

Epuni

Epuni is East of Hutt Hospital and North of Waterloo in the Hutt Valley. There was also an Epuni Street in Wellington

1902-1903

1903	89	Epuni	Williamson	A W	B1	Head Master	£ 211.50
1903	89	Epuni	Meager	Ellen A	D2	Mistress	£ 95.00

Mr A W Williamson was head of the school at Taita from 1892 before shifting across town to Epuni. Mr. Williamson's assistant at Taita was Ellen A Meager

4th June 1902 Wellington Education Board n regard to an application for a school at the Epuni hamlet, near Upper Waiwetu, the Board resolved to obtain reports from the Lower Hutt and Taita Committees

31st July 1902 Wellington Education Board Inspector Bakewell reported that in his opinion there was no necessity to erect another school in the Hutt district. Accommodation was required for the Epuni children, but he thought it could be met by altering the sites of the Hutt and the Taita Schools. The Chairman laid the Board had no money to erect a third school in the Hutt district. A committee was appointed to meet the Hutt and Taita Committee in September and go into the whole question.

27th November 1902 The Land Board has decided, with the approval of the Minister of Lands and the concurrence of Parliament, to set aside Section 115, Epuni Hamlet, at the Lower Hutt, on which there are several buildings, as a site for a school. The section is in process of forfeiture. It occupies a good central position.

3rd December 1902 Wellington Education Board he committee appointed to deal with the application for the erection of a school to meet the requirements of the Epuni Hamlet and the adjoining district. reported that Messrs Bradey, Feist. Kebbell and Lee, together with Air Bakewell, Inspector of Schools visited the district on Tuesday, 28th October, and met representatives from tile school committees of the Hutt and the Taita, and of the residents at Epuni. After going over the whole of the district. from the Hutt to the Taita. the committee was satisfied that the Hutt School should be erected on the new site with the least possible delay, and that arrangements should be made for the erection of a new school somewhere mar the Epuni Hamlet Settlement. The committee believed that a suitable site could be secured in a convenient position.

17th December 1902 Wellington Education Board The chairman reported that he had interviewed the Minister for Lands with reference to a site for a new school at Epuni, and that the Minister bad promised to reserve two acres

14th January 1903 Another school site was set apart at Epuni Settlement, the section in question being No. 115, formerly held by H. Cook, but forfeited by the Band Board, because of non-residence and non-payment of rental.

29th January 1903 Wellington Education Board Plans were submitted and approved for the erection of new schools at Muritai and Epuni Hamlet. It was agreed that tenders for the work should be invited, and that the Muritai School should be proceeded with immediately.

28th May 1903 Wellington Education Board third deputation of two representing fourteen settlers of Epuni Hamlet presented a petition in which the Board was asked to create a school district for the purpose- of getting a -School Committee for -the hamlet. It appeared that the residents, had neglected to meet at the time when householders were to elect their committee' The school building was not yet finished. ,The Chairman advised the- deputation' to recommend the residents to select four or five persons who could act as an interim management committee

28th May Wellington Education Board tto Purchase new furniture for the Hutt and Epuni schools.

12th June 1903 A meeting of householders will be held At the, Epuni schoolroom on Saturday evening to elect a school committee,

2nd July 1903 Wellington Education Board calls tenders for gravelling schools at Hutt and Epuni

13th August 1903 [This is the first mention of the school being finished] The fortnightly meeting of the Hutt Valley Farmers' and Gardeners' Mutual Improvement Society was held in the Epuni School last evening, Mr. Evans occupying the chair. A short paper on " The Indoor and' Outdoor Culture of the Tomato" was contributed by Mr. Cooper, and was read,

17th August 1903 Mr. Williamson, late head master oi Taita State school, who has recently been transferred to a similar position at the new school at Epuni, was, with his daughter, Miss A. Williamson, entertained at a farewell "social" on Saturday evening at Taita Wesleyan Sunday-school. During the evening a handsome set of carvers subscribed for by parents of Sunday scholars, was presented to Mr. Williamson as a token of appreciation of his generous services to the Sunday school, of which he has been superintendent for the past eleven years. Miss Williamson also was presented with a gold locket and chain, in acknowledgment of her services in the same connexion.

27th August 1903. In a long article on the financial position of the Wellington Education Board was this: The creation of the Epuni Hamlet by special , settlement at the hands of the Government forcibly before the Board the need for a school there, which the Government recognised by placing certain forfeited sections at the Board's disposal as a school site. This new building' was erected at a cost of £817, and has now 105 children on the roll, with an average attendance of 86, 100 being the highest daily attendance.

