahua	Budge	Sylvanus B	Master	£	108.00	£10.00
1914	9	Tahuahua	Budge	Sylvanus B R	Master	£	108.00	£10.00
1915	8	Tahuahua	Matangi	Komene	Female	£	110.00	£20.00
1915/1475		Budge		Sylvannus Bertrum			49Y	
1929/13069		Budge		Wehi Ote Whenua Sylvanus			40Y	

Sylvanus Budge came out on The Tongariro leaving London on the 20th November 1884

He married a Maori Lady and had a least one child Wehi. Neither the marriage or the birth(s) appear to be registered

The most references to S B R Budge in Papers Past referred to claims for Payment from debtors

13th February 1894 Mr Budge, of Tuapuapua, Queen Charlotte Sounds, wrote asking that an aided school be established there. The Secretary was instructed to write and obtain farther information

15th December 1897 Land Board Tahuahua Bay, Queen Charlotte Sounds. Matter deferred till next meeting, enquiries to be made in the meantime as to the exact locality.

15th December 1897 The correspondent at Tahuahua Bay wrote stating that the children at the aided school there had been taken away and sent elsewhere

12th February 1906 Blackwood Bay—T. Woodgate, Resolution Bay, wrote asking that a school be established here. There were nine children.—Decided to ascertain whether the proposed school was the same as the one granted for Tahuahua, and that an aided school be granted, if otherwise.

12th March 1906 Tahuahua or Blackwood Bay—Letters were received from Mrs Budge (the correspondent) and Mr Woodgate, containing conflicting statements of the positions of the rival school projects. The latter recommended that the Inspector visit the Bay, and see for himself.—This recommendation was adopted.

14th May 1906 Tahuahua (or Blackwood) Bay- Desks were granted. The correspondent stated that a new schoolhouse was being erected at Cherry Bay by the residents.

11th February 1908 Tahuahua Bay. Mrs Aldridge and others wrote asking that the site of the school be, removed, to enable the children to walk instead of, boating across the harbour.—It was decided to ask Mr Budge, the teacher, to note the request,- and that the Inspector report

21st November 1908 The Government has made a grant for the erection of a new school at Tahuahua

24th June 1909 TENDERS are invited up to Noon of MONDAY, 12th July,, for the erection a New School at Tahuahua, near Picton. Full particulars, from— H. B. HUDDLESTON; C.B., .Architect to, Board

12th January 1910 Mr Gibson, contractor for the erection of the Tahuahua school, wrote asking for an extra £5 on his. contract, owing to having to do extra excavating not provided for in the specifications. The Chairman moved, and Mr Parker seconded, that the £5 be allowed.—The motion was carried,

26th April 1910 Attendance at the schools that were operating all the year, Tahuahua, with 353 half days, had the lowest record *Out of expected 410 half days*

13th September 1910 the tender of Mr Budge was accepted for the erection of a, pig-proof fence around the Tahuahua school at a cost of £11

15th August 1911 A SLIP. Mr Budge reported that a number of slips had occurred at the back of the Tahuahua school, and had dam-aged the fence and buried the lower portion of the school-house. This was referred to Mr Conolly and Mr Hylton for a report

14th November 1911 TAHUAHUA. Mr S. B. R. Budge wrote from Tahuahua notifying that there had been another death in the bay, and that .three children of another family were in the hospital, and suggesting that the Board send someone to inspect the surroundings of the school.—inspector of health to be asked for a report

14th May 1912 The sum of £2 was granted to Mr Aldridge, correspondent, to remove a stop at the rear of the Tahuahua school

9th February 1915 The death occurred at the Picton Hospital on Friday afternoon of Mr Sylvanus Bertram Reynolds Budge, who had been a resident in the Sounds for a long time, and was well known throughout the district. The deceased had been ailing for some time, and was brought up from his home on Friday morning, suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia, from which he never rallied. The late Mr Budge was a well-educated man, coming from Clifton, School, and for some years past had been conducting the Native school at Tahuahua Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound, where he was very popular with the parents and children alike. The deceased leaves a grown-up family.

Note the school was an Education Board school not a departmental native school run the Education Department

11th May 1915 Tahuahua Mr Komene Matangi (Temporary)

31st December 1915 Tahuahua The School is closed

19th July 1923 Unused schools at Tahuahua and Wairere were removed and re-erected at Mirza and Ngaumu respectively

National Archives:

Section 13 Area 2 roads Opened 1909 Closed 1917

Building 1909 288 Square feet Cost £170.6.60

Shifted 1922

3rd May 1926 Approval to sell Section 13 Block 1 Arapawa

Transferred back to Government

School Buildings 1908 -1926

10th November 1908 Application for a school

Michael Aldridge Labourer Lease in Perpetuity ½ Mile from school Harry 13, Bessie 11, Gracie 9, Charlie 8, Stella 6

Thomas Woodgate Labourer Charles 13, Eliza 11, Ellen 9, Jane 8, Stanley 6

Charles Aldridge Labourer Arthur 8, Eliza 6,

Nihana Matangi 9 Maori

Kerepoa Arthur 10 Maori

Julia Pero 1 Maori

Martha Pero 11 Maori

Lena Watson 14 Maori

Elizabeth Huntley (Mother) Allan Huntley 16 Uneducated

Signed by Agnes Aldridge

17 children at other schools

Picton 7 miles away and Waikawa 6 Miles

There is no building available

Proposed site No 9 Block 1 115 acres owned by Thomas Woodgate L I P

Rimu, Pine and Matai available as timber in Picton

Site Level, dry also clear of bush

About 2 chain from High water mark

No accommodation available for teacher

The settlers guarantee half the teachers Board and will get the piles and put them in Nearest Post Office Picton
 Application by Wellington Education Board included
 Picton and Waikawa are both accessible only by water
 Hitaua School is 7 miles away by water
 Classroom to be 18 foot by 16 foot with a 16 foot x 6 foot porch
 Two out offices and one shelter shed
 Part Section No 9 Block 1 Arapawa Half an acre
 The present school is held in a room of the private house and the accommodation is altogether unsuitable The number at present on the roll is 17
 The settlers pay a Maori landlord for the use of a room in his house As the school increases he raises the rent There is also difficulty in regard to playing space The settlement seems permanent
 D Strachan Inspector Marlborough Education Board
 18th November 1908 £200 granted by department
 15th December 1909 That the whole of the material required for new school is now on the ground
 The cost of the buildings was £170.6.6 The fencing and furniture are not yet completed
 3rd November 1925 The school was removed some time to Mirza is unlikely to be wanted again
 The Board is advised it may get £20 or £30 or if someone wants it for a seaside residence £50
 8th December 1925 Four Tenders received Highest tender of £50 accepted

