

Kia School	Kia Ngawari	incorporating	Ngawari situated at
		Whareata	
		Marsden	
		Kia Ngawari	
	Catherine Cove		
	D'Urville Island		
	Ohana		
	Patuki		

Whareata 1917 -

Marsden 1928 – 1953

Catherine Cove 1954

Whareata (1917-1923)

On Eastern side of D'Urville Island

1917	10	Whareata Bay	Burton Patrick	Sole	£110.00
1919	10	Whareata Bay	Burton Patrick	Sole	£170.00
		Whareata Bay			
1921	9	Picton	Burton Patrick	Sole	£200.00
1923	7	Whareata Bay	Burton Patrick	Sole	£90.00

22nd November 1917 Dominion The residents of Whareata Bay (D'Urville Island) have applied to the Wellington Education Board for the erection of a school there. This wish the board finds itself unable to gratify, but it was decided that if the people could provide a room the board would pay rent for the use of it for school purposes

21st November 1917 In response to an application for the erection of a school at Whareata Bay (D'Urville Island), it was resolved to advise that the board would pay the cost if suitable building were rented

Pelorus Guardian

12th March 1915 Miss Lehrke appointed to Whariatea Probably Veronica Lehrke who was teaching at Pukatea Bay at end of 1915

National Archives

Kia Ngawari

Whareatea School

2nd August 1918 £20 Furniture. 5 shillings weekly rent

21st April 1925 £7 for rent

20th September 1929 Heater supplied £7.10

9th August 1929 7/6d Rent

30th July 1943 £45.4.5 Water supply

30th April 1953 £4910 valuation

1953 504 square foot room Ex Waterloo portable building erected 4 rooms

In a pencil note in 1948 the Department question whether any more rent should be paid to the natives

11th August 1970 letter to Wellington Education Board from Department of Lands and Survey

Mr. Turi Elkington proposed an exchange to the Croiselles French Pass D'Urville Island Reserves Board who agreed that the building should be retained

The Building is sited on Scenic Reserve Land

11th September 1970 Wellington Education Board Report included

- a) In 1953 A single unit classroom and prefabricated residence were provided
- b) Mr. Elkington wants to exchange the land for land he owns
- c) The Land Department wants to retain the land for the general public or the Maori People
- d) The Board don't want to maintain or shift the building
- e) The residence was destroyed some two years ago and the school is closed

In a background paper

In 1953 the School committee erected a single unit prefabricated room of 504 square foot and a residence

The 2 or 3 pupils on D'Urville Island receive their education by correspondence

I recommend the transfer of the school to the Department of Land and Survey

2th March 1975 A letter from J Lawrie of Wainuiomata asking the Petone MP Mr. Fraser Colman M P if he could turn the school into a holiday home Wellington Education Board replies that they don't own it any more

Kia Ngawari 1918-1968

8th February 1918 Application for a school at Whareata Bay D'Urville Island

Opened 1st October in private residence Average attendance for December quarter was 10

5th August 1918 Another application form

Rent was 5/- per week from 1st January 1917 The school is being held in a room of a private residence which is being rented by the teacher Mr. Burton. Average attendance of 10 is being maintained

3rd August 1910 Wellington Education Board applies for a grant of £20 for furniture and a grant to cover rent

An average of about 12 is likely to be maintained

The building is owned by Mr. Rei one of the settlers and is being rented by Mr. Burton the teacher in charge

12th August 1918 Department replies

- a) The building is used for both school and residence
- b) Does 5/- cover both?
- c) The rent should be paid by the Board to the owner of the building
- d) The Department does not pay for furniture for a rented building

7th February 1919 Wellington Education Board We have found the teacher only pays £7 per annum for the use of the cottage and ground

We suggest a grant of £8 per annum

11th March 1919 The teacher is paid £20 house allowance by the Board and we believe it can be met by paying half the cost of rent

5th April 1922 The attendance for the March and September quarters fell below 9 and the rents for this school must be reduced to £3-10/-

28th April 1925 The building is owned by Mr. Ihaka te Rei of Manaiā who has no interest in the school Rate £1-15-0 per quarter

Average of 10 maintained both for September and December quarters

19th July 1928 James Elkington writes to Native Trustee Wellington includes

- a) We propose shifting from Whareatea but there is a difficulty with the schooling
- b) We wish to build an erection that will serve both as a meeting house and a school
- c) We would be prepared to pay a rent from 10/- to 15/- per week for any structure which could be used for school purposes
- d) If the work was done by contract £300 would be the cost but if the residents did the work about £100 would be the cost of materials
- e) Could benefit funds be used?
- f) i. Wetekia Elkington 3 children and 4 Koko Children
ii James Elkington 4 children
iii Turi Ruruku 1 child
iv Hahi Ngamuku 1 child
v John Hippolite 2 Children
Charles Papake Puni Hippolite 1 child
vi Renata Kotua 1 Child
Four European children would attend

18th August 1928 to Director of Education asking whether "will you kindly state your objection is that the natives could hardly be entrusted with the erection of the building

Reply if the roll drops then no rent will be payable could you please supply a sketch plan

28th September 1928 Education Board to Director

- a) Rent is only payable when roll is over 9
- b) Native Trustee will pay £100 and Mr. Elkington is qualified to build the building
- c) The last quarterly attendance was 11

5th October Director to Wellington Education Board Once the total of rents meets the amount paid out by Native Trustees then the Board and Department have the right to revise the question as to whether a further rent will be paid

28th June 1929 Mr. R. J Turner of Hamilton Bay interviewed me today re the Cove School D'Urville Island

- a) The school is 30 foot x 20 foot with iron walls and beaver board lining inside
- b) Has been built by Maoris with their own money
- c) He understood the Board paid the teacher Mr. Burton
- d) The school was well ventilated but it was very cold
- e) One day the children had to be dismissed at 10.00
- f) The teacher remained 20 minutes longer before he had to leave
- g) They required a chimney also blackboards covering the walls to write on

9th August 1929 The school was built by natives a suitable stove will cost about £5.10.0 A sheet of Hylolate 2' 3" was supplied 4 years ago to the old school