28th September 1903 [There were a number of articles re the Department of Education and Wellington Education Board. This is extracts from one in the NZ Times] In Epuni the school was built twice as large as was necessary according to the Department

28th September 1903 "Both the Epuni and Muritai schools are absolutely full at the present time," interjected Mr. W. H. Field, M.H.R. , on Saturday, when the Premier said the Education Department reported that both those schools had been built too large. The Premier said he would concede that the Board Had some justification for building a school in such a growing place as Epuni larger than present requirements called for.

17th October 1903 TENDERS for the Purchase of three sheds covered with good galvanised iron, now on the Epuni Behoof Ground, will be received by the Education Board up to

Tuesday, the 27th day of October. [Possibly Market Sheds as Market Gardening was the main use of land in this area prior to development of Housing areas]

1904-1905

1904	101	Epuni	Williamson	A W	B1	Head Master	£ 211.50	£ 30.00
1904	101	Epuni	Meager	Ellen A	D2	Mistress	£ 95.00	
1904	101	Epuni	Martelli	Irene		FP1	£ 30.00	
1905	104	Epuni	Williamson BA	A W	B1	Head Master	£ 218.60	
1905	104	Epuni	Meager	Ellen A	D2	Mistress	£ 100.00	
1905	104	Epuni	Martelli	Irene		FP1	£ 30.00	

11th April 1905 Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.H.R., will give a lecture in the Epuni School, tomorrow evening, in aid of the school funds.

26th April 1905 School Committee Epuni School.— Messrs. W. R. Brown (Chairman), J. R. Mabey (Secretary), J. J. Burn, G. Dome, H. England, R. Peck, J. Swain.

28th July 1905 Mr. Hobbs, dentist, to make a free inspection of the teeth of the children attending the Hutt, Epuni Hamlet, and Taita Schools, was conveyed to the Education Board yesterday by Mr. T. W. McDonald. The Board was asked to give permission, subject to the School Committees and the parents of children being also agreeable. It was decided to comply with the request.

31st October 1905 The coming elections About 130 electors comprising both sexes, attended Mr. Yerex's meeting at the -Epuni Schoolroom -last night. Mr. Thomas Waugh, ex-borough councillor, presided. A band of about twenty youths, armed with fireworks, marched to the .meeting—from Lower Hutt,' and caused some interruption

1906-1907

1906	110	Epuni	Williamson BA	Alexander W	B1	Head Master	£ 225.00	£ 30.00
1906	110	Epuni	Meager	E A	D2	Assistant Female	£ 105.00	
1906	110	Epuni	Colson	Emily R		FP3	£ 55.00	
1907	96	Epuni	Williamson	Alexander W	B1	Head Master	£225.00	£ 30.00
1907	96	Epuni	Meager	Ellen A	D2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1907	96	Epuni	Priest	Esther		FP3	£55.00	

£ 30.00 is granted per annum for the Headmaster if no residence is provided in country schools

5th March 1906 WANTED, one trained Ferret, for rats, - male or female; female preferred. Howard, Epuni Hamlet, Lower Hutt.

30th March 1906 Wellington Education Board Mr Davies agriculture instruction: e had conferred with the headmaster of the Hutt District High School as to the possibility of establishing classes in that centre. The demand for laboratory accommodation might be met temporarily by fitting movable benches in the second class room, but the chief difficulty lies in procuring a site for a garden. This should be about half an acre in area, and within .easy distance of the school. In view, however, of the high price of land in the vicinity, it might be

advisable to procure a site about midway between the Hutt and Epuni schools, and establish there a laboratory and garden, which would be available for the pupils of both schools

25th April 1906 School Committee Epuni. — Messrs. W. R. Brown (chairman), J. R. Mabey (secretary), H. England, R. Peck, J. Swain, J. Burn (treasurer), C. Thorns.

10th September 1906 Education Board Office, Wellington. For Fencing at the Epuni School Site, until Noon of Saturday, 15th instant. Specifications to be seen at the Epuni, Hutt, and Petone Schools, and at this office. G. L. STEWART, Secretary.

3rd October 1906 In a long article in the NZ Mail on the European history of the Hutt was this: EPUNI THE PROTECTOR.

Asked about the part played by the Ngatiawa chief Epuni, of Petone, Mr Cudby said: —“If it had not been for Epuni and his tribe, very few of us would have been left here to tell the story.” Many of the natives about the Hutt, he explained, were hostile and afraid of the tribes of Rauparaha and Rangihaeata up the west coast, and, being numerically weaker, came on the side of the whites. When out fighting they received rations and pay; the same as the militiamen. The native troubles ceased about 1847.