Te Awaite (Te Awiti) (1883-1902,1907, 1909-1915, 1921)

At the Whaling Station on Arapawa Island in Tory Channel

Note there was a school called Whekenui at the whaling station open in about 1960

1883	9	Te Awaite	Amner	H C		Master	£	27.00
1884	16	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	48.00
1885	16	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	52.10
1886	19	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	54.00
1887	18	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	48.00
1888	13	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	49.00
1889	14	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	49.00
1890	15	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	52.10
1891	19	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	66.10
1892	20	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	70.00
1893	21	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	74.10
1894	19	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	70.00
1895	19	Te Awaite	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	70.00
1896	18	Te Awaiti	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	67.10
1897	19	Te Awaiti	Ramplng	Clark		Master	£	70.00
1898	18	Te Awaiti	Macintosh	James	D1	Master	£	67.10
1899	17	Te Awaiti	Macintosh	James	D1	Master	£	65.00
1900	13	Te Awaiti	Bowden	Thomas R		Master	£	54.00
1901	16	Te Awaiti	Bowden	Thomas R	Licensed	Master	£	62.10

1902	13	Te Awaiti	Winchester	Alice	E2	Female	£	84.00
1903	13	Te Awaiti	Winchester	Alice	E2	Female	£	76.00
1904	14	Te Awaiti	Twisleton	Henry L	D2	Master	£	72.00
1905	12	Te Awaiti	Robinson	Alice		Female	£	80.00
1906	11	Te Awaiti	Robinson	Alice		Female	£	72.00
1907	9	Te Awaite	Robinson	Alice		Female	£	66.00
1909	9	Te Awaite	Kelleher	Marguerite Marguerite		Female	£	90.00
1910	7	Te Awaite	Kelleher	M		Female	£	90.00
1911	9	Te Awaite	Fraser	Ernest M		Master	£	90.00
1912	9	Te Awaite	Fraser	Ernest M		Master	£	90.00
1913	7	Te Awaite	Dry	George		Master	£	90.00
1914	7	Te Awaite	Burton	Patrick		Master	£	90.00
1915	7	Te Awaite	Burton	Patrick		Male	£	90.00
1921	7	Te Awaite	Jones	Roy		Sole	£	135.00

Though Henry C Amner shows up as first teacher at Te Awaite he also shows as first teacher in 1883 at the Cross Creek School on the Rimutaka Railway. I presume he left Te Awaite for Cross Creek before the end of the year. He was at Cross Creek in 1884

4th July 1882 The inhabitants of Te Awaite, Tory Channel, applied through Mr Cradock Beauchamp for the Board to grant them a small sum of money out of the building fund, in order to build a school. The sum required was stated at £25. There were 20 children residing at the place, but this number was often doubled during the whaling season. On Mr Ward's motion the request was granted.

9th January 1883 The chairman proposed that £10 be set aside for providing a school and teacher's residence at Te Awaiti

11th January 1883 It was resolved to take steps to secure a reserve for a school site at Te Awaite Queen Charlotte Sound.

2nd May 1883 Te Awaite paid £40

3rd July 1883 It was resolved to spend £20 on the Te Awaiti School, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Rutland

6th April 1886 Inspector's Report TE AWAITI (AIDED SCHOOL.) 22. Mr. Clarke Rampling. Present, 8 on roll, 18. Those of the scholars who were not keeping holiday when their school was being examined did their work well and quickly, none failing

20th January 1908 Mrs Essex wants the address of Clark B. Rampling. Mrs Essex ran an employment agency in Palmerston North

Clark Blackwell Rampling Marlborough Electorate 1896

1900 Pahiatua Electorate

1905-1906 Wairarapa Electorate

Clark Rampling Died 1909 Aged 74 This makes him about 70 when teaching at Whatarangi on the South Coast of North Island

7th March 1877 One Clark Rampling, who styled himself an Architect and Builder, was fined 10s and costs, with 24 hours alternative, at the R.M. Court on Monday, for being in a condition in which an architect certainly should not be. The fine was not paid, and Rampling Clark was removed into durance vile. *Clark Rampling was a leading architect in England dying in 1874, Presumably this Clark Rampling was related and possibly the teacher's father*

15th March 1889 Te Awaite (aided school). Mr Rampling. On roll, 13 present, 12, Although the teacher here has had no experience of public school work, he is not above learning, and

has profited so much by the suggestions made to him that he contrived to pass all his standard scholars this year

4th March 1909 A telegram received yesterday by Inspector Ellison states that an old age pensioner, named Clarke Rampling died suddenly at Manakau yesterday morning. The coroner does not consider an inquest necessary.

7th March 1888 Te Awaite (Aided School).— Mr Rampling Clark. On roll 14, present 13. As the higher standards are reached the scholars here find an increasing difficulty in mastering the work required of them, none of the candidates of the fifth, and only one for the fourth standards succeeding. The younger scholars were more successful

1st May 1888 Marlborough Express that Inspector's report on Te Awaite was most unfavourable

21st August 1889 A weekly mail service to Te Awaite (Torey (Sic) Channel) has been arranged, and will be commenced in a few days

24th August 1889 The post office at Te Awaite (Tory Channel), was opened on Thursday last, and it will be served by a fortnightly service from Picton, for which Mr Heberley is contractor

2nd April 1890 Te Awaite (aided school) .—Mr C. Rampling. On roll 14, present 14. This school which came out very creditably last year broke down utterly on this occasion, not a single scholar being able to do the work attempted. I am at a loss to account for so complete a collapse, and can only record— and deplore this result.

