

Hamua

Incorporating Hawera and Tutaekura

1895- 1973 This school started in 1892 as the Hawera School then in 1894 became Tutaekura School for one year before taking up the name of Hamua. John Hopkirk was Head teacher of Hawera (1893), Then Tutaekura and finally Hamua in sequential years. Hamua is 10 Kilometres North of Eketahuna. I have taken Eketahuna as the base as Hamua School was in the Eketahuna group of schools while Mangamaire and Marima, close by were in the Northern Group

1891

27th November 1891 Wellington Education Board have agreed to build a school at Hawera for £250

2nd December 1891 Woodville Examiner Now the money has been voted for the Hawera (Tutaekura) school the Board should at once get the Bush felled in order that it may be burned at the proper time and a building erected as soon as possible Thirty children are waiting for this being done.

1892

1892	Hawera	Allen	Earnest G		Master	£108	\$20,047
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7th July 1892 Wellington Education Board still estimating to spend £250 on a school at Hawera

25th July 1892 Tutaekara.

o (Special to the Examiner.) Tutaekara, this day. Tutaekara (Hawera) is rapidly becoming settled by a prosperous class of residents. Why they are still ignored by the Wellington Education Board can hardly be understood, but the fact remains that for a considerable time there have been thirty children of school age within two miles of the school site, but nothing further has been done since the vote for the building was allocated than to fell the bush on the site. This was done too late for burning but could easily have been cleared. In fact the heavier portion of the timber was cut up for firewood and taken away. Numerous applications have been made on behalf of the settlers to have the building erected, but all to no purpose, and no school is nearer than Eketahuna or Makakahi. Provided the Board would take the matter up at once, the settlers interested would willingly spend the time to clear the site ready for the building in order that their children should no longer remain without the advantages of the school. It is particularly hard for parents to be bound to settle on land and have to take their families away from districts where they have for a time been attending schools.

28th September 1892 Arrangements have been made to open a temporary school at Mr Galvin's house, Hawera, Forty-mile Bush, on Monday next

28th September 1892 it was decided to leave the question of establishing an aided school at Hawera in the hands of Mr. Blair, Chairman of the Board.

7th October 1892 The Hawera School will be opened, on Monday by Mr. Allen,

14th October 1892 Mr Allen opened the Hawera school on Monday with thirty-one children

27th October 1892 Wellington Education Board he consideration of an application by residents of Hawera for the erection of a school was deferred until the estimates have been prepared.

3rd December 1892 The Wellington Education Board propose to erect a school at Hawera. Tenders will shortly be called

1893-1894

1893	26	Hawera	Hopkirk	John		Master	£175	\$31,705
1894	37	Tutaekura	Hopkirk	John		Headmaster	£195	\$35,137
1894	37	Tutaekura	Colwell	Lucy		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,604

31st January 1894 Wellington Education Board The Hawera Committee wrote urging that a teacher's residence should be erected. The Board decided that it had no funds at present for the purpose.

25th April 1894 Miss Lucy Colwell was appointed Pupil Teacher at Hawera

29th June 1894 Repairs were ordered to be made- to the school buildings at Manakau, Mauriceville, Karori and Hawera.

1st August 1894 Yesterday the main road between Hawera and Tutaekura was under Water for. three' or four chains, owing to the overflow of the Mangatainoka.

27th September 1894 Wellington Education Board letter was also read from Mr Goggans, asking the Board to take stops to clear a portion of section 84, school reserve, near Hawera, for a school. On the motion of Mr McCardle it was decided that the chairman should make enquiries.

13th October 1894 Lust night a concert and dance took place at Hawera schoolroom, in , aid of the school funds, There was a good attendance notwithstanding counter attractions,

1895

1895	47	Hamua	Hopkirk	John		Headmaster	£195	\$35,328
1895	47	Hamua	Colwell	Lucy		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,623

8th March 1895 Woodville Examiner Inter-School Swimming Tournament.

The first tournament between the Bush Schools was held at Mangatainoka on Wednesday. The Schools represented were the Mangatainoka, Woodville, Hawera, and Pahiatua. In most of the events each school entered three competitors In the plate diving Wilson and Girdlestone tied three times for first place ; the fourth attempt put Wilson 1st Girdlestone 2nd.

3rd April 1895 Settlers at Hawera, Forty-milo Bush, are considering the advisability of changing the name of the settlement.

22nd April 1895 Opening of a Public hall. Two extracts OPENING OF A PUBLIC HALL.

The public hall, which has just been erected, at Hawera, Forty mile Bush, was formally opened on Friday evening, when a social and dance was held to mark the auspicious event. In honor of the occasion, the hall, which is well built and capable of accommodating an audience of between 200 and 300 persons, was tastefully decorated with ferns and shrubs, while the wall behind the stage was embellished with a large mirror and the words in ornamental letters of white on a crimson ground "Welcome to Hawera." About 250 visitors put in an appearance, nearly half of the number being well-dressed Maoris of both sexes,,,,,,,,

In the course of the proceedings, an address was read by one of the Native Chiefs, who suggested that the name of the locality should be changed from Hawera to Hamua, that being the name of a much respected ancestor.

23rd April 1895 School Committee Messrs Mowbray (Chairman) Cavanagh, Eaten, Cole, Lears, Farrelly, Tuckwell.[I am guessing this is the Bush Hawera committee as it is placed between Mangatainoka and Featherston]

13th September 1895 Part of a long article the Pahiatua Burns Club has had the enterprise to institute an annual competition in the recitation of selections from the works of the poet by children attending the schools of the district. The first contest was held last Wednesday in the large new hall at Pahiatua, when 11 competitors, ranging from 10 to 14 years of age, presented themselves.....

The first prize, a handsome gold medal, was awarded to James Stewart, of Hawera School, for "The Cotter's Saturday Night"; the second, Burns' works in two large volumes, to Grace George, of Hawera School, and the third, one volume, to Kate Turner, of Scarborough School. The judges added a fourth prize for one of the girls who had also acquitted herself well.....

4th October 1895 The name of Campbelltown, in the Manawatu district, has been altered to » Rongotea and the name "Hamua" has been selected for Hawera, in the Forty mile Bush.

