

Hastwell: 1888-1967 13 Kilometres from Eketahuna on Opaki Kaipororo Road. At the infamous Bush Sports with Marima School in 1968 I remember this school smaller than our 12 children following their banner around. The roll was about 7. A close affinity with Mauriceville West School with many Scandinavian pupils



Hastwell

The Land Board has decided set apart a block of land at Hastwell's Clearing, near Mauriceville, as a village settlement. The sections are to range from 5 to 50 acres. This decision was arrived at on the motion of Mr. McCardle, seconded by Mr. Bunny, at the meeting of the Board this morning 27th May 1886 PP

School buildings

School 1891 766 Sq ft

1896 Additions of 462 Sq Feet

1936 New Building 902 Square feet, 1228 Sq feet removed

Schoolhouse built 1909 6 rooms 1125 sq feet.

Section 43 Block XIV Area 4 Acres 3 Roods 05 perches

Property Lists

List of furniture appliances etc received from the Wellington Education Board

29th June Ten School desk, Teacher's table and chairs, Blackboard and easel, 1 small geography globe, Registers etc, 1 Ball frame, inkwells, Copy Books, 1 Colenso's Arithmetic, 1 map New Zealand

11th October Received Coniform? Register

2nd December 1890 Blackboard and easel

16th may 1892 1 Box of Models

13th May 1891 1 Bell

6th March 1891 Blackboard and easel, 70 song books

21st July 1892 15 pairs of clubs

6th March 1891 1 teacher's chair and desk

2nd December .1890 25 Dual desks, 6th March 1891, 14 dual desks

Kindergarten Materials

All 1891 or 1892, Weaving frame, Mats and needles, clay boards and tools, 2 boxes beads, 4 bundle sticks, coloured papers, puzzles and weaving mats, Folding paper designs

Maps World in hemispheres, World in Hemispheres Mercator's projection, England and Wales, Europe

Globes 2 1880 and 1891

4 Historical Cartoons

4 4 geography Charts

8 Natural History Charts

Chemical Apparatus

1 Clock 6th March 1891

Class Books; Standard reader Prep 11th May 1891, Colenso's Arithmetic, Blackies Arithmetic, Fairy Tale Books All 1891

13 Reading Sheets 1889 and 1891

Case of tin models June 11th 1894

1888

16th July Charles Conrad Hubbard opened the Hastwell Aided School at 9.30 on Monday July 16th 1888. Unfortunately for the opening day it was extremely wet- the attendance therefore was not as good as it would be otherwise would have been. There were 11 boys and 9 girls present.

20th July School open 10 times notwithstanding the fact it has rained more or less all the week!

The school numbers for this week has been 14 boys and 10 girls Average 21.9

25th July (Wednesday) exceptionally wet weather Heavy showers-morning noon and night. No fresh children enrolled as yet this week 14 children yet to come to complete the number 40 promised by these settlers on June 11th of current year! Have made 3 unavailing attempts to induce Working Committee to fix hinges on school closet door and repair the 2 remaining school desks! Have knocked up 2 rough forms for school use!

27th July (Friday) Thursday and Friday showed a decided improvement in the weather! Fervently to be hoped that there will be an improvement as regards Weather and Attendance! Average for past week 22.6. Heard tonight that some of the parents who promised to send children don't relish the idea of paying their mite towards rent!!!!

1st August (Wednesday) Sent off today Monthly report Working average came to 22.08!. Have enrolled 3 children this week Roll No.

to 29!. Weather has been somewhat better this week! Committee fixed up the 2 remaining school desks and closet yesterday!

3rd August (Friday) Wet again yesterday and today! Enrolled 3 fresh scholars this week!! Total number on roll 29. Expect some fresh pupils next week as the chairman Mr. W J Crichton has brought his up from Wellington! Experiencing considerable difficulty in classifying children! Almost impossible to introduce uniform set of books for the school as parents being very poor object to charge of books. Every other child almost has a different book!

8th August (Wed) Weather somewhat improved this week and as a natural consequence the Attendance has also improved! The chief difficulty that a teacher has to contend with, in this school as doubtless in the district surrounding neighbourhood, is the fact that European nationalities are so very mixed that considerable jealousy exists not only amongst the parents but unfortunately affects the children also, more particularly the girls in the school!. The only remedy for this is to be invariantly impartial!

10th August (Friday) Admitted 2 boys and 1 girl this week which brings the total rollup to 32 in all! The average for the past week has been 27.5 The highest average yet obtained in this school! It is to be hoped that the average will yet improve! Commenced raining again today!

15th August (Wednesday) Monday of this week was a horribly wet day. It is a wonder how the 22 children present in the forenoon were even allowed to leave their homes on such a morning for it literally rained "cats and dogs" Reflects great credit on both parents and children. It is to be hoped however that the poor children some of them very young ones, may not be laid up by coughs, colds etc in consequence of their temerity. Admitted a boy and a girl on Monday

and Tuesday respectively bringing up the number of children on the roll to 34!

17th August (Friday) Most thankful to have to record that there have been since Tuesday some fine sunny days! Alas! Alas! It has started raining again this afternoon and bids to continue for a day or two

22nd August (Wednesday) Admitted one pupil yesterday. Roll now 35. Six more children yet to come to complete the number promised. Weather has been very showery and consequently dirty! Regret that some children are very irregular when with a little more self denial on parent's part they might attend! Feel bound to add with much pleasure that some of the children are most regular and attentive to their lessons "Silver Lining in Every Cloud"!!!

Started opening morning school @ 9 a.m.!!

24th August (Friday) Heavy rain and violent gusts of wind last night. Door of closet torn off its hinges!! Average for past week 29.1. This is the largest average yet obtained!!! It is hoped that it may continue high!

29th August (Wednesday) Heavy rain on Monday lasting until 7.30 a.m. on Tuesday! Fear that average will fall this week!. Everybody in district being more or less poor, great jealousy exists at the idea the teacher getting what is considered here a decent cheque at the end of the quarter!!! School Committee met last Saturday and after journey the Teacher as to average etc have started this week sending their and other's children irregularly Cannot help thinking that it is a great pity that local board to not pay their teachers direct instead of through Committee

31st August (Friday) Continual Showers all the week Average past week 25.7 Average for past month 26.6 From various causes it is doubtful what the quarterly average will be !!

5th September (Wednesday) A decided change in the weather for the better set in with the first of the month!!!. Slight showers since yesterday evening but nothing to talk of. Wish I could chronicle that the attendance was equally good! Some children mere dummies on the roll! Scandinavians and Swiss are most regular, as a rule, in sending their children! The British are woefully lax in this respect!!

7th September (Friday) Glad to chronicle the 1st week of June Weather since the school was opened. Severe frost last night with a beautiful sunny day following it! Average for last week 26.4 Roll =31 Irregularity of some children is painful to behold!

12th September Wednesday Fine weather of last week proved like most earthly blessings of short duration! Started raining on Sunday afternoon after occasional showers on Monday to Tuesday, culminated in heavy showers of rain intermingled with snow and sleet! Conduct of certain parents in repeatedly keeping children at home, cannot but be characterised as most reprehensible! To petition for the establishment of a school and then fail to give it adequate support or at any rate, throw the burden on some few residents!!

14th September (Friday) Smartish frost for this time of year last night!! Weather promises again to be fine! Regret to add that children taking the cue from their parents exhibit certain amount jealousy amongst themselves. Teacher seriously tries to be strictly impartial. Roll 32

19th September (Wednesday) Had squally showery weather during the week. Tolerably fine today though windy at times! Looks as though we shall have more rain again soon. Average is about the same but ought and could easily be much more improved if parents would only show a little more attention to appreciation of the advantages of education for their children! From my short experience

of alien nations I cannot help to thinking, that Scandinavians are the most captious narrow minded mischief making people you could possibly meet

21st September (Friday) Weather since writing last, totally fine, notwithstanding the usual equinoctial gales. Average for week 35.9 Roll 30 One more week and the quarterly returns will have to be made up

26th September (Wednesday) Another change in the weather! Heavy showers of rain having fallen since last Monday! Looks as if this kind of weather is likely to continue for some days yet! This is the last week of the quarter and from the very poor attendance, it is feared that the average for the quarter will scarcely reach 25 as I fondly hoped! Though from a roll number of about 30, it is hopeless to expect a high average

28th September (Friday) Been a grand day today- warm as a summers day, with a beautiful blue, cloudless sky! Goodness knows what teacher's salary will be! Won't be a very large cheque, though he will have had long enough to wait!!!

3rd October (Wednesday) Another change in the weather, since last Sunday! Showery, windy and chilly! Heard yesterday that Mr. Lester will shortly be leaving the district for Wellington where he has succeeded in obtaining, to all appearances permanent situation! This is very much to be regretted as his departure will remove 4 of the most regular and well behaved children from the school!!! Could readily spare almost any other children than the Lester's

5th October (Friday) Heavy showers of rain, accompanied violent gusts of wind experienced here the last day or two! Very cloudy tonight looks as if more rain is likely to fall! Admitted 7 Boys and 14

girls this the first week of the new quarter Average for last week 26.7 Roll 31. (*The figures are as written to make sense*)

10th October (Wednesday) Admitted two fresh scholars this week but heard today that 2 Mulchay's has left the district for Masterton so that there is no improvement in the numbers of the school!

Tolerably fine weather today but there is a high wind blowing tonight and very likely will rain again before morning! "There is no wind without rain" is an old and very true proverb

12th October (Friday) Sure enough we had heavy showers of rain, since writing the above! Looks as though we shall have a frost tonight for a change!

Roll 33 Average 26.2 Quite an epidemic of coughing amongst the children

17th October (Wednesday) admitted one fresh pupil on Monday which brings to roll to 20 boys and 14 girls. 34 in all! Parents of children attending local school seemed to be greatly exercised at rumours regarding the removal of this school to a site adjoining the railway station at Mangamahoe! It would be a great pity if this were to take place as a school at Mangamahoe would be a great deal too far for these children to travel to and in fact would prove a failure! For there would not be sufficient children as far as can be seen now to feed the school there

19th October (Friday) Tolerable fine weather throughout the week! Roads and tracks becoming fine and dry, rendering locomotion of children to and from school pleasant and easy, so that average for present quarter should be good. Average for past week 26.9 Roll = 34 24th October Admitted one fresh pupil this week, bringing up the roll number to 35 in all! Very showery more or less all the week, since Sunday when it rained heavily! Violent shock of earthquake last night

which shook the school buildings to its very foundation! Such shocks seem very prevalent in this district, whatever the cause may be!

26th October Blowing a Hurricane tonight! Looks very likely more rain, which indeed would do a world of good in many ways. Roll 32

31st October (Wednesday) Experienced very boisterous winds and squally weather since last Sunday afternoon, intermingled with heavy rain! School closet blown down last night!

Attendance of some children most irregular! The real secret being that Parents of such children, are altogether indifferent at and callous about the education of their children! Shall be losing 4 of the most regular children this week! Which is very much to be regretted

2nd November (Friday) Violent gust of wind and regular downpour of rain since Wednesday night! Seemed jolly like a second deluge! Attendance from this and other reasons exceedingly erratic and poor@ Average for past week 21.6 with roll of 32

7th November (Wednesday) Weather Like a woman has been exceedingly fickle during the last 3 or 4 days!! Heavy showers of rain intermingled with hot sunny days! Has been cloudy and rainy all today and looks threatening tonight. By the bye received cheque, in payment of last quarter's salary, last night, more than 4 months of hard uphill work, in organising new school etc etc. without a single penny!! Great Pity education board cannot arrange to pay salaries monthly, like some boards for a teacher loses interest in their scanty stipends!!!

10th November (Saturday) Obtained ½ days leave of absence on Thursday afternoon to enable me to see some friends off! Pouring with rain today! Roll 31

14th November (Wednesday) Lost the four Suters out of the school last week, which I much to be regretted as they were very regular in

attendance and well behaved!!! My own idea is unless some children turn up which is not likely this Quarter's Average will be very low and what is more this school is not likely to last after the end of the current year! Admitted or rather readmitted one pupil this week

16th November Had horrible weather more or less all through the week! Nothing but violent gusts of wind, interspersed with heavy rain! Looks still very threatening Average for week 20.6 Roll 27!

21st November (Wednesday) Weather more or less wet intermingled with heavy gusts for wind since commencement of week! Attendance very poor! Families residing close to the school rarely, if ever, sending their children. From every point of view it is most lamentable to see Parents so indifferent regarding the Education of the rising generation!! Heard this afternoon that the toll gate and Post Office had been removed to the Mangamahoe Railway Station which will undoubtedly prove a most inconvenient spot for the Hastwell Settlers

23rd November Friday Heavy showers of rain all through the week Wonder how some of the children some very young ones too be sent through pouring rain to school!! Average falling! Weekly average 20.2 Roll 23!

28th November (Wednesday) Weather the prevailing topic, still continues as unintelligible and wavering as ever! Looks jolly like as if winter had come again! Very boisterous winds experienced in this district, for the last few weeks! No signs yet of weather improving! Average still lower this week! Most disheartening for a teacher, to witness such flagrant apathy on the part of parents who less than 6 months ago were clamorous for a school!!!

30th November (Friday) Rather finer weather the last two days though still blowy Average for week 21.3 Weekly roll=25 Average should be far higher if parents would only send their children!!!

6th December (Thursday) Frosty Nights and sunny days, the last two days! Pleasant change after all the rain we have had! At a School Committee meeting held on Saturday 1st instant it was proposed by Mr. Crichton (Chairman) "That this school be immediately closed, that the Education Board be advised thereof"!! This motion was made in consequence of the teacher having requested the Committee to pay him the balance of £1-11-3d due from Teacher's salary for quarter ending September 30th according to what Mr. Dorset the Board's Secretary in June Post led the teacher to expect viz that the Teacher's Salary would be at the rate of £00 per annum. Dissatisfaction was also expressed by the settlers, at the Education Board having not replied to the Chairman's letter to Board re requesting the Board either to erect a school in the district or to pay the rent of the schoolroom as owing to the straitened circumstances of Settlers, they found themselves utterly unable to pay even the rent of the schoolroom, much less make up any deficiency in the Teacher's salary!! Notwithstanding the somewhat novel motion of chairman re closing school forthwith, this school has been kept open, with an attendance of 21 children for current week!!!

7th December (Friday) Fine weather for the last three days. Looks cloudy now however, and to fear we shall have more rain! A pity New Zealand cannot let Australia have some of the surplus rain!

Average for past week 19.7 Roll 21 This is the lowest average we have had yet!!! The petty jealousies and rivalries existing between heterogeneous races in the district coupled with apathy towards education are the direct causes of the falling in school average!!!

13th December (Thursday) Weather still very unsettled! Heavy showers of rain and unusually cold for this time of the year! Heard at School Committee meeting last Saturday night that there is he

likelihood of Education Board making a grant towards erecting a temporary school on Hastwell's clearing which will prove a boon to settlers in the district!!!

14th December (Friday) Cannot record any change for the better in the weather! Continuous showery and cold with dismal sky overhead. All harvests will be late this year. Slight improvement in average roll 24 As this is the last week but one of quarter Quarterly average cannot be lower than that for last quarter

19th December Wednesday Another change in weather this week Fine, warm, sunny days. Rather too warm to be pleasant the sun beating down on iron roof making temporary school room at times almost like an oven! Am trying to get in some prizes for children but settlers being more or less impoverished find it hard to collect sufficient cash for a school prize ceremony

21st December (Friday) Tolerable fine weather all through the week! To be hoped that the weather during the holidays will be equally good!! Have just completed quarterly return Average for past quarter 22.91 Weekly roll 28.08. Miserable low average for the number of children of school age in the district

Scandinavians and the one Swiss Family lately left the district have been and are the backbone of the school!!! The indifference of education of the rising generation on the part of English Speaking Races is sad to behold. Hope the New Year will prove an improvement on the last quarter

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30th January (Wednesday) Reopened the school on Monday 28th of January Enrolled up to date only 18 pupils Am told this is a busy time

of the year as settlers are engaged in cutting grass seed etc. Somewhat cloudy today and consequently cooler

1st February (Friday) Enrolled 18 pupils up to date, expect that more will turn up next week here have been several nice showers during the last 24 hours which will do a lot of good!

6th February Since writing the above there has been a meeting of the School Committee held in the school house last Saturday night. Tenders for new school building 2 in number were opened and the higher tender from Eketahuna was accepted to the exclusion of the one from a local man who was declared to be informal for the reason that the later did not contain a deposit. A certain amount of friction has been caused by the action of the Committee

8th February (Friday) Fine weather throughout the week though somewhat too warm at times! Mr. Hans Andersen, the proprietor of the present School House being dissatisfied with the action of the School Committee re tenders for new school building having given week's notice to remove the school furniture, the Committee have engaged temporary rooms, wherein the local school might be held until the regular building is erected! No. on school roll 23 Average 17.9

15th February (Friday) Mr. Hans Anderson has given School Committee a weeks notice to quit his house, the removal of furniture etc was effected on the 9th inst to Mr. O Anderson's house, but his furniture etc not having been taken out by Monday 11th the Committee decided to open the school on Tuesday. Bush Fires on Thursday and Friday afternoon prevented the school being held in the afternoons

21st February (Thursday) Since writing the last entry this settlement has been visited by a very disastrous fire in as much as two dwellings

occupied by Messrs Jarrett and Crichton have been burnt to the ground and though both were fortunately insured yet the loss to the above settlers, particularly Mr. Jarrett who was just about to get married and had built the most picturesque and handsomely furnished house in the district will be considerably great!. The temporary Schoolhouse and master's quarters were also in considerable danger, but fortunately owing to the exertions of Messrs Voss(Member of School Committee) Bosen, Olsen Haus, Larsen, the fire was kept down, but since the fire is still smouldering in the immediate neighbourhood it is to be feared that the temporary school building, may at anytime be swallowed up by the destructive Flames! There have been several slight showers but hardly sufficient to be of any great aid in quenching the fires!

22nd February (Friday) Fires still prevailing fresh ones having been within the last 24 hours started by the Maoris on their own land and which will be sure to spread in all directions according to the wind! 2 fresh pupils have been admitted this week, The No. of scholars on the roll is 24!!! Though the tender from Eketahuna was accepted yet there is no progress made owing to some "hitch" in the tender, which I presume will be considered tomorrow night by the Committee. Average for past week 19.9!!!

1st March (Friday) Temporary school which was removed from Mr. Hans Andersen's house on the 9th to Mr. Olaf Anderson's house near Hastwell has to be again removed to its last quarter owing to Messrs Hans and Olaf Anderson's having sold out their respective properties to Mr. Unsen? (Jens Hansen?) Andersen within the coming week

6th March (Wednesday) There is precious little to chronicle, from this out of the way place! Yesterday was thoroughly wet day and today a grand, warm, sunshiny one. The average attendance continues

poor; two families within close proximity to the temporary school buildings, persist in sending their children (those of school age) either not at or in sending them in one case (Askew) about 1 or ½ a day a week. At a Committee meeting to be held on Saturday the fresh tenders for the erection of a school building are to be opened and if anyone be accepted the building should be completed by the end of ~~March~~ April!!

8th March After 4 weeks in Mr. Olaf Andersen's late house near Toll (*Toll gate was towards the Mangamahoe end of Hastwell*)gate we have to remove the school back again to whence it was removed here on February 8th Such rapid changes, after a long holiday, cannot but affects both average and attendance!

13th March Wednesday Weather very boisterous last night followed by a beautiful sunshiny day Looks as through we are in for another rough night having had this evening several heavy showers

The School Committee met last Saturday night to open tenders for erection of new school building- there being only 1 Committee decided to accept Mr. Canute' Staubery's? tender of £55 and decided to give Mr. Staubery the remaining paid to put up the outhouses etc! We removed into old quarters at Mr. H Andersen's late home on Monday last! It is to be hoped that this may for me to be the last change of location for school. Till it be removed to its permanent quarter at Hastwell's Clearing

15th March (Friday) Very rough weather, the last 2 days with heavy showers of rain, and stormy rough winds! Roll 25 Average 22.4

20th March (Wednesday) very little to write about this week except the attendance of some children is shockingly bad, and the absence of several children of school age is most aggravating. Such a hue and cry for the Board to establish a school and then support the school in

such a meagre way! Scandinavians as a rule seem far more anxious to obtain education for their children than the British! Though it is to be remembered that having to pay rent for the hired building proves a very "Thorn in the Flesh

NB Hastwell was still an aided school meaning the Board paid a rate at a per head basis and the School Committee found the rest

22nd March (Friday) Rather too warm today to be quite comfortable! Scarcity of water in the immediate neighbourhood of temporary school is a great cause of trouble! Have to go beyond the mill to fetch water

27th March (Wednesday) Since Saturday we have had very heavy showers, in fact the weather has been more or less wintry- morning and night cold! The attendance of some of the children has been very, very good considering that many of them are of tender ages and that they have come to school from a distance, through pouring rains! The contractor for the new school building is I am told making good progress with his work! It has to be finished by the 20th prox:!

29th march (Friday) Sharp frost last night but looks cloudy again this evening! Just made up quarterly and monthly return. The former – 19 and the latter =20.07 Quite impossible to obtain a higher average with only 25 on the roll! Must hope that the new quarter will be an improvement on the last!!!

2nd April (Tuesday) Had occasion today to punish Joseph Sorensen, for being frequently late for school without any adequate cause! He was 25 minutes late this morning and when asked by me, why he was late, he refused to give utterance to a single word; I therefore gave him four cuts with the supple-jack and also gave him an imposition to write out 30 times "I must always be in time for school" 15 times and "I must always answer the Master" 15 times. When he had finished

the above imposition and brought it up to my desk I found he had added these words "You must Let us out on time" Whereupons I gave him 4 more palmers with a supple jack and hit him over the shoulders one or twice telling him to go back to his seat and write out " I must not be impertinent" which he did 4 times in fact both sides of his slate, when I told him to go to his dinner, telling him to repeat the latter imposition to the end of the week! With regard to keeping the children in later in the afternoon I wish to add that expecting the Inspectors visit during the current week, I felt justified in doing so

5th April (Friday) Fairly good weather throughout the week! This being the first week of the 2nd Quarter 12 Boys and 10 Girls have been admitted. Roll 22 Weekly Average 20.2! The Inspectors visit to examine the school tomorrow the 6th Instant or thereabouts, forms the all engrossing topic amongst parents and Children, Settlers in general and last but not least he School Master!!! An anxious time! Shall be glad when it is over!!!

10th April (Wednesday) Mr. Inspector Lee has deferred the Examination of this school to Wednesday 17th instant. The weather during the last 48 hours has been more or less blowy: Today was cloudy and looks as if we shall have rain soon. Monday last the 8th Instant was a district holiday owing to the opening of the line to Eketahuna: This school therefore was closed.

12th April (Friday) Admitted 2 boys and 1 girl this week. Roll 25! Weekly average 23! There is very little traffic now that the line to Eketahuna has been opened! One consolation is that the roads will be in far better condition this coming winter than they were, last year! Slight shows of rain are falling 8.30 p.m. which will serve to lay the dust, that has been flying in clouds all day!

17th April *Robert Lee Inspector writes in log.* I visited and examined Hastwell School today for the first time. 22 children are attending.

Primers = 9, Standard 1 = 6, Standard 2=2, Standard 3 =1, Standard 4-4

Passes made are Standard 1=6, Standard 2=2, Standard 3=1, Standard 4 = 3. One excepted Standard 4

The condition of the primer class is satisfactory. Good discipline is maintained. I consider the building in progress 24 feet x 15 feet (7.3 meters x 4.2 metres) a very good one for the outlay

The long entries in this book on the state of the weather are uncalled for. Only necessary occasional actions need be made. The quality of work is very promising of good results in the future

Maps of Europe and the world also some wall pictures are needed

26th April (Friday) Moved into the new school last Wednesday the 24th instant! Though I was led to believe that there would be a larger attendance of children, as soon as the school at Hastwell's Clearing was opened, regret to find that not as single new child has as yet made and appearance!! I feel convinced that the chief Barrier to Parent's sending their children to this school is the repeated calls that the Working Committee are obliged to make, to defray incidental expenses that must of necessity crop up from time to time, until this school is able to secure a grant from the Education Board to meet these experiences. Roll 23

6th May (Monday) Just made up last week's register etc! Admitted one girl last week!! Roll 24 Went to Wellington on Saturday,. Called at the office and saw Secretary and School Inspector!. C C Hubbard

10th May (Friday) On reaching the school house on Wednesday the 8th, found that the latch of the porch door had fastened it, so that we could not get in! After trying several ways of forcing the door etc,

etc, at last succeeded in getting in through one of the windows and unlocking the school door from the inside, got the latch of the porch door to work back! Admitted 2 boys and 2 girls this week. Roll =26! Weekly Average =20.4

17th May (Friday) Admitted 3 boys and 2 girls this week making number on roll = 32 in all! School prizes, 25 books were distributed yesterday afternoon, which pleased the children much! Have written a week ago for Pass cards for this school, and hope to receive them in a day or two! Weather very changeable, as indeed is to be expected, this time of the year!

24th May (Friday) Queens Birthday! No School! Glorious Day!. Regular "Queen's Weather"!!! Received last Saturday the 18th 7 Chamber's Reading Sheets from WD! Secretary promised in a few days to send some maps that are urgently required, for though children have Atlas's, yet there is nothing like a map to teach Geography from! Roll 31

NB Received inspector's report on 18th

31st May (Friday) Fine weather throughout the week! The whole of this month has been noted for frosty nights and beautiful sunny days Just finished making up monthly return Average for past month 25.5 7th June (Friday) Tolerably good weather all week. Unusually mild for this time of the year! Sorry to say the weekly average has fallen below that of last week, average = 23.8. Weekly roll = 30! Regret to have to record that some of the children habitually come late to school, without any adequate reason! I hope however to find an improvement in this aspect before too long!

14th June (Friday) Admitted one new pupil (A Maori) this week brings the roll to 17 boys and 15 girls or 32 in all! Severe frost the

last two days, School room very very cold. Takes a long time to warm up the room!

21st June Received last Saturday 2 maps (World, Europe) from Education Board which are most welcome!

Weather throughout the week has been fine! The winter to June has been on the whole a mild one! Roll =31

Notwithstanding this seemingly good average, yet it might be higher if members of Committee would only try to keep their word, as to securing a better attendance and would themselves set the example

28th June (Friday) Weather mostly wet throughout the week! Attendance therefore fell off a bit!. Last Wednesday a wet day, there were 17 children in the forenoon and 18 in the afternoon. 17 Scandinavians and 1 Maori. Not a single English Child!!! Roll 30 Average 23.7

29th June (Saturday) Have just finished making up Monthly and Quarterly returns! Quarterly Roll 27.6 Quarterly average 24.17 Somewhat higher than last quarters. It is to be hoped that this improvement may continue in subsequent quarters! This school broke up yesterday for the usual 2 weeks midwinter holidays. This School Committee hold their ordinary monthly meeting tonight!

16th July (Tuesday) Today is the anniversary of the opening of this school! Reopened the school yesterday after the usual midwinter holidays. Enrolled up to today 14 Boys and 10 Girls or 24 children in all! Eight more children yet required to complete the total roll number, viz 32!!!

19th July Fine weather throughout the week, considering the time of the year! 16 boys and 12 girls admitted for 1st week of quarter. Found today wilful damage has been done by some persons unknown, both to school house and outbuilding! Intend reporting

same to School Committee! Scandalous shame, thus to injure school property out of wilful mischief! Am certain children have not done it! 26th July (Friday) Fairly fine weather all the current week! Yesterday and today exceptionally fine! Sorry to insert that the Ericksen's who had 5 children on the school roll last quarter left this neighbourhood today. Weekly roll 26

2nd August (Friday) Fine weather experienced throughout the week! Cold wind blowing more or less all day today, with overhanging clouds, which threaten to break into rain! Admitted 6 new children this week which raised the roll to 33! Glad to record that the attendance so far this quarter has been on the whole, uniformly fair, though some families are still remiss in sending children to school!

9th August Exceptionally fine weather throughout the whole week! Attendance particularly of the boys steadily improving! Regret to record that local Committee have not yet had outbuildings repaired!

16th August Weather more or less boisterous and wet throughout the week! Strong gusts of wind blowing, the greater part of today! Every indication of more rain! Roll 28 Weekly average 24.1 Last week's average was 26.3! So that there is a fall of 2.1 this week! Must hope's next week average roll will be better. Sorry to state, that Committee have not yet had closet repaired! Which is a pity, as this procrastination, merely serves to augment the damage done!

23rd August (Friday) Fair weather throughout the week! Got a neighbour to fix up the school closet! Admitted two new children this week. Nominal Number on roll = 18 boys and 17 girls- 35 in all.

30th August (Friday) Fair weather throughout the week Nothing at all in the shape of weather at any rate to prevent several children from attending! With a roll number of 35, the average might easily be higher! Some families are notorious for their disregard to securing

education for their children! Shifted in to O Anderson's house at the clearing on Saturday Last the 24th instant! Find it far handier! Weekly roll 30

6th September (Friday) Excepting a few slight showers the weather has been fine all through the week! Average keeping steady, not withstanding the fact that some families persist in ignoring the advantages of education for their children!

11th September (Wednesday) For the First time since this school has been opened the school was closed today owing to very heavy rain we have been having more or less since Monday last having flushed the creeks etc and flooding the roads, tracks etc rendering them quite impassable for children!. Remained in school until ½ past 11 and only 4 children were in attendance, decided to close the school! Heavy gusts of wind blew the outbuildings down twice this week smashing the door off its hinges! With the help of the bigger boys I have propped it up again! Received from the local Committee a bucket and broom for school use!

13th September (Friday) Sky clouding over Roll 31. Weekly average 25.6 This is a very fair average considering rough weather!!

20th September (Friday) Experienced a sharp shock of earthquake, 1st night, at a ¼ past 10 'clock! Glad to say the two Askews turned up again this week after several weeks absence! Average still keeping up though cannot help thinking that it might be higher if some families would show a little more appreciation of the advantages of obtaining schooling for their children!

27th September (Friday) Admitted one new pupil on Monday, bringing roll up to 36! Very showery since yesterday evening- rained steadily all night- still raining- creeks rising! Just finished making up

quarterly averages Average for quarter 25.37!!! This is the highest average yet obtained

4th October Opened the current quarter with 28 pupils the same number as the first week last quarter. The average is lower. This is probably due to an epidemic of colds and coughs, doubtless not unusual at this time of the year, having broken out, in the district! Several children laid up at home, while most of those in school are more or less affected, in like manner!

11th October Admitted 3 boys and 3 girls this week bringing the total number on the school roll to 33! Three more children have to return to make up the full complement of 36 remaining on roll at end of last quarter! Weekly Roll 18 Weekly Average 14.2

18th October (Friday) very rough weather more or less all week! Numbers of children still absent through colds etc. Wrote to chairman of School Committee re poor attendance and enquired whether the School Committee would deem advisable to close the school for a week or two owing to the epidemic now prevalent, in the district! Have received no reply yet as the chairman and most of the Committee are away Bush Falling. Roll 35 Weekly Roll 24 Average 18.3

25th October (Friday) In consequence of the commendable exertions of the local School Committee There has been a marked improvement in the attendance during the current week! Weather has been remarkable for violent gusts of wind and threatening rain Roll 32 Average 27.3

1st November (Friday) Average slowly improving! Some parents still most culpable in neglecting to send their children! Must hope that the attendance will materially pick up during the remaining 7 weeks of the quarter. Issued today a circular letter to the local School

Committee requesting them endeavour to secure a more reasonable average for the remainder of the quarter!!!

8th November (Friday) Gratified to be able to report that my circular letter to School Committee has had the desired effect of obtaining a somewhat better average during the past week! Readmitted 1 pupil after 5 weeks absence through illness! Total Roll 33 Beneficial showers fell through the week

15th November (Friday) The school was closed on Monday last owing to the Education Board having appointed that day for the Prince of Wales Birthday! The attendance for the 1st 3 days of current week was exceptionally good but unfortunately a regular downpour of rain set in, about 8 o'clock this morning and continued throughout the day preventing the majority of the scholars from attending. There being only 11 present!

22nd November (Friday) Fair weather experienced throughout the week, intermingled with violent gusts of wind! Attendance steadily improving! Trust that it will be maintained for the remainder of the current quarter. Window blinds much needed! Weekly Roll 35 Weekly average 29.2! This is the highest weekly average yet obtained!

29th November (Friday) Tolerably fine weather all through past week! Attendance of some children very commendable whereas that of others is lamentably bad! Just completed the monthly average which is the Highest Monthly obtained viz 27.15!!!

6th December (Friday) Weather more or less showery all week which has somewhat interfered with the attendance! Have much pleasure in recognising the efforts made by the School Committee and parents in general with the few proverbial exceptions in endeavouring to

build up the average, which owing to sickness etc, had fallen off in the beginning of the current quarter! Weekly Roll 31.

13th December Weather fine throughout the week! Shower of rain, this afternoon just as the children were about to go home! The attendance of the Girls has from some cause or other been not as good as the five previous weeks! Weekly Roll 29

As there is only 1 more week this quarter, I fear there is no likelihood of the average reaching 35!!

20th December (Friday) very sharp shock of earthquake last Sunday afternoon! Attendance poor during past week, owing probably to near approach of Xmas! Weekly Roll 28.

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7th February Reopened local school on Monday Forenoon the 3rd Instant. 26 children admitted up to date but several more belonging to the school at the end of the last quarter will be returning as soon as farming operations at Home come to an end, Weather has been oppressively hot during the week, yesterday in particular- the school room was a very furnace! Weekly roll =26 Weekly average 22,3

14th February (Friday) Admitted 4 boys and 3 girls which brings roll to 20 boys and 13 Girls or 33 children in all! 3 More old children have yet to return. Attendance during past week has been very fair! It is to be hoped that it may continue. Weather during past week as on the whole been fair!

21st February *Still an Aided School* (Friday) Admitted 2 boys and 2 girls during the current week which brings the total number on the roll to 37! Received last Friday the Inspector's Arithmetic Cards for 1889- a fore runner of that Gentleman's annual examination of the local school! Weekly Roll 35 Weekly Average 30.3!!! This is about the highest weekly average yet obtained! Weather on the whole , fair,

throughout the week. Experience a certain amount of difficult in inducing parents etc to purchase the most necessary books etc for their children though strangely enough they do not in many cases take the least trouble to see, that ordinary care is taken over books etc!!!

28th February (Friday) Mr. C Seymour having resigned the chairmanship of the School Committee Mr. J Swenson was elected chairman on the 22nd inst Weather fine throughout week. Rain much needed. C C Hubbard

7th March (Friday) Fair weather throughout the week! Rain much needed! Attendance most commendable! Weekly Roll =35 No tenders having been received for out offices. SV decided to call for fresh tenders on a ambitious scale as regards specifications drawn up! To be hoped that new closets maybe erected soon, since the old one is in a most dilapidated condition!

14th March (Friday) Roll number = 22 boys and 16 girls or 38 scholars in all! Have not yet heard what local Committee intend about erection of new closets- they re however urgently needed! Roll 34 Average for last 6 weeks 28.76!!! This seems to indicate on obtaining a high average for coming quarter!!! Most welcome showers of rain, within the last 24 hours!

21st March (Friday) Half holiday was granted by the School Committee on Monday last it being St Patrick's Day

Roll 33 Regularity and uniformity of average for quarter, so far, is quite phenomenal! Most welcome showers of rain are now falling and there is every indication of their continuing throughout the coming night! This rain is much needed!

3rd April (Thursday) weather somewhat showery- through the week! Admitted 33 pupils throughout the week! Two of which are fresh arrivals in Mauriceville from the Featherston School. Broke up this afternoon for the customary Easter Holidays! Owing to the Committee's inability to procure timber at the local mill, the erection

of the urgently required out offices is unfortunately postponed until timber can be obtained from Eketahuna

11th April (Friday) Fine weather throughout the week! Weekly Roll 33 Weekly average 29.8. Contract for new out houses let to the builder of the school- Delay is caused by local mill unable to supply School Committee with timber! Contractor hopes, however to finish the job, early next week!!

18th April (Friday) Heavy showers have fallen almost continuously throughout last week which have however not interfered with the attendance

The Inspector of Schools through ill health was prevented from examining this school on Tuesday the last but hopes to be able to do so on Tuesday 29th instant! Admitted 5 pupils during current week, two of this number being fresh pupils! The roll number is now 38!

25th April (Friday) Fine weather throughout the week! Attendance consequently keeping steadily high though the inspector's annual examination shortly naturally proves an incentive to regularity of attendance! New out-houses just completed. To be hoped that the old one may be removed forthwith. Weekly roll 27

1st May (Thursday) The Inspector of schools held his annual examination of this school on Tuesday the 29th ultimo and well disposed with the result of his examination! 37 children were in attendance 14 were in the preparatory class and 23 were presented all of whom passed! The percentage of passes consequently being 100 as the inspector himself told the teacher! This school will be closed tomorrow for the customary Inspector's Holiday! Fine weather throughout the week, though there are indications of rain today!

9th May (Friday) Somewhat showery during the week! 3 children having passed the IVth and Vth standard respectively have left and 3

have been admitted, during current week. Roll 36 Weekly Average 28.3

16th May (Friday) Owing to a somewhat severe snowstorm this school was closed last Monday! This is the 1st time since the school was established that the children were prevented through the weather from attending! The average has fallen somewhat as to be expected, Roll =33

23rd May (Friday) Seasonable weather throughout the week! Attendance consequently affected somewhat thereby! Roll 36 Weekly average 28.4

30th May (Friday) Wintry weather! This school closed on Monday owing to the Queen's Birthday being observed on that day throughout the provincial district!

6th June (Friday) Attendance throughout the week very considering the time of the year! No less than 35 out of 38 children on the school roll have attended during the past week!! To be regretted that no arrangement can be made re cleaning out of school children too young for the purpose!

13th June (Friday) Excepting the forenoon of Monday last, weather had been unusually mild for the time of the year! Total on Register is 39! Experience considerable difficulty in having school cleaned as children are too young for the purpose and the old fashioned desks too cumbersome for children to move about! Committee unable to assist in the matter owing to receiving no grant from Education Board

27th June (Friday) Attendance has been the poorest except the 7th for current quarter! Rumours as to the closing of the local school or its transfer to Mangamahoe have doubtless been instrumental in disquieting the minds of parents and children!

4th July (Friday) Seasonable weather throughout the past week! Seven children on last quarters roll yet to turn up! Probably some fresh children will seek admission shortly! Broke up this afternoon for the usual midwinter holiday!

25th July This school reopened last Monday after the Midwinter Holidays! Roll 38! 7 more on roll at end of last quarter yet to turn up!

1st August Was granted a half holiday this afternoon to enable teacher to go to Masterton on business! Weather tolerably fair through the week! Hard frost last night and freezing again tonight!

8th August Three pupils admitted during current week the total number on school roll 38! Attendance highest this quarter! Weekly average 30.6

15th August School roll 39 Attendance of the Boys particularly the Scandinavian Contingent is exceptionally good. That of the girls not such as it might be! Some hardish frosts intermingled with showers, during past week

22nd August Roll 23 Boys and 17 girls or 40 in all! Attendance somewhat lower this week than last but still only fair considering to Number of children on roll Attendance 31.6. Such regularity of attendance reflects great credit both on parents and children! Strange to say English children are as a rule more backward in their attendance!

20th August Tolerably fine weather at beginning of the week but rain commenced yesterday and heavy showers now falling! Roll =42

5th September Thursday was wet and boisterous. Only 1 pupil attended.

11th September (Thursday) This is my last entry! Have obtained a day's leave from School Committee to prepare for removal! After 2 years and 2 months sojourn in this district experience no little regret

at severing my connection with a locality to which I have become much attached!. Weather clouding over! Attendance this week has been exceptionally good! Weekly Roll 39! Weekly average 33.1 The highest average obtained this quarter! C C Hubbard

Charles Conrad Hubbard went to Opaki School

5th September Clara Wilkinson Took charge of Hastwell Aided School today. Found 42 children on roll which are classified as follows

Class	No
Preparatory	13
Standard 1	4
Standard 2	10
Standard 3	10
Standard 4	3
Standard 5	1
Standard 6	1

36 children were present in the morning and afternoon. Found classes in good working order

19th September Admitted 2 new children during the week. Began to teach singing and sewing- two subjects which have not hitherto been taken in the school. Weekly Roll – 42 Average 37.2 This is the highest weekly average obtained as yet in this school

22nd Sep Very wet day Attendance bad

27th September Owing to wet weather the weekly average is not so good. Weekly roll 39 Weekly average 3.9

30th September Punished 3 boys Sofus Jepsen, Adolf Larsen, and Thomas Moorcock for breaking through the rules in lighting fires on

or near the school ground. They had been cautioned only the afternoon before

6th October Tenders have been called for the fencing of the school ground. The ground sadly needs clearing of logs and stumps as recommended by Mr. Lee in his report

10th October Very little attention seems hitherto to have been paid to class subjects. Grammar week in the Upper Standards. Reading all through the school sadly waiting in expressions

Weekly Roll 43. Average Roll 32.3

15th October A dreadful storm has been raging all day. The country is flooded. Opened school as usual this morning, found two children present who were drenched to the skin With the consent of the chairman of Committee school was closed for the day

23rd October Opened school a quarter of an hour late this morning in consequence of the lock of outer door catching and preventing our entering. Obtained ingress through a window at back and the door was opened from inside

28th October Holiday owing to it being Demonstration Day

7th November two new children admitted bringing roll number up to fifty (50) An important change has taken place. The school has been taken over by the Education Board and now ranks as a district school

10th November Holiday on account of this being the day on which the Prince of Wales's Birthday is being kept up

11th November Holiday granted by Committee on account of my having to go to Wellington on business

17th November Work proceeding as usual. Fencing of school grounds going on rapidly. Had 44 children present today. There was scarcely standing room for them

20th November A broken pane has been replaced and the lock of the outside door seen to

21st November Average for the week 39.7 The highest yet. 51 on the roll

24th November The fencing of the school grounds finished today

27th November Holiday granted by Board on account of it being the day on which the Pastoral and Agricultural Show is being held

2nd December Received 25 dual desks, a blackboard and an easel from Education Board

3rd December Admitted 5 new children bringing roll number up to 55. Commenced teaching botany

12th December Admitted 10 new children bringing roll number up to 65. Weekly average 54

16th December A Committee of the Board consisting of Mr. Blair, Dr Newman and Mr. Dorset (*Secretary of the Wellington Education Board*) visited the school today to see to what extent the building needs enlarging. They decided that it was a most urgent case and the building will therefore be enlarged during the coming Xmas vacation. There are 70 children now on the school roll

19th December Closed school for the Xmas Vacation

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26th January Reopened school this morning. Very wet day and in consequence poor attendance. The work of enlarging the school has not yet begun. Am afraid when it does commence it will interfere materially with the school work

30th January Work as usual Owing to the wet weather and the grass seed cutting, many children have not yet presented themselves, and in consequence the weekly average is rather low.

2nd February In order to facilitate the work of enlarging the schoolhouse the School Committee thought it better to remove the school into a private house. We therefore moved into a house next to the schoolhouse today

10th February Mr De May, drill instructor visited today

18th February Punished a boy Edward Rowe for using profane language in school

20th February Have a day's leave to Wellington

23rd February Had extra days leave granted by Board

24th February Expelled a girl Ruby Fraser for untruthfulness and bad behaviour

2nd March Received Inspector's Report

6th March Received 14 desks, 70 song books, globe, teacher's table and chair, 2 blackboards and easels, and two parcels

9th March Miss (*Ethel*) Brown commenced her duties as pupil teacher today

11th March The bush fires have started and the heat and smoke consequent thereon almost unendurable. That and the inconvenience caused by the smallness and stuffiness of the house in which we are temporarily holding school are great drawbacks to successful work

20th March Weather still stormy Weekly average only 48

23rd March Held school in the new building today for the first time

26th March Broke up for Easter Holidays

6th April received broom for school from School Committee

9th April Very cold and stormy weather has been experienced during the last few days

13th April Received hand bell from Education Board

25th April T R Fleming, inspector writes

In this school there are a large number of Scandinavian children who speak their native tongue in their own homes. They all read and speak English very well, and their composition and grammar showed that their teacher had been working very hard to make them learn English thoroughly

The spelling was good except in Standard 2 (which was weak throughout) The writing was a little stiff as if the children had been in the habit of changing the style continually, The children on the whole are very painstaking and attentive. Miss Wilkinson has been in charge seven months and during that time the school been held in three different buildings. School has only been held in the new building since March 23rd and up to March 9th although there were sometimes 70 on the roll with an average attendance of 52 Miss Wilkinson had no assistance

Singing and sewing have been added to the work since the present teacher came. Taking all these facts into consideration the results show able and conscientious work on the part of the present Head Teacher

'Std	Presented	Absent	Excepted	Failed	Passed
6	1				1
5	1		1		
4	6	1			5
3	10				10
2	11		2	1	8
1	9		1		8
Primers	17				

	55	1	4	1	32
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The boy who failed seemed a little dull; his failure can scarcely be counted against the school

During the examination a letter was handed to me complaining about the children taking axes to school. The writer, Mr. Moorcock, stated his boy had been hurt. This was so, although the accident was not serious. Another charge made was that the writer's little girl had her fingers cut off through children having axes, but on questioning the children (who told me all the facts) it turned out that the little girl's fingers had been cut off by her brother in her own home about seven o'clock in the evening. I am also given to understand that Mr. Swainson (Chairman of Committee) allowed the boys to bring axes to clear away the stumps. In this bush district most of the children use axes at home, and the elder boys might very easily aid in clearing away the stumps, if they did their work under supervision, and provided that the others were either away from school or in a different part of the playground

24th April Examination Holiday

1st May Holiday owing to it being No Treat Day

8th May Received map of New World in Hemispheres from Kaitawa School by order of Mr. Fleming Inspector

11th May received class books from Committee

14th May Received examination report from Board

22nd May Weekly average 40.7 In the lower division of the school the attendance is very poor indeed sometimes only 3 or 4 being presented out of whole number 20

25th May School closed owing to Queen's Birthday being celebrated today

29th May Owing to death in family- Head Teacher could not attend, so school closed

5th June Weekly average 42.4 Five pounds has been granted by Board towards clearing of grounds

12th June The Committee has contracted with four of the bigger girls to clean school in future

16th June New broom supplied to school by School Committee

25th June In consequence of very bad cold and sore throat Head Teacher had to break up school earlier in the afternoon

3rd July Teacher's leave of absence from Committee in consequence of having to go Wellington for medical advice. The midwinter holidays therefore commence today

21st July had to stay home today on account of illness

24th July The weather still continues very wet and cold Average for week= 37

30th July Severe snowstorm continuing all day

4th July Received package of kinder-garten materials from Board

10th August Received frame for kindergarten work from Board

14th August Holiday granted by the Board in honour of the official opening of Board Offices

21st August Weekly average 43

24th August Received Kindergarten Circular from the Board

26th August T R Fleming, Inspector writes in log. I paid a visit to the school today and found the work going on fairly well. Miss Wilkinson has now a pupil teacher (Miss Brown) to assist her. She reports favourably of Miss Brown. I made a suggestion with regard Standards 2 and 1 and also with regard to the object lessons. Writing is still below par. The school is clean for this time of the year but the outside offices are not so as they should be. I gave a "reading Lesson"

to the upper class and also to the infants. On the whole the work is satisfactory

2nd September Drawing examination is being held in this school today, there are thirteen candidates. 5 for Geometry, 4 for Freehand and 4 for grades. Mr. Wiley Chairman of the School Committee is supervisor

18th September Weather still bad. The little ones do not attend at all well. Received bag of lime from Committee for outhouses. Weekly average 42

21st September Mr. De Mey visited the school today, Three girls Ethel Robinson aged 13, Ellen Isackson aged eleven and Bertha Swenson aged eleven when ordered to go outside and form for drill ran and hid. A very strong feeling against drill prevails in this district. Several complaints have reached me from the parents to all of which I have sent a courteous reply stating briefly the reason for drill and my inability to grant exemptions to any child from it. Mr. De May also addressed the children on the same subject and I trust the opposition will in time die away

24th September Received a map of England and Wales from the Board

16th Oct received inspector's report today Weekly roll 64 Average 54

30th October Nearly all the boys in the school are at home potato sowing. In consequence the attendance is poor Weekly roll 64 Average 47

6th November there is a great deal of sickness about and in consequence the attendance is very poor. Weekly roll 64

9th November Prince of Wales's birthday

10th November Had days leave of absence from Committee and from Board to enable me to attend a wedding in Wellington

13th November received drawing return from Board Four of five presented have passed in Geometry, one getting good; Two out the presented have passed in grade one good and one in freehand

20th November roll 65

25th November In consequence of the very boisterous weather and the children being all drenched through and web footed the chairman of Committee granted a half holiday

11th December Some of the children are home with influenza

17th December The school closed today for midsummer vacation

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25th January Resumed school again. Find that whooping cough is very prevalent in the district. The grass seed season is also on. Both these reasons combined tend to make the attendance poor.

29th January Sickness still prevalent Roll number 64 Weekly Average 38

5th February very bad weather has prevailed nearly all week Roll 66

12th February The Full complement of school children is not made up yet.

19th February Terribly hot weather. Many bush fires are about. The smoke and heat are almost unendurable making the school work very much harder

25th February Received a case of chemical apparatus from Education Board

4th March Half Holiday granted by the Committee to the school today in lieu of the 29th February which is a great festival day amongst the Scandinavians

11th March The weather has been exceptionally fine for the past fortnight. The attendance is therefore is exceptionally good. Weekly Roll 67 Weekly Attendance 55

17th March Half Holiday this afternoon on account of it being St Patrick's Day

30th March Admitted a child this morning. School roll 68

7th April The weather is simply glorious The attendance averages 60 and over per day

28th March The school was examined today by the Board's Inspector Mr. Fleming The results are as follows

Class	Presented	Absent	Excepted	Failed	Passed
5	6				6
4	10				10
3	8		4	1	3
2	11		1		10
1	7				7
Primers	29				
Total	71		5	1	36

2nd May Miss Brown teacher at this school having exchanged with Miss Mackay of Masterton School has left and Miss (Kate) Mackay has taken her class. She commenced her duties today

6th May Treat Day

10th May Head teacher suffering from severe cold and sore throat. School closed in consequence

16th May Received case of novels from Education Board

2nd June Took Charge of Hastwell School in consequence of an accident having disabled Miss Wilkinson. H E Tuckey (1881- 1883 *Head Teacher at Featherston School*)

30th June Note from Mr. Tuckey Last day of the half year. The weather has been bad most of the time I have been here, but the attendance has been good considering the distance several of the children have to come. The children have been well behaved and attentive, and ready to oblige. The state of the weather will probably account for want of punctuality in some of them. The third standard promises well. H E Tuckey

18th July Miss Wilkinson back. School is reopened this morning admitted one new child

21st July Received 15 pairs of Indian Clubs from Committee for use of school

Received from Board clay and boards for clay modelling

22nd July Received from Committee a box for science materials

22nd July Examination Report 28th and 29th April

Instruction of Primers Fair

Standard 1 did good work in arithmetic. Standard 2 in spelling. Standard 3 was a very weak class especially in arithmetic. Standard 4 was good in spelling and fair in the rest of the work. Standard 5 did good work in all the pass subjects

The class subjects were fair and an improvement has been made during the year in additional subjects

T R Fleming Inspector

4th July Have received notice from Committee to open at 9.30 and close at 3. Sent word on Saturday 9th that this would be acting contrary to rules and regulations

18th July Receiving no countermand from Committee obeyed their instruction re opening

25th July Mr. Askew Visiting Member of Committee was here today

29th July Monthly average = 52 Considering the dreadful weather this average is good out of 70 on school roll

1st August Received countermand from Committee telling me to go by the rules. Have obeyed instructions but have decided that the infants in the school shall only have four hours daily as set gazette Regulation :1

4th August Arbor Day

12th August Very good attendances this week Weather exceptionally fine

16th August Had a day's leave to go to Masterton

22nd August T R Fleming writes in Log. Paid a flying visit to the school today. 49 children were present out of 72 on roll The school was dirty but Miss Wilkinson informs me that this was owing to Church being held here yesterday. Outsiders using the school room should contribute towards the cleaning of the school. The muddy corner near the school should be filled up. In teaching agricultural chemistry the children can do without books. The teacher can make them write notes in their exercise books. Miss Mackay the Pupil Teacher should have an exercise book for notes of lesson work such as object lessons etc. The work seemed to be going on in a fairly satisfactory manner

26th August The school had a half holiday today owing to me suffering severely from Neuralgia in the head and face. Mr. Larsen visiting member of Committee was here on the 23rd

31st August The monthly average is exceedingly high 59 out of 72

31st August Permission was granted to Miss Wilkinson, teacher at Hastwell to erect a residence on the school ground, the building to be removed when she leaves PP

7th September Drawing Exam: 13 Candidates presented. Half Holiday

27th September Mr. De May drill instructor visited school today

3rd October Miss Mackay was away from school ill today

7th October Weekly roll 71 Weekly average= 63 very fine weather

12th October Miss Mackay ill. Away from school on that account

17th October Admitted 2 new children

27th October Holiday Masterton Show

3rd November Received two brooms and two (2) enamelled drinking mugs from School Committee

7th November £6 as cleared at a concert held here on Friday last in aid of fund for clearing School Ground

9th November Prince of Wales's Birthday

14th November Received inspector's report. It is as follows:- Time Tables suitable. Miss Wilkinson met with an accident which incapacitated her for work for some time. She returned to school again after the winter holidays. The work of the school is going on in a fairly satisfactory manner. Writing is rather weak and requires some attention. The work of the pupil teacher is improving. I made several suggestions to her and to Miss Wilkinson about her work generally Order and discipline and tone of the school with respect to diligence, alacrity, obedience and honour- Good

A part of the playground at the corner of the schoolroom is very muddy. It should be filled up as soon as possible

17th November Had six new slates for infant classes granted by the Committee

22nd November Result of exam in first grade drawing

Hine Bray Excellent pass in Freehand

August Olsen Pass in Freehand

Agnes Wiley Pass in Freehand

Mary Franklin Pass in Freehand and Scale

Mary Franklin Pass in Geometry

Bertha Svenson Pass in Scale

28th November The visiting member of the School Committee Mr. Isacksin was here today He stayed the greater part of the morning

1st December The monthly average is very good this time Roll 76 Average 63

The weather has been very fine for the last four or five weeks

9th December The attendance is falling off a little owing to most of the bigger boys staying home for harvesting, hay making etc

15th December The school breaks up today for the Midsummer vacation. In consequence of the Pupil Teacher Exam beginning tomorrow Miss Mackay is away this afternoon in order to get to Masterton on time

Roll 73 Monthly Average 58, quarterly Average 61

Mr. Svenson visiting member of School Committee was here today

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24th January School was opened today Attendance only 32. A great many children kept at home for the grass seeding. Admitted two new pupils. The chemistry box has been repaired during the holidays

29th January Fine weather. The attendance is very much better today

The English Classic for the Scholarship Exam of 1893 will be Byron's Prisoner of Chillon The lines to be learnt by heart are 107 to

200. Lake Lemau lies by Chillon's Walls to And that forbade a selfish death. This may be taken by Standard 6 and 7

1st February I was away from school ill today

7th February Another new child admitted today This brings the roll number up to 77- 60 weekly average. Mr. Fraser the visiting member was here today

10th February The attendance is better this week- a good many bush fires about. The dead trees and fern in the school ground also on fire. Very high wind blowing towards the school. The Committee will have to keep watch. All night in probability. These fires are sometimes very dangerous

13th February Examined Junior Room today. The children are progressing fairly well. Passed two children up into first standard . In the first standard there were two failures R Manson and M Askew Commenced scholarship and Pupil Teacher classes

15th February Very stormy day. Poor attendance

27th February Eight (8) children have left since the beginning of the quarter to attend Mangamahoe School. The younger member of the families who have left still come to this school which in some cases is 1 ½ miles nearer to their homes than on Mangamahoe. The reasons given are the Mangamahoe School is collapsing for want of numbers and many are being sent just for a time. As this Committee has been threatening to summons these families for not sending their children to school regularly. The children in question will be a very weak lead to call on. The average is still keeping up!

28th February Roll Number 71. Monthly average 55

7th March Mr. De Mey Drill Instructor was here today

15th March The attendance this week was very high

14th March Very High Gale, bad storm and consequent flood has visited the district. The attendance is very poor in consequence. It is fourteen years since a March flood occurred

17th March Children had a half holiday today on account of it being St Patrick's Day

14th April Caned a boy yesterday, Charles Ericson severely for knocking a much smaller boy about going home from school. The boy Adolph Larson received a black eye and at present can scarcely see. Received a note from parents stating that boy should not have received a caning from me for an offence committed out of school grounds. Referred to rules Regulation 21.

19th April Examined the school today. In the primer class the writing was poor. Some of the children were using small pencils. This should never be allowed. The reading was fair and the arithmetic fair. In reading some of the children showed that they were in the habit of pointing a practice which is allowed by some, as I think it is unsuitable.

In Standard 2 some had no copy books. I should not advise any written work to be done as home lessons in this class. All the writing books, copy books and drawing books had much better be kept in the school, and kept clean. In the upper room the writing had improved more especially in the upper classes but in the lower classes of the school it still requires more attention.

Arithmetic was very weak in Standard 2, probably owing to the fact that there are too many in the Upper Room. In the Upper classes it was fairly satisfactory. Spelling was very good in the Upper Classes and good all through the school of this kind where the children are foreigners. In the class subjects the work was very fair. Science was good. Geography rather weaker than the others owing to the fact that

too much had been attempted thus preventing enough repetition. The additional subjects are much the same as last year. In reading in Lower Classes care must be taken not to allow the children to hold books too close. Sheds have just been erected and the school ground is now being cleared. T R Fleming

A little more seating accommodation would be suitable in the shelter sheds. T R Fleming

21st April Examination Holiday

25th April Weather very wet- attendance on the part of the little ones bad. Weekly average 56

3rd May Treat Day, Wet and Miserable

4th May Received and distributed pass cards.

9th May Attendance poor owing to children being kept home to dig potatoes. Weather fine

11th May Miss Mackay absent from duty Reason Given- Sore Foot

15th May Held an examination of the infant class today. Four of the children were passed up into a higher class. They were all very weak passes. The result is very unsatisfactory

19th May The school is in a very filthy state as present. The tender for the sweeping having expired. The Committee have to call fresh ones. They are delaying very much about the matter. The last day the school was swept by tender was the 30th of April- and this is the 19th April. No arrangements seem to have been made up to date. This – and the water that has been pouring into the school for the last six months render the school in a very unsanitary condition

24th May Queen's Birthday

25th May Very wet day School leaking badly Attendance very poor. Mr. Peters- Member of Committee is at school today. As there are not

a dozen children here and it is raining very badly- I have closed the school

26th May Away from school Ill today- C Wilkinson

1st June Roll 68

6th June Very wet weather Gave a boy John Pratt a severe caning today for cruelty to a horse

15th June Forbade John Pratt attending school as according to the Committee Report he has been guilty of gross Misconduct

21st June Examined lower room today. The preparatory classes have made very satisfactory progress. In the 2nd standard there was one failure, in the 1st Standard there were two failures. One of the 1st failures was evidently due to careless working

27th June Very wet weather. Attendance exceedingly poor. Miss Mackay away with sore foot

28th June Miss Mackay still away with sore foot

29th June Breaking up for winter vacation. In consequence of very wet weather the attendance has been very poor this month

17th July Reopened School Fair weather . The school has been scrubbed

21st July Was away from school for a half day in order to attend dentists

26th July Caned severely seven (7) boys- George Elliott, August Olsen, John Anderson, Alzed Larson, Jep Jepson, Alfred Hansen and Emil Svenson for truant playing. The latter boy's punishment was mitigated with being kept in as he has sore hands. They played truant because Miss Mackay was to have the classes- and the parents object to a pupil teacher taking charge of the higher classes even in case of my illness

31st July Very wet weather, Attendance only 27

2nd August Very wet weather Attendance 16. Children. Prevented from coming owing to floods. Dismissed children half an hour earlier to enable them to cross bridges before floodwaters cover them

4th August Arbor Day Very Stormy

8th August Children planted a few trees in the playground the first part of the morning.

18th August Miss McKay away from school in the afternoon. She has gone to Masterton in order to be present at a drawing exam tomorrow

21st August Many of the younger children are bad with colds etc. In consequence the attendance in the lower room is very poor

25th August The weather has been exceedingly wet. In the lower room the attendance is very poor. Weekly roll= 64 Average 36

6th September The annual drawing exam was held this morning Two presented for scale, five for freehand, six for geometry. The usual half holiday was granted by the chairman in the afternoon. The weather is very unsettled

7th September Was interviewed today by one of the parents in presence of school- children . She, the parent, raved in a fearful fashion about my treatment of her child. The child in question- being an obstinate child had refused to do as she was told- by the making of letters with sticks on the floor and I had quietly made her without using the least violence.

