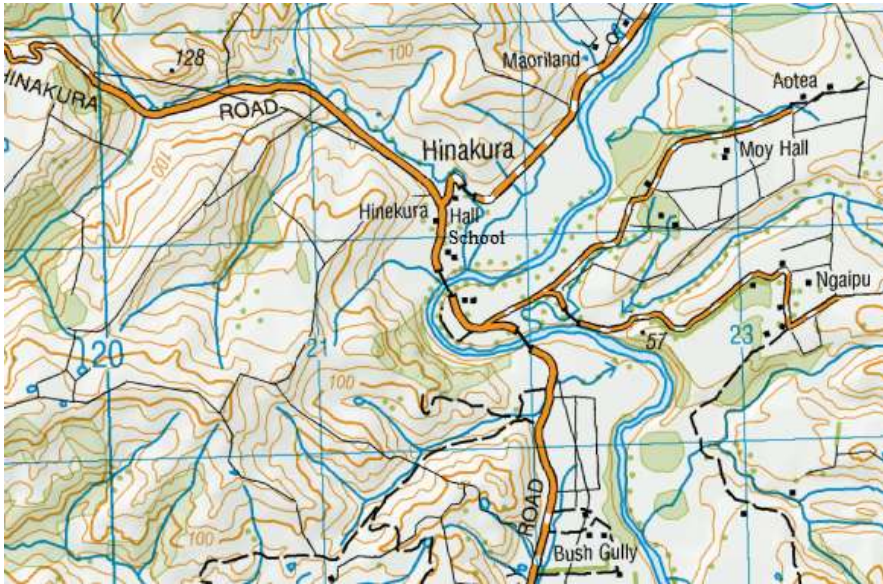


Hinakura

1923 560 square foot classroom

1956 Residence built 1100 square foot



1922

22nd July The room for the Hinakura Aided School 23' x 12'

8th October Letter from Alex Sutherland included

- Mr Powell has ben to visit and selected a site for a school
- The land chosen is that which was offered by my father some years ago to the Wellington Education Board
- Contains 2 acres of freehold land the same being dry level ground in the most central situation for all concerned

d) The freehold of the two acres is a free gift to The Education Board

18th October It was decided to accept Mr Sutherland's offer and to refer to Messrs Grundy and Moss the question of purchase of one of the military huts at Featherston its transport and re erection at Hinakura

Matter re school is brought forward by Mr McLeod MP

Letter to Minster included

- Proposal is to have a school in Lieu of rented room which is not centrally situated.
- A Site of 2 acres has been offered
- It was intended to use one of the huts at Featherston but the Board's foreman said that it was not suitable
- Average attendance at Aided School March Quarter, 4 and June Quarter, 3
- Estimated Cost £322- 2-0

8th November Letter to Mr McLeod MP Mangapari Martinborough from Minister of Education. I have approved of one of the hutments from Featherston to be acquired and transferred to Martinborough

All children attended Hinakura Aided

Father	Job	Acres	Distanc e	Childre n	Age
Grant	Contracto	2	1/4 M	Eileen	10

Thomas	r				
				Owen	8
				Hugh	6
				Joyce	5
Sutherland & Alex	Farmer	8000	1	Enid	8
				Ellen	6
Sutherland & K R	Farmer	8000	1	Margaret	6
Mitchell	R F	Telegraphist	1	Ngairi McLaren	9
Hill	W	Farmer Manager	1	Kathleen	5
Cameron D	Farmer	7000	3	Christina	6
Archer H	Labourer	4	1/4	Mary	5

1923

30th January Pt Section 195 Pahoa Reg Dist Block 1 Mt Adams S D surveyed by Mr Hutton Greytown

12th February Hinakura Public School opened- nine pupils present in temporary charge of M H Blake

17th February Letter from Mr A McLeod to Minister of Education included

- a) The position is the school is erected and is a credit to the builder so much so that it shows what can be done from "Camp" in the hands of a man who understands
- b) The building is larger than required but the settlers have given the land leasehold, fenced same and done other good work which will cost them £100I am suggesting you increase the other grant by £50.

Letter to Mr A Sutherland 221 Queen's Drive Lyall Bay.

Memo: Mr A Sutherland has communicated with his brother who in turn has interviewed some settlers and in having a larger building they will undertake to do as much free work as possible and in case of need will find up to £100, also if necessary might erect fencing free of charge

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

27th April Letter from Solicitors in Wellington

- a) Mr D M Sutherland has handed me your letter of the 20th
- b) My client instructs me to say that what he has agreed to do was give the land for the purpose of a school as long as used for a school
- c) If the school is ever removed the land reverts to Mr Sutherland
- d) Your conveyance does not carry out the arrangement

e) I would suggest a lease of say 99 years at a peppercorn rental

f) Mr Alexander Dunn

30th April Annual meeting of householders. Committee formed: Mr. Grant Chairman, Mr. K Sutherland Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A Sutherland, Mr. Archer, Mrs Archer

30th April Mr. Grant was elected chairman

That the school boundary be within a radius of 7 miles of school house

That a vote of thanks be recorded to Mr. D Sutherland for the gift of the school site

That the first Monday in the month be the night for Committee meetings

That the Secretary obtained a list of school furniture and the cost of it

That a full day's holiday be granted scholars on Tuesday 1st May

The schoolroom be used for entertainment of visitors at the bridge opening

That Mr. A D McLeod be asked to open the school on the day of his presence here at the bridge openings

That a letter thanks be written to Mr. A D McLeod in acknowledgement of what he has done in connection with enabling Hinakura to obtain a school

That a subscription list be opened by the Committee with the view of obtaining funds for the purchase of a piano for the use of the school

1st May Special holiday for opening of Hinakura School and four suspension bridges. The ceremony was performed by A D McLeod MP for the district

2nd May Inspector Cowles paid his first visit to Hinakura School

7th May letter to Lawyers.

a) Mr Dunn is under some misapprehension

b) Mr Alexander Sutherland has offered freehold

14th June A letter from Mrs Archer was received tendering her resignation from the Committee

That subject to his approval Mr. Hill be elected to the vacancy in the Committee

That Mrs Archer be approached to ascertain her willingness to accept the position as school custodian

5th June Committee Meeting. Resignation of Mrs Archer. Mr. Hill substituted

3rd July Two broken window panes repaired

4th July Gate put on

10th July Doormat arrived from E W Mills, School Flag received

1st August Fence around school started

6th August Attendance under half- four children absent because of influenza in their home

17th August Inspector Cowles' Second Visit

24th Inspector's Holiday- Break up for 2nd term vacation

24th September Dominion Day Holiday

17th October School closed no scholars attended because of bad weather

18th October Key of school door lost. Lock forced

22nd October School closed Labour Day
25th October Holiday granted by Committee for Carterton Show
2nd November School closed teacher ill
3rd December (*Next Meeting*) That a sports and break up picnic be held at the end of the term
That the parents and children of the Tableland district be invited to attend the picnic
That the last day of term be declared a full holiday
20th December School break up Picnic and sports combined with Prize Giving, held in bush

1924

5th February School opened
3rd March Two desks received from Tablelands School (*Nearest School*)
8th April Mr. Burns, Inspector, visited the school
25th April Anzac Day
28th April School resumed late owing to railway strike
29th April School closed down owing to diphtheria
19th May A general meeting of Householders was also held at the Hinakura Schoolroom on May 19th 1924 for the purpose of electing a new School Committee
Those elected were Mr. Grant (Chairman) K Sutherland (Secretary and Treasurer) Mr. Hill, Mr. Schofield and Mr. A Sutherland
That the purchasing of a school piano and the arrangements in connection with it be left in the hands of the chairman and Secretary.