24th April 1907 School Committee Epuni.— Messrs. A. W. Watson (chairman), Frank Greig. (secretary), J. J. Burn (treasurer), Jos. Swain, H. England, W Booth, W. Brown

1908-1910

1908	113	Epuni	Williamson	Alexander W	B1	Head Master	£225.00	£ 30.00
1908	113	Epuni	Meager	Ellen A	D2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1908	113	Epuni	Stanton	Cath M	D2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1908	113	Epuni	Aitcheson	Evelyn		FP3	£45.00	£ 35.00
1909	126	Epuni	Williamson	Alexander W	B1	Head Master	£230.00	
1909	113	Epuni	Meager	Ellen A	D2	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1909	113	Epuni	Priest	Esther E		FP4	£60.00	£ 35.00
1910	129	Epuni	Williamson	Alexander W	B1	Head Master	£240.00	
1910	129	Epuni	Meager	Ellen A	D2	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1910	129	Epuni	Connell	Elizabeth E Mrs	E2	Assistant Female	£90.00	£ 30.00

1928/3964	Williamson	Alexander Watt	78Y
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1946/35384	Meager	Ellen Ann	79Y
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Alexander Watt Williamson was a New Zealand schoolteacher. In 1874 he became the first person to receive a degree from a New Zealand university. He received the first and only degree issued by the University of Otago before it merged into the University of New Zealand. [Wikipedia](#)

1875/446	Jane	Paterson	Alexander Watt	Williamson
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1878/2551	Emma	Parkinson	Alexander Watt	Williamson
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23rd August 1876 Wanganui Chronicle Personal. — We exceedingly regret to hear that Mrs Alexander Williamson, of Turakina, is very seriously ill, her recovery from her confinement being tardy and painful. The sick lady's husband and friends are suffering considerable

anxiety in reference to her prolonged illness, frequent relapses, and very feeble health. We trust to hear better accounts in the course of a few days

1882/14582	Williamson	Charles Alexander	Emma	Alexander Watt
1884/4421	Williamson	Amy Charlotte	Emma	Alexander Watt
1886/10117	Williamson	Henry Edward	Emma	Alexander Watt
1888/725	Williamson	Frederick Trench	Emma	Alexander Watt
1890/14085	Williamson	Emma Eleanor	Emma	Alexander Watt
1893/6869	Williamson	Isa Mary	Emma	Alexander Watt
1894/13355	Williamson	Ethel Edith	Emma	Alexander Watt
1896/5676	Williamson	Richard Arthur	Emma	Alexander Watt

26th August 1876 Turakina, on the 25th August, after a painful illness, the beloved wife of M Alexander Williamson. — Friends are informed that the funeral will take place at Turakina, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 27th inst.

25th June 1879 Williamson—Parkinson—At Turakina, on the 15th June, by the Rev J. Ross, Alexander Watt, son of the late Alexander Williamson, Esq., Wanganui, to Emma, eldest daughter of Mr Parkinson, Turakina-

In 1878 The first year of records reporting on the 1877 Mr A W Williamson was head master of Turakina School

By 1892 He was Head Teacher of Taita School In 1891 he was Head Teacher of the three teacher school at Patea in South Taranaki.

28th April 1908 School Committee EPUNI. At the annual election of members of the Epuni District School Committee the following were returned:—Messrs. J. J. Bum, J. Swain, W. Breen, H. England, and T. Kitt. No chairman' was elected. The list of members is one short of the required number

28th August 1908 Epuni, improvement to outbuilding (Board to find concrete provided the Committee find the labour; building to be strengthened by tie rods, when undergoing repair);

25th September 1908 In a report on the Eastern Hutt School was this: Mr. Field asked for particulars as to the distance, from existing schools, of the Eastern Hutt site, and was informed by the inspector that the site was situate 1 ¼ [2.01 Kilometres] miles from Epuni school, 1 ¼ miles from the Main Hutt school and 2 ½ miles from Taita.

5th December 1908 In a long article on overcrowding at the Hutt School was this: The headmaster states that about 150 children would probably leave the present school to join the new school. To this number he could easily have added another 100 made up of numbers of children attending the Epuni school, which is in an out-of-the-way portion of the borough, and a number of infants who are sent to private schools in preference to sending them a distance of a mile or more.

18th December 1908 Wellington Education Board calls for tenders for painting the Epuni School throughout

19th February 1909 A wide field of usefulness is open to the society in encouraging a more intimate acquaintance on the part of the young folk with ferns, and indeed with the whole of our native plant life. In this connection the headmaster of the Epuni school is accomplishing something, having offered a prize for the best collection of pressed fern fronds gathered by his scholars during the summer vacation. These are being sent on to Mr Jolliffe to be named and classified.