I read the Education Act to the woman, the clause concerning the interruption of the school- but she took no notice. I then ordered her to leave the building which she after a prolonged interval did using many threats of personal violence

I have reported matter to Committee in order to protect myself from future disturbances. The person's name in question is Mrs Barclay

11th September admitted a Maori pupil Meta Walter to school today

8th September Leave granted today by Committee as I am moving

14th September Examined the lower Room Today

9 children presented in alphabet and first Primer. 5 moved up

1 child presented in Infant Second Primer. Not moved up

4 children presented in infant reader. 1 moved up

8 children presented in Standard 1 . All moved up

4 children in Standard 2 all passed

The writing in the lower classes is very poor. Will oversee myself in future. Great want of neatness is in the work

18th September The weather is very wet. The lower room attendance are not good. This is a great drawback to satisfactory

21st September Caned a boy (3) Karl Ericson for swearing before girls going home from school. Have threatened him with expulsion if he behaves badly again- as his rude and wicked behaviour is an example the other children may follow. In fact I have had some trouble in that direction already. Have written to his parents stating this

25th September Was away from school ill today

29th September The quarterly average = 45, monthly 50. The low averages are due to the extremely wet weather and sickness- Bronchitis and Scarlatina – that have prevailed

9th October Mr. Franklin- visiting member of Committee visited today. Two new children admitted. Weather very fine

16th October The wet weather has begun again. The attendance has dropped in consequence

17th October The two seventh standard girls- Agnes Wiley and Huia Bray have gone to Masterton to be present at the scholarship examination

23rd October Only 6 present in my room today. 15 are in the lower room. This is due to the fact that a Sunday School picnic is being held and two thirds of the children are attending it. Mr. McGregor- visiting member of Committee was here today

25th October Admitted two new children today. Roll now 72

27th October holiday yesterday for Masterton Show

30th October roll now 73

The results of the drawing exam are to hand

Hine Bray Excellent pass in Grade Scale

Agnes Wiley Good pass in scale

Bertha Swenson Pass in Geometry

George Elliott Pass in Geometry

3rd October Miss Mackay was absent this afternoon having gone to Masterton to the dentists. Weekly average 56

6th October Admitted two new children The attendance in the Upper Room is poor owing to the children being kept home to put potatoes in

9th November Prince of Wales Birthday. School Closed

14th November Unsettled weather indeed. Mr. Isackson member of School Committee was here.

17th November Children are being still kept home for potato sowing etc

20th November The Head teacher ill at home in consequence. Two new children admitted

21st November Have sent in a complaint to Committee re the state of children's books after the coffee supper that the Salvation Army held here on Saturday night last. I was unaware of it on the Friday till late in the evening and the books in consequence had not been put away.

Quite 5/- worth of books have been spoilt. I have proposed to the Committee to bill the Army for the damage done

Examining Miss Mackay's Room

24th November Very Fine weather. Weekly average 67. This is the highest average ever obtained here. There are now 80 children on roll

1st December Miss Mackay away this afternoon in order to attend Drawing Examination in Masterton tomorrow.

4th December Very wet weather. The attendance has fallen down from the seventies to the thirties

8th December Received and dispatched Pass Drawing Cards.

15th December Breaking up for Midsummer vacation Weekly average 63. Monthly average 59

Miss Mackay away this afternoon in order to attend Pupil Teacher exam in Masterton tomorrow

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29th January Resumed school work again. Weather very wet and cold. Received ink, paper etc for school

The state of the school is disgraceful. The school treat was held during the holidays and the place has not been cleaned since. No repairs have been done- window blinds are down, door locks broken. Keys lost- all this has been done by persons to whom the school is let. I have asked the Committee continually to see about the state of the outhouses which are in a filthy condition. No notice has been taken however- all this forces me to say that the Committee are letting a private grudge against the teachers interfere with their public duties

1st February No on roll = 74 The children are kept at home by parents to cut grass seed etc. Fair weather. A dump has been erected during the holidays

2nd February Received a package of chemicals from the Board containing 2, Florence Flasks, 4 tubes, 1 box quicksilver, 1 bottle hydrochloric Acid, 1 bottle Methylated Spirits, 1 Bottle Phosphorous, 1 packet crude zinc

5th February Received a note from Mr. Sinclair, father of a boy attending school over 15 years of age that the Committee will raise no objections to this boy continuing at school. The boy has not as yet passed the sixth standard. This Committee do on believe in letting children over 15 attend school even though the teacher is willing.

7th February Very fine weather. A good many of the children kept home for the grass seeding. Received two packages, of registers, log books, time table etc from Board

A few children have left the school in consequence of the opening of another school further up (*Presumably Kaiparoro which Opened with roll of 13 in 1894*) Their attendance in consequence of the weather and distance was very irregular- so it is no great loss.

Received 3 boxes of slate pencils for school

9th February Weather very hot. The bush fires are raging and the smoke is very suffocating.

Examined Upper Room today. Arithmetic in 4th and 6th weak. Spelling very strong- not a single failure.

In consequence of a boy and girl named respectively Fred Hansen and Alice Hansen being punished for some misdemeanour in school their mother – a Scandinavian – is keeping them at home. I find this to be a great drawback to successful teaching of the Scandinavians-

the excessive touchiness of the parents. In the case of the Hansen' this is occurring constantly

11th February Attendance poor owing to sports being held- children dismissed at 2 p.m. as other schools in the district have a holiday.

Smoke and heat still bad

14th February Examined lower classes. Progressing fairly.

The chairman has stated that the school cannot be cleaned of times more than twice a year in spite of all the meetings, dances, suppers etc. Have written to the Board re state of school

21st February Caned a girl (4 Cuts) Fanny Madsen for swearing- this being the third offence

22nd 23rd February Away these two days through illness. On Thursday the school was closed, on Friday Miss Mackay kept it open

26th February Resumed Pupil Teacher Class

28th February Roll 75 Monthly Average 57

4th March Received note from Board re school cleaning. The inspector is to enquire into the matter on his visit.

6th March Work as usual. Weather very fine, the longest spell of fair weather I remember up here

12th March Miss Mackay away ill

13th March Monsieur De May was here this afternoon. He took the Upper Room in Swedish Drill, Again advised that the clubs be shaved down. Made a note of it and said he should advise the Board in regard to it.

Mr. De Rey also wrote a paper of Infant Drill out for lower room and went through the exercises

19th March Caned some sixth, fifth and two fourth standard lads for blocking up gate in a game they were playing and then refusing to obey my order to open it. Was interviewed by one of the parents, Mrs

Elliott- who abused me in round terms- sent her a copy of Act: 96 Education Act

22nd March Broke up for Easter Holidays Had to send for father of boy Erasmus Hansen- as the boy in question was exceedingly disobedient- would sulk for hours if spoken to or punished. The boys father gave the boy a good lecture and the boy promised to amend his ways, The boy is incorrigibly idle,

30th March Monthly Average 35. Quarterly 63

2nd April Weather exceedingly wet and cold. Poor attendance. Caned a boy Harvey Elliott (3 cuts) for extreme naughtiness in lower room A dance was held on Friday night and the floors are in a disgraceful condition with grease etc. The room had not been tidied up- The school has not been scrubbed since last Midwinter Holiday. My repeated applications to the Committee have only bought me insolent answers back

The wood supplied by the School Committee is rimu- and it smokes very badly- Have sent in a complaint to the Committee about it- but fear it will be of no avail

11th April Caned a boy (6 cuts) named Fred Hansen in the First Standard for indecent behaviour in school

13th April Today is Friday The school has not been swept this week and in consequence is in a disgraceful state- the weather having been wet. The Attendances are splendid.

16th April The school has at last been scrubbed and is clean

18th April Mr. Riley Drawing Instructor was at the school this morning. He examined the classes in drawing. He recommended wire models- and left a note to that effect for me to forward to the Committee

19th April Notes by T R Fleming Inspector included

In the lower room the work was fair, except writing which is still very weak. Miss Mackay is Earnest and industrious and is improving in her discipline. I pointed out defects in the writing and suggested remedies

In the Upper Room the work is of a fairly satisfactory character... Arithmetic was fair, carelessness marred the work of many of the children who had evidently been taught correct methods. Spelling was good and writing had improved being very good in the two upper classes. Drill has improved and needlework also. History and Geography were fair, Science good- On the whole Miss Wilkinson's work for the year has been satisfactory

There were some chalk marks in the sheds. These I am informed were made by people who were using the schoolroom- There should be something under the pump to prevent the water from running all over the ground- or a small drain should be made to carry away the water. In answer to one of the questions on the Inspector's return the mistress says the school has been cleaned only twice last year. This is not often enough especially when the room is used by outsiders

20th April Move children up into higher classes today

23rd April Five children have left owing to their having passed sixth Standard. Roll number 70. The Committee have decided to give prizes tomorrow

24th April The new Committee, Mr. Peters is chairman. He came today as visiting member. The prizes were given out by Committee this morning

30th April Monthly Average= 60 Miss Mackay has the second standard this year

4th May Wet. Work as usual. The two girls who passed the 7th standard remain at school as they intend to be teachers if possible

9th May Caned two boys Meta Nation and Fred Hansen for opening a school window after teachers had gone- stealing matches and taking out inkwells and smashing them

11th May Attendance 60 out of 69. Some of the children away digging potatoes. Received inspection report

14th May Owing to a Sunday School Picnic the attendance is much diminished. 4 only being present in Upper Room and majority of children in lower room live close at hand

15th May Removed a Maori Boy Meta Walter into Upper Room as he is rather troublesome in lower. Was obliged for this reason to put him in the 3rd Standard as having only One second boy in room would be very much extra work even if it could be worked in

21st May The school clock gains about 5 minutes a day. Received dust pan from Committee

24th May Usual Holiday Queens Birthday

25th May Examination Holiday held today by permission of the Inspector

28th May Very stormy weather. Exceedingly poor attendance on account of floods

As Miss Mackay had only one children present I allowed her to go home and kept on the school myself

There are exactly a dozen children at school 7 of whom live within three minutes walk of the school

29th May In consequence of heavy floods the few children at school were sent home. School closed in afternoon

30th May I was away from school ill

31st May Weather still stormy and intensely cold. Monthly average of 55.

1st June Owing to bad weather attendances poor

2nd June Received 2 new mugs from Committee for school Weather Dull

4th June Was asked today by chairman of Committee to send him a list of books used in school. For convenience sake I subjoin list
(I have copied out list as it is shows what was being used in schools in 1894)

Standard 7 : Class Reader, Hamlin Smiths Arithmetic, Trotter's Grammar, 6th Geography Reader Longman's, 7th Geography Reader Longman's. Standard 6 and 7 History Reader Longman's. Agricultural Chemistry Johnston, Chemistry Primer, Shakespeare's As you Like It

Standard 6 Same as Standard 7 Blackies Arithmetic Standard 6 Standard 5, Trotter's Grammar, Longman's comprehension, Class Readers Longman's, Standard 5 Geography Reader Longman's, Standard 6 and 7 History. Shakespeare's As You Like It

Standard 4 Class Reader (Longman's), Standard 4 History Reader, Standard 4 Geography Reader, Blackies arithmetic Standard 3 and 4 Standard 3 Class Reader Longman's, Standard 4 history reader, Standard 4 Geography Reader, Longman's Grammar, Standard 3 and 4 Blackies Arithmetic

Standard 2 Class Readers Longman, Standard 2 Geography Readers, Arithmetic Standard 2 Blackies

Standard 1 Class Readers Longmans. Standard 2 Geography Readers, Blackies Arithmetic,

Longmans Infant readers and primers. Plain leave drawing books

5th June The four girls now sweeping the school are giving great satisfaction. Their names are Rena Wiley, Margaret Wiley, Ada Askew, Hine Bray. The agreement is to sweep the school twice one

week and three times the next that is alternate days. They get paid the rate of 10/- a year each. They began the sweeping on May 21st

6th June Some difficulty is experienced in getting As You Like It the English Classic for then year. We cannot obtain it anywhere

The parts to be taken were

Act II Scene 1, the whole songs of Armenians and the speech of Jacques, Act II Scene 7, All the world is a Stage

Weather very wet. The school ground which was divided into two by a fence last April is very wet and soppy The extra paddock is intended for the horses of Teacher and Pupils

7th June The trees that were planted last Arbor Day are thriving well in the school ground. As the children mostly planted them they are feeling well rewarded for their efforts.

8th June Average 47 Weekly Roll 59

11th June Received case of tin models from Education Board Comprising, Square Pyramid, Hexagonal Pyramid, Octagonal Pyramid, Cone, Cube, Cylinder , Hexagonal Prism, Parallelogram, Triangular Prism

13th June The boys by subscription among themselves and friends have raised sufficient funds to purchase a football. Today have formed a club.. I trust the club will have a successful career. Weather very fine

18th June Admitted a new child this morning. Very wet day. Very poor attendance children are afraid of floods.

19th June Received axe from Committee, The Boys football Club have received its ball

22nd June Half Holiday as concert is being held here tonight.

25th June Weather very cold. The concert held for school library was very successful about £4 being collected

26th June Weather fine but cold A great many of the children are being kept home for digging, pig killing etc

28th June Midwinter holidays commence today Quarterly Average 55 This is the Last entry ends Six Years account of School log

16th July 1885- 28th June 1894

C Wilkinson Head Teacher 28th June

Note First 3 pages of Log Book 2 list inventory of Hastwell School to 1891

16th July Reopened school 55 children present

The school has been cleaned during the holidays

20th July Opened school library today. All the children in the Upper Room took books

23rd July It may be useful to keep a list of Library Books. Appended is the list up to date

Alice in Wonderland	Oliver Twist
The Channings	Quechy
Children's New Forest	Wide Wide World
David Copperfield	Scottish Chiefs
Down the Snow Stairs	Tom Brown'
Eagle Cliff	Tom Brown at Oxford
English at North Pole	Fairy and Folk Tales
Five Weeks in a Balloon	Robinson Crusoe
??? to the Moon	Swiss Family Robinson
Feats on the Fiord	Girls Own Annual
Grimms Fairy Tales	Boys Own Annual
Little Women and Good Wives	Melbourne House
Ivanhoe	What Katy Did
King of the Golden River	What Katy Did at School

Tales From Shakespeare	Camp in the Mountains
Water Babies	Ellen Montgomeries Bookshelf
2 Picture Book	3 Fairy Tale Books Longman
2 Tales and Talks of Common things	Fairy Tales of New Zealand
History of Australia and NZ	Stories from English History
4 Things New and Old	4 Our Friends Of the Farm
Simple Stories from English H	3 Stories for the Schoolroom
Annual Plant Life II	Our Village
Annual Plant Life III	Stories of Biographies IV
Prince Darling	5 The Tudor Period
The Princess on the Glass Hill	History of Dick Whittington
The Yong Scientists III	

9th August Was away ill Mr. Fleming visited school

13th August Exceedingly stormy weather. Attendance poor Influenza keeping some children at home

20th August A Minstrel entertainment was held in the school last Friday night at the School When I came this morning was in a disgraceful state- paper nails, oil wrap, cigar ends everywhere= desks out of order and things missing. Have complained to Committee

26th August Very fair weather has prevailed this week Attendance 60.4 out of 72

Signed C Larsen

1894/2407 Clara Stuart Wilkinson Hans Larsen
 married

30th August Mr. Dempsey appointed head teacher PP

3rd September This afternoon Mr. Peters, the chairman of the School Committee placed me in charge of the school. Miss Mackay had kept

the school going during the day. A severe Snow Storm raged during the early morning and snow fell in intervals in the afternoon
Attendance Morning 4. Afternoon 6

Walter N Dempsey *Came from Mt Cook Boys*

1889/1340	Agnes Amelia	Anne Te Couteur	Walter Norgrove	Dempsey
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1934/9679 Dempsey Walter Norgrove 71Y

No Children registered

The Drawing Examination, first grade was held this morning. 9 Freehand and 1 Geometry papers were worked. Two other papers 1 Freehand and 1 Grade were required but by an oversight were not sent. Mr. Peters of the School Committee acted as supervisor. He gave the children a half holiday

10th September Readmitted two children Jenny and Victor Madsen who left last March. Gave Miss Mackay some hints about spelling and transcription lessons. First fine school day since my arrival

13th September This morning Mr. De May the Board's Drill Instructor attended and put the children through the Swedish Drill Movement

14th September The following is a copy of Mr. Fleming's Inspection Report

Inspected 9th August 1894

Standard 7 to Standard 3 Mrs Larson (nee Miss Wilkinson) absent, ill, resigned

Standard II to Primers Miss Mackay (Pupil Teacher)

Present 32 Roll 72. Weather wet

Mrs Larsen has worked earnestly and conscientiously in this school, which will be handed over in a fairly good working condition to the teacher appointed to succeed her. Writing is still backward more

especially in the lower classes and the written work generally might be done more neatly

I tested some of the scholars in arithmetic and reading with very fair results

A few chalk marks are still on the walls of the shelter sheds, The pits under the offices will require deepening

Too much firewood is at times bought into the schoolrooms. Dry firewood can be kept in a small house at the back, A box should be kept for lunch papers, which should be collected every day. From entries in the log book I find that more satisfactory arrangements have been made for cleaning the rooms. Some of the blinds are not in order

The entries in the log book need not occupy much space

The school library now contains 59 volumes

Signed by A T Peters Chairman

Today I wrote to the chairman of the Committee and enclosed extracts from the above report relating to the offices etc.

The average attendance for the week is 62 roll number 73

20th September Cold wet day, all the creeks are bank high, attendance 17

21st September Received 5 Bacon's Drawing Charts, Freehand

28th September This afternoon I made out the Monthly and Quarterly returns This quarter is usually the worst of the year. The working average for September is 59 The children now their shyness is wearing off appear to be settling down to steady regular work

5th October This week has been cold and wet, rain has fallen every day, consequently children living at a distance have been irregular. Best attendance 59 I have written to the chairman of the School Committee asking for firewood

11th October This afternoon Mrs Larsen attended the school, by invitation and was presented with a handsome marble clock, The presentation was made as a slight recognition of Mrs Larson's services in the school and of her kindness to the children

12th October Agnes Wiley left school today to commence duty as probationer at Mauriceville West School *Only did one year as a teacher*)

Average attendance for the 62.6 Roll 73. The weather for the past week has been glorious

19th October Weather fine all week average attendance better than usual. Roll Number 75 Average attendance 64.5 Potato planting is going on in the district and some of the older children have had to assist their parents

A notice was put on the school gates warning people against playing football etc in the school grounds. This notice is signed by the chairman of the School Committee 16.10.94

24th October The examiner's report on the Drawing Examination is just to hand. The following boys passed in freehand John Anderson, Ole Christensen and Jep Jepson. There were eight candidates for freehand and one in Geometry

25th October Miss Mackay is absent today. She asked for leave to attend the P and A Show in Masterton

26th October Miss Mackay resumed her usual duties this morning. Roll is 79. The tank has been empty two days and consequently the children are short of good drinking water. They can get a little at the creek. The well water gives out a nasty odour and appears unfit to drink. I am communicating with the Chairman of the Committee on the subject. The weather has been hot and dry for the past three weeks, in fact the weather is unparalleled for this district

29th October Received and distributed the First Grade drawing certificates. This morning sent out and obtained drinking water from one of the neighbours

30th October Received package of stationery, ink etc from J Watt, Masterton

31st October prepared monthly return for Secretary of Education Board Roll No 80, Average Attendance 62. Number of school days open 46

2nd November Weather continues fine, attendance improving, average for week 69

5th November The school was scrubbed on Saturday. This morning Mr. Larsen on behalf of the School Committee visited the school. In the afternoon a box for receiving dinner papers was left in the school

8th November The school will be closed tomorrow Prince of Wale's Birthday.. Roll has increased to 82. In my monthly report to the Committee I drew attention to the unsatisfactory state of the offices and the water supply

14th November Today men sent by the Committee deepened the well. They have reached a layer of blue gravel which promises to yield good water

15th November The men dug a new pit alongside the present offices which are to be shifted over it. I have taken the second standard into my own hands. With the Second Standard Miss Mackay's room was too crowded She had 52 children in Standard II, I and Preparatory Classes

I have now relieved her of 12 children.

16th November Average attendance for the week 66. The water in the well appears to be sweet and wholesome. The children are drinking it, many prefer it to tank water

19th November Steady rain fell steadily all last night and today, attendance in consequence very small, viz 34, roll now 83. Since Friday the offices have been shifted over a new pit, and the old pit has been filled up

22nd November Received from the Board some blank time table forms

23rd November By request of the Committee I have circulated some subscription lists for the purpose of raising funds for the children's prizes and annual treat which is to be held on 22nd January 1895

30th November Rain has fallen almost every day this week, consequently the weekly average is lower than usual, average for week 61

6th December This morning I received letters from Mrs. Moorcock and Mrs Fraser complaining that their children were molested on their way home by some of the bigger boys. On enquiry I found that this was true, but the lads urged in extenuation that the small boys "Cheeked" them. This some of the small ones admitted. I gave both parties a good talking to and they promised to amend their ways.

7th December This afternoon Mr. L Larsen, member of the Committee, visited the school. Several of the children are away through illness

11th December Today I noticed that some of the little boys were stone throwing. I gave the school a little advice and warning on the subject

14th December I examined Standards 1, II to VII today with fair results. Arithmetic is a weak subject. I failure n Standard 1, 1 failure in Standard II Standards V and VI fared worst

19th December Miss Mackay left school at 12.00 in order to catch the afternoon train to Masterton She has to attend the annual examination of Pupil Teachers tomorrow and Friday

Received from the Secretary of the Board a leaflet for Farmers and Table of area, population of countries belonging to the Postal Union

20th December School broke up this afternoon at 3 O'clock for the usual midsummer holidays. Miss Mackay was away today, to tend annual examination of Pupil Teachers at Masterton

Monthly average 63. Roll = 83

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28th January Reopened school this morning after summer holidays. Two new registers arrived by mail on Saturday. On the 22nd inst a successful picnic was held in the school grounds. The children and their friends to the number of 200 attended and appeared to enjoy themselves. Races were run by the children and various games indulged in. Every child received a present. The Committee worked hard to get up the picnic and make it a success

The school was scrubbed after the picnic.

30th January Yesterday morning John Pratt applied for admission. In the log book under date June 15th 1893 is an entry stating that he had been forbidden to attend school by the Committee No reason was given. I allowed him to stay during the day but did not enter his name. In the evening I consulted the chairman and this morning in consequence of what he, the chairman told me I told the boy to go home as I could not allow him to belong to this school

1st February Roll Number 89. There have been heavy bushfires during the week and the air has been unpleasantly filled with smoke.

Several children are kept away to watch hay stacks which are in danger. A number of children have sore eyes caused by smoke from bush fires. Some children are away helping their parents harvest grass seed.

4th February Received Inspectors report on Scholarship Exam

8th February Average attendance for the week 76 Best attendance 84 Roll No 90

15th February Average attendance for week 81. Roll No 91. This seems to be the best week in the history of the school The ball frame was mended this week

Miss Mackay passed her examination and is now a 4th year Pupil Teacher. Her marks were Reading 65. Writing 60, Spelling 50, Grammar , 50 Comprehension 68, Geography 46, Science 67, Mental 60, drawing 65, algebra 20

19th February Received copy of Inspector lee's Arithmetic for Standard 1

22nd February Average attendance for the week 79.8 Roll No. 90 Best attendance 83 Lowest 77 The weather during the week has been extremely hot

27th February The attendance today 66 and yesterday 69 was lower than usual owing to the death and funeral of a Mr. Olsen

1st March Mr. Knott a travelling lecturer visited the school today and took a photograph of the school children. He gives a limelight exhibition of NZ scenery in the school tonight

4th March Received a packet of 1894 arithmetic cards from Mr. Dorset (*Secretary of Wellington Education Board*) On the 14th February I admitted James N T Madsen. His sister who brought him assured me that he had turned 5 years. After some trouble I received the child's birth date from his father and find that he was born on 31st

August 1890. As he is under 5 I have written to Mr. Madsen asking him to keep his boy at home till he reaches school age.

8th March Roll 91 During the week the paths have been gravelled and improved.

7th March Mr. De May paid a visit to the school this afternoon and drilled the children for 1 ½ hours

Received a note from Mr. Fleming stating that the exam was postponed till Thursday 4th April

14th March The school will be closed tomorrow to allow the children to join the railway excursion to Wellington

18th March Attendance today 88 This is the highest since my arrival

22nd March Cold wet day Attendance in infant room this morning 16, yesterday 39. Roll 94

Today 39 new books were added to the library which now contains 98 books

25th March Attendance today 91 and 92

29th March Today I made up and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board the usual quarter return. Actual roll at end of quarter 98

March The school was scrubbed on Saturday

3rd April I examined Standard II this morning

5th November Today is being observed as Inspector's Holiday

The undermentioned children were passed in their standards by Mr. Fleming

Standard 1 Rose Anderson, Alma Hansen, Emma Larsen, M Sigvertson, Jessie Tait, Harry Anderson, Fredrick Hansen, Alick Johnson, James Palmer, Arthur Thorby (10)

Standard II Florence Anderson, Mary Askew, Jessie Fraser, Matilda Madsen, Norah Olsen, Olive Peters, Ada Robinson, Clara Svenson,

Minnie Thorby, Gertrude Thorby, Wiley, Arthur Palmer, Fredrick Voss, Walter Madsen.(14)

Standard III, Sidney Bray, Harry Elliott, Joseph Isacksen, Frederick Jepsen, Richard Larsen, John Madsen, Thomas Moorcock, John Scarfe (8)

Standard IV Ada Askew, Marianne J Scarfe, Margaret Wiley, Emil Voss, David Wiley (5),

Standard V Annie Andersen, Margaret Sinclair, Ole Christensen, Emil Swenson

Standard VI John Anderson

Standard VII Annie Sinclair, Bertha Swenson, Peter Sinclair

Hinemoa Bray Agnes Wiley passed for the second time

5th April Roll= 95

8th April Arranged the children in their standard classes this morning and began their new work. Ruby Fraser was put in the fourth standard class although she failed in the 3rd as she is almost 12 years old. And Minnie MacGregor was put in the second standard on account of her age and size

10th April The weather has been cold and wet yesterday and today. The attendance is much lower than for some time past This is owing to the weather and the examination just being over. One family (4) has gone away for a holiday and several big boys and girls are assisting their parents at home. 68 and 656 present today, Last Wednesday 90 and 92

17th April Commenced work again after Easter Holidays, Miss Mackay was absent today. It is probable she was detained in Masterton, owing to the stoppage of traffic on the road either the train or wheels. Though fairly fine today the attendance was 36 and 37

only. This low attendance is probably owing to the damage done to roads and bridges by floods

18th April Miss Mackay still absent. She sent a telegram saying she expects to arrive tomorrow.

19th November Mic Mackay still absent. This afternoon the chairman of Committee and two members attended the school and distributed prizes The following is the prize list

Sewing Juniors Clara Swenson Mary Moorcock

Seniors Jessica Scarfe, Hinemoa Bray

Standard VII Annie Sinclair, Standard VI John Anderson, Standard V Emil Swenson., Annie Anderson. Standard IV Emil Voss, Jessica Scarfe, Standard 3 Richard Larsen, Harry Elliott, Fred Jepson

Standard II Frederick Voss Norah Olsen., Ada Robinson. Standard 1 Emma Larsen, Alma Hansen, Arthur Thorby. Infants Frederick Halberg, Edward Sigvertson, Albert Elliott, Otto McGregor, Eleanor Thorby and Mabel Johnson, Ida Voss, Alick Madsen, George Halberg, Bertha Voss, Janet Isackson and Clara Tait

22nd April Miss Mackay resumed her duties today

23rd April At a meeting of Householders held in the school room last evening the following gentlemen were elected as Committee for ensuing year. T Peters (Chairman), P Halberg, D Wylie, J McGregor, J Scarfe, K Larsen, L Larsen

25th April Mr. Peters visited the school today on behalf of the School Committee

30th April Roll No 92. The continued wet weather keeps the younger children away from school

8th May At dinner time I found Willie Moorcock and Jacob Isackson fighting. Moorcock's nose was bleeding. Both these boys are small and belong to Class Primers. I made enquiries and found that the

fight was purely a friendly trial of skill and strength. I gave them a severe caution, and spoke to the school saying I would put down such conduct with a strong hand if necessary. This is the first case of "fighting" I have noticed in the school grounds

10th May Average attendance for the week is 68. Roll Number 90
Severe colds are very prevalent in the district

This afternoon I corrected a mistake made in issuing prizes on 19.4.95. By some means Miss Mackay gave me Mary Moorcock's name instead of Jessie Tate's for second sewing prize in the Junior Section. When the error was discovered I consulted the chairman of the Committee and then procured another book which was signed by the chairman and given to Jessie Tate. I also explained the matter to the school and to the Committee in my Monthly Report

Two fire backs were sent by the Secretary of the Board on the 14th April

The clock stopped today and I was unable to make it go

14th May This afternoon John Madsen said his father objected to his drilling and that he was to go home at 2-00 to fetch the cows. I asked John if her were delicate or had sore arms etc. He said " he was quite well and sound" I therefore told him to join his class at drill which he did. I told him to explain to his father that I could not excuse anyone who was in good health from the drill exercises. I have excused two or three girls whose parents have informed me that the girls were delicate.

15th May received a set of Southern Cross Arithmetic Books and answers from the Committee

16th May The following is a copy of a resolution passed by the Committee and forwarded to me by the Chairman

Copy "The Committee was of the opinion that you should use less cane and on Jessie Fraser in particular on account of her health but when you do have to use it make them feel it. Signed H? F Peters
Chairman

Mrs. Fraser wrote along rambling letter to the Committee charging me with unnecessarily and severely caning her two girls Ruby and Jessie. The children and their mother have given previous teachers a great amount of trouble. Ruby Fraser was expelled once before. Logbook 24th February 1891 but after some months she was allowed to re-enter school. I have found them very careless children and occasionally I have caned them but not severely. By request I attended the meeting and explained the matters complained of to the Committee. Mr. Fraser and his children were also present.

17th May received the Inspector's report on his last examination of this school also pass cards. The pass cards I filled in and gave to the children

Examined 11th April

Roll 95. Infants 35 Examined 55 passed 41

Grammar Fair Generally Good in Standard 7

History Well Taught

Geography Good. Maps good

Mental Arithmetic Good beginning made should be a daily exercise

Elementary Science Chemistry Good

Repetition and Recitation Very fair

Drill and Exercises Swedish Drill Good

Singing. Infant room only good

Needlework Sewing and Patching Very Good

Comprehension of the Language of reading classes Very Fair

Instruction of Primers Satisfactory The work of the Pupil Teacher Miss Mackay is improving. Mr. Dempsey has done good work in the school since his appointment. Writing has improved very much, but arithmetic is still weak in some of the Upper Classes

Five passed Standard 7. 5 Presented

Last Thursday morning I was informed that a girl, Jessie Scarff aged 13 years had written an indecent note and given it to a boy, Peter Sinclair. The chairman of the Committee and Mr. Scarff bought a copy of the note to me at school and asked me to investigate the matter. After a patient inquiry I came to the conclusion that it would be better for the school if Jessie Scarff left. On Friday afternoon I sent for her father and explained my intentions to him and suggested that he had better take his daughter from school. He agreed with my suggestion. On Saturday night a special meeting of the Committee was held at which Mr. Scarff, who is a member was present, Mr. Scarff objected to my proposed action in regard to Jessie and wished the Committee to express his opinion on the matter. I then explained the affair to the Committee giving them the evidence upon which I had formed my opinion of Jessie's Character. The following resolution was then passed without opposition and a copy was afterwards forwarded to me by the chairman

Copy of resolution Proposed by McGregor, Seconded by Halberg that the evidence is strong enough to expel the girl Jessie Scarff from School

22nd May Today I gave the girls a long skipping rope. I had previously given the boys a small amount towards the purchase of a football

23rd May Today the chimney in my room caught fire, the fire was slight, I have notified the chairman of the state of the chimney

Tomorrow will be observed as a holiday. Queen's Birthday Roll 87 Average 66 Attendance very poor

29th May The clock was returned in good going order

3rd June A trough has been placed under pump and an unsatisfactory sort of drain made bearing away the ash water. Admitted one boy this morning the 1st since 22nd April

4th June Took the second standard into my room today The class is doing fairly well. The boys seem lazy

7th June Received a package of ink, paper etc yesterday. This morning Mr. Larsen, member of Committee, visited the school Roll 87 Average 76

11th June The fireplace in my room was repaired last night

14th June Yesterday I received a package of leaflets for Framers, Gardeners etc

Roll 85 Average attendance 65 Wednesday was very wet Attendance 37 considerably under half.

21st June This week issued new time tables for each room

24th June In reply to a memo received from the Secretary of the Board I forwarded by Saturday's mail an account of the occurrences which led to the expulsion of Jessie Scarff

25th June The chairman of the Committee visited the school this afternoon

28th June The 1st and 2nd Standards were examined this morning. The spelling of Standard 1 was poor. The reading of Standard 1 and 2 was weak

School closed this afternoon for the usual mid-winter holidays. I spent the last hour this afternoon in exhibiting specimens of insects under a powerful microscope, and view of places of interest in the work were shown. Through a binocular magnifying glass. Many of

the children had never seen a microscope before. They were much interested and I hope somewhat educated,

The best attendance was 92 on April 4th

By yesterday's mail I received a letter from the Secretary of the Board informing me that Mr. Blair (Chairman) and Mr. McCardle were coming to visit the school to make enquiries re the expulsion of Jessie Scarff

16th July This morning I commenced giving Miss Mackay her lessons at 7.45 instead of 3.30 p.m.

Received a circular re classes for 1896 Shakespeare's Henry V Acts 1 and ii to end of scene 1 act 2 page 33 (Blackie's school classics edited by W Barry B A) to be read. The passages to be learnt by heart will be chorus to Act 1. Canterbury's Speech lines 183-220 Act 1 Scene 22 Pages 15, 16. King Henry's speech beginning line 79 Act 2 Scene 2 page 24. Henry's address to his troops Act III Scene 1 Pages 32-33. For ordinary class work only Canterbury's Speech and King Henry's address to his troops will be sufficient

18th July Mr. McCardle member of the Board met the Committee and myself at 3.30 yesterday afternoon to discuss the expulsion of Jessie Scarff. Mr. McCardle wished the Committee to allow Jessie to attend the school again, but the Committee was unwilling to alter the decision previously arrived at

19th July Average for week 72. Roll 86

22nd July Received from Mr. Fleming an illustrated paper containing an account of the Morepork Bacon Factory. It will be useful to illustrate lessons on N Z industries

Also from the Secretary of the Board the annual report of the Minister of Education and a pamphlet on Arbor Day

24th July Yesterday some gravel was spread round the weather shed and footpaths

26th July The school was scrubbed last Saturday

This morning Mr. Scarff visited the school on behalf of the Committee

29th July The Boy's Shed was cleaned on Saturday

30th July Snow was lying on the ground this morning Weather very cold but dry

6th August Last Night Mr. Worboys gave a lecture, illustrated by magic lantern views, on the British Empire, The net proceeds 13/- will be devoted to the library fund

August The (*Wellington Education Board*) committee set up at last meeting reported that there had been no legal ground for the expulsion of a girl from the Hastwell School by the local Committee. The report was adopted. PP

8th August This morning the Chairman of Committee forwarded me a note stating that the Secretary of the Board had written to the Committee saying that Jessie Scarff must be allowed to return to school

9th August Average 69 The weather today cold and stormy. Attendance 62. Mr. H Larsen visited the school this morning on behalf of the Committee

12th August This morning I was informed by the chairman that the Committee did not intend taking further action in Jessie Scarff's case

16th August A number of Girls in Standard's V and VI stayed away yesterday and today in order that their mothers might assist in the preparation for the funeral of Mrs Nielson

20th August Jessie Scarff returned to school today. This morning at playtime a little boy, George Tait; threw a stone and broke a window in the porch

23rd August Today I added 13 books to the library Number 100-112. Roll 88

4th September This morning an examination in First Grade Drawing was held. The Chairman of Committee was supervisor. 17 children were examined and 30 papers were worked, viz 12 Geometry, 12 Freehand, 3 scale and 3 model. The exam began at 10 O'clock and continued, with only a slight interval for lunch, till 1.45. The chairman gave the children a half holiday

9th September On Saturday a pane of glass was put in one of the porch windows and 12 new hat pegs were put on the wall

16th September This morning and Friday morning I brought the second standard into my room and worked them with the third in Numeration Notation

19th September There was a partial eclipse of the sun this morning. The sky was clear. I gave a piece of smoked glass to the children which enabled them to see the sun. When school assembled I explained the cause of the eclipse and some information about the moon

27th September Mr. Jepsen member of the Committee paid an official visit to the school yesterday afternoon

30th September The return for the quarter ending today shows roll 88, No of times school open 111

2nd October Today and yesterday the usual quarterly examination which was postponed from last week on account of rough weather, took place. Of the 61 standard children present, 8 failed to satisfy me,

i.e. 2 in Standard 2, 1 in Standard 3, 1 in Standard 4 , 2 in Standard 5 and 2 in Standard VI

10th October Yesterday afternoon Mr. Blair, Chairman and Mr. Fraser, member of the Board visited the school and gave the carpenter who accompanied them instructions re the proposed new shed

11 October Today the Committee supplied a new broom. Average attendance for week 64. The weather has been very rough and there is some sickness in several families

14th October Received from Secretary of the Board a public notice re change of Name of Hawea to Hamua. This notice is posted in the school Received from the Chairman of School Committee a copy of resolution to the effect that in future if any children break windows their parents shall be obliged to pay for the damage done

15th October Last Night Mr. Bray informed me that one of his children, Ellen (*Aged 8*) , died on Sunday from diphtheria and that others in his family were suffering from the same disease. As Mr. Bray's house is at one end of the village the Chairman of the Committee does not think it advisable to close the school. I agree with this course of action

36 children are present this morning, yesterday the numbers were 70,71. 30 present in the afternoon

16th October The Committee had a special meeting yesterday afternoon, at which it was decided to close the school until Monday 21st inst. The Committee took this step as it was found that many children had visited Mr. Bray's family on Sunday when the nature of the sickness was not known and feared that these children might attend school and spread the infection. It appears that Mr. Bray was not aware of the nature of the disease and did not send for a medical

man until one child died. Two others of his children are suffering and another is in a convalescent state. In another part of the district there is a suspicious sickness. The exact nature of which is not known yet as no medical man has been consulted. Some few years ago there was an outbreak of diphtheria in Mauriceville which carried off a number of children, consequently this outbreak has greatly alarmed parents

21st October School reopened this morning No Present 35 and 39. I received the following notice from the Committee Sir, please find Dr Beard's letter. The Committee has requested the parents from Halberg's and Askew's to keep their children home for the present Dr Beard advises the Committee to prevent children suffering from sore throat of any kind attending the school. The people of Hastwell are much alarmed at this outbreak of Diphtheria the Committee has therefore request parents of children living in Mr. Bray's neighbourhood to keep their children at home, so that children living at the other end of the district may attend school without risk of infection

21st October Hastwell school has been closed for an outbreak of Diphtheria PP

25th October The average attendance is 33 Roll No 87. The rain poured down in torrents this morning. Doubtless that kept children away. No of half days on which attendance was more than half the roll number was 20 only, Open 40 days

4th November Received from the Secretary of the Board a copy of the examiner's report on the late first grade drawing examination and also from the chairman of Committee.

Freehand Passed, Annie Anderson, Ada Askew, Annie Isackson, Betty Larsen, Margaret Sinclair, Mary Sigvertson, Emil Swenson, Margaret Wiley.

Geometry Peter Sinclair Scale Annie Anderson, Rose Reehall?

The Board's carpenter commenced working at the sheds on Saturday afternoon

7th November Mr. Hans Larsen member of the Committee visited the school today

12th November yesterday was observed as a holiday- Prince of Wales Birthday

This morning when I came in from the playground after the interval I found a note and nice large new vase on my table. The note stated that the vase was a present from the Girls. I was much touched by this evidence of kindly feeling

The school was scrubbed on Saturday

13th November The carpenter finished the sheds yesterday and gave me the keys. The sheds are a vast improvement on the old one and are much more convenient'

This morning the chairman of Committee sent some Subscription Lists and asked me to circulate them Annie Anderson and Nellie Elliott take one for Mauriceville and Maggie Sinclair and Maggie Wiley one for Hastwell

15th November This afternoon Mr. Hans Larsen is filling the pits under the old sheds. Roll 88

18th November The carpenter finished painting the sheds this morning

22nd November Average for week 56. Heavy rain spoiled Thursday's attendance

25th November This afternoon's attendance, 72 was the best since 3rd October

2nd December received circular from the Secretary of the Board stating that owing to omissions of and irregularities in the quarterly

returns the Head Teacher's cheque will not be forwarded till receipt of accurate returns at the Board's office. The working average is required

6th December On the 4th Inst I wrote to Mr. I McGregor asking him why his son Otto was absent from school on that day. This morning his reply reached me. He says Otto played truant and that he punished him severely for so doing, I spoke to Otto and his classmates (Standard 1) about the bad habit of truant playing, but did not further punish Otto

2th December Average for week 68 The best since the beginning of October Examined Standard 1 and II yesterday Std1 was weak in spelling, Standard II was a good credible class

16th December The unsatisfactory children on Standard III to VI as shown in the recent exam are almost without exception those who have made fewest attendances this quarter. They are Jessie Fraser 21 attendances, M A Moorcock 51, Ruby Fraser 48, John Anderson 54, T Moorcock 41, Rose Reehall 40, John Scarff 42, David Wiley 50 The school was open 150 times. 7 children were absent for all or part of the exam

17th December Received from Board a notice stating that the Pupil Teacher exam would be held on Friday and Saturday 20th and 21st inst. Place of exam was not mentioned

19th December School broke up at noon today for usual Midsummer Holidays Average attendance for the week 59

On no less than 26 half days the attendance was less than half the roll number. Anderson Annie, Larsen Betty, Reehall Rose and Olson Christina have been appointed school sweepers

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28th January The annual picnic of the Hastwell School children was held in the school grounds on Wednesday last. Mr Dempsey, the head teacher, and the committee spared no pains to make the affair a success, with the consequence that the children had a day's thorough enjoyment. The usual races and games were indulged in, and the Hastwell Brass Band rendered a number of selections during the day. A dance in the evening wound up the day's pleasure.

27th January School reopened this morning. 8 children were readmitted. Roll number now 95 Owing to Miss McKay's room being so crowded I have taken the second standard into my room. I have 51 children in my room. Miss Mckay has 44

28th January The attendance in the Upper Standards is unsatisfactory "Gathering Grass Seed" is the reason for the absence of some, and the death of an old Settler is keeping several families away. Attendance today = 69

5th February Received circulars from the Secretary of the Board notifying arrangements for singing and drawing classes.

6th February The attendance today is low viz 68, 69 A number of the children attending the picnic at the Kaiparoro School

11th February Roll now Boys 52 Girls 46. Issued new timetable for Standards II to VII This Tuturumuri shows increased time for mental arithmetic and spelling

17th February Received from the Secretary Education Board some standard arithmetic test cards used in 1895.

Mr. Fleming Inspector forwarded a list of marks obtained by Miss McKay in the recent Pupil Teacher exam, which she passed Reading 70, Writing 70, Comprehension 77, History 47, Arithmetic 70, Science 52, School Management 80, Drawing 50, Algebra 35 Total 551, 1894 531

21st February Roll 100 Average for week 82

27th February This morning Thomas Moorcock, Standard IV came to school and when he found there was not a desk for him he said his father had told him to go home. I let him go. At present there are insufficient desks. Some of the children, for some lessons, have to sit on a box in front of the class. On Tuesday Tom went home at playtime. On making enquiries of his sister I found that his father had told him to do so. Later on this morning Tom Came back for his slate etc and said he had left.

2nd March This morning commenced work with Miss McKay The hours are 7.45 to 8.45 each day. Subjects: School management, English, Science, Geography, History, Arithmetic

12th March Today I finished examining the school. Out of 75 Standard children 60 satisfied me. 3 were absent during part of the exam. 5 absent all the time and 5 failed. Standard III did best work while Standard V were weakish

16th March Mr. T R Fleming Inspector has sent notice that he will examine this school on Wednesday and Thursday 6th and 7th May.

18th March This afternoon the chairman of Committee handed over the sum of £1-5-0 being balance remaining over from school treat. This money to purchase books for the library

27th March Today the contractors commenced clearing the playground. Roll= 95 Average for week 76

31st March Roll 93 Average 78. For the corresponding quarter of last year the average attendance was 80. This month there has been a great deal of sickness in the place. One family of 5 has been away 3 weeks on that account

2nd April Last night Mr. Aaron Johnson came to my house and complained that Edward Sigvertson and Alex Larsen had behaved in a grossly indecent manner to his little daughter Mabel. This morning I made enquiries. After some evidence was gathered both boys confessed to the wrong doing, Sigvertson was the worse. I put him over my knee and gave him 6 cuts with the cane over the buttocks. Larsen in the same way 3 cuts. I had previously gathered all the boys into one room. I pointed out to the boys the seriousness and beastliness of the conduct as a warning punished the boys in their presence.

Closed school at the usual hour for the Easter holidays

8th April During the holiday 10 new desks were placed in the school one of which is without a seat.

This afternoon Mr. Peters, Chairman of the Committee paid an official visit to the school

10th April 28 books Numbers 111 to 139 were added to the library today

14th April Mr. Scarff committeeman paid an official visit today

17th April Roll 98

22nd April This morning Mr. McGregor came to the school and complained that Jessie Tait's head was not clean and that his daughter Minnie had suffered from Jessie Tait's want of cleanliness. Also Mrs Reehall wrote me that Ronald Sinclair and Tommy Tyson had called her little daughter Ellen "Lousy"

I carefully questioned and examined Jessie Tait privately. Jessie said she had combed out some insects a few days ago and that her mother had dressed the hair with ointment. On inspection “nits” were plainly visible in her hair. Some of these “nits” appeared to possess vitality. I therefore told Jessie Tait to stay at home a few days until her mother was able to thoroughly eradicate the pest. Ellen Reehall’s hair also contained many “nits”. Ellen said her mother was combing her hair daily but no creepers had been found. I called an elder sister, Rose, drew her attention to the “nits” in Ellen’s hair, explained the matter to her, and then sent Ellen home till such time as her head was free from offence

During the day Tommy and Ronald’s attention was called to this rudeness, I pointed out to them that they should complain to their parents or to their teacher, but they should not call little girls names.

This morning Mr. Riley examined the school in drawing

24th April Average attendance for week 82

This afternoon Mesdames Jacobsen and McFadden examined the school sewing. The following was a copy of their report

Upper Division 1st Prize Number 3, 2nd Prize Number 8

Lower Division 1st Prize Number 14, 2nd Prize Number 23

Special Prize Number 1

Sewing On the whole very favourable, specially good in Standards 2 and 5

Knitting Best No 11, Second No 4

On the whole very good

Signed R Jacobson and A McFadden

No 3 Annie Anderson, No 8 A Isakson, No 14 Clara Svenson, No 23 Maren Sigvertsen

Special 1 A Anderson, 2nd A Isakson

Knitting 11 N Elliot No 4 Olive Peters

Jessie Tait and Ellen Reehall returned to school today. Their heads appear clean.

1st May On Monday evening the following householders were elected as Committee for year. W F Peters (Chairman), L Larsen, H Larsen, J Jackson, A Johnson, Ole Anderson, J Scarff

4th May The school was scrubbed and the windows cleaned on Saturday

Today I examine the first and second standards

11th May Mr. Fleming, Inspector, examine the school on the 6th and 7th inst. Friday 8th was observed as Inspector’s holiday

Class	Presented	Present	Passed
Standard 1	16	15	15
2	12	12	12
3	14	14	13
4	8	8	7
5	8	8	5
6	5	5	4
7	1		
Primers	31		
Total	98	62	56

The undermentioned passed in the Standards

Standard 1 Frances Bray, Ivy Peters, Eleanor Thorby, Ida Voss, William Askew, Albert Elliott, William Fraser, George Halberg, Frederick Halberg, Jacob Isakson, Alick Madsen, Otto McGregor, Raine Nini, Ronald Sinclair, Thomas Tyson (15)

Standard 2 Rae Anderson, Alma Hansen, Emma Larsen, Minnie McGregor, Maren Sigvertson, Jessie Tate, Harry Anderson, Frederick

Hansen, Alick Johnson, James Palmer, Arthur Thorby, Mary Anne Moorcock (12)

Standard 3 Florence Anderson, Mary Askew, Jessie Fraser, Norah Olsen, Olive Peters, Ada Robinson, Clara Swenson, Winifred Thorby, Gertrude Wiley, Arthur Palmer, Charles Reehall, Frederick Voss, Ruby Fraser (12)

Standard 4 Christina Olsen, Harry Elliott, Joseph Isakson, Frederick Jepson, Christina R Larsen, John Madsen, John Alex Scarff (7)

Standard 5 Annie Isakson, Betty Larsen, Mary Sigvertson, Emil Voss, David Wiley, (5)

Standard 6 Annie Anderson, Nellie Elliott, Margaret C Sinclair, Emil Swenson (4)

Standard 7 Peter Sinclair (Certificate)

13th may Yesterday afternoon at 2 O'clock The Chairman and Messrs Jacobson and Johnson members of the Committee attended the school and distributed the prizes

The following gained prizes

Class P Otto Peterson, Mabel Johnson, Bertha Voss, Gilbert Weston, Gunda Olsen, Anne Swenson, Claire Weston, Earnest Simonsen, Lily Hansen, Milfred Voss, Ivy Jarrett, Walter Anderson 12

Prizes also listed for 1st and 2nd in each Standard

Also for Sewing and Knitting. Knitting was a special prize awarded to Nellie Elliott and presented by Miss Mackay and a prize for Cutting Out donated by Mr. And Mrs Scarff awarded to Annie Anderson

The chairman said that next year he would give 10/- as prizes for best attendance, 5/- for each room

A special prize of the value of 10/- was promised by the Head teacher to the girl most proficient at cutting out and a fixing to some garment to be agreed upon at some later date

Inspectors Report included

- a) History Good, Geography satisfactory, Mental Arithmetic On right lines satisfactory
- b) Swedish Drill very good
- c) Singing, In lower Classes only, moderate
- d) Mr. Dempsey has done a good year's work in this school. Arithmetic and Writing have improved very much
- e) Miss Mackay Pupil Teacher conducts the Primers and Standard 1 classes satisfactorily
- f) The one candidate passed Standard VII
- g) Parts of the playground have been laid down in gravel. Two very satisfactory offices have been erected by the Board's carpenter Mr. McDougall
- h) Signed T R Fleming Countersigned W J Peters

20th May Robert Lee Inspector wrote in Log. I made a short visit to the Hastwell School today and found it in active working order under Mr. Dempsey with Miss Mackay as pupil Teacher. I have suggested that clubs be again utilised and made lighter if necessary. The school is under good control, and the methods are generally approved. 76 present out of 88 on books

Robert Lee Inspector

21st May received and distributed the pass cards. Mr. L Larsen cleaned the school drains this morning

26th May Yesterday 25th was observed as a holiday in honour of the Queen's Birthday

3rd June Received circular re 2nd Grade Drawing exam (South Kensington) and showed it to Miss McKay

5th June This afternoon I wrote to the Chairman of Committee to draw his attention to the urgent need of repairs to the fireplace in Miss McKay's Room. This morning Fanny Madsen complained that Arthur Thorby had thrown stones and mud at her while she was going home last night. I made enquiries and as the result, I punished A Thorby (2 strokes) G Halberg and E Bray (1 stroke) I also spoke to the children about their behaviour on their way home from school. This week the Committee arranged that the school be swept daily.

8th June

12th June The following is a copy of Mr. Lee's report on his inspection of the school on 20th May 1896

Classes Standard 3-7 Mr. Dempsey Present 38

Primers to Standard 1-2 Miss Mackay (*Both forms of spelling are used in this log Mackay is the official list on A to Jj but Mr. Dempsey often uses McKay*)

Included

- a) Gave a few remarks on decimals. Heard reading lesson by head teacher
- b) Suggested subjects for composition and the use of clubs for drill
- c) Playground much improved by levelling and gravelling
- d) Mr. Dempsey shows considerable judgement and intelligence in his methods and administration
- e) Robert Lee

15th June The Committee had the clubs made lighter by sawing a little off the end

2nd June Very heavy rain early this morning. Present 43, Roll 88

26th June This has been an exceedingly wet week. The creeks have in several places, overflowed their banks. The side roads and bush tracks are very wet and muddy

29th June Mr. A Johnson visited the school this morning on behalf of the Committee

30th June After school I forwarded to the Chairman for his signature the quarterly return

2nd July This afternoon at 3 o'clock school broke up for the usual midwinter holidays. Today I completed the usual quarterly exam for the school All classes were satisfactory except the 4th Standard Arithmetic was weak and a rather difficult piece of spelling from the Geography Reader was too much for them

20th July School was reopened this morning. 7 present. Received a parcel of stationery and ink from J Elliott, bookseller, Masterton also circulars re 1st Grade Drawing Exam and school exhibits for Wellington Industrial Exhibition. Mr. Dorset sent 1 dozen clay boards, tools and clay

23rd July It has rained very heavily all day. Attendance less than half

24th July On Wednesday morning I noticed a few vulgar words scribbled on the floor of the boy's shed. I spoke about it to the boys, Thursday

30th July Mr. O Anderson paid a visit on behalf of the Committee. Snow fell heavily for two or three hours today, Attendance 35, 35

31st July Snow fell again last night The roads and fields are white. The Mauriceville Creek has overflowed its banks. The water is over the road. I had to wade through cold water above the knees. School opened with 10 children present

7th August The average attendance for the week is 70. Several of the little children are kept at home on account of sickness or weather which has been very wintry all the week

Wednesday 5th August Arbor Day was not observed as a holiday as our arrangements for tree planting were not completed

10th August The school was scrubbed and the windows cleaned on Saturday

13th August This afternoon the school was closed for tomorrow. It is the intention of pupils, committee and friends to plant trees in the school ground

17th August On Friday 110 trees were planted around the borders of the playground. In the evening Mr. Joplin (*Head Teacher of Mauriceville West School*) gave a magic lantern exhibition in the school room The children were admitted without charge. 11./3d were collected for adults. The room was crowded.

By Saturday's mail I received a number of leaflets for farmers and Education reports.

21st August Roll 89 Average attendance 70

24th August This morning 2 boys and 1 girl entered the school. They came from Eketahuna

31st August This morning I gave the boys a cricket ball to encourage their play.

2nd September The Drawing Exam took place this morning. The No of papers worked were Freehand, 7, Scale 5 and Geometry 1. Total 23 After the exam was over the Chairman allowed the children to go home for the rest of the day

4th September Roll 91

11th September This week the weather has been dry. The attendance for the week has been the best since the holidays 75 Best attendance 80

24th September Mrs Tate wrote complaining that Arthur Thorby and Frederick Halberg had ill-used her little daughter Clara on the road home from school. I made careful enquiries but could get no evidence against A Thorby. Frederick Halberg confessed to pushing Clara down and trying to drag her into a ditch, just for fun. I spoke to the boys about playing with the girls and being rude to them, and gave Fred Halberg a cut with the cane on each hand. Fred Halberg is under 8 years of age,

25th September I examined the 1st and 2nd standard today also infant reader class. Standard 2 is in good order, Standard 1 and Infant reader are weak. Annie Swenson and Gilbert Weston were moved into Standard 1

28th September On Saturday afternoon an eleven from this school played a friendly game of cricket with an eleven from the Mauriceville (*West*) School. Heavy rain put a stop to the game before the first innings was completed The "Draw" was in favour of the Mauriceville boys

1st October Roll at end of quarter 92 "bad Colds and "sore throats" are very prevalent in the district just now; This morning 45 were present and this afternoon 47

On Monday I finished the exam of the school. Standard III was rather weak in spelling and arithmetic.

5th October Received from the Secretary of Education Board circular re English classes for 1897

6th October Mr. L Larsen cleaned out the water table beside the path and mended the fence by the gate

9th October Roll 95 Average for week 72

12th October This morning in reply to my usual monthly report the chairman writes

1' That the Committee intends sending final notices to parents of children whose attendance is irregular

2, That the Committee cannot see their way to purchase the books you ask for as they think the parents of children should find all books

13th October Mr. Anderson returned the bell this morning properly repaired. The handle broke while a child was ringing it.

This morning I forwarded to Messrs P Madsen, Johnson, Bray, Wiley, final notices in regard to irregular attendance of their children

22nd October Today the attendance is less than half the roll number. 42 present. 98 on roll

The day is wet and a great many of the children are ill.

26th October Today I issued a new time table for Standards II to VII

27th October by this afternoon mail I received two boxes of beads for kindergarten work from Education Board . I signed voucher and posted it

2nd November Since early morning snow has been falling at intervals during the day. The weather is bitterly cold. Roll No.95

4th November The following are the names of children who passed in

a) Freehand, F Jepsen, Olive Peters, John A Scarff, Emil Voss, D Wiley

b) Geometry Ole Christiansen, H Elliott, F Jepsen (Girl) C Larsen, J Scarff (G), E Swenson (G), D Wiley, E Voss

c) Scale O Christianson, Fred Jepsen, J Scarff, E Swenson

10th November The Chairman of Committee instructed me to close the school on Friday 6th inst, the second day of the Wairarapa

Agricultural and Pastoral Show. Monday was also observed as a holiday being the "Prince of Wales" Birthday

This morning I noticed the tank was empty. The tap was turned off when I left school on Thursday Afternoon. The pump is out of order but I have arranged with Mr. Anderson the local blacksmith to repair it at once

11th November received and distributed the 1st Grade Drawing certificates

12th November Mr. H Larsen came to the school this morning as Committee's monthly visitor

13th November Mr. Wiley has left the district, 4 of his children attended this school. Emil Swenson's name was taken off the roll

Roll 91

19th November This morning subscription lists, to obtain funds for the children's annual treat were issued in charge of Rose Reehall, Ruby Fraser and Christina Olson

20th November Average for week is 76.8 Roll 92. The infants attend very irregularly Many of them have bad colds and today the wind is blowing with hurricane force.

1st December This afternoon I punished Frederick Peters (4 cuts on the hands) for swearing and Fanny Madsen (2 cuts) for writing on the wall of the girls sheds

2nd December received from Secretary of Education Board re closing at Midsummer holidays Schools are to break up on Friday 18th inst and resume on Monday 25th January 1897

Also received a form for return of Maori Children attending the school

2nd December This morning Emil Voss knocked the cricket ball through a pane of glass in Miss McKay's room

3rd December Tomorrow the school will be closed as the room is wanted for a Polling Booth for the General Election'

7th December Average is very poor viz 68. Excuses for absence are very frivolous in their character. The weather is very hot Temperature in shade with every door and window open 76F= (24.4444 C)

8th December Received by today's mail a copy of plans, specifications of proposed addition to school

10th December Mr. O Anderson attended the pump

14th December Roll 93 4 entered and 3 left. This morning I received a note from the Secretary of the Board stating all schools close on the 17th inst for mid summers holidays

17th December Broke up school at 3 O'clock. The average for the month 70 and for the quarter 74

1897

19th January The proposed additions to the Hastwell School, at a cost of £159, was agreed to PP

25th January School reopened this morning at the usual time. One new boy was entered. During the holidays diphtheria broke out in three families Ole Christiansen, Bertie Elliott and C Isaksen being attacked. All these children are now convalescent but they and their brothers and sisters are not yet allowed to attend school. Dr Beard wrote the chairman of Committee that these children should stay away from school for at least a month. In consequence of this

outbreak of diphtheria several parents refuse to send their children to school this week

A severe bush fire swept through the settlement at the end of the past year. The school grounds suffered to a slight extent most of the young trees being scorched and killed. Fortunately the long grass in the grounds had been cut and removed, so there was little to feed the fires.