That Eileen Grant's offer to undertake the cleaning of the school for the sum of sum of £10 per year be accepted
20th May School reopened after being fumigated
School Committee on previous night. Elected Messrs Grant (Chairman), K Sutherland Secretary/Treasurer, A Sutherland, W Hill, P Schofield
23rd May School nurse visited and swabbed throats of children and teacher
26th May One diphtheria carrier reported
3rd June Empire Day holiday
11th June No School teacher ill
27th June School closed down on account of Diphtheria
27th August That the Secretary write to the Education Board and ascertain if an error has been made in connection with the subsidy granted for purchase of the piano £.30 being promised and £27-5-10 being received
That accounts examined be passed for payment
That the Hinakura School reopen on 2nd September 1924
2nd September School opened

1925

16th March The business before the Committee was the advisability of opening a Post Office account- It was decided to defer the matter until the election of the incoming Committee
13th May A vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary was proposed and carried (*Only business*)

Householders meeting for the purpose of electing the incoming School Committee

There were 6 present

The Committee elected were T Grant Chairman, K Sutherland Secretary and Treasurer H Schofield, N McLeod, and A Sutherland

That Mr. Hill be accorded a vote of thanks for his services on the old Committee

That school funds be placed in the Hinakura Post Office Savings Bank in the name of the chairman and secretary

That suitable trees be planted about the school

That Mr. McLeod's Offer to donate Plain (*Plane?*) trees be accepted with thanks

Undated That Mr. T Grant be accorded a vote of thanks for his donation of £5 to the school funds and for firewood and gravel carted free to the school

That each member of the Committee be responsible for the sanitary arrangements and cleaning of the school room for one month each

That Mr. N McLeod and A Sutherland examined the sanitary arrangements provided for girls and report to the Committee at its next meeting if improvements can economically be carried out

Signed 30 March 1926

7th September School reopened after being closed for two days. T Thomson Relieving Teacher

15th September Mr. Brockett Agricultural Instructor visited school

17th September Several children away- influenza and colds

1st October School closed half day in afternoon- teacher at funeral of Mary Archer who died on September 29th from pneumonia

29th October School closed for Carterton Show

4th November School closed Election Day

17th- 18th December School closed Teacher granted leave

1926

1st February School reopened I G Purvis in charge

5th March Mr. Brockett Agricultural Instructor Visited

20th March School Committee meeting in school

20th March The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and the correspondence read

12th May The financial position of the schools funds were read to the Committee and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

That the Chairman and Secretary be accorded a vote of thanks for their services on outgoing Committee

A meeting of householders to elect a School Committee

4 Present

Elected T Grant, P Schofield, W Mitchell, A Sutherland and K Sutherland

That Mr. Grant be chairman

The Mt K Sutherland be Secretary

That the Education Board be written to the effect that parents at Hinakura accept a teacher in Grade O under the conditions laid down by the Board

That the matter of purchasing for the school use of Coal – A coal scuttle and glass be left in the hands of the chairman

That the Secretary write to the Education Board pointing out to them that from the beginning of 1927 the number of scholars at Hinakura will be much greater than at present

13th May Mr. Burns, Inspector visited school

1st June A N Foster appointed as aided teacher. 9 pupils at school

4th October School reopened after having been closed since 25th

June E M Gray appointed as aided teacher. 11 pupils present, 3 being admitted

16th December Annual prize giving and breakup held at school

1927

1st February School reopened after Xmas holiday. E M Gray in charge. 13 pupils 2 admissions

1st April G V Roberts commenced duties. There was a full attendance of bright, clean and interesting pupils. As they had no singing for months they thoroughly enjoyed the singing lesson. The clean and bright appearance of the school was very pleasing

28th August Mr. Grice Physical Instructor

15th April School closed for Easter holidays which are extended till

21st by special request of the Duke and Duchess

21st April Reopened school Talked with pupils about Anzac Day

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

3rd June Holiday for Kings Birthday

4th June The primers have commenced to read Book 1 of Beacon Readers. The sounds have all been taught and small words built on board. Bunty and Enid are extremely weak in arithmetic and seem quite unable to keep up

16th July Mr. Lawton inspected garden and left several packets of seeds

2nd August Mr. Strachan examined pupils

12th September Reopened after holidays Noel Legatt enrolled.

Primers commenced reading Book II

14th October Whooping Cough has broken out and 4 pupils are away

15th September The children entered in 6 classes at the Martinborough Show and gained 4 first prizes the winners being. Hugh Grant drawing and modelling, Joyce Grant – Writing, Betty Grant Writing

25th October Only 4 boys at school- very wet day

27th October Holiday for Carterton Show

4th November Mr. Lawton visited school. Seeds which he had left were well above the ground

25th November Proficiency Test in Martinborough Owen Grant was successful doing very good work

8th December (*First minutes since May 1926*) That minutes of previous meeting be confirmed

That accounts for prizes and school cleaning be passed for payment

15th December School closed for Christmas Holidays. A party was held in the school, the main feature being a Xmas Tree provided by the School Committee

1928

3rd February School reopened. Owen Grant and Eileen Sutherland have left. Stuart Mitchell, Joyce Allen and Murray Schofield have been enrolled. There are now 16 on the roll

15th February Closed for Masterton Show

16th February Primers commenced Book 4 of the Beacon Reader. The transition from phonics to alphabet is proving very confusing.

25th February New preparatory spelling book commenced. Enid is extremely weak in her arithmetic and is finding great difficulty with it.

30th March Duncan returned today After having been away from school for 16 weeks he is naturally behind in his work but as he is so keen he will soon catch up.

11th April Opened after holidays. Four pupils are still away

3rd May Mr. Watson, Inspector called today

15th May A statement of the school financial position was given the Committee by the chairman Mr. Grant The books not being presented as they had not been returned from being audited.

The chairman thanked the Committee for the work done during the past year

The chairman and Secretary be accorded a vote of thanks for their services to outgoing Committee

6 attended householders meeting. Mr. Grant, K Sutherland, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Leggat

That in view of the danger to school children being blown off the Hinakura Bush Gully Bridge The Featherston County Council will be approached with a petition to have the sides wired

21st May Reopened after holiday. Enid Sutherland has left

16th June Have promoted to Standard 1, Tasman, Gordon, Duncan and Betty, Am giving Verna a trial with them but do not think quite ready

20th July Received seeds from Mr. Brockett

2nd October Mr. Burns examined school today. All were present and did good work. Especially in writing, reading, spelling, singing and nature Study.

11th October The three Grants left today for Martinborough School. Our roll Number is only 10

23rd October The fence in now mended after the whole vegetable garden has been destroyed by stock which came in through the open fence

4th November The last of the trees sent too late by Mr. Brockett has died

10th December School closed to enable me to take Hugh Grant to Martinborough to sit for proficiency exam. Proficiency Certificate gained

19th December School closed for Xmas holidays, Prizes were distributed among the children and after races were run afternoon tea was served to the parents

1929

Reopened after holidays with ten pupils. Hugh Grant is attending the High School and Joan Sutherland is at Masterton

15th February Closed for Masterton Show

16th March Visit of Mr. Bockett who discussed new scheme (Agricultural Adviser)

3rd April Reopened after Easter holidays with only 6 pupils on account of very rough weather

5th April Mr. Burns Inspector visited the school today. Only 6 children present

22nd April Meeting of Householders 5 present

That the incoming Committee consist of those present

That the Featherston County Council be written to asking for a culvert at school gate

That one cord of firewood be secured

That a hanging lamp be secured for the school

That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Education Board and secure particulars on the Gramophones supplied by them to schools and pending a favourable reply the Chairman and Secretary be powered to secure one

Minute Book ends and starts again in 1941

6th May Commenced term examination. Kathleen and Verna Hill have left leaving only 8 pupils

6th June The reopening of school had to be postponed owing to my being ill with influenza. There were only 5 present as the destruction of the bridge during the recent flood has prevented the two children over the river from attending except on fine days. One boy has left the district to attend school in Wellington until the bridge is re erected. Standard 1 promoted to Standard 2

20th June Entered one more pupil making the roll number now 8

25th June Very wet weather is affecting attendance very severely. Only five came yesterday and today

28th June Received word of transfer from this school which now reverts to Grade 0. G V Roberts

8th July L Swift Relieving. School reopened today after having been closed for the period 28th June to 7th July. On 28th June Miss Gladys V Roberts who has been permanent teacher here for the past two years left on account of fall of grade of school

For about one week the school has been closed no relieving teacher having been sent.

Today Mr. Leonard W T Swift reported at school for relieving sole teachership until a permanent teacher arrives to take charge of the school in its new grade (0)

I am applying to the Education Board for files or spring clips to keep the school records in amore business like state. Also there is no key for the drawer or cupboard, so that it is impossible to keep the log book and other school records under lock and key as specified by regulation. I am applying to the School Committee for the matter to be remedied

15th July During last week every half day was an excepted half day, the attendance being only 5. Today the attendance is 8 (Roll Number = 9). An absence notice has been sent to absentee, who appears to be a chronic case

Repairs needed in locks and keys for cupboard and drawer (Reported to School Committee Chairman) Key for outside door of school; firescreen and poker, key for piano, hammer and nails for teacher's use in hanging pictures etc

22nd July Attendance better, last week's average was 7.6. Today the school was visited by the Board's agriculture Instructor, M F C Brockett, and many helpful suggestions will be acted upon

29th July A new axe and a new hammer and tacks have been obtained by the School Committee. Locks and keys were being

obtained today. A new poker was obtained today. The Board has sent dockets notifying that a fireguard has been ordered, but it has not yet arrived. A docket for the order of 6 spring clips has been received but clips have not yet arrived. The clips are for the methodical filing of records and correspondence, gazettes etc.

