

# Belvedere.

Established 1884

Closed 1938



Belvedere School was where the hall is situated

PP indicates Papers Past Website.

Writing in Times New Roman indicates material from Log Books

Writing in blue is information from Committee Minutes

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Writing in bold indicates newspaper cuttings

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This research has been undertaken by Robin Carlyon. I went to school in the late 1940s and went to Wellington Training College in 1960. For all but one year I taught in schools run in the Wellington Education Board Area. For 36 Years I was Principal of a number of schools. Thirty Five of those years in the Wairarapa Bush area. This research project is presented with this background and experience.

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## Belvedere

### 1883-1899. Already Trouble with Teachers

16<sup>th</sup> April 1881 Our district school examination has Some and gone; likewise the concert promised to the young folks in connexion therewith, —and about both the events I have a few words to say. Touching the examination I believe Mr Hill, the inspector, found everything connected with the school and staff in a condition which may be graphically described as O.K. The present schoolmaster, Mr J. Fraser, is energetic and painstaking, all though perhaps rather young for

a large school. Time, the great healer of all things, will, however, soon rectify this defect (if such it can be called), and then, perchance, everyone interested will be happy. The concert, which was held on Wednesday night, passed off successfully, somewhere about £8 profits being netted. This amount will be devoted to certain additions to the gymnastic appliances connected with the school, a most necessary work. PP

27<sup>th</sup> June 1883 It was decided to erect school-houses (*Not residences*) at Belvedere and Dalefield as soon as funds are available, the claim of the people of Belvedere to have priority. The Board also resolved to accept the offer of the sites. PP

31<sup>st</sup> October 1883 At the request of Mr. Bunny, the Secretary promised to take action in regard to the land at Dalefield and Belvedere. The Board then adjourned. PP

21<sup>st</sup> August 1883 THE WAIPAWA MASTER. A letter was received from the Waipawa committee drawing the Board's attention to the fact that the master, Mr J. M. Fraser, had recently appeared in the R.M. Court at Waipawa as defendant in a civil action, and enclosing the newspaper report of the evidence, &c. The evidence showed that Mr Fraser had defended the case on the ground that the debt was a gambling one, and that a portion of the money advanced to him by the plaintiff was for betting in a card match. Mr Fraser had explained to the committee that he regretted the circumstance, and would take care such did not occur again. The Chairman said it seemed the greater portion of the debt was for the use of a billiard table. There did not appear to be any great crime in a schoolmaster playing billiards if he felt so disposed, but the defence that had been set up by Mr Fraser was quite another matter, and could not be passed over so easily. Mr Harding remarked that the greater part of Mr Eraser's spare time was spent in the billiard room. He thought it might be much more profitably employed. Mr Guy said the most serious part of the affair lay in the manner in which Mr Fraser had resisted the claim. Some remarks on the

defendant's conduct had been made by the Magistrate. that did not appear in the newspaper reports. He felt that the committee should have dealt with the matter, but presumed the reason they did not do so was because Mr Fraser had interested friends in that body.

Mr Sydney thought a vote of censure should be passed on Mr Eraser's conduct. The position Mr Fraser had taken in the matter was a very improper one. Mr White and Mr Guy advocated the matter being referred back to the committee, who should know best how to deal with it.

Ultimately the following resolution was carried: "That, having considered the communication from the Waipawa Committee, and the report of the proceedings in the R.M. Court, the Board regrets that the school committee did not consider the case and make a recommendation upon it; this not having been done the Board is of opinion that the master has appeared in an improper position, and one he ought not to have occupied, and conveys to him a caution that in future such conduct will be severely dealt with. PP

## 1884

June 1884 Tenders were accepted—Belvedere School to W. A. Allen, £320 PP (This would be \$41 594.27 in September 2014 figures)

27<sup>th</sup> August 1884 Mr J M Fraser appointed Belvedere PP

1882/576 Annie Ritchie John Merchant Fraser  
(Sic)

*In 1882 James Marchant Fraser was head teacher of Waipawa School with 4 teachers and a roll of 113 and he comes to open a new sole charge school in Belvedere also there in 1883*

January 1885 BELVEDERE DISTRICT. Bounded towards the North-east by Clareville School District, towards the South-east by Section

207, 208, 209, 210, and 181, Block X., Tiffin Survey District, by the Maungatarara Stream to its intersection with boundary of Section 243, Block X., Tiffin Survey District ; towards the South- west by Sections 243, 242, 272, Block X., Tiffin Survey District; by Sections 236 and 304, Block IX., Tiffin Survey District ; and by the Matarawa School District. As the same is more particularly delineated on the Map of the School Districts deposited in the Office of the Wellington Board of Education, Wellington PP  
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## 1885

29<sup>th</sup> April 1885 The question of erecting a teacher's residence at Belvedere was deferred. It was decided to ask the committee to recommend a pupil teacher following a request. PP

29<sup>th</sup> April 1885 The Belvedere School Committee applied for a pupil teacher, The Board resolved the committee be asked to recommend some one for the position PP

27<sup>th</sup> May 1885 Miss Cliff on the recommendation of the School Committee was appointed pupil teacher at Belvedere. Certain additions to the above school applied for by the local School Committee were not agreed to PP

## 1886

16<sup>th</sup> March 1886 The charges preferred against J. M. Fraser, teacher of the Belvedere School by Mr. Burnett, a member of the School Committee, have been investigated by the Committee with the result that the accusations of gross immorality have been considered fully

proved, and the teacher, on account of his wife and family, has been allowed the option of resigning in place of dismissal. The inquiry was held with closed doors, a reporter who formed the "stranger in the gallery " being required to withdraw, the Chairman stating that the charges were unfit for publication, but the result would be made known PP

29<sup>th</sup> March 1886 An enquiry was held on Saturday before Mr H, A. Stratford, R.M., in respect to certain charges made by J. M, Fraser, master of Belvedere School against Constable R, Darby for dereliction of duty in allowing the Marquis of Normanby Hotel to remain open after hours on different occasions,. also, for allowing sweeps to be drawn in respect to the Taratahi Races in November, and also in February. Mr Gully appeared on behalf of the complainant, and Mr Beard for Constable Darby. Sergeant Price watched the case on behalf of the Department. A great deal of evidence was given by the complainant against the Constable. Alfred Armstrong was called to give evidence in support of the complainant, but through a defective memory he did not seem to know anything that had occurred at the time referred to. The Constable denied the charges made against him, and was borne out by Constable Eccleton, and Messrs F, VV. R. Seed, G. W. Dellar, T. Bennett, and E. H. Buckeridge. The counsel on both sides declined to address the Court. His Worship said he would give his decision at Carterton on the 13<sup>th</sup> April, but would let the Counsel know the result previous .to that date. PP

31<sup>st</sup> March 1886 It was decided to invite tenders for additions to the Hutt, Belvedere and Pahiatua Schools. It was decided to enlarge the Belvedere School to the same size as Wadestown School PP

13<sup>th</sup> April 1886 It is stated that Mr. J. M. Fraser, the master of the Belvedere School, has not accepted the option of resignation offered to him by the Education Board, but has demanded an official enquiry PP

29<sup>th</sup> April 1886 BELVEDERE. School Committee . The following were elected:—T. Edwards, H. Edwards, H. Clark, R. Butler, Geo. Stevens, Geo. Burnett, and E. Morgan (Chairman). PP

13<sup>th</sup> May 1886 There are 80 scholars on the roll of the Belvedere School, and of these 43 have passed the standard examination, 19 are in the preparatory class, 10 have failed to pass, and the remainder are either absent or excepted from the test.