During the holidays the school and ground were used for various purposes. One drinking mug is missing. A new pump has been fitted up. The contractor for the addition to the school has placed some material out on the ground

26th January The carpenters commenced work on the new room this morning

29th January Average for week 56. The Smith family 3, left this school for Mangamahoe School Roll No. 94

1st February Joseph and Jacob Isaksen returned to school this morning. Received from Education Board Schedule of work for Pupil teachers. Also Blackie's School and Home Library's Circular

8th February Today as requested by the chairman of Committee I announced that the Picnic would be held on Friday 12th inst

11th February School will be closed tomorrow to enable the annual picnic postponed from Anniversary day to be held

16th February The Hastwell's School picnic postponed from Friday was held on Saturday. The weather was most unfavourable, but a further postponement was impossible owing to the quantity of perishable material on hand. Festivities were therefore conducted indoors; the schoolhouse including the new addition (which is almost complete) was crowded. The usual sports were, of course, dispensed with, except in the case of a number of irrepressibles who played

drop handkerchief until they, were almost wet through, The Mauriceville-Hastwell's Brass Band played a largo number of selections during the afternoon, which were much appreciated, The Committee and Mr Peterson (chairman) in particular are deserving of great praise for the way in which their annual treat eventuated in spite of unfavourable circumstances, A dance was held in Anderson's Hall in the evening (to music provided by the Band) which was well attended, PP

15th February Owing to the heavy downpour rain the picnic postponed till Saturday It was held in the schoolroom for the rain continued on Saturday. Most of the children were present and a great many of their parents and friends. The sports were postponed until the weather improves. The Hastwell brass Band played selections in the afternoon A large number of settlers worked energetically to make the day a success

18th February This afternoon at 2.15 school closed and the sports held over from the picnic took place. The chairman of Committee attended and gave great assistance

22nd February The schoolrooms were scrubbed on Saturday

25th February Mr. Turnbull the Board Architect paid a short visit of inspection to the school this afternoon

2nd March The school was closed yesterday 1st Inst. A deputation of children waited on the chairman of Committee after school on Friday afternoon and requested a holiday so that they could visit the sports at Mauriceville. These sports are peculiar to the Scandinavian people. As the porch was to be painted and varnished on the Saturday and required time to dry thoroughly I offered no objection to the holiday Received a packet of Arithmetic test cards and some leaflets for fruit growers etc.

5th March Average 78 Roll 91

16th March This morning when I arrived at school, I found that the new playshed was turned over completely and much damaged. The wind last night was squally and apparently did the mischief. The shed was insecurely nailed to the piles.

19th March This Morning Mr. Daniell's men came to reerect the shed

22nd March The carpenters finished reerecting the shed on Saturday They have placed two props at the back of the shed

This afternoon at 3 O'clock Florence Anderson complained to me that she could not find a purse containing beads which she had placed under her desk at dinner time. On making enquiries I learned that Ellen McGruddy who sits on the same seat s Florrie, had given beads away, These Ellen said she picked up from the floor. She denied having he purse but eventually it was found in her pocket, Last week some apples were missing from a girl's kit hanging in the porch. Ellen McGruddy was suspected of taking them but the evidence was not quite sufficient to fit the quilt on her. For taking the purse of beads I gave her 3 cuts on the hand with the cane

24th March By yesterday's mail I received notice from Mr. Fleming that he intended to exam he school on Wednesday 7th April.

26th March School was closed yesterday as the school was used as a polling booth for the Licensing Election

29th March This morning I finished the usual quarterly exam

1st April This morning I posted the usual quarterly and monthly returns duly signed by the chairman of Committee. Roll 86 Working average 68 During the quarter 7 were admitted and 14 were withdrawn from the school Two families each taking 4 children from the school left the district

Mr. Riley visited the school this morning and marked the drawing column in the exam schedules for the inspector

2nd April There is a considerable amount of sickness in the district. I have had to send several children home on account of illness

This afternoon Mesdames O Isaksen and McFadden examined the school sewing. Their report is favourable.

5th April Mr. H Larsen visited the school this morning on behalf of the Committee.

6th April Mr. Madsen has stacked 4 cords of firewood in the school grounds

8th April Mr. Fleming finished the Annual examination of the school today. He expressed himself as pleased with the work done at the Exam

12th April The school was closed on Friday, the Inspector having given a holiday

14th April By Last night's mail I received Standard pass Cards

On Monday morning I rearranged the classes. Standard 7, 3, Standard VI, 5, Standard V, 11, Standard IV, 13, Standard III, 17 = 49 in the new room under my own tuition and Standard II Standard 1 10 Primers 14 = 37 are in the large old room under Miss McKay The new room seems better ventilated than the other rooms of the school

A List of All Children who passed is listed in the Log

17th April This afternoon Mr. Peters (Chairman) and Mr. L Larsen (Member of Committee distributed the prizes to the best pass at the recent examination

The following children obtained prizes

Standard V! Emil Voss Standard V Christopher Larsen, John Scarffe Standard IV Charles Reehal Olive Peters Standard 3 Maren Sigvertsen, Alick Johnson, Jessie Tate. Standard II Albert Elliott,

George Halberg 1st equal. Standard 1 Bertha Voss, Charles Anderson. Infants Mabel Johnson, Edward Sigvertson, Edwin Bray, Claire Weston, Vera Winter, James Johnson, Archibald Taucher, Gunda Olsen, Milly Askew, Herbert Bray, Louisa Fraser, Lilly Hansen, Wilfred Voss, Ivy Jarett, Hilda Madsen, Mary McGruddy, Nelly McGregor, Willie Tate.

21st April School reopened today after the usual Easter Holidays. Heavy rain fell throughout the district during the holidays and the streams and rivers were in high flood

22nd April Today I wrote the chairman that the new room leaked near the fireplace.

Yesterday Mrs Reehal wrote to me to the effect that she would give 10/- for four prizes to be bestowed on the best sewers in the school I have promised prizes to those who make every attendance this year 1897 – 1898. Mauriceville Children who stayed home when the water is over the road will not lose their chance of a prize.

27th April At the meeting of householders held last night the following settlers were elected a Committee for the ensuing year. Mrs Reehal (*Very early for a lady member*) Messers J McGregor (Chairman), Ole Anderson, J Swenson, Lars Larsen, Ole Olson, Aaron Johnson

Before 9 a.m. this morning as the boys were playing rounders. C Reehal accidentally struck Alick Larsen with the bat. Alick received a nasty blow below the eye

30th April Roll 79 Average attendance 72

4th may Received from the Secretary of the Board two boxes of coloured beads for which I signed voucher

11th May Received from the Secretary of the Education Board copies of notes on model drawing, Cardboard modelling and modelling exercises.

12th May This morning I noticed that Jacob Isaksen appeared to have a bad cold and loss of voice. I questioned him and found that his throat was sore. His forehead was very hot and feverish. I therefore sent him home to be nursed and tended. Diphtheria there is in the district and Jacob appears to have the disease in an early stage

14th May This week the boys began playing football. The money for the purchase of the ball was obtained by the boys from their parents, friends and teacher, The ball cost 17/6d The balance of the money will be held by John Scarff whom the boys elected treasurer. Emil Voss was elected school captain.

17th May The Committee has kindly supplied me with the following books for the use of class teachers.

1 Longman's Geography Reader for NZ

Longman's Ship Literary Reader Nos 3,2,1 Infant Reader and 2nd Primer

Longman's Ship Historical Reader No 2

Julius Caesar Blackies Junior School Edition

The large rooms were scrubbed on Saturday 15th

19th May Yesterday a heavy gale was raging. One severe squall completely capsized and wrecked the boy's shelter shed. Pieces of the shed struck the pump and broke the pipe The pump is lying on the ground, useless till repaired. Last night I wrote and informed the Chairman of Committee of the above mentioned damage. This morning the wind is blowing very hard

25th May Yesterday was observed as a holiday in honour of the Queen's Birthday

27th May New Time Tables were placed on the walls today and locks were placed on the table drawers

28th May Roll = 79 Average for week 61

1st June Received circular re South Kensington Science and Art Exam 1897 and handed it to Miss McKay

Morning very frosty Attendance 68 (40 + 28)

7th June By Saturday's mail I received circular from the Secretary of the Education Board stating that the Board had given a week's holiday to all schools in honour of the Queen's record reign celebrations and further the Midwinter holidays would commence on 28th June

By the same mail I received the report of the Examination held on 7th and 8th May included

- a) Miss Mackay Ex Pupil Teacher
- b) Presented 58 Passed 54
- c) Repetition and Recitation Poetry well learnt
- d) Singing Greatly Improved
- e) Needlework, Very fair Improved
- f) The work of this school is generally satisfactory
- g) The new room is very suitable but as the average attending fell below 75 The assistant recently appointed (Miss Nott from Tawa Flat) has not been sent to the school
- h) One candidate passed Standard 7
- i) An attempt should be made to raise the average above 75
- j) T R Fleming

11th June Roll 79 Average 66

In my monthly report to the Committee I drew their attention in strong terms the great irregularity of George Tate. It seems that Mr. Tate takes George, a boy barely 8 years of age, to work in the bush

14th June George Tate returned to school this morning.

16th June This morning I finished the usual quarterly exam of the school Most of the classes are in a satisfactory state, the fourth and second standards are the weakest

18th June School broke up this afternoon at 3. P.M. This winter the holidays will be three weeks (*See 7th June*) The children went away giving three hearty cheers for the Queen

12th July Opened school this morning at 9.00

18th July This has been a very wet day There are two or three small leaks near the fireplace in the new room.

17th July Roll 81 Attendance 41

20th July Last night there was a heavy fall of snow succeeded by a sharp frost Even now 11 a.m. the ground in many places is quite white. Attendance 60

23rd June Today I removed 5 names from the roll. Palmers (3) have gone to live in the Mount Bruce district and will probably attend the Kaiparoro School and M Sinclair and Rose Reehal have left for home duties

26th July This morning Rose Reehal and A Palmer returned to school Mrs Reehal wrote saying she had altered her mind and would send Rose to school for some time longer

3rd August Received a memo from Mr. Lee, Inspector stating that scholarship candidates from schools with less than 10 children will be examined on the modified science programme

Yesterday Mrs O Anderson called at the school to tell me that some children attending the school had lice in their hair and that her children had taken some home. Mrs Anderson names certain children. This morning I privately questioned and inspected the suspected children. I was not able to verify Mrs Anderson's

suspicions except in the case of one girl. This girls parents had already discovered the insects. To stop the nuisance they had cut off the girls hair, combed the remainder and dressed it with insecticide, apparently with good results.

I did not feel justified in telling the girl to go home. However her parents did not send her back this afternoon

6th August This afternoon Mrs Voss called at the school. She was indignant because I had questioned and inspected her daughters Ida on Tuesday. "I should have known that her children were clean" Her daughter was one of those mentioned by Mrs Anderson as being dirty. Her girls hair was clean and I told her so at the time

9th August Last night there was a meeting in the school room and this morning I noticed drawings and writing on some of the desks

11th August Average attendance for the week 54 A number of the younger children are away from school owing to colds and sore feet caused by chilblains

27th August Roll 83 Average 65

30th August This morning I received from the Education Board 1 picture of her majesty Queen Victoria. The picture is mounted and I have hung it in a central position over the fireplace.

2nd September Yesterday the annual first grade Drawing exam was held in the school. Mr. McGregor Chairman of Committee was supervisor. There were 16 candidates who worked 9 papers in freehand, 11 in geometry, 4 in scale, 1 in model, Total 25 papers

3rd September The contractor finished reerecting the shelter shed this week.

16th September On behalf of the chairman of the Committee I paid the girls R Fraser, W Thorby, N Olsen and G Larsen 3/- each for sweeping the school for three months ending 10th September This

morning Ruby Fraser and Winifred Thorby complained to me that while they were sweeping the school last night John Scarff used indecent language in their hearing John Scarff was not at school today.

20th September This morning on examining some of the class books I noticed that very filthy words were written in F Hansen's book. Fred Hansen admitted writing the words. At playtime I sent the girls out of the room and gave Hansen in the presence of the boys 6 cuts across the buttocks with a supple jack

Two rooms of the school were scrubbed Saturday

22nd September This morning I gave Karina Nino 6 strokes with the supple jack for indecent writing in his reading books. Nino confessed to writing the words

27th September Today I finished the usual quarterly exam of the school. Spelling seems a weak subject. Reading in Standards 1 and 2 is hardly satisfactory

28th September This afternoon I wrote to the chairman of Committee advising him that the pans in the girls sheds required emptying

30th September Yesterday Minnie McGregor was swinging on the front gate (The small one) and broke the hinges. I have notified the chairman of Committee

1st October Today I posted the quarterly return Average attendance for quarter 62. Average roll 80. School opened 118 times

4th October John Scarff returned to school this morning. I made careful enquiries in the nature and extent of the indecency complaint by the girls on the 16th September. Minnie Thorby was questioned by her mother and Mrs. Thorby told me I could rely on her girls statement as being true. Ruby Fraser corroborated M Thorby's evidence. John Scarff made indecent proposals to the girls and so this

morning in the presence of the boys only I gave him a dozen stripes with the supple jack across the buttocks

2nd October Today I issues a new timetable for Standard 3 to 7

13th October This morning on arrival at school. I found that the roof was blown off the girl's shelter shed. The night was wet and stormy. I have written to the chairman of Committee informing him of the damage and also of leaks in the roof over two of the rooms

Attendance this morning 37 Roll 81

20th October By yesterday's mail I received advice of the results of the 1st grade drawing examination held on the 1st of September. The following received certificates

Freehand Florence Anderson, Joseph Isakson, Mare Sigvertson, Clara Swenson. Geometry Jessie Fraser, Joseph Isakson, Norah Olsen, Arthur Palmer, Olive Peters, Chares Reehal (Excellent), Clara Swenson. Scale Richard Larsen, Emil Voss. Total 13

25th October This morning Mr. Halberg finished the gate at the road entrance to the school grounds

28th October This morning the Board's carpenter called at the school and explained what he intended to do to the shelter sheds. He expects to commence next week.

Johnsons (3) have gone to live at Mangamahoe have left the school Roll 79

1st November Since Friday night the wind has completely wrecked the girls' shelter shed and turned over the old disused closet

3rd November Today the Board's carpenter attended to the leaks in the roof

8th November Friday the 5th was observed as a holiday on account of the Wairarapa Agricultural and pastoral Show. The chairman of Committee wrote granting the holiday

10th November The school was closed yesterday. Prince of Wales' Birthday in accordance with the Board's regulations

The heavy rain last night found its way in through the leak in the roof of the new room. The Board's carpenter has apparently failed to stop the leak.

15th November Alma Hansen returned to school this morning

22nd November This morning I received a note from Mr. Thorby stating that two of his children are down with sore throats The doctor says the disease is infectious and the healthy children are not to go to school for a time for fear they should carry the disease from the infected children to the school

26th November The average attendance this week is very low. Thorby's (5) are away on account of sickness. Most of the other children when they return give very trifling excuses for their absences.

3rd December Received circular today re closing the school for Midsummer Holidays Roll 81, Average 55

7th December received today a parcel of school stationery from Elliott, Masterton

8th December yesterday I finished the usual quarterly examination of the school The result is fairly satisfactory. There were 4 weak girls in Standard 2

17th December School broke up this afternoon at 3 O'clock for the usual Summer Holidays. I have forwarded the usual quarterly return to the Chairman for his signature. The monthly average is 60 Roll No 79. School was open 108 times.

1st December A sum of £16 10s has also been noted for erecting a shelter shed at the Hastwell School PP

18th December The Education Board has granted £5 to the Hastwell School Committee to supplement a sum already raised, for the purpose of clearing the school grounds PP

1898

24th January School reopened this morning present 69. The annual school picnic was held in the school grounds on the 22nd and was well attended by the settlers

28th January Roll No 80. Average attendance 64

The attendance in the Upper Standards is very poor. In Standard 6 out of 4 boys only one put in 6 attendances. Assisting gathering grass seed is the excuse. The grass seed crop is late this year

2nd February At dinner time James Swenson Standard 1 cut his foot. He was running across the grass Behind the girl's shelter shed and trod on a piece of glass. I washed and bandaged the wound as well as I could with the material at hand and then sent him home in a wheelbarrow as his foot was too sore to walk on. The attendance in the Upper Standards is still unsatisfactory grass seeding is still not finished. The boys are very useful to their parents while the grass harvest is being gathered. The crop is fully three weeks later than usual. The Board's carpenter inspected the shelter shed this afternoon.

I have again twice this month called the Committee's attention to the strong smell arising from the closets, especially the girls. Apparently the sheds want more ventilation

18th February Roll 84 Average 66

21st February Two rooms were cleaned on Saturday. I have written to the Chairman of Committee telling him that the windows and sheds were not cleaned

22nd February This morning the Chairman of Committee handed me 6/- surplus from Picnic money in aid of the library

1st March The chairman of Committee gave permission to close the school yesterday on account of the annual tilting games at Mauriceville. It was feared that the attendance would be low on account of the nearness of the sports ground to our school. On 23rd Masterton Show Day the attendance dropped from 75 (Tuesday) to 59 Wednesday. On Thursday it rose to 70

By Saturdays mail I received notice from Mr. Fleming that Mr. Lee would examine the school on Thursday and Friday April 28th and 29th

7th March Yesterday (Sunday) Religious services were held in the School room. Someone amused himself by scribbling on a desk

8th March By Today's mail I forwarded to the Secretary of the Board a list of school apparatus etc, which should have been sent in January Mr. Anderson mended the pump on Friday. It does not hold the water very long

10th March Today I finished the usual quarterly exam of the school Standard 4 seems to be weak especially in arithmetic. Standard 6 also did the arithmetic badly.

18th March Mrs Reehal visited the school this day on behalf of the Committee

22nd March This morning I noticed chalk writing on the inside wall of the Boy's Closet. I did not see it yesterday and I am unable to find the writer. The writing apparently was done after school hours

31st March I have prepared the monthly and quarterly returns. The school was open 46 times

This quarter a beginning was made in teaching composition to Standard 2. Roll No 85

No children left during the quarter and 6 were admitted

4th April The school was closed on Friday 1st Inst Kaiparoro, Mangamahoe and Hastwell Schools took part in an excursion to Palmerston North. The day was fine and the greater part of the children journeyed to Palmerston

On Friday the Hastwell, Mangamahoe, and Kaipororo school children went on an excursion to Palmerston North, and had a very enjoyable time. The train left Mangamahoe at 7,30 and after a pleasant journey the excursionists arrived at Palmerston about 11 o'clock. People went to the stations about two hours before the starting of the train. One lady arrived at Mangamahoe at five a.m. The credit the success of the excursion is due to Mrs Reehal the lady member of the Hastwell School Committee, A word of thanks is due to Mr Dempsey, head-master of the local school, for the able manner in which he kept order among the children in the train. The Chairman of the Mangamahoe Committee was most agreeable and look good care of the children under his control, The excursionists were welcomed by some of the Palmerston officials 'and escorted to the Show Ground, where refreshments were generously provided, The train started on the return journey at five minutes past five; the excursionists tired, but happy

13th April Commenced School this morning (After Easter) 72 present. Today Mrs Reehal forwarded 10/- which she had promised as a special prize for sewing. Today I finished the examination of

Standards 3-6 commenced on Thursday last. The work was satisfactory. 4 were absent

15th April roll 88

This afternoon Mesdames A Johnson and Halberg examined the school sewing. They report the sewing on the whole is very good, that of Standard 2 is especially so. Patching very good indeed. Darning Very good indeed. Knitting very good for age of children Hem Stitching Excellent, Button Holing Very good. Infant's sewing Very good for age of children

19th April Today I again wrote to the Chairman of the School Committee drawing his attention to the state of the Boys' Closet and asking him to attend to it at once. Previous letter written on 7th inst

20th April Yesterday Mrs Ole Anderson came to the school and complained that the sewing of her daughter had been unfairly withdrawn from the Examination of School Sewing held by the Committee of ladies on the previous Friday. Consequently her girls were deprived of a chance of obtaining a prize. Mrs Anderson also thought it unjust that children older than hers should be allowed to compete against them for the Standard prizes. It appears that before Mrs Anderson sent the work to school she did part of it herself using her sewing machine for the purpose. Miss Mackay (then lodging with Mrs Anderson) told Mrs Anderson that this would not be allowed to compete for prizes as all work must be done by the children in school and under the teacher's supervision. Mrs Anderson replied to the effect that she did not want the work sent up for the prize competition and on that condition Miss McKay allowed the work to be brought to school When the work was finished Miss McKay again told the girls that the work could not be shown for prizes, but if they wanted to try

for a prize they had time to do another piece of work. This Mrs Anderson would not send the children doing odd pieces junk etc Mrs Anderson now contends that what she did to the work could not have influenced the judgement of the examiners. Miss McKay assures me it would, that it made the work sit better in fact much neater than children would have done it by hand

26th April The following settlers were elected a Committee for the ensuing year. F Peters, O Isakson, I P Hansen, C Madsen, O Olsen, Lawson, O Anderson. At the meeting of the newly elected Committee chairman Mr. Peters and Secretary Mr. Isakson

27th April By yesterday's mail I received a notice from Mr. Lee that he would be unable to commence the exam of this school till Friday Morning and that he expected to finish the exams on the same day

28th April By today's mail I received a circular from the Secretary of the Education Board in reference to the teaching of military drill

5th May The school was closed on Friday and reopened this morning. Monday was the Inspector's holiday. The school was closed on Tuesday and Wednesday as I was too ill to attend to my duties. A sharp attack of influenza prostrated me

The inspector Mr. Lee examined the school on Friday 29th April He expressed himself as pleased with the work of the school

Three children failed in the Standard classes One in Standard 4 and two in Standard 6 and fifty eight passed.

All children who passed are listed in the log

I rearranged the classes today Standard 3-7 are under my immediate charge in the new room No of children 51 Miss McKay has charge of the infants and Standard 1 and 2 No of Children 34

11th May Received notice of the date of the South Kensington Science and Art Examination

13th May this afternoon the chairman of the Committee Mr. F Peters and Messrs O Anderson and N Madsen attended at the school and distributed the prizes for the year 1897- 98

The following is the prize list

Standard VI T C Larsen, J Scarff. Standard V Ruby Fraser, O Peters

Standard IV E Larsen, M Sigvertson Standard 3 N Fraser, F Halberg, A Madsen. Standard II B Voss, C Anderson. Standard 1 N Voss, F Peters

Infants L Taucher, H Madsen, V Voss, H Bray, J Elliott, R Weston, A Larsen, A Jarett , V White. R Fraser, E Johnson, A Sigvertsen

Sewing Division 1 Winifred Thorby, Maren Sigvertsen

Division 2 Joy Jarett

Mrs Reehal's Special Knitting B Voss

Patching C Swenson

Darning M Sigvertson

Hem Stitching L Fraser

Infants (Special) Clara Anderson

Attendance Prize for full attendance 446 G Hallberg

P Hallberg., R Fraser A Olson

Mr. Madsen promised special prize of the total value of 10/- to those children who did not get the stick during the year

Mr. Peters also promised special prizes to the value of 10/-

20th May Today the Secretary of the Committee notified me that the Committee had acceded to my request re purchasing class readers- The Young Chemist also that the windows and closets had been cleaned when the school was scrubbed. I replied that neither Miss McKay nor myself could notice any difference in the window panes after the so called cleaning. And that the closets had not been cleaned every time the school was scrubbed

15th May Yesterday was observed as a holiday in hour of the Queen's Birthday. Mr. Madsen visited the school today. He mended the top of the well. I pointed out to him leaks in two parts of the school also the broken pane of glass in my room Today was very wet and stormy Roll 86

27th May Mr. Hallberg mended the window today

30th May Attendance today 56 and 57 Yesterday morning the ground was white with snow

2nd June Received from the Secretary of the Education Board a copy of the Syllabus of Domestic Economy Classes for first year students. Also leaflets for gardeners Numbers 22 and 23

9th June Received from Mr. Dorset (Secretary Education Board) a voucher for goods ordered by him but not yet received by me.

22nd June By yesterday's mail I received the exam report on the examination of the school held by Mr. Lee on 29th April 1898 included

Class	Presented	Present	Passed
VI	4	4	2
V	9	9	9
IV	11	10	9
III	13	13	13
II	14	14	14
I	11	11	11
Primers	23		
Total	85	61	55

- a) Grammar Good
- b) Elementary Science Object Lessons Chemistry Good
- c) Drill and exercises Clubs Fair. Military good
- d) Singing Not taken

- e) Needlework Good.
- f) The school as a whole passed a very good examination. Writing, Spelling and Kindergarten Work are very good features of this school. The school is carefully and effectively taught by Mr. Dempsey and Miss McKay. One classroom is unoccupied

g) Robert Lee

24th June By yesterday's mail I receive supplies of Kindergarten mats, needles and clay

Roll 85 Average for week 70

30th June This afternoon I made the usual quarterly and Monthly returns and forwarded them to the chairman for his signature

1st July Mr. Anderson, Member of the Committee visited the school this afternoon I drew his attention to the dividing fence and the closets

Today I received a circular from Mr. Dorset in reference to examination in music for school teachers

School broke up at 3 O'clock for the usual midwinter holiday

18th July School Reopened. Present 71. 5 children admitted Roll now 91. During the holidays the floors were scrubbed, the windows cleaned. The closets also were cleaned

20th July Yesterday morning Karina Nini accidentally kicked the football through the window of the porch

22nd July Roll No 93, 4 boys and 3 girls admitted this week

Today I added 13 volumes to the school library and 24 copies of Blackies Young Chemist were received for use as class readers

27th July By today's mail I received a circular from the County Clerk asking me to warn the children in the matter of damaging mile posts,

bridges etc as the County Council intends prosecuting all offenders who may be detected

1st August On Saturday Mr. Hallberg mended the window in the porch. The new pane was marked this morning apparently in putting in. Last night was exceedingly cold. The thermometer showed 26° F at 6.30 this morning.

Snow fell on Saturday night and Sunday. It is not yet melted in the shady parts of the school grounds at 3.30 p.m. Overhead the day is bright and sunny

5th August Sent by post today for Drawing papers

12th August Roll 95 Average for week 72

18th August This afternoon Mr. Lars Larsen visited the school. I pointed out the wet place in the boy's playground and the necessity of mending the cross fence

24th August This morning Mr. Larsen mended the fence between the paddock and the playground

26th August Last Night Mr. Anderson repaired the fireplace in Miss McKay's room and this morning Mr. Isaksen brought two new brooms for the use of the sweepers of the school

30th August Yesterday afternoon Mrs P Madsen came to the school to complain that W Fraser, G Hallberg, E Bray, and A Thorby as they went home from school had thrown stones on the roof of her house. This morning Thorby, Hallberg and Bray confessed to throwing stones, but Fraser denied doing it. G Hallberg, E Thorby and M Johnson said they had seen Fraser throw stones at Madsen's House I therefore punished Fraser with the others. I gave the boy one stroke with the cane on the hand to each boy. After Play (10.30) interval was over Fraser was not in his seat. On enquiry I learnt that he had gone home. His mother had told him to do so if he was punished for

stone throwing. I told his sister Jessie that I should remove Willie's name from the school roll as his mother had told him to leave the school

2nd September Roll 94 Mr. Larsen spread the loads of gravel this afternoon near the Boy's shelter shed

5th September This morning Mr. Varnham the Board's Truant Officer visited the school and took the names of irregular children. Subsequently he visited the parents of these children

7th September This morning Mr. Peters Chairman of Committee acted as supervisor of the 1st Grade drawing examination. There were present 16 candidates

9th September Yesterday after school a Mr. Kelly exhibited a phonograph. He gave a selection of songs and then recorded a few remarks made by himself. The instrument gave them back distinctly
Roll No 94

14th September The attendance this week has been very poor. There is a great deal of sickness in the district Bad colds and influenza are prevalent

16th September This afternoon Mr. Lars Larsen brought a sack of lime for school use

28th September today I completed the usual quarterly examination of the school The results were generally satisfactory

30th September The quarter closes with 95 children attending the school. School open 112 times

3rd October By Saturday's mail I received a circular from Mr. Dorset re Mr. Parker's Saturday singing classes to be held in Masterton commencing on 8th October.

5th October Yesterday I received a box of coins for Infant School work

7th October Forwarded the usual monthly report to the chairman

10th October By Saturday's mail I received a memo from Mr. Riley Director of the Technical School asking how many children would attend cooking classes proposed to be established, also that he would call at the school this week.

12th October Received by yesterday's mail a circular from the Secretary of the Education Board re cooking classes for assistant teachers – Ex pupil Teachers to be held I Wellington and Pahiatua also a notice re Native Scholarship Exam

14th October This morning I received a packet of stationery, slates etc for school use. Mr. Riley has not called at the school. Today 89 children were present. Roll 96 Today I found a few words pencilled in the Boys' closet. I scrapped them off. The writer has not yet been discovered

17th October The schools floors, windows and closets were washed on Saturday While moving desks on Friday night E Thorby accidentally broke a pane of glass in one of the ventilating sashes Mr. Riley called at the school at 10 a.m. this morning to make arrangements for Miss Millington's cooking classes. The classes will commence on Wednesday next at 10.30 a.m.

4th November today the attendance is very low viz 67. This is the popular day of the Wairarapa Agricultural and Pastoral Show. Several of the children have gone with their parents

7th November By Saturday's Mail I received results of the drawing examination held in the school in September last

8 passed in freehand, 10 passed in Geometry With 4 getting excellent 7 passed in Scale. (*Names are listed in log*)

10th November Yesterday observed as a holiday in honour of Prince of Wales Birthday

Miss Millington gave her lesson without practical work this afternoon Mr Thorby delivered at the school 4 tables for the cookery class.

11th November Roll 97 Yesterday and today have been very wet. Two boxes were brought to the school this afternoon for Miss Millington's Class. Sent usual Monthly report to chairman

17th November Miss Millington today gave her first practical lesson in cookery. Last night a meeting was held in the school room. This morning I found the floor in a foul state owing to tobacco juice being spitted on the floor. I have written to the Chairman of Committee in reference to the matter

18th November Received from the Railway Department a copy of the regulations relating to excursion fares etc

21st November On Saturday the spare room was washed

25th November Miss Millington gave her cookery lesson as usual yesterday. Roll 98

30th November A collector of agriculture returns called at the school this afternoon and I gave him particulars of the school grounds etc

1st December In the dinner hour Ida Voss fell on a log in the paddock and cut her leg severely. Miss McKay washed it and then I sent Ida home for her mother to properly dress the wound

Miss Millington continued her cookery class as usual today. The children did practical work in cooking

2nd December Roll 99 Attendance for week 80. The attendance of the girls in the Upper Room is hardly satisfactory. Several are ill and receiving attention from Dr Beard

5th December By Saturday's mail a circular stating that where the Pupil Teacher's had to go to examination the school could be closed for Xmas Holidays on the 14th Inst. If the Pupil Teachers were not examined the school should be kept on until the 16th

9th December Miss Millington attended as usual yesterday.

Roll 99

12th December Today I received a letter from the Secretary of Committee stating that the pic-nic (*Often written like this*) would be held on 23rd January 1899 and also that certain repairs would be attended to.

On Friday last Mr. O Isakson Secretary of the late Hastwell Cricket Club gave me for the use of the boys two bats and 4 wickets all that was left of the material of the club

13th December Yesterday I finished the examination of the school. Standards III and V were weak

16th December Yesterday Miss Millington took her class in the morning to enable her to catch the express train which connects with Auckland Steamer at Napier

School broke up this afternoon for the usual summer holidays Will reopen on the 24th January

Roll 97 No of times opened 108 Weekly average 79

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24th January School reopened after the midsummer Holidays yesterday. The annual school picnic was held in the school grounds. Roll now 101 (52 boys and 49 Girls)

21st January Yesterday Miss Millington gave her lessons in cooking. The average attendance for week is 79. Roll No 103 many of the elder boys and girls are absent from school assisting their parents to gather "grass seed" This season the grass seed harvest is late. The irregular attendance is most noticeable in Standards 4-7

30th January This morning Mr. I Hatch gave the children selections from his gramophone; They were much enjoyed by the children This afternoon Mr. Olson visited the school He is the Committee's monthly visitor

31st January Roll 104 This morning was very wet. The attendance was less than half, Morning 44, Afternoon 51

2nd February Miss Millington gave her lesson this afternoon to the cookery class.

3rd February Matilda Madsen has left school for domestic service This dinner time Miss Mackay (*Note change of spelling*) reported to me that some of the girls told her that they saw smoke issuing from the bottom of the wall in the passage at the back of the fireplace. I questioned the girls (V and VIth Standard) and they stated they had seen the smoke quite plainly. I got Mr. O Anderson to examine the fireplace. He said that the lime at the back of the fireplace was quite eaten away and the bricks were badly cracked, that the fireplace was not safe, as sparks might find their way through the cracks. I therefore told Miss Mackay not to again light a fire till the fireplace is mended

6th February Yesterday the rain fell in torrents and today it is still raining The water is over the Mauriceville Road in several places and consequently the attendance is very low. Opened school with 30 Roll 104

Received from Secretary of the Education Board (1) extract from NZ Gazette of 5th January giving the schedule for sewing in public schools. (2) List of classes in drawing etc. I have shown both to Miss Mackay

10th February Roll 104 Av attendance 77

14th February Matilda Madsen returned to school today. This girl has been very irregular. She has lately been to service but will come to school until after the exam

16th February Miss Millington attended as usual today. 21 children attended her lesson

23rd February Yesterday was observed as a holiday on account of Masterton A and P Show. Many of the children and their parents were going to attend the show so the Chairman of Committee thought it best to close the school.

Miss Millerton gave her lesson to the cooking class. Present 20

24th February Yesterday's mail brought notice of Mr. Fleming's inspection visit

The mail also brought news that Miss MacKay has completed her exams for the E certificate

Roll 105 Attendance 91

3rd March Received yesterday from Secretary of Board a copy of Hints for Teachers

Miss Millington attended as usual yesterday

9th March Yesterday the Committee sent two drinking mugs to the school. Miss Millington gave her usual weekly lesson- cookery this afternoon

10th March By yesterdays mail I received from the Secretary of he Education Board 2 packets of OPSO envelopes, also copy ov McDonalds Drill Manual For Schools

Accompanying the manual was a circular from Mr. Lee, inspector stating that drill from the manual was for all above Standard 2 was prescribed. Standards 1-2 Swedish Drill

9th February Miss Millington gave her usual weekly lesson in cookery this afternoon

10th march Drill as at present and gradually to work in sections 1, 3,4,5,6,922 and 23

Girls Swedish drill Club and Poles, as at present in use, also sections 3.4.6,13

Mixed classes to do same as girls

Mr. Isaksen visited the school this morning- Committee's monthly visitor and put up hat pegs. Roll 105 Average for week 83

13th March Today the water is over Mauriceville Road

17th March Miss Millington conducted the cookery classes as usual yesterday afternoon

24th March Average attendance for week 90. Miss Millington attended as usual yesterday

Mr. Riley visited the school on Tuesday. He examined the drawing He recommended that Standard 1 and 2 should draw on paper with coloured chalks

25th March Yesterday morning on opening the school I noticed 9 panes of glass had been broken since Friday Afternoon. Last night I was able to find that Otto Percy and Max McGregor had been playing in the school grounds on Sunday Evening and had broken the windows. The boys confessed this morning. I have handed their names to the Chairman of the Committee

This afternoon the Board's Truant Officer and the Clerk of Works called at the school . The latter took a note to the repairs wanted and promised to attend to them

30th march This morning Miss Millington gave her cooking lesson

Tonight I sent the usual quarterly return to the Chairman for his signature

5th April School reopened this morning after the usual Easter Holidays. Miss Bray joined the "staff" this morning. She is a third

year Pupil Teacher, previously Miss Bray assisted Mr. Joplin at Mauriceville West. Mr. Joplin had not commenced the course of study which Miss Bray had to take this year.

(Hinemoa Bray previously a student at Hastwell)

Hinemoa		
1906/4410 Frances Palmer	Bray	Henry George Bryant

This morning Mrs Askew told Miss Mackay that some of her children were attacked by measles and that she was keeping the remaining members of the family from school. I told the children in my room that if any member of their family were suffering from measles they were to send me word and stay from school as their attendance was not desired while any member of the family were suffering from measles

I received by post on Saturday last a copy of the Inspector's Annual Report on Pupil Teacher's Examination 1898. Also Science Programme and Inspector's circular and note to Teacher's in charge of schools 1899

6th April A correspondent writes: The vacancy caused in the stall of the Hastwell School by the promotion of Miss Mackay to the assistantship is to be filled, by Miss H, Bray , who is lo be transferred from Mauriceville. PP

7th April Yesterday Miss Millington finished the course of cookery lessons Miss M- said that she reported to Mr. Riley that the Hastwell School Class was the best of those she taught during the course of lessons. They were best in attendance, conduct and practical work During the Easter Holidays a supply of firewood was stacked in the school grounds

Yesterdays mail brought a memo from Mr. Dorset (*Wellington Education Board Secretary*) informing me that Miss Bray had been appointed Pupil Teacher in the school in place of Miss Mackay promoted

Roll 104 Alma Hansen left school last week

10th April On Saturday the floor and windows of my room were cleaned- also passage. Mr. Robertson member of the Board, visited the school this morning and gave the children a short address on the connection of the school work with their future work after leaving school

14th April Received from Secretary of Board a number of Arithmetic exam cards for 1897 and 1898 also syllabus for Victoria College Scholarship (*Victoria University Wellington*)

This afternoon a carrier came for the cooking apparatus which he is to forward to the Greytown School I have written advising the Head Teacher of the school that the boxes have left this school.

20th April Messrs Fleming and Bakewell examined the school on the 17th and 18th and the 19th was observed as a holiday

On the 17th Mr. Thorby replaced the broken panes of glass

On Tuesday Morning some girls told me that they had seen Florence Anderson Standard 6 copying from her geography book while Mr. Bakewell was examining her class. I informed Mr. Fleming of this. The Inspector said that as the result of the examination was not affected by the alleged cheating, asked me to enquire about it. This morning Florrie Anderson denied looking at the Geography book at improper times, but admitted taking it into the examination room. Fred Voss, Clara Swenson, Winifred Thorby and Jessie Fraser (all in Standard 6) state positively that they saw Florrie Anderson look at

the open geography book while Mr. Bakewell was examining their class in Geography

25th April At the meeting of the householders held in the schoolroom last night the following settlers were elected a Committee for the following year. F Peters (Chairman), O Anderson, L Larsen, H Larsen, J McGregor, O Isaksen, L Kjaer

This afternoon Messrs Peters, H Larsen, L Kjaer members of the Committee distributed prizes as follows

Infants 12 Harriet Madsen Kate Larsen, Gwendoline Weston, Annie Nini, Constance Anderson, Annie Hallberg, Edith Janett, Herbert Bray, Edward McFadden, Andrew Sigvertsen, Harriet Johnson, Annie Larsen

Standard 1 James Swenson, Alfred White

Standard 2 Louise Fraser, Hugh White, Philip McBarron

Standard 3 Charles Anderson, Walter Anderson, Edward Sigvertson, Bertha Voss

Standard 4 Ivy Peters, Frederick Hallberg, Jacob Isaksen

Standard 5 Robert V Smith, Maren Sigvertsen

Standard 6 Charles Reehal, Olive Peters

Standard 7 Richard Larsen

Special by Mr. Peters for attendance. F Anderson, R Anderson, G Hallberg, N Anderson

Special by Mr. C Madsen for good conduct R Smith, I Peters, R Anderson, E Larsen, N Olsen, M Sigvertsen, F Anderson, J Fraser, O Peters, C Swenson, W Thorby, H Madsen, H Johnson, L Fraser, H Madsen, N Jonson, H Isaksen, A Nini, M Madsen, G Weston, E Jarett, E Anderson. H White, E Tate, E Peters, C Anderson, K Larsen, M McBarron. 28 Children

When announced was for those who didn't get the stick during the school year

28th April Roll 100 Since the exam four children have left the school
On Saturday I received a supply of clay and Standard Pass cards which I distributed *Names in log*

1st May The morning the Chairman of Committee wrote me that the Committee had passed a resolution to the effect that no child over 15 years of age was to receive a prize

Today I issued a new timetable

Miss Bray takes Infants and assists Miss Mackay from 2.30 to 3.00

Miss Mackay takes Standard 1, Standard 2 and Standard 3

Self Takes Standard 4 , Standard 5, Standard 6 , Standard 7

5th May On Tuesday morning Miss Bray Pupil Teacher informed me that one of her youngest sisters was attacked by measles. I consulted the chairman of the Committee and he instructed me to send Miss Bray home. I wrote to the Secretary of the Board informing him of the circumstances and he replied by yesterdays mail that my action in regard to the Pupil Teacher was quite right.

9th May Today is very cold and wet Attendance 54,54 Roll 100

15th May This morning I learned that more members of Bray's family were ill with measles and that measles had broken out in Thorby's and Tyson's families. Thus four families absent from school owing to measles. At Mangamahoe many children are ill with measles

22nd May Roll 99 Attendance this morning 57. This low attendance is owing to many of the children suffering from measles. The disease is spreading

25th May Yesterday was observed as a holiday Queens Birthday

Attendance this morning 34. The children report fresh cases of measles and influenza

26th May This morning Messrs Varnham and McDougall called at the school

Mr. Varnham made a note of the attendance roll 99 Attendance 59

Mr. McDougall promised to arrange with Mr. Daniel Masterton to have the chimneys seen to at once.

31st may Attendance today 14, Yesterday 14 vert few families have escaped having one or more cases of measles

1st June Attendance today 13. This afternoon a workman commenced to erpair the chimneys

2nd June The workman finished the chimneys this morning. Attendance today 13 average for week 14. Roll 99

5th June This morning Miss Bray resumed her duties at the school6th June Attendance 10

9th June Average attendance for week 12

12th June By Saturdays mail I received the Inspector's report on the examination included

- a) More uniformity required in slate work Other subjects are satisfactory
- b) Total Presented 65 passed 55
- c) Singing Not taught
- d) One candidate passed Standard 7
- e) During a part of the year the school was insufficiently staffed, and the work was heavy for two teachers Of the pass subjects Writing was weak in many cases but the work generally was satisfactory. The old portion of the building requires painting
- f) The question of repairs to the chimneys is receiving the attendance of Mr. McDougall *Board Clerk of works*)

g) T R Fleming F H Bakewell

23rd June On Tuesday afternoon Charles Reehal when trying to lock the wood shed broke the key. Yesterday Mr. H Larsen left a new one at the school. This morning Mr. Bakewell, Inspector paid a visit to the school. Roll 102 Attendance 44

28th June This afternoon Mr. L Larsen visited the school on behalf of the Committee

30th June Yesterday a new lock was fitted in the woodshed by Mr. Marsh. This afternoon the school closed for the usual winter holidays I have also written my usual monthly report to the Chairman of the School Committee. In this report I have great stress on the necessity of keeping the boy's closet clean

17th July This morning school was opened as usual present 79. Two children admitted Roll 104. I posted on the walls a copy of regulations received from the Secretary of the Education Board I also received an Order in Council relating to school books to be used in Public Schools and another relating to Arbor Day (19/7/99)

18th July Today I noticed that the trough in the boys' urinal was leaking. The galvanized iron seems to be rusted through. I am writing to the Chairman of Committee in reference to the matter

20th July Yesterday was observed as a holiday, Arbor Day.

Tuesday's afternoon mail brought notice about first grade drawing exam to be held Wednesday 6th September

24th July The following is a copy of the inspector's report dated 23rd June

- a) Standard 7- 4 Mr. Dempsey
- b) Standard 3-1 Miss Mackay
- c) Primers Miss Bray
- d) Roll 102 Present 44

e) The measles have been playing such havoc with the attendance here that I have thought it better to wait for a more favourable opportunity of inspecting the school before reporting on the organization and methods generally

f) With the exception of the boys' offices the buildings were in satisfactory condition

g) F H Bakewell MA

25th July Today and Yesterday the weather has been very cold. Snow fell today in considerable quantities The attendance is very poor Monday 46 today 33-36

28th July Yesterday the Committee had the drains cleared out. The heavy rains on Monday and Tuesday found their way through the gutter in Miss Mackay's room

4th August received from the Secretary of the Education Board a notice that the English classes for scholarship 1900 will be portions of "Tennyson"

7th August On Saturday some boys visited the school ground and let all the water out of the tank. I am told the boys come from Mangamahoe

9th August This dinner hour Florence Anderson complained that last night Wilfred Voss in company with Victor Madsen and Fred Madsen called nasty words to her. I questioned the boys and they at once admitted their guilt. Voss told me what he had said. The expression was indecent. Vic Madsen admitted saying the same words to Voss but not loudly enough to be heard by the girl As the boys promptly admitted their guilt I let Voss off with 3 strokes over the buttocks and Madsen with 2 strokes

11th August Roll 102 Attendance for week 79. The weather has been very fine all week.

14th August Received a note from the Ch of Committee stating that the Committee had decided to improve the Boys Closet that they could not interfere with the roof of the school, but would report the matter to the Board

18th August Last afternoon's mail brought word from the Secretary of the Education Board that he had ordered 1 blackboard and easel from Daniel, Masterton

23rd August Received Blackboard an easel from Mr. Daniel Masterton for which I have sent voucher to Education Board

Today I am sending a long report to the Ch of Committee in reference to the drainage of the latrines now being built in the school grounds. I consider the style of drainage adopted by the Boards Clerk of Works both dangerous to health and disgusting to users of the urinal

1st September Yesterday the urinal was finished and the leak in the roof gutter soldered

Roll 99 Attendance 78

Today I finished the exam of the school. The results are generally satisfactory

The recent epidemic of measles has left its mark on the work of the school, work not being so far advanced now as it usually is at this time of the year.

4th September Received from the Education Board Report on Education and Drill Manual for Girls and Standard 1 and 2

7th September Yesterday at the drawing examination the following papers were taken. Freehand 6, Model 3, Geometry 13, Scale 5

The Committee sent a supply of towelling and soap

15th September Roll 99 Average attendance 83 Best attendance 90. With the exception of Friday the attendance has been good all the week. Friday 74, 75

18th September This morning Mr. McDonald visited the school and drilled the boys for upwards of an hour

22nd September This afternoon the Board's Clerk Of Works visited the school and inspected the sheds. He promised to arrange with a local tradesman to get the necessary work done.

Received notice that Miss Millington will resume her cookery lessons on Thursday 5th October. Also that application for permission to sit Scholarship Exams were to be in by September 30th

29th September This afternoon I made out the quarterly return and sent it to the Chairman of Committee. 5 children admitted during the quarter and 10 left Of these 10 three will return to school as soon as their health permits. Their names are removed from the roll because they have not attended this quarter

2nd October Admitted 1 boy and 1 girl. (Boys name removed on Friday)

On Saturday Mr. Marsh altered the latrine for boys and added a ventilator to the Girls

Received from the Secretary of the Education Board a copy of "Regulations for the Organization and Control of Public School Cadets and for Instruction in Drill. Also extract from Order in Council relating to list of books that may be used in Public Schools

5th October Miss Millington commenced her course of cookery lessons this afternoon

Class comprised Standard VII to IV girls 16 and 5 Boys of Standards VI and VII who took the course last year

6th October On Monday I issued new time Table to infants, Miss Bray and Standards 1,2 and 3 (Miss Mackay) The changes in the Timetable are going to Miss Millington's cookery class being held in the infant room

9th October Received this morning 1 gallon ink, 3 boxes of pen nibs, and 2 quires of Foolscap from I Elliott Masterton

13th October Roll 99. Miss Millington gave lesson in cookery yesterday morning instead of the afternoon as she wished to go to Masterton to attend exhibition of Cookery given by her late pupils in Masterton

19th October Miss Millington gave her usual lesson in cookery this afternoon

A Knott a Travelling photographer and lecturer took the photograph of the children this morning. Weather rough Hail and Rain Showers Attendance 56, 57

This afternoon the results of the examination in drawing came to hand The following passed

Freehand Noah Olsen, Ivy Peters, Winifred Thorby, Thomas Tyson
Model Richard Larsen. Geometry Albert Elliott, Frederick Hallberg, Jacob Hallberg, Otto McGregor, Ivy Peters, Arthur Thorby, Thomas Tyson, Sydney White. Scale Harry Anderson, Winifred Thorby

20th October This morning I examined the school The fourth Standard shows weakness in most subjects. Spelling being especially poor. Standards 3 and 5 are not strong. The greatest improvement seems to be in Standard VI arithmetic

26th October Today Miss Millington gave her fourth lesson in cookery

3rd November Today is very wet Miss Millington gave her fifth lesson in cookery. On 31st Ult I made the usual returns

8th November On Monday morning Miss Bray noticed one of her class John Madsen looking very ill. She examined the child and saw that his throat was very sore. I took the boy home and told his mother that I suspected he was suffering from Diphtheria and recommended her to consult a doctor. I also sent home the other members of the family. Mrs Madsen consulted Dr Murray Aynsley of Eketahuna who said the boy was very ill. I gave the information to the Chairman of the Committee. Yesterday I received certain information which made me think Mrs Madsen had not to say the least, understood the doctor's instructions. I at once informed the chairman of my suspicions. He during the day visited Dr Murray Aynesly who told him that the Madsen's boy was suffering from an illness closely resembling diphtheria and that it was highly infectious and dangerous and that Madsen's children should not be allowed to come near the school. The Dr did not advise that the school be closed unless the disease spread. This morning two or three children attended school who had sore throats. One Edie Janett looked very ill and had a very sore throat. The throat was covered with white patches. I sent these children home and consulted the chairman

He decided not to close the school as he did not know what these children were suffering from, but he told me to tell the children that if they liked they could go home and tell their parents about the sickness and so leave the responsibility about attending school on the parent's hands. Several of the children went home as their parents were unacquainted with the nature of the sickness

Attendance Monday 80, 76 Tuesday 65, 65, Wednesday 32 and 16

By yesterday's mail I received two maps of the Seat of War from the Secretary of the Education Board (*Boer War*)

10th November Yesterday observed as Prince of Wales Birthday

Attendance this morning 2 boys and 3 girls

The school was scrubbed last Saturday and Yesterday also the offices
The Board's Clerk of Works called at the school today

14th November Yesterday and Today the attendance has been very poor owing to the sickness so prevalent in the district. Bad Colds, Sore Throats, Influenza, Stomach Troubles and inflammation of the lungs seem to be in the locality just now

Attendance yesterday 27, Today 34, Roll no 99

16th November Miss Millington has only 8 attending her class today

22nd November Mr. Hogg member of the Ed Board inspected the school today

23rd November Miss Millington did not come today. She wrote that Mr. Riley had instructed her not to come on account of the sickness in the district. Mr. Riley also wrote to the same effect

A number of children are ill with sore throats and the attendance at the school is very poor

27th November In reply to a memo received from Mr. Dorset I have informed him that Miss Bray Pupil Teacher is taking Euclid as the extra subject.

1st December Yesterday again Miss Millington did not conduct the cookery class. Attendance for all week 59

The weather was very wet yesterday and also today. The sickness, sore throat seems to be leaving the district. Almost all of the sick children are well enough to attend school now. 75 were present on Wednesday

7th December Yesterday was observed as a general holiday being the occasion of the general election

Miss Millington resumed her cookery class today

The attendance today is very low 46 and 49

Received a packet of Envelopes from the Secretary of the Board also notice of Pupil teacher exam for Friday and Saturday 15th and 16th Inst and the date for closing of the school for the usual midsummer holidays

11th December Last week I examined the school. There is not much improvement since the October exam

Roll 98 Attendance Today 21 and 31

14th December This afternoon Miss Bray received notice that she had passed in freehand and Model drawing. Miss Millington gave her cookery lesson

School broke up at 3 pm for the usual summer holidays

I have forwarded the quarterly and monthly return to the chairman

Twenty one times the school was open with less than half of the children being present and 3 times with just half

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23rd January School reopened this morning. 53 children being present

Yesterday the annual school picnic was held in the school. The weather was unfavourable. I have received a supply of stationery for the school also 13 books for the school library. During the holidays the outside of the school was painted

25th January Miss Millerton attend this afternoon and gave her lesson in cooking

26th January Roll 99 Many boys are away helping their parents on "grass seed" etc.

1st February Miss Millington gave the children their cooking lesson today and Mr. Ole Anderson repaired the pump

2nd February Roll 95 One child entered and 5 were removed this week

5th February Received from the Secretary of the Education Board a copy of Standards for 1900, notice re scholarship for Maori children. Leaflet for gardeners No 33. Also a form of return of native children attending this school. This return I have filled in 1 Maori girl attends this school

Miss Bray has received notice that she has passed her annual Pupil Teacher examination and that she will be advanced a year in classification

1st February Yesterday the school was closed. The Chairman of Committee said it had been decided to close the school to give the children an opportunity to visit the Fair in Masterton. Roll 96 Average attendance 69

Today Max McGregor while pumping water accidentally broke the top of the pump. New pump supplied the next week

14th February Whooping Cough has broken out in the district and many of the children are absent on account of having this distressing cough

16th February Miss Millington attended yesterday

19th February On opening the school door this morning I noticed that someone had entered the school since Friday evening. They damaged Miss McKay's table, locked the inner door and hid the keys and did other pieces of mischief. Ultimately the keys were found. I wrote informing the Chairman of the School Committee

This morning acting on information received I accused Walter Anderson and Victor Madsen of entering the school they confessed to entering the school on Sunday through a window and doing most of the mischief complained of. Anderson the elder of the boys received

half a dozen cuts with a supple jack across the buttocks and Madsen 4. This is the first time during the past five years that any tricks have been played on the school.

22nd February Yesterday the chairman gave the school a holiday on account of the Masterton A and P Show

Miss Millington attended today as usual.

By afternoon's mail received notice that Mr. Fleming's intended examination of the school would be on 2nd April

23rd February Mr. Isakson stacked some firewood in the grounds

Today I finished the examination. Standard 3 and 5 seemed least satisfactory

I have put up a notice about exemption certificates. I also explained the matter to Upper Class

This afternoon I was sent a newspaper (Wellington Times) containing an account of the British Victory over "Cronje" in Orange Free State and Met Seddon's wishes that the children should have a holiday. I learned that other schools in the district had closed at 12.00 on receipt of the news. Accordingly I read the telegram and Mr. Seddon's best wishes to the children and then let them off for the rest of the day.

2nd March Miss Millington attended as usual yesterday received from the Secretary of the Education Board 2 diagrams "Sir Walter Scott" and "Edinburgh" Roll 90. I removed from the roll the names of 2 boys and 3 girls whose parents are leaving the district

9th March Miss Millington attended as usual. Roll 89 Two boys left 1 girl entered

15th March Miss Millington attend as usual this afternoon. Today's mail brought from the Secretary Wellington Education Board a copy of the Inspector's Circular Note to teachers in charge of Schools for 1900

19th March This morning I received a letter from the Chairman of Committee asking me to warn the children that should any one again break into the school the police will be instructed to take proceedings against the offenders. I gave the children the warning

This morning Rose Anderson re-entered the school for the purpose of trying to pass Standard 6 at the approaching Examination. She has been attending the Masterton School

22nd March Yesterday the school building was used as a polling booth for the Licensing election consequently the children had a holiday. Miss Millington examined her cookery class this morning and did practical work this afternoon

29th March Today Mr. Riley called at the school and examined the drawing. He has left a report for Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Riley recommended that two subjects only in drawing should be taken in the upper room not four has has been the case in the past. I agree with Mr. Riley and will next year take freehand and scale, Some of the freehand will be coloured chalk on brown paper. Mr. Riley promised to supply the paper. Mr. Riley also recommended the following text books Beris's Paper Folding Brick work and Wire Work also Rick's Hand Eye Series

Colour work and mounting, cardboard , modelling etc

Miss Millington is at school today giving the last lesson of the course of cookery

30th March Roll 91 Average for month 69

3rd April Yesterday afternoon Messrs Fleming and Bakewell examined the school. The following is a statement of pass work

The inspector's report in class and additional subjects is yet to hand

Standard	Presented	Present	Passed
7	5	5	4

6	3	3	2
5	12	10	10
4	11	11	8
3	12	12	10
2	6	6	6
1	12	11	10
Primers	31		

5th April By permission of the inspectors the examination holiday will be taken tomorrow instead of having been taken on Tuesday last In reorganising the school I have given the infants Standard 1 into Miss Bray's charge. Standards 2,3,4 to Miss MacKay and keep Standards 5,6,7, in my hands. This arrangement gives me more time for the supervision of other classes.

This afternoon prizes were given to the children. The following is the prize list

Standard 7 Norah Olsen, Clara Lawson

Standard 6 Florence Anderson

Standard 5 Otto McGregor, Frederick Hallberg

Standard 4 Bertha Voss, William Askew

Standard 3 Philip McBarron, Hilda Madsen

Standard 2 James Johnson, James Swenson

Standard 1 Herbert Bray, Annie Larsen

Infants. May McBarron, Edith Jarett, Olive Isakson, Annie Hallberg, Maxwell McGregor, Harriet Johnson, Joyce Pepperell, Kate Larsen, Amy Thorny, John Hansen

10th April Received from Education Board 1 set of reading sheets

Today I issued Standard pass cards (*Listed in the Log*)

12th April School broke up at 3 pm today for the Easter Holidays

Received report of Inspector included

- a) Kindergarten work good
- b) Paper folding etc in Standard 1 and 2 Good
- c) Drawing Upper Standards satisfactory. Lower moderate. Mr. Riley's Report
- d) Elementary Science Boys Chemistry satisfactory. Girls taking cooking
- e) Singing Infants Only Fair. Standards will be taken in future
- f) Drill and Exercises Good
- g) Instruction of primers Fair
- h) Standard 7 Good Four candidates passed Standard 7
- i) Considering that the attendance during the year has been very irregular owing to the prevalence of such epidemics as measles, diphtheria, and whooping cough the work is generally satisfactory
- j) T R Fleming F H Bakewell

20th April Roll 86. New Timetable issued this week. Miss Mackay will take the girls of Standard 3-7 in club drill

Miss Bray Infants Drill. Self. Standard 1, 2 and 3 ½ hour in general drill. Also Science and Drawing for Standard 4 1 Hour each

24th April At the meeting of Householders held in the school room last night the following settlers were elected School Committee for the ensuing year. J Swenson (Chairman) F Jarett, J Pepperrill, P Madsen, C Reehal, G Lumsden and J Askew

2nd May Received from the Secretary of Education Board a circular re Victoria College Queen's Scholarship. Also a memo asking me to deliver four desks to Mr. Larsen to be taken to Ihuraua School

4th May In reply to a memo from the Secretary of the Education Board I have sent him a list of the new Committee

Roll 86 Attendance 65

11th May Received from the Secretary of the Education Board a new log book. The weather today is very stormy attendance for week 85

14th May Today Mr. Pepperrill of Committee inspected the roof and found a crack in the gutter. He said he would get the leak stopped.

16th May Some little children today broke the fastening of the window at the end of the passage. The fastening was very weak and strained

18th May Received from the Secretary of the Education Board Cookery certificates for 1st Course. Winifred Thorby 3rd class Emma Larsen 2nd class, Florence Anderson 2nd Class, Jessie Fraser 2nd class, Nora Olsen 2nd Class, Clara Swenson 1st Class. Total 6 certificates. 1 first, 4 2nd and 1 third

Roll 85 Average attendance 63

22nd May Yesterday was observed as a holiday to celebrate the Relief of Mafeking

23rd May Today is very wet and cold and the attendance very poor viz 33—33 Yesterday it was 73—71

25th May Yesterday being the Queen's Birthday was observed as a holiday

Received from the Chairman of School Committee two hair brooms and a bar of soap

1st June Today is very wet Attendance 39 The window fastening of the porch window has been restored

5th June Yesterday was observed as a holiday to celebrate the capture of Pretoria. We did not hear the news till Saturday. The chairman of Committee agreed with me in taking the holiday yesterday

11th June Some gravel was spread round the closets and sheds today

15th June Yesterday the chairman handed me 7/7d bring the balance of the January Picnic Fund. This money is to be used to purchase new books for the library

18th June Received from the Secretary Education Board 1 wall copy of Standards of Education

22nd June Yesterday I delivered to Mr. H Larsen 4 desks as per memo received from Mr. Dorset and dated 30th April During the week I have examined the school. The school is in fine order, progress seems to have been made since the annual examination in April last

Roll 83 Average attendance 71

29th June. This week I have spent some considerable time in Miss Bray's room assisting her and criticising her work

This afternoon school broke up for the usual Mid Winter holidays. I have made out the usual Monthly and Quarterly returns

During the term the school was open 116 times. on two days the attendance was less than half of the roll. Roll 83

16th July Reopened school today after the usual Midwinter Holidays. Received from the Education Board 3 class registers, 3 blank Timetable forms also circulars re Arbor Day. The school and outhouses were scrubbed during the holidays. Present today 64 and 66

17th July Last night and this morning the weather was very stormy, rain and lightning, attendance 27

19th July Yesterday being arbor day was observed as a holiday. No trees were planted in the school ground. Just now play time, the school boys are amusing themselves by throwing snowballs at one another. Snow fell thickly last night and yet lying on the ground

20th July Received a memo from the Secretary of the Education Board stating that the present attendance of the school does not entitle the school to the present teaching staff and that Miss Mackay should be removed

Roll 83

24th July Mr. Bakewell (Inspector) visited the school today

27th July Today I added 15 small volumes to the School Library. They were purchased with the money from the picnic. (Numbers 174-193)

30th July Received from Mr. Dorset a memo asking if the attendance for September quarter would be 76, if not, stating that he could, he thought transfer Miss Bray to the Mangatainoka School

31st July This afternoon Mr. Janett visited the school on behalf of the Committee

2nd August Received circular in reference to approaching scholarship examination

10th August Roll 86 The attendance for the week is better than it has been since the holiday. The weather has been showery all the week. Many of the children have colds

20th August Mr. Bakewell's Inspection report included

Standard 7-5 Mr. Dempsey On Roll 19 Present 17

Standard 4-3 Miss Mackay 32 -27

Standard 1 Primers Miss Bray 33 - 24

- a) The school is under good management
- b) Miss Mackay is a careful painstaking teacher. I would recommend her giving as much viva voce work s possible, particularly in such a subject as grammar
- c) More formal lessons in writing in Standards 5-3-4 are also advisable.

d) The slate work in Miss Bray's room is satisfactory but while hearing one class read she must learn to exercise a certain amount of supervision over classes doing their work

e) Registers records neat and correct

24th August received a memo from Mr. Dorset that Miss Bray will probably be transferred to Pahiatua School or Mangatainoka. The Board will decide to which school and Miss Bray will be transferred.