5th August A girl standard 6 was admitted last Monday and last week's average was 9.4

8th August School visited by AN Burns Inspector. Children tested

12th August Fire screen arrived. Clips have arrived

10th August Outside door sent away to be repaired at Martinborough Two locks sent to Wellington to have keys made to fit. New girl Standard 2 admitted Roll 11

23rd August School broke up today for second term holidays. Relieving teacher Mr. L W Swift concludes his appointment here today

The newly appointed teacher Miss Ivy Maxwell will commence here after the holidays Two children were withdrawn today. They are both to attend school in Masterton On Wednesday 21st inst a meeting of the School Committee was held in the schoolroom to decide arrangements for the board of the new teacher. The keys etc were handed over to the Secretary of the School Committee the chairman being ill in hospital;

10th September School reopened today after term vacation. There were 9 pupils present I commenced duties today being sole teacher of Hinakura Aided School I Maxwell

12th September Duncan Morrison who was taken off the roll 1st term returned to school today and was re-entered on the roll now

making a total of 10 (He attended only two days, took seriously ill and died) *As written in log*

Inspectors Report Included

- a) Standard 6, 1 Standard 2, 3, Standard 1 ,1, Primers 5 Roll 10
- b) Management very fair, order tone and discipline fair
- c) The general efficiency of the teaching is very fair (*Six on scale Very fair is third from bottom*)
- d) The younger children need to be trained in habits of self control and industry
- e) Accommodation ample and suitable
- f) Buildings are in need of painting
- g) A N Burns

26th September Helen Dougall Medical Officer visited and examined the pupils present. 7 present roll 10

28th October School closed Labour Day

31st October School closed Carterton A and P Show

16th December I took the pupils down the river for a ramble and picnic. They had a very enjoyable day's outing

19th December The Instructor and Teacher of Physical Training (Miss M Blackbourne) visited the school today

20th December The school closes today for the six weeks summer vacation. All pupils except Stuart Mitchell promoted. His attendance for then year being only 51.2% did not warrant it.

1930

3rd February School reopened. Two new pupils enrolled making the roll 10. 8 pupils were present. Stuart Mitchell was absent on account

of home circumstances and Garrett Simpson has had to undergo two operations in the Greytown Hospital with a poisoned leg

18th February The painters arrived today to paint the school, which very badly needed attending to.

Same Day- Later- Norman and Duncan McLeod did not come today. Later in the day I heard that Duncan had had a bad fall from his horse whilst riding to school in the morning. He was unconscious all day and had the Doctor Out

19th February School closed for Masterton A and P Show, as all parents intend going with their children

20th February Two McLeod boys still absent. The parcel containing the school's supplies for the year arrived today

The painters intend finishing the school and outbuildings today. They have had to give it two coats of paint

11th March Mr. Burns the inspector paid a surprise visit this afternoon

26th March Mr. Brockett visited the school this afternoon

2nd April Two hand forks arrived for school gardens

7th April Duncan McLeod returned to school today after being absent 7 weeks owing to his fall from the his horse.

17th April School closed for all the following week. Easter vacation with Anzac Day inclusive

29th April The meeting of householders for electing the new School Committee was held in the school room last night. C E Schofield (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) R Mitchell, N McLeod, W Simpson, C P Reece

5th May Commenced first term examination today

3rd June School Closed King's Birthday

11th June Only 5 present The river is up and the three on the other side are unable to cross. Tasman Schofield has taken ill with appendicitis and probably won't be at school for three weeks

8th July Just received word of Sir Joseph Ward's Death. A message was sent by the Chairman of the School Committee to close school for the afternoon

10th July School closed- Holiday granted for the late Sir Joseph Ward's Funeral

17th July Only 4 present George Simpson very badly cut his leg and will probably be absent two or three weeks with it.

18th July Miss Blackburn drill instructress visited the school and demonstrated several very interesting games set to music. The children thoroughly enjoyed them though only 4 present

21st July Tasman Schofield has returned to school after his illness

4th August George Simpson has returned to school- His leg is now healed

7th August The inspector Mr. Burns visited today. There were 6 present. The three across the river being absent. He seemed very pleased with the progress they had made on the whole.

8th August The McLeod Boys returned to school today after being absent a fortnight owing to the river in flood

18th August 2nd term examinations commenced- 9 present

8th September School opened after the holidays- 9 present

10th September Inspectors Report included

- a) Teacher Miss I Maxwell
- b) Standard 6,1 Standard 4, 1 Standard 3,2, Standard 2 , 1 Standard 1 ,2, Primers 2
- c) Total 9, 6 Present

- d) Most of the children are young for their classes
- e) Management Very Good
- f) Order Tone and Discipline Very Good , The children show a fine spirit of work
- g) Attendance of children within easy distance has been very good. Three pupils are prevented from attending when the river is in flood
- h) The progress of pupils in English Subjects is very marked
- i) Buildings and Grounds are kept in good order. The room is very clean and the walls are decorated
- j) A N Burns Inspector

6th October 2 more pupils- The Reece Children from Kaikouri (Sic). One is in Standard III and the Boy is in Primer 4. The roll number now being 11

27th October School closed Labour Day

30th October School closed. With the exception of 3 All the others went to the Carterton Show

16th October The two Reece children fell off their horse yesterday going home and will not be attending school until they find other means of conveyance

10th November Beryl Simpson aged 5 newly admitted

Garrett Simpson who has been in hospital since last January with a bad leg returned to school today

24th November Standard VI Proficiency Pupil examined by teacher today from papers forwarded by Department. Miss Ngair McLaren kindly helped supervise. All the other pupils were kept away for the day.

26th November All pupils commenced their final term examination for promotion today. The examination questions are being taken from those set out and thought suitable in November Education gazette

5th December Received word and certificate today that Standard VI pupil Norman McLeod had been successful in getting his proficiency

19th December School closed today for summer vacation. The average attendance for the term is 9.97 Total roll number is 13

Another term with this attendance and the school will be classified grade 1 again

1931

2nd February School opened today. The two Reece children were taken from the roll They attended only 10 days last term and they are leaving the district. All pupils are present 11 on the roll

15th February School closed for Masterton Show. All families intend going

Mr. Brockett visited the school today and talked over scheme of work for the year

5th March Another pupil Molly Adams from Ohau admitted Roll now 12. Molly is 12 years of age and very, very backward. She is in Standard III

2nd April Dr McIlwraith visited school today (The Senior Inspector) School closed for Easter Vacation

1932

1st February School opened with a roll of 7 Mr. J M Wiseley took up duties as relieving sole charge teacher- it is understood the appointment is for a period of two months

During the Vacation the chimney pot blew off and damaged the spouting

8th February The three Schofield boys returned to Hinakura after having been to Castlepoint for one week. The roll now stands at 10

18th February Visit of Mr. Partridge- Inspector

24th February Builder came from Martinborough to mend chimney replace pot and mend spouting

17th February School closed for Masterton Show all families going- time made up on Saturday

12th May Election of School Committee held in school. Mr. Schofield resigned from chairmanship

Mr. N A McLeod (Chairman) Mr. C E Schofield, Mr. R T Mitchell, Mr. W Simpson, Mr. Grant

6th May New teacher's chair purchased by Committee. School broke up for May holidays

It is apparent that new locks are required throughout the school as there is no safe lace to keep records etc- report to Committee but no action taken as yet

23rd May School reopened. J M Wiseley continued as relieving teacher

23rd June Mr. P Partridge paid a surprise visit of inspection- recommend among other things, that the Committee be approached to provide 10/- (*10 Shillings*) for the purchase of writing material for those children who are not able or will not provide for themselves

The appointment of a permanent teacher has been held up owing to the two gentlemen appointed Mr. R K Lyttle (Graded 183) and Mr. A I Charles graded (192) accepting other positions in Auckland and Wanganui respectively. However it is now understood that Mr. Charles will accept the position

24th June Inspectors report included

- a) Mr. J M Wiseley Grading 209 relieving since February
- b) Roll 11 Standard 6, 1, 2 in standard 5, 1 in standard 4, 2 in standard 3, 2 in standard 2, 1 in standard 1 and 2 in primers
- c) Environment Very Good. Flower plots are trim and neat while the interior of the room is bright and tidy
- d) Discipline Very good The pupils are very well behaved and display a pleasing attitude to their work
- e) Teaching. Good. You have done good work on sound lines and very satisfactory progress has been made in all classes A pleasing feature is the willingness of the oral responses while written work on the whole is neatly done.
- f) General Efficiency Good
- g) Signed J Mervyn Wiseley

5th July Tuesday Mr. A. I Charles took up his duties as sole teacher in place of Mr. Wiseley who was relieving teacher. The school was closed on Friday 1st July as Mr. Charles was unable to be present

15th July New Teacher's Chair brought to school

10th August 2nd Term examinations started today

15th August 2nd term examinations finished today

27th October A special holiday was granted for Carterton Show

1st November Proficiency examination in Geography, History and Drawing Held

1st December Standard pupil sat for Proficiency. Joan Sutherland who is taught at home also attended this school for synchronous examination. Miss Ward Governess at Mr. K Sutherland's acted as assistant supervisor. The other pupils were given a holiday

12th December News received that Standard 6 pupil obtained his proficiency certificate

14th December During the afternoon the children were entertained at Bush Gully where an interesting sports programme was arranged for them

16th December. The school closed today for the summer vacation. The average attendance for the year being 10.6

1933

1st February School opened with roll of 11. Duncan McLeod who obtained proficiency last year is coming back for another year to be spent in Standard 7

15th February School visited by Mr. McCaskill and Mr. Stubbs, inspectors

26th April The annual Householder's meeting held Owing to rough weather the meeting was postponed from the 24th Inst.