20th April 1894 Mr O Mills, M.H.R., has been interviewing his constituents at Port Underwood, Waikawa, and Ta Awaite, At the latter place he suggested that the cultivation of oysters be initiated, and promised to do what could be done with regard to a proper settlement of the difficulty between the natives and the settlers in connection with the rights of the foreshore, where there are good natural oyster beds. The erection of a telephone from Picton was discussed, and Mr Mills thought the matter premature. He also promised to do his best to push forward a track connecting Te Awaite with Port Underwood. The erection of a shed on the Picton wharf for the convenience of the Sound settlers in storing goods, was also discussed

1st October 1895 By the kindness of Mr Smith, Inspector of Schools, a large number of visitors accompanied him on the S S. Torea on Monday, on his official visit to examine the Sounds School at Te Awaite. Southerly buster, Usual effects

29th November 1893 Only 3 voters cast a vote at Te Awaite

13th February 1894 A request was received from the Te Awaite aided school asking for repairs to the school house. Resolved that the sum of £14 18 6d be expended, and that Mr Thorn be asked to supervise the work.

5th November 1896 Mr Smith, Inspector of Schools, paid his annual visit to Te Awaite yesterday (Wednesday), and examined the school there. The Rev A. H. Sedgwick took advantage of the opportunity to visit several families residing in the district

30th October 1897 The weather during the last few days has been very peculiar— warm sunny morning, and then a sudden clouding over with rain and intense cold. Down the Sound the residents have experienced its full force. At Te Awaite nine of the school windows were broken by huge Hailstones which also denuded the fruit trees of their leaves so that the prospects of a fine fruit season is utterly destroyed

5th December 1896 Liquor Poll Te Awaite Continue as at Present 18. Reduction 4 No Licence

14th June 1899 TE AWAITE. It was resolved to ask Mr Thorns to furnish an estimate of cost of repairing the school and that three desks be supplied.

10th September 1900 The appointment of Mr T R Bowden was approved

7th September 1901 A Useful Letter-carrier. A carrier pigeon belonging to Master Wilkins, of Picton, which, with others, was kept at the whaling station, arrived home the other day with a note requesting that medicine should be sent down by Thursday's mail boat, as Everybody at Te Awaite was down with the influenza. Had it not been for the pigeon, the people would have had to wait for another week for the medicine.

11th February 1902 Six applications were received for the position of teacher at Te Awaite, and that of Miss Winchester, teacher of the Flaxbourne school was accepted.

11th March 1902 The teacher at Te Awaite wrote with reference to the dilapidated condition of the accommodation there. It was reported that the building was too far gone for repairs.— Matter postponed till next meeting

15th April 1902 Build a schoolhouse and residence at Te Awaite,

14th July 1903 Te Awaite was supplied with a clock

15th March 1904 Miss Winchester resigns

11th April 1904 Mr Twistleton appointed

14th November 1904 It was decided to ascertain the cost of accommodation required at Te Awaite

13th June 1905 3 new desks for Te Awaite

26th August 1905 H. L. TWISLETON.

It is with profound regret that we record the demise, at the Picton Hospital early yesterday morning, after only two days' illness, of Mr H. L. Twisleton. Up till Wednesday last deceased was conscientiously labouring in his calling, that of school-teaching, in the aided school at Te Awaite, and, being seized with illness, was brought in to Picton, where he succumbed to acute internal inflammation. The deceased gentleman was born in Yorkshire, and came to the colony as a young man, and entered the teaching profession, and was at various times, master of the schools at Waitohi, Boatman's Creek (on the West Coast), Maxwelltown (in the Wanganui district), Endeavour Inlet, Onamalutu, Waitaria, and other Sounds aided schools, and for some two years had been in charge of the Te Awaite school, Tory Channel. Deceased was of a musing temperament, and has left a worthy contribution to the literature of this young country, a little sheaf of poems, principally of a pastoral character. These were published some ten years ago, and reveal a note of reflective sadness in the meditations of the writer. Deceased was casually known to a large number of people as an inveterate pedestrian and mountaineer, his before-breakfast feats in these directions being widely mentioned, As an athlete in earlier life, the late Mr Twisleton was said to have been a prominent mile runner up to the age of forty, and an oarsman of some repute, He belonged to a family noted for physical strength, and his sudden seizure with the malady which proved fatal was entirely unexpected. So passes one whose mind, though, not an open book to be comprehended at a glance, never willingly harboured an evil design

30th August 1905 MARLBOROUGH EDUCATION BOARD. TEACHER wanted for the Te Awaite School, Tory Channel. Salary, £80 per annum, with small residence. Applications, with particulars as to experience and qualifications, will be received by the undersigned on or before FRIDAY, 13th September. JOHN SMITH, Secretary

11th September 1905 Te Awaite: Three applications were received for the position of teacher, rendered vacant by the death of Mr Twistleton. Miss Alice Robinson, now teaching at Stephen's Island, was appointed.

5th December 1905 Liquor Poll Te Awaite

Continue as at Present, 24. Reduction 3 No Licence 0

12th March 1906 Te Awaite —The correspondent wrote stating that £200 would be necessary for the erection of a new school.—Resolved that £150 is sufficient.

14th November 1906 Te Awaite. —Mr Toms reported that the timber for the new school had been carted and stacked.

11th April 1906 The General Post Office; wrote informing the Council that the telephone to Te Awaite would be connected direct with Picton.