The architect is looking into the supply of desks

17th September 1929 The Board to supply the school with a Wizard Radiator

23rd June 1938 Mrs King Turner Waitata Bay Pelorus Sound Writes

The Road Board has included as an urgent need the formation of a mile track in Catherine Cove D'Urville Island at present children attending Madsen school have to scramble under and over fallen trees round a difficult and dangerous beach and amongst unsecure rocks and stones This is an untenable situation as you will readily understand and unless a suitable track is shortly constructed some child will suffer serious injury or even killed

The objection is the track will have to pass through a scenic reserve/ The P and T Department recently put the telephone through this reserve

The Board would greatly appreciate you support and assistance in obtaining a grant of £100 to construct this road Clerk to French Pass Board

1st August 1938 Access to Madsen School Whareatea Bay Letter to Public Works Department supporting a path reply The path has been given favourable consideration

30th July 1943 Whareatea Bay School re Water Supply

Wellington Education Board to Director asking for costs for water supply of £25.2.5 following Nelson Health Inspector's Visit

- a) The 400 gallon tank iron tank was destroyed during a terrific gale soon after arriving at Madsen
- b) It was carried several chains up the valley ripped off the top and blew the rest out to sea.
- c) The winds continued to blow and finally blew the tank out to sea where it finally sank
- d) Other settlers stated the severity of the gales was terrific

- e) The hull of the old launch lying on the beach for some years was rolled over and landed 60 feet from its original resting place
- f) The sanitary convenience used by the children had shifted some distance and a portion of iron of the school was blown off

12th August 1943 Department approves £25.2.5 for another tank

28th November 1951 Re Madsen School The house occupied by D J Graham is erected on land owned by a Maori and leased by the Department of Lands and Survey

Mr. Velvin rang today and said the lease expires without right of renewal in 1954 and the question of disposing the school would then arise

Advice has been received that the teacher has been evicted Mr. Velvin said he should be advised to remain in possession

30th November 1951 Department of Land and Survey

Mr. Graham obtained the house from the previous tenant Maori who had no authority to sublet to Mr. Graham or accept from him rent

The land is leased by Turi Ruruku to the Crown There is no right of renewal and buildings can be removed Leased for 10 years from 1st July 1944

The house has 7 rooms and was erected in 1937 The land of the school is owned by T Ruruku

7th July 1952 Wellington Education Board wants to transfer WHAREATEA school to Maori Schools

Mr. Graham has been transferred temporarily to Wairau Pa School

It was impossible to stay as the population which is wholly Maori became most uncooperative and had made life difficult for Mr. and Mrs Graham The Senior Inspector reports Mr. Graham is a fine teacher and that he and his wife have endeavoured to lift the whole community

If a single teacher is appointed it will be necessary for him to Board with Maoris where conditions are totally unsuitable for Europeans

25th July 1952 Madsen School is closed

25th March 1952 Application for School residence

My Inspector's report is this is the worst accommodation in the district Recommended permanent accommodation must be provided

Roll in 1952 18 1951 10, 1950 15

House requires conversion and probable shifting adequate classroom accommodation

2nd September Note it is unlikely the school will be taken over as a Maori School

7th November 1952 The Board has no further use of the house at Whareatea school

20th April 1953 Application for new school at Catherine Cove. There are about 12 children of school age who would attend

The classroom It is proposed to remodel and reuse the prefabricated classroom no longer wanted at Waterloo

The school previously in the Maori Meeting House at Whareatea house located 1 ½ miles away

22nd March Harold Leov (*Pronounced Leo*) writes re Maori school and the breaking of a promise to reopen school

13th May 1958 Letter to Mr. T P Shand MP from Minister of Education The Wellington Education Board is going to prefabricate the building in Wellington and bring it to Catherine Cove and erect it there with their own staff

29th July 1953 New school being built

26th February 1953 The Whareatea School is closed because there is no satisfactory accommodation for pupils or housing for teachers The assistant architect has visited and will make plans

27th April 1953 Wellington Education Board letter to Commissioner of Crown Lands

The building is nearly ready to be shifted

It is by the edge of the stream on the North East side The section is triangular in shape You will be able to say whether any of this land belongs to Mr. Elkington or whether it is reserve land

The Board would not necessarily want title to the land but simply have authority to use the land and water from the stream

The Board has not communicated with Mr. Elkington but will do so if any of the land belongs to him and endeavour to arrange a lease

25th February 1953

Whareatea School Roll 1950 15, 1951 10, 1952 18, 1953 18

Proposed addition Prefab 517 square feet

Conveyance was not a better option than building

26th August 1954 Letter to Department The amount is £1690 overspent on £2910.0.0 cost Included

- a) Initial shipping delay meant men were there for a week before materials arrived
- b) Extremely hard digging added a fortnight
- c) Five local Maori Labourers were taken on to help unload
- d) The foreman was told to dispense with their labour as quickly as possible but did not do so as quickly as Board Officers desired
- e) Gravel and sand were available on the island but it had to be bagged and carted by launch at a cost of £2 per hour
- f) Owing to the rocky nature of the sea bottom the scow skipper would not lay his ship on the bottom in an outgoing tide
- g) It was necessary to hire a punt from Havelock to get the items close enough for manhandling This increased the cost of shipping cost considerably
- h) The ground was so closely packed with flinty boulders that the use of pick and shovel was impossible
- i) The shipping of so much loose material had to be carefully done and material had to be bundled in sufficient bundles to be manhandled
- j) The cost of remodelling the old school building at Miramar was costlier than anticipated. In addition it was decided to roughly re-erect the building at Miramar to check
- k) General expenses and board (19/6d) per man was heavier than anticipated

- b) The Only original item not accounted for was the small lighting plant It is considered that the total expenditure for this item of £83.18 is good value as both house and school are connected to it

Department replies only cost not seen by the Department was the lighting plant

21st October 1954 The Government approves extra amount of £1606.1.11

15th December 1954 the cost of the Lighting plant is to be paid for by the Education Board as they didn't seek approval before installing it

16th March 1954 Wellington Education Board to Education Department a memo from Secretary of Education Board included (Still called Whareatea School)