23rd November 1895 A School Concert will be held at Hawera, Forty-mile Bush, on the 29th inst

1896

1896	62	Hamua	Hopkirk	John		Headmaster	£205	\$36,939
1896	62	Hamua	Stewart	Kate		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,604

17th January 1896 Hamua is the new nuns gazetted for Hawera, one of the Forty Mile Bush settlements, altered in compliance with the Designation of Districts Act of 1894

12th February 1896 Lucy Calwell passed second year Pupil Teacher examination [It appears that Lucy Calwell resigned from teaching]

16th April 1896 Mr Lee School Inspector will visit on 18th May

29th July 1896 Miss Katherine Stewart was appointed Pupil Teacher at Hamua

15th October 1896 1 pupil from Hamua to sit the Annual Scholarship examination

5th November 1896 George Twentyman passed the drawing examination

1897

1897	58	Hamua	Hopkirk	John B		Headmaster	£225	\$40,138
1897	58	Hamua	Stewart	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£25	\$4,460

23rd February 1897 Catherine Stewart passed her third year Pupil Teacher examination

26th February 1897 Inspector Fleming is visiting Hamua on 11th March

30th June Hopkirk On the 25th June, at her residence, Hamua, Forty-Mile Bush, the wife of J. B. Hopkirk, of a son.

1894/13388 Hopkirk Cyril Spottiswoode Moy Emily Gertrude John Brown-

1895/11301 Hopkirk David Hamua Emily Gertrude John Brown-

1897/10599 Hopkirk John Keith Emily Gertrude John Brown-

1899/5827 Hopkirk Gertrude Emily Emily Gertrude John Brown
 1901/8300 Hopkirk Kenneth Home Emily Gertrude John Brown-
 1903/3912 Hopkirk Jean Pilcher Emily Gertrude John Brown-
 1908/23339 Hopkirk Oswald Robert Emily Gertrude John Brown-
 1912/7505 Hopkirk Joseph Edward Emily Gertrude John Brown

1898

1898	47	Hamua	Hopkirk	John B		Headmaster	£225	\$38,543
1898	47	Hamua	Stewart	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£32	\$5,482

7th March 1898 Robert Lee Inspector at Hamua on Wednesday and Thursday 23rd and 24th

12th May 1898 ADDRESS BY THE NATIVES AT HAMUA.

Special to The Mail. Eketahuna, May. 4. The Premier, accompanied by the Hon. W. C. Walker, Mr Hogg and Mr Lawry, M H R'S., to-day visited Hamua, a Maori settlement between Pahiatua and Eketahuna, and received a cordial welcome from the chief and Maoris. After Mr Seddon had explained the native land proposals of the Government to the satisfaction of the Maoris, he and the other visitors were entertained at luncheon in European style by the natives.....

1899

1899	41	Hamua	Bedingfield	Douglas S		Headmaster	£215	\$38,150
1899	41	Hamua	Stewart	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£36	\$6,388

23rd March 1899 Hopkirk.—At Tutaekara, John Keith, the infant son of John B. and Emily G.

Hopkirk, schoolmaster, Hamua; aged 1 year and 9 months

8th April Mr John Hopkirk, at present in charge of the Hamua (Forty Mile Bush) School, has been appointed headmaster of the Brooklyn School.

11th April 1899 BIRTH. Hopkirk.— On 4th April, at Hamua, the wife of J. B. Hopkirk, of a daughter.

2nd May 1899 Mr. Beddingfield, of the Paikakariki School, has been promoted by the Education Board to the charge of the Hamua school, a position rendered vacant by the promotion of Miss [Sic] Hopkirk to Vogeltown He will take charge on the 17th inst.

29th June 1899 Wellington Education Board that a residence be erected at Hamua when the Board receives its annual grant

22nd November 1899 The Maori meeting house at Hamua, near Pahiatua, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday night

30th November 1899 Wellington Education Board he questions of erecting a school at Nikau and making additions to school, etc., at Hamua; were postponed till next meeting

14th December 1899 Wellington Education Board fencing; Hamua, additions Hamua

1900

1900	58	Hamua	Bedingfield	Douglas S		Headmaster	£215	\$37,380
1900	58	Hamua	Stewart	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£42	\$7,302

12th January 1900 Wellington Education Board additions to Hamua School J- G Smith, Hawera, £175

1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board It was decided to inform Messrs W. W. Rowntree (Pongaroa), D. Bedingfield (Hamua) and J. Kay (Mauriceville) that the board could not pledge itself to take over buildings erected by teachers on the board's property

1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board he Board decided that it could not give a bonus to the pupil teacher at Hamua for having acted as head teacher, and that it ' could not accept offers to erect residences at Pongaroa and Hamua. It was resolved not. to- agree to a request by Mr. J. Kay that his house at Mauriceville should be constituted as teacher's residence.

29th March 1900 Mr. Douglas Beddingfield, teacher at Hamua, wrote requesting permission to erect a residence on the school ground, and « to remove it at any time if lie left the district and failed to find a tenant for the house. Permission refused.

24th April 1900 HAMUA, This Day. Hamua School Committee. — Messrs. [Tuckwell, J. T. Kavanagh, R. Smith, J. G. Smith, S. Baigent, W. Baigent, and Watts.

31st May 1900 Wellington Education Board A proposal was received from the Ballance Committee, which stated that the people of the district were prepared to provide the money to build a residence for the teacher if the Board would give a guarantee to refund the money when it; was in funds. The Chairman said the Board had not the power to give such a guarantee, but it could give a lease at a peppercorn rental to the committee or the teacher for the ground upon which the school was to be built, and the .Board could, when in a position to do so, take over the building at a valuation. A similar proposal had also been made by the Hamua Committee, and the Board decided to submit the Chairman's suggestion to the two committees

28th June 1900 The Board declined to take action with reference to the leasing of a reserve at Hamua.