12th May 1908 Annual Education Board report: During the year a new school, with living rooms attached, has been built at Te Awaite,

15th December 1908 The Education Board yesterday received applications for the respective positions of teacher of the Te Awaite school

10th August 1909 Miss Toms advised the Board that Mr J. Dry was willing to act as correspondent for the Te Awaite School. —Approved

13th March 1907 Te Awaite school opened 432 half days in 1906 Supposed to be open only 420

15th March 1910 TE AWAITE SCHOOL. The Inspector was asked to report to the next meeting of the Board on the condition of the old school building at Te Awaite, and ascertain the value of the building

12th April 1910 AWAITE OLD SCHOOL. An offer was received from Mr Toms for £3 10s for the old school] building at Te Awaite, which was accepted.

12th March 1912 . TE AWAITE. The following tenders were received for the leasing of the school reserve of nine acres at Te Awaite for one year:—W. H. Toms £5, John Norton £5, James Jackson £4 4s. Mr Reader moved, and it was seconded, that the tender of Mr Toms, present lessee, be accepted.

11h February 1913 Eight applications were received for teacherships at Nydia Bay and Opouri Valley, and ten for Te Awaite. All the applications were authorised to be sent to the respective committees It was decided to ask the committees, to make, a second choice in each case

11th March 1913 It was resolved to call for fresh applications for the teachership at Te Awaite.

17th March 1913 Te Awaite, sole Teacher, £90 to £120. and two living rooms. E. S. HYLTON, Secretary

15th April 1913 Four applicants forwarded to School Committee

13th May 1913 Mr- G. H. Dry, Te Awaite.

11th August 1914 Mr G Dry resigned

1st August 1916 The matter of having the Te Awaite school painted was left in the hands of the secretary, the cost net to. exceed £10.

30th June 1917 Rifleman Ernest Fraser, who has paid the supreme sacrifice at the front, was for five years a member, of. the teaching staff at the Renwicktown school before- his appointment to the charge of the Te Awaite school. He resigned the teachership of the Grassmere school to enlist for the service of his King and Empire. His sterling personal qualities gained for him their esteem of all with whom he came into contact, and deep sympathy is felt for his widowed mother, a resident of the Renwick district, where the gallant soldier was born and bred.

22nd Feb 1922 R Jones Resigned

2nd March 1926 WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD. SCHOOL HOUSE TO LET, TE AWAITE, TORY CHANNEL. OFFERS to Rent the School House, Te Awaite, for (a) 6 months from 1st April, 1926. (b) 6 months from 1st October, 1926, Will be received until noon of 15th March, 1926. School house 20 foot x 16 foot and two living-rooms. The property is beautifully situated on Tory Channel. G .L. STEWART,

National Archives:

31st May 1909 Request by Minister for all records on Te Awaite

Records show school originally opened in 1883 and that it was rebuilt by the Board in 1907

24th July 1931 In 1929, Mr W H Toms was granted a lease

The lease expires on 30th June 1936 Should there be insurance by Mr Toms on the building

Answer In the event of any fire a bucket brigade would be the only way of dealing with it.

29th July 1931 Wellington Education Board taking out fire insurance

10th June 1938 School site

- a) 10 acres only 1 acre fenced It might in the near future become a popular tourist resort but not while the whaling industry continues
- b) There are practically no children at Te Awaite
- c) The building is in reasonable good order but nothing warrants the expense of maintenance

14th March The offer of 5 pound for the removal of the school building be accepted

18th September

Te Weka (1894-1898, 1901-1903, 1911, 1913-1913, 1917-1923)

In Tory Channel

1894	11	Te Weka Bay	Baxter	H	Master	£	48.00
1895	9	Te Weka Bay	Baxter	H	Master	£	41.00
1896	7	Te Weka Bay	Baxter	H	Master	£	33.00
1897	5	Te Weka	Baxter	H	Master	£	25.00
1898	5	Te Weka	Baxter	M A	Female	£	25.00
1901	2	Te Weka	Baxter	Mary A	Female	£	10.00
1902	2	Te Weka	Baxter	Mary A	Female	£	10.00
1903	2	Te Weka	Baxter	Mary Ann	Female	£	10.00
1911	5	Te Weka	Baxter	Henry	Master	£	30.00
1913	4	Te Weka	Baxter	Henry	Master	£	30.00
1914	7	Te Weka	Baxter	Henry j	Master	£	48.00
1917	10	Te Weka	Baxter	Henry	Sole		£117.00
1919	13	Te Weka	Baxter	Henry	Sole		£170.00
1921	11	Te Weka	Baxter	Henry	Sole		£200.00
1923	4	Te Weka	McLauchlin	Lillian	Sole		£60.00

9th March 1887 Henry Baxter applied for pastoral license over about 730 acres, Tory Channel, being part of the late Yellaton Run. Land Board

2nd May 1894 A number of residents at Tory Channel wrote applying for the establishment of an aided school, and Mr H. Baxter, Postmaster, was named as a capable teacher. The request was granted temporarily.

7th August 1894 A letter was received from the Te Weka aided school mentioning a list of requirements. It was decided to grant all requirements except desks, which were not supplied to aided schools

2nd October 1894 it was resolved to appoint Mr J. Hebblerly correspondent for the Te Weka aided school, he having five children attending.— Approved

11th January 1898 TE WEKA. Mr Baxter asked that assistance for, an aided school be granted, and that the appointment of Miss Alice (*Mary Alice*) Baxter be approved. Application granted

21st April 1898 The name of the Post Office at Dieffenbach is to be changed to Te Weka from 1st May

14th October 1901 Mrs Julia White, Hitaua Bay, Torea Bay, wrote asking for permission for the establishment of an aided school in that locality. There would be about seven pupils. The nearest school was at Te Weka, two miles away by water. —The matter was postponed till next meeting, further information to be obtained.