Roll 86 Today the attendance is poor 65 only

27th August On Friday afternoon I left school a few minutes after 2 pm in order to catch the afternoon train to Wellington at which place I had important private business to transact. I left Miss Mackay in charge of the school Today Miss Mackay had no complaint to make of the behaviour of the children

31st August This afternoon Miss Bray received notice from Mr. Dorset that she was to be transferred to the Pahiatua School. Miss Bray is to take up her duties there on 1st October Roll 86 attendance 73

3rd September received notice of Miss Bray's transfer to Pahiatua

5th September Received from Secretary Education Board I packet of envelopes

Today Mr. Janett supervised the drawing exam. 17 candidates took scale drawing and 16 took Freehand

7th September Roll 86 The attendance on Tuesday was very poor. This afternoon on behalf of the children and their friends I presented Miss Bray with a travelling trunk and a writing desk. Miss Bray is to leave this school at the end of the present month

19th September Today a cord of rata firewood was stacked in the school grounds for school use.

24th September last week I examined the school, The results were very fair. Evelyn Askew, Olive Isakson, Harriet Johnson and Joyce Pepperell, Edith Janett moved up from Infant readers to Standard 1 and Lydia Bray, Kate Larsen Amy Thorby John Hansen were promoted to the infant readers from 2nd Primer class.

26th September Yesterday I received notice from Miss Millington that she would not take a cookery class at this school this year as she was to take a class at Ballance instead. Mr. Riley had so directed her.

28th September This afternoon made out the usual return. Roll 86 School open 108 times. Miss Bray leaves the school today to join the Pahiatua School staff on Monday 15th October

1st October Since Friday night cattle have entered the play ground and shelter sheds. A dirty mess was made on the seat and wall of the girl's shed. I have (*contacted*) the Chairman of the in regard to this matter. This is not the first time I had drawn the chairman's attention to this nuisance

2nd October This afternoon received circular from Secretary of Education Board to the effect that labour day shall be a holiday for all the Board's Schools.

That the scholarship exams will be postponed till 11th and 12th October

That as new books are required the Imperial Readers shall be brought into use

5th October All day a furious gale has raged accompanied by blinding rain squalls Attendance 34, 33 Roll 86

9th October Received box chalk, 2 boxes pen nibs from Mr. Elliott Masterton

11th October labour Day. Yesterday the sheds were scrubbed out

18th October Issued new Time tables

22nd October Received report on recent First Grade Drawing Examination. By mistake certificates for passes in Model were sent instead of certificates for pass- scale. I have asked Mr. Dorset to make the correction

26th October I Received today the pass cards for scale Drawing Roll 87 The weather of Wednesday Thursday spoiled the average attendance for the week 66

29th October This afternoon 5 children received their pass cards in Freehand and 12 children in Scale

This afternoon a heavy gust of wind capsized and broke the boys shelter sheds. I have written to the chairman of the Committee about the shelter shed and also as to the state of the Boy's Urinal

30th October Today is very miserable Attendance 37. I have allowed the girls to play in the spare room. The boys to use the porch or the girls' shelter shed

31st October Average for the Month 64. On Thursday the attendance was under half

2nd November Roll 88

5th November Received notice that Second Grade Drawing examination will be held 1st December Have notified my staff and showed the notice. (*Only 1 other on staff*)

16th November Roll 88 Last Friday Prince of Wales Birthday was observed as a holiday.

20th November At dinner time Kate McBarron accidentally injured her finger when playing see saw with the girls. Miss Mackay dressed the finger. The pain of the wound made the girl faint. Miss Mackay attended to her and she came round, I wrote to the father in reference to the matter.

In Saturday's Evening Post it is reported that Richard Larsen of Hastwell has been successful in the recent scholarship examinations 23rd November Roll 88 Average 70 Yesterday and today have been very fine.

3rd December received from the Secretary of the Education Board Report on recent drawing examination, Form for return of Maori Children, Notice re quarterly returns, request for list of school furniture and list of steam ship fares

7th December This week Messrs Marsh and Lane have repaired (rebuilt) the shelter shed and mended the cover of the well. We set the pump going today as the tank was empty. I got two boys to pump the well empty before the children were allowed to drink the water. I judged that the new water would be better than that had been standing in the well for some time. Roll 89 Attendance for week 69

14th December During the week I examined the school very carefully. There are evidences that satisfactory work is being done through out the school. Grammar was rather a weak subject. Composition on the whole was very well done

I have written to the Secretary of the Board for H₂SO₄, and other chemicals

17th December I have received from the Secretary of the Ed Board a circular stating that all schools must be carried on till the afternoon of the Friday 21st inst and also pointing out that when schools are closed without the authority of the Education Board. Head Teachers will have to show cause why their salaries should be deducted as provided for, by the Board's Regulations

21st December Prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of Education Board the usual returns Roll 89 Open 116 times Best attendance 80

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28th January Reopened the school after the usual Summer Holidays. 5 children were admitted. Bringing roll to 93 The annual school picnic was held in the school grounds on 2nd Inst and passed off very successfully. The weather was fine and large numbers of parents and friends were present

8th February The weather over the past week has been wet and stormy, the attendance has been irregular. Roll 95

11th February Today is very fair yet the attendance is low, vi, 69 – 71 Roll number 96 Many children have gone to Masterton to see the Imperial Troops

15th February Received circular re technical Instruction . Gave a copy to Miss Mackay

21st February Yesterday by permission of the Secretary of the Ed Board and of the Chairman of Committee the school was granted a holiday as it was Masterton A and P Show Day

22nd February Roll 98 Attendance 81

1st March Roll 103 Attendance for week 87

4th March received from the Secretary of the Education Board a copy of the NZ Gazette relating to the death of our late Queen and of the succession of Edward VII also circular relating to the teaching of the approaching census and to Manual and Technical Instruction

In reply to the circular relating to Manual Instruction I informed Mr. Dorset that 52 children were being instructed in Kindergarten occupations and 42 in clay modelling

Admitted this morning 2 girls and 1 boy

11th March Finished examination of the school on Friday. The school with the exception of the third standard passes a satisfactory examination

15th March Received a letter from Mr. Dorset (*Secretary Wellington Education Board*) stating that I must assume my duties at Eketahuna on 1st April That I cannot be permitted to remain here till the examination is over also from Mr. Lee allowing me to examine the school before I leave during the last week of the month. And to leave papers for Mr. Fleming Average attendance for week 87 Roll No 102. Received supply of stationery

27th March This afternoon I finished the exam of the school

29th March School open 88 times, Roll 103. This afternoon the chairman and several members of the Committee attended the school and said a few kind words about myself and my work in the school and presented me on behalf of the parents of the children with a few nice silver articles for use on the tea table. Walter Dempsey

Eketahuna's Roll at December 1901 was 101 about the same as Hastwell's roll Miss Christina McKenzie came from Mitchelltown School and had Previously been head teacher at Wangaehu

1st April I opened the school this morning I am very pleased with my new work and hope to be very successful. The children are very clean and appear to be well behaved. Mr. Swenson gave me the keys. C McKenzie

4th April The chairman kindly allowed me to close at 2pm today. I wished to go to Wellington

11th April I visited Mr. Dempsey last night and talked over a few weak children

12th April Mr. Varnham (*Truant Officer*) visited the school today. The children have been attending well for some time

22nd April Mr. Swenson gave out the prizes today

25th April Last Night Mr. Swenson gave me 10/2d Library money

26th April Mr. Peters our chairman visited the school today. He has had the pump mended

29th April Received from the Board of Education today two books on hand and eye Training

6th May I received today the pass cards except for Standard 6, Two packets of C 44 and two packets of C 43 Paper Folding, two bundles of sticks , 1 dozen needles

9th May At the recent examination children passed standards as follows

Standard 1 Evelyn Askew, Anna Hallberg, Hilda Isackson, Olive Isackson, Edith Janett, Harriet Johnson, Nina Johnston, May McBarron, Gwendoline Weston, Robert Fraser, Maxwell McGregor, Victor Madsen, Frederick Madsen, Richard Olsen, Robert Pepperrill, Guy Thorby and Raymond Weston. 17

Standard 2 Olive Janett, Annie Larsen Willy McGregor, Harriet Madsen, Gladys Pepperrill, Violet Voss, Lily Smith, Vera Whiete, Herbert Bray, Frederick Gooding. John Elliott, Clarence Smith and Bertha Daysh. 12

Standard 3 Arthur Bray, James Johnson, Joel Staffans, James Swenson, Alfred White, Millicent Askew, Charlotte Goodin, Kate McBarron

Standard 4 Edwin Bray, Philip McBarron, Frederick Peters, Wilfred Voss, High White, Louisa Fraser, Lily Hansen, Ivy Janett, Hilda Madsen, Gunda Olsen, Ellen Reehal, Ellen Staffans 12

Standard 5 Walter Andersen, Alick Madsen, Arthur Thorby, Ethel Daysh, Mabel Johnston, Anna Swenson, Ida Voss, Bertha Voss

Standard 6 Albert Elliott, William Fraser, George Hallberg, Frederick Hallberg, Jacob Isackson, Ivy Peters 6

I listed all as Miss McKenzie's handwriting is perfect and I will have correct spelling

10th May The average attendance for April was 85

16th May The attendance today is very small, so I have sent out notes. I received word today that I may have the Physiology charts asked for.

20th May Today I received word that the Physiology charts have been ordered

The school has been well scrubbed since last Friday. The windows have not been so well done In some cases the tops have not been touched

10th June I received Physiology Charts today

11th June At 2.55 pm I received the following telegraphic message. Official Landing and signal fixed for 2.00 Tuesday Afternoon next. Please have children ready at that hour. Final signal by flag at Post office or by message as arranged at Four Chief Centres. A royal salute will also be fired.

Signed E O Gibbs Assistant Secretary Education Board

The above was dated Mauriceville 8th June 01 at 5 pm. With the above was another message dated June 10th also from Mauriceville Please arrange with Mrs McLaughlin Mangamahoe re final signal Signed R H Simmonds Post Master

Immediately I received the above I told the children to sing the National Anthem, after cheers were given they went home. Our promised flag has not yet arrived yet. The above is the first intimation I have received that any demonstration was required by my school.

No. on roll 92 Attendance for quarter 83

1st July Reopened this morning after the winter vacation. Miss Mackay taught here today for the last time. Miss Walton came up in

the afternoon. She will remain until our new assistant Miss Jacob comes.

Miss Mackay was half an hour late at afternoon school. I gave her permission to ride down to Mangamahoe and get our cheques. I could not have paid her before she left had I not done so.

Miss Kate Mackay went to head teacher at Mangahao School Miss Jacob came from Rintoul Street Wellington

12th July Average attendance 68. Two new children were admitted.

The McBarron's have left to attend Eketahuna School

18th July School closed yesterday Arbor day

22nd July Mr. Bakewell visited the school today (Inspection

I received the examination report today for April 10th

Class	Presented	Present	Passed
7	2		
6	8	8	6
5	9	9	8
4	14	13	12
3	10	10	8
2	15	14	13
1	17	17	17
Primers	28		

Singing XXXXX

Needlework Good

Military and Clubs taken by Mr. Dempsey

Instruction of Standard 7 and primers Satisfactory

The work of Mr. Dempsey and Miss Mackay during the past year has been of a very satisfactory character. Miss McKenzie is undertaking her new duties with great zeal

1st August I allowed my room to have a second singing lesson today so that they could thoroughly learn a new song taught by Miss Walton

2nd August Miss Walton leaves today I have been very pleased with the interest she has taken in the work and also in the children

5th August We changed the desks before commencing work this morning. Miss Jacob takes charge of Standard 2 and 3. Miss Bray takes Standard 1 and infants

9th June 93 names on roll. Average attendance 73

Inspection Report 22nd July 1901 by Mr. F Bakewell included

- a) Standard 7-3 Miss McKenzie
- b) Standard 2- Primers Miss Walton
- c) Roll 96 Present 69
- d) New timetables will be drawn up as soon as the staff is complete
- e) I found the classes at orderly work. Miss McKenzie who has recently taken charge has not at present her full staff, Miss Walton being temporarily relieving and the Pupil Teacher not being yet appointed.
- f) I noticed that a number of children were without exercise books
- g) The writing of the lower classes will require the attention of the new teacher
- h) There are two serious leaks in the roof. The ground in front of the boy's shelter shed is very muddy
- i) Satisfactory with exception of boy's urinal attached to the Boys outside office. At present it is a pool of water, some improvement in the way of drainage should be made without delay

j) The attendance was not good although the day was fine. The registers and records were in correct order.

13th August The well and the roof have been seen to today. The well has been greatly improved

16th August The Board's carpenter visited today

23rd August There are a few cases of influenza here now. The average attendance for this week has been only 71 The roof still leaks

26th August Today gave a revision of home work during the last half hour. All who had not had more than one error during the week were allowed out at 2.30 pm B Voss and I Peters were the only two in Standard 4, 5, 6, and 7

In Standard 2 and 3 all those who had not more than 3 errors were allowed out. The attendance is very bad today. Influenza is said to be the cause

2nd September The attendance today is better. I gave the children one hours drawing lesson today

4th September Today Mr. Peters after supervising the Drawing gave the children about 2 hours off. All were very excited. Twenty two children sat for examination in one subject Twenty in Geometry and 2 in freehand. A few intending to sit are away on the sick list

13th September Mr. L Larsen visited the school today. Roll is 89

24th September Messrs McDougal (*Board Clerk of Works*) and Mr. Varnham (*Truant officer*) visited the school today. Mr. Varnham took only two names. The two Madsen's have not been attending

25th September Miss Bray is absent with influenza

27th September Miss Bray is still absent. Ethel Daysh left this week.

30th September Mr. Anderson visited school today to see what we require. The big bell is up now

8th October A new tank was brought to the school this afternoon

15th October This morning I strapped Gilbert Weston for impudence. I told him and A Thorby that they had been lazy and Gilbert then said "So have you" As he would not hold out his hand when I told him to do so I had to flog him more severely across the back. Clara then said I had no right to cane him so and I then caned her too, but only slightly this time was the first.

16th October Today I received the results of the examination in Geometry and Freehand. My two freehand candidates passed Ten candidates passed I Geometry Five being Good and One excellent

21st October The carpenter visited the school today to see about the tank and bell

6th November I was absent on Monday and Tuesday 4th and 5th on account of the death of my brother

Miss Jacob is absent with a bad cold. The weather is wet. Ida Voss one of my Standard 6 pupils died on the 5th

7th November Miss Jacob is again absent. I dismissed school at 2.45 Only about 20 children were present after 1.30 as all the others had gone to attend Ida's funeral. Miss Bray also went. *Ida Olive May aged 14*

13th November Today the attendance is less than half

14th November The School Committee have given a holiday for the Masterton Show tomorrow. Miss Jacob left at about 2 p.m. to catch the afternoon train

18th November I received a note today from the Chairman of the School Committee stating that the Bray family are supposed to have an infectious disease in the house. I was therefore not to allow any Brays to come

Miss Jacob is again away ill. I am therefore the only teacher present at school I had two girls E Thorby and N Scarff as teacher in the infants and Standard 1

19th November Today I am again sole teacher so two boys take the small children today

21st November I wrote to the Doctor attending at the Bray's but have not received a reply yet the attendance is still small

25th November Miss Jacob returned to her duties this afternoon

6th December The average attendance this week is 77 One boy fell into a creek at lunchtime so had to be sent home. I completed the examination today. The work showed steady improvement in nearly every case. Miss Bray has greatly improved her way of teaching drawing and arithmetic

9th December received the New Zealand ensign today

18th December I sent the sum of £5-2-6 to Mr. Peters last night The amount collected towards a picnic.

20th December Breaking up today at 2.30 Very wet and attendance is small

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27th January Reopened school today again at 9.00

28th January Rain has been coming in very much in Miss Jacob's room today. It has also been coming in two places in my room There were only 50 children present this morning

5th February This afternoon I re-examined several infants and placed them in higher classes. They will now require the Infant Reader. I was engaged nearly an hour

6th February Miss Bray was so ill today that I permitted her to go at 11 a.m. for the day

11th February Miss Bray returned to school this morning but was obliged to return home. I sent Weston with her

12th February Miss Bray returned to school today. Last Night there was a meeting of the Committee to enquire into a complaint made by Mrs. Lumsden re slapping her child and keeping the child in. I had never slapped the child Still I had kept a few in for a short time usually for about five minutes but sometimes for fifteen minutes

14th February As it was raining hard this afternoon I gave the boys drill in the school

19th February I received a dozen slates from the Committee F Peters brought them

20th February F Peters brought the other dozen slates today. I received word that jointed rulers had again been ordered. I also received word that the examination will be held on the 24th March and that an allowance would be made for a sorter year

24th February Shelves have now been erected for the library. They are very good as they relieve the cupboard

28th February This evening I kept Standard 5 for 20 minutes in order to show them some arithmetic. Roll now 95 Attendance for month 81

10th March I received jointed laths from Whitcombe and toms (A lath is a narrow strip of wood as in a wooden jointed ruler)

11th March I have been examining Standard 4,5,6 and 7 today in pass subjects only. The spelling is still very weak

12th March In Standard 2 spellings are weak but Standard 3 is good all round although there are a few weak children

13th March I completed my examination of pass subjects today, both spelling and arithmetic are weak

17th March Today Miss Bray asked permission to go home. She felt too weak to remain

18th March I received word today that Miss Bray's illness is scarlet fever. A doctor's certificate was sent and was forwarded to the Education Board after being sent to Mr. Peters for his perusal

March Mr. J Fleming examined the school today. He re-examined thoroughly all in my room

Then followed a list of passes listed in log

Standard 7 Frederick Hallberg, William Fraser, Jacob Isackson, Rose Anderson

25th March while the children were removing the desks today an easel fell through a pane of glass in Miss Jacob's Room

Mr. Anderson a member of the me distributed prizes this afternoon. Mrs J Anderson and Mrs Peters kindly examined the sewing and awarded prizes

The average attendance for the month was 81

8th April Very wet these last two days and the attendance is very small

14th April Alfred and Florence White returned to school today; but as Scarlet Fever has been in their home I refused to admit them and I sent them home. Fortunately the chairman of the Committee had written telling me not to admit the children. Therefore I had no need to ask his advice. I should have sent them home anyway until I could obtain word.

7th April I received word today the Seymour's' are ill, also that theirs are supposed cases of Scarlet Fever. Lily Smith lives with them so must remain absent too

25th April Many children are absent today owing to the Scarlet Fever scare. Most families from that part of the district have remained away

also a few from beyond the Factory. Today the attendance is less than half and the weather is really beautiful.

The average attendance for this week is only 51 As so few children were present I did not take drill. I considered it useless

30th April The average attendance for this month is only 55. There are 15 times on which the attendance has been less than half.

Examination report of March 24th Included

Class	Roll	Present	Passed
7	4	4	4
6	4	4	3
5	9	9	7
4	7	6	5
3	17	17	14
2	14	14	14
1	10	10	8
Primers	29	24	
Total	94	88	55

- a) Elementary Science (Physiology) Good
- b) Singing Very Fair (Miss Bray absent ill)
- c) Needlework Good
- d) Drill and Exercises (Clubs Military Swedish taken) Wet
- e) Instruction of Standard 7 and Primers, satisfactory
- f) The general work of the school may be classed as satisfactory
Miss McKenzie and Miss Jacob are earnest and hardworking teachers. Miss Bray who was absent owing to illness has been transferred to Wairere
- g) There are three leaks in the school house (*Not residence*)
- h) T R Fleming

Miss H. Bray, school teacher, who is leaving Hastwell School, has been presented with a set of poetical works (handsomely bound) by her fellow teachers. Miss Bray has been granted a month's further leave of absence on account of indifferent health. She will then resume duty at the Wairere School.

24th April I heard today that Henry Seymour died yesterday from Scarlet Fever. Henry Charles Seymour aged 6. Other children in the house are ill. Percy Williams has now taken it. So Far, I think it has not spread from the school but wholly through associating in the homes with infected people

28th April There are only twenty five children at school today A few are absent because they thought the school would be closed

13th May The rain is again coming in over Miss Jacob's Table which had to moved this morning.

14th May Today there are only 18 children present. Weather very bad

16th May The average for the week is 27

19th May Many children returned to school today

25th May Miss Jacob is absent today through illness

29th May Mr. Riley visited the school today and gave some advice regarding drawing and technical work

2nd June Mr. G Day brought us word at 11.10 a.m. that Peace had been declared. We then gave three cheers, sang the National Anthem, hoisted the flag again, sung the National Anthem and the Red, White and Blue. Then we played games until we received word from the Committee. I then dismissed the children for the day. The average attendance for this month was 43

6th June Received pencil holders, nibs, Standard 5 Reader, Standard 1 Arithmetic and answers and also chalk

10th June This evening I kept four children for half an hour for not knowing their poetry

13th June I could not cross the flood this morning and I was late owing to a difficulty in obtaining a horse. I arrived here at 10.10 am. Only 20 children were present and Miss Jacob was teaching

20th June The weather has better this week, also the attendance.

14th July I reopened school today after the midwinter vacation. All children are not present. I brought the school clock up with me

15th July Today I sent two Morgan's home, as they have a sister ill. She may be suffering from Scarlet Fever.

22nd July Had a talk with Mr. Swenson today. He is not certain that Anne has not had a slight attack of scarlet fever. We decided that for a day or two the children should go home

31st July A few boys were writing (*Presumably lighting*) fires today. The leaders were E Bray and A Thorby

5th August Mr. Peters of the School Committee visited the school today, he had a look at the water coming in

6th August I sent to Eketahuna for 14 coronation badges

12th August The Committee kindly granted yesterday instead of Friday as Coronation Day

I received the badges this morning and gave them out to those present who had paid for them

Yesterday I saw Mr. Riley, re some school material. He expects that we shall receive it in about 2 months

19th August Today Arthur Thorby broke a window pane while playing football. He said the wind carried it

22nd August The roll number now 85 and the highest attendance for the week is 65. There is an average of 63

1st September This morning I sent H Bray to the post with returns for the months of July and August

Today Mrs O Anderson sent us a croquet set so that we can teach the girls Croquet. These kindnesses are much appreciated by us.

15th September Mr. Lars Larsen visited the school today He is the visiting member of the Committee. The attendance is very small

16th September I completed the marking of the Examination Papers today. The results considering the bad attendance we have had may be considered decidedly good in any case they are satisfactory

20th September A boy broke a window in Miss Jacob's room today with a cricket ball while playing

29th September Received a note today from Mrs Lumsden stating that Evelyn White is in hospital, that Florence has a bad foot and that Mrs Lumsden must keep one of the oldest children home.

9th October Yesterday being Labour Day the Committee kindly gave us a holiday

20th October I received word today the J Hallberg and W Fraser have left school

22nd October I sent out notes yesterday for absentees. G Pepperell brought word her mother would not sign the note, although her brother had been kept home. I informed all that he must have played truant as I know of no other reason for refusal

24th October One name has been readmitted this week and four have been withdrawn

27th October Commenced Stocks with Standard 6 today

31st October Roll 77

5th November I commenced to teach Bills of parcels to Standard 4 today

11th November School was closed yesterday in honour of the King's birthday

13th November Two brooms, chalk and a box of nibs have now been bought up by ???

14th November I drilled the boys inside today

18th November received today 37 boxes of bricks. The Education Board carpenter called at the school today. I sent a boy with him to take him to Mr. Peters but he would not go in. I suggested he had better see Mr. Peters as I know practically nothing of the matters

26th November Yesterday being election day the school was closed.

27th November The weather is so wet that only nine children came this morning and eight this afternoon Five other wet children were sent home. Two girls dried their dresses in the spare room

28th November The average attendance for this month is 58

5th December On December 3rd R Fraser complained that P McGregor, M McGregor and R Weston had been abusing him, that Weston put a dirty stick in his face while the other boys held him. The boys deny it or any knowledge of it but they spoke to him about throwing stones

Today Mrs Fraser wrote to say she had seen it and also that P McGregor used bad language to herself. All the boys deny having seen her. I have not strapped any. I certainly would if I could feel quite certain

8th December E C Lumsden was admitted today

12th December Received word today that an enquiry Re Mrs Fraser's complaint will be held on Monday night at 8 pm

15th December The enquiry re Mrs Fraser's complaint was held last night and the decision came to was that I could do nothing more than I had done on the evidence available

19th December I gave Mr. Pepperell £4-11-0 Picnic Money. He told me to let the children go as early as I liked in the afternoon

1903

26th January We re-opened the school this morning with sixteen children present viz eleven in the Upper Division and Five in the lower division

There were two more present this afternoon. The weather has been very wet/ I hear also that whooping cough is very prevalent throughout the district

The school was thoroughly scrubbed during the holidays

27th January This afternoon I gave out flower seeds sent for the school by Nimmo and Blair

3rd February Yesterday afternoon I gave Alfred White a slight tap with the strap. For this he made a great fuss. I scolded him for it and he told me I had hurt his sore arm. His wrist had been sprained before the holidays. His mother kept him home today because I had punished him This is her method of encouraging obedience, and yet she thinks she is not cruel to her children. I once thought of replying but have decided to let the matter pass. Perhaps in this instance "Silence is Golden"

4th February The chairman has given a holiday for the Band Contest

10th February Am keeping G Olsen, A White and J Johnson in tonight to learn their poetry. Enough time was given in school but these three children having been absent should have learned it at home

11th February This afternoon W Anderson's conduct was very bad. He refused to obey, I gave him three strokes across the hands

13th February Received from Whitcombe and Tombs 4 Boxes of bricks, 24 tools, 42 boards and 11 pounds of plasticene

17th February The Committee have granted a holiday for tomorrow for the Masterton Show

18th February Received from the School Committee 1 box of nibs. One tin of ink powder, one packet of envelopes and several sheets of cartridge paper.

19th February This morning in arithmetic Alex Larsen had a sum wrong. Instead of telling him how to do it I began questioning him on order to teach him and show him how to go right again. I asked how many square poles are in a rood. When he could not tell me I told him to repeat Square Measures. This he did correctly. Again I asked him the number of poles in a rood and he could not answer. I then told him to repeat the table until he came to that part but he repeated the whole table. I then told him quietly he was not thinking and again requested him to repeat until he came to the part wanted. This he would not do. I told him that I should strap him if he did not and he said he would go home and tell his father. Later on he said something else but I did not catch the words. However I gave him three strokes on one hand for it. At midday he went home as his father had told him to do if strapped

6th March I made an enquiry this afternoon into a quarrel between some of the small girls but could not find out the truth of any of it.

9th March Today I examined Standard 3,4 and 5 in pass Subjects Today

10th March I examined Standard 1 and Standard 2 in pass subjects today

16th March Received from School Committee 6 quires of Foolscap, 3 quires of blotting paper, 6 boxes of pencils, 2 dozen pen holders, 3

boxes nibs, 2 tins ink powder, 3 double lined exercise books and one dozen slates (*25 Sheets = 1 quire*)

24th March School closed for examination holiday

6th April Commenced teaching Standard 6 Division of decimals today was also teacher standard 3 Long Division Gave standard 3 their first lesson on verbs today

Examination Report Received included

- a) Roll 76 Presented 73 8 failed
- b) Reading satisfactory
- c) Singing Upper Standards fair
- d) Instruction of Standard 7 and Primers Good
- e) An improvement is desirable in the writing of the Standard 3, standard 4 otherwise the general condition of school is distinctly creditable to the staff
- f) Miss Jacob's plasticene work is specially commended
- g) F H Bakewell

7th April Lists of all the children who passed in the examination are listed

Standard 7 Walter Anderson, Anna Swenson, Eleanor Thorby

8th April This afternoon Mr. Isakson mended a hole in the floor of the porch

9th April Mr. Peters Chairman of the School Committee gave out the prizes to the best in their several standards. Elsie Anderson received the sewing prize and A Swenson, J Elliott, A Hallberg and In Anderson received the "Progress Prizes"

24th April P and M McGregor played truant a few days ago and as the father punished them I did not, save by speaking to them about it

28th April At the election of a School Committee last night the following were elected. O Isakson (Chairman), J Anderson, J Pepperell, C Fletcher, L Fly, G Stoodley and C Isakson

8th May Roll 70

11th may On comparing the clock with my watch on Tuesday I concluded the clock was 12 minutes fast. On reaching Mangamahoe Station I found that my watch was exactly 3 minutes slow and I had therefore put the clock 3 minutes slow. Mangamahoe clock and the clock on The Government Buildings Wellington were exactly the same

20th May During dinner hour today Miss Jacob's keys were taken and someone also marked her timetable. Children gave names in both cases but as I am not sure I shall not enter the names here

21st May The keys were found on the floor in Miss Jacob's room today

26th May Yesterday being Empire Day the school was closed I received today the three dozen dumbbells ordered. I brought them up with me in the train

28th May Very wet; only 15 children present this morning

4th June Yesterday the Prince of Wales Birthday was a holiday

12th June As the School Committee met last Monday and I expected it to meet tonight I sent in no report

15th June Many children were late this morning and the excuse from most was that they were up too late. One boy said he could not find the cows, he was out before daylight. I excused him and kept the others for only six minutes tonight. They promised to do their best to get here in time for the remainder of the week

Received from Mr. Isakson (Chairman) one box of chalk and one packet of envelopes

22nd June The weather is boisterous and showery today. The attendance is bad

26th June On the 24th I arrived here at 9.50, Mr. Swenson kindly came to my house and drove me down. He drove me back at night. The water was over the top wire by the road side. Only 12 children were here when I arrived. Miss Jacob had sent a few home because they were very wet. Alfred White attempted to come that day the only time in a fortnight.

30th June I finished examining Miss Jacob's classes this morning Am pleased with the work generally. But the methods of holding the pencils in drawing requires attention. Arithmetic in Standard 2 is weak. Reading generally is good.

20th July Reopened today Miss Jacob absent. Received from Whitcombe and Tombs 30 packets of paper and 4 dozen scizzors (sic)

The two rooms in use were well scrubbed during the holidays

22nd July Miss Jacob returned to her duties today. The attendance was under half owing to wet weather

24th July Have replied to the Truant officer's note today

4th August I took the first lesson in design work and cutting out today. I found that two pairs of the scissors were broken. One boy let a pair fall on the floor and they broke

11th August I was nearly 15 minutes late yesterday morning. The clock was 3 minutes fast

21st August The attendance , particularly the girls, has been very bad this week Many girls were kept at home to assist. The average is only 50 out of 65

2nd September I have set standards 5 and 6 to write about North America, today and Standards 3 and 4 to write about New Zealand. I gave the children a week's notice of their subjects

11th September Yesterday afternoon Mr. Burton of Huntley Avenue Auckland gave a lecture to the Children on "Good Taste" etc. The lecture commenced about 2.30 pm and finished at 3.40 pm

14th September I received from the Education Board a book on Infantry Training for School Cadets

17th September I received word today from the Committee that all I asked for would be granted save stamps. Also the Committee thought I should not permit anyone to lecture in the school unless the chairman had given his consent

28th September I received word today from Mrs Lumsden that her boy Sydney White is at home with Scarlet Fever.

30th September Worked out the quarterly average and the monthly one tonight. The quarterly is 54, the monthly is also 54. The number on the roll is 66

6th October Mr. Bake well visited the school today

19th October The boys shed was blown down between Friday night and this morning. Annie Nini says it went down at 7 a.m. on Saturday I obtained six books for the library on Saturday

The chairman of the School Committee has sent around the following for the school, one Axe, 2 boxes of chalk, 2 packets of envelopes, 3 boxes of nibs, 5 quires of writing paper, 3 quires of blotting paper, and a large packet of foolscap paer.

27th October I received three dozen mapping pens today from Mr. Elliott, bookseller Masterton

29th October As the day was wet the boys had to receive permission to play inside. I remained with them most of the time

30th October The average attendance for this month was only 49 out of a total of 69. Mumps has been partly the cause of the poor attendance

6th November On October 17th I bought six new books for the library

10th November Owing to wet weather the attendance was below half today

11th November There are eight children away with mumps in my room today

12th November This morning I again spoke about children letting the tap run Shortly afterwards Arthur Bray let it run for a short time just for fun. This he denied when I spoke to him but he afterwards owned up when he could deny no longer. He kept on muttering about it and saying he had done no harm etc. I told him not to speak again but he continued to do so. In the end I strapped him giving him two cuts. After 10 minutes I told him to go on with his work but he would not heed. I then brought the strap over his shoulders but got more cheek so I gave him more strap. I gave no unnecessary stroke with the strap

16th November Mrs Lumsden came this afternoon to tell me that the children are not yet permitted to come to school

19th November The School Committee have kindly given a holiday for the Palmerston Show

27th November This afternoon I strapped H Isakson and G Weston for hitting A Halberg Annie was kept in for being late this morning and those girls waited outside to hit her. I am to enquire into the reason of such spiteful conduct. I gave Hilda and Gwendoline each one stroke

30th November I kept A Bray for 20 minutes tonight because he was too lazy to answer questions in history

6th December I posted the List of Apparatus to the Education Board today also my voucher for salaries

9th December Inspection report of October 6th included

- a) Standard 7 – Standard 3 Miss McKenzie Roll 34 Present 31
- b) Standard 2 – Primers Miss Jacob Roll 33 Present 22
- c) Full distribution of time should be shown on the Time table. Less time may be devoted to Arithmetic in Miss Jacob's room and more time to reading and composition in the Upper Standards
- d) All classes were kept well employed and worked quietly and cheerfully.
- e) I was well satisfied with what I saw
- f) Registers and records in neat and correct order
- g) F H Bakewell

11th December I completed my usual periodical examination today, taking only pass subjects. I am very satisfied with the results

18th December We went on for a short space in the afternoon and then let all go for the holidays

1904

25th January Reopened at 9 a.m. today with 59 children present. School has been scrubbed and the windows have been cleaned during the vacation

29th January I gave N McGregor three strokes with the strap today for writing the following words “ She is a Bloody Bugger, She might know that we cannot do it when we are not allowed to sit together” on a slip of paper and then passing it to Ellen Reehal. Two of the strokes were on one hand

1st February Roll 69. Average attendance 61

2nd February Today at dinner time I sent J Madsen home to change his clothes and then to come back quickly. At 2.15 he had not returned. Some of the boys were bathing and two boys ducked J and D Madsen. J Madsen was wet to the hips before and then defied one of the boys to duck him. Mrs Madsen came down about it.

3rd February Mr. Wise, Truant Officer visited the school today and after looking through the registers decided to call on the following families. P Madsen, Pepperell, C Madsen, and Mrs Staffans. He meant to see Mr. Pepperill if possible

16th February For the year ending December 31st 1903 a second class attendance certificate has been won by Alfred Morgan. No other child in the school is entitled to an attendance certificate

19th February Have filled in a list for those who have attended less than 8 times during any one week of the last three

22nd February C Smith, F Madsen, and Ivy Isakson admitted today. The two former were here before but Madsen has been away ill. Clarence Smith has been taught no grammar since he left here, more than a year ago.

1st March Roll is now 70, Average for February 59

4th March The weather was very wet today thus making a small attendance in Miss Jacob's room. In my room four were absent in the morning and three in the afternoon

10th March I spoke to the chairman of the School Committee today about Boards of a shed, also about material ordered for this school and about "sweepers". The girls have always done the sweeping but there will soon be no girls big enough in the school

Robert Pepperill came to school today at 11.30 a.m.

11th March Received from Whitcombe and Tombs today 3 boxes of bricks, 1 teachers box, 8 lbs of plasticene, 30 boards and 30 round tools.

16th March Today I completed the examination in pass subjects in Standard 1 and 2. Yesterday I examined the other standards in my room. The results are as a whole, satisfactory

21st March Have filled in a list of irregular attendants for the last four weeks

7th April The weather today is very wet the attendance below half

12th April I received word that Mr. Fleming will probably be with us on the 20th April

13th April This morning P McGregor worked sums correctly out of 1902 test questions No 27. This makes the third time within the last three weeks that he has had three correct in the same years test

20th April Notes written by T R Fleming included

Discussed new syllabus with Miss McKenzie and Miss Jacob. Suggested for teachers *And then a whole page of book titles covering Geography, Readers, History Readers, Poetry Readers*

First studies in plant life in Australasia by Gillies will make a suitable reader where clause 57 is adapted in the Upper Standards

Imperial readers can be used as before

25th April At last night's meeting of householders the following were elected a Committee Messrs J Pepperell (Chairman and Secretary) J Anderson, O Olsen, O Isakson, S Larsen, H Kjar, C Madsen.

2nd May The following children left immediately after the examination Ellen Reehal, Harriet Isaksen, Edwin Bray and Percy and Nellie McGregor

9th May Had another short talk with Mr. Fleming about books and the new syllabus. I found that the books required cannot be obtained

for a few weeks, possibly two to six weeks. The following are the books I have decided to obtain. Public School Historical reader, Nos 4 and 1. First Studies in Plant Life in Australasia The chairman Mr. Pepperell called today about books.

J and F Madsen brought crackers to school today. Some boys were lighting them and throwing them down the ventilators. I told Miss Jacob to destroy all that she could obtain

13th May A bag of Lime has been placed in the shed for school use

17th May Today the fireplaces were remade while we were at work in the school

18th May Received from the School Committee one box of fasteners, One PSHS no 4. And some foolscap paper.

23rd May I am sorry but I was really obliged to strap L White this afternoon. She behaved very badly on Friday afternoon and I warned her then that I should interfere if she erupted her conduct. I had given her two cuts after she held out her hand and then she threatened to tell her mother.

Later G Weston was saying I was cruel so I gave her one cut. I had strapped several girls this afternoon for being where I had told them not to go.

Inspectors report summary read. That a good year's work has been done in some of the class. Subjects more especially in Political Geography and in Physiology was shown by the intelligent answers of some of the children Writing though still only fair has improved and the pass subjects generally were of a satisfactory character. Miss McKenzie and Miss Jacob have evidently worked earnestly and conscientiously during the year and a better attendance has enabled them to effect considerable improvement in the general work of the school.

The average attendance however, which is under 80 per cent still leaves room for considerable improvement

The Truant Officer (Mr. Wise) visited the school on February 3rd and Miss McKenzie reports that the attendance has increased since that date

One of the shelter sheds was blown down last year. The Clerk of Works(Mr. McDougall) visited the school to report on the necessary repairs

T R Fleming

9th June I went out in the playground today and took the angle of the sun about 11 O'clock it was 26° A stick 2 foot 3 inches long threw a shadow of 4 foot 7 ½ inches

I was again obliged to punish F White She has been behaving very badly to Miss Jacob. I gave her three strokes with the strap- but not at full length

13th June I received other seven boxes of bricks today. This completes the order given on the 17th February

Mr. Kjar visited the school today to see any necessary requirements

22nd June Today we took the angle of the sun at Midday. It was just about 26°

1st June Roll 67

18th July reopened after Mid Winter vacation. The Committee have planted 100 fur (sic) trees in the school grounds

19th July I received 30 pairs of set squares from the Committee today

26th July The Boys were today playing football too close to the school, and one boy kicked the ball through or against a window pane and broke it. Another pane has been broken this evening

29th July All the Madsen's (four) left this week. They are leaving the district

1st August Today Mr. Pepperell visited the school about the broken windows. He says the children must pay for them. Both panes were broken accidentally not maliciously

4th August Today there have been several inches of snow on the ground. Only eleven children are at school. I found walking very difficult through such heavy snow

9th August At about 10.30 this morning there was a heavy earthquake. The children were very quiet although some of them were frightened

17th August I examined my room today

18th August It is very wet and windy today. We began school with eight children. The number increased to eleven before playtime

2nd September I have sent in thirty five names to the Truant officer. The returns in connection with Truancy took me over two hours to fill in

13th September I came to the meeting of the School Committee last night. I wished to arrange a concert if possible. The chairman seemed angry because I had reported Gladys for irregular attendance

21st September Today it was raining hard. The rain however has not affected the attendance

22nd September Received one box of nibs and one box of chalk from the Committee today

30th September The average attendance for the quarter was 53. The number on the roll is only 39

11th October Yesterday and today both very wet. Yesterday afternoon some people drove down for the children and myself. The water was so deep that we could not possibly walk home. This morning there was still deep water across the road in one place. Clarence Smith and I walked round through the bush

20th October Mr. Fleming visited the school today

28th October We had a holiday yesterday for the Carterton Show

3rd November The weather is so bad that very few children are present

14th November Less than a fourth of the children are present today

21st November Received from the Education Board two blackboard and one portable cupboard also necessities from the School Committee 36 exercise books, 1 box of chalk, one box of nibs, blotting paper, and two packets of envelopes

25th November I was not feeling well enough to go outside and take the drill today even though the weather was satisfactory

1st December With my permission Miss Jacob sent H Kjar and G Theobald for ferns at dinner time. Rain came on heavily and suddenly and the boys got wet. I sent them home but told Miss Jacob to mark them present

1905

Reopened school today after the holidays. The picnic was held on Monday and the school was scrubbed on Tuesday

Miss Jacob has leave of absence and Miss A Smyth is relieving

Inspection Report of October 20th 1904 included

- a) Standard 7-3 Miss McKenzie Present 33 Roll 36
- b) Standard 2- Primers Miss Jacob 22 -26
- c) I found both teachers adopting the suggestions of the new syllabus. As Plant Life is being studied, some practical work should be done in gardening
- d) Programmes of work and method of holding quarterly examinations and keeping examination results were discussed

- e) The average attendance has improved since the new monthly returns were adopted
- f) Part of the fence, the lavatory and the blinds are out of repair
- g) The school material in the cupboard was not in very good order as there is not sufficient cupboard room, an order was given for another cupboard
- h) T R Fleming Inspector

6th February Received four stereoscopes and 100 stereographs today. They are the proceed of the school concert.

9th February Today the Flagpole came down

17th The average attendance was 60

24th February The attendance was 59 out of a total of 65

1st march Today I sent in seven or eight names to the Truant officer

3rd March Today I delayed some girls to make enquiries about'

10th March This week we have our garden beds well worked. The fowls however are still a big trouble

14th March I examined Standard 4, 5,6,7 and 3 today

17th March Two of my boys are away at sports in Masterton today

While I was examining my classes Annie Seymour was away ill: and Mary Johnson was also away ill. I have partly examined Annie Since and I shall examine Mary when she is able to return. John Madsen was absent too but I shall not trouble about him as he is usually absent

22nd March Mr. Bakewell examined the school today and nearly all the school passed

28th March Yesterday was the examination holiday

31st march The prizes were distributed today by Mr. Pepperell the chairman of the School Committee

Miss Smyth left at 2 p.m. to catch the train for Wellington This morning we opened the school at 9.45. Miss Smyth and I came at 8 a.m. to write the names in the books but the work took until 9.45

3rd April Received a globe today. Miss May M S Chamberlain commenced her duties here today

4th April Today I received three maps viz NZ, The World, Africa, 2 dozen paint brushes, I demonstration brush, two dozen books, two bottles of Crimson Lake Eater Colour, Two of Prussian Blue, One Burnt Sienna, One Yellow Ochre, demonstration paper, 100 coloured gummed papers

7th April A few children are encouraged to carry tales home. They are really asked to carry home every little mistake which is at once magnified into a big fault or rather misdeed. These children often behave in an aggravating manner in the school and when I strap them the father considers they have been abused. In fact they are incited to rebel

19th April 12 new books have been added to the library. The chairman handed them over on Monday

26th April Re assembled today after the Easter Holidays. Last night there were nine householders present, The following were elected as the new Committee. Messrs J Anderson (Chairman), J Pepperrell, L Larsen, J Swenson, L Kjar, C Hallberg, and C Madsen.

The two new members are J Swenson and C Madsen. Who take the places of C Isakson and O Olsen

During the Easter holiday someone tore the front off the piano and also broke several hammers. It must either have been done by children coming in during the holidays or children doing the sweeping

8th May Kate and May McBarron were readmitted today. Kate says she is in Standard 7 and May says she is Standard 6

Copy of Annual Examination 22nd March 1905 included

Class	Roll Boys	Roll Girls	Presented	Average Years	Age Months	
7	1		1	13	4	Miss Mackenzie
6	4	3	7	13	10	
5	4	7	11	12	6	
4	1	4	5	11	4	
3	3	6	9	10	8	
2	2	4	6	9	7	Miss Smyth BA
1	1	4	5	8	9	
Primers	5	9	14	7	11	
Primer 2	4	3	7	7	6	

- a) Miss Mckenzie Head teacher
- b) 1 Standard 7 candidate passed
- c) With 2 teachers the organisation of this school presents little difficulty and work proceeds smoothly. A satisfactory beginning has been made in Nature Study
- d) Brushwork recommended for one of the subjects in handwork
- e) Certificates of Competency (to Standard 5 inclusive)
- f) Standard 6 Certificates of competency of proficiency 4

g) Certificates of proficiency 3. Average age of those to whom certificates of proficiency or certificates of Competency in Standard 6 are granted 13 Years 10 Months

h) Recitation very satisfactory

i) In the Standard 7 for the coming year and English Classic will be used as a second reader by Standard 7

j) Order discipline and tone of school.
.....Very Good

10th May Received from the School Committee Books and Stationery including arithmetic books with answers

19th May Closed school today for the term vacation of one week

30th May I have now had over a fortnight's experience of two girls from the Eketahuna School. I cannot form a favourable opinion of either their scholarship or their conduct and manners. Both are the laziest children I have had to deal with for a long time

31st May Received from Smith and Smith the following 2 bottles of green paint, Two bottles of Mauve, One dozen brush form books and 1 ream of paper for brush form work

12th June Last week I sent away some coloured papers I wanted gummed papers in their place.

The Committee obtained a new broom for the school today

23rd June Kate McBarron has again left this school. She tells me she is going back to Eketahuna

27th June Today I was obliged to take Rowland Weston in hand. He has been giving Miss Chamberlain trouble for some weeks now and today he ran away in school when she was beginning to punish him. He had first upset a bottle of ink and then while out on the floor first threw small stones and afterwards paper at the other children . I gave him two strokes on either hand with my strap. (Not at full length) and

then took him into another room and gave him three more across his back. I feel he must be mastered.

2nd July I completed my first term examination for this year. I am very pleased with the progress shown in Miss Chamberlain's room. The spelling and reading particularly in the infant classes I especially commend. My own classes show great weakness in spelling and in English. The average attendance for the quarter just ended was only 49

10th July Today I received two registers and packet of envelopes I asked the School Committee for ink powder, slates and two basins and also to see that the windows are put right

13th July After speaking to the Chairman of Committee we decided to have Arbor Day holiday today as we had forgotten about it on Wednesday

Yesterday I received the 12 brushes from Smith and Smith

24th July Received today on tin of ink powder, one box of chalk and 30 slates. I have been without ink for a fortnight although I asked for it over two months ago

28th July Today I received from the Chairman of Committee two basins

Mr. J Anderson (Chairman) and Mr. Swenson called at the school to see about requirements

8th August Four children have left school this week- three of them having left the district

14th August Mr. Hallberg visiting member of the Committee spent an hour here this morning watching the work

28th Ag I received word that Mr. Murray of Opaki will lecture here on September 12th

22nd August Today I strapped several children for mistakes in dictation. All whom I strapped were playing in school

20th September received a map of North America today

27th September Today I received the set squares that I have wanted for so long

6th October This week the weather has been rather bad on some days very bad

10th October Today I strapped two boys for breaking a board off the shed

12th October For the last three days I have been examining the school and I am very satisfied with the results as a whole. Much of the work is certainly good. Miss Chamberlin has been very successful in her teaching of reading, writing, spelling, and arithmetic. All of the infants have made a good start and nearly all are ready for promotion

17th October Mr. Bakewell paid his surprise visit this morning

20th October I came down this morning to hoist the flag and to salute it with the children The flagpole is not up so we were unable to hoist the flag. Sixteen children came so I gave them a very short address and then dismissed them after singing a verse of God Save the Queen Mr. Swenson one of the Committee came down just after I had dismissed the children. We talked about a flagpole being placed in the ground. But he said it would be useless for where there were only two lady teachers and no big boys would be unable we would be unable to hoist the flag and the men could not be always waiting upon us. A very small girl can hoist the flag if the fixings are in the proper order. We rarely see a member of the Committee at the school and when one does come he only sits down and watches our teaching. None have (*not finished*)

23 Oct All the broken panes of glass in the school have now been replaced but there are still five cracked ones in Miss Chamberlain's room and at least three in my room. The blinds have not yet been put in order

26th October The truant officer visited the school today. I must again send in the lists of irregular attendants

31st October. When we came this morning we found the school on fire near the fireplace. I tried to put it out with water but could not get at the whole of it. Mr. Anderson came and then sent a carpenter to cut a hole in the floor so as to get at the whole piece. The carpenter has mended the hole this afternoon

6th November Obtained 7 new books for the library. I had obtained three a few weeks ago. This makes ten obtained from £1 collected from a lecture

14th November I received a hand bell today

1st December A pane of glass was broken today by a little girl slipping when on her stilts

7th Dec Yesterday being election day was a holiday

A girl tripped today and broke another pane of glass

5th December I have completed the term examination as far as the children are concerned. Very good work has been done in the assistant's room. Good steady progress is being made by the majority of the children

14th December I have now thoroughly looked over the examination work and I am very well pleased with the results. In Standard 6 all passed. But in Standards 4, 5, and 3 there was one failure. The standard 3 child is scarcely fit for her standard, and I do not think she should have passed standard 2. Her reading is fair, but her spelling

and arithmetic are nowhere. The other children should be able to work up

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29th January We opened the school today and were met by nearly all the children One family is absent

One window has been broken during the holidays and the school and desks have been thoroughly scrubbed. Ten of the desks have been taken down to the Mangamahoe Railway Station. The lock on the W C Door has been burst off and the guttering in front of the boys WC has been still further broken

Inspection Report for October 17th 1905 included

- a) Standard 6 to 3 Miss McKenzie
- b) Standard 2 to Primers Miss Chamberlain
- c) Roll 55 Present 49
- d) The progress made since my last visit is satisfactory. Arithmetic is well taught.
- e) There are some weak writers in Standard 4 otherwise the writing is improving
- f) The order and discipline during the time of my visit was satisfactory.
- g) The rooms might certainly be cleaner and tidier but I understand there is difficulty in getting a competent person to do the cleaning which consequently has to be done by the children
- h) F H Bakewell

31st January I received word today that the following books had been ordered from S and W Mackay. Elementary Design by C Dawson;

Nature Study with Brush Work by H Boulton and Gardening in New Zealand by M Murray. As I brought the books up with me I have acknowledged receiving them today

2nd February Received today 2 ½ dozen boxes pant 4/- 3 reams of brush form paper 4.6 and 2 dozen hair brushes 6/-

8th February Today I have asked Mr. Anderson, Chairman to procure the following 2 quires of blotting paper, 4 quires of foolscap paper; 4 boxes of slate pencils; 2 boxes of pen nibs; one box of chalk; 2 double lined exercise books, 2 single lines exercise books

22nd February Yesterday we had a holiday for the Masterton Show

Today I received goods asked for on 2nd February

26th February On Sat 24th Miss Chamberlain sent in her resignation to the Education Board and today I sent word to the Chairman of the School Committee

15th March Yesterday and today I have been examining the school. The children in the infant room have made great progress in their spellings

21st March Today Richard Olsen mended a hole in the floor of the porch

27th March Mr. Bakewell examined the school today. The weather was bad snowing, and raining but all except two girls were present. The results were good

2nd April Miss Smith arrived today at 2.45

7th February Mr. Burton again lectured here today. I objected very much because he kissed some of the girls last time. However he had told me he had received the Chairman's permission and he told me he would not so offend again and I felt I had to give in. I tried to stop him at 2 pm and again at 15 minutes past but I did to succeed and 3.25 pm

19th April We had out examination holiday yesterday. Since the examination the following children have left the school viz. Hilda Isakson, Richard Olsen, Raymond Weston and Nina Johnston. Thomas Nini has been admitted this month

Annual Inspection Visit March 22nd Report included

Class	Roll Boys	Roll Girls	Presented	Average Years	Age Months	
						Miss Mackenzie
6	4	4	8	13	8	
5	1	4	5	12	5	
4	4	5	9	11	11	
3	2	4	6	10	5	
2	1	4	5	9	10	Miss Chamberlain
1	3	3	6	9	1	
Primers	5	8	11	8	3	

- Miss Chamberlain who is relinquishing her position in the Board' service leaves behind her an excellent record for hard work and intelligent teaching
- Reading very satisfactory
- Drawing Freehand coloured design and brush work satisfactory
- Physical Instruction Swedish and Dumb Bells Satisfactory
- Nature Study Elementary Science Very satisfactory

- f) Handwork Plasticene and brushwork good
- g) Behaviour of children during examination commended
- h) Efficiency of School Highly satisfactory

24th April At a meeting of householders (Only 10 present) the following were elected a Committee. Messrs James McGregor (Chairman), Ole Isakson, Jens Peter Hansen, Lars Kjar, John Swenson, John Anderson, Henry Edward Thorby

This afternoon Miss Smith took all the small children round Mauriceville North and questioned them on the rivers etc.

26th April This afternoon I gave the first lesson on Solid Geometry to Standard 6 and 7

30th April Heavy gales with rain that commenced on Friday still continue. There was a flood in Mauriceville North yesterday. Mabel Johnston who spent three days in bed last week came to school today

4th May Received today one rain gauge, barometer tube, 1lb mercury, container for mercury, Total cost including postage and packaging 14 shillings and sixpence

The prizes were distributed today by Mrs Isakson

14th May Sent in a report to the Committee today. Asked for box of chalk foolscap and notepaper. Also asked the Committee to mend the windows and blinds

15th May The chairman today sent word that the blinds etc would be seen to.

17th May Today I received from the Chairman of the Committee ninety six double sheets of foolscap, ten quires of note paper and one box of chalk

The chairman told me that some children complain of want of fires. There is now always a fire in the little room and in my room children can have a fire as soon as they like to light it. Ever since I came here I

have provided matches for both rooms, but perhaps if I were to request the Committee to provide them there would not be so many complaints. They would at least learn that matches are used if nothing else

15th May Closed school for the term vacation of one week. Closed at 2 p.m.

21st May This morning I was 12 minutes late. I was also 12 minutes late in coming out this afternoon, but not with the idea of making up time I could not get the work finished in time

4th June On June 1st Miss McKenzie broke her collar bone and was unable to return today. The chairman came along and closed the school for the day

11th June Miss McKenzie returned to her duties today. As the Board were unable to provide a relieving teacher Miss Smith has been in sole charge for the time mentioned

22nd June The relieving teacher took charge as Miss McKenzie left for a time

29th June Miss Smith left for another school

1st July The relieving teacher Miss Irwin took charge

9th July I returned to my duties today. I cannot use my arm very feely yet

During my absence part of the bell has been broken. The children tell me it was done by some adults meeting in the school for amusement

24th July I commenced examining today

26th July Yesterday being arbor day was a holiday. I examined the assistants classes yesterday (?)

30th July The work in the infant class has been satisfactory. Only one child in Standard 1 and One in Standard 2 failed. A child said to be in

Standard 1 when she came here did very poor work. She came from Dreyerton and has been here only a few days

Mr. Bakewell paid a surprise visit today

31st July Today R Weston was throwing a snowball at Eva Hansen. It missed her and struck the window and broke it

I finished correcting and marking the work of Standard 3 – Standard 7 Today and I find I have one failure in Standard 5, Two in Standard 4 and I in Standard 3. Taken as a whole the results are satisfactory. One Standard 4 is a new boy who has shown some excellent work

1st August This afternoon Miss Kilmartin our new assistant arrived. On Saturday Miss Irwin received word to remain for another month so no one met Miss Kilmartin who had to walk up from the station (Mangamahoe) and arrive here at about 2.30 p.m.

Miss Irwin has been working very conscientiously and I am now felling sorry to part with her

There was a slight shock of earthquake today at 2.26 p.m.

2nd August Miss Kilmartin commenced work today. Miss Irwin is instructed to proceed to the Upper Hutt

8th August This afternoon instead of working at the ordinary lessons we walked up the hills behind the school so as to observe our surroundings. We left at 1 p.m. and were back at 3 p.m.

16th August I had my classes today trying to draw lawyer leaves from the plant itself

17th August Yesterday some children told me that several children had been rude to Mrs Barber. After thinking the matter over for one night I decided to lecture the whole school taking care to refer to the one incident and letting the supposed guilty children know that I referred to them., but without telling anyone else to whom I was referring. Later in the day some of the same children told me that

that none had been rude to Mrs Barber but they had called the children's names. This is only another proof that children's tales must not be listened to. Evidently they thought I had been too hard so their consciences pricked them. The lecture evidently did some good

23rd August This morning I sent Max McGregor and O Weston up to my place for a parcel that had been left there instead of at school. They were away nearly two hours instead of a little over an hour. The following are the goods received from the Committee, 1 box of chalk, one geographical reader Standard 5 and 6 and One geographical reader Standard 4 also 3 quires of blotting paper

24th August On the 21st Every child was present

27th August One child Gwendoline Weston has now left school as she is required at home. She was in Standard 6 and I think she could have easily passed

10th September Miss Kilmartin returned today at 1.40 p.m. She said she could not get her teeth stopped in time to come up on Saturday and it was too expensive for her to remain in Masterton over Sunday. Mr. Swenson has given us a spade and rake. I brought a shillings worth of flower seeds and a shillings worth of mercury for the school. I also brought a lens for myself for use in school

17th November Some girls suggested putting wire netting round the gardens. Subscriptions for it have been received as follows. 14 names Subscription from 2/6d to 6d

16th September received from Whitcombe and Tombs 10 lbs plasticene, and a dozen brushes

28th September I finished examining yesterday. But I still have to look over written work

The Boys have fenced off a garden for themselves this week. This afternoon while I was teaching Standard 7 I allowed the boys of Standard 4,5 and 6 to work at their gardens

5th October On the whole I am very well satisfied with the results of the term examination. The Grammar in Standard 7 and the Geography in Standard 6 and 7 were unsatisfactory. Writing though still weak is now improving. Standard 5 shows least improvement

I was disappointed with the object lessons and the Geography in the infant room. The reading has improved very much in that room

12th October Mr. J McGregor, his son Otto and Mr. Hansen have fenced in a good piece of ground for the girls. They have also dug up a part of it.

Instead of drill this afternoon we were all out gardening

18th October The people using the little room have evidently been tearing the old maps stored there

22nd October While playing cricket last night G McGregor knocked a ball through a pane of glass in the little room He came in and told me about it and did not wait for enquiries to be made either

23rd October Less than half the children are present today because of the wet weather. Annie Seymour came in very wet and I sent her home again. She had rheumatic fever once and I thought there was grave danger in keeping her

24th October Today Mr. McGregor brought 7 pictures for the school and hung them on the walls

25th October The boys made a cricket pitch too close to the school and broke a pane of glass in Miss Kilmartin's room R Pepperell says that he and O Weston are most blameworthy this time

29th October I sent in the names to the truant officer today. The children tell me that two out of three have left. The father has not

been courteous enough to reply to any notes and the children are under 14 years

31st October The weather is very wet but there are 38 children present Rain was coming in several places and I had to remove one of the new pictures because it was getting wet.