Committee C E Schofield, R F Mitchell, W Simpson, N A McLeod, K R Sutherland

Mr. N A McLeod was elected chairman

12th July Mr. McCaskill senior inspector visited school today. Granted children a half holiday

7th August Inspector's report included

- a) A I Charles Grading 183

- b) 1 pupil in Form 3

- c) Roll 12

- d) The teaching in this school is conducted on systematic and intelligent lines, research work is encouraged and pleasing stress is laid on composition and speech work. The formal subjects are in a sound state

- e) The work shows an advance on last year and is now rated as very good.

- f) The pupils are bright and responsive

- g) Order tone and discipline are very good

14th September School reopened. Another pupil enrolled Roll Number 13

26th October Special holiday granted for Wairarapa Show

1st November Proficiency examination in History, Geography, Science and Drawing

29th November Secretary of the Education Board with the Board Architect and two board members for Wairarapa visited the school. Were well pleased with condition of school and suggested that the inside of the building should be painted. They were approached on the question of providing a new blackboard which was promised

14th December A Sports afternoon was held at Bush Gully where the Tablelands School were invited to the gathering and during the afternoon some keen field events were witnessed

At the conclusion of the day winners of events were presented with prizes, while G Simpson received a special prize for attendance and M Schofield a special award for the best athlete

20th December School closed today for the Xmas Holidays

1934

5th February School reopened with 12 children present. Roll Number 13

2nd March Mr. Brockett Agriculture Instructor visited the school. He suggested that the three experimental plots be joined into one plot

2nd March 1934 The County Council has also been given some land adjoining the school and will survey this land,

30th March Householder's meeting held The following Committee was elected. Mr. C E Schofield Chairman. Messrs K Sutherland, R Mitchell, N McLeod, W Simpson, D Morison

21st May School restarted. Roll now 13

4th June Holiday King's Birthday

12th July School closed during afternoon. A team of 7 boys representing this school journeyed to Martinborough School to play that school at rugby football. Although beaten 11-8 the boys gave a fine display and were attacking strongly throughout the latter half of the game. This was the first football match in the history of this school

10th August Return Match was played against Martinborough at Bush Gully. Hinakura won 11-9

16th August A football match was played against Kahutara The game was lost by 13-9

3rd September School reopened today. Inspectors report for year received Included

- a) A I Charles Grade 175
- b) Scale Very Good
- c) Form 3, 1 child, Form 2, 1 child, Form 1, 2 children

d) Standard 4, 2, Standard 3, 1, Standard 2,1, Primers 3

e) Total Roll 13

f) Classroom brightened by instructive and interesting chart work, much of which is the product of the pupils

g) Order, tone and Discipline are very good. There is a very pleasant working spirit in the classroom

h) Teaching is developed on modern lines. A keen interest is taken in all indoor and outdoor activities of the pupils

i) Efficiency Still Very Good

20th September The school was closed at 2 pm today. The boys journeyed to Martinborough to play football. Were again beaten 11-8

22nd October Labour Day School Closed

25th October A holiday recognised for local Carterton Show

31st October Proficiency Examination in History, Geography, Science and Drawing was held. Stuart Mitchell being the candidate

30th November Remainder of Proficiency examination was taken today

18th December School closed

1935

23rd January Though the site is being used Title has not been granted

Lots of correspondence on matter of land transfer not copied.

5th February Roll 13 School reopened

6th, 7th and 8th February On account of the hot weather the school was opened at 8.30 and closed at 12 noon, as recommended by the Education Board

11th February It has been decided upon to keep school open from 9 a.m. to 3 pm starting from Friday

27th February During the afternoon the Annual picnic was held at Bush Gully

6th May A holiday for King's Silver Jubilee

7th May School closed for afternoon session. Children taken to pictures in Martinborough in connection with Jubilee Celebrations

6th July The school closed about 2 pm today. A football team of seven played against Martinborough seven and were defeated 20-11

23rd July Mr. Partridge School Inspector visited the school. His report included

- a) Roll 14 Present 11
- b) A I Charles
- c) Scale Good
- d) Very pleasing work continues to be done in this school, the general level of attainment being very good indeed.
- e) With a strong knowledge of method and a very bright encouraging teaching manner Mr. Charles secures the willing and whole hearted cooperation of his pupils who are all making fair progress
- f) Both on oral and written exercises a pleasing standard of earnest effort is apparent
- g) Order tone and discipline are excellent
- h) The classroom is kept neat, tidy and attractive while the grounds are maintained in good condition

9th September School reopened for third term

28th October Labour Day School Closed

29th October Form II pupils did their examination in History, Geography and Science today instead of tomorrow as majority of children from other classes were attending the dental clinic

30th October Commencement in drawing for Form II pupils

The two boys in Form II will not be having the synchronous examination for their proficiencies as they have been accredited

27th November School closed half day for General Election

19th December School closed for third term vacation

1936

3rd February School reopened with a roll number of 15. There will be no Standard 7 pupils as the two that gained proficiencies December 1935 have left. During the holidays sheep broke into the school grounds and did considerable damage to the maize experimental crop. A severe storm on 2nd February was also responsible for damage to the crop and consequently the experiment will not prove very successful

25th June Holiday for King's Birthday

5th August Arbor Day recognised. A cabbage tree and a kowhai tree were planted in the playground by the upper classes

14th August Mr. Partridge school inspector visited the school today/ Two Standard 6 pupils were accredited their proficiencies

2006/27853 Charles Albert Ivor 21 December 1909

Full name: Albert Ivor Charles

Born: 21st December 1909, Glentunnel, Canterbury, New Zealand

Died: 16th November 2006, Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand

8th September School reopened today instead of yesterday. During the holidays the interior and exterior of the school were painted and as the work was not completed on Monday the Committee granted an extra day's holiday

A concrete path was put down to the girl's lavatory while the concrete in front of the porch was extended to the gate, This work was done by Mr. Schofield, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Morrison, the other Committee men not being able to give assistance

October Labour Day Holiday

29th October Special Holiday granted for Carterton Show

5th November Proficiency Examination in History, Geography, Science and Drawing was held today

Inspector's report of 14th August included

- a) Mr. A I Charles
- b) Role 17
- c) Grade Very Good
- d) The general standard of work in this school continues to reach a very pleasing level and in all subjects there is ample evidence of highly efficient teaching
- e) Written exercises are presented with a fine degree of neatness and care, while all oral activities are marked by vigour and spirit
- f) The various branches of drawing are being well developed, while penmanship is also a very strong feature
- g) The whole classroom is in a very good condition

h) The environment is very good, the walls of the classroom being bright with useful teaching charts, etc, while the garden plots are very attractive and the grounds generally in good order

i) Discipline and tone are excellent, the whole atmosphere being one of keen and happy industry

14th December Holiday King George the VI birthday

15th December Owing to an outbreak of infantile paralysis in Dunedin the school was closed today for the third term vacation

1937

22nd February Although school will not reopen until March 1st the teacher A I Charles commenced duties this day

1st March School reopened today with roll number of 15. Front of Boy's lavatory collapsed. Reported to Committee to be repaired immediately

During the holidays boys who were not pupils of the school entered the building and interfered with school property damaging some

26th – 30th march School closed for Easter Vacation

19th April School closed until further notice owing to the infantile paralysis

Children will do the work published in the Dominion together with the work in Anthologies, Reading Report books and sketch books set by the teacher

The infants have been sent a variety of work based on their reading books

This work will be collected from the Post Office on mail days marked and returned to the children

21st April to 12th May Comments like Marking, Correspondence etc

24th May Second term commenced this day

19th – 23rd School closed on account of Education Conference

20th August School closed today for second term. The average attendance for the term was 14.12. The roll has dropped from 17 to 14

Last week new gardening tools and more science apparatus were received from the Board

27th September There were only three children present this morning.

These were sent home and the school closed

Whooping Cough has broken out in the district and every house, excepting one is infected

All the children were sent an assignment of work this day

18th October School reopened this day. There were six children present, the others still being ill with whooping cough

15th December During the afternoon the annual sports etc were held in the school grounds

Mr. A Sutherland presents a bell to the school. It was formerly ...

Inspectors Report 7th September Included

- a) A I Charles
- b) Roll 15
- c) Grade Very Good to Excellent
- d) This school continues to do very good work
- e) The teacher is working very effectively in the interests of his school, using up to date methods and gaining the cooperation

of his pupils who are working to capacity and making very good progress in all school activities.