24th February 1909 In a long article on overcrowding at the Hutt School was this reference to Epuni School: The erection of a school in the locality mentioned would reduce the congestion both at the Hutt and Epuni schools.- In the latter school the pupils could hardly get standing room.

27th April 1909 Mr William Cleland, who was last night re-elected honorary secretary of the Epuni School Committee, has held that position continuously; since 1861. [I can find no reference to Mr Cleland being on the School Committee at Epuni and certainly not from the time stated. Maybe a church Sunday school?]

4th August 1909 Petone Technical School Board report included The director (Mr. E. King) reported that he had communicated with the headmasters of Petone Main, Petone West, Lower Hutt, and Epuni schools, in reference to inviting free-place pupil for drawing classes. All the headmasters had replied, intimating that sufficient pupils— enough to start a class — would present themselves for tuition.

17th December 1909 At Epuni school prizes were awarded to all pupils who had passed a standard, and gifts were made to the infants =. Special prizes were awarded as follow: Best pass in each standard. — Standard I F. Conroy; Standard II., Graham , Vaughan ; Standard III., Albert Swain ; Standard IV., Alex. Osborne ; Standard V., Arthur Wilson; Standard VI Isa McCaw. Best garden— W. Conroy 1 ; Ethel England, 2. Best set of books Ruby Birch, 1 ; Isa McCaw, 2. Most improvement — Elsie Thorpe, 1; Lance Hall 2. Brushwork— Seniors, Vera Watson • juniors, Flo. Potter. Rapid arithmetic— ; Seniors, M. Swain; juniors, G. Sundgren Miss L. Priest, who is leaving the school to join the Training College, was the recipient of a gold brooch from the pupils.[Ester Priest after her two years at Training College taught for three years at Clareville School in the Wairarapa]

9th February 1910 Epuni (Hutt)— Assistant Mistress, £90 to £105.

9th March 1910 Mrs E Connell appointed assistant [Came from Tokomaru School in Horowhenua then after a year at Epuni spent a number of years at Taratahi West school under the the Tararua Ranges between Carterton and Masterton]

26th April 1910 EPUNI HAMLET. The election at Epuni Hamlet resulted as follows:— Messrs. C. Fisk, W. Stewart, G. Howard, E. Gilbert, J. Burn, H. England, and J. Swain. Mr. Stewart was subsequently elected chairman, and Mr. Burn secretary.

17th December 1910 The Epuni State School broke up for midsummer holiday' on. Thursday. Parents and friends had subscribed some £13 to the prize fund, and every child passing a standard received a prize. The Rev. Jas. McCaw presented the prizes.

Specials were given as follow :—: — ', Full attendance.— G. Dome, J. Dome, E. Smith, Arnold Smith, F. Manderson, L. Hall, M. Smith, W. Timmings.

Brushwork. — Senior; 0. Balls, A. Smith. Junior : G. McClelland, F. Potter, Roy Barrett, M. Timmings.

Gardens.— F. Manderson, G. Watson.

Best set of books.— F. Pilcher, A. Pryde.

Most improvement. — A. Swain. L. Hall.

Best pass in each standard-. — Standard I. V. Burnskey. Standard 11. : G Sanders. Standard III.: F. Thorpe. Standard IV. : F. Manderson. Standard V. : L. Hall and A. Osborne (equal). Standard VI. : N. Cottle.

Sewing. — Standard V. and VI. : F. Sanders and E. Thorpe. Standard IV. : F. Burns and V. Watson. Standard III. : L. Rudman and A. Pryde. Standard II. : M. Wilson, G. Lundgren, G. Sanders, and Jean McClelland. Standard I. : M. Smith, V. England, and R. Pelham.

Rapid arithmetic. — Senior: F. Manderson ; junior : H. Chittick. Most marks. — F. Manderson and G. Watson.

1911-1914

1911	95	Epuni	Manning	William A	D3	Head Master	£240.00	
1911	95	Epuni	Meager	Ellen A	D1	Assistant Female	£125.00	
1911	95	Epuni	Speedy	Hortense		FP2	£35.00	£ 30.00
1912	82	Epuni	Davidson	James	D1	Head Master	£210.00	
1912	82	Epuni	Armitage	Rose E	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1912	82	Epuni	Flux	Gwendolyn M	C4	Assistant Female	£95.00	£ 30.00
1913	88	Epuni	Davidson	James	D1	Head Master	£215.00	
1913	88	Epuni	Armitage	Rose E	D3	Assistant Female	£125.00	
1913	88	Epuni	Armstrong	Doris G	C5	Assistant Female	£90.00	£ 30.00
1914	88	Epuni	Davidson	James	D1	Head Master	£225.00	
1914	88	Epuni	Thompson	Laura E	C4	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1914	88	Epuni	Armstrong	Doris G	C5	Assistant Female	£100.00	

15th March 1911 Almost every year, said Councillor Welch, at the Hutt County Council yesterday, there occurred at the Epuni School an outbreak of scarlet fever, or some similar epidemic. He wanted the matter gone into by the Health authorities. The cause might be in some dirty drain or other defect. 'As the matter stood at present, the school itself suffered by reputation. Though the school had not yet been closed this year, fourteen of the scholars were being sent to the Taita School and forty to Lower Hutt. The council: decided to call the attention of the Health authorities to the matter.