2nd August 1900 EDUCATION BOARD FINANCE

AN ENORMOUS OVERDRAFT. TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO BE SACRIFICED. OVER-PAID AND UNDER-PAID TEACHERS. FALLING OFF IN ATTENDANCE. DRASTIC MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED. In a long article on Board Finances was this statement

Mr Hogg - pointed out the following instances culled from the inspectors' reports, showing that the numbers on the roll compared badly with the actual attendance:— Hukanui, 63 on the roll and 19 in attendance; Newman, 71 and 36; Makakahi, 82 and 58; Kaikoura, 56 and 36; Hamua, 77 and 53. Air McCardle said it was well known that some teachers discouraged the attendance of children who were not up to the mark at examination time, so that their general average should not be adversely affected. Mr Buchanan was afraid their truant inspector did not confine himself strictly to his duties. The chairman said he would like to hear the inspector's side of the question. The latter met with great difficulties owing to the refusal of committees to prosecute for truancy, one set of settlers being averse to giving offence to others by ordering prosecutions for non-attendance.

1901

1901	54	Hamua	Bedingfield	Douglas S		Headmaster	£205	\$34,608
1901	54	Hamua	Stewart	Catherine		Female Pupil Teacher	£50	\$8,441

24th April 1901 Hamua. —Messrs Ogden (chairmen), Smith, Yuile, Rasmussen, Beattie, Goodban and Watts

27th June 1901 Teacher Salary Changes before a commission included Hamua, 41, present salary £215, proposed scale £174

1902

1902	55	Hamua	Bedingfield	Douglas S		Headmaster	£205	\$33,798
1902	55	Hamua	Easthope	Catherine M		Assistant Female	£80	\$13,190

30 January 1902 Wellington Education Board made Hamua a colonial salary of £85.

Appointment yet to been made

Catherine Easthope had taught for 6 years at the Masterton Infant School in Wrigley Street before coming to Hamua

1903-1904

1903	60	Hamua	Bedingfield	Douglas S		Headmaster	£205	\$33,966
1903	60	Hamua	Easthope	Catherine M		Mistress	£80	\$13,255
1904	60	Hamua	Bedingfield	Douglas S		Headmaster	£177	\$29,318
1904	60	Hamua	Nixon	Violet		Mistress	£80	\$13,247

24th March 1904 Miss C Easthope resigns

12th April 1904 Miss Kate Mary Easthope, second daughter of Mr W. M. Easthope, of Masterton, was yesterday married to Mr James Henry Banks, son of John Banks Esq., Rockhampton, Queensland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. J. Murray, at the residence of the bride's parents. Mr Herbert Lillyard acted as best man, and the Misses Mary and Blanche Easthope as bridesmaids. The bride was attired in blue tweed travelling costume, with black picture hat, trimmed with silver braid. A large number of useful wedding gifts were received. Mr and Mrs Banks left by the afternoon train for the South, where the honeymoon will be spent.

21st May 1904 Miss Hamilton Relieving Teacher at Hamua died on Wednesday after an attack of influenza

12th October 1904 How some of the young New Zealanders appreciate the opportunity they are now receiving of securing higher education is well exemplified in the case of some of the boys and girls at present attending the Masterton District High School. One young fellow lives at Hamua, six miles from the railway station at Newman, which is twenty-six miles from Masterton. In order to attend the secondary classes he -leaves home at 6.30 a.m. ; rides to a paddock near Newman; leaves his horse and walks a mile to the .station; where .he catches the. train. Alighting at Masterton,. he walks two miles to school, and usually leaves at 5.30 p.m., after spending two hours after school, time getting further instruction, arriving at his home about 8.30 p.m. His teacher reports that although in winter the lad ; leaves his home and returns to it in darkness, he has not missed more than four half-days this year, and two of these were during the big snow-storm of a month or. two ago. On two occasions he has fallen asleep in school, but his work is good, particularly in mathematics.

1905

1905	68	Hamua	Kay	John	D1	Headmaster	£177	\$28,000
1905	68	Hamua	Nixon	Violet M	Lic	Mistress	£85	\$13,443

14th March 1905 Mr J Kay of the Mauriceville School and formerly a member of the Masterton School Staff has been appointed Head Teacher at the Hamua School

18th March 1905 The Forty Mile Bush Athletic Association held their annual sports at Hamua on Friday (St. Patrick's Day). There was a large gathering, the roadside near the convincing grounds being lined with nearly a hundred buggies, dog carts, and other vehicles. Of refreshments, there was an abundance, and the families patronising the sports were entertained with abundance of good music. The events consisted of woodchopping, sawing, running, and other exciting athletic games. Mr A. W. Hogg, M.H.R., who had promised a year ago to see the performances of the competitors, was among the visitors present, and spent several hours in ascertaining the wants and requirements of his constituents.

[Mr Bedingfield went as assistant master to Petone District High School]

19th April 1905 The Hamua School was in charge of the relieving teacher during the month of March, and will be examined by the chief inspector on the 11th prox. The newly-appointed teacher, Mr J. Kay, who has been transferred from Mauriceville, took charge on the 3rd instant. The annual school picnic is to be held on Easter Monday.

3rd May 1905 The annual school picnic of the local school was held on Easter Monday. A full programme of races was successfully gone through and were keenly contested by pupils and ex-pupils. Messrs Tuckwell, Ogden and Rasmussen were untiring in their efforts to make the picnic enjoyable. In the evening a dance was held in the hall, and was well attended

26th May 1905 Wellington Education Board It was considered inadvisable to purchase the residence of Mr Bedingfield at Hamua. A tank is to be procured for the Hamua School

21st June 1905 On Monday evening a meeting of householders was held in the school to elect a committee for the ensuing year. Messrs Tuckwell and Ogden were elected chairman and secretary respectively, and Messrs Grant, Rasmussen, W. Cavanagh, J. Cavanagh, and Galvin members of the committee. A resolution condemning the introduction of bible-reading in school was carried unanimously. About -five-and-twenty householders attended.

28th June 1905 In consequence of diphtheria being reported at Hukanui and Eketahuna the local school committee have taken precautions by thoroughly fumigating the school

26th July 1905 The annual concert of the school was held in the Hamua Hall. Visitors from all the surrounding districts were present,, Mangamaire being well represented. The hall was crowded and over £11 was taken at the door. Miss M. Foss presided at the piano and played almost all the accompaniments to the entire satisfaction of those who contributed to the programme. The scholars sang three part' songs, and a debate on "Good Manners' by twenty-two of the pupils was well received. The entertainment was- followed: by a dance, which was. kept up until three in the morning.