Class	Presented	Absent	Excepted	Failed	Passed
Standard 6	3			1	2
Standard 5	6				6
Standard 4	10		2	1	7
Standard 3	20	2	2	6	12
Standard 2	16		4	2	10
Standard 1	6				6

PP

Notes Re Mr Fraser With assistance from Wairarapa Archives  
 1855 Mr Fraser was a Draper in Lyttleton  
 Then a draper in Kaiapoi  
 He was also a publican in Lyttleton and Kaiapoi during this period  
 He was involved in a number of court cases  
 Following leaving Belvedere he and family went to Australia where he was

- a) A debt collector
- b) 29<sup>th</sup> November 1892 Provincial Lieutenant Colonel Company Auxiliary Force
- c) December 1892 Teacher at Kingston Tasmania
- d) 11<sup>th</sup> July 1895 Alleged forgery of a will- Tasmania- Six years in prison
- e) A son served in World War 1 they lived in Esplanade Queenstown Tasmania

26<sup>th</sup> May 1886 The following appointments were made by the Board of Education today Master, Belvedere School, Mr. H. MacFarlane PP

29<sup>th</sup> May 1886 The many friends of Mr H McFarlane, late of Featherston School, will be pleased to learn he has again accepted an appointment under the Education Board . Mr McFarlane, during the many years he has resided at Featherston, has made numerous friends, and will soon make himself as popular in Belvedere no doubt PP

25<sup>th</sup> August 1886 The Belvedere Committee applied for the erection of a door between the classrooms. The application was granted PP

## 1887

31<sup>st</sup> August 1887 The resignation of Florence Sewell, pupil teacher, Belvedere, was accepted PP

## 1888

25<sup>th</sup> January 1888 An application was received from Belvedere for a shelter shed and appointment of a pupil teacher, consideration of which was deferred PP

1<sup>st</sup> March 1888 Mr. E Morgan Chairman of the Belvedere School Committee applied for a pupil teacher. It was resolved to entertain the application, the appointment of the teacher be left in the hands of Mr Lee (*Inspector*) PP

25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1888. The Belvedere School Committee election lapsed PP  
7<sup>th</sup> May 1888 BOARD OP EDUCATION. DISTRICT OF WELLINGTON. ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES. IT is hereby publicly notified that Meetings of Householders for the Annual Election of the new School Committees will be held on MONDAY, the 21st day of May instant, at 8 p.m., in the respective school buildings of the following districts :—, Belvedere. ARTHUR DORSET, Secretary. Education Office. ; Wellington, PP

8<sup>th</sup> November 1888 Jessie Moncrieff, Belvedere passed the general examination for pupil teachers and is placed on the register of pupil teachers PP (*Jessie's real name was Janet, same name as her mother, she went on to teach at Carterton and then spent 27 years at Clareville, she died in 1952 aged 79*)

## 1889

13<sup>th</sup> May 1889 There are 80 scholars on the roll of the Belvedere School, and of these 43 have passed the standard examination, 19 are in the preparatory class, 10 have failed to pass, and the remainder were either absent or excepted from the test. The following are the detailed results t-Standard VI., 3 presented 1 failed, 2 passed

Standard V., 6 presented 6 passed

Standard IV., 10 presented, 2 excepted, 1 failed, 7 passed

Standard III., 20 presented, 2 absent, 2 excepted, 6 failed 12 passed

Standard II., 16 presented, excepted 2 failed, 10 passed

Standard I. 6 presented, 6 passed

## 1890

30<sup>th</sup> July 1890 The application of the Belvedere School Committee for .£15 for drainage purposes was referred to a sub-committee PP

## 1891

26<sup>th</sup> August 1891 Belvedere School Committee applied for the sum of £7 for fencing. The application was granted PP

## 1898

23<sup>rd</sup> March 1898 At the meeting of the Belvedere School Committee last night the charges made against the head master by the pupil teacher for assault were heard, and after considerable discussion it was decided that the following resolution be sent to the Education Board, along with the charges of the pupil teacher " That this Committee is of opinion that there are faults on both sides, and thinks that the school would benefit materially by a change in the teaching staff" PP

30<sup>th</sup> March 1898 Complaints made in reference to the conduct of the Belvedere School were referred to the Inspector for report, the head teacher to be supplied with details of the complaints, and to furnish an answer. PP

28<sup>th</sup> June 1898. Mrs. Miller waited on the Board and complained as to treatment which her daughter had received at the Belvedere School where she had been a pupil teacher. The Board appointed a committee consisting of Messrs McCardle, Feist, Young, and Robertson to hold an enquiry at Belvedere PP



## 1899

25<sup>th</sup> April 1899 Belvedere School — Messrs. H. McPhee E. Eagle (Secretary and Treasurer), J. T. Manning, E. Mason, F. W. Parker, J. Paterson, and J. Stevens elected as school committee.

## 1890

28<sup>th</sup> April 1890 .— E. Eagle (Chairman), E. Morgan, G. Burnett, T. Morgan, H. Edwards, C. Olsen, and H. Krosp School Committee

17<sup>th</sup> June 1890 The new School Committee at Belvedere was elected last night, the previous election a few weeks since having proved an informal one. The members now appointed are E. Morgan (chairman), Manning, Burnett, J. Anderson, Eagle, and Olsen. About thirty householders attended the public meeting, and of that number no less than 18 were nominated. T. Morgan, Krosp and H. Edwards, who were placed in the illegal election, have been thrown out on the present occasion.

## 1891

25<sup>th</sup> March 1891 Miss Jessie Moncrieff's leave was extended by a month

28<sup>th</sup> April 1891 J. T. Manning (Chairman), J. Anderson, G. Burnett, R. Butler, E. Eagle, J. Stevens, and J. Sundex. Mr. S. Lancaster was nominated for the vacancy on the Board PP

5<sup>th</sup> May 1891 Mr. C. E. Daniell is the successful tenderer for the erection by the Education Board of a teacher's residence at Belvedere.

## 1892

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1892 The Masterton school library is composed of 212 volumes, Fernridge 400, Featherston 260, Clareville 228, Mangatainoka 110, Dalefield 86 and Belvedere 61 PP

## 1893

9<sup>th</sup> February 1893 Jessie Moncrieff now Pupil Teacher Year 4 PP

## 1895

16<sup>th</sup> March 1895 BUSH FIRES AT CARTERTON.

AN ALL NIGHT BATTLE WITH THE FLAMES. (From Our Own Correspondent). The heavy gale of yesterday spread the bush fires from the hills at Matarawa, Dalefield, and Belvedere down on to the plains, devouring fences, haystacks, and buildings in their progress. Mr H. Judd, of Matarawa, lost two grain stacks, small cottage, and had 500 acres of grass burnt. The Grey town Fire Brigade saved Mr A.Gallon's stables and other buildings, Water was very scarce. At Dalefield, G. Waterson lost a, barn full of hay, and outbuildings J Phelps, cowshed; Tunnicliffe, haystack and fowl yards G. Hall, 10,000 foot timber, value £50, The Belvedere School caught alight and was saved by chopping away part of the floor. Mr Hooker's tram-line, also Mr W. Booth's were destroyed for several chains, the former losing about 10,000 feet of limber, and the latter his compact stock-yards on the hill, and stacks of firewood. The house near the planning mills was ignited and put out 6even different times. Mr T. Ray's farm and outbuildings were saved with difficulty, gangs of men have been up all night, here and at Booth's mill, and only by strict attention, saved these properties PP

23<sup>rd</sup> April 1895 School Committee Belvedere, R, Butler (Chairman) Jas. Stevens, Geo. Stevens, W. Abbott, E, Eagle, H, Cheshire, M. Gundersen. PP

28<sup>th</sup> August 1895 The transfer of Miss Broadbent from Carterton to Belvedere was approved, Miss Braithwaite to take her place. PP

## 1896

28<sup>th</sup> April 1896 A Mr Schmidt, of Belvedere, is reported to have discovered gold on his property near the ranges. PP

## 1897

27<sup>th</sup> April 1897 BELVEDERE, Messrs R. Butler (chairman), J. Stevens, j. Stevens, H. Cheshire, S. Cranch , M. Gunderson and E. McPhee

9<sup>th</sup> September 1897 A concert in aid of the Belvedere School Library Fund takes place tomorrow evening at the Belvedere School. A really good programme will be presented and a large audience will be expected PP