16th March 1911 Mr. A. W. Williamson, Head teacher Epuni School, writes : — "Would you kindly contradict for me the report so persistently circulated in some local papers that the Epuni School has been closed because of scarlet fever? It is true that a few cases have occurred in the district, but of a very mild type, and none of these can be traced to the school, so that neither committee nor teachers have even thought of closing the school. The committee invited a local doctor to inspect the school premises, and he reported everything sanitary, and an officer from the Health Department confirmed this."

25th April 1911 School Committee At Epuni the following committee was returned:— Messrs. England (chairman), Howard, Stewart. Pilcher, Ward, Burn (secretary), and Swain.

26th April 1911 Wellington Education Board In a long list of reports on schools was this: Epuni: That the report of the Health Department be referred to the inspectors and to the clerk of-works, the latter to undertake any reasonable repairs

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25th July 1911 Mr A Williamson Head Teacher's resignation accepted by Wellington Education Board

26th September 1911 Wellington Education Board following places were deferred :— Ballance- (painting and repairs), Hukanui (well and drainage). Parkvale (residence improvements), Epuni (cupboard and rifle rack, etc.). Application for extra supply of water at Hutt was declined.

11th October 1911 Mr. Jas. Davidson, for a number of years headmaster of the school at Parkvale, Wairarapa, has been appointed headmaster of the Epuni School, in succession, to Mr. A. W. Williamson, who has retired. This school is at present in relieving charge of Mr. W. A. Manning [In 1912 William Manning was teaching at Rahotu School in Taranaki. By 1917 he was back in Wellington Education Board territory teaching at Brooklyn. In 1919 he was at Mount Cook Boys' and by 1921 he was an assistant at Petone West school]

20th December 1911 Miss Speedy transferred to Petone West

23rd December 1911 Mr and Mrs Davidson were entertained at a farewell social on Wednesday evening by the residents of Parkvale and presented with a beautiful marble clock and silver hot-water kettle, suitably inscribed. Mr Davidson has been appointed headmaster of the school at Epuni.

6th February 1912 Wellington Education Board To avoid 'confusion the' salary of the position must be definitely stated on the form of application, especially Where more than one vacancy exists in the same school, viz., Mitchelltown, Maranui, Epuni, and Johnsonville : Epuni— Assistant. £105 to £135. And Epuni— Assistant. £90 to £105.

11th March 1912 Epuni, assistant mistress, Miss R. E. Armitage; Epuni, assistant mistress, Miss G. M. Flux

28th August 1912 Wellington Education Board Epuni new grate, repairs sheds, urinal, etc

10th December Miss G M Flux resigns

29th April 1913 School Committee Epuni Hamlet. —Messrs Fisk, Burns (secretary), England, 'Swain, Burrige, Nairn, Howland.

11th July 1913 Re the Community worrying about smallpox epidemics was this he three doctors unanimously diagnosed the cases — of two children attending the Epuni School— as chicken-pox. The patients are recovering.

27th August 1913 Wellington Education Board Epuni, removal of galleries (subject to the condition that' the rooms are not used for dancing); [Galleries were placed in the front of the classroom as a platform so that the teacher could see what was happening in the rest of the classroom while teaching other children]

26th November 1913 Wellington Education Board Dancing in school buildings was a matter which came before the Education Board yesterday, a communication having been received from the Epuni School Committee requesting the board not, to insist on its direction that dancing should, not be permitted in schools. Mr. A. W. Hogg pointed out that nearly "every school in the country was used for dancing, but in many places the settlers built a hall for that purpose. The Chairman (Mr. R. Lee) said that the Act left it to the discretion of the school committee, but he thought it would be better if dancing were not permitted. It was

resolved, on the motion of Mr. J: G. W. Aitken, who pointed out the danger of fires occurring through smoking, that all school buildings used for such purposes should be insured.

