

Ferneyhurst (Fernehurst) School

Prefab 11th December 1950 Costing £1225

Prefab Furniture £ 188. 31st may 1951

Fernehurst Road: 1950 to 1958 AKA Ferneyhurst Road.

The school was established at a New Zealand Forestry Service camp. The Wellington Education Board brought in a prefab for a classroom. Amalgamated with Poroporo and Ngaumu Road to form Wainuioru School on a new site in 1958. About 28 km from Masterton on the Masterton Stronvar Road just before Ngatahuna Road



1950

11th November Letter to Wellington Education Board from Director of Education asking whether they can get the prefab to Ferneyhurst for the same price as the one going to Poroporo (£820)

19th November Letter to director.

A R Morgan's price is the same as at Poroporo; £810

Plus Hydroplate (Blackboard) £ 20

Conveniences for boys continuing 1 stall and one urinal, One toilet for girls and one for the teachers £350

Paved area and paths £45

Total £1225.0.0

5th December There are 12 children currently on Ferneyhurst Road and this is expected to grow with the Forestry camp being expanded. The children from this area now go to Ngaumu School 9 miles distant by the teacher driver.

1951

25th January As usual with Wellington Education Board works extra costs were discovered after permission/ building has been started.

Now needs a Tank and Stand

And an Entrance porch

Then more extras. Stove, Fencing, Porch, Baseboards, travelling time, Timson Plate coming to another £112.2.3

Strengthening and additional grant of £168.10.0 is required.

Opening Day Pupils 11th April 1951

Name	School From	Age	
Kathleen Hayward	Ngaumu Rd	30/5/1942	Standard 2
Patricia Hayward	Ngaumu Road	19/2/38	Form 2
James McTamney	Ohakune Convent	10/12/41	Standard 1
Barry McTamney	Ohakune Convent	21/10/1941	Standard 3
Martin McTamney	Ohakune Convent	21/08/39	Form 1
Elizabeth Doig	Lansdowne	28/6/1937	Form 1
Donald King	Wellesley College	22/6/1939	Form 1
Ian McKelvie	Johnsonville	8/03/40	Standard 4
John McKelvie	Johnsonville	18/10/1944	Standard 3
Lackner Gerald	Poroporo	28/02/44	Primers

11th April School Opened. Children had not attended or received instruction since last year.

The room was devoid of desks and any teaching equipment. It was two days before desks arrived Grounds were not fit to play on.

Manuka covered large part of the grounds. The entrance to the school was by a Taranaki Gate, the fence bordering on the road in bad state. No path from road to school

25th May School saving bank opened

Mr Hayward the Forest Ranger, appointed as school commissioner (*Instead of a School Committee*)

20th June Visit by Len Sissons- Phys Education Specialist

27th June Letter written by Mr Hayward asking for school equipment
Curtains, asphalt play area, septic tanks, fences.

26th June Masterton County Council agreed to school using one holding paddock for children's ponies during school hours.

7th July Working Bee. Very successful, about 10 men present. Gate posts put in, temporary path laid down, manuka scrub cleared from front area and drain at edge of road given a steeper fall.

31st July Visit by District Nurse. Health inspection and short illustrated talk,

10th August Received First Aid Kit

14th- 15th August Heavy snowfall. 15th Snow melting and grounds completely unusable

16th August, Received library books from Wellington Education Board

17th August. All winter, grounds have been logged with water and children have had to stay inside.

During the term the inside has been very cold even with a fire. The temperature was taken and sent with letter dates 29th June. However this day was much warmer than many we had experienced.

10th September School boundary planted with trees.

17th September. Bookcase made for library books

28th September Grounds cleared of manuka. Golden willows planted in boggy corner.

3rd October Visit by savings bank officer. Two new accounts opened making total 9

18th October Visit by Mr Matheson and Sissons from Physical Education.

29th November Visit by Board Architect Area measured for fence, asphalt area. Gate and curtains promised.

19th December Prize Giving. Prizes presented by Mrs Hayward, wife of School Commissioner

1952

7th February School closed due to death of King George VI

27th February Country School Sports at Masterton Park

March to 30th March. School closed owing to teacher's illness

I T Woodley

25th May Start made with concrete playing area.

1st May Meeting of parents. School Committee elected. Plans to raise funds discussed. Improvements to grounds, better heating a need for more equipment and a radio were all elected to by parents

24th June R M Smith School reopened today. Did not open after May vacation- no teacher

27th June Visit from traffic officers

30th June Gazettes May 15th, June 3rd, 16th June arrived. Bookcloth received. Material from Ngahape school listed on List 2

6th August (Arbour Day) Oaks, Elms, Ash and Plane trees planted
Forestry land around the school has now been planted by State Forestry Service (SFS)

School gardens started with help of SFS equipment.