15<sup>th</sup> October 1897 At a meeting of the Belvedere School Committee last evening the Headmaster's report showed there were sixty names on the roll, and for the past quarter there had been an average attendance of forty-four. The Headmaster complained of the irregular attendance of the school children. PP

20<sup>th</sup> October 1897 The concert and dance in the Belvedere Schoolhouse last evening to raise funds for procuring a cricket set for boys and a croquet set for girls played very successful PP

## 1898

10<sup>th</sup> January 1898 DALEFIELD AND BELVEDERE. NOT A BLADE OF GRASS LEFT. , Monday, In the Dalefield and Belvedere districts

where the lire has been raging, not a blade of grass is to be seen as far as the eye can reach. On Sunday large numbers of settlers were to be seen carrying buckets of water for the purpose of putting out the smouldering logs which the rain had not quenched. Now most of the fencing is burnt away, large numbers of cattle are roaming out on to the roads, but the ranger has been ordered not to impound any stock. PP

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8<sup>th</sup> June 1898 The new Committee of the Belvedere School are taking a lively interest in the school matters, and at the meeting of the Committee last night every member put in an appearance, which is rather an unusual occurrence. Messrs McPhee and Eagle were appointed visiting members for the current month PP

29<sup>th</sup> June 1898 Mrs. Miller waited on the Board and complained as to treatment which her daughter had received at the Belvedere School, where she had been a pupil teacher. The Board appointed a committee consisting of Messrs McCardle, Feist, Young, and Robertson to hold an enquiry at Belvedere. PP

1878/13846 Miller Esther Jane Margaret Robert  
*Esther was about 20 years old as a 4<sup>th</sup> year Pupil Teacher*

1946/27859 Miller Esther Jane 68Y

*Henry McFarlane head teacher was at Belvedere from 1886 to 1909*

30<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Miller attended and made a statement on behalf of her daughter, a pupil teacher, who had been dismissed from the Belvedere School. The Chairman said Miss Miller had been dismissed because she had failed to make her passes according to the regulations. It was decided that Messrs McCardle , Young, Robertson and Feist be a committee to inquire into the matter PP

6<sup>th</sup> July 1898 Miss Chester has been appointed pupil teacher at Belvedere school PP

27<sup>th</sup> July 1898 Mr. Bradey gave notice to move at next meeting that' the committee set up to enquire into the complaint of Mrs. Miller against the head teacher at Belvedere should be discharged PP

1<sup>st</sup> September 1898 The committee set up at the previous meeting reported that it considered that Miss Miller had not been quite fairly treated by the Head Master at Belvedere, and it recommended that she should be given a chance of re-entering the Board's services as a teacher. The report was adopted PP

12<sup>th</sup> October 1898 The average attendance of children at the Belvedere School for the past month has been one hundred and fourteen, PP

21<sup>st</sup> December 1898 The Belvedere School children were favoured with very fine weather for their annual treat yesterday, which took place at the school grounds. A large number of Carterton people journeyed to the gathering, and at about six o'clock there was a very large attendance indeed. Tea was provided during the afternoon, and the usual games and races for the children went off very successfully. The gathering finally broke up at dusk, everybody having thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon's outing, PP

## 1899

25<sup>th</sup> April 1899 Belvedere School— Messrs. H. McPhee E. Eagle (Secretary and Treasurer), J. T. Manning, E. Mason, F. W. Parker, J. Paterson, and J. Stevens

## 1901

30<sup>th</sup> May 1901 Approved the cleaning of the well at the Belvedere School, PP

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1901 A sum amounting to nearly £5 was cleared at the Belvedere School concert on Friday PP

## 1902

2<sup>nd</sup> January 1902 Advertisement Belvedere Mistress £80 PP

29<sup>th</sup> April 1902 School Committee BELVEDERE. The following is the Committee elected last evening;— Messrs McPhee (Chairman), Eagle, Parker, Stevens, Delacey, Haxton, Kempton PP

## 1903

30<sup>th</sup> April 1903 Miss Chester resigns PP

4<sup>th</sup> June 1903 Two weddings were solemnised at Carterton yesterday. Mr Bert. Coker, third son of Mr George Coker, was married to Miss Mary Chester, lately on the teaching staff of the Belvedere School. Misses Wilson (Napier), McFarlane and Wilson (Belvedere) were bridesmaids, and Mr T. Harford, of Masterton, acted as groomsmen. The Rev. J. Bates officiated at the service PP

26<sup>th</sup> August 1903 Miss Stormont granted leave of absence PP



## 1904

1<sup>st</sup> December 1904 The teacher of the Belvedere School has given his pupils an insight into the art of manufacture by marching them to the Wairarapa Brick and Tile Works.

## 1905

20<sup>th</sup> January 1905 I am informed that during the holidays some person has been smashing windows at the Belvedere School, eight panes of glass having been broken. PP

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1905 Miss F. M. Stormont, assistant teacher at the Belvedere School, has been appointed to take charge of the Kaitoke School. Miss Stormont takes up her new duties on March 1<sup>st</sup> PP

15<sup>th</sup> March At a meeting of the Belvedere School Committee, on Monday night, the appointment of Miss Butler as mistress at the school, in place of Miss Stormont, who has been transferred to Kaitoke, by the Education Board, was approved PP

29<sup>th</sup> April 1905 CARTERTON NEWS.

(Special Correspondent Daily Times)

The Kaitoke School children, in charge of Miss Stormont, head mistress (formerly of the Belvedere School), and the Chairman of the School Committee (Mr Casey), were on an excursion to this town on Friday. Among the places they visited was the Wairarapa Observer office, and the children were greatly interested in what they gleaned of the art of printing. PP

10<sup>th</sup> May 1905 The ordinary monthly meeting of the Belvedere School Committee was held on Monday night, Mr H. W. Kempton in the chair. The headmaster's report showed that there were fifty-three pupils on the roll last quarter with an average attendance of forty-seven. The average

last month was forty-five. It was decided to hold a long night dance once a month, the proceeds to go towards the recreation fund. PP

20<sup>th</sup> May 1905 The first of the series of long-night dances in aid of the Recreation Fund of the Belvedere School, was held in the Schoolhouse, Belvedere, on Friday night, and proved a very enjoyable affair. The dances are to be held monthly during the winter months PP

23<sup>rd</sup> October 1905 A painful accident befell a boy named Charles Ridgway, at the Belvedere School, on Friday night. Prior to the commencement of the concert, this lad, with several others was playing on the swing. When on the swing himself, making it go very high, it is surmised that he became dazed, and losing his grip fell heavily to the ground. He was picked up in an unconscious state, and attended to by many willing hands, who found that the lad had received a nasty blow above the left eye. Dr. Johnston was sent for, and on arrival found the sufferer in a semiconscious state. The boy was removed to Mr F. Docherty's residence, where he was carefully nursed, and had sufficiently recovered on Saturday morning to be able to proceed to his own home.

The annual concert and dance in aid of the Belvedere School Recreation Fund was held on Friday night, and proved a most successful affair. A lengthy programme was rendered, and items by the schoolchildren were especially good, and reflected credit on the headmaster, Mr McFarlane. and the assistant, Miss Butler. After the concert a dance was held, the music for which was supplied by Mr W. Heap. Extras were played by Mesdames Lorenzen, De Lacey, Misses L. Parker, and E. Sewell, and Mr F. Sewell.

A leak occurred in the high-pressure water main, in Belvedere Road, on Friday night, through, it is thought, a flaw in the pipe. The Borough overseer, Mr G. Canton, and Mr F. Jackson, assistant, worked until an

early hour the following morning to temporarily repair it, and on Saturday morning a new piece of pipe was put in. This is the second leakage, the previous one being near the State School, some months ago. PP

19<sup>th</sup> December 1905 Belvedere School

Annual Picnic.