25th February 1914 Miss R.. E. Armitage, assistant at Epuni, to be assistant mistress in the infant department at Kelburne [Sic]

11th April 1914 Miss L Thompson appointed assistant mistress at Epuni

18th August 1914 A successful concert and dance, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the school funds, was held in the Epuni Schoolroom on Friday evening. An excellent programme was provided, and altogether an enjoyable evening was spent, for which the committee deserve much praise. Items were contributed as follow : Overture, Mr. Hardam ; songs, Mr. V. Roe; recitations, Messrs. A. Hardam and W. Mason ; humorous items, Messrs. C. H. Burrige and W. McEwan. The efforts of Professor Bates, a ventriloquist, and Mr. Burrige's conjuring feats were much appreciated.

28th October 1914 Wellington Education Board It was resolved "that the application for ground improvements at Epuni stand over until members have an opportunity of visiting the hamlet."

1915-1919

1915	81	Epuni	Davidson	James	D1	Head Master	£235.00
1915	81	Epuni	Thompson	Laura E	C4	Assistant Female	£130.00
1915	81	Epuni	Armstrong	Doris G	C5	Assistant Female	£110.00
1917	72	Epuni	Davidson	James	D-60	Head	£250.00
1917	72	Epuni	Thompson	Laura E	C-89	Assistant	£140.00
1919	71	Epuni	Davidson	James	D-658	Head	£320.00
1919	71	Epuni	Williams	Margaret	C-93	Assistant	£185.00

4th February 1915 The Hutt and Petone Schools reopened on Tuesday, after the vacation, the attendances being as follow: —Eastern Hutt 293, last average 184; Main Hutt 430, last average 545; Epuni School 77, last average 88; Petone West 307, last average 345.

5th March 1915 Belgium Relief Fund: Scholars' prize money, Epuni. School, per H. S. Dudding £3 15s 1d

23rd April 1915 Since the School Committee elections last year the Lower Hutt Main School and the Eastern Hutt t School have become separate institutions, and at the elections next month it will be necessary to elect two distinct committees. The Education Board has defined the boundaries of the two schools, while the boundaries of the Epuni School district have been amended.

31st May 1916 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to inform the Eastern Hutt Committee, in reply to a request for increased accommodation, that in the adjacent schools of Taita, Epuni, and Lower Hutt there is sufficient room to accommodate the children of the district.

16th April 1918 School Committee Epuni Hamlet.—E. B. Swaysland (chairman); E. Mason • (secretary), G. Dome, A. Tullett , and E. C. Watson

16th April 1919 Miss L E Thompson resigned

7th May 1919 Miss M Williams appointed

22nd August 1919 Children attending the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth standards at the Hutt, Epuni, Normandale, and Taita Schools are requested to meet, at the Petone wharf to-morrow at 2 p.m. to embark on the Duchess for the purpose of visiting H.M.S. New Zealand. It is announced by the chairmen of the Petone Schools Committees that the children of those schools will not take part in the visit owing to the impossibility of arranging adequate Supervision of the scholars.

1920-1923

1921	78	Epuni	Davidson	James	D	Head	£360.00	
1921	78	Epuni	Williams	Margaret	C	Assistant	£250.00	
1923	64	Epuni	Davidson	James	D-106	Head	£355.00	
1923	64	Epuni	Davis	Annie E	D-192	Assistant	£233.00	

29th April 1920 Epuni Hamlet :—There was a large attendance at the Epuni Hamlet School. The balance-sheet showed-a credit balance of £70. The election of committee for the; ensuing year resulted ns follows : Messrs. E. B. Swaysland, R. Mason, G. Dome, T. A. Tullett, and R. Watson (all re-elected)

1st June 1920 Taking advantage of the cold weather, conducive to dancing, last Friday evening a large number of residents of Epuni Hamlet arid the surrounding districts attended in full muster to a fancy dress ball, arranged by Mr Tulloch, which took place at the Epuni schoolroom. The decorations consisted of ferns and flags*, and the hall for dancing was in every respect in tip-top condition.....

13th December 1920 A suggestion has been made to the Minister of Education by the Epuni School Committee that the Prince of Wales's message, to the school children of New Zealand should be issued in a more permanent form than in the School Journal, where it is apt to be lost or defaced. The Minister has- replied that he considers the message of such worth that it should be kept as a permanent record in the schools. He is submitting the proposal to the Education Department.

16th December 1920 The following pupils of the Epuni School gained proficiency certificates :— Keith Knight, Alfred Mawson; Roy Burn, Rita Clark

17th December 1920 Prize-winners at the Epuni School were:—Standard VI.—Alfred Mawson, Rita Clark. Standard V.—Keith Mawson, Elsie Hay. Standard IV.—Robert Mason, Myra Pitt. Standard III.— Harry Whitefield, Alice Strachan. Standard II.—John - Whitefield, Ani Clark. Standard I.—Charles Manderson, Myrtle Rowe. Sale of tickets— Thelma. Pearce. Mr. T. M. Wilford's special prizes for most popular boy and girl—Roy Bums and Eva Rowe. Sewing—Florrie Rowe and Lila Porter.