- a) Difficult to get a teacher in view of isolation. difficult travel arrangements and inability of teacher to obtain food in some cases
- b) A residence has been constructed and the last two permanent teachers have left before completing their two year contracts
- c) Several applicants turned down the position after being advised of appointment
- d) The teacher had to rely entirely on the good will of the local people for transport services and in Mr. Murray's case he had trouble in getting provisions from French Pass and in one case they had for nearly a week was "Weetbix"
- e) Provisions are normally ordered from Nelson and are freighted to French Pass 30 to 35 minutes away by launch. Example £2 worth of fruit and vegetables the freight charge is 14/- (There were 20 shillings (-) in the pound)
- f) Launch hire is expensive the charge being £3 from Whareatea to French Pass
- g) It has not been possible for the mail launch to deliver the teacher
- h) Transport of furniture is also a problem as Mr. Elkington's launch has to used
- i) Would the Department be prepared to supply all furniture permanently and Kerosene fridge curtains etc. as supplied to isolated services in the Maori Service

Reply: No it would set a precedent to having to fund other isolated schools

2th July 1956 Handwritten Note included

- a) We could obtain ministerial authority for heavy furniture to be supplied rather than pay high freight costs
- b) It must be firmly pointed out that maintenance costs were to be covered by Education Board
- c) Also batteries for lighting plant
- d) A Kerosene Frigidaire would be feasible as supplied to other island schools
- e) The teacher should supply mattresses, bedding, cutlery and crockery
- f) Against Fuel Costs (Coal Subsidy) as teachers on Stewart Island, Kawau Island etc. would have the same problem

13th April 1956 I note a coal burning stove has been built by supplying a kerosene heater and cooker as costs would be cheaper than transporting coal

3rd September 1956 Approved list (see photograph) except for bedding

Next reference application to purchase school dated 16th January 1964

8th December 1964 Letter from Croiselles French Pass Road Board to Wellington Education Department

Re Track

- a) It was found necessary to bulldoze track to make the track better
- b) Mr. T R Elkington carried out this work and considerable improvements made
- c) The cost was £40 and we ask the Wellington Education Board to ask the Department to reimburse Mr. Elkington
- d) Footnote only this track is suitable for children as otherwise children have to go along beach front which is impossible at high tide

13th July 1965 This land is not owned by the Board so we cannot pay

14th August 1965 The present site is a scenic reserve

14th September Wellington Education Board Note There needs to be a plan drawn up to which is Board land and which is Scenic Reserve

9th July 1968 3.30 a.m.

Fire Report

Fire supposed to be caused by motor of the generator plant or store

Complete destruction of residence including furniture supplied by Board

Estimated Cost \$1045-00 and residence \$8000

No fire fighting equipment used

There was no fire alarm or sprinkler

No Fire Brigade attended

Fire Detected by Sole Teacher Mr. L Gear

11th July 1968 Consideration of replacement will be discussed

Newspaper report in Evening Post 10th July 1968 included

- a) The teacher was Mr. W E Gear and wife and infant son
- b) All personal possessions were destroyed
- c) Neighbours sheltered the Gear Family and helped fight the fire which could have spread to the adjacent school
- d) Paint on one of the school walls was blistered

Last Entry in File though I gathered from Mr. Elkington (*Launch Driver on a tour by researcher in 2017*) a pupil at the school at the time of the fire that the school closed as the Board would not rebuild a residence

[Kia Nga Wari Files Headed Nelson Education Board and Wellington Education Board](#)

File 1

A whole box of various files filed as Nelson Education Board Wellington Education Board Kia Nga Wari 6 files listed Notes made from those relevant

Education Board meeting 18th and 19th 1952

Whareatea Bay School Proposal for establishment

- a) Effort to fill vacancy on teacher boarding with Mrs Roma Elkington

- b) To procure or lease 1 ½ acres of crown land
- c) To obtain funds for the erection of a portable school and teachers' dwelling on the above site

27th May 1953 Lands and Survey Nelson write to say you can't build on roads or on Crown Land prepared by Wellington Education Board

15th April 1969 School is on site of Meeting House on Maori Land

File 2 Re Masden School

Whareata Bay School Board pays rent direct to Mr. Ihaka te Rai at £7 per annum

1st September 1928 John A E Elkington writes saying his son James who is very capable will be in charge of the building.....

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for making arrangements with the Nelson Dental Clinic for the benefit of the Whareata School. Mr. Parker was civility personified and we are very grateful

10th October 1928 P Burton Teacher Writes a long letter

- a) I made a trip to the Cove about 3 weeks ago when Mrs Elkington who is in camp there pointed out the site of the school and residence (*At Masden*)
- b) There is flat land, a good beach, good creek and a deal more sunshine (Hours per Day!)
- c) There should be all the present children plus half a dozen more from the Cove
- d) Re Whareata Here I am practically confined to one living room with a due amount of conveniences attached which has to serve as a bedroom, bathroom, storeroom and goodness knows what. The ventilation is far from satisfactory I am speaking of my own room
- e) The building is overrun with rats and mice and it leaks badly during heavy rain
- f) During the holidays the rats gnawed holes in cases and succeeded in removing parts of the covers (binding) of some valuable books Such are the Lamentations of the bush pedagogue
- g) These notes are written for you own information and are not meant for filing (*89 years later!!!*)
- h) P Burton was the Head Teacher

12th November 1928 Letter from John Elkington stating that Map (*See attached photograph*) was not to scale

19th February 1929 School has started in new building and everyone is pleased with the school

The name of the new settlement is called Masden and we would like to record the School as Masden (*Didn't happen*)

8th March 1929 Letter to P Burton stating that he can't enrol a 4 ½ year old child and the Education Board is glad he is in a new building

15th March 1929 Native Trust Office writes re Masden The name is the name of an elder of the Mormon Church living on the Island as the Maoris on D'Urville are members of that church

26th March 1929 The Board writes it is unwilling to give the Masden to the school

15th May Wellington Education Board That the Whareata School still be called Whareata

17th October 1935 Letter to Wellington Education Board from Wetekia Elkington stating she now owns the school property and could the rent be paid to her

31st October 1935 Native Department writes that the land the school is on is actually owned by Turi Ruruku and the Board should get his consent before he pays Mrs Elkington

28th November 1935 Mr. Turi Ruruku writes to Education Board asking that rent be paid to him

16th December James R. Elkington writes to Wellington Education Board included

- a) Mrs W Elkington tells me she is the lessee of the property the school is built on
- b) The money advanced to the Native Department is not enough to finish the building
- c) She threatens that if she is not paid for the rent she will not let the building be used next year
- d) She has no children going to the school