27th September 1905 Miss Millington, the [Wellington Education Board]Board's instructress in cookery will open a class here early in October

17th November 1905 The township of Hamua, comprising a few business places, some Maori residences, and a creamery, situated half-way between Eketahuna and Pahiatua, is one of the

most promising little centres in the Wellington provincial district. It is surrounded by some thousands of acres of fine level flats, extending from the Makakahi to beyond the Mangatainoka rivers. Here and there fragments of bush remain, but the sawmills have been through the most of the bush, and the rich, well-grassed land, much of which is occupied with stumps and decaying timber, betrays a wealth of agricultural and grazing country unsurpassed in this part of New Zealand. When the sawmills belonging to Messrs Yule, Drummond Bros, and Bayliss were at work a few years ago, and the huts of the workers lined the road, many eager eyes were attracted to the soil, and for a long time the families lingered on the scene, hoping to secure little farms for themselves ; but now the mills and nearly the whole of the families have disappeared. The soil, however, remains, and Hamua has undoubtedly a future before it. Where the land has been cleared and brought into grass, it is to some extent utilised ; but the great bulk of it awaits the employer. Mr Donald Yule has a lease of 1100 acres extending still for five years, and in the meantime he is getting, it is said, from 5s to 15s per acre per annum from a number of tenants.

Mr Udy, who has a sawmill at Hukanui, a few miles away, has 500 or 600 acres, most of which has been cut out. There are other large areas along the Makakahi river, in the direction of Eketahuna, containing land that is admirably adapted for cropping or dairy farming. Mr Nireaha, the principal rangitira, whose house occupies an eminence overlooking the township, has just ploughed up a large paddock, which he is putting down in clover. The whole of the land in this locality is well adapted for dairy farms and would cut up very nicely into homesteads of from 50 to 100 acres each. The Ballance Co-operative Dairy Company have a creamery in full operation, turning the grass into gold and silver. A boiler and engineering fine specimens of what Messrs Luke and Sons can turn out, are working a couple of large separators through which 1500 gallons of milk are passing every morning. Mr W. Ogden, who has charge of the creamery, informs us that 10d per lb is being paid for the butter fat, with the prospect of a dividend at the end of the season. A bridge that will be of great service to some of the milk suppliers, provision for which has been on the estimates for seven or eight years, is at last being erected by the Eketahuna County Council under the supervision of Mr J. Dawson. The wire rope, as thick as a man's wrist, ironbark piers, and totara from Mr Ross' mill, are on the ground, and foundations seven feet in the papa have just been excavated. The span is 150 feet clear. It will take a little time yet before the bridge is ready for traffic, but when completed there is no doubt it will give Hamua a good push forward. Mr John Kay, the teacher of the local school, has an average of about 90 and the numbers are rising, a clear proof that from a population point of view Hamua is undoubtedly on the path of progress .and prosperity.

17th November 1905 Part of a political report On the motion of Mr J. Kay, who referred in eulogistic terms the important services that had been rendered to the electorate by its representative, seconded by Mr Eaton, a unanimous vote of thanks and confidence in Mr Hogg, and also of continued confidence in the present Government, was passed.

1906

1906	68	Hamua	Kay	John	D1	Headmaster	£195	\$30,305
1906	68	Hamua	Nixon	Violet M	Lic	Assistant Female	£95	\$14,764

14th February 1906 The local school picnic was held a few days ago. Despite wet weather an enjoyable day's outing was spent. In the evening a dance was held in the Hamua Hall.

6th March 1906 Wellington Education Board will effect repairs at Hamua School

15th May 1906 The schoolboys are now busy learning agriculture under the tutorship of Mr Kay, the schoolmaster. At present the ground is being prepared, and the boys as well as the master are keenly interested in their occupation

5th September 1906 The . annual school concert is to be held on the 31st of this month, when, after a varied programme of musical and vocal items, a dance will be held

19th September 1906 The Public Hall was crowded last Friday evening on the occasion of the annual school concert in aid of the school funds. The items rendered by the school children were heartily applauded. Messrs Oxley and Webb from Pahiatua gave several excellent recitations and were accorded each time an encore. A humorous sketch entitled "Corporal Muggins on Parade/" by the school boys, was well received, also the debate, "Consolidation versus extension of the Empire/" in which twenty of the pupils took part. An amusing farce entitled "The Barber's Shop," which fairly brought down the house, concluded the programme. Over twelve pounds was taken at the door, and after incidental expenses are paid, there will be a substantial balance to the credit of .the school fund. After the concert the floor was cleared for dancing, which was kept up until three in the morning

10th October 1906 Mr Rasmussen was a member of the local school committee and has always evinced great interest in the welfare of the children [Mr and Mrs Rasmussen were moving to the Napier District]. The fine weather has enabled the school children to prepare their respective garden plots and to sow most of the seed which should soon show above ground. The school committee have decided to gravel the main entrance to the school, also several footpaths leading to the outbuildings, provided the Central Board will bear half the cost.

26th October 1906 Wellington Education Board authorises painting at Hamua School

31st October 1906 Eketahuna.—From inquiries made by me, and from my own personal knowledge, the Maoris in the Eketahuna County are decreasing, several Natives having died during the past four years at Hamua, whilst only one child has been born in the same period. The Maoris of Hamua are not living in the usual Native whares, but in wooden houses built in European style. They appear to be in good health as a whole, and to have to a great extent adopted European habits and dress, especially the male portion. The children are sent to the Hamua State school and appear to hold their own in the various standards.

7th November 1906 The roll number at the Public School is steadily increasing, nine new pupils having been admitted during the last month. The school was closed on Friday for the Palmerston Show, no holiday having been given for Labour Day. Extensive areas of land in the vicinity of the township have been recently stumped and ploughed. And when the crops are growing will improve the rural aspect of the district in no small degree. Two boys riding to school this morning were thrown. The bridle came off, and the horse began to buck. Neither of the lads were seriously hurt.