2nd February 1921 In a long piece on a wedding was this: After the ceremony a .reception was given at the Epuni Schoolroom, where Mrs. England entertained a large number of guests from far and near.

11th July 1921 A new Technical School was built in Woburn Road: The new building, besides providing for evening classes, will serve the purpose of woodwork and home science instruction for the adjacent schools, Hutt District High School, Eastern Hutt, Taita, and Epuni, the pupils at which had hitherto to travel to Petone for instruction in these subjects.

22nd December 1921 EPUNI HAMLET

Dux of the School.—Keith Mawson.

Proficiency Certificates.—Allan Dome, Keith' Mawson, H. Pearce, and R. Swaysland.

Endorsed Competency Certificates.— W. Watson and Elsie Hay.

23rd August 1923 A meeting of Hutt Valley ratepayers interested in the proposed improvements to the Waiwetu [Sic] Stream is being called by the Hutt Eiver Board. The meeting will: be held on Friday morning in the Epuni School. [Later changed to Evening meeting]

21st December 1923 EPUNI SCHOOL

The "breaking-up" ceremony and presentation of prizes took place at Epuni Schools on Thursday. The Mayor, Mr. T. Strand, who was accompanied by Mrs. Strand, presented the prizes, and in the course of his remarks exhorted particularly those who were about to leave the primary school to keep on striving until they had gained the topmost rung of the ladder. He also complimented two old boys, Alf. Mawson, dux of the Wellington Technical College, and Keith Mawson, also of the same institution, winner of the Callender Scholarship and the Victoria Bowling Club's Bursary, on their achievements. He then presented the prizes as follow: Dux, Caleb Pitt (gold medal, presented by anonymous donor); proficiency certificates, Caleb Pitt, H. Whitfield, R. Bushby, H. Haigh; certificate of competency, G. Knight; sewing prizes: Best sewer in school, H. Haigh; senior division prize, L. Mawson; junior division prize, N. Porter; special prizes, D. Swain, G. Bayliss. Twenty attendance certificates were also presented as well as the prizes to the class winners.

Post 1923

12th March 1925 r. T. M. Wilford, M.P. for Hutt, has received a letter from the Epuni School Committee thanking him for his work in connection with the establishment of a high school in the Hutt Valley. "We also wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for the many other acts of a public nature you have rendered to the Hutt Valley," says the committee in its letter

24th August 1926 A petition asking that an inquiry should be held into the circumstances leading to the resignation of John Frederick Crombie Hiddleston from the headmastership of the Takaka District High School was presented to the House of Representatives last night. The petitioner stated that he had been employed as a schoolmaster in various State schools since 1886, with the exception of six years. He was now 63 years of age, and in the ordinary course would be retired from the service upon superannuation at the age of 65. In March, 1925, the petitioner was headmaster of the Takaka School, and had held that position during the six preceding years. He alleged that he had now lost that position owing to the personal enmity shown toward him by Mr. George Pitcaithly, formerly senior inspector of schools for the Nelson district. The petitioner detailed negotiations leading up to his final resignation from the position, following an offer of an inferior position at the Denniston School, and he stated that since his resignation he had been unable to find a suitable position. At present he was employed at the Epuni School, Lower Hutt, at a salary which was £145 a year less than that he received at Takaka.

5th June 1928 Boulcott (Fry's Lane) School opened About a dozen were taken from the Taita School,, a few from the Epuni School, and the rest were new pupils

9th July 1927 The Epuni, School. Committee entertained Mr. and Mrs Davidson at afternoon tea recently, Mr. Davidson having been headmaster of the school for 15 ½ years and retiring, -from school work. There was a large attendance of pupils and parents. On behalf of the children, Mr. T. M. Wilford. M.P., presented Mr. Davidson, with a handsome travelling rug and a purse from Mrs. Wilford and himself.: Mrs. Davidson was presented with a bouquet from Mina Porter, a pupil of the school. On-behalf of the committee and scholars, Mrs. Henry Pilcher, secretary of Epuni School, gave Mrs. Wilford a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers. Mr, J. W. Peck, chairman of the committee, presided. Afternoon ; tea was served by the committee members and wives, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

26th August 1930 The engineer was asked to negotiate with the Hutt County Council in regard to the request of the Education Board for an extension of the council's sewer through county land to the Epuni school.