15th December 1903 Mr W. Baxter wrote asking to be appointed teacher at Te Weka aided school, and stating that after the New Year five more children would be in attendance daily if he ferried them daily across Opuia Bay, and this he undertook to do.—Agreed to on the conditions named

11th July 1905 Mrs J. White applied for provision for the education of five children at Te Weka (Sounds).—The usual assistance was granted

10th May 1906 At Christchurch yesterday, before Mr H. W. Bishop, 5.M., Henry John Baxter, of Te Weka, Tory Channel, Picton, settler, was charged with being the father of the illegitimate male child of Elizabeth Ann Prouting, of Christchurch, spinster, which child was born on the 7th November, 1905, and further that—her the said H. J. Baxter, had failed to provide for the maintenance of such child.— Mr J. D. Hall, of Duncan, Cotterill and Stringer, appeared in support of the complaint, and Mr S. P. McNab, of Blenheim, for the defendant. The Court was cleared on the motion of Mr Hall, and complainant's evidence. And cross-examination taken. The child was produced by, order of the Court to the Magistrate and counsel. The case was adjourned sine die for witnesses to be examined at Picton.

1905/20918 Prouting Henry John Baxter Elizabeth NR

13th February 1907 The Ranger reported that it would not be advisable to grant H. J. Baxter's application for lease of Moioio Island, near Kaihinu Point, Tory Channel, as the island was too small to be of any but ornamental value, and appears to have been an old Maori burial ground.—Application declined

11th July 1911 TE "WEKA. Mr Baxter applied to be appointed teacher at Te Weka. It was decided to ask the Te Weka to submit the name of some, other teacher.

18th April 1913 Gardens mentioned at Te Weka as being excellent by Inspector

10th January 1918 Proficiency gained R R Baxter

28th February 1924 L McLachlan Sole Teacher resigned. Miss M Boese appointed

1878/16606 Baxter Henry John Sarah Jane Henry

1905/228 Caroline Clara Landall Henry John Baxter

Mary Alice was Henry John's Sister

National Archives

Te Weka

1st May 1918 5/- Rent

1st May 1918 Application for school

Nearest schools are merely household schools and all are separated by considerable expanse of water

Classroom 20 foot by 14 foot. Wood with iron roof and brick chimneys

The school has for many years been carried on as an aided school. The room hitherto in use was found unsuitable for the number now attending and furthermore the room was required for living purposes Average attendance now 11

Letter from Secretary of Wellington Education Board to Department included

- a) The settlers have erected a suitable building
- b) I hope the school gets favourable consideration

Rent approved at 5 shillings per week by Department

19th October 1924 In a very long letter Handed to the director of education handed to local MP from Mr. Derbyshire of Onapua Bay handed to Mr. Girling MP and passed onto the Minister of education included

- A) The Board have requested that all rent be paid back
- B) The school is in a central position. Mr. Baxter has no children at the school I will have to make the refund and also pay the rent and I am not in a position to do so
- C) Educating my children is costing me too much already. I will have to let my children go without school in the future (My New Zealand born children evidentially are not worth as much to the country as the imported immigrants
- D) After Mr. Baxter the teacher died the Board did not open the school for five months and now I am penalised with a grade I school through no fault of my own
- E) We have 11 children on the role (sic) and there are more (8) less than three miles away who have not attended for a long time and some of them (5) not this year
- F) Why have the Board not made them attend then we would have been a grade II school
- G) Several of the children going to the school are going at my expense Two children belong to Mr. R. O'Sullivan are boarding at the school
- H) The children have practically had no schooling and some of them are 7 or 6 years old
- I) I am boarding 2 of Mr. Hollander's children I am boarding One of the children is 10 years old and only has had one years of schooling or less
- J) Now sir am I not doing enough for my children and incidentally for other children
- K) The school is a necessity for families and they are in such poor circumstances that the board should pay the rent of the building
- L) The school will be needed for a while. There are 28 children in age from babies to 12 years old within a radius of four miles

- M) Mrs Baxter is entitled to rent of only 5/- for a school building built for a school
- N) I will have to stop my children going to school as I cannot afford to pay the rent and the refund
- O) I am furthest away from the school and we should have a grade school next year

Reply to Director of Ed

- a) The roll last year was 4
- b) Mrs Baxter senior owns the building
- c) The payment of rent was continued inadvertently
- d) The Quarterly return this year are March 5, June 8, September 9
- e) The school next year will be a grade 1

2th November 1924 Letter from MP Girling to Department

- a) Mrs Baxter informs me that rent has not been paid for part of last year and this year
- b) I understand this is because the attendance is below 9
- c) Could a settlement be made as soon as possible

Reply the matter is one entirely between the board and the settlers

Wharehunga (Bay) (1911-1915, 1917-1921),

On the North West side of Arapawa Island on Cook Strait

1911	3	Wharehunga	Davis	Lilian M	Female	£	12.00
1912	3	Wharehunga	Ensor	Mabel	Female	£	18.00
1913	4	Wharehunga	Drake	Alice	Female	£	30.00
1914	5	Wharehunga	Drake	Alice	Female	£	30.00
1915	5	Wharehunga	Drake	Alice	Female	£	30.00
1917	2	Wharehunga	Greensill	Margaret E J	Sole	£	16.00
1919	2	Wharehunga	Greensill	Margaret E J	Sole	£	24.00
1921	5	Wharehunga	Greensill	Margaret E J	Sole	£	75.00

14th February 1911 Miss L M Davis appointed

17th July 1912.

In this issue Messrs Dalgety and Co. notify that they have for sale the Wharehunga Run, situated in the best part of the Sounds. The run comprises in all 250 acres freehold and 1182 acres L.I.P. (*Lease in perpetuity*) 'with good modern homestead and' 1800 sheep. If desired, the property will be sold in sections, particulars of which are advertised

11th March 1913 The question of the necessary appointment for the Wharehunga school was held over

14th July 1914 WHAREHUNGA. Mr Greensill waited on the Board and asked if the full capitation rate of £6 could be paid in respect to the attendance at the aided school. It was admitted that the case was a hard one, but it was pointed out that under the present law the allowance was a fixed one and the Board could not exceed it.