- f) Children are alert and keen, taking great pride in their written work which reaches a commendably high standard.
- g) They respond intelligently in oral work
- h) Order tone and discipline are very good indeed
- i) The quality of the instruction is assessed as very good to excellent
- j) H G Johnston

Continued from previous comment. Property of the late Mr. D Sutherland of Ngaipu

17th December School closed for Xmas Vacation

1938

1st February School reopened 11 children were present out of a possible roll of 13

The month of February is to be regarded as a health month as most of the instruction will be taken outside

During the first week of the holidays the sugar beet crop was completely destroyed by cows. The crop was immediately replanted but owing to the dry hot weather growth has been very slow

16th February There were only six children present today owing to the Masterton Show. Consequently the school was closed early in the afternoon

14th April School closed teacher had leave of absence

2nd May The householders meeting was held. The same Committee was elected. Work to be carried out in school grounds during holidays discussed.

23rd May Beginning of second term. During the holidays ground improvements carried out

17th October Set of light woodwork tools arrived for school

27th October Carterton Show. School closed for the day

Inspectors Report for 6th September Included

- a) The quality of work is assessed as Very Good to Excellent
- b) All other comments are as last year. Clearly a very good teacher

18th November The lawn mower which was ordered at the beginning of the term arrived this day. The lawn has been ruined for this year by the delay

16th December School closed for Xmas Vacation

1939

1st February School reopened this day with only five out of thirteen present Ground improvements arranged to be done during the holidays were not carried out. Arrangements will be made to have them done this month. Broken window panes were not replaced

10th March Attendance during February very poor owing to sickness in two or three families. Windows were repaired today

1st May There were only 4 present today owing to sickness in nearly every family. School closed at 2 pm

5th May School closed for term vacation. As there were only 4 present it was closed at 2 pm

27th July Only 7 children present many children being unable to attend owing to heavy snow fall. School closed at 2 pm

17th August Owing to bad colds and unfavourable weather conditions there were only six present this day. The school was closed at 2 pm

18th August Only 4 present Colds and flooding of creeks being the cause of such poor attendance. The school was closed early for the 2nd term vacation

20th September Mr. Johnston School Inspector visited school

29th September Five children left the school this day making the roll number now 7

Inspectors Report included

- a) A I Charles
- b) All school activities continue to be very capably treated in this school
- c) The work done by the children in preparing the local regional survey reflects their keen interest in their school and district, a tribute to the enthusiasm of the teacher
- d) The equality of instruction is assessed as very good to excellent
- e) Order tone and discipline are very good indeed
- f) H G Johnston Inspector
- g) Plus other glowing comments

20th November from this day until the end of summer swimming will be regarded as a subject of the curriculum. Children not going into the water will be expected to bring a note giving reasons

15th December School closed for third term. As there were only three children present it closed early

1940

6th February School reopened Six children present, two being still away on holiday

14th February Two children present. The others having gone to the Masterton Show. School was closed

19th March Mr. Partridge School Inspector visited the school

9th April 1940 Mr A I Charles sole teacher, Dyerville, (*Dyer*) from Hinakura PP

3rd May Mr. A I Charles completed his services at the school

21st May School reopened. Six pupils present. One in Hospital the other at home with a cold. Mr. J S Allan commenced duty

20th June School closed with permission of Committee to enable teacher to attend his mother's funeral in Timaru

27th June School reopened with attendance of 8

1st July Pupil Malcolm Sutherland returned after absence of 14 weeks

19th July Visit of Mr. Brockett agricultural instructor

3rd September Reopened with attendance of 7 one absentee being in bed with severe cold. The other in isolation due to measles outbreak in the family

24th September Visit from Mr. Drummond Education Board architect who inspected the repairs reported necessary by the Committee. He listed the jobs which needed doing and promised to do his best to see that they were attended to

27th September Visit of Mr. Brockett to bring our supply of fertilizer, inspect outdoor work of the school and to give the children a general talk on the agricultural work

October Letter from Mr J S Allan for permission to attend Carterton Show As all except two children intend going to the show

22nd October Visit by Inspector Mr. Bringans

11th 12th November Teacher absent in Wellington for Air Force Examination.

20th December School closed for Xmas holidays

1941

3rd February School reopened for the New Year with at attendance of 7 children. Two children have not returned from holiday. One new pupil enrolled

3rd March Complaint from parent about monitor system of Health inspection. A demand by the parents that the scheme be deleted from the school organisation was refused until case could be considered by Committee. Children withdrawn

4th March Discussed matter with parent after school and made the offer that pupil could return to school on same basis as previously except that he be not examined by monitors in the daily Health Inspection

It was stated clearly that pupil would participate in other monitor duties as previously organised. Parent expressed satisfaction with all other branches of school organisation

5th March Pupils returned to school and a note was dispatched to parents at lunch asking for a note stating that they did not wish child to be examined by the Health Inspector. A copy of this note was filed

6th March Answer to note filed and scope widened to include all children in this family. Matter to be taken up with inspector to Committee meeting. (Matter dropped when family left district 9th May)

24th March Flagpole erected by School Committee during weekend

2nd April Half ton of coal delivered to school

9th 10th April Teacher absent in Wellington for operation made necessary by Air Force Requirements with the permission of the Board

16th- 18th April School closed teacher was in hospital

26th May School reopens for term with attendance of 9 pupils

14th – 16th July Teacher absent at Final Air Force Examination

21st July Three new pupils enrolled

8th August Teacher in Hospital

20th August School closed for term holidays

15th September Owing to teacher's illness school reopened a week late

17th September Visit from Manual Training Supervisor who took woodwork lesson with the boys

9th September Visit for half day from Mr. Brockett agricultural instructor who took the class and inspected the grounds

9th December Visit from Mr. Bringans to inspect school work. Visit lasted half day only

24th November Present R Cundy (Chairman), Listen and H Cameron. The schoolmaster Mr. J Allen was also present- Apologies from Mr. K Sutherland and D Warensen? On account of shearing The new members of the Committee were appointed Messrs H Cameron and Listin? Were appointed

The matter of cleaning the school was left over in the meantime- Mr. Allen continuing until the end of the year (February)

Approval was given for the buying of Paints, Dusters, Oil for lawnmower and to have the woodwork saws set and sharpened

It was decided to carry on and have the annual sports and prize giving as usual, the date arranged was December 16th and 17th 1941

The prizes were to be purchased again from A H Reeds and was left to Mr. Allen to make out order form and order early- sum of approximately £2 or thereabouts to be spent

The matter of the Regional Survey Book was brought up and decided that the purchase of copies of same to be discussed at a later meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8,45

16th December School Sports and prize giving held

1942

2nd February School reopened. One new pupil enrolled

25th February Visit from school medical officer to carry out biannual inspection

26th February punished three pupils for "dirty thinking" and passing of notes of undesirable nature

30th April 1st May Teacher in Wellington Public Hospital for special examination for Air Force

7th May Mr. Bringans the inspector visited the school and examined the standard classes

8th May School closed for first term. *Log book signed by chairman R Cundy*

26th May Teacher called to Masterton for military medical examination

2nd June J Allan terminates duties at this school until he has completed his war service

6th – 10th June School closed as Mr. Allan had to enter camp

11th June F H Tolley arrived, school reopened

3rd August School closed Measles

25th August School reopened

16th December School sports and prize giving

18th August Letter from Mr R T Cundy Chairman I am writing re our consultation by telephone last week

This is to inform you that with the School Committee and teacher's consent it was decided to have a holiday now and resume on the 18th August.