20th December 1935 Letter to the Native Trustee which covered above news and then finished with I understand it is a fact that Mrs Elkington's lease from Mr. Ruruku has not been completed

11th June 1938 A G Gosling teacher of Whareata School writes about a better path for children attending the school including following the new telephone line installed not to disturb the bush and not wide enough for a path

29th June 1938 Letter from Turi Ruruku saying that he and his sister Mrs W Elkington that they will collect the rent evenly between them

8th September 1938 £100 given for a path to Catherine Cove from Public Works Department

3rd May 1944 Letter from William Selwyn Sends result of Whareatea School Election There should be two outhouses instead of one and if possible a septic tank

The school is in want of repair There are over twenty children going to this school and more due soon. The question is it cheaper to build a new room or repair the present one

9th June 1944 Letter stating that the Building itself was shifted on the property by members of the Elkington Family with the consent of the owner and they should provide new amenities

20th March 1945 William O'Connor School Inspector presents a report that includes

- a) The school is at Madsen Bay Whareata is many miles further up the coastline
- b) 16 Maori Students and 5 Europeans
- c) There is little effective Maori Leadership in the district
- d) The Maori Meeting house is used as the schoolroom. It also serves as a social centre and at present a store for wool
- e) The meeting house is poorly designed and badly built with misfit doors and windows
- f) The ventilation more by accident than design is quite adequate
- g) The new Lavatory architecturally is a much more handsome building than the meeting house
- h) The steps leading up to the front door of the school are in a dangerous condition
- i) Sheep are killed on a gallows rigged to a stump 10 yards from the school There was a big pool of half congealed blood and a good deal of putrid offal under the tree- The rest of the waste was thrown over a bank a short distance away

- j) Fifteen yards from the North Wall a row of half dried and stinking sheep skins wer draped over a convenient fence
- k) The building is on fairly high piles Underneath I saw..... a long listand a litter of young puppies
- l) The most conspicuous thing in the playground was cow dung and sad looking fish heads alive with blowflies
- m) The day was very hot day and there was a wide range of stinks----- and all out of harmony with the beautiful seaside setting of the school and residences

22nd May Lily E Rayner writes I haven't started school yet as the Maoris are using the hall for a hui. I am hoping they will be finished by Thursday Could we forgo King's birthday

The roof has not been replaced on the new lavatory and as the old one has blown down there is no place for the children to go but on the beach

28th May 1945 The teacher is serving at war and Mrs Rayner who lives on the island is teaching If the teacher down not return to the island and Mrs Rayner is leaving the island where will the new teacher live

Masden School

Rose Parsons of Driftwood Tours sent me this cutting

Here is a page out of Story of New Zealand's French Pass and D'urville Island by Olive Baldwin. There is a brief reference to the school at Madsen half way down the page.

After landing at Kapowai he would walk the several miles around to the school in Masden to take a bible lesson. Mrs Lily Rayner was teaching between twelve and twenty five children there from 1941 to 1945 and in those years she taught John Hippolyte whose father Ben she had taught in the Croisilles mission school before the First World War

Further Research by researcher Robin

a) 1974/41393 Rayner	Lily Church	18 September 1886
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Buried at Omaka Cemetery aged 88

1912/8638 Lily Church	Williams Laurie Raymond Rayner
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In 1913 Lily Church Williams was living in the Croiselles

Birth of Daughter

1914/3338 Rayner	Emily Church	Lily Church	Laurie Raymond
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Emily Church Craven (born Rayner), 1914 - 1999

Emily Church Craven (born Rayner) was born on month day 1914, at birth place, to Laurie Raymond Rayner and Lily Church Rayner (born Williams).

Laurie was born on November 25 1889, in Wakapuaka, Nelson, NZ.

Lily was born on September 18 1886, in Chester, Liverpool, England.

Emily married Mervyn Alex Craven on month day 1935, at age 20 at marriage place.

Mervyn was born on November 22 1910, in Blenheim, Marlborough, Marlborough, New Zealand.

They had 5 children.

Emily passed away on month day 1999, at age 85 at death place.

She was buried at burial place.

Marriage of Daughter

1935/8010	Emily Church	Rayner	Mervyn Alex	Craven
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Death of Husband

1955/23551	Rayner	Laurie Raymond	65Y
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Electorates for Lily Rayner

1914 Kaipara Northland and Nelson *Laurie Nelson*

1919 Kaipara Northland (Laurie)

1928 Wairau Marlborough (Laurie)

1935 Wairau Marlborough (Laurie up to 1954)

1938 Marlborough

1946 Marlborough

1949 Marlborough

1954 Marlborough

1957 Lily Church Hampden Rayner Marlborough

1963 Marlborough

1969 Marlborough

1972 Tasman

Papers Past

25th February 1908 The name of Miss Lily Church Williams, late pupil-teacher at the Hampstead school, should have appeared in the list of the successful Ashburton candidates in the teachers' certificate examination.

3rd March 1908 Miss Lily Church Williams, late pupil-teacher at the Hampstead School, is among those who have passed the first sections of the B.A. degree.

25th February 1909 Miss Lily Church Williams passed her C Certificate as a teacher

21st July 1909 The Chief Postmaster informs us that Miss Lily Church Williams has been appointed postmistress and telephonist at Croixelles vice Mr Timothy Hippolite, resigned

In 1909 Lily C Williams was teaching at Whangarae with 13 children for 90 Pounds By 1910 she was still at Whangarae with a B A and 17 children and a B4 Grading and still there in 1911 she was not there in 1912 the year of her marriage

4th May 1916 Mrs. L C Rayner appointed temporary teacher Babylon (*On the Northern Wairoa*)

14th February 1918 Mrs. L C Rayner resigns from Flaxmill School in the Auckland Education Board

15th June 1945 The engagement is announced of Sergeant S. J. Sampson, Maori Battalion, N.Z.E.F., second son of the late Mr and Mrs W. Sampson, Bruce Bay, South Westland, to Phyllis Bonnie Rayner, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. R. Rayner, D'urville. Island.