1st November Inspection report of 30th July 1906 included

- a) Standard 7 – 3 Miss McKenzie Roll 29 Present 23
- b) Standard 2 – Primers Miss Irwin (Relieving) Roll 22 Present 19
- c) Owing to Miss McKenzie's accident the school was in charge of a temporary teacher for several weeks. The term's work has therefore been carried on under unfavourable circumstances. The results of the Head teacher's examination which she had just concluded, nevertheless indicate very satisfactory progress
- d) A little gravel is needed in front of girls' outside office and at corner of main building. New blinds are required for both rooms
- e) F H Bakewell

7th November The weather is very changeable and windy. Today I took in class an application for a Junior Clerkship. I made all the classes write it

8th November Mr. R Madsen came today about his children Maud is in Eketahuna, Donald (*aged about 13*) Won't Come to school. Mr. Madsen got his notice today

Owen Weston was sick this afternoon and I permitted him to go home.

12th November Friday was a holiday The King's Birthday Miss Kilmartin was about 20 minutes late this morning. She came from Pahiatua by train

13th November H Kjar and J Watson were wrestling in the porch and broke a pane of glass

19th November When I came to school this morning I found the cleaner's key on the inside and the door unlocked. I locked the door on Friday Night and hung the cleaner's key on a nail in the porch. H Kjar and J Hansen state the someone was in the school on Sunday

20th November Received the following from the School Committee 6 boxes of pencils, 2 boxes of nibs, 1 box of chalk, and two packets of envelopes

The broken panes in the windows have all been replaced

30th November Mr. Swenson visiting member for the month called round today

7th December I went out to drill this afternoon but owing to the wind had to come in again

13th December The chairman brought another picture today. When he came I was busy examining in the little room. I went on quietly. Miss Kilmartin was in charge of my room

13th December I have completed the examination in the Junior room and I was very pleased indeed with the results. In the room there is only one failure and that one is not a bad one. The whole of the work shows care and steady work on Miss Kilmartin's part

21st December I have not worked strictly to the timetable today. A few of the boys are tidying things up. I told a few of the best to gather all the papers in the playground and burn it

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4th February Reopened today after the six weeks' vacation. 2 children have left as they have gone to Australia. The Isakson family and also two Maori children named Nini are absent. The school floors and desks have been scrubbed and the windows have been cleaned. A Table Leg has been broken. I tried to close a window in Miss Kilmartin's room but was unable to

15th December A heavy thunderstorm came on this afternoon. I gave the children orders this week not pick any flowers without permission
19th February The Committee has given a holiday for the Masterton Show tomorrow. Mr. McGregor called last Thursday to let me know.

5th March The sweeping by the children is becoming more unsatisfactory than ever. On Friday only one room was swept and that one was badly done Last night the rooms were not touched

8th March Instead of drilling the children today I read a short story about Montezuma

15th March At dinner time G McGregor ran into the porch and broke a window. He cut his finger slightly

18th March The rainfall has been heavy since Friday 3.3 inches of rain (Over 800 Millimetres). It is still raining hard and has lowered the attendance in the assistants room. Only One child was absent in mine

22nd March While I was closing a window in the vacant room a pane of glass broke

25th March I received word on Saturday that Blinds have been ordered at last.

27th March Received from Smith and Smith (Wellington Education Board order) Art supplies. Robert Pepperell brought them up from the station

3rd April Received 5 lbs plasticene- completion of order. Also 6 lbs extra

28th March I was intending to let Miss Kilmartin off for one hour so as to catch the mail train but as the trains were altered, she could not get away save by having the afternoon off. She obtained permission from Mr. McGregor and myself

3rd April Miss Kilmartin is absent today. She telegraphed to me stating she could not obtain a berth

4th April Miss Kilmartin returned to duty to today

5th April I received the blinds for the school today

9th April H Kjar and R Ticehurst got wet at dinnertime today. I gave the strap and sent them home

10th April Robert Pepperrell and M McGregor put three blinds up today

16th April Yesterday was our Examination Holiday

G McGregor and O Weston put the remainder of the blinds up

23rd April Last Night a meeting of Householders the following Committee were elected Messrs Jas Pepperrell (Chairman}, C Gibbard, L Kjar, J McGregor, H Thorby, W H and C B Seymour

14th May Today I received 23 exercise books for examination work for the children. The books were sent by the Committee

23rd may I closed at 3 p.m. for the vacation. In the afternoon I had a short chat with the children about the flags

4th June Re assembled today as yesterday was the Prince of Wales Birthday

10th June Received today 2 chairs, 1 mariner's compass and maps of Europe, Asia, Australia and South America. Received British Isles

24th June

17th June I took my classes out today down to the bridge to study the confluence of the streams

Received a map of Hastwell District

Annual Report for Inspection on 11th April included

Class	Roll Boys	Roll Girls	Presented	Average Years	Age Months	
7	2	1	3	14	7	Miss Mackenzie
6		3	3	13	1	
5	3	5	8	12	10	
4	1	5	6	11	6	
3	1	4	5	11		
2	2	5	7	10	3	Miss Kilmartin
1	4	3	7	9	4	
Primers	4	7	11	7	3	
	17	33	50			

- Reading Good throughout the school
- Arithmetic A strong subject throughout the school
- Singing satisfactory
- Physical Instruction Swedish and Dumb Bells Good
- Geography Fair
- History Very satisfactory
- Handwork Plasticene and Brushwork Good
- Needlework not examined Very Good last Year
- J S Tennant Inspector

18th July A Photographer asked permission today to photograph the children I really closed 8 minutes early to allow

19th July Mr. Tennant paid a surprise visit today

30th July Received from Committee blotting paper, 1 box of nibs, and class books as follows. First and second primers, first and second Infant readers, Standards 1,2,3,5 6 readers all British Empire

2nd August The average attendance for this week is 43 out of 46 on the roll

Inspectors report for 17th July included

- a) Roll 46 Present 45
- b) Teachers Miss McKenzie (27), Miss Kilmartin (19)
- c) Attendance Good 93 % Last term
- d) In both room the timetables were well suited to the requirements
- e) Both teachers are about the school and grounds during all recesses
- f) All buildings require painting
- g) J S Tennant

23rd August We had a holiday today after having concert last night

13th September The weather this morning was very bad so the little room was nearly empty. The Weston family have measles in the house

25th September A perfect gale is blowing accompanied by rain, which is finding its way into the school in dozens of places I have had to move many of the children's so that they can escape the drops.

30th September Mr. C Seymour visiting member paid a visit to the school today

4th October Many children are absent this week. In many cases one or two in the family and in other cases all the children are down with measles

11th October I have been examining this week, but today is so very wet that I thought it unfair to continue my work in the little room. I have still to take arithmetic

16th October Owing to the epidemic of measles there are 18 children out of 49 present

25th October The average attendance for the fortnight ending today is 19 out of a roll of 49

31st October Nearly all the children have returned today

5th November Two children from Mangamahoe came today on account of some slight difference of opinion between the Mother and The Head teacher so Mrs Larsen says

15th November The Larsens' of Mangamahoe have again returned to their school They appear to be very irregular

Dates as in log

21st September The Truant officer Mr. Direen visited the school today. But I had no need to report any one

23rd October Miss Kilmartin Now has 22 brushes for her children

26th November The Education Board's clerk of works visited the school today. He says that the school is to be painted inside as well as outside and new flooring is to be put in the porch

4th December The health officer visited the school this afternoon. He had been in North Mauriceville to inquire into a case reported as diphtheria

9th December Today the painters commenced work

19th December Closed for the holidays at 3 p.m. today

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3rd February Re opened this morning. As there were so many desks to move from wrong rooms we were unable to commence until 9.10 The school has been painted inside and out but the work is not quite completed yet. The bookshelf in my room has not been touched and the fireplaces have been left

Constance Larsen one of our late pupils met with an accident just before the vacation and died on December 19th

10th February Received from the Education Board . First Lessons in Book Keeping (Thornton), Games, songs and recitations, Harbutt's Plastic Methods, Plastic methods for plastic minds

17th February Received 8 pictures (Flora) for the school

21st February The truant officer visited the school today

4th March One of the health officers visited the school today to make enquiries about the health of scholars

13th March John Hansen left this week because he is required at home

20th March Today the attendance is just under half. The weather has been very bad for the last two days. 2.03 inches of rain have fallen

3rd April The average attendance for the quarter ended was 45 out of 50. The concert on Monday Night was very successful about £9 being taken. Unfortunately all the money is to be spent on prizes or other amusements

9th April The examination was held today

15th April We broke up at 3 p.m. today as we are having our examination holiday tomorrow

22nd April Reassembled today with only 38 children present

1st May Two more children left last week in my room and one entered from Hamua

8th may After giving Jonah Manahera a fair trial in standard 3 so as to let him get over any nervousness I found he was quite unfit for the class. I placed him in Standard 2. After he had been nearly a week there I held my term examination and he came out bottom of the class. In spellings he had 1/6 of the words right. I really believe our first standard can both read and spell better than he can. Even in arithmetic his strongest subject he only obtained half marks

14th May Received from the School Committee 1 box of nibs and 1 writing tablet

22nd April Received the following from Smith and Smith 24 brush drawing books (Instead of 12 books and 2 reams of blotting paper)

1 pot each of Crimson Lake, Prussian Blue, Chrome Yellow, Emerald Green, Indian Red, Sapphire Green. No order was made for the change

22nd may Closed today for term vacation of one week

4th June Holiday yesterday Prince of Wales, birthday

8th June received the two certificates for Standard 7 today The other one was received some time ago

8th June There are only 41 names on the roll

9th June Mr. P Madsen called today to say that he could not make Maud come to school. He asked what to do. I told him to send her or I should be compelled to report again

Inspector's report of 9th April included

Class	Roll Boys	Roll Girls	Presented	Average Years	Age Months	
7		3	3	14	1	Miss Mackenzie

6	2	2	4	13	8	
5	1	5	6	12	5	
4	1	4	5	12	6	
3	3	3	6	11	1	
2	2	3	5	10	1	Miss Kilmartin
1	1	4	5	9	5	
Primers	4	12	14	6	11	
Total	14	36				

- a) Physical Instruction Physical exercises and breathing exercises
- b) Recitation Very Good
- c) History very Satisfactory
- d) Moral Instruction Health Treatment approved
- e) Instruction of Primer Class Specially Commended
- f) Efficiency of School Good
- g) F H Bakewell and J S Tennant

10th June Application to Department for House. Previously teachers had rented a house, before the house mentioned was procured the teacher had to live such a distance away that frequently her health was endangered through the frequent wettings she was exposed to in the rainy season.

19th June The boys in my class have all made a full attendance this week

31st June The average attendance for the term is only 39

7th July The weather here is very wet and there is a flood in Mauriceville. Two children were driven down

17th July One family the Evanses have scarlet fever in the house

20th July Had a holiday yesterday. Arbor Day

4th August Received a packet of Brushwork paper today

12th August Received 1 box of chalk from Mr. Gibbard

19th August Mary Johnson left school today

26th August The Hansen's left this week for Kaipororo School. Parents leaving the district

4th September Received a new bell today

This ends my work at school for a period of over seven years
(Christina Mackenzie went to Newtown School as an assistant and later went to Makara school as Sole teacher)

14th September Took Charge of school today F W Gregory (Frederick W Gregory who had been at Tokomaru for quite a while)

18th September. Note from J Tennant inspector. Visited the school today and found the work going on satisfactorily. It is hoped a special effort will be made to improve the attendance and enable the school to retain its grade

6th October Entered the following children, William Bray, George Ammundsen, Norman Gregory, Edna McGregor, Enid McGregor. This brings roll number to 47. Scholars are badly required the average for the third quarter being only 37

7th October Received Inspection report for 15th September included

- a) Standard 3 Standard 7 Mr. Gregory 20 on roll 19 present
- b) Primers – Standard 2 Miss Kilmartin. 23 on roll 13 present. The weather was wet and stormy
- c) Last quarter attendance 80% A special effort should be made to maintain a good attendance and if possible increase the roll number otherwise the school will lose the services of the assistant teacher

- d) Mr. Gregory had only taken charge a few days previously. Some attention will be paid to writing.
- e) The play sheds and offices need tidying up generally Mr. Gregory is not responsible for this as attention was drawn to it on my last visit
- f) J S Tennant

19th October School closed for Labour Day The last week I have had the playground cleaned up thoroughly during dinner time. A great deal of broken glass and a real number of old iron and wire were collected

20th October Letter to Secretary of Education. A male teacher has now been appointed

Even when the Head teacher was a lady the absence of a residence was a cause of dissatisfaction. The new teacher is a married man with four children of school age. Owing to the fact that the teacher has been unable to obtain a house in the district he is bachelorising while his family reside at Palmerston North.

30th October Forwarded the usual Monthly return Average attendance 43 Roll Number 52

6th November School closed Palmerston Show

9th November School closed King's Birthday

10th November Entered Ina Harrison, Jack Harrison, Roll number 54

17th November School closed General Election

26th – 27th November Annual examination of promotion was held Harold Kjar (Proficiency)

Standard 6 Mabel Barber, Henrietta McGregor, deferred to Inspector's Visit.

Standard 5 Eleanor Barber, Marjorie Thorby,

Standard 4 Lily Kjar, Maud Larsen, Ivy Smith, Agnella Swenson

Standard 3 Beatrice Ammundsen, Ivy Isakson, Charles Larsen, Cecil Seymour, Edna Weston

Standard 2 Ina Bray, Gracie Barber, Oliver Halberg, Gladys Kjar, Maud Madsen, Jonah Manihera, Gracie Weston

17th December School closed for Mid-Summer holidays

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A grant of 410 pound for a teachers residence

1st February School reopened Received from Smith and Smith 8 lbs plasticene, 500 sheets Brushwork paper

Roll number 45

2nd February Entered Mary Nini aged 12 years I have put her in the third standard for the present

Received circular from Board re free books for Class Primers, Standard 1 and Standard 2

12th February Sent monthly report to Committee. Have applied for some school requisites, also for leave of absence for Miss Kilmartin for a day Average for week 36

16th February Entered Winifred Caroline Dickens aged 6 years 2 months.

19th February Roll number 46 Average attendance for week 34

The Masterton show and Kaiparoro Picnic affected the attendance

4th March Received from Committee 1 quire of blotting paper and ½ ream of Foolscap. Received from Education Board 20 foolscap Envelopes

Mr. McDougall (*Board Clerk of Works*) visited today and chose a site for the Teachers' Residence. The site chosen is part of the Girl's Playground about ¼ acre

2nd March Miss Kilmartin absent having received permission from the Committee

15th March Admitted Kathleen Gregory to Standard 2, Harold Charles Bray to Standard 5

Received 12 picture of NZ Flora from Education Department

17th March School Closed St Patrick's Day. Owing to the Hastwell band playing at Eketahuna in the Band Contest the chairman of the School Committee thought it would be better to close the school as most of the children would be absent

18th March Mr. O Isakson distributed the prizes this afternoon. I received a letter from Mr. Dempsey (*Eketahuna Head Teacher, Ex Hastwell School*) asking me to look up school records and see if Jep Jepson had passed the 3rd Standard, if so to forward a certificate to that effect to Paekakariki I find that J J left 16 years ago and that he had passed Standard 2. I have written to Mr. Dempsey re above

26th March Roll 47 Average 42

31st March Mr. Bakewell Inspector visited the school

2nd April A stack of timber in the school ground was blown down on Saturday

26th April Received From G Wilton 1 thermometer, 1 barometer tube, Forwarded receipt for same to the Board

28th April School closed for half day owing to the children having attended farewell social given to Miss Kilmartin (*No Mention of social for Miss Mckenzie*)

30th April Miss Kilmartin left today to take up her duties at Dalefield The carpenter began the Teacher's residence Today

3rd May Received Inspector's Report for 31st March

- a) Standard 6-3 Mr. Gregory Roll 21 Present 20
- b) Standard 2-Primers Miss Kilmartin Roll 26 Present 26
- c) In order to bring this school as much as possible into line with the new regulations the annual examination visit has been postponed until September
- d) More detail is recommended in Geography B, Writing and arrangement of work in exercise books should show improvement before the next examination visit
- e) Stricter discipline is required in the case of two or three of the children
- f) A thermometer and a barometer tube are required
- g) F H Bakewell

14th May Received from Education Board 1 examination register

24th May School closed Empire Day

25th May Committee granted Miss Messenger leave of absence for day

Toll 46 Average 40

27th May Mr. J Direen Truant Inspector visited the school today

7th June School reopened Received absence notices and envelopes from Education Board

7th June Applied for Leave Of Absence to enable me to transfer my furniture from Palmerston North to Hastwell

11th June Roll 45 average attendance 40

21st June Applied for two days leave granted by Committee

22-23rd June Absent from school on leave. Miss Messenger carried on the work of the school during my absence

26th June I removed into the teacher's residence built by the Board

28th Roll 45

28th June Entered the following pupils, Norman Gregory Standard 6, Vulcan Gregory Standard 5, Mavis Gregory Standard 2, Kathleen Gregory Standard 2, Hone Haka Primers

6th August Roll 45 average attendance for week 42

Forwarded monthly report to Committee and applied for foolscap Ink and envelopes

18th August Heavy fall of snow during the night, The snow lay on the ground for the greater part of the day

25th October I was taken ill with Pneumonia and Pleurisy on Monday August 23rd and was unable to attend school Mr. Stout has been relieving. I resumed today after nine week's absence. The annual; inspectors examination took place on September 31st. The school was closed on the 15th- 18 October for Labour Day and Examination Holiday

A window was broken by Owen McGregor who was punished

1st November Average for week was 41. Roll number 49

Wrote to Mr. Davies (*Agricultural and Gardening Adviser to the Board*) asking him to visit the school as a piece of ground has been set apart for school garden.

Four names have been removed from the roll this month and one added

8th November School closed for Palmerston Show

9th November School closed for King's Birthday

10th November entered Maud Larsen Standard 5, Maud Madsen Standard 3

I repaired three windows at a cost of 2/3

Commenced fencing in a piece of ground for the children's garden.

Mr. Davies has not replied to my letter

I find that a mistake was made in the quarterly returns for September

Inspectors report for September 30th 1909 included

- a) Mr. Stout Relieving 19 in class
- b) Miss Bannister 32 in Junior room
- c) There is a preponderance of number in the infant department. Any changes, however in the organisation would at this time of year be unwise
- d) Reading. More individual work still to be done in the lower classes
- e) Drawing Very satisfactory
- f) Physical Instruction too wet to examine
- g) Nature Study. Upper Class moderate. Junior Good
- h) Needlework Very satisfactory progress has been made
- i) Mr. Gregory's recent and severe illness has probably mitigated against the school making a good appearance in the optional subjects
- j) The General condition of lower school shows that Miss Banister has been painstaking and conscientious in her work
- k) Promotions will not be made until the end of the year
- l) J S Tennant

29th November Examined all standards for promotion Maud Larsen and Maud Madsen failed. These girls had left but received a notice from the Truant Inspector that they must attend school. Arithmetic and spelling were good in all standards Every child in Standard 6 cleared the arithmetic paper, while no child had more than 1 mistake in spelling and dictation. The composition in this standard was also good.

30th November Roll 51 Average for week 44

10th December Received certificates of proficiency (3) and Competency (1)

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31st January School reopened after midsummer holidays. Roll 52
 4th February Average attendance for week 47. Have applied to School Committee for pens, pencils, foolscap and blotting paper
 5th February received permission to purchase above materials Asked Committee to remove weeds around the school
 11th February The weeds have been removed from the path leading from the gate to the school and from the path round the school. Some metal is to be put on the paths where pools of water lie after rain
 1st February Miss Bannister arrived late after missing train on Saturday
 25th February School Closed Lord Kitchener's visit
 4th March Roll number 50 Attendance 47
 10th March 4 cords of firewood have been delivered
 11th March Mrs Anderson and Mrs, Sigvertsen came and judged the sewing today Results Standard 6 M Thorby, Standard 5, A Swenson, Standard 4, B Ammundsen, and I Isakson, Standard 3, G Kjar, Standard 2 H Gregory, Standard 1, H Smart, and P J Madsen
 18th March Roll 50 Average for week 47
 I have repaired the back fence as best I could without a wire strainer.

1898/11148 Gregory	Mavis	Ellen	Frederick William
1895/6890 Gregory	Norman Frederick	Emma	Frederick William
1897/4544 Gregory	Vivian	Ellen	Frederick William
1900/16508 Gregory	Kathleen	Ellen	Frederick William

24th March School closed for the annual school treat

Prizes were awarded

Standard 6 Norman Gregory 1, Nora Halberg 2, Eleanor Barbour 3

Standard 5 Lottie Swenson 1, Lily Kjar 2, Vivian Gregory

Standard 4 Ivy Isakson, Beatrice Ammundsen 2, Charles Lanau 3

Standard 3 Gladys Kjar and Grace Barbour 1, Jonah Manihera 2

Standard 2 Joseph Campbell 1, Mavis Gregory 2

Sewing Standard 6 Marjorie Thorby, Standard 5 Lottie Swenson,

Standard 4 Beatrice Ammundsen and Ivy Isakson, Standard 3 Gladys

Kjar, Standard 2 Kathleen Gregory, Standard 1 Kitty Smart, Primers

Julia Manihera

Good Conduct Lily Kjar, Charles Larsen, Violet Seymour, George Ammundsen.

Most popular girl and boy Lily Kjar and George Ammundsen

6th April Mr. Davies agricultural inspector visited he school and gave advice as to laying out of garden plots etc and suggestions as to programme of work for the first year.

Term examination commenced. The Upper Standards taken first

8th April Roll 50 Average for week 49

18th April Truant Inspector Mr. Direen visited the school. Present 48

25th April School Committee Election The following were elected. L Kjar (Chairman) W Seymour (Secretary) P Halberg, C Gibbard, O Ammundsen, A Jackson, C Seymour.

Twelve householders were present. There was one informal vote

During the last week I have been tidying up the playground. I have made a good path to the Girl's Office

4th May Mr. Fleming visited the school

7th May Received news of the death of King Edward VII

10th Committee close the school for above

11th May School closed, Proclamation of George V

Inspectors Report for May 4th Included

- a) Standard 6- Standard 3 Mr. Gregory 17 on roll
- b) Standard 2 – Primers Miss Bannister 34 on Roll
- c) Organization Standard 2 will be taken into headmaster's room after the term examination
- d) Attendance – March Quarter Roll 40 Average 46 a percentage of 92, a good attendance
- e) Cleaning The two classrooms were satisfactory. The third room, which is let by the Committee is not kept as tidy as it might be.
- f) Two chimneys in the residence smoke and some of the windows are difficult to open, otherwise the buildings are in a satisfactory condition
- g) The condition of the playground has been improved by the efforts of the headmaster.
- h) A garden is now being made and the necessary tools will be obtained shortly
- i) Instruction etc is satisfactory Schemes of work have been drawn out for each division of the school.
- j) Work was proceeding satisfactorily in both rooms under satisfactory discipline.
- k) The result of the first term examination shows that satisfactory progress is being made
- l) Miss Bannister is proving herself a capable assistant
- m) The library contains about 200 volumes. It will be added to in the coming year

- n) The only absentee on the day of my visit was a girl who was ill

- o) T R Fleming

9th May Committee closed the school in respect for the memory of the late King Edward

10th May School closed Proclamation of King George V

20th May School closed Funeral of the late King

23rd May School closed in lieu of Empire Day. Consent of Committee obtained for the alteration

Received circular from Education Board stating that the Board had decided to keep the school open on Empire Day Had the school been open the circular would have been too late for me to have notified the children as I received word at 4.30 pm and the school closes at 3pm. I saw no advertisement in the paper re the matter

24th May Hoisted the flag today (Empire Day)

26th May School closed for term holiday

6th June Reopened school

18th July School closed- Arbor Day

10th August The School Committee planted 100 macrocarpa trees in front of the school and at the back of the school gardens

5th September School closed for term holiday

26th September Dominion Day The flag was hoisted. At 11 O'clock the children were dismissed after saluting the flag

30th September Sent in 9 drawing exhibits to Manawatu Show

30th September Mr. Direen, Truant Inspector visited the school but found attendance good

3rd 4th October Mr. Fleming visited the school and found the work satisfactory

Report of Inspector's Visit included

- a) Mr. F W Gregory 22 children Standard 2 to Standard 6
- b) Miss Bannister 28 children Primers to Standard 1
- c) Reading satisfactory to good
- d) During the last year considerable improvements have been made to the grounds and school surroundings generally
- e) The general organisation is satisfactory and at the end of the year the Majority of the children will be quite ready for promotion
- f) A little more grouping is recommended in some of the class work
- g) The general work of the school is satisfactory
- h) The instruction in the Primer Class (Miss Bannister) is good
- i) T R Fleming

24th October Received 4 rolls of wire netting for school gardens
Received collection of vegetable and flower seeds for garden

2nd-4th School closed for examination holiday, Labour Day and Show Day

7th November (entries for drawing were put in the Palmerston Show.
Results 6 Prizes . All 4 Gregory Children received prizes. Names listed

9th November School close in memory of the Late King Edward's Birthday

25th November Miss Bannister absent Attending a drawing examination at Masterton

28th Held annual examination in all Standards

1st December Forwarded schedules and examination papers for Standard 6 to Education Board

2nd December Applied for 2 first class attendance certificates, also 8 second class and term report forms

15th December School Closed for Christmas Holidays

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30th January School reopened with a roll number of 44

7th February Received hazard target and one rifle. Half the cost is to be defrayed by the defence Department and the remainder by the school

13th February Received from McLeod and Young's, 3 Collins Atlas

25th February School closed for Masterton Show. As Miss Bannister was ill and I was not very well I took this day instead of the Palmerston Show Day

17th -17th February Miss Bannister is absent today through illness

20-28th February School closed- Outbreak of Scarlatina Notified the Board that the school was closed with consent of Committee. The school was fumigated during the week

28th February Forwarded to Education Board McLeod and Yong's invoice for 3 readers and 3 atlas. This invoice was received after the books

27th March Received from McLeod and Young' 3 Historical readers, 3 Robinson Crusoe and 3 Tom Brown's Schooldays

28th March Forwarded invoice for above to the Education Board

Wrote to the Board for Timetable forms This is the third application sent in for same

30th March Mr. Fleming Inspector visited the school

Wrote to the Secretary of the Education Board re drain of teacher's residence

7th April Forwarded monthly report to Committee showing roll number of 45.

8th April Three children who have been absent for 7 weeks with Scarlatina returned to school today

7th April Received Time Table Forms from Education Board

12th April I was absent today having received permission from the Committee My duties were carried out by Miss Bannister

19th April Received set of Royal Brown Reading Sheets from Whitcombe and Tombs. These are the wrong kind and I have returned them

Plumber cleaned drain at Teacher's residence

21st April Inspector's Report of 30th March includes

- a) Standard 6—Standard 2 Mr. Gregory On Roll 21
- b) Standard 1 Primers. Miss Bannister Roll 24
- c) Inspector's Comment Satisfactory to good
- d) Attendance average to date 42
- e) Some new books should be added to the library
- f) Cleaning of the school satisfactory
- g) Work was proceeding satisfactorily in both rooms according to timetable
- h) The exercise books showed that the work of the pupils was carefully corrected by Mr. Gregory
- i) Miss Bannister is proving a capable assistant
- j) The pupils of the Upper Standards won a number of merit cards at the November Show held in Palmerston
- k) Four proficiency certificates (Standard 6) were awarded in December
- l) Generally satisfactory buildings. Another tank is needed. The drive at the residence requires immediate attention Mr. Gregory will forward particulars to the Clerk of Works
- m) An order given for some general requisites

n) T A Fleming

19th April Mr. Davies played a flying visit to the school

24th April The School Committee election resulted as follows Messrs A Jackson, W Seymour, W Bray, Martin Ammundsen, C Seymour, L Kjar, P Halberg. Mr. A Jackson was elected chairman and Mr. W Seymour Secretary

25th April Forwarded results of election to Board

Mr. Dieren Truant Inspector visited the school Roll 45, Present 35. Two children are kept at home owing to Scarlatina being in the house Some small children were away owing to the wet weather

A window was broken today by a cricket ball

16th June School closed for term and coronation holiday

Miss Bannister leaves today, her resignation having been accepted by the Board

20th June Received 45 Coronation Medals for the children

3rd July School reopened today Miss (*Alice*) Campbell who has been appointed as assistant commenced her duties today

19th July School closed Arbor Day and influenza

20th July Truant inspector visited

25th July Absent from school today- Influenza

26th July I was absent again today. I was in bed with influenza both yesterday and today

7th August Sent discussions of fireplaces to clerk of works

Applied for seeds, manure and lime for the gardens

14th September Received one firescreen 3 foot 2 inches. This should have been 3 foot 6 inches. I received a postcard stating that two firescreens had been sent to Mangamahoe by the NZ Express Company I have written to the Secretary of Education Board asking him to make enquiries

21st September School closed, examination holiday

25th September School closed Dominion Day

26th September Received word from the stationmaster Eketahuna that a bag of manure is lying at that station and that storage charges will be charged. I have not yet received the seeds that were ordered some time ago

These should have been in the ground some weeks ago. I have notified the Secretary of the Board that they have not arrived

2nd October Received seeds and manure from F Cooper. Sent receipt to Education Board

5th October Received 2 Hydroplate boards from Education Board

10th October Received 1 clock for assistant's Room

11th October The school tank is empty. Another tank is urgently required. I have written to the Secretary of the Board re same

23rd October Sent letter to board pointing out that a tank had been ordered to replace present tank instead of in addition to same

Copy of inspectors report received 20th September inspection included

a) Mr. Gregory Head teacher 18 children

b) Miss A Campbell Standard 1 – Primers 25 children

c) Roll 46 Present 43

27th -28th November Examined all standards for promotion

7th December School closed general election

13th December School closed for Mid Summer Holidays F W Gregory

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29th January School is reopened with Roll of 44

The following is part of the school report that was omitted included

a) Drill not taken day very stormy

b) There is a weakness in Standard 5 but with this exception the general work is of a fairly satisfactory character. Drawing is well taught. Considerable improvements have been effected in the grounds by the Committee

c) T R Fleming

9th February Received from G Winder- 2 Galvanised Watering Cans

10th February Received from Mauriceville Lime Co 2 bags ground lime

21st February School closed. Masterton Show

27th February Received from Wilton and Co 1 nest beakers, 2 glass funnels, 1 Dozen test tubes, 1 Packet Methylated Spirits, 1 Bell Jar (40 ounce), 2 flasks

28th February Received a firescreen

8th March Forwarded report re Arbor Day. Mr. Cummings Agricultural instructor, visited the school yesterday and gave an interesting lecture on organisation etc

21st March School Closed Hastwell Sports

16th April Received 8 copies Highroads of History Book VII and from S and W Mackay 8 Collin's Atlas, 8 Westward Ho!

19th April Received from G Winder 3 closet pans

22nd April The following were elected members of the School Committee at the election held last night, A Jackson (Chairman) W Seymour (Secretary), O Isakson, C Madsen, W Bray, P Halberg, H Thorby found work being carried out in a satisfactory manner

8th May Mr. J Direen truant inspector visited the school and pointed out to the children that all children must attend school if their names are on the roll even if they are over 14

4th June Received from W F C A 20 lbs lime and ½ dozen tumblers
Received from Inspector Report for 3rd May included

- a) Standard 6- Standard 3 Mr. Gregory 15
- b) Standard 2 –Primers Miss A Campbell roll 28
- c) Total roll 43
- d) The Head teacher will take Standard 2 into his room after the term holidays
- e) Extra time will be allotted to Composition and Geography
- f) I found all classes working quietly and industriously under good control
- g) The term examination had just been completed. The papers in both departments showed satisfactory results
- h) Repairs needed to tank, spouting and fireplace
- i) F H Bakewell

17th July School closed Arbor Day

21st July Received Memo from Secretary of Education Board stating that the Committee had written their powers of excluding cows and horses from the playground, also stating that the ground had been ploughed and planted with ornamental trees and the cows and horses damage the same.

The only damage done to the ploughed ground was done when the Committee allowed the band the ground for a picnic in December last when young fellows were riding all over it. The trees have been broken by the wind. I have written to the Secretary to this effect

27th July Received reply from Secretary of Education Board that I should consult the wishes of the Committee as far as these are reasonable in reference to the exclusion of my cow from the playground

9th September School reopened with a roll number of 52. 50 are present today

Received word today that Miss Campbell has applied for three month's leave of absence. Have written to the Secretary of Education Board suggesting that if no relieving teacher can be sent, my daughter should assist with the lower classes

11th September I received word that no relieving teacher is available and that my daughter can assist if the consent of the Committee is obtained. Have decided to carry on myself at present

Miss Gregory (*Presumably Mavis born late in 1898 therefore about 14 years old*) entered upon her duties today

30th October Received word from Mr. Stewart stating that he has asked Miss A Manson to report herself for duty on 1st November

1st November School closed for Labour Day

4th November Six children sent exhibits to the Manawatu Show Violet Seymour and Kathleen Gregory received prizes for writing and drawing respectively and the following were awarded commended cards for drawing Kathleen Gregory, Mavis Gregory, Gladys Kjar and Violet Seymour

4th November Set English Papers for the Inspector's Examination in accordance with instructions received from Inspector Stuckey

4th November Miss Manson commenced her duties today

5th November The annual Inspector's examination was held today by Mr Stuckey. The school garden was commended also some of the school work. The report included

- a) Mr. Gregory 23 children Standard 6- Standard 2
- b) Miss Manson (Relieving) 26 children
- c) The head master has been for some two months without the services of a qualified assistant, and this has, no doubt had a

somewhat detrimental effect on the general work of the school

d) The pupils evidently take an interest in their garden work, the garden being in good order and well forward

e) F G A Stuckey

18th December A school concert was held in aid of the library fund

10th December School was closed today for mid summer vacation

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6th February School closed for Hastwell Sports

Received from Whitcombe and Tombs Parcel of Stationery, 7 our Empire Overseas, 12 No 1 Historical readers, 2 No 3 ditto; 1 Cowham's Geography, Brushwork material; ½ gallon Methylated Spirits

19th February School closed Masterton A and P Show

1st March Received from G W Litmus. 1 rain gauge complete and 4 books litmus paper

2nd March Mr. Powell assistant Clerk of Works visited the school. I pointed out some repairs that were necessary

26th March School reopened after Easter Holidays with an attendance of 26. A large number of children stayed away owing to a rumour that some children had Scarlatina. I sent suspected children home pending investigation

27th March A Committee meeting was held last evening when it was decided to write at once to the Health Officer asking him to pay a visit to the homes of the suspected children

Received one sheet of insect pests, also new weekly register

29th march Received visit from Mr. Cairns, Health Officer who stated that he had visited two families, Larsen and O Ammundsen and had found Scarlatina in both cases

Received note from Board notifying grant of library subsidy of £1-11-6

4th April Received Official Memorandum stating that Scarlet Fever exists in the houses of Messrs O Ammundsen and Lars Larsen

11th April Visited the school; work proceeding in accordance with Time-table A B Charters

Report included

- a) Standard 6- Standard 3 Mr. F W Gregory 19 on roll
- b) Standard 2 – Primers Miss Wilson (Relieving) 24 on roll
- c) Registers neatly and accurately kept
- d) Average attendance for first quarter 93%. Four pupils absent suffering from Scarlatina
- e) A new timetable will be placed on the wall and will provide extra time for composition and Geography
- f) I found the work proceeding quietly in accordance with the time table. Miss Wilson, who is relieving, is doing good work with the lower division and the school as a whole appears to be in satisfactory condition of efficiency
- g) A B Charters

21st April The school was closed They were taken to Wellington to Visit the "New Zealand" The teachers and Committee were in charge

22nd April As the children did not reach Mangamahoe Station until past midnight it was decided to close the school today

26th may School closed for term holidays

23rd June School Closed King's Birthday

4th 5th 6th June As the painting operations inside the school were only emptied yesterday, it was decided by the Committee to close the until Monday Next to allow the paint to harden

9th June Miss Robinson entered upon her duties as assistant.

11th- 14th July Miss Robinson absent owing to illness.

27th July Received from Education Board 1 framed picture Sir Galahad and Milton

16th July School Closed Arbor Day. No planting was done today but some trees will be planted later

10th August Received from Education Department 1 height Measuring Standard

20th August Forwarded list of seeds required for school gardens

25th August Planted some small trees for shelter around the school garden and cleaned up the trees facing the road

29th August Received assortment of seeds for school garden from F Cooper Ltd

School closed for one week term Holiday

8th September Received 12 trees for shelter for school garden from F Cooper Ltd.

I have written to Committee for a further supply of firewood

9th September Received from Education Department 1 Box empty

22nd September School closed Dominion Day

2nd October Examined all standards The work in standards 5 and 3 I found very satisfying. Standard 6 was satisfactory and Standard 4 rather weak

4th October I have applied to the Committee for I wash basin, an extra roller towel and have asked that arrangements be made for washing the same when dirty

7th October Mr. A B Charters Inspector examined all standards

6th November School closed Examination Holiday

7th November School closed Manawatu Show

9th November Received weighing machine from Education Board

14th December Received Inspector's Report, also proficiency certificates for Joseph Campbell and Kathleen Gregory. Competency H Smart

Report on Hastwell School 7th October included

- a) Mr. Gregory Standard 2 to 6, 25 children
- b) Miss Robinson 16 children
- c) Roll 44
- d) All subjects good except Geography
- e) The written work is of a satisfactory character, but the Geography required brisker oral treatment. Miss Robinson who has been recently appointed is proving a capable assistant
- f) A B Charters

1st December The annual examination for promotion commenced today. Two or three children from Standard 2 are very weak but I am giving them a trial in Standard 3

18th December School closed for mid summer vacation F W Gregory

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3rd February School reopened roll 49

5th February School closed for Hastwell Sports

13th School closed for Masterton Show

17th March School closed for St Patricks Day

7th April Mr. F G Stuckey, Inspector paid a visit.

20th April Received from F Cooper 4 lbs White Mustard Seed, 4 lbs Scotch Hares? I box of wooden cubes from Education Board

27th April Received from Whitcombe and Tombs 1 Dozen fairfax Calculators, 1 Set Brown's Native Study Wall Sheets, 1 Book on Pastel Work (Pitman's) I simple lesson in Colour (Pitman)

4th May received from Whitcombe and Tombs 1 set Rubber Stamps, 12 sheets of cardboard, 3 packets of cardboard squares. 1 ½ inch (Three colours), 1 bottle ink

Inspection report of 7th April included

- a) Standard 3-6 25 children
- b) Primers to Standard 2 Miss Robinson 23 children
- c) Work was proceeding quietly in both rooms
- d) Attendance good 90 % last year
- e) A programme in History, Geography being based on notes which I left for the Head teacher will be prepared
- f) Brief Oral work is recommended in Arithmetic
- g) The room might be kept more tidy
- h) F G A Stuckey

11th May Mr. Stevenson Agricultural Instructor visited the school today and gave an address to Standard 3-6

11th -25th May School closed Physical Training Camp in Masterton

25th may 1st June School closed for Term holiday

3rd June School closed Kings birthday

21st June Robert Smart Standard 2 While on his way to school fell off a bridge and broke his leg. I carried him to the school residence where first aid was rendered. As it was the Prince of Wales Birthday I closed he school in the afternoon

4th July Received from Education Board notice of my transfer to Pongaroa School probably about the beginning of October Have

replied accepting the transfer and tendering resignation of the Head Teachership of the Hastwell School F W Gregory

13th July School closed Arbor day

14th July Mr A. T. White has been appointed headmaster of the Hastwell School PP

18th September The school re-opened on Monday morning, when Mrs E. J. Barnes, who has been appointed assistant mistress, took up her duties. Miss Strong, who has been relieving, was presented with a token of their affection by the school children, prior to her departure. PP

14th September Mrs E J Barnes appointed assistant

15th September Mr. J Direen Truant Inspector visited the school There was one child absent through illness

22nd September Miss Blackbourne Drill Inspector visited the school today. The children of both rooms were put through their drills

25th September The school was closed today Dominion Day

3rd October Presented to the School Committee the monthly report. Showing the average attendance for the third Quarter was 41 and the average roll number was 43

5th – 6th October Mr. Stuckey inspector held the annual examination.

7th October Applied to Education Board for 2 copies of syllabus in pamphlet form and a supply of seeds for school gardens

10th October Received from Education Board supply of envelopes and 2 copies of syllabus on pamphlet form

15th October Mr F. W. Gregory, who was transferred to the Pongaroa school will not take up his new duties until after the Christmas vacation PP

19th October Received from F Cooper a supply of vegetable and flower seeds ordered from the Education Board

Report of Inspectors on 5th and 6th October visit included

- a) Standard 7- Standard 3 Mr. McGregor
- b) No Teacher named for primers
- c) As stated the work in some of the class subjects is only moderate in other aspects the work is satisfactory

4th November School closed Examination Holiday

5th November School closed Labour Day

6th November School closed Palmerston Show

10th December School closed General Election

17th December School closed for midsummer holidays. I have been transferred to Pongaroa School having been in charge 6 years 3 months

F W Gregory

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27th January Leave of absence for military duty was granted to Mr. A. T. White Hastwell. PP

2nd February *School opened after summer holidays. It appears that Alfred T White opened the school in spite of above notice*

I am pleased with the school and the children. With due attention to their studies they should prove themselves equal to their Standard work

Arranged classes from examination register

Admitted four scholars

Received Scholars from Standard 2

5th February Weeks work over. Have all classes settled down to work. Have been handicapped for want of necessary class books

8th February Morning overcast with slight showers. Poor attendance Two families are leaving and this will cause school to drop a grade. Text Books not arrived yet

12th February Slight progress made in Arithmetic, English and Geography. Commenced the gardening on Wednesday Some text books arrived during the week. Arithmetic not to hand yet. Weather although threatening at times has been good. Two Girls and 1 Boy withdrawn this week

15th February Bright morning after a very stormy Sunday. Two scholars leaving for Masterton this week Their names to be removed from register today

17th February Closed for Masterton Show. Exceptionally heavy wind today

19th February Work progressed slowly Slight advance in English, Arithmetic and Geography. New Time tables drawn up and posted in Junior and Senior Rooms. Two names removed from roll

22nd February Slight progress in Arithmetic and Geography. Standard IV with one exception doing well. Standard V rather slow. Forwarded list for free readers also list for alteration in number of Journals Returned extra Journals

23rd February Received from S and W Mackay free books including 8 How Jim Went Fishing and 5 Christmas Stocking

26th February Today's work shows slight advance but not sufficient. Children unable to play themselves. Don't seem to know how to work. Weather fine all the week

2nd March Mr. Powell called to inspect school residence and outbuildings

5th March Thursday and Friday wet and stormy. Work progressing slowly

2nd March Inspection visit. Mr. White in charge. F G A Stuckey

Mr. Stuckey paid a surprise visit

26th March Received confidential report Copied Below

Inspection Report included

- a) Standard 7- Standard 3 Mr. A T White Roll 22
- b) Mrs Barnes Roll 18
- c) Mr. White has been in charge since the beginning of the year. He appears to be zealous and energetic, and the work of the school should improve under his management
- d) Attendance 94% last year
- e) Timetables cannot be regarded as satisfactory which do not provide for regular blackboard instruction in writing.
- f) Lessons of an hours duration should not appear on the Timetable of the Junior Room
- g) Mr. White has prepared for the pupils folio's of cyclostyled notes in English, Geography and History. Great care should be exercised in the use of these notes as they should not be allowed to take the place of vigorous oral work
- h) The geography programme is inclined to treat countries as isolated units and to neglect world geography
- i) Recommendations were made for the amendment of History Programme as to give its bearing on the present war and its causes both immediate and remote which led to it.
- j) The lower division nature Study programme seems to be designed to impart detailed information rather than to develop habits of careful observation and correct expression
- k) The buildings are in satisfactory Order
- l) F G A Stuckey

26th March Work progressing slowly but favourably. Generally speaking the children lack energy. It seems to be a constant drive to get them to do anything

24th April Received from Smith and Smith 10 dozen tubes of colour, 2 dozen trays mentioned in invoice were not forwarded

27th April The Truant officer Mr. Direen called. I was pleased that he called. Notified me to forward a monthly return of absentees

4th May Received more free books *All listed*

6 Uncle Remus, 13 magic Garden etc. etc.

8th June Received during Term Week the 2 Dozen porcelain trays

13th June Received 18 packets Rainbow plasticene

24th June School was closed for Prince of Wales birthday. Notice was received late on Tuesday stating that the holiday was not to be observed but this arrived too late to let the children know

3rd July Received germinating box from Mr. W C Davies. Agricultural Adviser

9th July Received manure and seeds for school garden

15th July School closed for Arbor day on 14th. No public planting done. I planted a few native shrubs round school house

16th July Mrs Barnes took Juniors to the Bush for Nature Study lesson. Seniors spent afternoon digging in our garden

28th July Worked in school garden Planted out Violets, pansies and bulbs

4th August Declaration Day observed as a holiday Planted Cabbage Trees around school house

20th August Planted potatoes in school garden Dakota Red . this winter has been exceptional for Hastwell It has been very mild and free from heavy rain and wind. Nine frosts so far

2nd September Conducted quarterly examination

3rd September All registers completed to date. I would request relieving teacher to adhere as near as possible to my methods in use for Arithmetic and English

Writing exercise books used in place of copy book collected after each lesson and kept in cupboard

Scheme of work gives complete analysis of year's work. *Mr. White on war duty*

14th September I took over Mr. White's duties today, found everything left in good order and will endeavour to work on Mr. White's lines as above

J M Harrison. *Mrs Jane M Harrison ex Mangamahoe School*

14th October Mr. Bakewell held the annual examination

21st October Returned to school this morning after being away for a fortnight through my horse falling with me when on my way to school on October 13th Mrs Barnes taught the whole school during my absence

18th November Examination Report of 12th October included

- a) Mrs Harrison Standard 2- Standard 6 25 children
- b) Mrs Barnes Roll 16
- c) During the time Mr. White has been in charge a distinct improvement has been made in the pass subjects more especially in Writing Spelling and Arithmetic
- d) The general management is commended
- e) F H Bakewell

1916

6th May Inspectors Report included

- a) Mrs J Harrison 18

b) Mrs. Barnes 17

c) Roll 35

d) Work was proceeding satisfactorily in both divisions on my arrival

e) Attendance 92 per cent last quarter

f) Quality of instruction Satisfactory. The handwork subjects include paper work, paper and plasticene modelling, freearm drawing and agriculture

g) The classrooms are clean and orderly

h) The latrines require thorough cleaning

i) A drain should be provided for the Urinal

j) The handwork equipment is sufficient

k) F G A Stuckey Inspector

May Mr. Freeman visited the school and gave a lesson in agriculture (Plant Foods)

Mr. Just, Drill Instructor visited the school. Owing to the weather being very bad drill had to be taken in the band room

18th July Mr. Freeman gave another lesson in Agriculture (Work of the different parts of the plant)

23rd August Mr. Freeman gave a lesson on the soil

7th November Miss Blackbourne Drill Instructor visited the school

27th November Mr. Direen visited the school today and expressed pleasure at the excellent attendance maintained

1st December Examination Report for 3rd November included

a) Mrs Harrison Roll 23 Standard 3 to 6

b) Mrs Barnes 19

c) The written work in all classes ranged from good to very good

d) Singing of Standard 2 and primers especially commended

- e) Mrs Harrison and Mrs Barnes are commended for the highly satisfactory condition of the school generally
- f) The writing and setting up of the work are specially commended in both rooms
- g) F H Bakewell

1917

23rd February Mr. Just, Physical Culture Instructor visited the school today the following being his report of drill

Mrs Harrison 8 Boys 9 girls Satisfactory

Mrs Barnes 11 Boys 9 Girls Satisfactory

Attention to deportment

Roll 37

Position of subject on timetable 10.45- 11

21st March Mr. Freeman (Agricultural Instructor) visited the school today and gave a lesson on essential plant foods, manures etc

Inspectors report of 4th October included

- a) Mrs Harrison and Mrs Barnes
- b) Roll 37
- c) The school is well conducted and the work of the pupils is good in both divisions
- d) Suitable programmes are in use and the weekly record books are carefully kept by both teachers
- e) Geography and History Satisfactory (Pupils intelligent but somewhat unresponsive)
- f) Drawing and Handwork very Good

- g) The urinal which has been in bad condition for sometime past was recently blown down. It is necessary that a new one be built without delay
- h) F G A Stuckey

1918

6th March Mr. Dixon Agricultural Instructor gave a lesson today on the Constituents of a plant

3rd May Mr. Dixon gave a lesson

19th June Mr. Dixon gave his last lesson here

19th July Commenced to snow

22nd July Heaviest fall of snow for 26 years No Scholars came

23rd July Weather still very bad less than half scholars present

25th August A very successful school concert was held on August 2nd after all the expenses were paid a balance of over seven pounds remained towards improvements

3rd October Miss Blackbourne drill instructress visited the school and expressed approval of the work done.

7th October AS holiday was given to celebrate the surrender of Bulgaria

1st November Surrender of Turkey

4th November A holiday for surrender of Austria

Physical Education Report of 3rd October included

- a) Mrs Harrison Upper Squad 19 children. "satisfactory" girls take better positions than boys. To continue slowly with tables from 18. Giving some work in backward lying positions when possible

- b) Miss Morgan Lower Squad. 19 Children “Satisfactory give order work and starting positions and take tables 1-6 by December

12th November Owing to the prevalence of influenza all schools under the Wellington Education Board were closed and are to remain closed until 4th February 1919

Inspection Report of March 20th and October 15th – 18th included

- a) Mrs Harrison 19 Children
- b) Miss Morgan 19 Children
- c) Programmes for both divisions have been prepared covering where necessary the work of a period of 4 years
- d) In both divisions the pupils are well instructed and the results of my examination were very satisfactory
- e) Geography and History A good programme has been regularly carried out and the pupils answered in an intelligent manner. I found then somewhat diffident and unresponsive
- f) Garden work Boards Programme
- g) Drawing and Handwork Satisfactory to Good
- h) Singing Very Satisfactory
- i) Physical Instruction Daily exercises
- j) Cleaning very fair
- k) F G A Stuckey

12th November Great European War came to an end by the signing of Armistice, also all schools in New Zealand Closed down until February 4th to prevent the spread of influenza which is visiting this and many other parts of the world in a very virulent form

1902/1443 Jane Margaret Donald Anthony Hutchinson Harrison

1909/2966 Harrison Anthony 32Y

Hutchinson

1903/22034	Harrison	Ina Jean	Jane Margaret	Anthony Hutchinson -
1903/22035	Harrison	John Hutchinson	Jane Margaret	Anthony Hutchinson -
1908/6013	Harrison	Robert Donald	Margaret Jane	Anthony Hutchinson
1955/25381	Harrison	Jane Margaret	86Y	

1919

4th February Reopened today after 12 weeks holiday with a roll of 46. Miss Morgan commenced her duties as Sole Teacher at Dreyer’s Rock and Miss Middleton took her place here

24th March Mr. Stuckey paid a surprise visit

10th April Mr. Brockett (Agricultural) visited the school today

19th May On the Education Board’s recommendation the system of giving children hot cocoa in the dinner hour was commenced today. Where there are two or more children in a family a charge of 3d each per week is charged others pay 1d a day About twenty five children have cocoa and apparently appreciate it very much

Inspection Report for 24th March and 29th September 1919 included

- a) Mrs Harrison Standard 3 to 6 19 children
- b) Verry satisfactory in English and Arithmetic, somewhat unresponsive in class subjects.
- c) Miss Middleton Standard to infants 27 children

- d) Good
- e) Reading Seniors Satisfactory to good Juniors Good to Very Good
- f) Geography History fair
- g) Science and garden Work Satisfactory

16th June Letter from Mr E T Waters to Wellington Education Board in regard to Horse accommodation at Hastwell School. 4 children attend and have to travel over 3 miles to school and it is impossible for them to walk. The school ground is about 5 acres and the children have to keep their horses in an area no bigger than an eighth of an acre. The School Committee are disinclined to depart from custom no in vogue.

In reply the Board does not undertake to provide grazing for all horses but it does wish to have the horses suitably enclosed.

14th July Letter from Mr W H Symons Chairman of the School Committee The paddock is seldom used. For this case Mr Water's children were attending Kaiparoro School which is within easy walking of his place but for some reason best known to himself he refused to send his children there anymore. As his children drive a trap only one horse is required and I suggested to Mr Waters that he purchase a little chaff for his horse, pointing out at the same time that we only undertake to hold the horses not to graze them. Of course there is about 3 acres that is used by the Head teacher for grazing a horse or cow on.

Letter from Wellington Education Board to Mr Waters explains the closest school is Kaipororo and depriving the use of the paddock by the teacher is not an option

1920

Definitely 1920 not 1919 as in log

19th February Reopened school today after 9 weeks holidays. Holidays were extended two weeks because of prevalence of Influenza

During the Holiday the school has been painted and other repairs effected

7th April The finest Easter for years

12th April Attendance affected by the prevalence of influenza in a mild form

5th May School closed for three days in honour of the H R H the Prince of Wales Visit to the Wairarapa

June Two Committee men the Messrs Seymour Brothers have spent three days cleaning out drains and improving the school grounds, generally it is to be regretted that more members of the Committee do not show the public spirit

23rd June Miss Blackbourne drill instructress visited the school today but as it very wet had to take the drill inside

12th July Reopened school today after being closed for one week on account of my having the flu

Physical Education Report Date of inspection 23rd June 1920 included

- a) Mrs. Harrison Upper Classes Boys 13, Girls 5

- b) Fair the general posture of this class needs careful attention. Work revise carefully the first eight tables then take from 9-12
- c) Miss Middleton 9 boys 13 girls Teach some informal exercises also tables 1-8
- d) Try to encourage habits of personal cleanliness. In wet weather after a few exercises have been taken in the classroom the rest of the drill period might be profitably devoted to hygiene talks

20th September Closed school for term holidays Miss Middleton left today to take up a position at the Upper Hutt School

7th September Reopened school this morning without an assistant as Mrs Dive the new teacher cannot commence her duties here until September 13th

13th September Mrs Dive commenced her duties this morning

20th September A very poor attendance through the prevalence of measles and colds

21st September Chairman wired to the Education Board asking whether the school should be closed

22nd September 13 out of 43 present

23rd September As only 5 pupils attended I closed the school

11th October Reopened school with an attendance of 27. Many children are still laid up with measles and I fear our average will suffer in consequence

Inspection report for 22nd April and 21st October 1920 included

- a) Mrs Harrison 22 children Standard 3 to 6
- b) Mrs Dive 17 children
- c) Some of the Primer 3 children should be Now classified as Standard 1

- d) Good schemes are in operation in most of the subjects; in the case of the remainder more detail is required. The quality of the work is as follows
- e) Reading and recitation satisfactory, better expression should be secured
- f) Essays satisfactory to good
- g) Geography, History, nature Study Courses of work very satisfactory but response to oral questioning poor
- h) The hearth in one room is badly in need of repair
- i) Junior Division. Control good, children bright and responsive
- j) The school was recently closed for a time on account of epidemics. In the circumstances the work is highly satisfactory

1921

19th April Mr. Brockett agricultural instructor visited the school today and gave a lesson on observation and left the following report included

- a) Roll 41
- b) Suitable schemes have been prepared in each division
- c) Full records should be kept in 10.10 books of all work done both indoors and outdoors
- d) Upper division not responsive, difficult to get answers at all. Need Breaking up
- e) Gardens at present practically empty but satisfactory work has been done
- f) I Recommend a good deal of oral work, brisk questions and answers be tried as a means of waking up children

19th July Report on Agricultural Inspector visit included

- a) Roll 40
- b) Good questions handed in chiefly dealing with plant pests. These questions provided material for quite a lengthy discussion
- c) Gardens have been prepared for sowing It has been proposed to cut down the gardens somewhat and refence it where a hedge could be planted inside the fence
- d) Plants can be supplied from Pahiatua Nursery
- e) A number of cuttings have been put in the school plots for experimental purposes

19th August closed today for term holidays. Twelve ponds worth of books (90 Volumes) have recently been added to school library, The funds used were raised by the Children's fancy Dress Ball

School Report from

30th September inspection report included

- a) Mrs Harrison 19 Children
- b) Mrs Dive 19 Children
- c) Alfred Cowles

1922

Inspection Report 21st September included

- a) Mrs Harrison 19
- b) Mrs Dive 20
- c) The school is under very satisfactory control
- d) Attendance very satisfactory
- e) Progress in all classes very satisfactory
- f) The buildings and grounds are in fine order except

1) The boys latrines require attention

2) The drainage at the residence is out of order

- g) Ample provisions are made for the health and comfort of the pupils
- h) Standard 6-Standard 3 Mrs Harrison, Control Very satisfactory
- i) Good response to oral questions
- j) Tone very good
- k) Mrs Dives class These classes were very eager and responded freely to the demands made upon them Reading is perhaps the weakest subject
- l) Alfred Cowles

22nd November Mr. Strong Chief Inspector of School paid us a visit today for the purpose of planning particulars in the teaching of agriculture

1923

15th February Report of Instructor of Agriculture included

- a) Teachers Mrs Harrison and Mrs Dive
- b) Roll 42 Present 42
- c) Scheme. Three years course completed last year. Proposed to begin again with first year's work
- d) Too early in the year for much to be shown. Gardens have been trimmed up as suggest in my last visit making a great improvement in their appearance.
- e) Work done since holidays has been mostly in direction of cleaning up
- f) Question sheet good though kept by a minority of the class.

- g) I talked on questions raised by the children.
- h) A start could be made this year by growing a hedge and shelter trees from cuttings or seeds with a few to planting in the grounds later
- i) Lower Division 20 children Talks on winds and collected seeds, poppy, snapdragons, thistle
- j) F C Brockett

13th April Mr. Cowles made an inspection visit today

30th Of July I returned to school today after being absent for three days with Influenza. Miss Mathews kept the school open in my absence

7th June Report of Instructor in agriculture included

- a) Teachers Mrs Harrison and Miss Matthews
- b) Roll Number 41 Present 36
- c) Lesson Given. Talk on work of leaves
- d) A beginning has been made on tree raising Pinus Insignia Seeds having been sown
- e) In view of the urgent need for afforestation, work of this kind desires every encouragement
- f) A few simple experiments on plant life would prove of some assistance with the indoor work'
- g) F C Brockett
- h) Junior Division Talk on winter Resting period for plants and animals
- i) Miss Matthews who has been recently appointed is working on satisfactory lines

29th July Physical Education Report included

- a) Teacher Mrs Harrison
- b) Satisfactory

- c) Miss Mathews Lower Division Fair Work at tables 1 to 10 of the infant drill book

- d) Inspectors Hopkirk and Blackbourne

22nd August Agriculture Instructor included

- a) Mrs Harrison Roll 20
- b) Nothing done outside on account of weather
- c) Follow up suggestions an experimental work It will be necessary for the lesson on air pressure to be taken again and points well driven home before dealing further with actions of barometer
- d) F C Brockett

18th October Inspectors Report Included

- a) Mrs Harrison Roll 21 Personal Grading 132
- b) Miss Matthews Roll 19 Personal Grading 206
- c) Management Very Good
- d) Some of the pupils of the Standard 3 and Standard 4 who were promoted in order to adjust the numbers in the two rooms should not be again promoted this year
- e) Discipline and Tome very good
- f) The general efficiency of the teaching is satisfactory
- g) The quality of the needlework is especially commended
- h) Standard 6 to Standard 3 Mrs Harrison All written work is neatly done. Standard 4 and Standard 3 were below satisfactory in essays, grammar and arithmetic
- i) History Weak
- j) Standard 2 Primers. Miss Matthews Control Good, methods Satisfactory
- k) A N Burns

1924

5th February Catherine Gibson began work today as relieving teacher

26th February Mr. Brockett visited today. The relieving teacher considered it advisable to leave the making of new scheme of work and timetable to the permanent teacher

7th April J Coneys *Presumably Jessie Coneys who was head at Tawa Flat school from 1903*

23rd April Opened after Easter Holidays raining Heavily

24th April Closed for Anzac Day

28th Mr. Brockett visited the school and gave a lesson

30th April Miss Blackbourne visited the school

6th May A N Burns wrote in log. Miss Coneys is in temporary charge
The boys urinal is in an unsatisfactory state. The chairman of Committee says that the drain is blocked. An effort will be made to get the Education Board to attend to this. Boys should be employed to clear out the rubbish and flush the concrete floor.