The isolation period for the case of measles ends on the 17th August. Miss Talley the teacher goes to another house for boarding and resumption of duties

18th August In view of the fact that no applicants have been received for the above position the board will readvertise the position

18th November Miss W Rowan appointed of Sole Teacher- War appointment

Grading 204, 3 ³/₄ years' service Current position Relieving assistant

14th December Telegram to Board Desire permission close Thursday owing difficulty leaving Hinakura Committee willing Tolley

Reply by Telegram Permission Granted

1943

1st February School reopened Number on roll 6 W Rowan is teacher, war appointment (*War appointment means that the position is held open for the soldier to return to*)

15th February Contractors arrived to effect repairs to school and outhouses. Work is expected to take several days

19th February Work about school completed

7th June School closed for King's Birthday

16th August A new gate was put in place of old one by members of the Committee. Trees around school topped

10th September Holiday granted by the Department for all public schools to celebrate the capitulation of Italy

25th October School closed Labour Day

30th November Mr. Bringans inspected the school

18th December School sports and prize giving

1944

1st February School opened with roll of 12

24th April Letter from Miss W Rowan Teacher to Wellington Education Board

- a) I wish permission to close the school on Thursday instead of Friday
- b) The only means of conveyance from Hinakura is the mail car which runs three times a week and Friday is the last trip. If I could close the school on Thursday I can catch the Friday car. Otherwise I would have to wait for the following week

Reply OK as long as School Committee approves

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

12th July Mr. Maloney the agriculture instructor spent the day at the school

9th August Three members of the School Committee spent the day at the school cutting down the gum trees that were shading the school and mending the fences

16th August A half day was spent completing the chopping down of the trees by the School Committee

2nd October Mr. Stubbs Senior Inspector visited the school for a half a day

6th December A most successful concert was held in the school in the evening

13th December Parents attended sports meeting held at school in afternoon. Prizes were given to children

15th School closed for Xmas Holidays

1945

5th February School reopened. 13 On roll. One withdrawal

4th May Special Holiday Capitulation of German Forces in Italy

4th June King's Birthday celebrations

15th – 16th August Victory Celebrations School closed one half day
15th August and whole day 16th

24th September Letter from W Rowan asking for permission to close school for a Sale of Work The sale will take place within the school Approved by Wellington Education Board

25th September Mr. Stubbs Senior Inspector visited the school

4th October School holiday for sale of work by Hinakura School Children and parents

5th November Miss Rowan appointed to another position

20th December School closed for Christmas Holidays W Rowan ends duties at this school

1946

18th January Mr J S Allen has been appointed to a job in Christchurch and will not be returning.

4th February School opened with a roll of 14. Two new entrants only attending 3 days per week. R Grant took up the position of Relieving Sole Teacher. *(I wonder if this is the Bob Grant who was headmaster at Featherston School when I was appointed there in 1963. He had affiliations with Martinborough)*

20th February Mr A R Stedman appointed. Grading 195 4 years teaching. Relieving Assistant in Canterbury District

Letter to Mr Cundy Though Mr Grant relieving teacher applied for Hinakura School he was unsuccessful and there were six other

applicants with higher grading. Therefore we cannot agree to appoint Mr Grant instead of Mr Stedman the highest graded applicant

1st April Mr. Stedman Canterbury has been appointed permanently to this school but has been given leave of absence until 9th November for university work

15th April Mr. Bringans School Inspector paid a short visit to the school today

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

1st May Mr. G S Maloney Agriculture Instructor visited the school today. A requisition for a dozen shrubs and some new gardening tools were made

10th May R Grant finished duties at this school as relieving teacher

27th May School closed today till arrival of relieving teacher

28th May School reopens Mr. F J Kilkelly commenced duty as relieving teacher

3rd June School closed Kings Birthday

4th July Chairman and others erect jumps and mark out course for pony club activities which will take place on 6th July and subsequent Saturdays in school paddock

Opportunity was taken to plant several flowering trees and shrubs in school grounds. These shrubs were sent to us on instructions from Mr. Maloney and arrived on the 3rd July

19th October We were under the impression that when Mr Stedman took over at beginning of next year that Mr Kilkelly remained here until the end of the present term. It seems strange that the new master should arrive only a month before the end of

the term and am fairly sure you gave Mr Stedman leave till the start of 1947

Mr Kilkelly thought he was here until the end of the year

Mr Stedman was studying under a rehabilitation grant of £3-3-0 per week and this stops when the University Year ends. There are a lot of schools in this area where ex soldier teachers will be taking up duty a month before the end of the year

14th November Mr. F J Kilkelly finished duties at this school as relieving teacher

18th November School opens Mr. G R Stedman takes up permanent appointment

27th November School closed Election Day. School used as a polling booth

4th December J L Bell and Mr. G H Stubbs, inspectors visited the school this afternoon

16th December Sports afternoon- a hot day but enjoyable. Some parents absent because of shearing

18th December Prize Giving, concert and Father Xmas in the evening

19th December School closed for January holiday

1947

3rd February School reopened. Full muster of 17. No new pupils enrolled

20th March School closed all day- teacher ill with summer sickness which is prevalent in the district

9th April Reopened after Easter vacation with a muster of 17. School was being painted the workmen having started on Tuesday April 8th The exterior only to be done at present

23rd April Mr. G H Stubbs, senior inspector spent the day at the school

25th April School closed for Anzac Day ceremonies

7th May School closed for May vacation. Early closing due to teacher having three day's Leave of Absence. Reduced number on the roll due to the prevalence of influenza in the district

27th June Heavy rain in the district brought down slips and raised creeks and rivers in heavy flood. Most families were unable to go to school, so school was conducted at the various homes. The children were visited every other day by the teacher who left assignments of work to be done. School was not resumed as usual until 10th July. Two children being still absent in Martinborough

15th July Visit by two patrol officers one of whom was Mr. Gray Traffic Inspector of Carterton. Due to a lack of power. Safety First films could not be shown. A short talk however was given

10th August School closed for September Vacations. The senior pupils gathered to mow the grass, wash out school and to clean it generally

8th September Full attendance of 16 pupils. No new entrants

19th September A family left the district taking with them four pupils of the school. The roll now stands at 12.

8th October Mr. Stubbs visited the school and inspected the children

15th October Mr. D O'Connor instructor in Physical Education paid a visit which was much appreciated. The children would have liked the stay to be longer

27th October Labour Day School closed

33rd October Carterton Show School closed by consent of School Committee Majority of children are riding ponies

28th November School opened for last day in 1947. Because of an outbreak of Infantile Paralysis in Auckland all North Island Schools are to be closed. Children returned on 3rd December to collect books. End of year prize giving, concerts and Christmas Tree all postponed indefinitely

Examinations interrupted and would not be held.

1948

2nd February Teacher reported for duty this morning. Time was spent in making the school ready for occupation and in constructing some bookshelves

Children are not permitted to return to school until after Easter (28th March) Correspondence lessons are to be used and Hinakura School Children are waiting the arrival of these assignments. The closing of schools is due to the outbreak of Infantile Paralysis which started in Auckland. And has since spread to Christchurch and remaining areas in the North Island

25th February As a result of an announcement made last weekend by the Minister of Health School was opened today. Officially schools open on the 1st March this date giving the Board time to act. There was no bar to the Hinakura opening an early start was made so as to catch up on work missed as a result of the precautions. Ten children were present, including three new enrolments- one for the first time. Two children were away on holiday in Martinborough

1st March School started officially today. Very hot and a swim was taken instead of Physical Education. Thirteen children were mustered. One new entrant into Primer 1

25th March School closed for Easter Vacation. Three children who were on holiday from Petone, left school today. They return to Petone

31st March School reopened after Easter. One new admission Standard 2. A boy New roadman arrived at Hinakura a week before Easter

13th April Mr.(Ngata) Barnett BSc visited the school in the morning and made valuable suggestions as regards gardens, suitable bedding plants etc Through him requisition was made for some essential tools and apparatus

7th May School closed for May Vacation 7 children present last day 4 absent

7th June School closed for King's birthday holiday. Weather cold, southerly with passing showers, restricted outdoors

14th June The District Nurse Featherston visited the school this afternoon and gave a talk on the causes prevention and care of the common cold. Her visit was appreciated

15th June The Traffic Inspector arrived early in the morning and talked to the children on the Safety First Rules, stressing the correct method of walking and riding along a windy country road

15th July Mr. Bennett Agricultural Instructor visited the school regarding starting a local club (*Calf and Lamb*)

25th October School closed for Labour Day

26th October Visit by district nurse. Examination of the children and talk on good food in a meal

9th November Mr. G H Stubbs Senior Inspector visited the school on an inspection visit

10th December A fine day with a cool S W wind marked our sports afternoon. A good turnout of parents and the whole activities went off without a hitch. Prize giving followed afternoon tea in the school

14th December Concert night at which were presented 2 plays- Red Riding Hood and Simpleton

Songs were also sung. Tuesday afternoon was spent in preparing stage for the play and arranging seats

The concert was a success about 70 bring present. £5 was taken at the door to defray expenses. A Christmas tree was a delight to the children

16th December School closed today to enable the teacher to clean and oil the school floor before the vacation

1949

1st February School reopened. Seven children present. Hot weather also experienced and we spent ½ day daily swimming. Gardens were well covered in weeds and attention was paid to them. Starts were also made with arithmetic, spelling and writing and reading

16th February Visit by traffic inspector Horsfall and Gray who gave a talk to the school on the five golden rules

- I. Walk on the footpath
- II. Walk on the side of the road
- III. Crossing the road
- IV. Safe places to play
- V. Leave for school early

VI. Go straight home after school

The suggestion was made that the children go to Martinborough for films on road safety in the middle term. Which was willingly acceded to providing suitable transport could be arranged

9th March School closed for referendum on Off Course Betting and Extension of licensing laws for sale of liquor until 10 pm

Appointed to Poroporo School on May 23rd

4th March Present roll is 12. I send in my resignation

7th March When advertising for a new teacher at Hinakura would you please advertise a man preferred. R T Cundy

9th March From Wellington Education Board We can't advertise for a man

30th March School closed for shopping day. Teacher did some urgent shopping in Masterton

13th April Mr J H Stevens Grading No 26 4 ¼ years teaching Nelson Relieving

20th April School open after Easter. Several absentees because of colds

25th April Anzac Day Public Holiday and School closed

6th May End of term. Mr. A R Stedman completed duties at Hinakura School and left to take up appointment as Sole Teacher at Poroporo School

23rd May School reopens for second term Mr. J M Stevens begins his permanent appointment to the school. Attendance of three children. Absentees owing to outbreak of measles in the district, No new pupils enrolled

Bulbs for projector received from Education Board and grant of textbooks received for school library The property of the Wellington Education Board

Work begun with 3 children present, especial attention being paid to Form II Boy

24th May Two children present- One Form II Boy and One Standard 2 Boy, Class work continued and generally organising room and gardens in afternoon preparatory to other children returning

30th May Beginning of second week.- only 2 children present. Contacts absent last week contracted the measles over the weekend.