Masden was named after a Mormon Missionary the Maori name was Haukawakawa

Archives

19th December 1949 Inspector Robinson reports

- a) The condition of the school and grounds leaves much to be desired
- b) The ground is unfenced and polluted by stock
- c) There is only one outside convenience which is used by both sexes and also by many of the local community
- d) The school building is dirty and is much used for Tāngis and other meetings

25th March 1952 Application for new school My Inspectors report that this is the worst school accommodation in the district Recommended that permanent accommodation be provided

7th April 1952 Another long report on the sad state of the Madsen School

23rd October 1952 A Report by Mr. Jf Orchard on the Whareatea School was written

7th November 1953 Wellington Education Board decided to build a new school

19th May 1970 Proposal to open a school at Kapowai

Then followed a number of discussions about various options for schools that didn't seem to eventuate

File 3

16th June 1961 Mr. E Jf Dewes Teacher applies to the army to purchase a 303 rifle to combat deer and pig nuisances at the school

17th August 1961 Army agree to sell MR. Dewes a rifle for the killing of animals at the school

21st August 1964 I B Scott write to Ed wondering where the promised Kerosene heater was

27th November 1970 The school rifle was destroyed in the fire the rifle was deregistered with the Havelock Police

There were a number of other files but I feel with these notes I have recorded there is enough information to tell the story of the Kia Ngawari school

In the Te Rawa School File

16th April 1924 Te Rawa File Mr. P Burton writes That the Whareata school roll is only 5 and there has been no attendance for most of the quarter I will leave her as soon as I dispose of my stock Is there any chance of another appointment?

\ Catherine Cove

October 1918 John Herbert Snook applies for a school

Theodore Herbert Snook 6 Geoffrey Thomas Snook 5

The school was opened on 1st June 1918 in a room of Mr. W L Hooks Attendance 2

Durville Island (1975-1982)

National Archives

4th June 1975 Letter from Helen Wells to Correspondence School

- a) Enrolment form wanted for daughter Julie
- b) How do we get a supervisor or teacher
- c) Between my sister in law and myself we have 6 children of school age by the end of the year

19th June 1975 Reply to Mrs Wells and copy to Wellington Education Board

- a) You need to approach the General Manager of the Wellington Education Board re setting up a small school
- b) 23rd June Wellington write to Correspondence School saying Durville Island is now in the Nelson Education Board area

7th July 1975 Letter from Nelson Board to Mrs G N Wells

- a) Need 5 children to set up a school but need a roll of 9 to have a trained teacher
- b) Please supply names of children, details of room
- c) Available Board for a teacher

11th July Mrs Wells replies that they only want a supervisor for Correspondence work

Undated report from Mc Connell Correspondence school to Nelson Education Board

- a) Husband Graham and his Brother Raymond (Wife Jenny)
- b) Gordon Webber who now does school boat only will drive from Boat to Wells Boundary Still 3 miles to go
- c) Should we offer Helen the bus service
- d) If school is set up would cost a lot of money
- e) Island is known for bad relationships among the people

24th September 1975 Information from G Webber

- a) Vehicle "Safari" has all necessary licenses
- b) Wells children 3 miles on would have to leave at about 7.45 a.m.
- c) He thinks Parents would bring them up in morning and children walk home (Downhill in the Afternoon)
- d) Charges £7 per hour for use of vehicle and driver Trip would take ¾ hour
- e) Still to pay Launch Trip money
- f) Mr. Webber wants this to be a long term proposition

10th October Letter to Mrs Wells saying The Education Board does not think a school is an option.

Looking at transporting children to French Pass

15th October Letter from Nelson to Department Three is friction between two families on the Island. One family will not accept travel to French Pass under any circumstances

15th September 1980 Letter from Port Hardy Carolyn Townsend asking for a school Roll of 9-10 Pupils for 1981

Children Heath, Gordon and Ruth Leov

Bartholomew Matthew Moleta

Matthew and Benjamin Moyle

Campbell Townsend

Kevin Webber

Brendan Simon and Ana (Surname unclear)

The Wells farm being taken over by new owners in March 1891

5th November 1980 Letter from Mrs Townsend to Nelson Education Board

a) Maritime Park Board owns the old school at Catherine Cove and Nayland School lease expires in December 1980 The site is close to Power, telephone road

b) Several homes have been offered for a teacher

14th February 1981 Robin Knight Teacher at French Pas wrote a long letter with suggestions that school be based at French Pass with a teacher based there and visiting Durville Island

Then a long report from Nelson Education Board giving all options

9th March 1981 Mrs Carolyn Townsend To establish a Grade 0 school at Waitai

31st March 1981 School to be in a caravan 300 yards from Waitai Homestead toilet to be portable Communication to be by CB radio

4th May 1981 Nelson Education Board proposes a school be established on Moyle's property and I at Townsends and a teacher come out regularly from French Pass

24th July 1981 A school to be established in Port Harveay with 5 pupils these will work through correspondence school

Ordinary school hours will be used

Salary of Teacher Under age 20 \$6946 20 Years and over \$10097

Total cost of equipment \$2615.21

21st October 1981 Ngawanga School visit. Robert Guyton Principal Included a full positive report

5th March 1982 School name changed to Durville Island School

24th March 1982 School proposed to be shifted from Bronte Street School

25th March 1982 School moved from Townsends to Moletas at Waitai

The children will be 2 Moleta Boys, 2 Fairbrother Girls and 3 Carson girls

Sally Carson has spent time with Rural Adviser and Robin Brown one of our inspectors

October 1982 Report on Durville Island School

a) School is in shearers quarters on Moleta Land

b) The room is very crowded

c) The Carson's have moved into an A Frame House They are renting the house and are removed as they are now independent of being employed on the farm and the business is operating with dependence on Moleta's

d) Mrs Moleta is very critical of about any efforts of Mrs Carson or anybody for that matter and unfortunately there is very little support from Mr. Moleta

Footnote It now seems likely Carsons will leave a depreciation in the affairs of the Moleta's 30th November school to be close

8th December 1982 Asking Nelson Education Board to remove all the teaching equipment by Moleta

3rd February 1982 Nelson Education Board writing to Mr. Guyton Invercargill for details of attendance figures at D'Urville Island

Durville Island Maori School

1885	10	D'urville Island	Macdonald	G	Master	£60.00	Subsidised
1886	13	D'urville Island	Macdonald	G	Master	£60.00	
1887	14	D'urville Island	Macdonald	G	Master	£98.12.6	House Allowance £20. Subsidised
1888	13	D'urville Island	Macdonald	G	Master	£60.00	House Allowance £20. Subsidised
1889	12	D'urville Island	Macdonald	G	Master	£60.00	House Allowance £20. Subsidised