-Mr Greensill mentioned that, owing to the inadequateness of the State assistance, the school establishment was costing £56 a year. Mr Fulton said it was still another instance of the fact that the settlers in the back-blocks were penalised in regard to educational facilities, as well as roads. Mr Greensill was not alone in his grievance.

National Archives: Yes

Whatamonga (1900-1902,) also Watamonga (1893-1894, 1896-1898,) also Whatamongo (1923)

Actual name (Topo Maps) is Whatamongo. Next door bay to Waikawa on Port Underwood Road

1893	5	Watamonga	McCormick	Miss	Female	£20.00
1894	4	Watamonga	McCormick	N R	Female	£20.00
1896	4	Watamonga	McCormick	N R	Female	£ 20.00
1897	4	Watamonga	McCormick	N R	Female	£ 20.00
1898	4	Watamonga	McCormick	N R	Female	£ 20.00
1899	3	Whatamonga	McCormick	N R	Female	£ 15.00
1900	3	Whatamonga	McCormick	Edith	Female	£ 15.00
1901	2	Whatamonga	McCormick	Edith	Female	£ 10.00
1902	2	Whatamonga	McCormick	Edith	Female	£ 10.00
1923	3	Whatamongo	Boese	Mary	Sole	£45.00

1st August 1893 From D. McCormick, of Watamonga, asking for capitation for his family school. Agreed to on the usual terms

Whekenui

These notes are supplied by Loreen Brehaut of Picton Museum. Loreen has co-authored a detailed booklet on the Whekenui School which is available from the Picton Museum. This book has a lot more notes and photographs than listed here

Have just taken a summary from this booklet and included it in my notes. Can remember seeing this school while travelling through Tory Channel

After Te Awaiti School closed in 1922, children in Tory Channel had Correspondence lessons. Later, Ruby and Charlie Heberley hired Ruth Newman to live with their family and supervise the lessons for Donna, Jocelyn and Joe. By 1950, the Gilbert Perano and Heberley families combined their schooling arrangements, and Leonie Forrest was Supervisor for the two groups of children, using an adapted army hut at Whekenui. This system, a group of children meeting with a paid supervisor but using Correspondence lessons, was known as a Grade 0 school. About the same time, Nui (Arohanui Pene) Cairo Huntley's niece, lived with the Huntley family to supervise Correspondence with Waru and Cairo Junior.

Gilbert Perano was keen to have a proper school running for local children and as an extra attraction for whaling families during the winter season, and after he had explained to the Education Department where Whekenui was, a Grade 1 school was approved. Ian Kidman was offered the job of sole teacher at Whekenui School in 1951. Mr Perano had promised to supply the school building, including lavatory, wash-basin and cloakroom.

According to Ian, 'They were desperately short of teachers; they'd have taken a three-legged dog off the street to teach if they could.' World War 2 had meant that few teachers had been trained, particularly men, and the post-war baby boom had schools bursting at the seams and teachers in short supply. Nineteen years old and completely untrained, Ian

lived at Okukari teaching in the woolshed at Charlie Heberley's for a start, then moved to Whekenui, where an ex-army hut had been converted into what he remembers as 'a very nice classroom. It might have been a fowl-house, but it was a very pleasant school by the time they put the windows in and got all the chicken-shit out!' This classroom had a small pot-belly stove in it and some can remember that in wintertime everyone used to huddle around it during breaks and lunchtime.

Inside the first classroom, 1951

There were six pupils in the first term, then up to about thirteen when the whaling season started. All ages and stages from Primer 1 to Form 2 were covered, a huge range for an untrained teacher. Shockingly, Ian received no help or guidance at all from the Education Department, apart from a good supply of teaching materials. He received no visits from Inspectors or others. He was not even informed what the dates of the school terms were, so nearly got the sack for giving the May holidays at the wrong time. He got friendly with the penguins that lived under his hut, enjoyed hunting and mixing with the whalers, and reluctantly left at the end of the year to go and do his teacher's training.

The next teacher in 1952 was John Davenport, who was similarly young and untrained. He is mainly remembered for getting a hard time from the whalers, who used to play tricks on him when he went over to the Lookout. He would pass these tricks on, as another resident remembers his bag being filled with rocks and wondering why it was so heavy. Early in John's time, Gilbert Perano wrote to the Education Board requesting that the teacher be allowed to use Correspondence lessons, obviously realising that these untrained teachers were struggling. This request was denied.

Leon Adams then came to Whekenui. New teachers usually did their Country Service first and then they could choose where they wanted to go, so Leon elected to go down the Sounds because the Adams family had property in Te Awaiti. He stayed two years at Whekenui, 1953-4.

The next teacher was Bernie Byrne, who also stayed almost two years, in 1955-6. He is remembered as a stocky guy with a very ruddy face and red or auburn hair. Halfway through his first year he applied to the Education Board for leave of absence the following year to go overseas. This was not granted, so he resigned in September '56 and went off to do his OE. The pupil numbers during the whaling season had grown and Gilbert Perano extended the original building to take the influx of children, as the school had now been promoted to Grade II.

Ray Scott arrived for the last term in 1956 and stayed three years. At the end of that year Whekenui was placed on a list of Very Remote Schools. Ray is remembered as 'a short,

dumpy bloke who'd lost his hair young.' He was a very staunch C He was a very staunch Catholic and took some children for their catechism.

After Ray Scott left, there was for a time no teacher available, so Mrs Scott - no relation, but the wife of Keith Scott, Engineer on the *Tuatea* - filled in as relieving teacher. She lived with Mrs Pattie Perano up at Gunya and is remembered as being towards retirement age. In December the school children were paid £19.6.9d for cleaning the school in the third term. The Board decided to close the school at the end of the year, and put the children on Correspondence lessons. Whekenui was officially listed as 'soon to be closed'.

All through 1960 negotiations continued about replacing the school, and finally in January 1961 a contract was agreed with Ken Yealands of Blenheim Construction for relocating an unused classroom from Waikawa School and a teacher's bach from Pine Valley, as well as installing a 'new toilet block, drinking fountain, new stove, cloakroom and septic tank'. The school committee were to provide fencing.