30th November 1906 Wellington Education Board Metalling at Hamua £4

1907

1907	63	Hamua	Kay	John	D1	Headmaster	£195	\$30,570
1907	63	Hamua	Nixon	Violet M	Lic	Assistant Female	£95	\$14,893

11th February 1907 Masterton A and P Association school garden plot competition the following schools had entered : —Matahiwi (five plots), Hukanui (five plots), Ihuraua (ten plots), Dreyerton (four plots), Kaipororo (one plot), Mauriceville West (seven plots), Taueru (four plots), and Hamua (six plots). Matahiwi won

24th April 1907 School Committee Messrs Tuckwell, Ogden, Galvin, Seavers, Johanson, Hercock, and Willis

1st October 1907 Hamua, T. Bailey, £16 13s 4d painting and repairs

7th December 1907 Miss Nixon, who has been assistant-teacher at the Hamua school during the past three years, has tendered her resignation to the Wellington Education Board.

3rd January 1908 on Wednesday last, at the Church of England, Pahiatua. Mr Robert Brown, of Dannevirke, was married to Miss Violet Nixon, of Mangamarama. After the ceremony Mr and Mrs Brown left for their home in Dannevirke

1908

1908	61	Hamua	Kay	John	D1	Headmaster	£195	\$30,570
1908	61	Hamua	Dougherty	Alice		Assistant Female	£85	\$13,325

12th February 1908 Miss M. Wilkinson is at present acting as relieving teacher at the Hamua School, the head teacher, Mr Kay being in Wellington Hospital, seriously ill.

14th February 1908 Wellington Education Board Miss J Marwick appointed assistant mistress

28th February 1908 Mr J Kay two weeks additional leave until the end of February

4th March 1908 Mr J. Kay, headmaster of the Hamua School, has just undergone a serious operation in the Wellington Hospital, but is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

7th April 1908 Miss A Docherty appointed assistant at Hamua

30th April 1908 School Committee F P Walkley (Chairman). L J Ogden (Secretary). H Hercock, D Hercock, A E Tuckwell, C Lawrence, and J P Lomax

1909

1909	61	Hamua	Ashley	John	D3	Headmaster	£180	\$28,604
1909	61	Hamua	Dougherty	Alice		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,302

26th February 1909 Education Department allocated £4 17s 2d for the library at Hamua

6th August 1909 The engagement is announced of Mr Willie Robieson, of Cavelands, Masterton, to Miss Florence Kay, daughter of Mr John Kay, Hamua.

27th August 1909 Mr John Kay resigns

9th October 1909 The Hamua schoolchildren's social held this week was rather a novel affair and was a most successful function. The children, most of whom were in fancy dress" rendered several coon and action songs under the direction of the Misses Tuckwell, Walden, Dougherty and Mr Jackson. During the evening songs rendered by Miss Walden (2) and Messrs A Moore, C. Mills and Carruthers, Miss Tuckwell playing the accompaniments. Good dance music was supplied by Miss Tuckwell. and Messrs C. Mills L. Ogden and F. Sedcole, and Mr Sedcole made an efficient M.C. The supper arrangements were well carried

out by a ladies' committee. A word of praise is due to Miss Waldren for the splendid manner in which she had decorated the hall. The following boys and girls appeared in fancy costume:—Dorothy Hercock, "Fairy Queen"; Enid Ross, "Bo-peep"; Myra Ross, "Jill"; Blanch. Walden, "Maori Girl"; Mary Gabrin, "Nurse": Olive Hercock, "Ivy"; Doris Hercock, "Folly"; Eva Webb, "Village Flirt"; Evelyn Webb, "Queen of Roses"; Dorothy Webb, "Flower Girl "; Ethel Wolland, "Forget-me-Not"; Annie Mabey, "Highland Lass": Lily Webb, "Flower Girl"; Lorna Lawrence, "Flower Girl"; Margaret Sedcole, "Turkish Girl"; Ivy Sedcole, "Daisy Bell"; Lottie Sievers, "Red White and Blue": Agnes Bourke, "Apple Blossom"; Annie Bourke. "Peach Blossom"; Marie Johanson, "Dorothy Draggletail"; Kenneth 1 Lawrence, "Sailor Boy"; Rupert Payne, "Little Boy Blue"; Frank Webb, "Footballer"; Fred. Webb, "Butcher"; Harrold Webb, "Nigger Sambo"; J. Mitchell, "Sailor Boy"; Otto Johanson, "Massa Johnson"; Oscar Johanson, "Nigger Bones"; Arthur Brown, "Nigger"; Frank Henderson, "Nigger Moses"; Clarence Tatauranga "Sailor Boy"; Otto Sievers, "Nigger Tambo"; Tom Henderson, "Ikey"; Ted Payne, "Fat Tom"; Arthur Truman, "Fireman": Jackey White, "Tom Thumb"; Willie Walden, "Schoolboy"; Waka Walden, "Highlander"; Eric Payne, "Soldier"; Ben Walden, "Cricketer."

23rd October 1909 A successful social was held in the Hamua Hall last evening. The function was inaugurated by the school children and parents, and tendered to the Misses Tuckwell, Walden and Payne in recognition of their services In connection with the recent school concert. Mr Robert Smith, of Onslow Park, in a neat speech, made complimentary reference to the good work done by these young ladies. Master Otto Johansen, in a very appropriate speech, presented the ladies with a gold brooch each. The, recipients each briefly responded. During the evening Miss Walden, who possesses a very sweet soprano voice, sang several songs, a cakewalk was neatly executed by the two little Misses Ross, who also sang a duet, and Mr G. Oxley gave a recitation. Dance music was supplied by Miss Walden, Miss Tuckwell, Mr W. Watts, and Mr Manguson, and Mr K. Cavanagh made a capital M.C A word of praise is due to Mrs Johansen and Mrs G. Ross for the splendid arrangements made for the social. A good supper was provided by the ladies.