Mr. Macdonald went to Waikawa Pa school in Picton

School Opened in last quarter of 1885

In 1886 There 12 Maori Children and 1 European

In 1887 There were 11 Maori Children and 3 European

1888 Notes The zeal of the Natives for civilization has cooled somewhat. This is to be regretted seeing their little school has begun to give very good results

In 1889 there 6 European Children

In 1889 it was reported This Little Cook Strait School is valuable and does honest work

1890 School closed end of September Quarter Mr. Macdonald went to Waikawa School Picton

From 1890 to 1893 There was a Native School at Okoha in the Outer Sounds in Anakoha Bay

Ohana (1908-1917)

Southern end of Durville Island

1908	3	Ohana	Robson	Florence W	Female	£	24.00
1909	3	Ohana	Downes	Muriel	Female	£	24.00
1910	3	Ohana	Greville	Lilian	Female	£	18.00

1912	3	Ohana	Eden	Florence	Female	£	18.00
1913	4	Ohana	Eden	Florence	Female	£	24.00
1914	4	Ohana	Eden	Florence	Female	£	24.00
1915	4	Ohana	Morrison	Hilda	Female	£	24.00
1917	3	Ohana	Kassy	G	Sole	£	24.00

30th December 1908 WANTED, a Teacher for household **school**. Apply Frank Wells, Ohana, French Pass.

23rd April 1912 Inspector highlights spelling (One of the best) and favourably impressed with enunciation

29th May 1916 In reference to the arrest of "Russian journalists" at Levin recently, it is understood (says the Picton "Press") that in May of 1915 a man named Jacob Schook, who called himself a Swiss from Zurich, was teaching school at Ohana Bay, Durville Island. The Marlborough Education Board's correspondent had suspicions that School was not all that he seemed to be; that he was, in fact, a member of the German secret service. It was generally believed that he was drawing plans of landing, places on Durville Island and the nearby bays, presumably for the purpose of submarine bases; and the local residents, with this in their minds, made the place too hot for School, who made a sudden departure for other spheres. It would be interesting to know where he has been in the meantime up to his being run to earth at Levin

13th August 1915 Miss Hilda Morris appointed to Ohau Bay *Actually Ohana*

31st January 1919 Miss M G O'Sullivan Sole Teacher Ohana Bay resigned

Patuki (1917,1921)

Northern End of Durville Island

1917	4	Patuki	Woodhouse	Christina E	Sole	£	40.00	
1921	2	Patuki	Blenheim	Campbell	Constance M	Sole	£	45.00

13th December 1917 Miss Woodhouse resigns

1st March 1920 WANTED Teacher household school three pupils. salary £52 year and found. Apply to Mrs Lane, Patuki, French Pass

31st July 1920 Miss McIsaac will attend a training class for young teachers

17th November 1920 Miss I E McIsaac resigns

Pelorus Guardian

4th August 1916 Mr. G. L. Lane, D'Urville Island, wrote notifying that the Putuki School commenced work on July 24th, under the teachership of Miss Woodhouse.— The Board approved

National Archives:

16th February 1921 Telegram from W Lane asking WEB Asking if F Scrimgeours of Richmond would be accepted as teacher

Appointment approved provided he does a fortnight's observation training at Blenheim School and your strict compliance with Board's regulations

26th February 1921 Sarah Lang writes to Education Board Miss Mc Isaac previous teacher had asked for her cheques to be sent to Box 58 Seddon. I am returning her cheque to you

I have wired Mr F Scrimgeour that he must undergo training I have no notification whether he has gone or not

Reply included *all* teachers must undertake this course if they have not had teaching experience

18th March Notice from T Warren WEB representative in Marlborough that Teacher had started training last Monday

17th March 1921 Letter from W L Lane to Education Board

- a) Mr Scrimgeour will not be coming
- b) Miss Campbell late of The Rocks School Picton will come. She is a qualified teacher and starts on the 1st April
- c) My children have had no schooling since last November

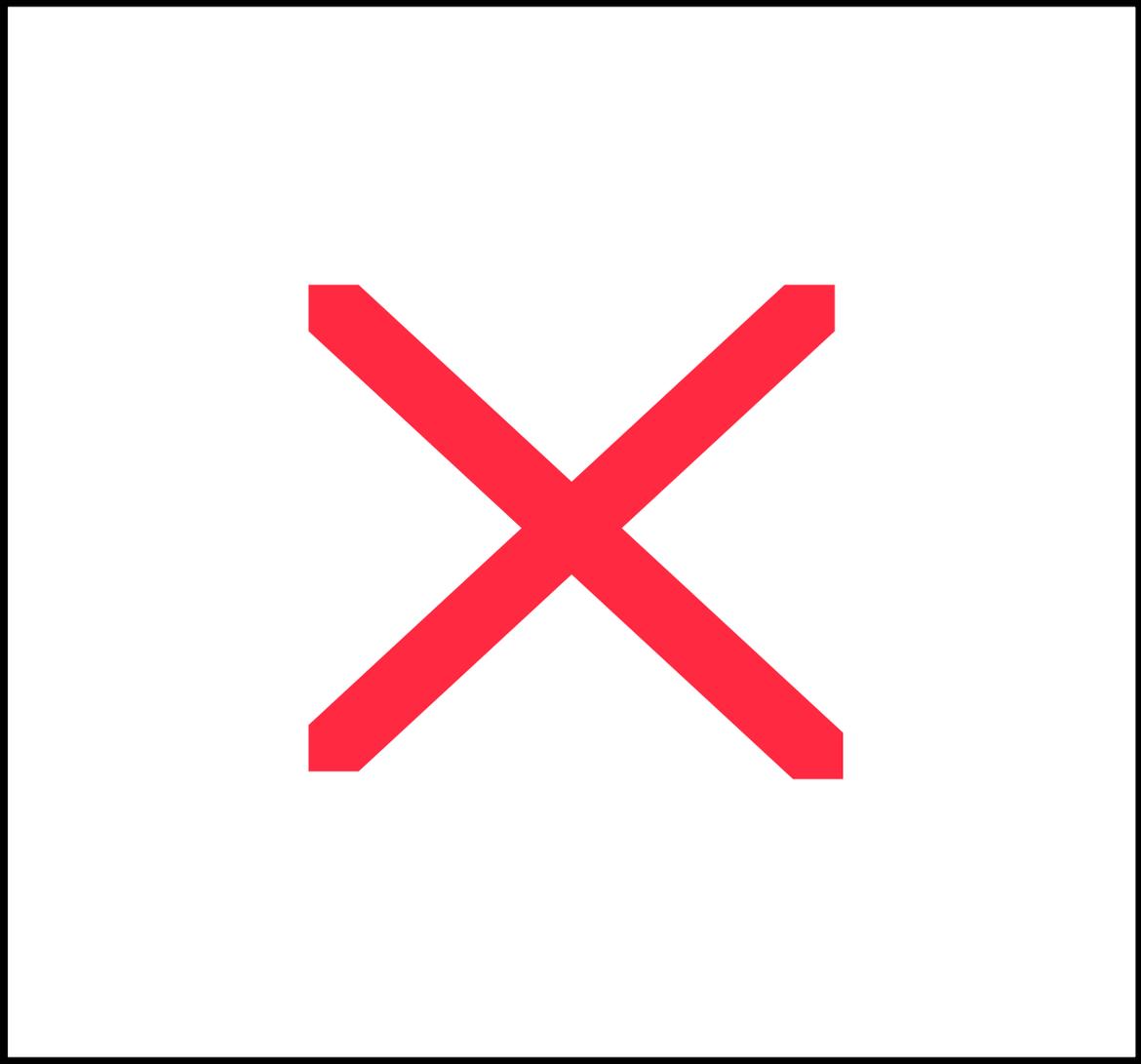
29th March 1921 W Lane telegrams Education Board asking for a reply. Waiting for Mr Warren