{Special to Daily Times.}

The annual picnic in connection with the Belvedere School was held in the school grounds, Belvedere on Friday afternoon, the weather being all that could be desired, which enabled the children along with their parents to enjoy a pleasant afternoon's outing.

Games of all descriptions were indulged in, and races were run for the juveniles, some of which were very amusing, among them "being obstacle, blindfold, and tug-of war events.

After tea, those present assembled in the schoolhouse, and the Rev. J. J. Bates, of St. Andrew's Church, Carterton, on behalf of the School Committee, presented each child attending the school with a handsome book. The attendance prizes were very keenly contested, and were won by Miss Nellie Harvey, Master George Bengé (each of them scoring a possible number of attendances—namely, 421), and Miss Kempton and Master Alex. George. Besides these four mentioned, there were- some half a dozen others who ran very close to the possible, and received special mention for their efforts.

At the conclusion of the prize distribution cheers were given for His Majesty King Edward, Mr McFarlane (headmaster), Miss P. Butler (mistress), Rev. Mr Bates, and the committee and ladies who attended to the wants of the children PP

## 1906

27<sup>th</sup> April 1906 Miss P. Butler, of the Belvedere School, to be assistant teacher at Greytown. PP

30<sup>th</sup> May 1906 Miss P. Butler, of the teaching staff of the Belvedere State school, has accepted a position on the Greytown State School staff. Miss Butler, during her sojourn at Belvedere, interested herself in the welfare of the Methodist Sunday School, and on Monday evening she was tendered a social by the Methodist congregation and their friends in that district, when the guest of the evening was the recipient of a presentation from the school children, their parents and friends, comprising a workbox; a lady's companion; a beautifully bound book; and a handsome brooch. Mr H. W. Kempton, Chairman of the School Committee, made the gift on behalf of those concerned PP

7<sup>th</sup> June 1906 A meeting of the Belvedere School Committee was held on Monday evening, Mr H. W. Kempton in the chair. A letter was received from Miss P. Butler, notifying that she had received an appointment from the Education Board as assistant at the Greytown and resigning her position at Belvedere. The secretary was instructed to write to Miss Butler, expressing regret at her departure, and appreciation of her services while at Belvedere. Resolved that the gravelling to be done be left to Mr J. L. Anderson to attend to. Mr G. Stevens gave the Committee permission to take gravel off his property. It was reported that the drain pipe to carry away storm water had been laid to the satisfaction of the overseer appointed for the work. PP

5<sup>th</sup> July The monthly meeting of the Belvedere School Committee was held on Monday evening, Mr H. W. Kempton in the chair. The headmaster reported that there were 53 pupils on the school roll, with an average attendance of 47 for last quarter. The Education Board

wrote to the effect that the only applicant for the position of assistant at Belvedere School was appointed elsewhere, and that the position would be again advertised. The Wairarapa Schools Committees' Association wrote enclosing rules of the Association, and asking the Committee to join. No action was taken. Also enclosing circular inviting School Committees in the Wairarapa Ward to vote for certain candidates at the coming election for the Education Board. It was decided that each Committeeman use his own discretion in the selection of candidates. Arrangements in connection to the annual concert and dance are to be left to the Chairman and Secretary. It was decided to inform the headmaster that the funds of the school will not permit of a plot being fenced off and ploughed for a school garden. PP

31<sup>st</sup> July 1906 Miss Martin, of the Wellington district, has been appointed mistress at the Belvedere State School PP

11<sup>th</sup> December 1906 (Special to Daily Times.)

Three special prizes have been donated by Mr C. J. DeLacey, of Greytown, to the Belvedere State School, to be awarded as follow Standard VI.-For the best essay on a subject to be named by the headmaster. Standard V.—For the best map of New Zealand (principal towns, rivers and mountains inserted, and coloured). Standard IV. — For the best handwriting, to be judged on the day of the picnic by the committee or whom they may appoint PP

24<sup>th</sup> December 1906 The annual picnic of the Belvedere State School was held on Friday, and passed of most successfully. The prize for the most popular boy in the school, decided by ballot, fell to Ralph Parker, and for the girl most popular, Elizabeth George. Every scholar in the school was presented with a prize, the Rev. B. H. Ginger making the distribution. PP

## 1907

7<sup>th</sup> August At a meeting of the Belvedere State School Committee, on Monday night, Mr McFarlane, headmaster, informed the Committee that the attendance had improved, and there were, -47 pupils on the roll, with an average attendance of 40. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr Alex. George for his donation to the schools' recreation fund. PP  
4<sup>th</sup> September The Belvedere School Committee met on Monday night, Mr H. W. Kempton in the chair. Applications received by the Education Board for the vacancy of the school staff were forwarded, and the Committee selected Miss Brennan for the position (assistant teacher). It was resolved to hold the annual entertainment on September 20<sup>th</sup> PP

## 1908

29<sup>th</sup> April 1908 Inspector Miller reported that he had carried out his duties as usual during the quarter ended March 31st. and cases of infectious diseases notified were as follows:—Scarlet fever, Belvedere, 7 cases ; Enteric, Mt. Holdsworth, 2 cases; Enteric, Kokotau, 1 case. The spread in the first instance was due to unnotified cases, and it was found desirable to disinfect Belvedere School . The cause in the other case was unascertainable.—Adopted. PP

23<sup>rd</sup> October The footpath in Belvedere is to be tarred and sanded. The work, which is much needed, has been commenced PP

## 1909

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1909 A new well is to be sunk at the Belvedere State school. The cost of the work, £15, is being provided by the Wellington Education Board. PP

1<sup>st</sup> June 1909 The Belvedere School Committee has decided to hold two concerts during the year, one in July and the other in September. The school has a roll number of 41, the average attendance last month being 37. PP

30<sup>th</sup> June 1909 Mr. H. MacFarlane, who has been headmaster of the Belvedere School for over twenty years, has been granted six months leave of absence, prior to his retirement on superannuation. Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane intend taking up their residence at Seatoun. They have made many friends during their long residence in the district, and have been prominent in social and church work. PP

5<sup>th</sup> July 1909 The Belvedere School Concert, held, at Belvedere on Friday evening, was very pleasant and entertaining function, the programme being varied and well performed. The items by the school children were especially good, and reflected creditably upon the headmaster, Mr H. McFarlane. During the evening Mr H. McPhee, chairman of the School Committee, thanked all who had helped to make the function a success, and at the conclusion of the concert a dance followed. Mr H. Woodley provided the music. PP

6<sup>th</sup> July 1909 On Monday Mr H. McFarlane, headmaster of the Belvedere School commenced six months' leave of absence, after which he retires from the employ of the Education Board on superannuation. Mr Larsen is acting as relieving teacher until a successor is appointed. PP

16<sup>th</sup> July 1909 The recently-formed Young Women's Bible Class in connection with St. Mark's Church, Carterton, have arranged to hold a social at the end of the present month. Mr and Mrs H. McFarlane and family take their departure from Belvedere for Seatoun on Thursday. The school Committee and residents of the district have presented Mr McFarlane with a handsome easy chair, and the children of the school gave him a silver and mahogany inkstand. Miss R. McFarlane, for her services in connection with the Post Office, received a gold and ruby brooch. PP

18<sup>th</sup> August 1909 A meeting of the Belvedere School Committee was held on Monday evening. And it was decided to take no action in the matter of a miniature rifle range. The annual concert was fixed for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it was decided to hold a dance on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The head teacher reported a roll number of 54, with an average attendance of 48. It was decided to purchase roller towels for the use of the children at the school PP

6<sup>th</sup> September 1909 There was a large audience at the Belvedere School concert on Friday evening, when a programme of entertaining items was rendered. The school children's items numbered eleven, and reflected credit upon the mistress, Mrs Larsen, as well as upon the performers. In addition to vocal items contributed by adults, Mr Mackay gave a number of selections on the bagpipes. At the conclusion of the concert a dance took place. PP

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1909 Owing to the increased attendance at the Belvedere School, the committee is applying for an assistant teacher as from 1<sup>st</sup> October PP

14<sup>th</sup> October 1909 Miss Bodell, the recently-appointed assistant teacher at the Belvedere School has taken up her duties. The average attendance at the school is now fifty. PP

20<sup>th</sup> October 1909 At a meeting of the Belvedere School Committee on Monday evening a roll number of 60 was reported, the average attendance for the quarter being 49. Miss Robinson, of Masterton, is at present acting as relieving mistress during the absence of Mrs Larsen. PP

## 1910

21<sup>st</sup> April 1910 The monthly meeting of the Belvedere School Committee was held on Monday evening, when the headmaster reported a roll number of fifty-one. Inspector Tennant's report was read, and the headmaster was congratulated upon its satisfactory nature. Mr J. De Lacey was appointed to audit the recreation account PP

26<sup>th</sup> April 1910 Belvedere School Committee: — E L McPhee (Chairman), C. J. Delacey (Secretary), E. Eagle, jun. (Treasurer), Jas. Stevens, Arch. McPhee, W. Sunnex and W. Earl.