26th November 1909 Wellington Education Board

The 'following applications and offers were declined:— Hamua (offer of residence, but that "a lease of the residence site be granted to Mr Bedingfield for a period of five years from January 1st, 1911, rent free),

11th December Mr J Ashley be appointed Headmaster [There was a Mr Ashley as Acting Headmaster of the new Lansdowne School until Mr Drummond arrived from Carterton. Then a Mr W Ashley relieving at Dalefield in September 1909 But no Mr Ashley teaching in New Zealand in 1910. Though 27th April 1910 Mr Ashley was given leave with salary from Hamua. That's my last reference to Mr Ashley]

22nd December 1909 Miss Doherty, the assistant teacher at the Hamua School, has been presented by the pupils with ,a, set of silver-mounted brushes as a mark of esteem.

1910

1910	55	Hamua	Mickle	Paul A D	C3	Headmaster	£190	\$29,786
1910	55	Hamua	Lees	Eliza A		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,109

19th February 1910 The Hamua School picnic was held at Mr M. Galvin's ground, yesterday. A visitor states that the picnic was a decided success, and the best yet held by the Hamua

School Committee. A social was held in the Hamua Hall in the evening and was also well attended. A

23rd March 1910 Mr Dineen Truant Officer wrote in his report to Wellington Education Board When visiting some of the houses in the' country, he found that milking was responsible for a very unsatisfactory attendance in the case of at least six families at Mangarama, Nireaha Mangamaire, and Hamua.

27th April 1910 Mr Ashley was given leave with salary from Hamua by Wellington Education Board

27th April 1910 School Committee D Sedcole, L Ogden, Tuckwell, Johansen, D Hercock, White

7th May 1910 Wedding at Hamua. . On Tuesday morning this week the marriage of Miss Alice Dougherty unit Mr. John Fouhy, both of Hukanui, took place in the Catholic Church at Hamua, the Very Rev. Dean McKenna conducting the service. The bride, who was' given away by her father, wore a navy blue tailor-made costume, trimmed with white, and with it she wore a Wedgwood blue hat, and carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums and maidenhair fern. Her sister, Miss Dougherty, attended her as bridesmaid, wearing' a' dress of pale blue, with a brown hat, and carrying a bouquet of bronze with bronze streamers. Mr. Fouhy, brother of the bridegroom, fulfilled the duties of best man. The church had. been very prettily 'decorated for the occasion by friends, of the bride, who, after the ceremony was over, drove to the residence of the bride, where a reception was held

29th June 1910 Wellington Education Board Application for the use of the Hamua reserve was declined.

13th July 1910 Mr P Mickle now at Greytown appointed

27th July 1910 Wellington Education Board declined an offer a residence at Hamua

28th July 1910 e Education Board has decided to invite tenders for fire-screens tor schools. This was recommended by the department, and also by the committee of the Hamua School, which recently had a narrow escape from destruction by fire.

7th September 1910 Mr P. Mickle, who has received an lappointment at the Hamua School, was the recipient of a sovereign-case from the children, and a fountain pen and a set of George Eliot's works from the staff of the Greytown District High School, before leaving.

28th September 1910 The Wellington Education Board made the following, among other grants, at its monthly meeting yesterday :—Hamua, extra tank. £4 15s

1911

1911	60	Hamua	Mickle	Paul A D	C2	Headmaster	£195	\$30,839
1911	60	Hamua	Lee	Mary E	D5	Assistant Female	£90	\$14,234

31st January 1911 The assistant at Hamua is to be paid salary for February and released from duty. Eliza A Lees only at Hamua I cannot find her teaching anywhere else

14th March 1911 Miss M Lee appointed. Mary E Lee from Manakau Horowhenua

27th March 1911 Selected Schools only ha following is the average attendance at the chief schools in the Wairarapa district during the past year: —, Pahiatua D.H.S. 238, , Mangatainoka 145, Eketahuna 113, Fernridge 86. Clareville 83, Nireaha 65, Konini 61, Scarborough 59, Pongaroa 50., Hamua, 53,

1st April 1911 Hamua School, The annual picnic of Hamua School was held .on March 9 last. The weather was delightful, and every child received a prize before going home. Some eighty children sat down at tea beneath the shade of the sheltering pines, the scene being a very pleasant one. The outing was a most successful one.

The school plot for agriculture, has just been dug up, in preparation for work for the class this year. The grounds present an attractive appearance, in contrast to the forlorn-looking spectacle of a few months back.

Miss Chatwin, from South Wellington .School, has been relieving-assistant for the past' two months. She will be replaced by Miss Lee, of Manakau School, who has been appointed to the position.

The average attendance for this year promises to be a good one. One week averaged 98 per cent of the roll.

Mr. T. R. Fleming, the board's chief inspector, paid his inspection visit to the school on March .22. He expressed himself as well pleased with the satisfactory state of the grounds, etc. Only one child was absent from school that day.

A new supply of agricultural implements has arrived for work in connection with the school classes in agriculture. It is intended to have the plot enclosed by an evergreen hedge.

26th April 1911 he term holiday of the Hamua school is to be varied this winter, to meet the convenience of the teacher.

24th June 1911 On Friday, .Tune 16, a children's and adults fancy dress ball was held in the Hamua Hall, in aid of the school sports funds. There was a crowded house, and the funds will benefit considerably. The hall was tastefully decorated with nikau palms, tree, ferns, and native shrubs. The stage was converted into a drawing-room, and comfortably furnished with card tables for those who did not dance. In front of the stage a tennis net with rackets suspended on both sides told at a glance the object, of the gathering. The' Bush Union's Junior Football Challenge shield won by Hamua last season, was on show. The team are mostly old boys of the school, and the winning of the shield was an example of what Hamua school was capable of. The children were all in fancy dress and reflected credit on all concerned. After going through the Grand March with credit to Miss Lee, the assistant mistress who had trained the children in this, a programme of children's dances was gone through, till 9.30 p.m., when the adults took the floor. The children were afterwards assembled on the stage. Mr. Mickle, the headmaster, addressed the assembly, thanking all who had helped, and emphasising the need for well-organised games in the schools. He pointed out that the late Cecil Rhodes desired to give athletic training a good marking in awarding the scholarships under his name. Unless games were .taught at school, and especially in the backblocks, then, these children would be at a disadvantage in competing with their fellows later on in life. Supper was served at 11 p.m., and everyone "was well pleased with the evening's entertainment

1st July 1911 The profits from the recent fancy dress dance will enable the Hamua School to purchase a good cricket set, two more tennis rackets, a new tennis net, and a croquet set. The croquet lawn was levelled off and sown down in the autumn and is already looking green with the young grass. The School Committee is planting a hedge of macrocarpa along the road fence. This should take, off the bareness of the grounds and provide shelter. The old

tennis court has had the boards taken up, and the boys during agriculture period are levelling off the ground in preparation for a tennis court, which will be sown in grass.