2nd April Telegram from Lane How much longer do I have to wait for a reply regarding Miss Campbell's appointment

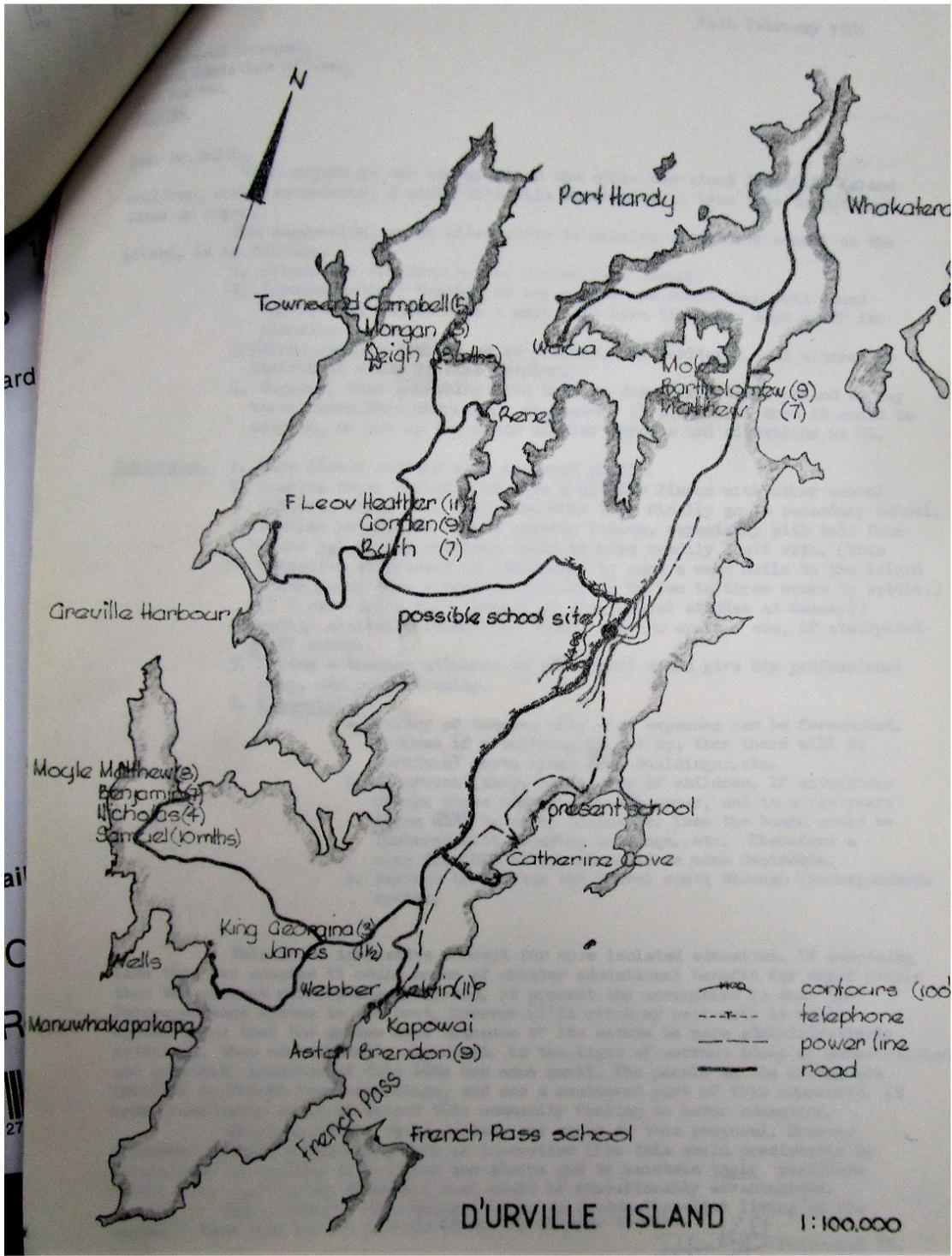
6th April Telegram from Lane Please reply today re Miss Campbell's appointment