26<sup>th</sup> April 1910 At a meeting of the Belvedere School Committee on Monday evening the headmaster reported a roll number of 58. PP

## 1912

17<sup>th</sup> December 1912 A young man named Henry Bell, employed by Messrs. Stevens Bros., of Belvedere, met with a painful accident the other evening. He was in the Belvedere School ground, and, picking up a pole used by the schoolboys for vaulting, tried his hand at the exercise. The pole was not strong enough to carry his weight, and it snapped into three pieces, and Bell fell heavily to the ground, breaking one of his thumbs PP

## 1913

28<sup>th</sup> March 1913 The residents of Kakariki paid a well-deserved compliment on Tuesday evening to Miss Robinson, sole teacher of the local school who is leaving the district to take up school duties at Belvedere near Carterton, says the Eketahuna press. A social was held in the school and dancing, songs, recitations, and instrumental . music ' were kept up with unabated vigour till after midnight. In the course of the evening, Mr Joseph Dawson, on behalf of the residents, presented Miss Robinson with a beautiful gold bangle jewelled with rubies and diamonds, remarking that it was a parting gift and a token of the esteem in which she was held. Mr A. W. Hogg, as a member of the Education Board, added a few words in appreciation , of the services rendered by Miss Robinson, and her exemplary and excellent qualities. PP

1<sup>st</sup> April 1913 The Belvedere School Committee and schoolchildren on Friday presented the assistant-mistress Miss A. Bodell, who has been appointed sole teacher at the Akatarawa School, with a silver manicure set and hair brush. PP

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1913 Miss Robinson, the newly-appointed assistant-mistress at Belvedere School commenced her duties on Monday PP

19<sup>th</sup> July 1913 It was decided not to observe a holiday on Arbour Day, as there would be no tree-planting PP

26<sup>th</sup> May 1913 Mr. R. Stout, headmaster of the Belvedere School, is at present on a week's visit to Christchurch, PP

26<sup>th</sup> November 1913 The Belvedere School Committee has decided to invite Sir Walter Buchanan, M.P. to distribute the prizes at the picnic on 20th December PP



## 1914

30<sup>th</sup> January 1914 On Wednesday afternoon about thirty ladies of Belvedere and Carrington held a very sociable little function in the Belvedere schoolhouse. A short time ago, Mr and Mrs Anderson, of Carrington, had the misfortune to have their homestead destroyed by fire, and the whole of the contents burned. There was no insurance upon the belonging, and the ladies joined together and decided among themselves that a helping hand should be given. For that purpose. they met in the schoolhouse to show their feelings in real earnest, and each lady took along some articles of necessity and value to a home. Mr Hugh McPhee was invited by the ladies to be present and explain the reason of the. gathering. He asked Mrs Anderson to accept the articles in the spirit they were given, for he could assure her they were given by the ladies in a gracious manner. Mrs Anderson thanked all who had so kindly expressed their feelings in such a practical way. The ladies then handed round afternoon tea, which was much enjoyed. PP

8<sup>th</sup> May 1914 BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

MOTIONS IN OPPOSITION

AT TWO MEETINGS OF HOUSEHOLDERS. ,

(Per Press Association.) CARTERTON, May 8. At a meeting of householders all the candidates for election to the School committee were asked to declare their attitude towards the Bible-in-Schools movement, and whether they declared themselves against it. , A resolution was carried expressing satisfaction at the present free and secular system. A similar resolution was carried at the Belvedere householders' meeting, and -will be forwarded to the Minister of Education. PP

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1914 The system of distributing the mail at the Belvedere School was discontinued as from last Saturday, and the service is now included in the Carrington rural delivery PP

1<sup>st</sup> July 1914 The Belvedere School Committee has decided to discontinue holding its fortnightly "socials" PP

## 1915

3<sup>rd</sup> March The Belvedere School Committee has decided to recommend the Education Board to appoint Mrs S. G. Jones to the position of assistant mistress at the Belvedere School PP

16<sup>th</sup> March The newly-appointed mistress at the Belvedere School Mrs S. G. Jones, will commence her duties on April 7th. PP

7<sup>th</sup> April Miss Davies will act as relieving teacher at the Belvedere School until a lady teacher is permanently appointed PP

## 1916

Minute Book: Mr R Stout Head Teacher. Congratulated for doing a great job at Householders meeting

May 22<sup>nd</sup> School Committee Meeting to order 2 cords of matai firewood 4 foot long for the school from Stevens Bros 2 pounds

The inspector's annual report was read and was very satisfactory.

Secretary to write to Wellington Education Board stating that the picket fence was not in specifications when the school and residence were painted.

7<sup>th</sup> June Moved that the firewood be cut by Mr Feely into two foot lengths

The Headmaster be empowered to get whatever he needed to erect a flagpole in the school grounds



August 16<sup>th</sup>. Wellington Education Board to paint fence immediately  
The Master be empowered to get timber for a garden frame  
23<sup>rd</sup> November. The Wellington Education Board would consider  
fencing for a horse paddock at their next meeting  
That the Head Teacher purchase a ladder  
That the Annual Picnic be at the school on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

## 1917

1<sup>st</sup> March 1917

Wellington Education Board couldn't provide a horse paddock

17<sup>th</sup> August 1917 Mr K. Stout, Who has been headmaster at the  
Belvedere School for some years past, is leaving shortly to take up an  
appointment at the .Petone School PP

December 10<sup>th</sup> 1917

Mr Stout to get a sheet of roofing for the summer house.

Wellington Education Board be written to asking for 2 new chairs

## 1918

Householders Meeting May 27<sup>th</sup> 1918. No minutes recorded since  
December 10<sup>th</sup> 1917. Meeting adjourned as a committee could not be  
formed

5<sup>th</sup> July Miss M. M. Symonds, appointed assistant at the Belvedere  
School PP

## 1919

October 27<sup>th</sup> 1919

Moved that the Secretary write to the Wellington Education Board in  
relation to the appointment of Miss A Osborne to the position of Infant

Teacher who had been recommended by the Board. Stating that the  
School Committee were agreeable to accept Miss Osborne but it would  
like to point out that as the Infant Department had been sadly neglected  
through the appointment of inefficient teachers for some years it would  
be better if the Board could see their way to send a more experienced  
teacher.

Moved that the chairmen interview Mr Eagle re the handing over  
committee books etc.

November 18<sup>th</sup> 1919. That the Secretary write to Wellington Education  
Board explaining that the Number of their bank book would be  
forwarded as soon as Mr Eagle (Late Chairman) gave the committee  
the necessary information.

Moved the Secretary ask to why the assistant appointed didn't appear.

The Secretary to write to Wellington Education Board pointing out that  
the present drinking water is not fit for consumption by the children and  
ask that something be done immediately about it.

November 27<sup>th</sup>. That the Wellington Education Board be written to re  
closing the school and to state most emphatically that unless the Board  
found an assistant immediately that they were at liberty to close the  
school but if they did so they must find a School Committee as the  
present one would resign in a body.