The school cleaner should be required to keep the seats clean

7th May Took six children to see the fleet

30th May Finished my duties here. J Coneys

30th May MANGAMINGI. In the out blocks East of Eltham Taranaki

(From a Correspondent.) TEACHER FAREWELLED. Although the weather was so boisterous on Monday evening a large and representative gathering met at the hall to bid farewell to our teacher, Mr. J. Jolley who has been promoted to a larger school in the Wairarapa district. The hall had been very artistically decorated by the ladies, and comments were heard on all sides that it had never looked nicer, and those who attended to that part of the work are to be highly complimented. The function took the form of a social and

dance, and was kept going until 2.30 a.m. Mr. McKinnon provided the music in his usual first-class style, extras being given by Miss M. Forrester and Mr. P. Hickey. Messrs. Woodley and Parker acted as M.C.'s. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Barker. Miss Forrester and Messrs. Parker and McKinnon, and were much appreciated. During an interval Mr. E. G. Woodley (chairman of the school committee) made a neat speech, in which he said that while all regretted very much the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Jolley from the district, and the loss of the former's services as teacher, they had to compliment him on his well-merited promotion. In presenting to Mr. and Mrs. Jolley a very beautiful, travelling rug initialled in golden-braided letters, he wished them, on behalf of the children, committee, parents and residents generally the best of health and happiness in their new home. Mrs. Jolley's sister, Miss Bateson, who has made herself very popular since residing here, was presented with a very nice hand mirror and comb. All then stood and sang very heartily. "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows," after which Mr. Jolley suitably responded, thanking all for their beautiful gifts and for the help and sympathy given him while carrying out his duties here. As usual, a bounteous supper was provided by the ladies, who were thanked by the chairman for attending to that and for carrying out their other duties so well. The singing of "Auld Lane Syne" terminated a function that will be long remembered. Mr. and Mrs. Jolley and Miss Bateson leave here on Friday morning for their new home PP

2nd June Joseph Jolley took charge of Hastwell School today

Repairs are being made to the drains about the school and boys lavatory

The clock in the Junior Department is useless

In the porch one window is broken and also the rope to the flagpole

Mr. Brockett visited the school this morning and drew up a skeleton scheme of work

Tomorrow is a holiday, King's birthday

Reported my arrival to the Board and requisitioned for a new clock

5th June Today a carpenter from the Board arrived and is doing repairs to the school and residence

6th June attendance 95.62%

9th June Received School journals

10th June As the school year is so far advanced I propose to follow the scheme of work for last year except in the case of geography, History and Agriculture. The new schemes will be found in the Scheme Book

11th June The carpenter finished duties for the present today, Mr. Powell (Clerk of Works) is supposed to come and inspect the spare room before any repairs are done to it. The carpenter has done general repairs about the school residence but there are still 3 leakages in the roof of the Junior Department These will be pointed out to Mr. Powell on his arrival

18th June Toady one of the girls accidently broke a small window pane

24th June Weather exceptionally bad Heavy rains and strong winds. The roads in many places being under water and many children not able to get to school. Attendance 16 out of 41. This day will be shown as an excepted day in the register Ten minutes interval was allowed for lunch and the children were allowed to go home early

23rd June Rough weather continues. Attendance 13 out of 41- Excepted day

30th June Received Part 1 Journal 12. Part 2, 10 and Part 3, 16

Made out and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board the following returns

1 Irregular attendance Nil

2 Teacher absent from Nil

3 Quarterly Return average attendance Boys 17.89 Girls 17.91 Total 36.80

7th July Received Education Gazette

10th July Mr. Brockett visited the school today and left one pair garden shears for use at school

11th July Attendance for the week 99.61% Children allowed to go home at 2.30

18th July Attendance for the week excellent Children allowed to go home early

Left School at 2 pm to bring Mrs Jolley from the nursing Home Eketahuna. Miss Matthews took school during my absence

31st July Admitted Muriel Madsen aged 5

Forwarded to the School Committee Miss Matthew's resignation. Netting wire has now been fixed across the outside of two windows to protect them when the boys are playing football The two down pipes have also been repaired

7th August Very wet and stormy Only 23 children present

8th August received word that arrangements have been made with the Board's Wairarapa carpenter to come and repair the school residence

Attendance for the week 79.52%

11th August 10lb modelling clay was received on Saturday Receipt forwarded

15th August Have carried out term test this week. Standard 3 and 4 are weak in arithmetic. This subject will receive more attention during the third term. Attendance for week 93.8% (One pupil absent all week through illness, Doctor's Certificate received)

19th August Mr. Brockett visited the school today. His answers to the children's questions being very interesting. He left he following needs for the school garden

Vegetables. Peas (2 packets), 1 Beans, 1 Onion, 2 beet, 2 Turnips, 2 parsnips, 1 lettuce, 1 carrots

Flowers Salpiglossis, lupin, candytuff, mignonette, Zinnia, Aster, phlox Drummond, Virginia Stock

Trees Eucalyptus Viminalis, Eucalyptus Gunii, Eucalyptus Mccarthuii, Cupressus Lawsoniana, Cupressus Macrocarpa, Douglas Fir, Oak, Sycamore

22nd August Returned to Board counterfoil of old cheque book

Requisition for new cheque book. As Miss Matthews has been appointed to Silverstream School this was her last day here and the children gave a small concert and presented her with a travelling rug. School closed at 3 pm for school vacation

9th September Reopened school at 9.00 During the holidays I received 1 cheque book. Yesterday I received a telegram from Miss E Gallop saying she would arrive by the morning train which arrives at Mangamahoe at 2.30 so I am taking the whole school myself this morning

9th September Miss Gallop reported for duty at 1.30. *Miss Gallop relieved in a number of schools in South Wairarapa and taught at Kakariki in the Bush*

19th September Attendance for week 97.16%

30th September Withdrew Iris Adelaide Seymour. Admitted Margaret Broadbent, Guy Dennis Fredrickson

8th October Mr. Burns made the Annual Inspection Today The following in Standard VI gained proficiency certificates. Allan Crookenden, Sylvia Seymour, Beatrice Larsen, Annie McRoberts Competency Certificate Leo Udy

Mr. Powell Clerk of Works also visited the school and inspected the buildings and school residence. He promised to provide, 1 blackboard, 1 easel, 2 pegs, 1 cupboard, 2 locks for table drawers 10th October Requisitioned for above and 1 Map of Europe approved by Mr. Burns

13th October Dr Bakewell visited the school this morning and inspected the children . Roll 41 Present 26. Several children absent suffering from Influenza

15th October William Broughton and Guy Frederickson punished for swearing

16th October Received from the Board 200 sheets coloured gummed paper. 100 sheets brown paper

20th October Received a note from Miss E Gallop saying she would be absent today as she is suffering from rheumatism neuralgia

Mr. Brockett visited the school today

21st October Miss Gallop returned to duty this morning

23rd October Having to visit the Doctor in Eketahuna this morning I did not arrive at school until 10.15 a.m. Miss Gallop looked after the whole school while I was away

24th October Whooping cough has now broken out in the district with the result that the attendance has dropped to 63.5% this week

The school will be closed on Monday the 27th being Labour day

28th October The attendance is still bad, just more than half the pupils being present owing to the prevalence of Whooping Cough in the district

28th October Received circular re installation of Electric Lights in schools and residences

Forwarded to Secretary application for installation of electric light in schools and residence

Conditions Teacher

- a) To reside in dwelling
- b) To meet all ordinary maintenance and lighting charges for power supplied to the residence during my term as Head teacher
- c) To leave a complete set of lamps on my removal and to settle if necessary with the Committee any balance of charges for lights due to my removal
- d) To pay full cost of any extra points beyond the installation provided for in the Department's scheme
- e) J Jolley Head Teacher

29th October Received 1 rain gauge (5 inch) from Geo W Wilton 156 Willis St Wellington

31st October Today there are 19 pupils out of 40 present due to whooping cough and the weather and is shown in the registers as an excepted day

Withdrawn Stanley Percival Ammundsen, Allan Raymond Ammundsen, Enid Isabel Dick

4th November Inspection Report for 8th October included

- a) Standard 3 to 6 Mr. J Jolley Grading 143 Roll 20 with 8 in Standard VI
- b) Primers to Standard 2 Miss E Gallop Relieving Ungraded 19 children on roll
- c) There are some pupils in Standard 4, 5, 6 who were promoted last year in spite of instructions given to the contrary. Their work will need to improve very greatly before they can earn further promotion

- d) Management Very Good. Order tone and discipline very good. Already there is a decided improvement in some aspects of the work in the upper classes
- e) Attendance Good
- f) Rooms and grounds are kept neat and clean
- g) The drainage of the Boy's urinal has been improved. Provision should be made for carrying off the surplus water round the tanks
- h) Mr. Jolley is an experienced and capable teacher. Control very good
- i) Standard 4 and 5 were promoted at the end of last year contrary to instructions and few of them are likely to improve sufficiently to earn promotion this year
- j) Standard 6 pupils acquitted themselves well in written work. The writing throughout is poor
- k) Enunciation and speech training should receive special training. Oral answering shows improvement but is not yet satisfactory.
- l) Due attention is being paid to neatness written work
- m) Drawing Fair. Needlework Good Geography and History are well taught
- n) Miss Gallop The work of Standard 1 and 2 is in a very sound condition. Mental arithmetic needs more attention.
- o) The Primer classes are backward in reading and number work Control very good Methods Good
- p) Look and Say and Phonic methods should be used in teaching reading in the Primer Classes

4th November in the report above re promotions I wish to state that these were not made by me as I only commenced duties here on June 1st 1924. J Jolley

7th November Whooping Cough still prevalent Attendance 55%

13th November This morning Molly Naughton had a fit of coughing and vomiting I sent her home for I suspect her of suffering from whooping cough which is very prevalent around here

17th November received 1 map of Europe (Political) acknowledged receipt

31st November Miss Blackbourne P T instructor and Miss Willis school nurse visited the school this morning.

16th November forwarded answers to Nature Study Questions to Mr. Brockett this morning

1st December Commenced annual examination today

3rd December Attendance for week ending 8th December 68.78%

18th December School visited by Mr. Brockett this afternoon

19th December Returns included Maori Scholars Primers 1 boy 6years 7 months, Standard 6 , 2 Boys 1 Girl

19th December Withdrawn Guy Dennis Fredrickson

During afternoon Mr. Crookenden gave out prizes to children and after having afternoon tea with parents and children I closed school for the Xmas and Summer vacations

1925

18th April Reopened school this morning after the summer]vacation and the compulsory closing due to the Infantile Paralysis Epidemic Miss C R Bice has been appointed infant mistress to date from 16th February 1925

1917 Cora Bice got Proficiency in Christchurch

1904/16406	Brice	Cora Rebecca	Rhoda Rebecca	Arthur
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1931/9752	Cora Rebecca	Bice	Harry Nathaniel	Catran
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1986/31371	Catran	Cora Rebecca	11 May 1904
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CATRAN BICE.—On October 8, 1931. at Epsom Methodist Church, by the Rev. Patchett. Harry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A H.. Catran, Selwyn Street, Onehunga, to Cora, eldest daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bice, 9, Buckland Road. Epsom. PP

Booklet Schools Forestry and Plantations was also received

The school was visited on 31st March by Mr. F C Brockett when suggestions re Nature Study schemes were given

20th April Today I was absent from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for the purpose of visiting the doctor in Eketahuna my arm and finger being septic

29th April Acknowledged receipt of 12 crayon books

5th May At the annual meeting of householders held last night the following were elected members of the S Mr. R Crookenden (Chairman and Secretary), Mr. A Thorby, Mr. W Bray, Mr. W Udy, Mr. R Tetau *First mention of School Committee members for years*

12th May The Prime Minster the Honourable W E Massey died on Sunday May 10th at 5.40 p.m.. official word did not reach home until 4.45 p.m. Monday so that it was too late to close school for the day. Even then the word was by the Dominion Newspaper

13th may A short address on the life of Mr. Massey was given this afternoon and school was closed until Friday morning the 18th. The Prime Minister's funeral being at 1 pm Thursday 14th August

18th May Received confidential report on Mr. McKenzie's (Inspector) visit

21st May Forwarded to the Office of Defence Masterton Form A 23
Ammundsen Stanley Percival DOB 22.4.10 Left 2.10.24 Cl O
Ammundsen Mauriceville North Farm work at Home

William Broughton DOB Unknown but is 15 years of age. Left school 19th December 1924 C/- Mrs W Brown Kopuranga Farm work

29th May Forwarded to Board Admittances for April E J Dick, V M Fairbrother, I A Seymour, George McClymont, Harold R Udy

12th June Attendance 83.5% This low attendance is due to the very bad weather experienced this week, this morning snow fell throughout the district an uncommon occurrence in this locality

26th June Term tests have been carried out this week

8th July Received from Geo Wilton ½ dozen Test Tubes, 3 foot glass tubing, 2 ounces of Iodine Solution, 4 ounces Nitric Acid (Concentrated), Fehling's Solutions 1 and 2, 1 Thermometer, 200 beads and string

13th July Miss C R Bice was absent from duty until 1 pm today having been granted leave by the Chairman of Committee

14th July Received from Briscoe and Co 6 small hand forks and 2 large fork handles

10th July The following have been received from R A Nicol Seeds 1 packet each, Carrots E H, Turnip W S, Lettuce, Parsnips H C, Peas, Beans, Onions B S, Beet (Turnip)

Stock (Virginia) Phlox (Drum), Aster, Tinnia, Mignonette

16th July Received supply of official envelopes. 200 sheets brown paper and 1 rake handle

17th July Instructor of Agriculture's report included

a) Roll 40

b) Miss Bice Children inclined to be shy and wanting in response. Lesson given on the four cardinal points

c) Mr. Jolley Work satisfactorily proceeding along right lines

d) Question Sheet good. I talked on subjects raised by the questions sheet

e) F C Brockett

4th August Present roll 34 (Probable enrolments 5) Probable removals- Nil . End of years 6 leave

Also enclosed Chairman's letter stating names of probable enrolments

Removed George Salter, Grace Salter, Mavis Salter, Norman Salter, and Maurice Salter. Moved to Owhango – 17th July

6th August Mr. Brockett visited today Talk on cross pollination and selection

Indented for potato manure Sulphate Ammonia 2 ½ lbs
Superphosphate 6 lbs, Potash 1 ½ lbs. Approved by Mr. Brockett.
Potatoes received Robin Adair 3 ½ lbs Sultan's Supreme 3 ½ lbs
Queen's Chief 3 ½ Received 3rd September

10th August Punished several boys and girls for swearing whilst at school

Mabel V Fairbrother is leaving school today which will bring the roll down to 33

31st August Reopened school at 9.00 Kathleen M Larsen 6 years enrolled as a new pupil bring roll to 33

Miss Bice was absent this morning Returning from Christchurch she was not able to reach Mangamahoe before the dinner time train

23rd September Owing to the stormy weather this morning, only eleven pupils present, twelve answering the call in the afternoon.

Today will therefore be shown on the registers as two excepted half days

25th September The attendance for the week 70% Under the suggested new scheme 4 half days will be shown as excepted. The attendance being less than 66 2/3 %

The continued stormy weather is of course responsible for the poor attendance

30th September Made out and forwarded the following returns

- a) Irregular Nil Withdrawn M V Fairbrother and H Broadbent
- b) Admitted K M Larsen Jean MacDonald

5th October This morning Miss Bice received a telegram calling her to Wellington at once. Some near relative being ill. She left school at dinner time

7th October Received from stock supplementary readers All listed by name in log

The drill instructor Mr. Hopkirk visited this morning

8th October Miss Bice resumed duties this morning

9th October Returned to Board Religious Instruction by Nelson System Nil

Head Teachers report on Assistant Teachers: Miss C R Bice permanent

Applied for registers etc

30th October Admitted Lella Elliott

The attendance this week has fallen to 90% due to several children being absent to visit the Carterton Show

3rd November The school will be closed all day tomorrow 4th November on account of it being used a polling booth during the General Election

5th November Mr. Burns Inspector made the annual inspection today The following gained proficiency Certificates. Lydia Bray, Iris Seymour, Leo Udy, Edgar Sigvertson, while Mabel Smart gained her competency certificate

6th November Today being a wet day only 17 pupils are present and will be shown in the register as two excepted half days

27th November Withdrawals Bena March 14 years 2 months, Standard V. Mrs Miria Hakaraia Hastwell

7th December Inspection Report of 5th November included

- a) Standard 3 to 6 18 Mr. Jolley Grading No 134
- b) Miss Bice Primers Standard 2 16 Children Grading 216
- c) Total 35
- d) Management very Good
- e) Order tone and discipline very good
- f) The general efficiency of the teaching is good. The quality of the work in the Upper Room has improved very much
- g) The lower division's work is very satisfactory
- h) The schoolrooms are clean and tidy Some steps should be taken to improve the appearance of the grounds
- i) A N Burnes inspector
- j) In Upper Room Written work neatly set on. Singing Good Standard 3 should take science with Standard 6- 4
- k) Miss Bice. Very good control Pupils happy and working well Primer classes are mostly backward for their ages but this does not appear to be Miss Bice's fault. The pupils know the phonetic sounds but are not making use of them in reading Give drill in the families of words and take new Bacon reader
- l) Standard 1 and 2 Reading good Number very good Writing very good, spelling very satisfactory

m) General Drawing and handwork good, needlework all classes good
 n) Nature Study should be taken for 10 minutes every day
 Received from Board 1 Blackboard, 1 easel, 2 pegs and sheet of "Beaver" hydroplate
 18th December Made the following returns including
 2 Maori Scholars.
 Agriculture Lessons 32 lessons 1 hour Roll 12.5
 Parents came to prize giving by the chairman, afternoon tea served in school by the children and closed at 3 p.m. for Summer Vacation
J Jolley Left Can't find to where

1926

1st February A H Read Owing to late arrival of train I was unable to begin my duties today
 2nd February School reopened after the summer vacation. There were 26 scholars present
 5th February Mr. Brockett agricultural Instructor visited today
 10th February Forwarded to Miss Bice cheque for her January salary. In the absence of any instructions from the Board I wrote also to Mr. Jolley for advice re his January cheque
 18th February At the request of the chairman of the School Committee I closed the school yesterday to allow the children an opportunity to attend the Masterton A and P Show
 19th February Owing to the very inclement weather only 14 children attended school today

26th February. While dusting the mantelpiece one of the children had the misfortune to break the rain gauge glass

1st March I forwarded to Miss Bice her cheque for February

5th March Received from Agricultural Instructor a course of instructions dealing with soil

17th March Despite the inclement the attendance is very good. Average for past week 26 100%

14th March Received copy of speech training instructions

22 march Received notice of my termination of my appointment as relieving teacher at Hastwell

30th March Received further notice re termination of my present appointment

31st march Ceased duties at Hastwell School today. Quarterly returns made up and forwarded to the Board Average for quarter 25 90%

A H Read

7th April; J F Johnson Commenced duties at Hastwell School today. 22 children being present the absentees being away with some colds Blinds are required for a number of the windows a pane of which in one is broken

13th April A visit was paid to the school by Mr. Brockett agriculture instructor who reported as follows Included

- a) Mr. Johnson
- b) Roll 26 Number present 23
- c) As Mr. Johnson has been in the school only a few days schemes are not yet prepared
- d) I discussed with the teacher a suitable programme of work and indicated the lines it should be taken
- e) An examination of the children's note books shows that the work so far this year has been mostly outdoor. The note books

were far from good, were badly and untidily kept most being literally sprinkled with splashes

- f) Suggestions offered for weather charts for Both upper and lower divisions
- g) Forestry plot planted last year is making fair progress. Work will be continued this year
- h) A plan should be prepared and suggested improvements shown on it.

13th April Applied through Agriculture Inspector for following science apparatus, Rain Gauge Measuring Glass, Methylated Spirit Stove, materials necessary for construction of a barometer

6th May Received Meths from WFC A in Masterton school journals for May

7th May School visited by Mr. Burns Inspector

10th May Received following supplies from G W Wilton and Co. I rain gauge measure, 1 barometer tube, 6 ounces of mercury, 1 spirit lamp

Forwarded receipt to Board

14th May School closed for term vacations 2 weeks

31st May Admitted Reginald Wiley and Walter Wiley transferred from Mauriceville West Roll now 28

14th June Admitted Marie Russell transferred from Dannevirke. Received 7 desks

16th August Received supply of seeds for school forestry plot

18th August Requisitioned for supplies of seeds. Comparatively poor attendance of the past month due to prevailing epidemic of Influenza

20th August School closed for second term holidays

7th September reopened school- school has been cleaned out and most of the desks planed and sandpapered

19th October School visited by Mr. Brockett who left supplies of mangold seed and manures

26th October School visited by Mr. A N Burnes- Annual examination visit

2nd November School visited by Miss Blackbourne Physical Drill Instructress. School closed teacher absent at University Examination

9th November Received new Teachers Daily Work Book

Received Inspection Report included

- a) J F Johnson Grading 204
- b) Roll 28, 10 in primers and 5 in standard 6
- c) Note was made of several weak pupils who should not be promoted
- d) Management Very Good All records are neatly kept
- e) Order tone and discipline very good
- f) Attendance very fair
- g) Mr. Johnson is doing good work but the poor foundation in some of the subjects makes the progress slow
- h) The general quality of the work is fair
- i) Some steps should be taken to beautifying the grounds

5th November Transferred Avis Dick to Kaiparoro School

17th November School visited by Mr. Brockett Scheme of work and record of work in order

Note Books Good

Lesson given by Instructor practical work in the garden

24th November Sent in acquisition forms for handwork materials

30th November Sent to Board Forms B4 Class List, B3 Candidates for proficiency and competency

13th December Received Sixth Standard Certificates, George Ruakere, Claude Seymour, Joyce Elliott and Molly Naughton

10th December Held Children's fancy dress ball in aid of school tennis court fund

17th December Closed school for annual holidays

1927

1st February Reopened school after Christmas vacation. Admitted Lionel and Murray Bennet, Sybil Crookenden, Guy Bee and Olga Halberg

2nd February Admitted Guy Fredrickson from Palmerton North Central

6th February Forwarded to Board particulars re swimming classes
Received a supply of plasticene and Bournville Booklet

10th February Forwarded to Department particulars re visit of Duke of York and scholars left

10th March School visited by Mr. Brockett Agriculture Instructor

14th March Readmitted Lawrence Madsen who has been absent through illness since 2nd term of 1926

18th March Administered tests in arithmetic as per instructions from Board of education

31st March Exceptionally stormy day. Only 4 standard children present excepted half day and school closed at 1.30

4th April With the chairman's permission school was closed at 2 o'clock on the Occasion of Mrs Manihera's funeral

6th April Admitted Victor Harley? Primer 1 from Ihuraua Valley School

7th April Admitted Bena Duder Standard 1 from Waltham Canterbury

22nd April Admitted Bob Dick who has been absent since 16th December 1926 with a broken leg

25th May received parcel of carbon paper and blank reading card from Board

30th May Admitted Masson and Ronga Ngatuere Present roll 37

31st May School visited by Mr. Bodin Inspector

6th June Received confidential report from Mr. Bodin

20th June Admitted Fanny Ngatuere- 6 years 8 months. Has not previously attended school

30th June Received parcel of supplies Primer Block, Plasticene (10 lbs) Pastels, Pastel paper, Scissors (10 pairs)

9th July Admitted John Duder, Standard 1 from Canterbury (Waltham)

18th July Admitted Wallace McClymont. Roll number now 40

16th August Admitted Hazel Matthews from Greytown School Standard 1

16th August Admitted Ruka Ngature. Admitted Turi Thorby Primer 3

19th August Withdrew Lawrence Madsen, Iris and Harold Udy

30th September School visited by Mr. Brockett whose report included

- a) Roll 40 Present 37
- b) Theoretical and practical work good.
- c) Considerable improvements have been made in appearance of the grounds
- d) Trees have been planted and flower beds made
- e) Lessons given by Instructor. Manures and manuring composition and use of manures supplied for this year
- f) First stage in growing onions. Agriculture Club Mangold Growing Competition

- g) Plots at present occupied by lupins should be dug in as soon as possible and onions sown as instructed
- h) Notebook entries should be kept of the progress of the crop and comparisons made at the end of the season

3rd October Admitted Richard Larsen and Hera Duder. Roll number 42

4th October Admitted Iris Madsen

5th October Admitted Monica Thorby Roll number 44

16th October Annual inspection visit paid by Mr. Bodin Inspector

1st October Withdrew the following pupils Reg. Wiley, Walter Riley, James Wiley, Guy Bee and Teddy Te Tau

Received from Education Board supplies of coloured paper and paints

1st 2nd November School closed Teacher absent at University Examinations

7th November Received report from Inspector included

Class	Roll
7	1
6	1
5	5
4	2
3	2
2	4
1	6
Primers	23
Total	44

- a) Mr. J F Johnson Ranking 194
- b) Order, tone and discipline are excellent

- c) The attendance has been effected by epidemics
- d) The teaching is on good modern lines and they have made very good progress
- e) It is pleasing to note the excellent progress which has been made by pupils in the primer classes
- f) The classroom is tidy and attractive

8th November Miss Halpin arrived in Hastwell to commence duties as temporary relieving teacher She has been put in charge of primers 1-3 19 pupils in all

16th December Returned a whole lot of forms to Education Board In the afternoon prizes we presented by the chairman Mr. McClymont and school was closed for the Christmas Vacation

1928

1st February Roll 39 readmitted Ted Te Tau

9th February School picnic held in school grounds

9th March School Committee granted a holiday for Kaiparoro Picnic and Sports day

14th March Miss J Forsyth commenced duties as relieving assistant

30th March Alfred Cowles Inspector visited

4th April School visited by Mr. Brockett who reported favourably in Nature Study throughout the school

14th April Received 9 desks and one teacher's table from Board

25th April Anzac Day School closed

26th April two excepted half days- heavy rain

21st May Admitted Ernest Riddick, Roll number 45

4th June Received tools for woodworking class in lieu of paper modelling etc Classes to be held on Friday afternoon

25th June Admitted Sydney Stephens from Island Bay School P3
 6th July Received H M V Gramophone from Education Department
 Two records included, a balance of three to follow
 6th July Notified by the Education Board of the department's
 sanctioning retention of Miss Forsyth as assistant until the end of the
 present year
 30th July Admitted Laurence Madsen
 3rd August Admitted ? Te tau Primer 3 making roll of 48
 13th August Admitted William Orlando Bennet
 14th August Drill instructor at School
 4th September reopened school after term vacation
 Received supply of supplementary readers from Education Board
 5th September Admitted Amy McClymont
 11th September Admitted Edward Grandler from Carterton Standard
 6
 2nd October Admitted Guy Bee P 2 readmitted after illness Roll No.
 51
 6th October Admitted Bob Manihera Standard 1
 14th October Annual Examination held by Inspector Bodin
 23rd October Admitted Queenie Matthews
 26th October Admitted Frank Pond Standard 3 Tahora School
 Taranaki
 30th October Received report from Departmental Physical Drill
 Instructor included

- a) J F Johnson Standard 1-6, 10 Boys 12 girls
- b) Mr. Johnson is instructing his class in a very capable and
 enthusiastic manner and the children as a result are keen and
 responsive
- c) Games are well taken and played

- d) Breathing very good This class is doing splendid work I feel
 confident
- e) Miss Forsyth Primers 5 boys 7 girls
- f) Very satisfactory Quite a keen class Give plenty of activity
 and let yourself go
- g) Don't forget to watch posture all the time and set a good
 example because infants copy

14th November School holiday School used as a polling booth
 Inspectors Report for 12th October Included

- a) Roll 51 One in Standard 7
- b) Mr. J F Johnson Grading 169
- c) Miss J Forsyth Grading 228
- d) Order tone and discipline are very good
- e) The buildings and grounds are in good order
- f) The boys are taking a keen interest in their woodwork
- g) The pupils are receiving efficient instruction and are making very
 good progress
- h) E J Boden

4th December School visited by Messrs Brockett and Freeman in
 connection with boys mangold plots
 10th December Received Certificates of Proficiency from Education
 Board, George McClymont, Merle Elliott, Guy Fredrickson
 19th December Prizes were presented during the afternoon and
 school was closed for Christmas holidays

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4th February Reopened school after Christmas Holidays Miss S Allen
 commenced duties- Infant Teacher

Admitted Bert Kerr from Mauriceville East School
 8th February George McClymont awarded a "Heckler" memorial scholarship tenable for 2 years at Wellington College
 20th February School holiday for Masterton Show
 12th February School visited by Inspector Burnes and Watson
 13th March received report from Inspectors
 16th March received Lupin and Flower seeds from board
 16th April School visited by Board's Clerk of Works
 22nd April The School Committee for the ensuing year was elected as follows. Messrs G McClymont Chairman, A S Winn, R Gyde, A Larsen and J Duder
 9th May Commenced a series of Fortnightly socials to raise funds for a tennis court
 2nd June School closed for King's Birthday
 4th June Received supplies of science materials from Board
 8th June Received maps of Europe, Britain and Australia
 June Received saw and dozen blades from Board
 16th June Received supply of three ply from the Board
 15th June Received report from Physical Drill instructor as follows included

- a) Mr. Johnson 14 Boys and 13 Girls
- b) Mr. Johnson is doing splendid work with his class and the children are keen and enjoy this work
- c) The teacher enters in the spirit of the work in a very commendable manner
- d) Games are very well catered for and played
- e) Miss Allan is doing very nice work and joins in well. The children are doing cheery useful work and I am very pleased with the class. Watch the posture and form the habit

- f) T Cruz

24th June Received fretwork saw and dozen blades, 2 Bradawls from board
 26th June Electric Kettle supplied by Committee
 12th August School visited by Mrs Hamilton Physical Drill Instructor
 23rd August School closed for school holidays until Tuesday 10th September 11th September School visited by Mr. Brockett Instructor in Agriculture whose report included

- a) Good progress being made with N Z Scrap Books
- b) Upper Division Good Drawing in Notebooks particularly good
- c) The flower plots around the school and the avenue leading to it are now beginning to make some return for the Labour put into them

27th September Exceptionally stormy day excepted half days
 1st October Annual visit of inspection paid by Mr. Watson
 15th October received inspectors Report which included

- d) Mr. J F Johnson Graded 158
- e) 1 Standard 7
- f) Miss S Allen Graded 197, 26 children in class
- g) Total roll 49
- h) Management very Good
- i) Tone etc Very Good
- j) The children of this school are very keen They are very well behaved and do very good work
- k) An excellent spirit exists between teachers and children
- l) Buildings are well cleaned. The interior should be painted. Some repairs are needed in the floor and to weather boards
- m) Grounds are well kept and flower gardens are quite bright

4th November School visited by Mr. Brockett whose report included

- a) Lower Division Miss Allen
- b) A very interesting set of scrap books have been prepared by the children
- c) Upper Division Mr. Johnson
- d) Indoor work very good, notebooks very neat and diagrams particularly well drawn
- e) Outdoor work is rather backward I would suggest that the long grass which somewhat obscures the flower beds be cut and kept mown if a lawn mower can be obtained
- f) Experimental plots should be worked up and sown as soon as possible
- g) A good deal of organic manure has been gathered up and it is proposed to sow simply a green crop this year with the former and manure in an attempt to improve the soil which has run out
- h) Children throughout take a keen interest in their work

20th December Annual Prize Giving by chairman; afternoon tea school closed for Christmas holiday

1930

1st February In view of the healthy bank balance that until the end of this committees term of office all requisites will be again supplied to the children free of charge

1st February received case of school requisites from Education Board Reopened school Admitted Betty Caisley?, Rona Bennett, Eileen Larsen, Katy McClymont, Eva Larsen Francis Ngatuere

12th February School visited by Mr. Donald, Member of Wellington Education Board who spoke to pupils

14th February Work commenced on School Tennis Court by Mr. Franks. Permission obtained from Board for Tennis Court Contractors to use the spare room as sleeping quarters

15th February That 3 cords of firewood be purchased at £2 per cord delivered to the school

10th March Received supply of School journals for March

12th March Mr. Franks, Asphalting Contractor completed tennis court at school

School visited by Mr. Cathay Board's Clerk of works

21st March School visited by Mr. F C Brockett who's report included

- a) Good work being done Children are eager to talk about their Nature Study though inclined to jump to wild conclusions
- b) Upper Division Scheme in operation will be modified to include a number of dairy science topics
- c) The gardens are in good order and the experimental plots are ready for sowing a cover crop of lupins
- d) A special effort should be made to brighten up the garden tools

1st April School visited by Mr. Little Supplies Officer

School visited by Messrs Powell and Donald from Wellington Education Board

2nd April School Court officially opened by Mr. Donald member of the Education Board . Mr. Sykes MP also present. Afternoon tea was supplied and served by the ladies of the district

7th April Received supply of Lupin seed and manure from Board

11th April Received supply of garden tools and dairy science materials from Education Board

12th April That in view of the Auditor's ruling in the matter of sale of requisites, the practice be entirely discontinued

28th April Householders meeting 20 Householders present

In the proposal of Mr Sidey in the matter of Summer Holidays be accorded our strongest support (*This was the introduction of daylight saving*)

Voting resulted in E Thorby 14, Dick 17, Marbey 13, Caseley 11, Irwin 15, Duder 15. 5

5th May Received from Education Board a supply of supplementary readers, requisites etc

5th May That chairman be appointed delegate to the Dental Clinic Executive

12th May Mr Marbey resigned from School Committee

Mr Thorby resigned as Chairman

Mr McClymont appointed new member of School Committee and Chairman again

26th May Resumed school again after First Term Holiday. All pupils were present Received report of visiting inspectors Messrs Burns and Stubbs. During holidays galleries were removed from classrooms and several minor repairs were effected

13 June Four withdrawals to Mauriceville East Victor, Monica, Francois, Maureen Narby

16th June Received six second hand desks from Lansdowne School These were not in good order

Admitted Eileen Madsen and Harold Madsen from Mauriceville West School

23rd June That the action of chairman in having wood cut into 2 foot blocks be approved.

That Mrs A E Larsen be offered the cleaning of school @ £2 Spouting to be cleaned at same time @ 5/-

24th June Children's mangold plots judged by Messrs Freeman and Brockett

3rd August School visited by Mr. Brockett report included

- a) Lower Division Miss Allen
- b) Workbook should give some indication of work taken
- c) A bright and responsive class
- d) Upper Division Mr. Johnson
- e) Good: Nature Study drawings are particularly good. I have not seen better
- f) Garden tools could be improved

8th September School reopened after 2nd term vacation. During the holidays interior painting and varnishing have been carried out in both classrooms and porch.

Owing to several additions to Infant Department towards the end of the second term, Standard 2 have been transferred to senior room to balance the numbers

This makes the classes as follows Standard 2-6, 30 pupils. Primers and Standard 1, 22 Pupils

18th September Received supply of hydroplate paint from the Board

23rd September School visited by Mr. A N Burns and Dr McIlwraith Senior Inspector of Schools

29th September Exceptionally stormy day- Two exceptions half days

2nd October Received inspection report included

- a) Standard 2-6 Mr. Johnson personal grading 145
- b) Primers Standard 1 Miss Allen 187
- c) Roll 52
- d) An excellent tone and very keen spirit characterise this school

- e) An excellent standard of work is maintained. Art is quite exceptional merit
- f) Physical exercises are executed with spirit and accuracy
- g) The interior is admirably kept by the pupils; while the grounds have been further improved by the addition of a fine tennis court

Mr. Brockett paid a visit. Included

- a) At the time of my visit the boys were at work in the school grounds. Steady progress is being made with the improvement of the school surrounds
- b) Experimental plots are completed and sown.
- c) Grass has been mowed down around the tennis court and a new flower bed has been made
- d) The nature drawing is a feature of the work. I have not seen better This applies to both Upper and Lower Divisions

27th October School closed for Labour Day

18th November Received hydroplate moulding from Education Board

19th November Commenced third term examinations in all classrooms

15th December Decided that cleaning of in summer holidays be offered to Mrs Narbey at £2

19th December Sent to Education Board report on assistant, quarterly attendance summary, Unemployment Levy form

School closed for Christmas Holidays

1931

2nd February Reopened school The following have left Avis Dick, Jack Dick, Turi Thorby, Hazel Matthews, Mason Ngatuere, Una Millar

Forwarded Organisation Schedule to Board

16th February Held school picnic and dance- proceeds from both functions totalling £5-13-4 forwarded to earthquake relief fund

6th March Received from Board supply of flower garden seeds for autumn sowing

18th March School visited by Mr. Brockett Agricultural Instructor who's report included

- a) Lower Division: Miss Allan, Work based on Board's programme for Standard 1 Children keen and responsive
- b) Owing to late arrival of pastel books the colour work based on nature Study which is a feature of the class has not yet been taken to any extent yet this year
- c) Work can now be carried on as usual
- d) Very full notes of each lesson are entered in Scheme Book
- e) Programme based on Standard 5 scheme in Board's Booklet with the addition of dairy science topics
- f) Very good response from the children who are obviously keenly interested in their work
- g) Part of the experimental plots have been planted in Lupins which have now been dug in. The other part is at present in mixed vegetables
- h) I suggest it would prove very interesting and instructive if a definite attempt was made to increase the fertility of this portion of the garden by building up with farmyard manure

and green manure or by green manuring alone if the other is not available

- i) Grounds are neat and tidy, one of the flower gardens just coming into bloom

13th March School visited by Inspectors Burns and Stubbs

4th March Supply of pastels and pastel books to hand

24th March Received from board Dairy thermometer

26th March School closed at 12 noon that teachers might attend Physical Drill Class at Eketahuna. Conducted by Miss Blackbourne.

Both teachers present

27th April Householders meeting to elect new School Committee. New Committee consists of Messrs McClymont (Chairman), Thorby, J Madsen, C Narbey and A Larsen

8th May Completed term examinations and closed school for the term holidays

27th April Decided that one of each requisites be provided to each pupil at the beginning of each term.

25th June Drill Instructors report for visit of 30th April included

- a) Miss S Allen 12 Boys 11 Girls Good to Very Good
- b) Me Johnson 13 Boys 12 Girls The combined classes worked through a drill of the new exercises very creditably (No Music)
- c) Occasionally I would take these exercises to count in case the correction value is lost
- d) A number of folk dances have been well taught
- e) There is a keen interest displayed in the subject and as a result a marked improvement on any work previously seen
- f) Make good posture your first aim in all work taken
- g) M Blackbourne

23rd July 7th August Mr. Brockett visited for purpose of collecting Wellington Winter Show Exhibits, Nature Study Drawings etc,

18th August Received inspectors report which included

- a) J F Johnson 26 children
- b) Miss S A Allen 23 children
- c) This school is most capably managed
- d) There is an excellent tone and a very fine working spirit
- e) The school deserves to be congratulated on the excellent standard of work done
- f) Of special merit are writing, Art and speech work generally
- g) Physical Education proceeds on the most modern lines
- h) The interior is attractively arranged
- i) The grounds are clean and well laid out
- j) The Road Gates require painting
- k) Jas W McIlraith Senior Inspector of Schools

8th – 11th September Mr. Kemp, Ihurua School present during week for purpose of observing work methods etc

15th September Received science equipment from G Wilton

1 test Tube stand, 1 glass funnel, 1 Quart Methylated spirits, 1 barometer tube, 1 rain gauge measure, 2 spades, 2 trowels

8th, 9th -13th October Absent from school on account of death of my brother

14th October Received letter from Board congratulating school on excellence of Wellington Winter Show Exhibit, Nature Study Drawings etc

22nd October That charge for use of tennis court be 5/- for ladies, 7/6d for men (This includes all youths left school) for the season For the first time the Head teacher was present.

9th November That resolution re Tennis Court be rescinded

That charges be ladies 5/- Men 7/6d boys and girls for season after school free. That payment be made in advance

That hours of play be from schools days 4 pm. Saturday and holidays from 1 p.m.

That any person entering the tennis court not having paid the required charge or any person entering during hours when the court is for the exclusive use of School Children be deemed to be unauthorised person and committing trespass

That in the event of any trespass being committed the matter be placed in the hands of the police.

12th November Following the payment of some accounts and rescinding the motion. The chairman tendered his resignation which was not accepted the Committee. He therefore demanded and received the resignations of the remainder of the School Committee and declared the meeting closed

14th December School closed for all classes except Standard 6 Conducting Synchronous Proficiency Examination

2nd December School used as polling booth on occasion of general election

19th December School closed for Christmas Holidays

1932

Additions to School Applied For

One room erected 1883 21'x 14' 6"

One room erected 1891 and one in 1896 Both 22 x 21

No of teachers 2

Roll 1929 47 1930 46 1931 49

Last term 50

Use of local hall for free

Nearest School

Mangamahoe 3 1/2 miles Roll 21

Kaiparoro 3 Miles Roll 31

Eketahuna 7 Miles Roll 244

1st February Reopened school New admissions bring roll up to 56

19th February School closed for Masterton A and P Show

18th April Annual Meeting No School Committee meeting minuted.

9 stood for committee

That the Social Committee be School Committee , Head Teacher, and Mr Seymour and Miss Allan

22nd April Mr McClymont elected chairman

25th April Anzac day School closed

2nd May From 2nd May to 6th May spent in conducting First Term diagnostic and intelligence tests and in revisional work

3rd June School closed for King's Birthday

17th June School closed to enable staff to attend a Physical Drill refresher course in Eketahuna

8th July School visited by Mr. Partridge Inspector of school

16th July A Special Meeting was held to consider correspondence in connection with the absence of Miss Allan from the school; and directed the chairman to again refuse to endorse Miss Allan's application for leave in view of the fact that the School Committee had been ignored by the Head Teacher in the matter

22nd July Inspectors report included

a) Scale Excellent

- b) Standard 7 1 child
- c) J F Johnston 30 children
- d) Miss E L Cate Relieving 25
- e) Miss Allen absent on Sick Leave
- f) The general efficiency of the school measures in relation to the pupil's capacity to learn is excellent
- g) Written work throughout the school reaches a fine standard of neatness and care
- h) And affords evidence of earnest effort by both pupils and teachers
- i) Drawing also is worthy of special commendation while oral response is bright and willing
- j) Order tone and discipline are excellent
- k) Pupils and teachers are obviously on very good terms and a fine spirit of cooperation is in evidence
- l) The grounds are in very good order
- m) The attendance for the last three weeks has been seriously affected by an epidemic of whooping cough

10th August That the matter of arranging for growing a crop of potatoes in school garden be left in the hands of Messrs Casely and Johnson

6th September Mr. Brockett visited and his report included

- a) The children appear less responsive than usual
- b) Lesson give by Instructor Trees Native- Imported Senior Room
- c) New scheme to be drawn up in connection with potato growing experiment
- d) Lesson By Instructor experimental work in school garden. Calf rearing competition

- e) A good responsive class
- f) With a view of bringing the whole garden into a better condition the whole area has been dug over and is to be put down in potatoes
- g) To make the work definitely experimental I would suggest that certified seed be tested against uncertified, Careful records of the crop are to be kept

30th October School closed for Labour Day

31st November Conducted proficiency examination in Geography, History and Drawing

1st December Conducted Synchronous Proficiency Examination. Two candidates present Hilda Madsen and Wallace McClymont

14th December Closed school for Christmas Holidays

4th November A discussion on matters relating to tennis playing took place.

1933

1st February Reopened school A number of admissions brings roll up to 62. Staffing as for 1932

29th February School closed on occasion of Kingsford Smith's visit to Masterton. Lord Bledsoe's Holiday

2nd March School closed for combined school sports at Eketahuna. The school was successful in winning the Senior Championship. Hastwell 81 ½ points, Konini 26 points 2nd

4th March School represented at Mauriceville Sports, won "Dallas" cup in district School's Relay Championship

10th March Mr. Brockett visited

- a) Junior School Teacher Miss Allen

- b) Quality of work very Good Children keen and responsive
- c) Lesson given by instructor. Flowers and Seeds
- d) The scrap book work is being continued
- e) Senior Room Mr. Johnson 35 in class
- f) The scheme in operation have been well thought through
- g) Quality of work is very good. A potato experiment is being carried out. All classes appear keenly interested
- h) Lesson Given Discussion on the Potato Experiment
- i) Notebooks particularly neat but will be found more valuable if each child draws up their own notes
- j) A dairy course is part of the scheme Besides carrying out the usual programme of work the school is cooperating with the local farmers by running a herd testing scheme under herd testing conditions
- k) F C Brockett

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

1st May School visited by Mr. Partridge Inspector of schools

1st July Write to Board asking if School Committee can be paid for work done.

3rd July Admitted Lois Grant, Mabel Grant, Audrey Hood and Cyril Braddick

3rd July Received intimation from Board that conveyance allowance has been granted to the following pupils for such time as the Mangamahoe school remains closed. Patrick Corrigan, Desmond, Fay, Patricia, McGruddy, Cyril Braddick, Lois Grant, Mabel Grant and Audrey Hood

21st July Obtained per favour of County Overseer 5 size 4 desks from Mangamahoe School. Permission previously obtained from Mr. Powell Board's architect

4th September Reopened school withdrew Kathleen Larsen Mabel and Lois Grant

Admitted Colin Swinn, Hazel Nagel and "Solomon Jaroo" all new entrants. Readmitted Betty Caseby who has been absent for five months, illness Roll 62

5th September School visited by Mr. Sykes MP

October Admitted Annie Larsen Roll 63 Average attendance for week 60.9

22nd October School closed for Labour Day

26th October School visited by Mr. Partridge Inspector of Schools

Inspectors report included

- a) J F Johnson 30 children Standard 1- Standard 7
- b) Miss S Allen 33 children
- c) This school has completed another year of excellent work
- d) The Headmaster is a teacher of exceptional ability whose enthusiasm is an inspiration to his pupils, and in his efforts for their advancements he has the loyal and keen cooperation of a very efficient assistant The school is indeed fortunate in their staff
- e) All branches of the work calls for high praise, Arithmetic, Writing, Drawing English, and speech being worthy of special mention
- f) The order discipline and tone are excellent and such are the keenness and willingness of the pupils that it is a distinct pleasure to inspect this school
- g) It is pleasing to note that outdoor activities take their right place and that pupils play as keenly as they work
- h) Buildings are in satisfactory condition while the grounds present an attractive appearance

i) Ernest Partridge Inspector
December held annual school concert and dance
Completed registers and records and closed school for the Christmas holidays

1934

3rd February Reopened school after Christmas holidays Staffing as for 1933. Admitted Molly Hardy

February Withdrew Bernadine Corringe? Proceeding to Masterton Convent School

March Severe earthquake destroyed all chimneys in school Residence and two at school. A large quantity of science materials was also destroyed

March School visited by Mr. Powell Board's Architect and Mr. A N Burns as Inspector of Schools The architect reported both classroom chimneys safe for use. At the school residence the range chimney is reported safe and that of the dining room safe for medium to small fires

March School visited by school medical officer

20th April 6 householders present 6 stood for School Committee , Mr Halberg elected chairman

30th April That cleaning be offered to Mrs Marbey for two years at 30/- per term.

26th may School being repaired earthquake damage. Air heater fitted

12th June School visited by Mr. Powell Board's architect

14th June Received from Board 2 dozen coat hangers

12th July That tenders be called for cleaning school

That the resignation of Mr McClymont to be accepted with regret. Mr Thorby elected

13th July School Committee meeting at which Mr. McClymont's resignation was received. Mr. A G Thorby appointed chairman with Mr. Caseley Secretary

18th July Withdrew Isabel and Helen McClymont. Roll reduced to 56
30th July That Mr Charles Nagel be elected to School Committee
That this School Committee hold a local judging in connection with the calf rearing club

6th August Withdrew Eunice Governor

27th August 3 tenders received for cleaning. That Mrs Bennetts tender for £1-5-0 be accepted

3rd September Reopened school after vacation. Admitted Lena, Muriel and Dorothy Broadbent; Iris Nagel

27th September School visited by Mr. H N Watson Inspector of Schools

8th October Received confidential report as follows included

- a) J F Johnson roll 28
- b) Miss S Allen 34
- c) The classification of pupils is approved Both teacher make very thorough preparation and give much thought in lessons for their classes
- d) The children are keen They are well behaved and show a splendid spirit of work
- e) The work continues to maintain a very level of efficiency
- f) The written work is of outstanding merit
- g) In general the school is doing excellent work both in the classroom and in the playground

h) The school rooms are fairly clean, the poor approaches to the doors result in much mud being carried in.

i) The grounds are tidy and attractive

10th October That a tennis club be permitted to use the school court during weekends and any other time as arranged

That delegates of Tennis Club be asked to Meet School Committee re use of court at school on 13th October at 8 p.m.

That county overseer be asked to deliver 2 yards of metal

1st November Conducted Standard 6 examinations in History, Geography, Nature Study and drawing

4th November Conducted Standard 6 Synchronous Proficiency Examinations

5th November That the Hastwell Tennis Club be granted the use of the school tennis court subject to the provisions of the agreement entered into between the School Committee and the management committee of the Hastwell Tennis Club.

That the sum of £1-5-0 be spent on tuning the school piano

11th November Mr Halberg to take five calves to Eketahuna for entry into the group rearing competition.

19th December Closed School for Christmas Holidays

1935

15th January To write to Wellington Education Board and Member for district pointing out the condition of school building and that a new building be erected,

3rd February Reopened school Staff as for 1934. Nine pupils from Mangamahoe now travelling by train to Mauriceville East reducing our roll number to 48. No admissions

9th February Week ending 9th February incredibly hot Most lessons conducted out of doors while swimming was taken daily by all pupils We reorganised games folk dancing or drill taken owing to whether conditions

20th February School closed on occasion of Masterton A and P Show
1st March School visited by Mr. McCaskill Senior Inspector of Schools

23rd March Bush Primary School Sports held in Eketahuna. Hastwell successful for the 3rd successive year

29th April That the matter of Jubilee entertainments of pupils be left in the hands of Head Teacher to complete arrangements

6th May Pupils participated in Eketahuna District Jubilee celebrations at Eketahuna

10th May School closed for first term holiday Miss Allan who has completed 6 ½ years as assistant teacher at this school terminated her engagement here as from today resigning from the profession in view of her approaching marriage

26th May Reopened school. Miss M Buckley appointed relieving assistant vice Miss Allan

4th June Owing to my being ill school was closed on Monday 27th May. Wednesday 29th May Thursday 30th May and Friday 31st May
3rd June School closed King's Birthday

5th June School visited by the Hon the Minister of Education G Smith, Mr. G Sykes MP and Mr. A Donald Member of the Wellington Education Board

25th June That the chairman represent the Hastwell School Committee at the annual meeting of the Eketahuna Dental Clinic Committee

25th June School visited by Messrs Donald and Powell for purpose of discussing the site for the new school with the School Committee

29th July That the School Committee dig a drain on Mrs Halberg's property to prevent storm water from flooding school grounds. Messrs Madsen and Halberg to engage labour and supervise the work.

23rd August Completed term examination and closed school for the term holidays Miss Buckley relieving teacher relinquished her duties here

9th September reopened school today Miss Bliss commenced duties as permanent assistant

23rd September School visited by Mr. Powell Board's architect and Messrs Donald, Macdonald and Nicholls, members of the Wellington Education Board the purpose of the visit to determine the site for the proposed new school

Received the annual inspection report for 18th September visit

- a) J F Johnson 30 children
- b) Miss E Bliss 21 Children
- c) The teaching is along modern and enthusiastic lines with marked success
- d) All activities are especially well catered for and definite interests have been established in the various subjects
- e) Both tone and discipline are excellent and the very fine spirit is a high testimony to the teachers
- f) The pupils are eager and responsive and they have been trained to feel a real pride in worthwhile achievement
- g) Measured in terms of individual capacity the results are excellent
- h) Art work, written expression and writing merit commendation

i) The buildings and grounds are well cared for

j) The pupils have earned distinction in the various sports activities

k) G H Stubbs

17th October That the supervision of work on new building be taken by one committee man each week

The chairman to write to Mrs Jackson thanking her for afternoon tea during the recent working bee.

23rd October School visited by Mr. Powell

28th November After inspecting sites of new shelter sheds as pegged out by the Board's architect it was decided that the site on south of new school to be most suitable

New Building

Toilets including one for teacher (First Time I have seen this)

Kaipororo Roll 32, 3 miles away

Mauriceville West 24, 4 ¼ mile

Mauriceville 33, 6 ¼ miles

Three Classrooms in old school 2 in use 1 condemned

Assembly area 135 square yards

Curtains instead of blinds in classroom

Tender to Selby and Nunn Masterton With Mr Geo Masters of 133 Dixon St as Bondsman

Building to cost £1176. To be built in 10 weeks and eight men will be employed

Head Teacher Mr J F Johnson

15th June telegram to Mr G R Sykes. MP Guaranteeing new building at Hastwell

27th November School closed General Election

29th November Conducted synchronous Proficiency examinations

9th December Forwarded to Board, Class Lists, B1, B1a, B4, Return of Maori pupils, list of woodwork tools, Report on Assistant, Return H2 Children conveyed and boarded, attendance summary. Closed school for third term holidays

1936

January Normal School

APPOINTMENTS APPROVED

Appointments consequent upon the changing of the Kelburn School into the Normal School and the running of it in conjunction with the Training College, which will reopen, have been approved by the Wellington Education Board as follows: —Headmaster, Mr. O. A. Banner; infant mistress, Miss R. Macalister; Grade 3 assistant master, Mr. D. Rust; assistant master, Model 1, **Mr. J. F. Johnson**; assistant mistress, Model 2, Miss A. Hilliard; Grade 1 assistant, Miss E. M. Tolley.

With the exception of Miss Macalister, who comes from the Normal School, Auckland, all the teachers are drawn from the Wellington education district.

3rd February Received notice of my appointment to the “Model Country” at Kelburn Normal School. Reopened school after Christmas vacation

Roll number to commence school 40. Standard 3-6 27. Lower Division 13

8th February That 4 new brooms be purchased

That Mr Sigvertsen be engaged to cut weeds on school horse paddock

28th February Ceased duties at Hastwell School today after nearly ten years service here. I should like to place on record my very deep appreciation of the assistance and cooperation it has been my privilege to receive during the whole of that period from the whole of the community

J F Johnson

29th February Official opening of school planned. Hoped that Peter Fraser Minister of Education will open

2nd March M A Thompson Commenced relieving duties at Hastwell School

6th March Received school journals for March. Forwarded form re destination of pupils leaving at end of 1935

13th March School visited by Medical Officer

31st March Ceased duties as relieving teacher

2nd April A E Nicholson commenced duties as Head Teacher (Arrived 2.4.36)

3rd April; Bush Primary School Sports Hastwell lost cup though children performed to the best of their ability

9th April Madsen Family and N Bennetts withdrawn reducing roll to 35. 6 new admittances of infants expected next term

11th April Mr Nicholson Head Teacher. That the School Committee support the head Teacher's application for the installation of electric light in the school residence

4th May 6 men and Miss Fredrickson nominated for School Committee Miss Fredrickson got 3 votes Elected were Messrs Thorby, Madsen, Caseley, Halberg and Larsen

4th May That tenders be called for cleaning of school

28th May That tenders be called for repairing boundary fence on two sides and back of school grounds.

Decided that the committee meet at the school on Sunday Morning to discuss the matter of removing old buildings and erecting a motor shed.

Old building pulled down by Phillip Kingi for 45 pound

26th May Excluded 9 children on account infection with itch

27th June The Head Teacher thanked the committee for the work done in providing a motor shed.

27th October That the chairman write to the Board protesting against the reduced grade of school, pointing out that the present roll number is 40 and asking that the present grade and staff be retained.

12th November Don Williams and Ken Isakson in fight resulting in D W sitting on K I's head and while in that position being punched in the stomach. Discussion showed the argument arose over W having taken I's coat to go out in rain day before. Gave written imposition to both

20th September (*Order as in log*) Received Inspectors report Head Teacher A E Nicholson Date of inspection 10th September . Report Included

- a) A E Nicholson 22 Children
- b) Miss E M Bliss 14 Children
- c) This school continues to work very successfully
- d) Both teachers are hard working and keen
- e) The children behave excellently and maintain a pride in their school
- f) Very fine relations exist between pupils and teachers
- g) The attendance has not been good
- h) The roll of 36 is not sufficient to maintain the grade of the school It will be a pity if the fine new school building is left with only one teacher

i) The building is well cleaned and heated

j) The playing area is in good condition The ground near the building needs some regrading and filling

k) Some shelter trees have been planted to replace the pines

l) H C N Watson Inspector

2nd December That the arranging of transport of calves to Eketahuna be left in the hands of Mr Larsen.

That the sum of 11/6 be donated to the Eketahuna Group Boys and Girls Agriculture club.

9th December Held combined parents day calf judging and school sports

15th December Closed school owing Infantile Paralysis Epidemic

1937

22nd February Staff returned to school this week devoted to a desk cleaning and varnishing. Preparation of various charts for school work

1st March returned to school with a roll of 32

31st March Mr Madsen appointed Committee's representative to attend Eketahuna's coronation celebrations

That Mr M Ngatuere be appointed Sanitary Officer at £4-0-0 per annum. Duties to commence 31st March

16th April Mr. Brockett visited school. Agriculture Instructor. His report include

a) Mr. Nicholson 19 children including 1 secondary

b) It is proposed to lay out a new garden area I would suggest the for the first season the whole area be dug over and planted to be laid out in small plots the following season

- c) If the garden is dug early enough it would be advisable to put in a cover crop before winter
- d) The removal of the old school building has made it necessary to do a certain amount of regressing of grounds
- e) This work is under way I would recommend a N S Project s part of the school scheme for the year's work.
- f) Lower Division not seen

24th May School reopened with roll of 31 Miss Bliss assistant having taken up her position at Hamua the school is now sole charge Received from G Walton 1 tripod Stand, 1 Flask, 6 Test tube, 1 beehive shelf, 1 quart Methylated spirits

29th July Punished 830 for filthy behaviour on way home (5 cuts)

6th September Reopened with roll of 29

3rd August Bible in school discussed but no action taken

That suitable hedge plants be purchased and planted on Arbor day.

29th September School visited by Mr. Brockett report included

- a) Roll 30 Present 29
- b) New scheme will be drawn up now that the Sugar Beet circular has been issued
- c) Note books neatly kept
- d) Suitable project worked commenced Agriculture Clubs Sugar beet project
- e) New plots have been commenced
- f) The Committee proposes to pay a man to do the heavy breaking but has been held up by the inability to get anyone
- g) Part of the ground recently occupied by the old school building has been levelled and grass is beginning to come through

- h) A weed killer will be found better than hoeing to keep the area clean

7th December This day punished a boy for writing the above note (*Erased and signed by inspector*) Accused a girl of talk of a similar nature; not proved after enquiry among witnesses he quoted; Gave him 5 strokes: refused to hold out hand until after a struggle a sixth AEN

4th October The school was inspected this day by Mr. H S Johnston The report follows included

- a) Head Teacher A E Nicholson
- b) Under the effective direction of the teacher the work of this school continues to show a very high level of attainment, all phases of the instruction being very capably dealt with
- c) The pupils cooperate harmoniously with the teacher and show interest in their studies
- d) The quality of all written work reveals that all take pride in their exercise books, whilst drawing is another subject worthy of commendation
- e) Children are well behaved and industrious, order, tone and discipline being very good indeed
- f) School premises are in good order and scrupulously clean

25th November An inclement Day Calf rearing and Sports Afternoon between the showers

Report of instructor on Day

- a) Calf Rearing Entries Basil Woodfield, Ken Isakson, William Caseley, Noel Dick, Hazel Nagel, Phillip Evans, Don Caseley, Henry Thorby, Tim Governor
- b) Placing Type Phillip Evans, Hazel Nagel, Ken Isakson
- c) Care and Handling Phillip Evans, Hazel Nagel Ken Isakson

- d) Judge Mr. A Henderson
- e) Good assembly of parents and residents indicating interest
- f) F C Brockett

1938

28th January Having received a very hurried notice of my appointment to the Colyton School to date from 1st February 1938 (Notice 24th January) relinquished my duties at Hastwell after having received the friendliest of treatment from all the settlers during my short stay here

A E Nicholson

1st February Chas K Scott Commenced duties today as a relieving teacher Reopened School after Xmas vacation. No new admissions. Roll 24 Present 23

10th February Mr. Brockett Agriculture Instructor visited the school today. Suitable work for all classes was outlined

22nd March That the appointment of Mr Dwyer as head teacher be accepted

Left to the chairman to meet head teacher and arrange transport of pupils to Primary Schools Sports to be held in Eketahuna on 26th March

1st April J Dwyer Commenced duties here today Roll 26

25th April School closed Anzac day

2nd May School Committee election result Mr. Thorby (Chairman), Mr. Caseley Secretary, Mr. Nagel, Mr. Seymour (One to be added)

Further admission Roll now 29

2nd May 1939. Mr Dwyer attends meeting

6th June School closed King's Birthday

13th June School closed party of 17 children and Teacher visit Palmerston North Show

15th June Mr. Brown visited school today and gave lesson on light woodwork

Received, spades, watering can from Education Board

16th June Miss Lowry Adviser to Infant Departments visited school today and gave valuable advice

17th June Received today 1 vice, 1 tenon saw, 1 22 inch saw

July Received screwdriver and handle for plane

18th July That Mr Nagel's Offer to supply trees be accepted with thanks and that the School Committee meet at school during the afternoon of Arbor Day.

Mr Thorby as delegate to agriculture, Mr Caseley to dental Clinic and Mr Nagel to sports.