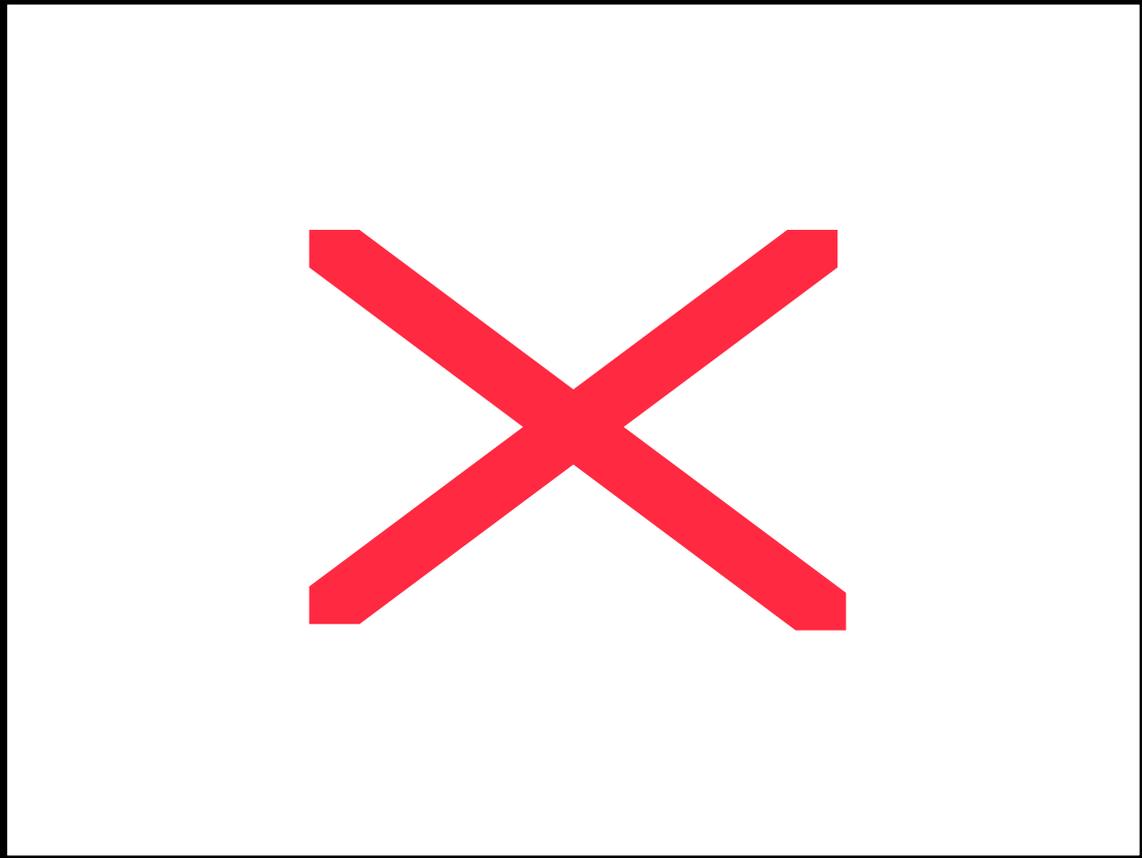
21st April Telegram still waiting to hear from Mr Warren Pencil note at bottom stating Mr Warren approved appointment

21st April Miss Campbell's appointment is approved



Map of all families in 1981 on D'Urville Island and names of all children of school age





LIST OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN RESIDENT ON D'URVI

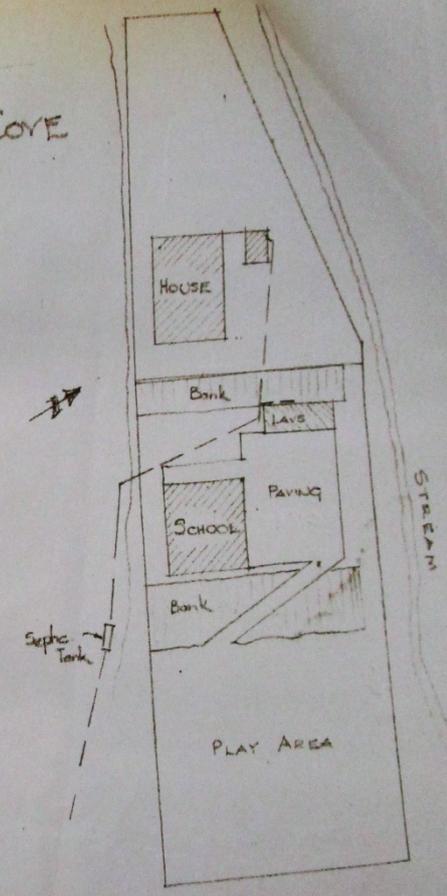
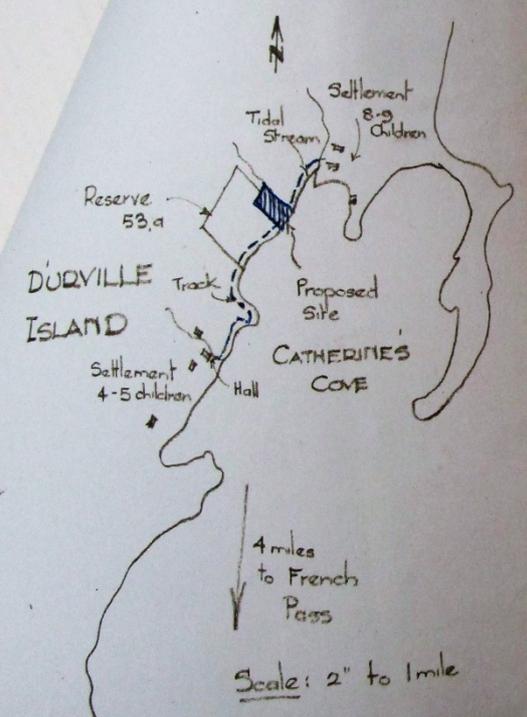
School Age Children at 1/2/81:

ASTON	Brendon	9
DUNCAN	Simon	9
	Ana	7
KING	-	
LEOV	Heather	11
	Gordon	9
	Ruth	7
MOLETA	Bartholomew	9
	Matthew	7
MOYLE	Matthew	8
	Benjamin	7
TOWNSEND	Campbell	5
WEBBER	Kelvin	11

Pre-School children at 1/2/81:

DUNCAN	Frea	3
KING	Georgina	3
	James	1½
MOYLE	Nicholas	4
	Samuel	10 months
TOWNSEND	Morgan	3
	Leigh	5 months

SCHOOL
 ISLAND · CATHERINE'S COVE



SITE PLAN (Fenced Area)
 1ch = 2"
 HIGH TIDE