December 8<sup>th</sup> 1919 The question of salary for caretaker was discussed.  
That the sum of £ 10 be paid for 1919 and £12.00 be paid for 1920  
A bank account was opened with Bank of NZ, Carterton.

Meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1920 Secretary was instructed to write to  
Wellington Education Board re horse paddock (lack of)

Mr R Stout was Secretary and Treasurer of the School Committee as  
from November 18<sup>th</sup> 1919 (*Mr Stout was Head Teacher, Secretary and*

Treasurer of Belvedere School. This amounted to him running his own private school)

## 1920

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1920 Secretary to engage Wallis and Co to attend to glass in windows and arrange firewood with Mr Spicer.

July 18<sup>th</sup> 1922 Head Teacher to obtain

- (a) 2 coconut doormats
- (b) 1 wire doormat
- (c) 1 Tin pynol disinfectant
- (d) 1 sewing guide book
- (e) 2 hearth brushes
- (f) 1 sweeping broom
- (g) 1 case of kerosene
- (h) 1 paper bin

## 1923

July 18<sup>th</sup>. During August and September Cocoa would be made as a hot drink

10<sup>th</sup> December . It was decided to have electric light installations in the house only.

It was decided to call Inspectors notice to wretched state of school floor.

## 1924

29<sup>th</sup> October 1924 Relieving teacher Miss J W Peters

19<sup>th</sup> November 1924 Infant Mistress Miss M G K Langdon

Grading	Certificate	Experience	Previous Position
212	D	10 years	Assistant Koputara

## 1925

July 27<sup>th</sup> 1925. A letter re the purchase of a gramophone was held over. It was decided to purchase material to repair summer house. The headmaster offering to do the work.

## 1926

April 26<sup>th</sup> 1926. The matter of the floor came up again the Secretary was instructed to write to the Wellington Education Board pointing out that the floor was unsanitary and to ask the board to replace ASAP.

The Secretary reported that the fence damaged by the flood had been repaired with the authority of the board

10<sup>th</sup> July 1926

Letter To Wellington Education Board from Annie Worsley

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you re a little girl 7 yrs of age in my charge from the Government house Wellington . As there has been trouble in the school with other children knocking her about. And I have complained to the Head Teacher Mr Stout. He has refused to take her at the school. As he says if she continues to go to school there are 8 children going to leave the school. So if the Master cannot control the children who are we to look for protection for these little motherless children.

As the Master seems to hold in with the other children on account of their parents. As I always thought a Head Teacher should be independent and able to control all children attending his school. Trusting that you will be able to help on the matter. Urgently waiting a reply as the girl will be losing her schooling.

16<sup>th</sup> July 1926. A letter referring her to approach the School Committee from Wellington Education Board .

## 1927

September 21<sup>st</sup> 1927 Decided to purchase 1 sack of quick lime and 1 bag of super. That a load of metal be procured from Mr G Kiddie to mend holes in the asphalt in front of the school. The Head Teacher agreed to do the work.

## 1928

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1928. Re presentation to Miss Langdon it was decided to Meet Miss Langdon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> afternoon at school and to ask parents to participate and to have afternoon tea served

18<sup>th</sup> April 1928 Miss E M Burnley Infant Mistress

Grading	Certificate	Experience	Previous Position
200	C	6 years	Relieving

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Householders meeting. Attendance of 11. None of the outgoing committee were present.

It was agreed that the committee should meet monthly.

Re Miss Langdon's farewell it was decided to ask the old committee to officiate. The Headmaster to send a note to each member asking for their attendance and support.

28<sup>th</sup> April 1928

Letter from Rob Stout Head Teacher to Wellington Education Board What is to happen next week in my infant department since Miss Burnley doesn't start until 21<sup>st</sup> May.

Am I to take the whole school without assistance and receive payment for extra work or follow Inspector Stuckley's advice and go on with my own in the Senior Division.

30<sup>th</sup> April

Letter from Wellington Education Board . Miss Langdon is to continue until 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please note if a teacher is absent for a short time it is usual for the Head Teacher to appoint one of the senior pupils as monitor.

Mr Stout regularly had notices asking him for his quarterly return of attendance at Belvedere. This letter to a reply wondering why there were over 10% absences for September quarter

7<sup>th</sup> May 1928. Head Teacher no longer secretary. Full minutes

The report of the headmaster was read. Exception was taken to the paragraph stating that the annual meeting of householders held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April was illegal. The feeling of the committee that such a statement should not be included in a report on school work. Moved that the report be sent to Wellington Education Board for their opinion. Did the Belvedere district have their own defined boundaries?

Members to inspect school for standard of cleaning and to invite applications for a cleaner if not good enough

4<sup>th</sup> June. (Head Teacher not present) Mr Sewell was stood down on advice from Wellington Education Board as he lived out of district in Carterton.

Headmaster to be interviewed in reference to wood that has been delivered by Mr Thorne

3<sup>rd</sup> September 1928 The account for Mr Stout for cleaning was paid. Mr Sydney Thorne waited on the School Committee wanting payment for wood delivered to the school. After a lengthy discussion Mr Thorne would request his father E G Thorne to interview the chairman on the matter.

5<sup>th</sup> November 1928. The chairman reported that he and the secretary had that day visited the school upon learning that the school having been dismissed. It being found Mr Stout was seriously indisposed and Miss Burnley the assistant had dismissed the children. The Wellington Education Board were informed by phone who intimated that a relieving teacher would be sent the next day providing a medical certificate was furnished that day. Mr Stout's illness would prevent him from resuming his duties within a week The necessary certificate was obtained and the result communicated to the Board who stated a relieving teacher would arrive the next day. In the meantime the assistant teacher was to assume his duties.

10<sup>th</sup> November. Letter from Mr Stout. Mrs Stout took in the clean up, owing to my illness the form you speak of must have been destroyed as I cannot find it anywhere.

There was no epidemic to reduce attendance for September quarter only excessive rain which kept the infants away.

12<sup>th</sup> November .Letter from Wellington Education Board challenging the accuracy of the return.

15<sup>th</sup> November Roll 48 average 38 sent in a new form by Mr Stout. Which is 79% average

## 1929

7<sup>th</sup> January 1929

Mr Stout intended to retire at end of 1929

6<sup>th</sup> February 1929. Letter to Wellington Education Board from M E W O'Donnell. Relieving Head Teacher

There is no organisational roll form in the school

Miss E M Burnley has Infants to Standard 2

Miss M E O'Donnell who has Standard 3 to Standard 6.

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Infants	5	6	11
Standard 1	5	1	6
Standard 2	4	3	7
Standard 3	2	2	4
Standard 4	1	5	1
Standard 5	4	0	4
Standard 6	4	1	5
	25	18	43

11<sup>th</sup> March 1929. A letter be sent to Wellington Education Board asking for the appointment of a male teacher.

16<sup>th</sup> March 1929

Mr Stout resigns. Wellington Education Board notifies that it intends the school to become a sole charge school

1<sup>st</sup> April 1929 That a working bee be held to prepare the ground for the driving of a pipe to endeavour to find a supply of water.

20<sup>th</sup> March. Mr W Parsonage appointed to a grade 3 school (Not a sole charge)

Grading	Certificate	Experience	Previous Position
172	B	8 years	First Assistant Belfast School

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1929 Householders meeting. Mr Stout had been Head Teacher for 19 years. Mr Parsonage to take over.

The local schools had created a dental clinic at Greytown and later a temporary dental clinic at Carterton.

6<sup>th</sup> May 1929 Mr Parsonage mentioned that no provision had been made for games for girls and suggesting the introduction of Basketball (Netball) also Miss Burnley had resumed duties after her illness. The average attendance was 41.2 Roll Number 44

The Secretary to engage a caretaker at approximately £12.00 per annum

1<sup>st</sup> July 1929. Roll 45 Average 40. The caretaker had started her work and was doing it satisfactorily. That a letter had been received from the Wellington Education Board re a key to the washhouse which was missing.