19th August 1911 Measles are' prevalent in Hamua just now, the local school having only 40 per cent of the roll number present last week.

1912

1912	52	Hamua	Mickle	Paul A D	C2	Headmaster	£200	\$30,672
1912	52	Hamua	Fouhy	Alice Mrs	D4	Assistant Female	£90	\$13,802

Alice Fouhy had taught at Hamua school before her marriage as Alice Doherty In May 1910 she married John Fouhy. They had a son in 1911

1911/4747	Fouhy	Dave	Alice John
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I can find no further reference to a Dave Fouhy

Alice Fouhy First taught at Hukanui in 1901 and from 1902 to 1905 was Pupil Teacher at Pahiatua and then a two year gap where I guess she went to Wellington Training college before coming back to Hamua to teach before her marriage

Alice then went to Hataitai for 10 years before transferring to a Masterton School. Alice died in 1953

1953/20579	Fouhy	Alice	65Y
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24th April 1912 School Committee . J Bourke (chairman), R. Cavanagh, H. White, C. Cavanagh, G. Smith, S. Johansen, and R. Russell.

29th May 1912 Wellington Education Board Hamua, I ½ -inch boarded fence, latrines;

29th May 1912 Wellington Education Board Hamua, fence, etc., £17 10s;

26th June 1912 Miss M E Lee resigns

12th August 1912 Mrs A Fouhy appointed assistant mistress at the Hamua School

30th October 1912 Wellington Education Board Hamua, residence site; That Mr Bedingfield be granted a three years' extension of lease to December 31st, 1918, provided ho puts the building into and maintains it in order to the satisfaction of the board.

1913

1913	48	Hamua	Mickle	Paul A D	C2	Headmaster	£205	\$30,750	£25.00
1913	48	Hamua	Fouhy	Alice Mrs	C3	Assistant Female	£95	\$14,250	

£25.00 is for there not being a schoolhouse for the Head Teacher

1914

1914	46	Hamua	Mickle	Paul A D	C1	Headmaster	£210	\$30,066	£25.00
1914	46	Hamua	Fouhy	Alice Mrs	C2	Assistant Female	£105	\$15,033	

6th May 1914 A golf club has been formed at Hamua. Mr P. Ay D. Mickle has been appointed secretary and treasurer, and Messrs G. Smith, J. Carruthers, S. Walkley, J. Dougherty and G. K. Smith a general committee. [The links were on Mr Watchman's property

1915

1915	48	Hamua	Mickle	Paul A D	C1	Headmaster	£220	\$29,469	£30.00
1915	48	Hamua	Fouhy	Alice Mrs	C2	Assistant Female	£140	\$18,753	

9th March 1915 the School, Hamua, goods for British and Belgian Fund

9th April 1915 The residents of Hamua, Forty Mile Bush, are holding a gathering to-day, to raise funds for the Belgian relief

25th June 1915

Mrs. P. A. D. Mickle, Hamua, was hostess at a Red Cross tea on Tuesday, afternoon, and although it- was very wet, a good number of ladies and several gentlemen were present. Mrs. Foss, of Hukanui, will be the hostess on Wednesday of next week. These teas have been originated in Hamua by Mrs. Mickle for the purpose of raising funds for the wounded soldiers.

6th September 1915 Mr. Norrie - Ball, the, professional golf coach from .Wellington, is staying' with Mr. -and Mrs. -P. A. D. Mickle, the. schoolhouse, Hamua-.

18th September 1915 Red Cross Tea at .Hamua.The honorary secretary, Mrs. Paul Mickle, is forwarding the sum of £3 16s., the proceeds from six teas. The hostess on Wednesday of next week will be Mrs. J. Willis, "Burn View, Hamua. Mrs. Paul Mickle, - hon. secretary of Red Cross Teas, Hamua, is prepared to receive three dozen pairs 'of socks used by men in camp at Trentham, which require mending. This matter was discussed at Mrs. W.J. Smith's afternoon, and each lady is willing to do a share in. the mending.

12th November 1915 Mr P A D Mickle of Hamua has been appointed Head Teacher at Manakau

14th December 1915 Mr J Barnett appointed as head Teacher at Hamua. Mr Barnett came from Rongokoako School 7 Kilometres west of Eketahuna

18th December 1915 St Johns Ambulance Fund Junior division of Hamua School 15 shillings. The St John Ambulance Association acknowledges receipt of 10 pairs of bed socks made by the senior girls of the Hamua School

20th December 1915 Mr Paul Mickle, headmaster of - the Hamua School, who is leaving shortly, for Manakau, was on Thursday afternoon presented by the scholars with a' case of silver-mounted ebony hair brushes.

22nd December 1915 Before the closing of the .Hamua school for the summer holidays, the pupils made a presentation of a handsome case of silver-mounted ebony hair brushes to the headmaster (Mr P. A. D. Mickle), who has been promoted to the charge of the Manakau school.

1916-1917

1917	43	Hamua	Barnett	John	Head	D-57	£220	\$24,658
1917	43	Hamua	Fouhy	Alice Mrs	C2	C-77	£160	\$17,933

19th January 1916 Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Mickle of the School House, Hamua, leave for their now home at Manakau at the end of this week

10th January 1916 WELLINGTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL. The sixth half-yearly meeting of the Diocesan Council was held yesterday at St. Patrick s Hall, Boulcott street. Mrs A Fouhy Hamua was present

25th January 1916 Mr P. A. D. Mickle and Mrs Mickle, of Hamua,- who are .removing to Manakau, were entertained by the Hamua Golf Club last week. Mr Mickle, who has been the secretary of the club since its inception, was presented with a handsome travelling rug.