3rd August Arbor Day held. Trees planted to form a hedge on North West side of school Messrs Thorby and Caseley present

5th September School opened after term vacation

7th September Received wheelbarrow today

12th September Inspector's Report included

- a) Roll 33 Present 30
- b) J Dwyer
- c) Scale Good
- d) The teaching is quite well organised to keep the pupils busily and usefully occupied
- e) Sound methods are in operation and satisfactory programmes are provided
- f) The Order, tone and Discipline are very good indeed and a keen spirit of work has been fostered the pupils being readily attentive and the majority are communicative

- g) In both arithmetic and reading a fine measure of effort is exhibited
- h) Verse Speaking, project activities and handwork await expansion
- i) The buildings are in good order but the interior of the classroom is only moderately attractive
- j) Ground improvements are under consideration
- k) G H Stubbs

24th October School closed Labour Day

7th November Owing to the prevalence of sickness amongst the children a Christmas tree be provided instead of the usual school concert and that the Women's Institute be asked to assist,

24th November Local calf judging took place today. Mr. A Henderson judged the entries of good quality. There was a representative gathering of settlers. The ladies very kindly provided afternoon tea. Mr. Brockett attended and spoke to the gathering. Mr. Thorby (Chairman of School Committee) thanked Mr. Henderson for judging.. After Mr. Henderson replied. Mr. J Robertson MP spoke briefly

Result Type Laurie Dick, N Caseley, Basil Woodfield

Care and Handling 1st Tim Governor, 2nd = Laurie Dick and Basil Woodfield

1st December Calves were taken to Eketahuna for judging Basil and Tim placed

Tim for other than jersey cross. M Simpson special prize

16th December School closed for Term Holidays. Records completed and forwarded to the Board

22nd December Christmas Tree School breakup ceremony. Leaving certificates presented to Muriel Broadbent, Melva Manihera, William Caseley and Laurie Dick.

J Dwyer 1938

1939

1st February School opened today with a roll of 27

16th February School closed half day. Mrs D ill. Chairman and Secretary notified Letter posted to Board

22nd February Children taken to Eketahuna. Fitness week sports meeting- Hastwell children on the whole very successful

24th February Children attend the swimming carnival Tim Governor wining senior boys 25 yards and 50 yards championships. Mr. Johnston school inspector visited the school

26th March received Mr. Johnston's report

25th April school closed for Anzac day

3rd June Closed for King's Birthday

28th July attendance has been badly affected by snow falls The attendance on 27th being as low as nine

9th September District Nurse visited school today

14th October Mr. Johnston inspector paid a visit today

November School children competed in competitive concert at Eketahuna being placed second

8th December term examination taken during first week of the month being finished on Friday 8th December

9th December School closed. A concert being held in the hall in the evening and prizes being distributed by the chairman of the School Committee

8th December The Secretary's action in appointing Mr W Madsen sanitary Officer be endorsed.

1940

6th February Roll 26 with an attendance of 23. New admissions 2. Withdrawal 4

16th February Swimming activities etc being held up by very unfavourable and unseasonable weather

23rd February Some swimming and many outdoor activities this week

4th March On Saturday 2nd March children took part in Mauriceville sports meeting having a very successful day. A relay won cup. B team running 2nd

March School closed Children over ten and some others accompanied by parents visited exhibition (*In Wellington at Rongotai near present airport*) The journey was made by train and an enjoyable day spent

11th March Mr. Irwin Senior Inspector of schools visited today

22nd March School closed for Easter Vacation

22nd March During previous night a strong wind blew part of roofing iron off school. The Committee men replaced same this morning

18th 29th March School closed on these dates out of respect for Rt Hon M J Savage who died on the morning of the 27th

22nd April 5 householders and Head teacher attended School Committee meeting

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

30th April Tennis match with Kaipororo school played today

3rd June King's birthday but no holiday postponed owing to war and the necessity of industry being maintained

Admitted George Tataurangi Roll 25

14th June Work somewhat curtailed during week owing to teacher having influenza. School open usual hours but work mainly written and project. No workbook on Wednesday and Friday

24th June The school was closed on Monday Wednesday and Thursday owing to my having a severe attack of Influenza

11th July Mr. Brockett agricultural Instructor visited today. Discussed work and calf club home, and root project

3rd September School reopened after school holiday Roll 26 Present 18 Colds and influenza very prevalent

6th September Attendance during the week very poor due to colds and influenza Highest for week 19 Average only 17.5

13th September Roll still low

27th September Attendance still low due to sickness

4th October Posted attendance return and Conveyance form return

7th October Received seeds Oat, Wheat and Barley

14th October Received Maize seeds

16th October Tanks at school and house were cleaned during the week

28th October School closed labour Day

25th November School closed King's Birthday

5th December The following work has been completed at the house: The installation of a wash basin and Elsan Lavatory. Two Highlight windows. Concrete work at back of house and concrete paths; Draught stop at back door

7th December Mr. Donald and Colonel McDonald Board Members visited the school today

18th December Mr. Drummond Board Architect visited school today

19th December Held annual school concert before “good house”

Prizes, Leaving Certificates etc presented

20th December Closed school today for annual holiday

21st December, this December meeting were rarely held

Opening school with Lord’s payer. Subject discussed but no decisions taken.

That the School Committee apply to the Wellington Education Board for a flag staff to be erected

Decided that the sum of £1-10 be spent on keeping lawns in order during holiday

Grass on playing field left to Mr Halberg to arrange the cutting of grass on playing area during holidays

1941

3rd February School opened after Christmas Holidays only 14 present as far as can be ascertained absences are mainly due to very adverse weather conditions. J Dwyer

4th February Extremely heavy rain only 8 pupils present

12th February Case of measles reported

21st February Admitted Ruth Thompson Withdrawn Nancy Mahata and Annie Larsen Roll 22

1st February ? Children visited Mauriceville Sports District Relay. Cup Retained

4th March Mr. Bringan Inspector visited the school today

28th March received parcel of wood for woodwork

7th April Received flagpole for school

8th April Received supply of apples and commenced issue of same

9th April The Board’s circular on closing schools for refresher courses was read and matter was left at the discretion of the teacher.

That a belt of tree be planted on the North side of the school

11th April Flagpole erected

Reopened after Easter. Second case of apples received

25th April School closed Anzac Day

24th April Received notice of appointment to assistant Ohakune DHS Board Notified

9th May Relinquished duties here today having been appointed assistant at Ohakune DHS. Records completed and end of term attendance summary forwarded to the Board

Best Wishes to my successor J Dwyer

26th May Unknown commenced duties today s relieving sole teacher.

Roll 21 present 16

27th May Thompson family away with whooping cough

3rd June Withdrawn Ruth Thompson. School closed Kings Birthday

21st June That the appointment of Mr C C Bradshaw as sole teacher meets with approval of the School Committee

7th July Admitted Makuini, and Ruth Thompson. Sally Carol and Teddy Seymour

21st July Withdrawn Horatia Thompson

26th July School children held small concert: proceeds to handwork and sewing for patriotic purposes. Proceeds £2-4-0

6th August Arbor Day Trees planted along back fence to shelter playground. Each child planted a tree

1st August Desmond Burt has mumps

11th August Julie Bach at school

18th August Des Burt back at school Only 7 at school on Friday owing to bad rainstorm

8th September C C Braddock Commenced duties here today Roll 22

Received seeds from Mr. Brockett

17th October Mr C Bradshaw Head Teacher present at meeting

20th October Makuina Thompson excluded by District Nurse on account of Maori Itch

27th October School closed Labour Day

29th October Admitted Yvonne Halberg Roll 25

4th November Received notice of grade of school and that I am on transfer

15th November That head teacher be authorised to spend up to £4 for purchase of a new clock for school use.

21st November Removed Sally Carol from roll She has not attended this term and left district. Card not sent for Roll 22

24th November Mr. Bringans Inspector visited school today

4th December As there were only two entries for calf rearing no school competition was held. The two calves were taken to Eketahuna for the Group championship. Des Burt gained 3rd for best groomed calf and Irene Caseley 3rd for type

12th December The children elected to devote funds usually spent on prizes towards comforts for Old Boys of the school serving with the armed forces overseas

18th December Closed School for Christmas vacation with roll at 22

Hazel Nagel, David Thompson and Heathcote Thompson received Primary school certificates

1942

2nd February School reopened Roll 19 Present 17

5th February Readmitted Horatio Thompson Roll 20

24th 25th February School closed teacher absent- Influenza

9th March Admitted David Morris Roll 21

16th March Commenced apples in schools today

6th March 1942 that the Secretary apply to Wellington Education Board for authority to purchase out of general funds 2 gallons of petrol which is to be stored at school for use in emergencies only. That Mr Milner be asked to supply 5 cords of firewood for school use

8th March Readmitted Iris Nagel who has been in Masterton for a month. Roll now 21

9th March Admitted Charles David Anthony

15th April Mr. W O'Conner, Inspector visited school

20th April 5 householders and Head Teacher only present

20th April That this School Committee approve of the spare classroom at the school being used as an emergency hospital

24th April The following children visited Eketahuna Dental Clinic Today. Charles and Marie Ngatuere, 4 Nagel's, Des Bury, Julie Wilton, Irene Caseley

7th May Colonel McDonald and Mr. Donald Board members of Education Board visited school today

25th May Reopened School 4 Nagel Children have left Roll 19

27th May Mr. Brown Supervisor of woodwork visited school

1st June School closed King's Birthday

12th June Closed school at 1 pm in order to take the Halberg's to the Dental Clinic. They have not had dental treatment for 2 years and have no means of getting to Eketahuna

16th June Admitted Peter Halberg Roll 20

25th June Owing to severe earthquake 11.18 pm 24th June. School was closed

No damage done at school except broken rain gauge. Double chimney at School house unsafe for use

10th July Peter Halberg left Roll 19

13th- 17th July Heavy rains and flooding at beginning of week. Snow Wednesday Night Attendance very low 9.7 roll out of 19

17th July F C Brockett visited school

23rd July School closed owing to teacher having influenza

28th July Difficulty is being experienced in finishing mid year exams owing to sickness. Since the quake the average weekly attendance for roll of 19 has been 15.4, 12.3, 9.7, 14.0

3rd August Another earthquake not quite as long or so severe as that of June 24 occurred August 1st at 2.30 No damage at school Kitchen chimney at schoolhouse pushed out from walls and cracked in several places but safe for small fires School held on Monday only 2 being absent on account of earthquake

12th August Admitted Janet Wilton Roll 20. Workmen commenced on emergency repairs at schoolhouse. Tank stand which was almost off piles to be straightened and double chimney to be taken down as it is badly wrecked and twisted in 3 or 4 places. Only the concrete which was used instead of mortar saved chimney from collapsing altogether

7th September Reopened school for third term Maurice Ngatuere is attending but will not be 5 years old till next month

24th September Very heavy rain. Only the pupils close to school attended

8th October Mr. O'Connor Inspector visited school

9th October School closed teacher had to go before medical board Masterton

10th October Mrs Thompson sent Ruth away for a holiday s she is still very nervous as result of earthquakes. Horatio Thompson is in Masterton Hospital with appendicitis

21st October Received from Education Board 2 Volumes of Making New Zealand, chalk etc

26th October School closed Labour Day

27th October Admitted Maurice Ngatuere Roll 21

13th November Withdrew Horatio Thompson

16th November Admitted Trevor, Clarice and Althea Bray

17th November Admitted Lora Bray. Withdrew David Morris he has not attended since first term He has had sores and sickness and the distance is rather far. Probably be coming next year

30th November Received notice of transfer to Kohinui School

1st December Readmitted Horatio Thompson

[5th December That the Secretary write to Shell Oil Company re use of Lakold for topdressing tennis court](#)

18th December Ceased duties at Hastwell School today. Tools etc have been checked and returns sent to the Board During my rather brief stay I have received every consideration from the Committee and community

C C Bradshaw

1943

1st February B A Renner commenced duties as relieving sole teacher today. Tools checked- several breakages discovered probably owing to the fact that toolshed had been open

Roll number 26

9th February Admitted Mana Potangaroa. Roll 27

As there is nowhere to swim and the weather is inclement every opportunity is taken to weed the old gardens, make new gardens and generally tidy the grounds

19th February David and Charles Anthony left today for Mauriceville School. As their young sister is starting school they have to travel by railcar Roll number 25

5th March School closed teacher attending Physical Education refresher Course in Masterton

15th March admitted David Morris

9th April That Miss Renner be asked to select books to the value of £5 when in Wellington

13th April Admitted Ashley Halberg Roll number 27

22nd April Held a small Anzac service at school

28th April Withdrew Mana Potangaroa roll number 26

24th may Reopened school after May Holidays for second term Withdrew Ngaire Preston of whom I have heard no more. Her card has not yet been sent for although the last day she was present at this school was 9th April 1943

7th June School closed for King's Birthday

25th June Visited by Mr. Brown supervisor of Manual Instruction

29th June Bring and Buy afternoon for Red Cross

30th June Have concluded my work here today and am proceeding to a permanent position at Gladstone. I would like to place on record my appreciation of the kindness and consideration of the Committee and all the people of the district. B A Renner

1st July Commenced duties as relieving Sole teacher today A H Parker

2nd July Mr. Seymour came this morning to take away one of the two beds he had lent to the Red Cross

7th July Visit by Mr. Brockett, Discussed programme of work in garden Mr. Brockett took an inventory of the contents of the science cupboard and the toolshed and cleaned and oiled the lawnmower

26th July That the School Committee meet at school on Monday to trim hedges etc

That the School Committee recommend the appointment of Miss Parker as Sole Teacher. War appointment

20th August School closed for second term holiday. My relieving duties at this school terminate today. During my brief stay her I have received every consideration from the School Committee the people of the district A H Parker

6th September Mrs O'Callaghan Commenced duties as war appointee at Hastwell School

10th September School closed Holiday to celebrate the surrender of Italy

14th October The boracure treatment of the school residence was finished today

29th 30th September I was absent from school for two days on account of the serious illness of my small son. I had none in the house to care for him and had to take him to Masterton hospital on 30th

25th September School used as a polling booth

21st October Mrs O'Callaghan Sole Teacher present

25th October School closed for Labour Day

11th November Armistice Day After the "flag" ceremony was observed by the children a short talk was given about the first Armistice Day

12th November Today I terminated my appointment here. I had to ask the Board to release me from my appointment as I was unable to obtain a suitable housekeeper to care for my children and my little boy will be coming out of hospital soon. His Doctor told me he will need a lot of care for a long time

When I took over the school residence I found it very dirty. It had just had the earthquake repairs done. The workmen had camped in the house and left cement over the floors The stove was rusty on top and very rusty in the oven. The inspection box to the kitchen chimney leaks badly in wet weather still, and I am reporting this to the Education Board

I cleaned all the floors to the residence when I came her but the boracure workmen made them worse than before Their boracure mixture soaked up through all the floor cracks and left big stains. The mixture also attacked my congoleums and left sticky black marks on them

Notes for the Incoming teacher

- a) I could not find any recent scheme in the school
- b) The timetable on the wall was dated 1942
- c) No Geography or History have been taught this year until July
- d) The children have had no Nature Study records and said they hadn't had any nature Study. However there were Nature Study records in the work book, but they were far too simple for the Upper Standards
- e) The work had evidently been done as talks hence the children had not recognised them as Nature Study
- f) I could not find any "Board" circulars re this year's scheme in Nature Study, so I have been waiting for a visit from Mr. Brockett to talk to him about it

g) "Red Cross" knitting had been done by the pupils but no plain sewing

h) I have made a start with the neglected subjects and concentrated on the neglected work of the Standards

i) Composition has been neglected also, the pupils having less than one essay a month previous to my coming here

Re the calf club The school judging is to take place on December 3rd at 2 pm. Desmond Burt's calf is the only calf entered for the Tararua Calf Club competition

15th November E Fleming commenced duties as relieving Sole teacher her today

3rd December held a calf club day here today- 4 calf entries and 2 lambs

9th December 3 pupils took their calves in to Eketahuna for judging for the championships

17th December Xmas tree held for children

1944

1st February Mr. Douglas Graham Guthrie Commenced duties today as sole teacher on transfer from Waikawa Bay (Picton) Roll 19

7th February J F Bell inspector visited

Asked for supply of timber from Education Board. Timber received

14th February Withdrew David Morris Roll 18

15th February Wrote to Director Country Library Service applying for membership for Hastwell School

21st February Received reply from Country Library Service and replied giving necessary information expected to commence in

September 7th march Replied to Apple in Schools questionnaire as directed in Education Gazette of 1st March 1944

23rd March Received 1 case of school apples

Subject to the consent of the Education Board, Mr Utting's application to conduct bible lessons in the school be approved

1st May Mr Guthrie and 9 householders attended

A vote of thanks to Mr Caseley for 16 years of service to the District and school carried by acclamation

Mr Guthrie to apply for time to attend refresher course after the May Holiday

That a social committee be formed by the School Committee and their wives and Mr and Mrs Guthrie for the purpose of raising funds for school activities not covered by Wellington Education Board grants

That the committee refund Mr Guthrie £1-18-3 for purchase quick print duplicator to be used for school purposes

1st May received woodwork report from Wellington Education Board
Admitted Mana Potangaroa Roll now 19

5th May received a total of 9 cases of apples this term

School visited by Mr. Brown, Manual Training Instructor

29th May Recommenced duties after having spent one week's observation (Two days at Model Country Kelburn Normal and three days at Tuhitarata School)- permission to do so having been granted by Mr Stubbs Senior Inspector Wellington Education Board

During my absence Miss Gooch relieving teacher was present

School did not open at 9 am 22nd May as Miss Gooch had to travel to Hastwell from Wellington that morning. School commenced 1 pm 22nd May

2nd June Delivered B17 of James Adamson to Head teacher Mauriceville

Roll now 18 above boy having left at end of 1st week 2nd term

6th June Received from Wellington Education Board on loan 7 library books together with explanatory circular letter

12th June Admitted John and Donald Osborne. Readmitted David Morris Roll now 21 11 boys 10 girls

12th June Wrote to Head teacher Mauriceville West B17 for Osborne Boys

School visited by Dental Nurse Miss Burnett who examined all children

14th June Write to Wellington Education Board for permission to purchase a filmstrip projector amount up to £15 to be allowed for this purchase.

19th June Received B17 for John and Donald Osborne

23rd June Children this past week have been attending Dental Clinic in Eketahuna

23rd June Received in today's mail one map of the Pacific and two boxes of blocks

23rd June School closed on the 5th June for King's Birthday

6th July Readmitted James Adamson Roll now 22

Sent to Mauriceville East for B17

6th July Wrote to Wellington Education Board asking if the erecting of a swing in school grounds was in order- a parent (Mrs Wilton) wishing to give one to the school

7th July Received one map of the world (unbacked) from Education Board

17th July Admitted Jeanette Osborne

17th July To write to the Wellington Education Board for 150 2 year old macrocarpa trees for planting on Arbor Day

28th July Received letter from R N Wall Ltd advising that fifty macrocapas ordered by Wellington Education Board had been dispatched

31st July Macrocapas delivered today

8th August School visited by Mr. Maloney Agricultural Instructor

11th August Majority of macrocapas planted

18th August forwarded to Board return A5 for 2nd term

6th September Received filmstrip projector ex NZR (New Zealand Railways) from Visual Supplies, High St Auckland

6th September received reply from Wellington Education Board re donation of swing (See entry 6th July) Notified Mrs Wilton of Board's decision

14th September Received from Wellington Education Board a duplicate order for 1 rim lock and 2 fire dampers. Signed and posted it

4th September Received 3 packets of seeds from Wellington Education Board

20th September Received from A H Herbert Eketahuna the following, 6 garden trowels, 2 shovels, 1 pair hedge clippers, 1 grass catcher

21st September Received from Wellington Education Board one parcel containing 7 Standard 3 arithmetic Books, pair wooden scales, newsprint, infant material (wooden), handwork supplies

21st September Received from Nees Hardware Wellington One watering can

22nd September Posted eight entries for calf club competition to Mr. Lockhart DHS Eketahuna

9th October Withdrew the three Thompson children and Mana Potangaroa. Roll now 19, 10 boys and 9 girls

Received from Country Library Service that CLS to this school would commence 1st December 1944

Returned duplicate orders no 5352 and 3187- covering tank tray for school and tank for residence to Wellington Education Board

10th October Wrote to Wellington Education Board requesting authority to have lawnmower repaired and sharpened. To replace two badly worn taps in residence

23rd October That a workman be employed for a couple of days to clean up drive and cut grass

That 5/8 be forwarded to Country Library Service as levy for securing books.

24th October Posted (5 *shillings and 8 pennies*), 5/8 Hastwell School contribution to Country Library Service

School closed for Labour Day holiday 23rd October

26th October Received B18 for Thompson Children from Masterton West. Posted same

28th October Received reply from Wellington Education Board re fence of residence. Order enclosed for 3 lbs of staples

Received circular from Mr. Maloney re Calf Rearing entries, Lamb Rearing entries, garden projects

30th November Received replay and Order NO 5631 from Wellington Education Board re supply of two taps for residence

3rd November Wrote to Shell Oil Company Masterton making enquiries re preparation on stock line for oiling school floors

Received from New Zealand Railways from Nees hardware Wellington One pair of scales and two sets of weights for same- this is a purchase by the School Committee On Opening I found scales to

be broken Have written to above firm asking for replacement of scales

Wrote to Senior Inspector Wellington Education Board notifying him of Hastwell school Calf Club judging day set down for 1st December and of Group judging at Eketahuna on 7th December

16th November Received by New Zealand Railways from G W Wilton and Co Ltd Wellington the following. 2 ounces manganese dioxide. 1 Quart Methylated Spirits, ½ lb mercury, 1 rain gauge funnel, 1 maximum and minimum thermometer 1 Bulb Thermometer
23rd November Posted Postal Note for 7/4d to Wellington Education Board as 3rd term contribution to Otaki Health Camp Fund (7/7 less 3d postage). Received reply from Nees Hardware re broken scales which have to be returned. New set of scales received in place of damaged set

23rd November Replied to School Dental Nurse Eketahuna who asked for school roll number. 10 Boys 9 Girls

27th November Mr. J F Bell Inspector visited the school this afternoon

27th November Received receipt for 7/4 for Otaki Health Camp from Wellington Education Board

28th November Wrote to Wellington Education Board re science (weather) instruments ordered for order no 10361. The barometer was not included in equipment received on 16th November – This I reported to the Board enclosing Order.

29th November Returned to Wellington Education Board order for 50 batons

30th November Calf Club Competition judging at 1.30 p.m.

4th December Received notification from CLS that parcel of books had been forwarded

5th December telegraphed Senior Inspector Wellington Education Board notifying him that school to be closed 7th inst to enable children to participate in Calf Group Judging at Eketahuna

11th December Returned completed Annual Classification (Form B1) to Wellington Education Board

11th December Received memo re Timber supplies, Tools and Equipment from Wellington Education Board

14th December That we replace First Aid equipment to the cost of £1 That lawnmower be repaired and sharpened

15th December Completed following returns then posted to Wellington Education Board 2B, A5, 4, authority (December OA 1944) for replacement of low pressure tap for tank at school, and T Hinges and latch for gate at residence and Needlework

15th December Requested permission from Wellington Education Board to replace leaking low pressure taps in residence washhouse

Wrote to Director of Education to purchase filmstrips and enclosed a School Committee cheque for 10/- Filmstrips are Seeds and Seedlings, Harry Healthy and Sammy Sickly, The Toothbrush Way, Safe Cycling

15th December School closed for 3rd term Holidays after a successful party and Christmas Tree for the children

The following is an inventory of all school equipment bought

- i) By the retiring School Committee
- ii) By the School Committee elected 1st May from School Committee Funds
 - a) 1 Quickprint Duplicator
 - b) Reference and Library Books (£2-9-6)
 - a) 1 filmstrip projector with material to make a screen surround
 - b) 4 Filmstrips

- c) 1 pair scales and 2 sets of weights
- d) Quantity of timber with which to make a school step ladder
- e) Quantity (4 yards) of rexine with which to make journal covers
- f) Reference and library books (£8-0-0)

With funds raised locally the following tennis equipment was bought;
4 tennis racquets, 1 tennis net, 12 balls

1945

3rd February School Reopened . Roll 18, 10 boys and 8 girls

During Xmas vacation received two letters re removal of pine trees and residence taps from Wellington Education Board

Posted to Wellington Education Board Receipt from Mrs A Guthrie for sewing for 1944, library book list Authority for school residence taps, letter covering miscellaneous receipt for 3/8

Also received from Education Department the four filmstrips ordered 15th December

7th February Wrote to Officer in Charge of School broadcasts National Broadcasting Service for 1945 booklets

8th February Received from Wellington Education Board Order No 10037 covering Timber Supplies for 1945 woodwork

12th February Picked up timber from Mangamahoe Station and posted order to Wellington Education Board

13th February Received postal Note for 3/8d for miscellaneous expenditure 1944 from Wellington Education Board

14th February Posted receipt for 3/8 to Wellington Education Board
Wrote to Director of Forestry State Forest Service for a number of SFS publications

19th February Received notice from Country Library Service concerning roll number and a reminder that the 1945-46 levy due April 1st 1945

24th February Received inspection report from Wellington Education Board today

SFS publications (2 Only)

26th February 1 copy 1945 Broadcasting booklet today

6th March From Mr. G Maloney Agricultural Instructor copy of AG2 together with last year's AG2 plus covering letter

7th March Posted above forms also corn report to Mr. Maloney

6th March Took school inventories of science and agricultural equipment

9th March Received notification from Wellington Education Board re appointment of Mrs Guthrie as needlework instructress for 1945

12th March Received from Wellington Education Board Circular 1/1945 (page Missing)

4th April received from Wellington Education Board a parcel containing the following ; 4 standard 3 arithmetic books, 1 each of Conserve your soil, Vegetable growing in Garden

9th April Received 1 hamper from Country Library Service Palmerston North containing 20 library books. Received one case of apples from IMD

10th April Returned to CLS 1 hamper containing 20 books (last years) and two receipts covering both years

11th April Mr. Stubbs Senior Inspector Wellington Education Board visited this afternoon

17th April Received 2nd case of apples from IMD Hastings

23rd April received 3rd case of apples

28th April That we purchase 1 bag of coal and if it proves satisfactory authorise purchase at teachers discretion

That we purchase looms and wool to the value of £4-1-34

That we write to the board and ask for 5 chain of fence to protect young trees for shelter belt from cattle or sheep put to graze the school playing area.

30th April Posted 3 apple in schools returns to IMD Hastings

4th May School closed today- authority to close for the celebration of German Army surrender- Italy coming from 2YA broadcast received 12.30 p.m. 3rd May

21st May Reopened for 2nd term with roll of 18

28th May Posted to Mr. Maloney report on Corn Crop;

30th May Admitted Gloria and Dick Elliott. Roll now 20 , 11 boys 9 girls

1st June Wrote to head teacher Rongokokako for B17 of Elliott's

7th June Received B.17 for Elliott's

8th June Withdrew Janet and Julie Wilton Roll Now 18

1st June Mr. Beere Service officer of Wairarapa Automobile Association visited the school today. Two new "School" signs were erected. Two films were also shown at the hall to children and a number of parents

13th June Gloria and Dick Elliott withdrawn Roll now 16

13th June Sent B17's of Wilton Children to Rangitumau School and B 17's of Elliott children back to Rongokokako

Received by Royal Mail delivery 4 Norwegian looms, one of which had the hand tension bolt damaged

21st June Received circular from Wellington Education Board re tank cleaning

28th June Received by post 1 basketball (Completed with bladder and lace) and 6 rubber balls

29th June Received from G Walton and Company 1 porcelain crucible, 2 evaporating basins, 4 ounces iron filings, 1 dozen assorted corks, 1 deflagrating spoon with cover

2nd July Finished repairing wood shed

Took delivery of ½ ton of coal for school supply. Mr. Washer, contractor cleaned the residence and school water tanks this afternoon. 5 tanks in all

4th July Received Circular No 14/1945 re school fuel from Wellington Education Board

14th July Received from Wellington Education Board letter of authority to have residence drain dug in Ngatuere Property

16th July That we send a letter re consolidation to Wellington Education Board and Board members

9th August Received exchange CLS books of 20 books

10th August Returned to CLS Palmerston North 20 books in exchange for those library books received yesterday

Received 50 1 year old Cupressa macrocarpa trees from Wellington Education Board

13th August Received authority re stove repairs from Wellington Education Board

15th August On receipt of the news per medium of Radio Station 2YA an appropriate talk was given the children, the flag raised, then the children dismissed for the authorised 2 day holiday- celebration of peace

16th -17th School closed for victory celebration

3rd September School reopened for 3rd Term

Wrote to Wellington Education Board asking for provision of woodshed at Residence

Received circular re grading of schools for 1946. Calf club activities for 1945 etc

7th September Received 6 lb of grass seed for residence lawns and parcel of handwork material from Wellington Education Board

12th September Wrote to Education Board for supply of vegetable seeds for new plots

12th September Wrote to Wellington Education Board asking for further supply of grass seed for residence back lawn in addition to above 6 lbs

12th September Macrocarpa trees sent by Wellington Education Board have now all been planted

9th September Drain authorised by Wellington Education Board now completed

19th September Received from Wellington Education Board circular plus 2 accident report forms

22nd September Letter from Hastwell School Committee to Wellington Education Board included.

- a) The Hastwell roll appears to be steadily declining and a survey shows the roll will continue to drop,
- b) A large number of families have left the area in the last 10 years
- c) There appears to be no evidence whatsoever of any increase in number of families
- d) Farm buildings are being consolidated into larger buildings

e) The attached survey shows the estimate of the school's future till 1951

f) The School Committee makes application to your board for consolidation

Signed by all members of the School Committee

Note from Wellington Education Board on bottom That Com be informed in opinion of Board present time is not opportune for consolidation of schools as conveyance services are difficult to inaugurate owing to shortage of tyres and petrol

Survey Showed roll to be down to 13 by 1951

[That the Secretary write to the Board to have the school bell erected, the committee to supply the bell and Board to pay for the erection of it.](#)

24th September Received the following vegetable seeds from Wellington Education Board 3 packets each of carrots, silver and red beet, parsnips, leeks , cabbage, radish, broccoli, bean sprouts, and 7 lbs peas.

28th September Posted to Wellington Education Board the following, Grade of school for 1946 and receipt of Vegetable seed and grass seed

1st October Received from Wellington Education Board 1 quart of paint for residence, window sash cord, 5 each of window pulleys and catches

9th October 80 foot of field tiles and 3 yards of metal delivered today for drain across residence

15th October Received order no 7694 Storage Shed, ex army for school residence

16th October Received from Wellington Education Board 1 packet of maps, India, Australia, Canada

22nd October School closed for Labour Day

25th October Received ex Mangamahoe New Zealand Railways one 15 foot x 8 foot hut for school residence

5th November That the school bell be erected in the school grounds for about £2.00

That a thanks to Mrs Osborne for a donation of 5/- for lamb competition.

The Committee wish to place on record the deep regret on the passing on of Mr K Ngatuere a member of the School Committee

5th November Received from Wellington Education Board copy of a letter re consolidation sent to Mr. A Thorby chairman, Hastwell School Committee

9th November a letter from Enid Seymour The letter re amalgamation was a surprise to the community Four School Committee members attended the meeting and the vote was 3 to 1 The majority of settlers have no wish for the school to close Most of us are quite satisfied with what Mr Guthrie is trying to do.

9th November Received from Wellington Education Board requisition for Stationery for 1946

12th November Returned stationery requisition to Wellington Education Board

17th November Received order Nos 8968 and 8969 from Wellington Education Board covering purchase of necessities to finish residence wood shed

26th November Notified by letter Senior Inspector and Secretary Wellington Education Board that Hastwell School to be closed 13 December to enable the children to be present at the calf club judging- Eketahuna

29th November It is with regret that this entry is recorded: news that Mr. Kuni Ngatuere died today (12.20) P.M. at Masterton Public Hospital Mr. Ngatuere was a member of the Hastwell School Committee since May 1944 and was always a keen supporter of school activities and his death is a loss to the district as well as the school

30th November Received B17 of Tuki Hetaraka from Carterton DHS

30th November As requested by Wellington Education Board sent complete list of library books on loan to this school- 7 in all

3rd December Received notification from the CLS Palmerston North that the school is to receive further change of books

12th December Received 20 Library Books from CLS

13th December Returned 20 library books to CLS

15th December Received letter Re Mr. A Anker from Wellington Ed Board

Received filmstrip from Education Department Wellington

Received 1 parcel school stationery etc from Wellington Education Board

Held Picnic in School Grounds Today

20th December School closed for 3rd term Holidays

1946

4th February school reopened Roll 5 girls 10 Boys. Received order from Wellington Education Board for woodwork timber supplies for 1946

Enrolled Billie Carman, ex Friend's School Wanganui

5th February Wrote to Friend's School for Billie Carman's B17

7th February Received H-DH47 from school dental nurse Eketahuna Filled in and returned

Took delivery from A H Herberts and Co ltd Eketahuna 40 batons, 56 lbs No 8 Wire, 3 lbs staples, 1 roll (5 Yards) wire netting purchased by Wellington Education Board Order No 58645 for purpose of garden fence

The following B17s and B 20s not yet having been applied for I posted to the last school at which the children attended

Rex McArley (Left December 1943) Silverstream College

Althea Bray (Left December 1944) Correspondence School

Clarice Bray (Left December 1945) Eketahuna DHS

Charles Ngatuere (Left December 1945) Wairarapa College

12th February Received timber of woodwork from Wellington Education Board

13th February Notified Senior Inspector Wellington Education Board by Telegram that this school will closed on Wed 20th February for purpose of visiting Masterton Show. Posted back to Wellington Education Board Order No 10100 re woodwork timber

18th February Mr. A Anker Soldier Teacher arrived this morning

20th February School closed for purpose of visiting Masterton Show

22nd February School closed (On Wellington Education Board Authority) to allow teacher to attend NZEI meeting in Masterton

22nd February Received list of dental appointments for Hastwell School children from School Dental Nurse Eketahuna

On phone authority from Mr. Drummond Wellington Education Board I purchased 69 batons(*Batterns*) and 4 lb staples from Wairarapa Seed Company Masterton with which to repair residence fence

Took delivery from Daniell and Co 70 feet of heart timber 24 3 inch x ¾ inch bolts and washers and 1 gate latch

23rd February Took delivery of 1 cwt pugged clay ex Hume Pipe Co Ltd per Mr. Edmonds

25th February District Nurse visited school today

26th February Returned to Wellington Education Board the following orders Numbers 8066, 8067, 8068, 8644. 8645- All covering materials necessary for school fence

26th February Received notification that levy for 1946 is due Also notification that Hastwell School will be on free distribution list from 1st December 1946

28th February Mr. A Anker soldier-teacher ceased observation duties at Hastwell School today

5th March Returned CLS questionnaire re roll number

28th March Sent cheque to CLS Wellington for Hastwell School Subscription for year 1946 (1/4d and 6d exchange)

Mr. Ken Larsen came in this afternoon with the grader and levelled out the remaining rough portion of the grounds

29th March Renewed subscription to Agricultural Journal

1st April Received confirmation of Mrs Guthrie's appointment as Needlework instructress for 1946 from Wellington Education Board

5th April Mr. Bringans Inspector Wellington Education Board visited the school this morning

10th April Posted Postal Note for 3/- to Student's Digest covering further subscription for 1 magazine

10th April Received by post from Wellington Education Board the following" Specimen weather chart, a song, Infectious disease notification forms and three circulars

26th April School closed for Anzac Day 25th April

30th April To write to the board for 3 gallon of benzine for the purpose of taking the school children to Eketahuna swimming baths to gain their certificates.

Madam Seymour elected to School Committee

1st May Biennial Householders meeting held in school last evening. Nine householders attended New School Committee Chairman Mr. A G Thorby (Re-elected) Mr. P G Burt Secretary (re-elected) Mrs E M Seymour, Mr. W F Bray, Mr. L H Morris

2nd May After election of new committee the School Committee wish the school to remain open

3rd May Wrote to Wellington Education Board asking for extension of house drain and paint for residence woodshed

8th May Gave demonstration of weaving to Women's Institute this afternoon

27th May School recommenced. Admitted 3 children making roll 20 13 boys, 7 girls

Sent B18 to Mauriceville West school for Alma, Eileen and Albert Terry

Received orders covering the following science equipment; a barometer tube, 1 Fahrenheit wall thermometer, 1 spade (large, 2 spades (small), 1 fork, 2 rakes, 2 hoes, 2 trowels, 2 pairs grass shears, 1 pair secateurs, 1 scythe stone and 1 garden line

29th May enrolled Ian McKenzie and sent to Ngaturi School for his B18. Roll now 21

3rd June School closed for King's birthday

4th June Lent my scheme to Mr. D J Robinson, Head Teacher Motuti School Kohukohu to be returned in approximately four or five months

Wrote to Wellington Education Board asking for half roll of ¾ inch wire netting for covering of seed beds

Wrote to Wellington Education Board requesting a monthly salary deduction to cover Income Tax

5th June Received per rail from Wellington Education Board 2 rakes, 2 hoes, 2 trowels

5th June District nurse visited in afternoon

17th June Sent amended roll to Editor School journals

26th June Received circular letter from Wellington Education Board re Non Notification of infectious diseases

26th June Received notification from Principal Wellington Training College that four soldier teachers to observe here on 5th July

2nd July Received authority from Wellington Education Board to have house drain extended

4th July Received telegram stating that soldier teachers would not be visiting school tomorrow

19th July Received by post from Messrs Briscoe Mills Co the following garden material 2 pairs grass shears, 1 pair secateurs, 1 scythe stone, 1 garden line

20th July Received word that two Soldier Teachers are to observe here on Friday 2nd August

26th July Posted H1d. 63 for week ending 16th July. In future these returns will be posted every Friday; and no further note will be recorded with regard to this despatch

1st August Received notice of impending book exchange from CLS Palmerston north

Wrote to Education Department Wellington enclosed a Hastwell School Committee cheque to pay for a new projector lamp to replace one recently burnt out

2nd August Received hamper of 20 books from CLS Palmerston North

7th August Messrs Geddis, Black and Patterson Soldier Teachers visited the school on the 2nd

7th August Dispatched CLS hamper to CLS Palmerston North by RMD (*Rural Mail Delivery*)

8th August Wrote to Wellington Education Board requesting reimbursement of Mr. Edmond's account which I have paid

Ian Mackenzie (enrolled 29th May) left today Roll Now 20, 13 boys

Received 3/3 from Wellington Education Board See 8th August

Posted receipt back to WEB

21st August To write to the Board for 6 yards of lime-metal to build up the road between the school and teachers car shed.

That we write to the board re damaged car in connection with the working bee held at the school on the 17th August for the purposes of trimming hedges, clearing paths, clearing school playing area by parents of the district

7th September School reopened for third term Marion Wright and Elmo Cheetham enrolled. Roll 22

Received parcel of weaving yarn from Education Department

13th September Posted B 17 for Ian Mackenzie to Whakatane DHS

18th September Received two parcels of handwork material from Wellington Education Board

19th September Checked material with packing slip, signed slip and posted it to Wellington Education Board

20th September Struck Ron Terry off roll- he is to attend Mauriceville East for approximately a month whilst staying with his grandparents Roll 21

27th September Checked and signed application for conveyance (Form H-3) for Marion Wright and Elmo Cheetham then posted to Wellington Education Board

2nd October Received from Wellington Education Board notification re payment of conveyance allowance of M Wright and E Cheetham

11th October In response to a Masterton District Appeal the children of this school decided to make soap to send as their contribution Accordingly 55 lbs was made to send to Masterton today

14th October Received a letter and order re wall papering of school residence from Wellington Education Board

16th October Received notification from Wellington Training College to expect three soldier Teachers next Thursday

21st October A very heavy fall of snow during the night and early morning resulting in a poor attendance 13 out of 22 being present

21st October Received from Wellington Education Board 9 library books on loan

1st November Posted to Wellington Education Board Order no 2815 covering purchase of tree seeds for forestry blocks

School closed on 28th October labour Day

4th November Received from Wellington Education Board another three library books

5th November Received 1 gallon of creosote and ½ a roll of netting to make a 48 foot x 8 foot x 1 foot frame for nursery

Sent to Secretary Barnardos Helpers League £1-5-5 the amount of the collection

6th November Completed forestry frame planted 12 ounces Macrocarpa seeds and 6 ounces Pinus Radiata

8th November A new stove is to be installed in the residence in 2-14 weeks

13th November Various works about the school residence completed today. Drain extended 70 feet. Stove temporarily repaired, roof leaks attended to

The authority for drains extension posted to D Scott plumber Eketahuna- this to be attached to his account with the Education Board

14th November Posted following to Wellington Education Board Stationery requisitions, library inventory, Order (Roof Repairs, stove repairs, 20 feet of field tiles; hot plate for stove, cement for path extension

Received order for new stove at Residence together with official notification of purchase of new stove for residence

19th November Three soldier teachers visited the school today

25th November papering of residence completed

27th November School closed School used a s booth in General Election

28th November That the teacher purchase a clock for the sum of 10/- That we make a charge of 10/6 for use of school lights- cleaning in connection with the general elections.

2nd December 6 books for library form Wellington Education Board

3rd December Calf Club judging held at school this afternoon

5th December School closed today Group calf club judging at Eketahuna

4th December Wrote to Wellington Education Board pointing out fire risk attached to residence range register as pointed out by D Scott plumber Eketahuna

9th December Received hamper of 20 CLS books- December exchange

10th December Posted completed woodwork tools inventory to Wellington Education Board

19th December School closed for Christmas Vacation Today

1947

3rd February School reopened Received during holidays stationery requisitions

3rd February Posted B17s of Joy Seymour and Billie Carmen to Wairarapa College and that of Ron Terry to Correspondence School Wellington

20 on Roll

Enrolled Billie Udy included in above total

6th February Received 4 more library books from Wellington Education Board

12th February That the Head teacher be authorised to ring the board re arrangements for swimming instruction and cartage of the school children to Eketahuna

13th February Wrote to Student's Digest cancelling subscription

14th February Posted Mrs Guthrie's receipt for sewing allowance to Wellington Education Board

14th February Received notification of railing of wood ex Wellington Education Board

17th February Received parcel of 8 library books from Wellington Education Board

18th February Wrote to Wellington Education Board cancelling applications logged with them – housing difficulties

24th February Received reply from Wellington Education Board re appointment to Gracefield

27th February Posted swimming return to Wellington Education Board

3rd March Received 6 copies each of Careers for Boys and Careers for Girls

4th March Received supply of woodwork timber from Wellington Education Board

Wrote to Wellington Education Board asking for 25 3 year old Lawsoniana for replacement and extension of the hedge

Enrolled Bill Griggs Roll Now 21 Wrote to Masterton Central asking for his B17

17th March Wrote to Wellington Education Board asking for weaving yarn

22nd March Notified IMD Wellington of increased roll number

9th April Graeme Osborne admitted Making roll of 22. Boys 14 Girls 8

10th April Grader finally finished 1) Stumping of old pine roots and levelling of ground the stumps were in. 2) Stumping of cabbage trees lining driveway and levelling of ground thereof

10th April Received order for 25 Lawsoniana trees for July delivery

14th April Received School journals today- March Journals

15th April Received two library books Ex Wellington Education Board . As yet the school has not received the Gazette published on the 1st April

17th April Sowed down stumped area in grass

24th April Side lawn completed today; flagpole resited and re erected; lawn sown down

This completes a terms activities in which the children did the major part:

- a) Arranging for country grader to stump the cabbage trees lining the drive. Then to stump the old pine roots on the North West Boundary fence, then to roughly grade the side lawns
- b) Take down then re-erect the flagpole
- c) Cart soil etc and lay out the stumped NW area then sow it down in grass
- d) Level lawns between lavatories at school then sow then
- e) Re level cart soil etc for the side lawn then sow
- f) Straighten drive and cart away trees after grader had left
- g) Fill in drain between playshed and tennis court

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

2nd May Mr. Warham P T Instructor visited the school this morning. He left a scheme of work for Phys Ed

5th May Received Wellington Education Board order re Paint and Window Cord

7th May That we write to the board for a lawnmower for school use

That we pay 2 shillings and a halfpenny for cleaning

That we write to the Board re milk in school supply

That the head teacher purchase a football for the school

9th May School closed for Term Holidays

26th May Received notification that Mrs Guthrie had been appointed needlework instructress for 1947 from Wellington Education Board
28th May School closed today used as polling booth for Masterton Licensing Poll

3rd June School closed today King's Birthday

24th June Received from Wellington Education Board Per Mr. Stubbs Senior Inspector 2 library books. Mr. Stubbs visited today

7th July Received 25 Lawsoniana trees ex the Gregoris Pahiatua

22nd July Received three bundles of hedge plants *escallonia exonriensis* Ex Messers R N Wall Wellington

22nd July Enrolled Keith, Ruth and Lindsay Roach- Ex Eketahuna DHS Roll 26

28th July Received 8 library books from Wellington Education Board

29th July Received notification from CLS re half yearly change of CLS books

28th July Residence stove installed today

4th August Enrolled John Guthrie. Boys 17 Girls 10

8th August Received 1 copy of Form 2 arithmetic answer book. Sent Postal Note for 11/- to Wellington Education Board re contribution towards Health Camp

11th August Received Wellington Education Board circular re Calf Club activities

11th August That a lawn mower be purchased by the teacher
That we write to the Secretary of the primary school (*Rugby Union*) section thanking them for the donation of a football (Bush or Wairarapa?)

13th September Cyclostyled then sent out the following notice to residents of Hastwell

HASTWELL SCHOOL DIAMOND JUBILEE

On 16th May 1888 the Hastwell School was opened and it is proposed to celebrate the school's 60th birthday next year
The School Committee therefore invite you to attend a public meeting at 8 pm Wednesday 20th August in the school to plan celebration activities and to appoint a Jubilee Committee to put them into effect

21st August A very good response to the above notice was had- 24 people attending the meeting Arrangements are now in hand to go forward with this celebration

22nd August posted National Library Service Receipt to Palmerston North

8th September School reopened for 3rd Term. Enrolled Julie and Diana Halberg. Wrote to Boulcott School for Halberg Children's cards

Received cheque from Wellington Education Board for £1-3-0 (Covering miscellaneous receipts for expenditure on residence and school) . Posted receipt back for same

Des Burt withdrawn

10th September Mr. J Coradine rang to say that Olive must convalesce for another month following serious operation- this on Dr Cook's orders

16th September Received from Wellington Education Board stationery requisition for 1948, filled it in then posted back to Wellington Education Board

20th September Completed painting residence of kitchen so sent orders to Wellington Education Board

Also enclosed letter from Secretary of School Committee asking Wellington Education Board for supply of metal for school drive

23rd September Received order for one load of boulders for school drive and order for 1lb of pine and ½ lb of macrocarpa seed

14th September Wrote to Education Department suggesting that the delivery address of the Gazette be changed from Hastwell Wairarapa to Hastwell Eketahuna to eliminate the constant delay in delivery.

15th September The School Committee bought a new Qualcast English 14 inch lawnmower from WFCA Eketahuna

30th September Lent three Norwegian looms,, plus wool and to Mr. R Lockhart Headmaster Eketahuna DHS for purpose of School Committee preview. To be returned in approximately a fortnight. Scarves will be borrowed and sent up as samples of work done.

Received from WFCA grass seed for drive

3rd October Posted orders for Boulders for drive, Delivery of lime for the drive, crushed lime for the drive. Also grading of school for 1948

9th October In view of the non supply of forms and a notice in the latest national Education the return of weekly forms has been discontinued at this school

15th October Nurse O'Brien District Nurse Eketahuna visited school this afternoon and examined all pupils

The school drive finally completed, the lawns being sown today

28th October Received from Wellington Education Board notification that this school will remain a Grade 2 for 1948

10th November That Mr Larsen be paid for carting of spoil to the school

That Mr Guthrie's resignation be accepted with regret.

11th November My resignation from this school was read at School Committee meeting last evening

Posted cheque for £1-13-3 Dr Barnardo's League being amount of 1947 collections Also returned 3 boxes from those who have resigned

Received B17 of Julie and Diana Halberg

14th November Pupils today made a further 75 lbs of household soap (From materials bought from their Red Cross Funds) as a contribution towards aid for Britain (When shipped this should have shrunk to approximately ½ a cwt (Hundredweight))

19th November School was closed as school need as a polling booth for Mauriceville Election

20th November Pupils today honoured the flag and sang National Anthem- the occasion being the Royal marriages

23rd November Received word that school is to be closed on 11th December the purpose being the Masterton Licensing Trust elections This will be the third day this year the school has been used as a polling booth

26th November Received looms from Mr. Lockhart. Scarves and wool to be returned later

28th November Calf Club Judging 8 calves, 5 lambs

28th November Physical Education Instructor visited school yesterday to show How to Swim Films Also demonstrated sports equipment

30th November National Stations broadcast information re closing of primary and post primary schools because of poliomyelitis epidemic precautions

1st December School closed as instructed by radio

A few children attended just to collect their personal property

Commenced preparation of inventories etc prior to leaving this school

2nd December Checked science, garden tools and woodwork tools. Also Wellington Education Board library Books

Mr. Lockhart Headmaster DHS Eketahuna advised me by phone that I was to attend a teachers refresher course at Eketahuna DHS this week and next

Arranged transport with Mr. T Anker, Teacher Kaipororo

3rd December Received notification from CLS Palmerston North of postponement of delivery of library books

Ordered the 1948 issue of the New Zealand Journal of Agriculture

Mr. Wallis Head teacher Mauriceville East advised me that I was expected to attend a teacher refresher course at Mauriceville East this week and next

In view of the possible confusion I rang Mr. Stubbs Senior Inspector Wellington Education Board and obtained permission to attend course at Eketahuna

Advised Mr. Wallis accordingly

4th December attended refresher course at Eketahuna

8th December Completed and returned forms. Attended Eketahuna DHS

10th December Today I am deputy returning officer at School which is being used as a polling booth for the election of Masterton Licensing Trust Members

12th December Mr. Thorby Chairman of the School Committee came to school today t

o check inventory of tools etc. Passed over to Mr. Thorby £2-16-6 being balance of Junior Red Cross Funds. This balance to be given to incoming teacher

With regret I concluded my duties as Sole Teacher today D Guthrie

1948

15th January Geoffrey Lyttleton East arrived at Hastwell to prepare for school year My appointment begins 1st February

February While waiting for correspondence work to arrive a number of children tackled lesson assignments published in the Wairarapa Times Age with good results

Received and distributed booklets for the various classes as they came to hand together with stationery from supplies in the school

Visited nearly all the children in their own homes and saw them at work I should like to commend the spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers

Letter to Mrs Enid M Seymour Re Jubilee

The school was opened in a house by Mr C C Hubbard lent by Mr J Anderson on July 16th 1888

Eleven boys and 9 girls attended

Possible First Day pupils

Alfred Suter. Charles Isackson, Charles and Alfred Larsen, Neils Adolf and August Oli Olsen, Johannes August Anderson, Fred Moorcock, William Seymour, Joseph August Swenson

Ellen and Laura Isaksen, Christina Anderson, Bertha Swenson Fanny and Emma Suter Lizzie Askew, Jeannie Larson

Other possibilities Charles Seymour and George Moorcock

Annie Olsen and Emma Moorcock

1st March School reopened today 1 new pupil Betty Terry aged 5.6

Roll 21 Present 21

Was going to use strip projector today but new lamp fused as soon as current was switched on Wrote to W B Harris about it, returned burnt out lamp for examination and opinion

2 Cricket bats which have just been broken in, failed to survive one day's moderate handling. One is badly split from the bottom in 2 places. The other in two separate pieces. Mr. Morris (Committeeman) says he will return then to supplier with view to replacement

10th March This evening I attended a School Committee meeting followed by social Committee meeting. Agreed to hold annual picnic on 20th March. Teacher to arrange children's activities

10th March That we can pay a grant out of our general fund the annual fee for the schoolhouse telephone

That we have a light put in the school porch

12th March A rubbish fire in an old oil drum threatened to spread in the surrounding grass, but was controlled with the stirrup pump

15th March The first solid rainfall for many weeks prevented a sports outing today

I had arranged a visit to Kaiparoro School for a tennis tournament at 1 pm followed by a mutual demonstration of team games

16th March Mr. E W Evans Agricultural Instructor visited school in the afternoon

20th March Annual Picnic in the school grounds. A successful day

22nd March Received copy of AA Safety Song

23rd March Posted back to W B Harris 2 projector Lamps both unsuitable for this machine, pus explanatory letter

31st March Advice from Station Master Eketahuna that bundle of timber for school, woodwork had arrived there some weeks ago. I had expected it to be delivered to Mangamahoe. Collected same and forwarded note to Board

9th April Advised today that Terry's will be going to Alfredton in a week's time. This school will lose 5 pupils

Mr. Thorby has erected a new gate to the horse paddock

16th April Just before 3 pm the pupils held a small formal farewell and presentation which they had organised themselves for the Terry's 19th April Forwarded cards to Alfredton for Terry's and Height and weight charts

3rd May Mr. Stubbs Senior Inspector visited the school

24th may Reopened for 2nd term. Roll 16

On 22nd and 23rd May 1948 the Diamond Jubilee of the school was suitably celebrated

Functions at the school included a Roll Call by Decades, by past teachers and the unveiling of a roll of honour (bearing names of past pupils who were servicemen in the 1914-18 or 1939- 45 World Wars by Mr. White ex teacher Major 1st NZEF

3rd June admitted Audrey and Allan Warnock ex Mangamutu School Roll 18

7th June School closed Official celebration of King's Birthday

8th June Admitted Graham Pearson

21st June Admitted Anne Ngatuere Roll 20

2nd July Have completed most of midterm survey

7th July Pupils commenced check up at Dental clinic Appointments will affect attendance probably to 23rd July

Today District Nurse made routine examination of all children present She was here at 9.45 till 11.45 routine work considerably disorganised

In the afternoon a trip by Seniors with Kaiparoro to combine at Rongokokako with Nireaha for football and basketball

9th July Mr. J Warham Phys Ed visited us and demonstrated uses of Swedish Bench. He took a complete lesson with the whole school, which I appreciated

15th July Received from Mr. Warham a set of notes re use of Swedish Bench

12th July Admitted Ronald Smart Roll 21

2nd August The first day of full attendance for many weeks. Variants of the common cold have been the chief cause of absence. Received notification from CLS Palmerston North of pending arrival of hamper of books

20th August Mr Cheetham be dental clinic representative

That a No 1 wireless set be purchased

Mr East gave account of school work for the 1st half of the year

4th – 5th October Attended refresher in art and craft Eketahuna

7th October Admitted Melvyn Bray aged 5. Roll 22

8th October Applied for leave of absence Had to close school to take Mrs East to Hospital Masterton

25th October Labour Day

9th November 11 am Barnardo's Organiser 1.00 Miss Lawrie Infant Adviser, 1.30 District Nurse

Miss Lawrie left material for reading and Number scheme

16th November Re calf and lamb day That Mr Mortesen be judge

That prizes be given to competitors 1st and 2nd for type, care and handling and lambs

Mr Thorby donated 1st and 2nd prizes for essay titled "My Visit to the Circus" Mr East to judge same

That a net for tennis court, ½ dozen tennis balls and ½ gallon of marking painted be purchased and Mr Neilson be approached in regarding repairs to court

Tennis court to be opened to public membership 10/- a season

3rd December The Boy's and Girl's Agricultural Club held a very Successful parents day and Calf Judging competition. A feature was the display of work. The 7 calves and 2 pet lambs were judged by Mr. H Mortensen, Mauriceville West who complimented the children on their work. Mr. Osborne Chairman of the School Committee also spoke. Lila Larsen, Club Leader, replied on behalf of the school The children then served afternoon tea

9th December Group calf day at Eketahuna. Committee granted a holiday and most of the pupils were able to be present. I was steard. The school group gained a place for leading

17th December The school year was brought to a close with a Christmas tree and children's party in the hall in the evening.

Primary school certificates were presented to Verona? Bray, Lila Larsen, Mahie Ngatuere and Edward Seymour. All of whom are proceeding to Wairarapa College. After the arrival of Father Christmas the children sang two groups of unaccompanied carols End of term and end of year returns completed and forwarded to Wellington Education Board

Just before the close of the school year we received delivery of a school radio, purchased by the School Committee with a special donation from the social fund

1949

1st February Roll 18 One new entrant Norman Coradine

Received notice re revival of Bush Primary School sports. We shall enter in all events

14th February Marion Wright returned. She was away from home when her father became a polio case and Marion was kept away for another fortnight

18th February The Board granted me leave to attend Education Day at Pahiatua. A new departure in NZEI annual meetings, with a forum open to public. It was a very interesting experience

25th February Committee's day for Annual School Picnic. Plans to hold it in a bush reserve at the river had to be abandoned at the last minute following wet weather. Gathering held in school grounds and day spent in Children's races etc as in former years In evening social gathering at the hall. With various competitions whole day practically paid for itself

4th March Board granted a holiday for Bush Primary School Sports. All who attended were marked present on roll. Hastwell gained 2 points

9th March School was closed for Gaming and Licensing poll- I was deputy returning officer

10th March Received forms for Annual Classification Return and Probable Destination Completed and posted same

16th March received Probable Destination Maori pupils only and employment of Maoris leaving school. Returned first completed and advised nil return for second

19th March Received 2nd batch of Social Study wall pictures, and collected handwork materials from Railway

Received Inspection report of 5.11.48

24th March Inspector Horsfall of the Transport Department, 2-3 Safety Lecture and films

6th April Norman Coradine is a patient in Masterton Hospital for observation and xray. For some time he has had a gastric disturbance

15th April On Easter Monday 7 boys took part in a football tournament at Nireaha

22nd April Children were given a brief explanation of Anzac Day in addition to radio talk heard yesterday

25th April Anzac Day

23rd May Second Term commenced, Roll 18, Present 16

1st June Maurice Ngaturi Form 1 enters hospital today for tonsillectomy He will probably be absent for 3 weeks. Inspector Mr. McClure this AM

On 4th June boys from this school took part in annual 7aside rugby at Pahiatua

20th June Maurice Ngatuere returned to school today

27th June 2 Boys from this school have been selected as possible for rugby rep trials

5th July Meeting held at Secretary's residence at 9 a.m.

A complaint had been received from Mrs Warnock and Mrs Halberg. That owing to seriousness of complaint the Secretary ring and speak to the local board member. Mr Tredray and ask him to attend meeting.

Board Member absent. Couldn't contact Board Secretary . The question was should Mr East be suspended. Moved that Secretary write a copy of the complaint received and hand to teacher accompanied by chairman before lunch hour and asking him to reply by 1 p.m. Thursday.

That if Mr East stated there was reason for complaint he should be immediately suspended.

6th July As the fifth member had signed the complaint he had not asked her to attend.

As Mr East had stated there was reason for the complaint he had suspended the teacher Mr East.

That Mr East be asked to meet the committee at once.

The chairman then read Mr East's reply and asked he could explain further his actions. Mr East replied that he was sorry that the School Committee should have to deal with such a matter and all that he could say was the he meant no harm'

That the parent's Complaint Mr East's reply and the Committee report be sent to the board and the Board be asked to investigate the case at once.

The chairman stated no further action could take place until word was received from the Board.

19th August Ceased duty here G L East

Geoffrey Lyttleton East

1935 New Plymouth . Storeman

1938 Ruahotu Teacher

1946 Marton Teacher

1949 Ohuriu Teacher

1949 Hastwell Teacher

1949 Deep Creek Marlborough Teacher'

1954 Fitzroy Taranaki Labourer

8th September P B Boake Commenced relieving duties here

26th September All other business was left until the arrival of the new teacher.

25th October Mr. McClure school inspector paid a visit here

1st November Audrey and Allan Warnock and David Norris away sick. There appears to be a germ going around. Norman Coradine is also absent

25th November The Boys and Girls Agricultural Club held a successful Calf and Lamb rearing contest Mr. H Mortison judges the calves and lambs while Misses Fredrickson and Heckler judged the indoor competitions There were 8 calf entries and 3 lamb. After afternoon tea was served by the children prizes were presented

30th November School closed for General Elections

1st December School closed Eketahuna Group judging of Boys and Girls Agricultural Clubs. School gained third place in Group Dairy Type Judging

2nd December Commenced end of year survey in Standard classes

8th December Survey completed

16th December Ceased relieving duties here. All returns completed and returned to Wellington Education Board Primary School certificates awarded to three children Julie Halberg, Audrey Warnock and Donald Osborne.