A central library was formed. A South Wairarapa Country Central Library. Capitation fee of 3d per child on full roll number.

## 1930

29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1930 Belvedere School Committee consists of Messrs. G. Warrington (chairman), H. Crosbie (secretary and treasurer), A. Archer, T. Garrett,, W. Bengel. PP

## 1931

17<sup>th</sup> March 1931 Miss E M L Hancock appointed

Grading	Certificate	Experience	Previous Position
127	C	1 1/2 Years	Sole Teacher Carrington School

24<sup>th</sup> March. Letter from School Committee to Wellington Education Board asking that a male be appointed instead of Miss Hancock

25<sup>th</sup> March. Letter from Wellington Education Board stating that they can't discriminate on Gender when making appointments. Also pointed out that Miss Hancock had a high grading.

Miss E. M. L. Hancock, head teacher, Belvedere ; 25<sup>th</sup> March 1931 PP

## 1932

24<sup>th</sup> February 1932

Mr H J Winter appointed relieving Head Teacher. To start 8<sup>th</sup> March .However Miss Hancock was still at Belvedere at 15<sup>th</sup> February 1933.

## 1933

15<sup>th</sup> February 1933. Miss Hancock applies for a holiday to Wellington Education Board for Masterton Show to be held on day of application.

16<sup>th</sup> February Wellington Education Board approves. (*NB Not 10 days notice*)

16<sup>th</sup> February School Committee writes to Wellington Education Board . Yesterday the School was closed by the Head Teacher. but for what purpose, the committee does not know. We have not been consulted by the Head Teacher. We are anxious to know what action to take.

Wellington Education Board replies asking Miss Hancock to explain why she hadn't consulted the School Committee.

Letter from Miss Hancock to Wellington Education Board. I am surprised that the School Committee did not know about the holiday as the Secretary was aware before the Wellington Education Board . The son of the chairman and secretary's son delivered verbal messages to their respective parents..... If the procedure is termed (Sic) a breach by the School Committee I am bound to beg its pardon.

12<sup>th</sup> June 1933. Letter from Secretary Wellington Education Board to School Committee. I have to inform you that Colonel McDonald, member of Wellington Education Board, representing the rural area ..... to meet with him and myself re present teacher. I'm happy to do so. (*Interesting that no Inspectors were to be present*)

## 1934

12<sup>th</sup> February 1934. Letter to Miss Hancock from Wellington Education Board re closing of school for a school picnic, (always held on last day of school at the school.)

15<sup>th</sup> February 1934. Miss E M L Hancock to Wellington Education Board .

Re the holiday for school picnic held 20<sup>th</sup> December last. I beg to state that my assistant and myself were very much present there. We were busy from 8 am until 1.30 am the next morning with sports, picnic, fancy dress ball, followed by dancing for the grown ups and myself being responsible for the driving home after the festivities of the pianist and his family.

Next day I was too ill to leave my room.

Reply from Wellington Education Board. Give us 10 days notice next time.

19<sup>th</sup> April 1934 Letter from School Committee to Wellington Education Board .

The School Committee has not seen an inspector's report for the last two years. Would you kindly advise me if the committee are justified in asking for their production?

Reply from Wellington Education Board stated reports are confidential and they should be produced at the next meeting after being received

14<sup>th</sup> July 1934. Average roll for quarter 37.7. Average attendance 35.33



7<sup>th</sup> August 1934. At our meeting of the School Committee we received with regret the resignation of the Head Teacher, Miss Hancock. As the job has not been advertised could we have a married man please.

9<sup>th</sup> August 1934. Reply from Wellington Education Board . The job has not advertised the position as the school is to fall in grade. Would you please send roll numbers.

25<sup>th</sup> August. Likely to leave at end of year: 4. To be enrolled next term :3. To be enrolled at start of 1935 :2.

27<sup>th</sup> August. Mr J N Little appointed relieving Head Teacher

7<sup>th</sup> November Letter from Mr Little. Present roll :35. Leaving at end of year: 7. Commencing next year 1. Probable roll for 1935:29

12<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs E M C Adams appointed as Sole Teacher

Grading	Certificate	Experience	Previous Position
142	C	16 1/2 years	Assistant Island Bay School

## 1936

4<sup>th</sup> February 1936 Mrs Adams

On account of the storm and slips on the Rimutaka Hill on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February I was unable to reach Belvedere by midday Do I count children present in morning and afternoon. Reply: Only count them present in the afternoon.

19<sup>th</sup> May 1936 Miss E M Clare appointed

Grading	Certificate	Experience	Previous Position
139	C	13 3/4 Years	Waingawa

## 1937

9<sup>th</sup> February 1937

Mr D R Jenkins appointed Reliever Sole Teacher.

March 1937. Miss M E Knapp appointed ST

Grading	Certificate	Experience	Previous Position
146	C	15 Years	Sole Teacher Mangapakeha

Miss Knapp resigned 16<sup>th</sup> December 1937 appointed to a position at Otaki

9<sup>th</sup> March 1937 Letter to Wellington Education Board from Guy S Booth Secretary of Belvedere School Committee .The School Committee object to Miss B E Knapp being appointed to Belvedere School. Not objecting in regards to qualification. The committee recognises that board for a single teacher is hard to obtain and with a good school residence it is felt that a married teacher would be a distinct advantage

The committee and district are concerned with the numerous changes of teacher having 6 permanent and relieving teachers in the last 3 years.

We had lost several pupils on this account and this year one School Committee member, Mr Robertson has taken his child from Belvedere and is sending it to Carterton School

14<sup>th</sup> June 1937 That the committee purchase a coronation book on approval for the library

It was agreed that Mrs Knowles attend the next meeting connected with milk for children.

That Miss Knapp purchase the necessary answer books, blotting paper nibs and iodine.

2<sup>nd</sup> August 1937 It agreed that Messers Spora and Booth inspect boundary fence re repairs to keep out sheep.

3<sup>rd</sup> November 1937 The question of centralisation of schools was discussed and it was decided to hold a meeting of householders on Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the matter

8<sup>th</sup> November To consider and discuss the question of centralisation of school children to Carterton.. After reading and discussing in length the correspondence from Wellington Education Board .It was proposed that this meeting of Householders are unanimous in consolidation of the Belvedere School provided children are collected at their homes.

Proposed that Messers Knowles, Reid and Dryden meet a delegation from the Wellington Education Board.

The meeting then terminated

22<sup>nd</sup> November Moved that Knowles and Dryden attend to the appointment of Mr Dwyer as teacher and to write to Wellington Education Board pointing out that at present the schoolhouse is let and in view of consolidation of schools do not think it advisable.  
*(That an appointment be made)*

Moved that school picnic be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and committee men canvas the district for donations.

That Mr Sage approach Mrs Zabell re holding picnic on her property.