8th January 1931 The Epuni School was crowded on Thursday evening, 18th December, for the annual "break-up" concert. The chairman of the school committee, Mr. A. H. Porter, presided and the Rev. Davies assisted by Mrs Grower presented the prizes, each child receiving a book, and the following special prizes were awarded:—Stand [Sic] 6, John Gilbert dux, gold medal, and a special prize donated by Mr. Ackroyd; Std. 5, Joyce Hayes; Std. 4, Gwen Stead; Std 3, John Adams; Std 2, William Perry; Std. 1, Joyce Clout.

The sewing prizes were awarded to Jane Beagle and Jean Strachon.

Jack Gilbert, Jean Smith, Elsie Stoddart, and William Bousfield gained proficiency certificates. Competency Certificates were awarded to M. Williamson, Margaret Smith, Desmond Thompson and Primrose Millar.

Many of the children were in fancy dress, each one receiving a box of chocolates, and Iris Neill, Hector Manderson, Doris Weir, and Neil Booth received special prizes for best fancy dress.

The children also gave an exhibition of folk dancing after which supper was served by the ladies of the committee, and a dance followed, the music being supplied by Mr. F. Pilcher.

5th March 1931 A further instance of the practical sympathy of the local school children towards the sufferers in the Hawke's Bay earthquake disaster, is to be found by the children of the Epuni School donating the whole of the money collected for their annual picnic amounting to £8/2- to the Mayor's Earthquake Relief Fund.

15th December 1931 The following pupils of the Epuni School were awarder] proficiency certificates:— Lawrence Hansen, Hector Randerson, Mervyn Williamson, Jane Beagle, Joyce Hayes. Marjorie Halcombe. Competency certificates: Mary Cadman, Iris Neill.

9th November 1932 St. James's Hall was almost filled to capacity last Wednesday evening whet a particularly bright entertainment was presented in aid of the Epuni School Piano Fund. The concert opened with a bright Overture by the orchestra which was followed by an opening chorus in which Master B. Craig, a tiny tot -of 3 years, amused the audience -with his clever character song. Mr. E. Foster was recalled for his pleasant rendering of "Dessert Song" Marjorie McIntosh gave a clever exhibition of toe dancing and wore a dainty scarlet ballet frock. Mr Cyril Tilly, who styles himself "The India Rubber Faced Comedian captivated his audience with his highly humourous songs in character: and eccentric dancing. Each of his numbers stamped him above the average for an amateur performer. Other items included "Beach Scene," in which A. and Miss M. Jones lead the company in

appropriate choruses The first half Of the programme concluded with selections of Hawaiian melodies. Sherwood's instrumental Trio opened the second half with very bright violin, and! banjo selections with piano accompaniment I The Poi Dance by the Misses P. Puketahu, L. Maeke, N. Rangiest, and L. Rereti, was loudly encored. The final item was "The Wedding of the Painted Doll,' as an introduction to which Mr R Butterfield sang "You'll Be Mine in Apple Blossom Time." A ballet-dance with Miss P. Clout aa soloist was the next number. The ballet, in orange and black, was as follows; — Misses J. Deas and Messrs j. and E. Hayes, N. Porter, D. Robertson and Messrs J. Woodhead, E. Spence, E. Odlum and A. Jones. The other performers -were: "Red Riding Hood," Evelyen Craig "Buster Brown," Sybil Harris; " Jumping Jack," Marjorie McIntosh; "Dollies," E. Goss, M. Shearer, B. Deas, and J. Hoare "Mumma Doll" Miss M Bunn; Bridesmaids, Misses F. Harris, M. Jones, B. and L. Porter; bride, Miss N. Porter; clergyman, Mt T. McIntosh bridegroom, Mr B. Butterfield. Miss F. Clout, who trained the ballet, and who was the producer of "The Wedding of the Painted Doll" and 'Mr Markland, director of the entertainment, must 'be complimented on its success. Messrs Craig and Mailman were the accompanists

At the conclusion. of the concert, Mr. M. A. Tremewan, headmaster of the Epuni School, thanked those who had contributed to the entertainment.

16th December 1932 The following are the results of the proficiency examinations at Epuni School:— Proficiency: Molly Cadman, Gwen Stead, Jean Gower, Allan Brown. Competency: Ngaire Porter, John Adams, Jack Clayton.

15th December 1933 EPUNI SCHOOL. • Proficiency Certificates.—Jack Hayes (dux), ' Mervyn Treweek, Eric Stead, Walter Deas, Margaret Shearer, Betty Howat, Eunice Goss.

29th AUGUST 1934 EPUNI SCHOOL. A MODERN and OLD TIME DANCE Will be held in the above School On SATURDAY, September 1. In Aid of School Funds. Admission 1/-.[1 Shilling. There were 20 shillings in a pound]

5th September 1934 WANTED by Young Lady, private board and residence. Reply .Miss Renner, Epuni School.