Work continued with the two cn present an room and teacher organisation made ready for return of pupils

6th June King's birthday- School closed

7th June Very wet day Attendance 3 pupils- Measles cases now recuperating and expected back on Monday

Correspondence work carried out with the absent children from last Thursday- and to continue until children return

13th June Attendance of 5 children- second batch of children to arrive back at school after measles

14th June Attendance of 8 children- 2 still recuperating from measles, one has measles

20th June Attendance of 10 full roll less one

30th June Murray Hutton returns after period of absence due to illness, Valerie Bowring leaves for Taita Central

22nd July School closed attending Art refresher course at Martinborough District High School

3rd August School closed Military Training Referendum

9th August School closed Rain storm, rivers in flood, roads blocked

5th -10th August 2nd term examination held
16th August Received from National Library 40 books. Returned 18 books from last term
September One new pupil Neil Hutton
Mr. E W Evans Agriculture instructor visited school
School closed Labour Day,. Carterton Show
6th November Visit of District medical Nurse
30th November School closed General Elections
2nd December School sports
School closed week earlier because of my appendicitis operation
7th December School concert

1950

1st February 10 children at school. Gardens and lawns somewhat neglected state Amends to be made in the next three days
Swimming to be a daily subject until conditions forecast otherwise.
Lax manners and speech noted- to be rectified immediately
6th February Received from National library Service 40 books
Returned 40 books
9th February School closed Inspector's conference at Martinborough
DHS
28th March Visit of Mr. G H Stubbs and Physical Education Specialist
25th April School closed Anzac Day
29th April Games evening for children at school
22nd May School reopens for second term 15 present
5th June School Closed King's Birthday

14th June School Closed Shopping Day
6th -7th June School closed Teacher absent with influenza
12th July 25 shillings and 6 pence given by children to United Nations Food Appeal
14th August Midyear (or 2nd Term) Survey taken
8th September Visit of Mr. A Sutherland to give talk of recent trip to Australia
3rd October 38 shillings and 9 pence donated by children to Otaki Health Camp
16th October Visit of Mr. Woodley Inspector 10.30 to 2 pm
16th October Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 13, 12 present
- b) The work of the school is well planned for smooth running and the preparation of teacher aids ensures that all children are kept busy and interested
- c) Their book work is neat
- d) The cleanliness and orderly arrangement of the classroom and equipment sets a fine example to the children
- e) Confidence of children is growing and a sense of responsibility developing
- f) A keen interest is shown by Committee and parents
- g) F T Woodley

27th October School closed for Carterton Show
3rd November The last week very poor attendance. Influenza
12th November Special holiday applied for 23rd or 24th November
The NZ shipping company have named a new cargo ship vessel of 23,000 tons after our district Hinakura The students and residents have been invited to inspect the vessel as guests of the

company and at which time a memorial plaque is to be presented by the residents of Hinakura and a presentation is to be made by the children of the school

19th November Meeting held at school last evening to discuss arrangements made for visit to ship "Hinakura" property of the NZ Shipping Company

25th November Visit to Wellington to inspect ship "Hinakura" Presentation made by children of Hinakura School

8th December School Sports

14th December School concert

1951

5th February Attendance of 10 children 1 child absent. Form II girl now attending correspondence college and Standard 4 girl attending Chilton of St James Girls' School

During holiday school tennis court completed

26th February Visit to Masterton to inspect Wairarapa College, Cunningham's Electrical factory, Swim at baths, Visit to Times Age, Telephone Exchange and Masterton Post Office. Aerodrome and each child given a fly in a tiger moth

2nd March Attendance at inter school running sports for South Wairarapa Schools held at Martinborough District High School. School placed 2nd with 45 points

7th March Visit of school doctor to inspect health of children – standard of health very good

9th March Visit of Rev Stevenson for Bible Class to be continued once a month

20th March Visit of Miss Noakes Field Organiser of Junior Red Cross. A Junior Red Cross circle was duly formed at the school

25th April School closed Anzac Day

9th May School reopened 2 new entrants. Roll number now 13

May Collection of toys, books, clothes despatched to Junior Red Cross headquarters- to assist with rehabilitation of displaced children

May An encyclopaedia dictionary purchased for the school

4th June King's Birthday- School closed

26th June One family leaving district Roll now reduced by 2

6th June Visit of District Medical Nurse

28th July Children's Fancy Dress Party 7-9

16th July 2 new primers enrolled Roll number now 15

30th July School closed midday- Dental appointment for teacher

4th August School closed midday to the memory of the late Mrs A Sutherland- a highly respected resident of the district

13th August 2 new pupils admitted Roll number now 17

12th September Visit of district medical nurse

22nd October School closed Labour Day

26th October Carterton A and P Show

29th October School closed Teacher absent owing to visit to parents home

13th November School closed Teacher indisposed with sickness

15th December School athletic and prize giving

18th December School concert Attendance of 56 people. Very wet and windy night. Father Xmas in attendance

19th December School closed for 1951

1952

4th February School reopened for 1952 with attendance of 13 children

6th February 3 new entrants Total roll now 16 children

7th February School closed owing to sudden death of his majesty King George VI

New ceiling put up in schoolroom during the holidays

Gardens and lawns in somewhat neglected state- nothing having been done since early December 1951

14th February School closed Teacher indisposed with summer sickness

4th March 1 new entrant- primer. School roll now 17

March 1 Entrant from Petone West (Form 1) for 3 weeks

March Daily Bus contract terminated by teacher after giving 3 days notice

March Children absent from top of Hinakura Hill being given correspondence work. Work collected Wednesday evening and returned Friday Mornings

16th April School bus contract resumed

25th April School closed Anzac Day

16th May School break up for term holidays Mr. J M Stevens terminated his duties at the Hinakura School to take up an Assistant Master's Position at Hastings Central School

May School reopens Mr. J Nyhtingale? Starts duty as relieving teacher

2nd June Queen's Birthday. School closed

5th June School visited by Traffic Inspector Mr. Horsfall Demonstrations using model city and flannel board talks. Later films were shown dealing with road safety at Mr. Hutton's House

25th June School closed for day as teacher absent- interview RNZAF selection Committee (Compulsory Training)

27th June 5 children were withdrawn today to attend Martinborough School

16th July 3 Children withdrawn Destination Greytown

30th July Application for Residence

Roll 1952, 12. 1953 10, 1954 12

Teacher is supplied with accommodation for a term in each of the residences where children are attending school

Teacher Marrying January 1955 Has applied for waiving of two year clause to enable him to apply for other positions. Board declined request

11th September Mr. P Williams relieving teacher. Attendance of 7. 9 children on roll

24th -26th September School closed teacher on leave to sit examinations

6th October New entrant from Brooklyn

21st October Visit of art specialist- Mr. Davies. Rather a pleasure to have someone to talk to !!!