9<sup>th</sup> November 1937 Mr J Dwyer was appointed to Belvedere as Mikimiki School was being changed in grade

Grading	Certificate	Experience	Previous Position
152	C	10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Years	Sole Teacher Mikimiki School

## 1938

23<sup>rd</sup> April 1938 In accordance with the provisions of Section 40 of the Education Act the combination of the following school districts shall take effect on and after MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1938, in connection with the election of School Committees to be held on Monday, May 2, 1938:— HUTT CENTRAL—Normandale. CARTERTON — Belvedere, Carrington, Ahiaruhe PP

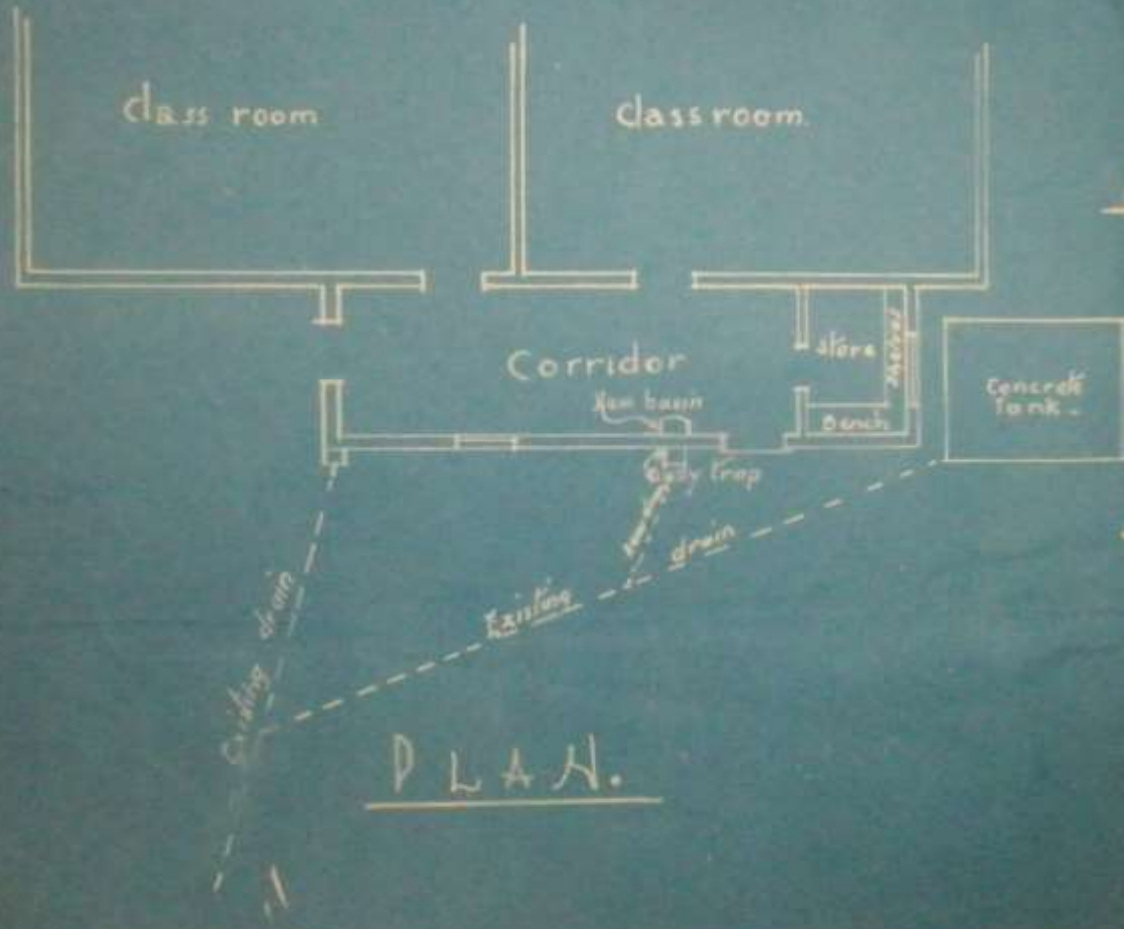
20<sup>th</sup> July 1938. Proposed that Knowles and Dryden be elected trustees of the Belvedere School Committee fund in the Post Office Saving Bank

## School Buildings

The school room was built in 1884. 506 sq feet = 47 M<sup>2</sup> for two classrooms. That is a building of say 10 meters x 4.7 meters including cloakroom. There were no changes to this in the entire life of the building as a school. Nor were any of the outbuildings changed

The residence was built in 1891 with 7 rooms. No additions were made to this building either. The school grounds were 3 acres.

The Residence was sold by the Wellington Education Board for £736.12 (\$38,793.44 in December 2010 terms) in August 1952. The money was paid back to the Department of Education. The school grounds were given back to the Crown



SPECIFICATION:

Wash basin: Set up  
 corridor in the best p  
 Trap waste pipe. Con  
 W/dimensional screwed pip  
 brass spring lever top  
 by the board the Co  
 from the carleton

Drainage: Lay a 4" sec  
 and connect up to ex  
 provide & fix on app  
 the whole of the work  
 thorough and work  
 the satisfaction of the

... summer months.  
 ... lavatory seats and pans, and hose and  
 hours. Urinal walls to be tanned once each day aft  
 be brushed

1884		Belvedere	Fraser	John M	Master	£160
1885	52	Belvedere	Fraser	J Marchant	Master	£190
1885	52	Belvedere	Cliffe	Florence	Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1886	41	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Master	£190
1886	41	Belvedere	Sewell	Florence	Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1887	45	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£190
1887	45	Belvedere	Sewell	Florence	Female Pupil Teacher	£20
1888	44	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Master	£185
1888	44	Belvedere	Moncrief	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher	£15
1889	52	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£205
1889	52	Belvedere	Moncrief	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher	£15
1890	57	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£205
1890	57	Belvedere	Moncrief	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher	£30
1891	53	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£185
1891	53	Belvedere	Moncrief	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher	£25
1892	51	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£185
1892	51	Belvedere	Moncrief	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher	£30
1893	50	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£185
1893	50	Belvedere	Moncrief	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher	£35
1894	40	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£195
1894	40	Belvedere	Moncrief	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher	£41
1895	52	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£195
1895	52	Belvedere	Miller	Esther J	Female Pupil Teacher	£25
1896	47	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£195
1896	47	Belvedere	Miller	Esther J	Female Pupil Teacher	£25
1897	44	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£195
1897	44	Belvedere	Miller	Esther J	Female Pupil Teacher	£25
1898	50	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	Headmaster	£195

1898	50	Belvedere	Chester	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£36
1899	50	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry		Headmaster	£195
1899	50	Belvedere	Chester	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£42
1900	50	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry		Headmaster	£195
1900	50	Belvedere	Chester	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£42
1901	48	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry		Headmaster	£195
1901	48	Belvedere	Chester	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£50
1902	46	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry		Headmaster	£175
1902	46	Belvedere	Chester	Mary		Assistant Female	£80
1903	48	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry		Headmaster	£175
1903	48	Belvedere	Stormont	Florence		Mistress	£80
1904	47	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry		Headmaster	£168
1904	47	Belvedere	Stormont	Florence		Mistress	£80
1905	46	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	E1	Headmaster	£163
1905	46	Belvedere	Butler	Phoebe	D4	Mistress	£80
1906	46	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	E1	Headmaster	£165
1906	46	Belvedere	Marten	Margaret J		Assistant Female	£85
1907	38	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	E1	Headmaster	£165
1907	38	Belvedere	Brennan	Josephine	D4	Assistant Female	£85
1908	32	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	E1	Headmaster	£165
1909	44	Belvedere	McFarlane	Henry	E1	Headmaster	£170
1909	44	Belvedere	Bodell	Florence A	D3	Assistant Female	£90
1910	47	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	D3	Headmaster	£180
1910	47	Belvedere	Bodell	Florence A	D3	Assistant Female	£90
1911	47	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	D2	Headmaster	£185
1911	47	Belvedere	Bodell	Florence A	D3	Assistant Female	£95
1912	37	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	D2	Headmaster	£190
1912	37	Belvedere	Bodell	Florence A	D3	Assistant Female	£100
1913	39	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	D2	Headmaster	£195



1913	39	Belvedere	Robinson	Lillie I F	D3	Assistant Female	£100
1914	43	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	D2	Headmaster	£205
1914	43	Belvedere	Robinson	Lillie I F	D3	Assistant Female	£120
1915	43	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	D1	Headmaster	£215
1915	43	Belvedere	Sellar	Margaret M		Assistant Female	£110
1917	49	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	Head	D-55	£215
1917	49	Belvedere	Sellar	Margaret M	Assistant		£117
1919	53	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	Head	D-56	£320
1919	53	Belvedere	Osborne	Alice M	Assistant		£150
1921	54	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	Head	D	£230
1921	54	Belvedere	Osborne	Alice M	Assistant	C	£230
1923	45	Belvedere	Stout	Robert	Head	D-112	£345
1923	45	Belvedere	Osborne	Alice M	Assistant	C-192	£233