19th April 1916 School Committee Messrs J Fergusson (Chairman), P Davies, M Simonsen, H Taylor, J Hobbs, Mr J Barnett headmaster was elected secretary

9th June 1916 Hamua Red Cross Tea. Mrs. J.' Barnett, "The Schoolhouse," Hamua, was hostess at a Bed Cross tea held at her residence on Wednesday Inst. There was a large attendance and a very .pleasant time was spent by those present,

13th June 1916 St Johns ambulance Hamua School 28 jug covers, 8 eye bandages, 8 swabs, 6 fomentation packs

31st July 1917 Christmas gifts for soldiers Hamua School £1 11 shillings

1st September 1917 he exhibition of needlework done by school children now on view at the Education Board Building in Mercer-street is well worth seeing and considering from several points of view. Not only is the work neat and well done, but it shows thoughtfulness and originality in a high degree. Hamua was in a long list of participating schools

1918-1919

1919	44	Hamua	Barnett	John	Head	D-54	£310	\$28,005
1919	44	Hamua	Fouhy	Alice Mrs	C2	C-74	£210	\$18,971

1920-1921

1921	44	Hamua	Blake	Charles M	Head	D	£350	\$30,132
1921	44	Hamua	Anderson	Ida E	Assistant	D	£220	\$18,940

28th January 1920 Wellington Education Board . Residence £910 Hamua

20th February 1920 Miss Wilkins has been appointed relieving teacher Hamua

16th March 1920 Miss E Ball appointed assistant

19th July 1921 Mr. Barnett, of Hamua, has been appointed headmaster. in place of Mr. A. T. White, at the Paraparaumu School,' the latter having left to take up duties in Wellington. Prior to leaving he was entertained and made the recipient of presentations from the Sports Club, Rifle and Tennis Clubs, the public, and the school children.

Mrs Fouhy went to Hataitai School in Wellington

Ida Anderson taught at Lansdowne School Masterton in 1917

1922-1923

1923	43	Hamua	Abraham	Robert H	Head	D-143	£305	\$28,033
1923	43	Hamua	McManus	Mary E	Assistant	D-187	£223	\$20,496
1923	43	Hamua	Willis	Barbara B	Probationer 2		£78	\$7,169

Robert Abraham started his career for the Wellington Education Board teaching at Pencarrow in 1912. at the heads of Wellington Harbour. He was at Mangaroa near Upper Hutt in 1914 and 1915 and Ponatahi in 1921 before coming to Hamua

Mary E McManus was teaching at Wadestown School from 1909 to 1912, then went to Pongaroa in 1913 and 1914. Then back to Wellington in 1915 and in 1919 until she came to

Hamua she taught in the Hospital School at Wellington Hospital attached to the Newtown School

National Archives Hamua Records

Hamua

School Building

1892 528 square feet

1900 Additional room 528 square feet

Same at 31st January 1951

School residence built 1921 5 rooms Destroyed by fire 24th November 1940 Deducted 1940

1945 New residence 6 rooms 882 square feet

Garage 180 square feet

Sec 112 10 Acres

Paved area 3000 square. feet for Physical Education 1953

Hamua 1918- 1968

14th December Application for a residence at Hamua

The teacher has a wife and 4 children

The Board is to purchase a residence situated on the school site which was built by a former teacher at his own cost and is his property. It is also proposed to put the building into good repair including painting Outbuildings have been provided by the Board

Amount applied for [To the Department] £255

Accompanying letter included

In 1900 the board granted permission to Head Teacher Mr d Bedingfield to erect at his own cost a residence on the school reserve. In order that he might not suffer loss he was permitted to rent this residence to successive teachers. The arrangement however has not been altogether satisfactory as Mr Bedingfield felt that his money should no longer be locked up in that place and the buildings did not quite offer the comfort of accommodation that successive teacher desired The house contains 7 rooms the outside being entirely of heart timbers (totara and matai) Mr Bedingfield some years ago offered the Board But at the price the Board merely continued the right of occupation. He has now offered it at £100 and at this price the Architect is strongly of the opinion the the Board should purchase on the understanding that another £80 be allowed for renovating the house and £75 for the out buildings which it was found necessary to provide for the comfort of the teacher making a total of £250 The board asks that this be granted and an allowance be made on the basis of a residence say of £400 it being understood it is 18 years old.....

Average attendance 1915 48 1916 43 1917 43

Department asks what is the £ 75 for?

27th March 1919 Wellington Education Board writes to Minister and includes

- In my last Letter I explained that teacher's wanted a bath so it was found necessary to install a combined bath and washhouse. In order to prevent frequent change of teacher
- The expenditure was incurred last year
- Owing to the small size of the Kitchen 16 foot x 9 foot [4.87 meters x 2.74 metres] it was absolutely necessary to enable the kitchen to be used to remove the copper and tubs from the room
- There are no cupboards in the house at all
- The Board has found it necessary where there is a family to provide additional storage room

9th April 1919 Mr Stewart [Sec to Wellington Education Board] rang up and asked that no action be taken at present re acquiring residence

30th May 1919 Mr F H Bakewell [Senior School Inspector] has written a long letter to the Wellington Education Board on the matter of what happened at Ballance. This article is in the Hamua File and I have taken extracts from this letter and will include it in both school files

- There has been trouble at Ballance over teacher's accommodation from the very establishment of the school [1890]
- One of the teachers bought a piece of land and built a house for himself
- The house was rented by his successors
- A year or two ago the house was purchased by the County Council for its engineer
- No one will build a house and there is no home to rent
- Since the war the teachers in charge have been unmarried and have found rather precarious lodging in whares and at some of the farms but the accommodation has been most unsatisfactory and there has been continual complaint from teachers and committees on the matter
- If a married teacher is to be appointed (and I think in the interests of the service we should have married teachers appointed to Grade III schools wherever possible
- Then it is necessary for the Department to build a suitable residence
- The roll in 1906 was 95 and it gradually decreased to 34 in 10 years the numbers have increased to 47
- I must say the price seems to excessive for 5 rooms but certainly a residence is needed
- The conditions are almost identical to Ballance
- Ballance Hamua (and others listed) were reported by me 15 years ago as urgent cases needing houses
- At Hamua the teacher refuses to live in the house
- I think there are special cases. Ballance is one and Hamua another