School room and passageway has been floored with red malthoid, room still cold owing to poor fitting windows and doors. Present stove unsatisfactory.

23rd September Digging of front gardens finished. Back drain dug on 17th has made a big improvement to the front area.

15th October School inspected.

1953

2nd February Roll 11

20th February Scrub fence finished.

28th February Working Bee erected fence

2nd June Drain at rear of lavs dug by working bee. Gates have been put in position, metal on drive and path. Gardens now finished and manured. Some plants have been put in. Rabbits still doing much damage

11th June School closed midday. Five absent- fire smoking- children in damp clothes- playgrounds very wet- lavs flooded again.

24th September Gardens now looking much better. Plants being donated by local women folk.

14th October New Stove arrived and enjoyed.

14th October. Four children left today. Roll down to 12.

1954

1st February Roll 12

G G Kincaid student from Wellington Training College at school from 22nd March to 15th of April

23rd May K E Wiltshire teacher Roll 16

14th June Visit by Miss Pemberton Physical Education

12th July School excursion to Masterton to see Hogarth puppets.

21st July 6 new tables and chairs arrived for primers

4th August Arbor Day Public Function held at 2 pm. Talk by Mr Hayward. Children each planted a tree. Trees planted by back and side fences of playground and donated by SFS. Afternoon Tea. Eight adults were present.

5th August Visit by Public Health Nurse
10th August Visit by art specialist Mr Johns
22nd September Afternoon concert presented by children. Sixteen parents and friends attended. Afternoon tea was served. A very successful afternoon. This is the first concert ever given by this school solely
29th September Trip to Wellington industrial Show. We combined with Poroporo and Ngaumu Schools for this very successful day.
24th October. Working Bee. Concrete path to girls' toilet set.
30th November Visit by Agricultural Specialist. Ngata Barnett. Advised that a covered drain be put along edge of concrete square to gate. Also continuation of concrete to the gate
1st December. Concert practice with Ngahape School held during afternoon at golf club hall
12th December. New toilet arrived.
Concert and Christmas party combined with Ngahape School held at Golf Club Hall. A most successful evening.
13th December. Concert combined with Poroporo and Ngaumu Ferneyhurst children sang a group of carols, gave an agility display and a play with the Mad Tea party from Alice in Wonderland

1956

1st February 7/17 children present
23rd February Water tanks inspected. Two new concrete tanks recommended
28th February Health Inspector called to give advice on water situation and sandpit

2nd March. 2 new water tanks put up. Tanks filled from town water supply
7th March. School participated in country schools sports at Queen Elizabeth Park.
9th March School banking accounts opened. Banking to be taken each Friday.
16th March Combined School Picnic held with Poroporo School at Queen Elizabeth Park.
20th March School inspected by Mr Curry.
3rd May. An afternoon concert and bring and buy was held. The bring and buy brought in the sum of five pounds which has been used to subsidise the purchase of recorders by the children
21st May School reopened with an attendance of nine. A group of parents have kept their children at home owing to allegations of misconduct on the part of some of the pupils attending the school
Two child welfare officers called this morning.
21st May Children attending school after discussion on Thursday. Mr Whitwell, Senior Inspector and Mr Deavoll, Secretary Manager of Wellington Education Board were present at the meeting on Thursday
25th June Afternoon sports at Poroporo School
26th June Visit to Ngahape School. Only 10 children present at school. Others had 'Flu
31st June. School party to Solway Showgrounds to View Springbok-Wairarapa- Bush rugby match.
School closed Mrs Smith relieving
3rd September School reopened.

14th September School closed 3 pm. Country teachers meeting held here.

20th September School taken for day by Mr N Burgess, visiting teacher for the day.

School closed on 21st owing to my inability to walk with boil on my leg

23rd November Shopping day

27th November Visit to Ngahape School for swimming instruction- Water Wisdom Week

28th School concert practice held with Ngaumu and Poroporo School

5th December. Visit by Miss Pemberton- Demonstration of Holger Neilson method of artificial respiration.

13th December. Xmas tree and concert held in Golf Club Hall at 8 pm

58 Children attended the school in total

1957

D A Dent Teacher

4th February Roll 22

28th February Nurse Green District Health Nurse spent day at school examining pupils

7th March Visit to Ngahape School for swimming instruction'

20th December School closed Number on roll 17

1958

3rd February Roll 17

28th February Log finished. Signed off by D Dent