Before the end of the first term, a new school building arrived; a substandard building from Waikawa School which had previously been used for movies on Saturday nights. This was brought down in sections by barge and put together on site, and one pupil says, 'We thought it was just marvellous, because we had two flush toilets – one for the girls, one for the boys, separate. And it had a little foyer, like these old schools had, where you hang your jacket. They put in an old pot-belly fire, and we got a radio to listen to *Broadcast to Schools*.'

As at other remote schools, the teacher boarded with a school family, and Alan lived with the Cormacks, sharing a room and bunk beds with Alex, who called him 'Sir' even in bed. Alan now says, 'The Cormacks were good to me, there was no question about that, and I liked them, but it was a very difficult existence. You had no real privacy.' Later that year, a little teacher's cottage was brought for him from Pine Valley. It arrived on a barge and he says it had the longest concrete path in the Sounds, and from then on he had his own accommodation.

There was already at least one underage child on the roll and there would be only four or five pupils left, so Alan was reassigned to Rai Valley School for the remainder of the year, and Whekenui School closed for the last time on October 1st 1962. It had operated for less than eleven years. Those remaining worked on with Correspondence lessons for a while, but most moved into town to complete their education

For the complete story read the whole booklet. Thanks Loreen.

Teachers:

1950	Leonie Forrest (Grade 0 school)
1951	E. Ian Kidman (Grade 1 school)
1952	John C. Davenport “““
1953-4	Leon D. Adams “ “

1955-Sept. '56	Bernard E. Byrne (Grade 2 school)
Sept '56-Sept '59	Raymond J. Scott " "
Sept- Dec '59	Mrs Scott
Feb-Aug '60	G. Neil Breingan " "
Sept-Dec '60	Correspondence lessons
1961-Sept. '62	Alan Hall (Grade 2 school)

National Archives

1967- 1972

26th October 1967 The buildings which stand on land owned by Mr. T Perano Building is a galvanised iron sheathed classroom of 516 square feet and a Teachers bach of 223 square feet

Please transfer to crown for disposal Section 3a Block V Arapawa SD

20th January 1971 Apparently there is some suggestion the school might reopen

11 February 1971 Building report stated the buildings are in good order, though maintenance has been slow Declined in April 1971

23rd March Wellington Education Board advise that school might reopen so not released for sale
End of file

Primary Schools 1957- 1971

30th September 1957 Mr. Perano has for a number of years made the school available, now the grade of the school is Grade 2 the Board is obliged to provide accommodation or maintain the present building

Mr. Perano is asking that reasonable maintenance is carries out rather than the Education Board paying rent

18th February 1960 Whekenui School costs

Water Supply £450, Electric Power £12=75, New Toilet Block, £ 750, Paths £200, Contingencies, £350 Total £3720

Report included

- a) Building has been recently inspected and found to be entirely unsuited as a classroom
- b) The District Health Officer has reported unfavourably on the building
- c) The roll is 16 in 1959 and stable
- d) There is at Waikawa Pa a surplus corrugated iron sheathed building and it is prosed to move this to Whekenui

Following a lot of correspondence where the Department don't want to get involved in shifting the building

11th June 1959 Medical officer of Health reports

- a) The condition of this school eaves a lot to be desired
- b) The building measures 20 foot x 20 foot (20 foot is about 6 meters) It has been enlarged 4 times as the roll has grown
- c) The building is on concrete piles but only 2/3 of eh floor is in good condition

- d) The remaining third are rough sawn timber 8 inch x 1 inch with cracks between them
- e) Pieces of linoleum have been put over the cracks in places
- f) Most of the weatherboards of the original hut are now decayed
- g) There is only a small piece of spouting
- h) The internal walls are only partly lined with hardboard and only parts of this are painted
- i) The stud height ranges from 8 feet in the centre to 6 feet at the North and South Walls
- j) The building is in a shocking state of repair

18th July 1960

A Wellington Education Board included comments from Inspector of schools 7th August 1959 report

- a) There is no drinking facilities and washing facilities do not exist
- b) The toilet is best described A hole covered with corrugated iron. It is primitive
- c) It is entirely unsuited for teaching purposes No storage space, no display space
- d) The whole building is depressing and unhealthy

The Marine Department refused to help

22nd September 1960 Now 10 pupils at Whekenui all from the Whaling Station

19th October 1960 Mr. Perano offers accommodation for teacher so a bach is not needed from Pine Valley

Offers free transport of Waikawa Pa building

27th October Minister of Education approves shifting the building free from Waikawa Pa

6th February 1961 A Wellington Education Board Pink Memo Waikawa Pa object as building is in use as a community hall

23rd March 1961 A Long letter from Alan Hall Teacher at Whekenui included

- a) It appears all idea of a bach for me has been dropped
- b) I am boarding with the only family that can provide me with accommodation. The family contains three of my school pupils
- c) I sleep in an 8 x 10 foot bedroom bach attached to the washhouse. I share this room with an eight year old pupil
- d) The whaling season begins in May and my family has up to 29 visitors while the season is on
- e) The Pine Valley school is now closed

12th April 1961 Because of the good price in shifting the School they could still work in the grant and shift the Pine Valley Bach

17th April 1961 Moving the Pine Valley bach is approved

Price given in under estimates and grant Unheard of

The School Committee were paid for ground work as it was cheaper than getting tradespeople from Picton. Cost of School Committee labour was 5/- per hour

17th July 1967 The buildings are not to be shifted again by Wellington Education Board as they have already been moved

The school closed in 1962

Whakenui Accommodation 1951-1972

Accommodation

13th February 1951 School established roll of 6

11th June 1959 Department of Health inspected building and reported to Wellington Education Board. Included