Paul Barcroft Boake

1950

1st February K H Bruce Commenced duties in this school. Roll 15 plus John Seymour entered in Infant Department Norman Coradine taken home by me at lunchtime after he had been sick

Water tanks are dirty- the water tastes brackish

6th February Entered Ngaire Udy in infant Department . Dinah Halberg absent for medical treatment. School closed early for teacher to attend teacher's meeting at Mauriceville School to prepare for children's exhibit in Garden Circle Show

14th February School closed while I attended a group discussion conducted by Mr. Stubbs (Inspector) held in Masterton

The tanks have been cleaned are now in use again

16th February That a light be placed outside

21st February School closed for Education Day held in Eketahuna. This consisted of NZEI Annual Meeting and Forum

27th February Sent Melvyn Bray home as he was complaining of stomach pains. John Seymour will be absent for a week due to ear trouble

3rd March School picnic held at Masterton Park

1st March Visited Eketahuna Baths to give swimmers a chance to earn certificates

Maurice Ngatuere 100 yards, David Morris 50 yards, Josie Quinn and Cedric Burt 25 yards

10th March School participated in the Bush District School Sports held in the Eketahuna Domain

21st March A day of physical education was held in the school in conjunction with Mauriceville and Mauriceville West School. There were tabloid athletics in the morning and minor games in the afternoon the meeting was most successful- popular- and should be forerunner of future similar gatherings

29th March In the afternoon school visited the road bridge construction works on the Ruamahunga River. This was the introduction to a project. Standard 6 to write a newspaper report for the Times Age. And Standard 3-4 children write a letter to another school telling about the visit

26th April Visit from Mr. Barnett agricultural instructor. Recommendations made regarding crop rotation

28th April Standard classes visited Rongokokako for rugby and basketball practices

1st May Enrolled Lionel John Sigverson, new entrant from Rongokokako

2nd June Mr Bruce in attendance, could buy 6 records for music instruction.

Discussion re football clothes etc held over.

5th June School closed for King's Birthday Observance

Boys took part in 7 aside football tournament

15th June Visit by Mr. Des Hilary Phys Education Instructor. Left two new basketballs

30th June Visit by Miss Baird, District Nurse to check over all the children prior to Doctor's visit

3rd July Enrolled Laurie Lyons (Standard 2) from Randwick School

25th July School visited Mr. Elwin Welch's Farm at Mt Bruce for the purpose of seeing aviaries

6th September Enrolled Tangi Reuben from Culverden School

12th September That teacher make arrangements to take children to Wellington

15th September School visited Mauriceville School for combined football match with Mauriceville West School against Mauriceville. Also basketball matches played

10th October Inspector Horsfall visited school for traffic instruction

10th October Mr Bruce stated that arrangements to take children to Wellington were complete.

1951

5th February School reopened with 13 pupils. There were no new entrants

22nd- 23rd February Education Days held by the Pahiatua NZEI at Pahiatua School

27th February Combined field day held with Mauriceville and Mauriceville West School

28th February Dr McKinsty school doctor visited the school for examination of all pupils in presence of parents if desired

7th March Miss Noakes, Junior Red Cross Organiser addressed the school

14th March School picnic held at Masterton Park

16th March School attended Bush Sports at Pahiatua

4th April School attended Scott of the Antarctic at Eketahuna Public Hall

6th April School closed. Teacher granted leave of absence to visit Wellington

16th April Mr. Len Sissons Phys Ed Specialist visited the school. Took Lesson

21st May School reopened for second term. Entered Keri Rangi (Standard 2) from Motueka School

4th June King's Birthday

2nd June That 5/- subscription to Bush Sports association be paid.

To write to board re Motor Mower

17th June School visited Eketahuna for rugby and basketball

2nd- 6th June (*Order as in log*) Held Midyear survey Standard 1 Form 1

6th June Keri Rangi withdrawn from school Returned to Motueka

17th July That Committee purchase a Morrison Motor Mower

That Mr Bruce purchase dictionary

18th July School visited Eketahuna School for Rugby and Basketball

24th September Visit by Mr. Woodleigh (*Woodley*) Inspector of Schools

24th October Mr. Harbutt POSB addressed children re opening school savings bank

25th October School Savings Bank opened with thirteen subscribers

28th November Mr. Sissons Phys Ed Specialist visited school showed swimming film

16th November School closed teacher had leave of absence

26th- 29th November End of year survey

30th November Agricultural Club Day Also visit from Mr. Barnett Agricultural Instructor

6th December School visited Eketahuna for Calf and Lamb Judging

1952

4th February School Reopened with thirteen pupils Billie and Ngaire Udy having left. Two new entrants Barbara Coradine and Ray Seymour and one pupil returned to Standard 6, Josie Quinn

7th February The school was closed for the day owing to the death of H M King George VI

8th February That an annual picnic be held

11th February Attended the reading of the Proclamation of HM Queen Elizabeth II at Mauriceville School

29th February School closed for Education Day Annual Meeting of Pahiatua Bush NZEI

7th March School picnic at Masterton Park

14th March Bush Primary School Sports held annual school sports which the school attended

4th April School closed for teacher's meeting with inspectors at Eketahuna
 22nd April Visits by Mr. Barnett agricultural specialists and Mr. Sissons and Mr Hillary Physical Specialist
 25th April Anzac Day
 26th May Reopened 13 pupils
 29th may Attended screening of Royal Journey at the Regent Theatre Masterton
 2nd June Queen's Birthday Observance
 5th July Entered Keren Suter in Primers
 18th July that a ¼ ton of coke be purchased
 That Mr Bruce obtain Oxo for children
 That Mr Thorby be thanked for his time in lecturing children on Native Trees.
 8th September 15 pupils
 11th September That Mr Bruce be paid the sum of £10 for cutting hedge
 19th September F Woodley visited
 15th December Closed school for summer vacation

1953

2nd February School reopened Roll 11 Josie Quinn, Jeanette Osborne and Allan Warnock left for Wairarapa College. John and Ray Seymour absent as whooping cough contacts
 5th February visit from District Nurse who did eye checks for whole school and examined Norman, Keren and Barbara
 11th February School closed for afternoon due to funeral of Mr. Coradine, father of Clive, Norman and Barbara

17th February School picnic at Masterton
 19th February Visited the baths for purposes of testing swimming distances The following people were successful Anne Ngatuere and Elmo Cheetham 50 yards, Bob Osborne 25 yards, Norman Coradine 15 yards
 18th February School Doctor and district nurse attended for pre-school clinic
 26th 27th February School closed for NZEI Education Days at Eketahuna
 27th February Concluded my duties as Sole Teacher All records keys etc handed over to Mr. Osborne, Chairman. K H Bruce (Kenneth Henry?)
 26th February Special meeting of householders.
 A telegram was received from Wellington Education Board stating that no teacher was available and that one would be found locally if possible.
 Mr Bruce said that he had heard that Mrs Kain of Mauriceville was interested and he had spoken to another teacher who might be interested
 Moved that the chairman approach Mrs Kain and after that Mrs Randall and Mrs Carter.
 2nd March F Kane commenced relieving duties Roll 11, 8 Boys and 3 girls
 9th March At the Mauriceville Gardening Circle Annual Show on Saturday several places were received by Hastwell Children Three children gained places in the writing and two in art section
 13th March School participated in Bush Country Schools Sports at Pahiatua. The children were successful in three of the finals. Total number of points for day was 16

2nd April Concluded relieving duties F M Kane

8th April K Potts? Commenced relieving duties Roll 11

16th April That 2 dozen Queen Elizabeth 2 coronation badges at 10/6d per dozen and that each be presented at a later date with a coronation book

That the Secretary write thanking Mauriceville County Council who helped with finance of coronation medals

Mrs D Seymour and Mrs Cheetham moved that the school children be taken to various factories in Masterton. The teacher to make arrangements

7th May Visited Hansells laboratories and Cunningham's Refrigeration Manufacturers at Masterton

8th May Concluded my relieving duties

25th May M A Jobbins (Mavis Agnes?) Commenced duties. Roll 13

29th May Coronation tree planting ceremony arranged by the Women's Division took place in the school grounds. Parents , members of the women's division and Committee members were present

3rd June The pupils were taken to Eketahuna for a combined schools Coronation Celebration, each school planting an English Tree

17th June Dr and nurse visited the school for an annual inspection. Dr recommended that lids be made for lavatories and that the school floors be oiled

23rd June Secretary to make arrangements to take children to Coronation Film

That ½ ton of coke be purchased

That a set of stamps be purchased

26th June Mr. Matheson and Mr. Hilary Sports Instructors visited the school this afternoon and demonstrated new drill activities

9th August Mr. Blythe visited the school and presented two trees for Arbor Day Planting

29th September A severe earthquake occurred but the pupils responded quickly to the emergency signal and left the building in an orderly fashion

13th October Mr. Horsfall and Mr. Christie Traffic Officers visited the school this afternoon and gave interesting instruction to the children

28th October Mrs Jobbins teaching in June That 10 children to go and see queen in Masterton Mrs Jobbins to go with them

That No 5th November be held this year

That Xmas tree be held

27th November The annual calf judging and show was held at the school. It was organised and conducted by the Agricultural Club and proved an outstanding success. Mr. Barnett Agricultural Supervisor paid a visit during the afternoon

19th December The annual Christmas party was held in the hall in the evening. A Xmas play was performed by the pupils with the audience joining in the carols. There was a large attendance

15th January Some of the pupils were taken into Masterton by the teacher to see the Queen at Wairarapa College

1954

1st February School reopened with a roll of 15

11th February Children taken to Eketahuna Baths for swimming instruction

22nd February That the picnic be held at Masterton Park

5th March School picnic held at Masterton Park

12th March School participated in combined school sports
 April Mr. Matheson and assistant visited the school and gave two large rubber balls and a length of rope for school use
 23rd April An Anzac Service was held in the grounds and poppy emblems distributed
 8th June The school was entertained by the Local Women's division at the Hall
 A talk was given by an overseas visitor Mrs Fraser her subject being "My Presentation to the King and Queen"
 15th June Miss Benge, art specialist spent the afternoon at the school
 25th June Have been granted Leave of Absence for a period of one month from 28th June. Have notified Committee and made arrangements for Mrs Rendle to take over duty here
 28th June Commenced relieving duties M Rendle Roll 15
 16th July Mr. Thorby took Standard 5 and 6 into Manual Training Centre in Eketahuna- Their first lesson at the centre. They will be transported each Friday to attend this class
 23rd July Concluded relieving duties
 26th July Resumed duties M Jobbins
 27th July That teacher be allowed to let children out on wet days.
 Mr Osborne and Mrs Seymour to visit Kaiparoro School re oiling of school floors.

9th August Mr. Blythe and Mr. Howarth of the Forestry Department visited the school presenting trees for Arbor day planting and giving an interesting talk with film illustration

7th September After much discussion That the list of books be referred back to Mrs Jobbins asking her to revise list to the cost of £10

October Mr. Stewart, Traffic Officer visited the school and gave an interesting demonstration using an original model to show the importance of traffic rules

November Mr. Thorby an old resident and Committee member gave a most interesting address on Early Days in Hastwell and offered prizes for the best essay on the subject these to be distributed on calf day

November The Annual Calf Judging was held in good weather. Indoor entries comprised flower and vegetable exhibits, cooking, handwork, art, model farms etc. The Calf Club entertained parents and friends and arranged afternoon tea for all

December An enjoyable Xmas party held in the hall

1955

1st February School reopened with a roll of 15. There being 2 new entrants

7th February It was decided to start building school baths after full discussion

26th February School was closed in the afternoon to enable the teacher to go to Masterton for an xray

3rd March School closed Institute Day in Eketahuna

4th March School picnic at Masterton Park

April The school baths were officially opened

25th March Interschool sports at Pahiatua

12th April That the school swimming baths be opened on Thursday
21st April . Mr Holyoake (M P) and other guests to be invited
After some discussion it was decided to hold a dance in the evening
also cards. Admission 3/- per person

Mrs Jobbins asked for a new doormat. Agreed to.

26th April The examination of all pupils on the roll by the Public
Health Nurse

2nd May Mr Thorby's 30 years of wonderful service was
acknowledged

Mrs Jobbins asked for milk stand, fuel and work on house.

It was decided to erect milk stand and order ½ ton of coal

That ½ day holiday be granted for Indian Hockey match in
Masterton.

Table tennis was left in Mrs Jobbin's Hands

24th June Mr. Stewart Traffic Officer visited the school and showed
excellent Road Safety Films

14th September The school children and teacher were the guests of
the local branch of the Women's Institute and heard an address by
Mrs Cameron on her tour overseas

21st September Mrs Thompson Audiometry Specialist visited and
tested the hearing of all the pupils in the Standard classes

1st November That children have a half holiday to go to opening of
Rimutaka tunnel. Mr Sigvertsen was asked to restring racquets

It was decided to fill the baths as soon as possible

That the school swimming baths be open from 3.30 p m each school
day and all day during the weekends and school holiday.

Five keys to lock on baths be obtained to be held by Mrs Jobbins Mr
Osborne, Mr Cheetham, Mr Sigvertsen and Secretary

21st November A successful calf judging day was held

1st December The school took part in the inter school calf judging at
Eketahuna Domain

17th December A successful Xmas party was held in the hall and this
function marked the end of the year

1956

1st February School reopened roll 15. During this month
Mauriceville East and Mauriceville West Schools will use the baths

6th February Other schools had approached the Chairman to use the
pool. Mrs Jobbins will organise time That outside schools that use the
pool be asked for donations.

16th February Games were played with Mauriceville West before
both classes enjoyed a swim together. A thunderstorm interrupted the
swim but the children adjourned to the school to entertain one
another while the mothers and teachers had afternoon tea

21st February Mr. Wyatt and Miss Pemberton Physical Education
instructors visited the school and gave swimming instruction.
Kaipororo school was also present at the baths

23rd February A successful school picnic was held at the Masterton
Park in perfect weather

28th February The Senior Pupils were taken to Wellington by the
Women's Institute members each mother being responsible for a
child

2nd March The teacher attended the Annual Meeting of the NZEI
Branch at Pahiatua and school was closed

5th March Mr. Burgess Organising teacher visited the school this
afternoon and was most helpful

16th March The school took part in the Bush Schools Sports gaining 2nd equal place in the Junior Cup and 2nd for the Marching

24th March A short entertainment and afternoon tea were given by the pupils in honour of Miss Marie Ngatuere who is to be married at Easter, and who has always been helpful at School Functions. There was a good attendance of parents and friends

28th May Today I posted to the Board my resignation from this school from June 30th. I also wrote to this effect to the Secretary of the Committee

Note: new blinds were fitted during first term

9th – 12th July School was closed as teacher absent with Influenza

12th July Nurse visited the schoolhouse and gave Colin Ngatuere an injection for diphtheria

20th July Completed period of Sole Teacher of this school M A Jobbins

23rd July D P Anderson Commenced Relieving Duties. Roll 12. 9 boys 3 Girls

31st July Committee granted a holiday to allow the children to travel to Masterton to see the visiting South African Rugby Team play Wairarapa Bush

5th September Land was gazetted as a school site in 1888 and the land at Hastwell Village Settlement would be sold. Section 43 Block 14.

13th December Letter from Mrs Enid M Seymour Stating thank you for not closing the school/ Mr. Anderson was Head teacher

3rd September School reopens Gary Dick a new entrant. Roll Number 10

27th November Calf Club day

6th December Group Judging at Eketahuna Hastwell win team cup

17th December Christmas Tree

18th December Conclude relieving duties today. The school is closing down as numbers have decreased. D P Anderson

18th December Letter from Wellington Education Board stating that the school was to be closed and parents to arrange own transport to local school. Mr Anderson stayed onto the end of year and the board were thanked by Mrs Seymour

1957

4th February Sutcliffe commenced relieving duties

Roll of 7, 5 Boys and 2 girls

5th February New entrant Lloyd Smith started this morning

6th February Wrote away for progress cards belong to Shirley and Joseph Paewai and Pamela Wilton

18th February No teacher. Mrs L Ngatuere took school for morning, then school closed

25th February M Cole commenced relieving duties here

1st March School closed for NZEI branch meeting at Eketahuna

7th March Health inspector visited to inspect school baths. No reaction to chlorination test

8th March School picnic held in school grounds. In spite of storm previous afternoon weather cleared and fine till 5 minutes after picnic ended- another stormy downpour

15th March Bush PSSA (Primary School Sport Association) held interschool sports in Pahiatua- hottest day for 40 years

11th April Mr. S Jones Nature Study specialist from Pahiatua called- checked garden tool inventory

15th April The Biennial householders meeting for the election of School Committee was held In the school The following were elected by the 17 householders present. Mr. R Dick, Mr. M Ngatuere, Mr. F Paku, Mr. L Gyde and Mr. M Sigvertsen. The Committee elected R Dick Chairman and Mr. L Gyde Secretary- Treasurer Appreciation of services were voiced to Mr. Osborne retiring chairman, Mr. Suter retiring Secretary and Mr. Cheetham retiring committee man

15th April Large Meeting Miss Cole teacher

26th April Visit by E Borrell school nurse re diphtheria booster. Will return 6th May

30th April Visit by Mr. Doyle traffic inspector who showed three films to children, "Monkey Tale. "No Pathway" and "In the Country" all about where to walk when there are no footpaths

2nd May Mr. Burgess Organising Teacher called today and left a copy of "Suggestions for teaching of arithmetic in Junior School from Department of Education"

In the evening a Committee meeting was held in the school attended by the teacher who gave list of repairs etc weeding doing. Committee decided to hold working bee at school next Sunday

5th May Committee members and Mr. Osborne and Bob came to school to clean up and do several odd jobs about the place- including repairs to window latches and chairs and physical bench and he making of toilet covers, digging garden, hedging etc

27th May Second term commenced. Shirley and Joe Paewai and Pamela Wilton will not return here but have gone back to their own schools. Children present – 4. Lloyd Smith has still not returned to school'

4th June E 19/3 Term attendance numbers received today completed and returned to Board

Pamela Wilton's Card sent to Taratahi West School

6th June Joseph and Shirley Paewai's cards sent to Clareville School Mr. Jones (Nature Study Specialist) visited school- insecteranium not left owing to uncertainty of future of school Took old (but useable) science equipment to give to Eketahuna DHS

7th June Gary Dick will be away for a fortnight on holiday with parents

12th June Shopping Day, Teacher to Wellington on private business

21st June As only Colin Ngatuere and Fred and Ray Seymour at school during last two weeks of most inclement weather it as suggested by parents concerned that school be held in Mrs Ngatuere's warm kitchen. Mrs Seymour agreed it would be a good idea. To return to school building next week when Garry returns from holiday

25th June Mr. B Dick chairman of School Committee called this morning and said he had heard school was closing at end of this month. I rang board office for confirmation of this but they had heard nothing. Gave information re roll numbers and attendance the matter will be looked into

28th June Mr. Matheson and Mr. Stoddart (Physical Education Department) called this morning. Checked Phys Ed gear and took surplus text books (as requested by Board) back to Wellington

Phone call from Board yesterday stating definite closing of this school. All equipment to be signed for and the responsibility to be taken by chairman of School Committee M R Dick

25th June Prepared library accession register and property register for Chairman School Committee's signature

Everything left clean and tidy

30th June Mr. Dick has not yet been in to sign books

School closed on Friday 28th June owing to reduced roll numbers. S Cole Relieving Teacher

Undated School definitely closed letter from Mr W R Dick asking what happens to all the equipment.

5th August Letter from Mr. W R Dick Chairman School Committee to Wellington Education Board The school has been closed and asks some questions

- a) What happens to Honour Board, can it be moved to Hall?
- b) Can the baths be opened for the district if school still closed?
- c) Three neighbouring schools used pool last season
- d) Is the School Committee responsible for keeping the grounds tidy

1958

4th February Owen Lawn School reopened with a roll of 10 including one who will be 5 in February

7th February School closed for Queen Mother's visit to Wellington Sent away for necessary books record cards etc in order to start work

12th February Old School Committee appears to opened up. Arrangements made for picnic carry on.

24th February Shopping Day

28th February Education Day in Pahiatua

4th March School picnic held on school grounds

21st March Bush Sports Hastwell gained approximately 22 points

31st March With regret concluded relieving duties

1st April ? Bowers commenced duties as permanent teacher. Mr. O lawn the relieving teacher is to remain here for a short period, until the Board sends him to his next appointment

3rd April School closed for Easter vacation Mr. Lawn to finish duties today and then take up a relieving position at Mangatainoka

14th April Pamela and Mark Wilton are staying in the district for two weeks and will be attending the school for that period.

10th April Received poliomyelitis vaccination cards today. School children to be inoculated on Wednesday 23rd April

23rd April 8 Children were vaccinated today for poliomyelitis by two Department of Health Officials

24th April Withdrew Madge Thorby from the school roll and sent her card to Te Ore Ore

School will be closed tomorrow Anzac Day

1st May Received progress cards from Te Ore Ore for Pamela and Mark Wilton

2nd May Area Nature Study specialist visited the school Have ordered a nature table, rain gauge and insectarium

26th May Reopened today after the term holidays with a roll number of fifteen Kerren and Jill Suter were admitted

2nd June Queen's Birthday

10th June received Keren and Jill's progress cards from Kaiparoro. Most of the children received their second polio injection. A few tears

11th June Received three Standard three arithmetic books and three pairs of scissors from the Board

Both Fred and Ray Seymour are now away with Chicken Pox

13th June Mr. Mathewson from the Phys Ed Department paid a visit to the school. He showed a film on Sole Charge PE and left some notes and activity charts. A helpful visit

17th June Received supplies of Art and Craft material from the Board. Wood for basketball posts sent by Mr. Suter

24th June Attended a meeting of the Schools Agricultural Club in Eketahuna (Evening)

30th June Commenced half yearly survey

1st July Mrs Dick Commenced sewing instruction

8th July That school purchase a tester for school baths

That the Secretary write to Wellington Education Board re cleaners wages and sanitary disposal.

29th July The district nurse called this morning and tested the eyesight of all children present

30th July The School Committee held a working bee at the school

6th August School Committee again active at the school- felling trees for firewood and fence posts

11th September Festival (Music) practice in Eketahuna. Took Standard 3 – 6 in by car

18th September Festival Practice at Hamua Standard 3- 6 attended

27th October labour Day. School closed

5th November Agricultural Club. Excellent local attendance Eight calves and seven lambs. A very successful day

Guy Fawkes fire in the evening, again a very good attendance, afternoon tea and supper served in the school

13th November School took part in the District Agricultural Club Day at Eketahuna

18th November School Committee meeting at 7.30 pm

19th November Applied for a subsidy for a new filmstrip projector

21st November Mr Matheson spent the morning in the school giving instruction in throwing, catching and swimming

24th November The district nurse called to inspect the children's teeth

3rd December Mr. Burgess organising teacher stayed the morning at the school giving help with infant room

12th December The district nurse gave diphtheria booster injections to some of the infants

End of year roll 15

1959

2nd February School commenced with a roll of 18

3rd February Mrs Bowers commenced sewing instruction

6th February Received progress cards from Te Ore Ore for Patricia Whyte, Tai Rimene and Madge Thorby

25th February Tabloid sports held in Eketahuna. Children from Standard 1 upward competed

27th February Education Day School closed

20th March Bush Sports at Pahiatua. School participated

25th March School reopened Because Board want to know of pre-schoolers in the district so that they can provide flush toilets in the school

Reply 9 Primers and 8 Standard children Total 17

School reopened in 1957

1st April School reopened after Easter. The painters have been in the school over Easter and expect to be in Room 1 for this week and

next. We are confined to the small room, together with our library books and apparatus. Things are cramped and somewhat chaotic

1st June Queens Birthday Holiday

15th July Miss Archdall visited the school as requested. Guidance and practical help was given in Arts and Craft

11th August It was decided to hold a school concert in October

2nd September Septic Tank built by Mills Bros Pahiatua cost £749

5th October Enrolled Janet Thorby

16th October Mr. John (Gerald) McDonald the new organising teacher paid a morning visit to the school

27th November Mrs Bowland Barnardo Helpers League called at the school

16th December School year completed

1960

1st February School reopened for the year with a roll of 20 pupils Terence and Claudia Gray from Mangamahoe were enrolled

5th February District Nurse called in to make arrangements about Diphtheria immunisation for the younger students

12th February The Dental Nurse examined and immunised several children. She also spoke on health habits

15th February Miss Archdall and Miss Moore- arts and craft specialists spent the afternoon at the school Clive Gray was enrolled as a new entrant

16th February The Annual School Picnic was held in the School Grounds

1st March Mr. P Barker the Methodist minister commenced bible instruction in the school. He will conduct classes on the first Tuesday of each month from 9.00 to 9.30

22nd April A short Anzac service was held at the school

25th April Anzac Day

27th April It was decided to hold Crib Evenings in the school starting on Saturday Night 30th April

After some discussion on Top Dressing the meeting closed.

23rd May School reopened this morning Cherie Te tau was enrolled as a new infant bringing the roll to 21- thirteen girls and eight boys

24th May From the medical history card it now appears that Cherie Te Tau will not be five until the 15th of next month. Her enrolment date will be held until that time

6th June Queens Birthday School Closed

15th June Cherie Te Tau enrolled today Roll is now 21. 13 girls and 8 boys

22nd June The half yearly survey was started today

Mr. Doyle Traffic Inspector, visited the school for the afternoon. Filmstrips on road behaviour were shown and a talk given on a cyclists obligations to the road rules

27th June Mr. Logan and Mr. Fish school inspectors paid a visit during the afternoon

13th July Mr. McDonald Organising Teacher paid a visit for the day

4th October Messrs Bailey (Les) and Stoddart (Bob) paid the school a visit to see and discuss Phys Ed

20th October Mrs Stoddart Agriculture and Science instructor spent the afternoon at the school

10th November Agricultural club day held in fine weather. A very large attendance of parents and people from the district

18th November Educational Trip to Wellington

29th Left school a few minutes early to attend an inservice course on swimming

15th December School closed for the year although a concert practice is to be held tomorrow morning at the hall. School will assemble at 9.00

1961

1st February School reopened with a roll of 19

15th February The baths this year will not be available for swimming owing to the pollution of the water supply. Sheep dip leaked into the creek, killing everything in it and leaving dead eels and fish floating in every pool

21st February Education Day Eketahuna

2nd March Tabloid Sports meeting at Eketahuna

6th March School Committee Meeting Swimming instruction has been recommenced. The creek has been cleared by a prolonged heavy fall of rain

17th March Bush Athletic Sports held at Pahiatua. Hastwell won the Junior Cup

20th March A public meeting was held in the school (8.00 pm) to solicit assistance for the installation of a filter pump in the baths

10th April Linda Thorby enrolled. Roll 20. 13 girls and 7 boys

17th April Biennial Meeting of Householder's held. Ten being present The New Committee Messrs W R Dick, C Seymour, R Dillon, John Osborne, D Stewart

25th April Anzac Day

19th June Noel Rimene from Towai School, North Auckland was admitted

8th July Half Yearly Survey started

10th July Owing to extremely bad weather and low attendance the surveys have been held up. Will continue into next week

18th August The District Nurse examined the children. Claude and Clive Gray will be leaving the district. The school closed for the August Vacation

13th September Lloyd Smith badly lacerated a toe while in the school grounds. Report sent to the Board

29th October Mr. T Robertson Phys Ed Specialist called in

3rd October The Smith family are absent with Whooping Cough

16th November The school agricultural day was held today in extremely bad weather Nine Calves and eight lambs were entered (Roll now 18) Approximately forty parents and friends attended

28th November Mr. Macdonald organising teacher bought a Dr B Duke from Tokyo University to visit the school. He was interested in audio teaching aids

1962

5th February Roll 17, 7 Boys, 10 Girls The corridor is being painted

21st February Messrs Campbell and Kemp school inspectors spent some time here this afternoon discussing the trial science syllabus

1st March The Bush Tabloid sports- Athletics and swimming were held in Eketahuna. The whole school attended

7th March Drain blocked will ring board

8th March Plumbers have cleared drain

9th March The Bush Primary Schools held their annual sports meeting at Eketahuna. The whole school attended and won the Beryl Mabey Cup

19th March The parents and residents of the district were invited to an "open" afternoon at the school. Work was displayed and the new filter plant inspected. Afternoon tea was served by the Committeemen's wives

26th March Mr. W Evans of the Education Board called this morning to discuss aspects of the trial science scheme

27th March John McDonald the area organising teacher called to discuss arrangements for the forthcoming visit of the Thai educational observer

29th March Mr. R Stothart Physical Education specialist spent the morning at the school, several new folk dances were learned

6th April The organising teacher Mr. McDonald bought three visitor's from Thailand to the school. They are in NZ observing education mainly from the administrative side. The leader of the party was the Assistant Director of Education in Thailand

An architect and a Dr of Philosophy (Columbia) completed the party

4th June Queens Birthday

6th June. School Committee meeting My report included the following

- 1) A request for repairs to the school gardening tools- granted
- 2) A display of the recently bought library books under the £ for £ scheme (£5 from the Committee)
- 3) The district has provided £12 for library books and £5 for infant equipment during the last eighteen months
- 4) A report on the broken concrete on the school path. They agreed to press for its repair in this year's estimates.

2nd July The half yearly survey was commenced. The work will be spread over the full week

20th July Inspector Doyle of the Traffic Department spent a morning instructing the children in road crossing

3rd September School opened for third term. Jean Stewart was enrolled

5th September The school was inspected by Mr. Skiffington. Mr. D Campbell also spent part of the afternoon here

5th September Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 19 Teacher Mr D J Bowers. Mrs Bowers taught sewing
- b) The small school is being conducted with outstanding success by an energetic teacher, keenly interested in his pupil's welfare
- c) The children are happy relaxed industrious and enthusiastic about their work
- d) The grounds and buildings are well maintained The tennis court has been resurfaced and the fencing surrounds being replaced
- e) Very good use is made of the spare classroom.

25th September Mr. Jack Cox the new organising teacher paid a visit to the school this morning

11th October School closed Education Day at Pahiatua

22nd October Labour Day School closed

24th- 30th October At the instigation of Mr. J Cox Organising teacher Mr. J Davison (24th) Sole teacher from Awatoitoi and Mr. K Harris (30th) Kaipororo spent the day observing methods at this school Both had recently taken up their positions for the first time

1st November Mr. J Cox visited the school this morning
 6th November The Annual Agricultural Club Day was held at the school. Eleven calves and 6 lambs were entered for judging
 There was almost 100% representation of parents and residents of the district. The weather was fine and warm
 20th November Mr. Stothart visited the school and spent the morning giving swimming lessons
 28th – 30th November School closed examination leave for teacher.
 3rd December End of year surveys commenced
 19th December School closed for the year

1963

4th February Teachers Only day Spent this morning reorganising the room and preparing work programmes.
 P.M. Group meeting at Eketahuna. Discussed combined activities for the year- sports, future group meetings etc, Main theme The place of Drama
 5th February School reopened for the children with a roll of 16
 28th February School The tabloid sports were held at Eketahuna The school attended
 Mr. Stothart Phys Ed Specialist visited the school continuing with athletics and swimming
 March The school attended the Bush Primary School Sports in Pahiatua and won the Beryl Mabey Cup
 22nd April The biennial meeting of Householders was held in the school. There were six present. One apology. Committee: W R Dick , Chairman, D Stewart Secretary, C Seymour, J Osborne, N Dillon
 A Committee meeting was held after the election

10th May School closed at 3.00 pm today. I reluctantly conclude my duties as sole teacher this school
 27th May Peter Kohing Opened the school as a relieving teacher
 29th May Mrs E K Seymour commenced her duties as sewing instructress at the school this afternoon
 30th May The Maintenance Officer Bill Hedley visited the school to make arrangements for fitting of a new fireplace in the classroom
 3rd June School closed Queen's Birthday
 5th June Mr. Jack Cox the organising teacher for the area called into the school for a short visit
 11th June The carpenters/plumbers came to affix a flashing around the bottom plate of the weather boarding and to replace the fireplace in the classroom
 15th June A working bee of Committee members came and erected the goal posts for the rugby field. The basketball court has now been marked in
 17th June Wayne Levin Winiata from Ruahine School Dannevirke enrolled at school
 18th June Mr Ian Stanley Gosnell of Upper Hutt appointed.
 20th June Visit to school by the traffic officer Mr. Doyle Traffic Instructor. Films were shown and great interest displayed by the children
 29th June Have received cards for Wayne Winitana
 4th July School closed for afternoon to enable children to participate in sports afternoon at Nireaha School. Hastwell combined with Kaiparoro to form basketball and rugby Teams
 9th July A working bee consisting of School Committee members removed the hedge fronting the tennis court today. Good cooperation between the men and the use of adequate heavy machinery made the

job look rather easy. A fence is temporarily been erected in place of the hedge

15th July On Friday 12th July the weather was extremely cold (24° F) and it was found the water pipe in the boy's toilet had burst. To prevent the toilet from flooding it was necessary to turn of the main valve to the school A toll call was made to the Secretary- Manger informing him of the situation/ Repairs were made on Saturday 13th July by the plumber

23rd – 25th July Permission was obtained from the School Committee for the teacher to close school at 1.45 to enable him to attend the Reading Course at Pahiatua at 2.10 p.m.

26th July Mr. Hedley Maintainance Officer called to discuss the Maintainance schedule with the School Committee and teacher

29th July Taka and Stuart Potangaroa entered school The period of stay is not known as they are temporarily living with the Thorby Family

Sent to Harley Street for cards

30th July Mrs Joan Jordan –speech therapist visited the school today. She interviewed Cheryl Smith- Janet and Anne Thorby and Stuart Potangaroa

9th August Potangaroa's returned to Harley St. As their progress cards were not forwarded they were not entered in roll

19th August Newman School came to Hastwell for a sports afternoon. Hastwell and Kaipororo combined to form teams. The Combined A basketball team won 8-4. Newman won the B Basketball 15-0 and the rugby 6-3 A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Many local residents and parents attended

22nd August This afternoon the school went over to Kaiparoro to play sport against Hamua. One basketball game was won 11-4 Lost the other 8-6. And lost the rugby 8-3

23rd August School closed today at 2 pm for the August vacation The travelling claims and attendance returns will be sent off this evening I conclude my short duties as Relieving Sole Teacher and wish to pace on record my gratitude and appreciation to members of the School Committee and all parents in the school for a most enjoyable an pleasant stay at Hastwell I would like to extend a hearty welcome to the incoming teacher and wish him happy and good teaching

Robin Carlyon was at Training College with Peter. He become Principal of schools in Wellington. He died of asbestos cancer this century.

3rd September Ian Gosnell moved to house from Lower Hutt

9th September Commenced duty

Several items of mail have been received during the week including following

- a) Country Library book exchange
- b) Gazette and broadcasting Book
- c) Library Grant
- d) Free Text Book Scheme

Mr. Dick visited a.m. Posted letter to Board re Manual Training Transport

10th September Received order from for broadcast booklets for 1964 Filled in an returned. Ordered 1 dozen pencils from Whitcombe and Tombs

11th September Received new teacher chair and table in good order from Furnware Ltd

17th September Attended country teachers meeting at Hukanui left school at 2.45

18th September Sewing day Mrs Seymour
Committee meeting at house at Night.

- 1) Agreed to Visit Upper Hutt School
- 2) Lawnmower repaired
- 3) Telephone from spare room to sun porch
- 4) Meeting held at house as inauguration meeting with myself

20th September School closed for Course at Pahiatua

23rd September Took Forms 1 and II to Manual. Mrs Gosnell looked after the remainder with work set by me.

4th September Received salary schedule. Still at Scale 1 rate. Wrote to Board. Received furnishing allowance

27th September Went to Masterton evening to change 2 library books for school

3rd October Visit of Mr. Anderson Visiting teacher

4th October Received application forms from Wairarapa and Kuranui Colleges for Piri and Madge. Completed and sent

16th October School visit to bush to collect specimens for nature table and Pupils own book for judging

Attended NZEI meeting at Eketahuna 7.45 – 11

23rd October Committee meeting Finalised Upper Hutt Visit. Calf competition Day

29th October Attend agricultural club meeting in Eketahuna. In charge of stall for the 21st November

30th October Attended sports meeting at Hamua

1st November School visited Upper Hutt School for day. Most successful and profitable Day. All concerned enjoyed day.

15th November Very successful agricultural club day at school Good attendance of parents and friends

17th November Attended meeting at hall to discuss arrangements for school Xmas party.

18th November Commenced end of year surveys. Will continue all this week and next

20th November Played Kaiparoro at Softball won 19-7

21st November School closed attending district agricultural club day at Nireaha

19th December last day of year

21st December School concert and Xmas party in Hall To my mind very successful but no comments from Committee or parents

1964

3rd February Teacher's Day Worked at school morning. Attended meeting Eketahuna PM

12th February Attended Sports Meeting at Hamua

19th February PM Attended NZEI meeting at Pahiatua

21st February School Picnic Successful day. No Comments

6th March Bush primary School Sports at Eketahuna, School successful for 3rd year in grade. Very good day

9th March Only 7 pupils today due to measles outbreak in area. Contacts to stay at home for 10 days on advice from district health nurse

9th March Letter from Mr Gosnell Owing to a measles epidemic only 7 children at school. Acting on advice of Nurse all contacts have to be kept home until further notice

26th March Roll up to 10 this week

3rd April All pupils back at school

22nd -23rd June Art Course at Eketahuna

23rd June Chosen to represent schools on new Town Hall Building in Eketahuna

30th June Attended meeting of Hall Committee in Eketahuna

Instituted detention of misbehaviour

31st July Visit from Mr. Hedley Wellington Education Board
Maintainance New Garage, spouting, basins and drains to be fixed.
Chip heater to be installed in house

21st August Open day at school to enable parents to view models made by children as Social Studies project

Successful dya. Many parents attend. Complimentary comments made on models and on work on display

7th September School reopened for third term will roll of 19

This is last entry in the log. Something changed, What?

1965

4th November Inspector's Report included

- a) Teacher Mr Gosnell Roll 17, 7 in primers
- b) The children are generally well behaved and display a sense of responsibility
- c) Most school records are in order. However it is disturbing to note that though the Sole Teacher has been at the school for almost 2 years there has only been a limited attempt to build up a school scheme

d) Discussed Methods of raising the interest level in reading, emphasis on understating in arithmetic

e) Overall a poor report

1966

18th April A scribbled note from Mr Gosnell My Committee has decided to close the school on the above date in order to allow children the chance to see the Queen Mother

13th October letter from Mauriceville East school asking for Hastwell to amalgamate with Mauriceville with a bus provided

Letter from Hastwell asking for amalgamation with Mauriceville

23rd October letter from Mr. Winiata Secretary School Committee Included

- a) After a number of meetings the School Committee have agreed to amalgamate onto Mauriceville East
- b) Roll is now 12 with one leaving at end of year and two starting this year
- c) One family of 5 is moving to Masterton So only 6 to start in 1967
- d) We would like a bus service to Mauriceville
- e) Distance to Mauriceville through Mangamahoe is a distance of seven miles

18th October Board moved that a meeting of Householders be held to discuss

26th October Letter from Wellington Education Board to L K Winiata Secretary In order to consider closing the school a meeting of householders shall meet. Mr Wallace Board Member and the assistant Secretary will attend on 10th November
9th November Notes For Assistant Secretary included

- a) Present roll is 12. Mauriceville is 36
- b) The trend for both schools is a downward roll
- c) This would keep the Mauriceville Roll as a two teacher

Letter from Mr Gosnell teacher asking what figures he should give at the meeting as there is a lot of feeling in the district
Residence erected at Hastwell 1909 and nearing the end to its economic life.

11th November At public meeting In favour 12 against 15

It was recommended that amalgamation does not take place because of this vote

In favour were 5 with children at school

Against were 3 who had children at school

Residence built in 1909 and in poor condition

1967

Swimming Pool Built

1967 School Closed Domain Board runs it

1967 School declared surplus School closed in April. The school residence was to be used by a teacher driver It is recommended that

the land be handed back to the crown and the Hastwell Domain Board run the site including buildings and swimming pool

2nd February Letter from Mr Gosnell. Owing to the removal of a family of 6 the school opened with a roll of 6

February Note from Hamish Henderson Inspector included

- a) Roll 6
- b) No girls in Standard 3-6 so no sewing teacher to be employed
- c) Only 3 pre schoolers all under 3 ½ years
- d) Best thing is to close the school and transfer the teacher
- e) He would welcome a transfer to a larger school either in Wellington or Masterton

March 1967 Letter from Secretary Manager Wellington Education Board to Mr D Stewart Chairman

- a) As roll is down to six Mr Gosnell will have to be transferred
- b) The school can stay open if a suitable uncertificated teacher is found

13th March Meeting of community, Wellington Education Board and School Committee. The school would be kept open with an uncertificated teacher. Mr B Lochore moved then that the Wellington Education Board investigate the possibility of the extension of the existing Mangaronga Road Bus Route Via Hastwell. This motion was carried unanimously

22nd March Roll is now 3 from the 9th March School to be closed and teacher transferred to a temporary position at Masterton Central School

22nd March to Mr Stewart from Wellington Education Board After Easter roll will be 1

The school will be closed

4th April That all subsidised items will be divided between two schools that pupils are going to (presumably Kaiparoro and Mauriceville East. That a bus be chartered to take parents and Children to Wellington Zoo as a final wind up. Money to be paid from special account

1969

3rd February School land and site to be transferred to State

Notes

Notes from Jubilee Book some of which add to my notes and some showing a poor memory

- a) Early in 1888 the community were working to getting a school at Hastwell School. Families included Creighton, Suter, Moorcock, Seymour, Askew, and Swenson, the interpreter from the Scandinavian Settlement of Mauriceville East
- b) 16th July 1888 the First School at Hastwell. 11 boys and 9 girls attended First School was an aided School in the vacant house of Hans Anderson

- c) The roll number never exceeded 36
- d) Though Mr Hardy's salary was £100 but never reached that because of the poverty of the district
- e) Roaring Fires were had in winter
- f) On fine days children wandered around in the neighbouring bush
- g) Children swung on supple-jack vines and tried to hit birds with shanghais
- h) Peeped at their Master as he took an early swim, wet or fine winter or summer in the stream just below the school
- i) Early in 1889 Hans Anderson asked for his house to be vacated
- j) Finally Wellington Education Board agreed to purchasing land
- k) 8th April 1889 Celebrated opening of railway line to Eketahuna
- l) 24th April 1889 School finished
- m) Even a tank for drinking water and two outhouses
- n) Wood could be cut by the bigger boys from tree stumps lying about in the playground
- o) September 1890 Left the school to undertake fresh duties at Upper Opaki
- p) How often the school closets used to blow down
- q) Children were called in to school by whistle
- r) School library opened in 1894?
- s) The boy's used to love Miss Millington's cooking lessons. The children remembered cooking fruit and desiccated coconut

- t) 1889 The school roll increased to 105. Miss Hinemoa Bray a former student joined the staff as a Probationary Assistant (Pupil Teacher)
- u) By 1890 roll was down to 86 and Miss Bray had to go to Pahiatua School
- v) 1901 Miss Bray was recalled to Hastwell and left two days later.
- w) January 1901 A big bell was hung just outside the front door
- x) Mr Dempsey Left in March 1901
- y) Miss C McKenzie followed as headmistress. Her most vivid impression her first day was the extreme cleanliness of the school
- z) 2nd June 1902. The South African War ended. The children hoisted the flag at school, sang the National Anthem and The Red White and Blue. The children played games until the chairman came and gave the children a holiday.
- aa) Epidemics scarlet fever, whooping cough, scarlatina, diphtheria, mumps and influenza.
- bb) High winds and boisterous weather was the order of the day
- cc) Miss Wilkinson was the next teacher to take charge. She retired to marry a local Mr Harry Larsen.
- dd) Miss Wilkinson encouraged the district to have a picnic each year. Her memories include
 - i) Was 20 years taking charge of a bush school
 - ii) One room and a porch- Extremely clean
 - iii) All girls in winter dresses and fancy pinafores, the boys in white starched collars- all looking well groomed
- iv) The great difference in the standard of education between town and country. However there was not the slightest trace of ill feeling when pupils stepped down to lower standards.
- v) The extreme politeness of pupils some of the bigger boys were taller than me and only a few years younger.
- vi) Early on had to ask for an assistant and a much larger school Mr Kroneus built the school
- vii) Whilst the new room was being built school was held in a next door house, the owner a Mr Halberg generously loaning it to us. There was a good orchard round this house with ripening plums and apples but the owner assured me that not a single fruit was ever taken by the children.
- viii) My first assistant Miss Ethel Brown unfortunately died very early
- ix) The next assistant was Miss Kate Mackay
- x) Myself having taught for 3 years in the biggest school in Wellington I was very anxious to bring Hastwell up to their standard
- xi) The first success in this direction was not long after I left the school. Richard Christian Larsen was the first scholar from Hastwell to gain a scholarship. He afterwards won honours at Wellington College and has since been headmaster of some big schools

- xii) My Experience of football (*Rugby*) at Mt Cook Boys School mad me familiar with the rules of this game. I was able to advise the boys.
- xiii) The girls also had set games- rounders being chief favourite.
- xiv) Swedish Drill and marching with all pupils was inaugurated be a professional from Wellington. In this the Maoris from the Pah opposite were keenly interested. In fact when the times of drill were known the whole neighbourhood turned out, so it became popular
- ee) 3rd September 1894 Mr Walter Dempsey opened the school. During his time the roll grew so quickly a third classroom. However the 3rd classroom was not built by Daniell's of Masterton built it.
- ff) During 1898 the Wellington Education Board sent a cooking teacher Miss Millington to give cooking lessons to the girls. She stayed in the district for several weeks.
- gg) Three pages of Jubilee Booklet missing
- hh) Miss Mckenzie was head during this period
- ii) 1901 Miss Mckay severed her long connection to the school. Miss Jacob took her place.
- jj) During her years at school Miss Mckenzie had 5 assistant teachers at various times.. In 1905 she received a hand bell.
- kk) During 1906 she broke her collarbone
- ll) Miss McKenzie taught for 7 years at Hastwell
- mm) Mr Gregory came as headmaster 1908 Not until June 1909 could he move into the school residence
- nn) In 1910 the School Committee wanted help to plant 100 trees around the school grounds. December 17th 1914 Mr Gregory moved onto Pongaroa School
- oo) Mr A T White took charge. His comments are below
 - (i) Major A T White M C, U D, D on application from Nelson Education Board. He reenlisted (having withdrawn from the 5th Reinforcement to take up the position at Hastwell. On returning from active service he took up a position at Paraparaumu School and not Hastwell. He only served a few months at Hastwell. On leaving Hastwell the Children presented him with a wristlet watch and seven sovereigns
- pp) Mrs White and her children Lorna and Phil stayed at Hastwell while Mr White was overseas
- qq) September 1915 Mrs Harrison took charge. Her reminiscences below
 - i) She took her place at short notice when Mr White went overseas. She rode her horse from Mangamahoe by Horseback
- rr) The school consisted of 3 rooms and a corridor
- ss) All the children walked to school and the pony paddock was used only for her horse.
- tt) Frequently the children arrived in a drenched state and the corridor was more or less flooded from the wet socks, shoes and coats
- uu) During the time I had 5 assistants all of whom boarded with me in turn.
- vv) It was the custom to hold the School picnic on January 22nd when the teachers were away

- ww) My Assistant Mrs Dive and myself organised successful sports days.
- xx) Much Red Cross knitting and sewing was done by the pupils in school hours.
- yy) On 12th November 1918 The school was closed on account of the Influenza epidemic.. Miss Morgan and I went to bed with the malady immediately
- zz) Many children milked the cows at home before walking to school Motors were very scarce and travel to other schools for sport etc was difficult
- aaa) The Inspector biked from Eketahuna often in high winds so typical of this district. Hard work was judged on a one day examination carried out by a tired overworked inspector
- bbb) Oh those rattling windows how they used to fray the nerves of one inspector.
- ccc) She retired in 1923, an agriculture instructor would visit monthly and very occasionally a nurse and physical culturist would visit
- ddd) Mrs Harrison was at Hastwell for over 9 years. She retired in December 1923
- eee) February 1924. Mrs Gibson took charge for one term only.
- fff) Miss Coney took her place for one month only. Miss Coney was a disciplinarian of the old school.
- ggg) June 2nd 1924. Mr Jolley He stayed for two years. He required and mostly got meticulously neat work from his pupils
- hhh) Mr Read took over as Head teacher in February 1926.

- iii) It was due to him a ladies hockey team was formed in Hastwell. Mr Read was the first coach and a good one too. He laid the foundation for hockey at the school
- jjj) 7th April 1926. Mr Johnson the youngest headmaster to come into the district arrived. In an educational sense it was Mr Johnson with the help of his able assistant Miss Allan who really put Hastwell on the map.
- kkk) In 1926 The school was graded fair with very few children In fact for a time in 1927 he was a sole teacher
- lll) In a year or two the school was graded excellent. It remained so until he left in 1936
- mmm) 1928 A gramophone and records were purchased
- nnn) During 1929 it was decided to raise funds for a tennis court at the school Fortnightly socials were held. During this year an electric jug was purchased. The court was opened in 1930. Built by Mr Franks whose workers slept in the band room while working.
- ooo) During 1931 Mr Johnson helped a Combined Bush Primary Sports Association was formed in 1931. The first meeting was held at Hamua
- ppp) In 1931 School work was sent from Hamua to the Winter Show in Wellington The exhibits drew much attention and the Wellington Education Board congratulated him.
- qqq) Mr Johnson continued with coaching hockey started with Mr Read.
- rrr) Mr Johnson founded the local tennis club.
- sss) 1933 Roll was 65. This was helped by the Mangamahoe School being closed.

- ttt) With help of the children Mr Johnson dammed the creek which runs through the horse paddock. And created a swimming pool for the children. Here swimming was taught to all pupils.
- uuu) During 1935 the Wellington Education Board visited to select a site for a new building
- vvv) During 1936 the building was pulled down and sold to Mr Ngatuere
- www) Mr Johnson taught in the new building for a month before he went as Model Country Room School at Kelburn School Wellington
- xxx) Mrs Isacksen boarded Mr Johnson during his time at Hastwell. This lady was a tower of strength
- yyy) Mr Nicholson followed Mr Johnson at the school and spent two years. During his time the roll fell so badly the school became a sole charge. He left in 1938
- zzz) Mr Dwyer held office for 3 years from 1938 to 1941
- aaaa) Much war work was done by Miss Clarkson, Mr Bradshaw, Miss Renner and Mr Guthrie
- bbbb) Mr Guthrie was at Hastwell from February 1914 to February 1948. Mr Guthrie built the school gates. He introduced weaving on a loom, poster drawing and pottery making
- cccc) Teacher in 1948 was Mr East from Taranaki.

Hastwell School, .£50 ; Budget amount from WEB for buildings 27th march 1889 pp

Hastwell (aided school).— Building erected with, grant of .£50, very suitable and of good value. I am well satisfied with the quality of the

work and the general condition of the school. Good discipline is maintained 26th April 1889 pp

Approval was also given to the **Hastwell** Committee to expend money on closets 29th January 1890 pp

Miss Wilkinson (of the Mount Cook Boys' School) was appointed to the head teachership of the **Hastwell** School. The question of lining the **Hastwell** schoolhouse was ordered to stand over. 27th August 1890 pp

tender was accepted for fencing the **Hastwell** grounds. t The question of increasing the accommodation at **Hastwell** was deferred 29th Oct 1890 pp

the addition of a pupil teacher to the **Hastwell School** staff was approved 25th March 1891 pp

The sum of £5 was voted for repairs at **Hastwell 27th May 1891 pp**

Ethel Brown 2nd Year Pupil Teacher 11th feb 1892

Permission was granted to Miss Wilkinson, teacher at **Hastwell**, to erect a residence on the **school** ground, the building to be removed when she leaves. 31 August 1892 pp

The **Hastwell** Committee was granted a sum of £5, to supplement a sum already raised in aid of clearing the ground 14th Dec 1892

The sum of £10 was voted for fencing and draining the **Hastwell** grounds, 30 August 1893

The Education Board requires head teachers for the **Hastwell**, 11th July 1894

Then 8 applicants for Hastwell Mr Dempsey appointed 29th August 1894 Started 4th September

Residence approval for 350 pound from Govt

The committee set up at last meeting reported that there had been" no legal ground for the expulsion of a girl from the **Hastwell** School by the local Committee. 31 July 1895

but requests for a teacher's residence at **Hastwell 28th July 1895**

The **Hastwell School** has been closed on account of an outbreak of diphtheria amongst the children 19th October 1895

and it was also resolved to obtain a report from the Chairman of the Board in reference to the location of a school site near **Hastwell 29th Jan 1896**

HASTWELL. Bounded on the north by the Mangaorongo Road and the south eastern boundaries of sections 69 and 141, the Eketahuna and Newman school Districts ; on the West by the summit of the Tararua Ranges ; on the south-west by the Opaki School District Mangamahoe **School** Districts. 11th Feb 1896

5 pound for gravelling 26th Feb 1896

Assistant 80 pounds 12th August 1896 5 applicants

Plans were laid on the table for the new **school** at Makuri, and for additions at **Hastwell** and Levin. Tenders were authorised to be called for the work. 26th August 1896 Tenders called October 1896

Hastwell School, additions, C. E. Daniell, £156; 27th Jan 1897 Tender let

also an Assistant for the **Hastwell School**, salary _380 per annum 11th Jn 1899 Female ass 7 applicants

Miss Jessie Davidson from Clyde Quay School Salary 80Pounds 26th Jan 1899

Miss MacKay promoted to assistant teachership as recommended by the school committee 23 Feb 1899 Pupil Teacher wanted 3rd March 1899 5 applicants Pupil Teacher unnamed appointed 20 pound per annum

Measles have appeared at **Hastwell**, and to prevent them spreading, children from families affected have been kept from Attending **school 3 May 1899**

Country **school** authorities will learn with satisfaction that the Education Board has despatched its carpenter to make re- pairs, etc., at the following schools : — Featherston, Carterton, Matarawa, Te Ore Ore, Kaiwairi, Fernridge, Mauriceville, Eketahuna, Alfredton, Pahiatua, Mangatainoka, **Hastwell**, Hukanui, Hinemoa, Waihakeke, Whakataki, and Mangapakeha. He will also decide on a site for a new **school** at Mangamaire. 17th May 1899

WN Dempsey 10 pound (Earning £235)over paid 26th July 1900. K McKay over scale Assistant Teacher

Miss Hinemoa Bray transferred to Pahiatua 30h August 1900

MR Dempsey transferred to Eketahuna 4th March 1901

Should the **Hastwell School** Committee approve the Education Board's suggestion, Miss McKenzie, at present head teacher of the Mitchelitown **School**, will succeed Mr. W. Dempsey in the **Hastwell School**, the latter having been promoted to the Eketahuna **School**.12th March 1901

Prior to leaving **Hastwell**, where he had been in charge of the **school** for years, Mr. W. JN. Dempsey was on Friday last presented with several pieces of silverware by residents of the district. Regret was expressed at his departure, but he was heartily congratulated upon his promotion to the head-teachership of the Eketahuna School 7th April 1901

12th June 1901 Female assistant 80 pound, also pupil teacher

Margaret Jacob 80 p0und Colonial salary 90 pound 30 Jan 1902

Miss Bray to Wairere 14th March 1902

Consideration of a request made that a corner of the **school** reserve at **Hastwell** should be given as a site for a town hall was deferred 30th Oct 1902

Hastwell Tank 4 pound. 28th April 1905

A man unknown attempted to commit rape, on a young girl as she was returning from **school** at Hastwell. The police are making enquiries 20 March 1901

narrow escape from a fire at **Hastwell School** led the Board to urge on **School** Committees the necessity for taking every precaution against schools being destroyed by fire 24th Nov 1905

Hastwell Assistant 90 pounds 17th March 1906 Female assistant 13th June 1906

Miss L Smith of Hastwell becomes assistant at Parkvale 13th June 1906

31st October 1906 **HASTWELL** NOTES.

(Special to Daily Times.)

A plain and fancy dress ball was held in **Hastwell** on Friday last. The fancy costumes were as follows : - Miss Hodge (waitress) ; Miss B. Hodge (night); Miss Fletcher (Italian Girl); Miss Olsen (harvest); Mrs D. Olsen (Gipsy); Miss Bray (Queen May); Miss Thorby (**School** Girl) ; Miss Watson Indian Princess); Miss N. Watson (Flower Girl); Miss A. Fletcher (Flower Girl); Mr 11. Fellingham (sailor); James Johnson (Clown); G. Reading ("Jockey).

Excellent music was provided by Mr R. Hansen, of Hastwell (violin), Mr Pearce, of Eketahuna (piano), and Mr Major Taylor, also of Eketahuna (cornet). Extras were played by Miss B. Hodge, of **Hastwell**, and Miss Dick, of Kaipororo. Two step-dances were given—the sailor's hornpipe, by Mr H. Fellingham, of Mauriceville, an Irish jig by Messrs T. Carol and O'Brien, both of Mauriceville. Mr C. Isakson acted as M.C. The committee are to be congratulated on the success which has to be recorded

Mr. Hogg suggested building -schools and dwelling houses combined-. The chairman' did not Approve the combination. It has decided] to apply to the department for a residence. A similar course was taken with an application for the **Hastwell School 1st May 1908**

Miss Mckenzie to Newtown 7th July 1908

Hastwell (2 miles* from Railway Station, Mangamahoe) — Sole Teacher, £162 and £20 h.a. 11th July 1908

Mr F Gregory Head Teacher extended leave of absence 1st Oct 1909 to 22nd of Oct 1909

HASTWELL.

28th April 1910 The meeting of householders on Monday night elected the following **School**" Committee:—Messrs L. Kjar (chairman), Ammundsen Halberg, Jackson, C. Seymour, Gibbard and W. Seymour (secretary). WTPP

Miss A Campbell assistant mistress 12th June 1911 Extended leave from Feb 1 for six months Jan 1913

25th September 1913 **HASTWELL.**

Tuesday

Fine weather has prevailed during the past week, and the grass is showing up" well. Several settlers have had heavy losses in cows this season, some having lost nine or ten. The local creamery re-opened on Monday last. The **school** was closed on Monday— Dominion Day. Miss Wilson, who was lately relieving teacher here, has been staying the week-end with Mrs Isakson. Mr A., Jackson, who left **Hastwell** for Eketahuna some time ago, has returned to **Hastwell**, and has taken up dairying. The **Hastwell** Brass Band resumed its weekly practice on Saturday last. The annual **school** examination by the inspector will take place on October 8th.

Hastwell(Mangamahoe Station) Assistant mistress 100 to 120 pound 11th May 1915

Hastwell.— Head Teacher, £180 to £210 and house (Mangamahoe) Railway Station). Hastwell,— Assistant Mistress, £100 to £120 11th June 1914

Grants were authorised for uprights to carry bells at **Hastwell 30th June 1914**

Leave of absence for military duty to Mr AT White 27th January 1915

Infant Mistress Miss GR Bice 4th Feb 1925

NEW SCHOOLS WANTED, TOO. Coupled with the question of the maintenance of schools and of **school** grounds was that of the urgent necessity in several cases of providing new buildings altogether. The case of the **Hastwell school** was instanced. There the Minister on a recent tour of inspection so it was stated, had, been confronted with the spectacle of a board of one of the walls of a classroom blowing loose in the wind since the studs were too rotten to drive nails into. "Did you ever see anything quite so bad?" the Minister was reported 'to have said to his secretary. If you have anything worse than this to show me, I don't want to see it." That sight had been enough to convince the Minister of the necessity for a new **school** and money for the purpose of rebuilding was forthwith granted by the Department suggested that all that was required was that the Minister should see for himself the dilapidated state of some of the **school** buildings. The present was the time to show him and there might be a good chance of getting some rebuilding done. If things were allowed to drift much longer the position, it was stated, would be absolutely chaotic as so many **school*** would need rebuilding all at the same time. 20th June 1935

astwell School, newly opened, has been given Mr. A. E. Nicholson, also from Auckland, as. Headmaster 20th March 1936

Mr C C Hubbard	July 1888	September 1890
Miss C Wilkinson	September 1890	September 1894
Mr W Dempsey	September 1894	March 1901
Mr Gregory	September 1908	December 1914
Mr White	February 1915	September 1915

Mrs Harrison	September 1915	December 1923
Mrs Gibson	February 1924	April 1924
Miss Coney	April 1924	May 1924
Mr Jolley	June 1924	December 1925
Mr Read	February 1926	March 1926
Mr Johnson	April 1926	February 1936
Miss Thompson	March 1936	March 1936
Mr Nicholson	April 1936	February 1938
Mr Scott	February 1938	March 1938
Mr Dwyer	April 1938	May 1941
Miss Clarkson	May 1941	August 1941
Mr Bradshaw	September 1941	December 1942
Miss Renner	February 1943	June 1943
Miss Parker	July 1943	August 1943
Mrs O'Callaghan	6 th September	November 1943
Miss Fleming	November 1943	December 1943
Mr Guthrie	February 1944	February 1948
Mr East	February 1948	