- a) General condition leaves a lot to be desired
- b) 20 foot x 20 foot
- c) Enlarged four times
- d) The school is on concrete piles but only 2/3 of floor is in good condition
- e) Most of the weather boards of the original hut are decayed
- f) There is only 1 small piece of spouting
- g) The internal walls are only partly lined with hard board and only partly painted
- h) The stud height ranges from 8 foot in the centre to 6 foot at the North and South walls
- i) The building is in a shocking state of repair
- j) This school will have to be replaced or closed down

24th June 1959 R. J. Scott teacher writes that he is resigning his position in September

- 1) The present school is not suitable for occupation
- 2) It is on private property
- 3) The Board owns land 4 miles away which would be closer for children attending from the whaling station
- 4) For the next four years there should be at least 9 children attending the school

29th June 1959 Education Board replies and that the Education Board will visit the school and meet with Mr Perano (*Owner of the Whaling Station*)

Undated report by the Chairman of the Wellington Education Board Mr S C Fynden

Included

- a) In 1950 Mr Perano applied to build a school which was to be 24 foot x 15 foot and include Lavatory, Wash basin and cloakroom all not provided
 - b) The school has blown up as the whaling station has employed married men for the three months whaling season
 - c) The increased roll meant a graded teacher was appointed
 - d) We met Mr Perano on the road during the visit to Linkwater school and Mr Perano accused the board of shirking its responsibilities
- The inspector's report included
- e) There is no drinking water and washing facilities do not exist
 - f) The toilet is best described as a hole covered with corrugated iron. It is primitive! All the builds are

g) Other headings in the report are depressing and show a complete lack of interest of the parents of the 16 children, in the teacher, or the physical state (*Sic*) of the building

h) He recommends appointment of a relieving teacher appointed for a year

Other examples were given for cost of buildings at Pine Valley of £5 700 which would be too dear because

a) The roll at the end of the whaling season was 16. The end of the year was 9 and of this 6 were one family

b) The other seven returned to their previous school

c) The other 5 children appear to be the Kirk family who live on the other side of Tory Channel and would be required to travel by launch

d) The recommendation of Mr Bell Senior Inspector is that a relieving teacher be out in for a year then the children be put on correspondence

Further information in the School report by Mr Mitchell Inspector included the above and

a) No display is possible as the stud is slow and the whole environment is depressing and unhealthy

b) Equipment such as radio, film projector, record players is completely lacking

c) Electric Power on 230 V is available but not connected to the school

d) Even blackboard dusters are not available

e) The standard of attainment of children is very low and listed a number of reasons

f) The present teacher assumed his position without sufficient teaching experience in NZ and with sufficient knowledge of the conditions he was to work under.

g) The school should be able take shopping days whenever a launch is available the mailboat is useless for shopping days. (*Shopping days were given to teachers in remote school in any month that there was not a public holiday*)

h) Days like Labour Day should be worked and this day taken at another time

i) Living accommodation should be provided if new school is built

j) Nor is any criticism intended of the teacher, Mr Scott who is now leaving for a Christchurch position

k) For a teacher to remain for three years at Whekenui is something of an achievement His difficulties and his contribution are both appreciated

22nd September 1959 The Education Board received and adopted the report

5th November 1959 A long Letter from Mr Perano to Wellington Education Board included

a) Parents do not want children to go on correspondence

b) If this school parents would take their children to Picton for schooling

Current Families

Hebberd Family Farm Manager 2 Children at school 1 under age

MacDonald Family Farm manager 3 children at school 1 under age

Newman Family Farm Manager 2- 1

Cormack Family Station engineer employed for 6 years 2-1

Edward Huntley Family 1-3 Employed by Peranos for 35 years

Cairo Huntley Family Station Manager for 31 years At present at Waikawa School but will be returning next year

Norton Family 2 children attending 20 years employment

The writer has one child attending this year only

c) I have purchased new machinery costing £27000 to be installed before the 1960 whaling season

Education Board decided previous motion be rescinded

28th January 1960 Letter to Mr Perano re a new building

28th January 1960 letter to Mr Perano on moving a teacher's bach 24 x 10 foot and 9 foot high

And a school building 22 foot 6 inches x 21 foot with an attached porch of 11 foot x 7 foot 6 inches

8th February 1960 Mr Perano replies that the teacher's bach is not a problem, suggested putting skids on it before leaving the school would be more difficult at our end

13th October 1960 Total cost of removing Pine Valley Bach and The Waikawa Pa Building was £3720

During 1960 there was a huge amount of correspondence between Wellington Education Board and Education Department re the building of a school. The Department wanted the children on correspondence

19th October 1960 Mr Perano Offers

a) Land

b) Free transport of Waikawa Pa Buildings free of charge

c) Making suitable accommodation for teacher

15th November £3300 allowed by Education Board for new school

15th December 1960 Mr Perano supplies accommodation for builders

16th January 1961 Bruce B Graham writes stating that he could not give a tender price but work on a time and material plus 7.5% This is the usual practice in the Sounds

18th January 1961 Tender let to Blenheim Construction Company for £1530 be accepted Starting date 1st March 1961

15th April Mrs Z O Huntley writes saying there is no fire extinguisher in the new building. Reply Not put in small schools

21st August 1961 Tender approved for Moving Whare from Pine Valley to Whekenui

18th September 1962 Letter from teacher school roll dropped to 4. Agreed to close school at end of month

25th September 1962. School closed property retained

Land is owned by Mr Perano Recommended that land be transferred to Department for disposal

School closed because whaling station closed

28th February 1972 Request to open school

3rd March 1972 As the school may be reopened will not sell buildings

End of file

Residence 1961 1967

23rd March 1961 Alan Hall Sole Teacher writes to Education Board complaining about sharing accommodation with three of his pupils and a bedroom with an eight year old. He wants to work on his art but has no space

17th April 1961 The Pine Valley Bach is to be shifted to Whekenui

14th June Alan Hall writes he will have the site for the residence levelled within a month

3rd July 1967 That the school being closed the buildings would be handed back to the crown