13th November Visit of Board architect to inspect desks. New tables and chairs promised for end of the year or early 1954

15th October Appointment of Mr E N Dodge Grading No 222, 3 years' service Canterbury Relieving

20th October Mr Dodge got a job in Canterbury as there was only one applicant the position will be readvertised

27th October School closed early. Possibility of floods

5th November Mr Dodge is now available He has declined the position on Canterbury Mr Williams will remain for the rest of the year

15th November Building Approved by Wellington Education Board

1st December School closed teacher in Wellington

15th December Annual concert, prize giving and Christmas Tree

18th December School closes. Mr. P Williams completes relieving appointment

1953

2nd February New teacher E M Dodge commenced. New furniture installed. Roll 12

2nd February

- a) I return herewith schedule of payment as Mr Williams does not live in the area and I don't know his address
- b) There are no cheque forms available
- c) The chairman has instructed me to continue the caretaking duties
- d) At the present time there is no flag in the school .There are no facilities for any sick children or for teaching first aid. As the school is 16 miles from the nearest medical

facility such facilities as a stretcher, blankets, slings etc. are essential

- e) It is noted the school is dependent on the pan system in the lavatories. In view of precautions which are necessary today can some more hygienic method be used E M Dodge

24th February School closed for teacher to attend Inspector's meeting in Featherston South. Children given work to do at home during the day

25th February Visit Martinborough for swimming tuition in the afternoon

6th March participated in the sports meeting of Wairarapa Schools at Martinborough

26th March Barry Todd fell over in playground- later found he had broken his arm when examined

April School visited by Infant Mistress Adviser Miss Lawrie to inspect children and present ideas of organisation

25th April Conducted first ANZAC memorial Service in the district at 9 am. Talk by Mr. D Sutherland for RSA. Attended by parents and children 12 children present and 9 adults

School closed a week early as teacher to receive degree in Christchurch

Children to do one week's work at home

25th May School reopened 12 children present

June School closed for Coronation and Queens Birthday. Planted a silver birch tree at the door to commemorate the occasion and conducted a service which fitted in with the radio broadcast and film

8th June School visited by board's carpenter with a view to recommending the suggestions of the Chairman

14th June School closed as none could reach the school through floods. Reopened 15th with 7 present

18th June. The school was unable to assemble last Thursday and Friday as the floods cut off the school from both directions and all homes were isolated until Sunday

9th July School visited by District Nurse and Doctor to inspect the facilities here regarding sanitation conditions etc.

23rd July School closed for teacher to do essential shopping- Standard classes visited Post Office for a social study lesson to learn about forms etc Work given to be done at home

27th July Today 2 children arrived from Alfredton School

4th August School visited by Art and Craft Specialist. There was an art and craft period for 2 ½ hours

1st August School visited by senior Physical Instructor. Supplied notes and demonstrated one or two things. Supplied the school with a new small rubber ball for infant work. Here for an hour

13th August School closed as teacher sent to Greytown Hospital by local doctor

19th August Letter from Mr Cameron Chairman That Mr Dodge entered hospital on Saturday and has a bad attack of the flu As it is near the end of the term I suggest we close the school

7th September School reopened with roll of 12, 11 being present

21st September Mr. Evans School Agriculture Inspector visited the school and had a general talk about Nature Study and the maintenance of the environment

New Pupil from Bush Gully. Dinah Smith from Nuhaka Native School

13th October C G Hill inspector visited

6th November Mr. Alex Sutherland came and gave a talk to the children on his visit to Japan which included many parts of the Far East and Australia

3rd November Humphrey family came to school (6 new pupils in all)

23rd November School visited by School Carpenter from the Board concerning, windows, tank, fireplace and shelving

24th November School visited by Gavin Cameron from Pahaoa a "Foundation Inspector"

28th November School annual picnic held at Bush Gully behind the homestead on the river flat. Every family in the district was represented except McLeod's. A beautiful day. Soft drinks and sweets supplied by the chairman of the School Committee

15th December Annual concert and prize giving with Christmas Tree and Father Xmas. Prizes presented by Alex Sutherland. Supper provided by parents and friends

17th December Closed school as it is the end of the school year. E N Dodge BA.

1954

Electricity came to Hinakura in 1954

1st February School reopened with a roll of 17 and attendance of 15. Two new pupils: Melody Sutherland and Christopher Brunton. Murray Hutton is going to Hereworth Private School this year

25th February School visited by District Nurse

2nd March School went to compete in swimming sports in Martinborough. –gained 9 points, 1 first, 2 Seconds and 2 thirds. 11 participated 14 attended

4th March Children examined by Health Department Doctor and Department Nurse of the district Immunisation Boosters were given where permission was granted by parents. Three mothers interviewed the doctor and three children were recommended for further treatment. Jordan went to Masterton Convent

30th March Police called to the school to do routine enquiries

22nd March Leave for shopping day approved by Education Board

22nd March School closed to enable teacher to do essential business

6th April Children given a lecture by Mr. Ken Sutherland on Fiordland National park and surrounding sea and bird life,

8th April Mr. Morgan nature Study Specialist assisted in a field study on trees and insects with a class revision lesson afterwards.

22nd April School closed as teacher was unable to get back in time owing to a break down in transport

23rd April Children sell poppies through the district 120 sold. A service was held at the church conducted by teacher and Mr. D K Sutherland spoke to the children about Anzac day 3 parents and 14 children present Wreaths were laid and table was dropped with the flag

23rd April This day classified as shopping day by Board

29th April On the way back to school my conveyance refused to carry me the full distance through a mechanical fault From the

time it broke down to the time it was possible to get back to school took the whole day

When I found on the Tuesday Night I contacted the chairman who advised the parents

Most of the parents used the opportunity to attend to the children's everyday needs, teeth etc.

School was closed Tuesday and Wednesday

9th June School reopened after holidays. School closed for an extra period owing to ill health of the teacher. Queen's birthday celebrated with Flag Ceremony on Wednesday following

16th June The chairman of the School Committee brought to school the Director of Red Cross to tell us about some of the work being done by Red Cross and how we can help

5th July- 9th July Visit by Mr. Burgess the Visiting Teacher

31st July Letter to Mr Deavoll Secretary of the Wellington Education Board included. Typed by E N Dodge

- a) I thought time spent in the RNZAF counted as country service
- b) As there is no immediate for a house here, at the present time I am having a house built in Christchurch
- c) There is a roadman and mailman living next to the school The roadman has five at school with 2 more coming next years
- d) The mailman has 3 boys and a baby
- e) There are 11 stations near the school, 5 of which have no children

- f) Another family has 2 children at school but the Standard 5 student goes to Martinborough
- g) 1954 Roll 14, 1955, 17, 1956 15
- h) I would prefer to remain in this school but I need a house
- i) The parents are against consolidation with Martinborough owing to the length of the journey

Reply I regret that Military Service was not included in calculations and you will have completed your 3 years country service at the end of November 1954

7th August School and Parents visited the Ruahine and Hinakura (*Ships*) at Wellington 31 present

9th August Authorised to build a standard plan school house

15th October Shopping Leave Granted

28th August School concert held. All homes represented. Committee advises that over £6 was collected 30 parents and children

6th September School reopened with roll and attendance of 14

17th September School closed for shopping day

4th October School visited Post Office for purchase of Health Stamps and posting Letters

15th October School closed half day for essential shopping

19th October Visit by Mr. Jenkins and assistant Art Specialist for 1 ½ hours this morning

21st October E N Dodge to Wellington Education Board. It is necessary for me to have a further fitting for an artificial leg in Wellington It will require closing the school on Friday and the following Tuesday

I am applying for sick leave on Tuesday and Half days shopping on Friday

22nd October School closed afternoon. Essential Shopping

26th October Teacher on sick leave so school closed

3rd November Visit for 2 days by Visiting Teacher Mr. Burgess

4th November Visit of Mr. Burling Board Member and Board Architect with Mt Hutton and Mr. Cameron (Chairman of School Committee) regarding maintenance which is overdue, improvements to school facilities which are essential and erection of a dwelling and garage

Play on Guy Fawkes presented outside to parents in early evening, followed by bonfire and fireworks display A representative gathering to which all took part. 43 present

8th November School Closed for Shopping Day, wiring of school and to offset evening at concert and display

9th November Inspectors report included

- a) E N Dodge
- b) Mrs Richardson Sewing
- c) Roll 14 Highest Class Standard 4
- d) Teaching is earnest and conscientious and the children are making steady progress
- e) Much time has been spent in making cupboards and bookshelves to utilize to the full the limited storage
- f) It is pleasing to note a growing interest of Committee and parents in the welfare of the school
- g) A Concreted area and top dressing of tennis court are major efforts

- h) The school has been recently wired for electricity and this should be a valuable asset
- i) The establishment of an adult section of the National Library is a worthwhile effort and much appreciated
- j) The children are happy and well behaved
- k) C A Hill

2nd December School went to an evening tea at Martinborough in connection with Red Cross Club at School

5th December School picnic and prize giving held at Bush Gully. A representative gathering and school sports were held

6th December A pet day was held at the school. A morning tea being served by the parents. The children took part with nature displays inside and pet demonstrations outside including- a sheep mustering trial for senior boys

6th December Mr. And Mrs Morgan visited the school Mrs Morgan inspected the sewing while Mr. Morgan (Nature Study Specialist) examined their nature study books. The afternoon and morning programme was arranged around Nature Study

15th December Closing concert held with Christmas Tree. Father Christmas etc About 60 present

17th December E N Dodge BA completes his duties at Hinakura School and returns to Christchurch

1955

18th January Appointment of Mr N Henderson

5 years teaching. Wellington Relieving

1st February School opened Roll 16 Three being new entrants. N M Henderson new permanent teacher, Committee had worked hard prior to the opening of the school in clearing the grounds and cleaning the school building. This essential work was necessitated by the conditions left by the previous teacher at the close of the year 17th February Shopping Day approved. But advise only one day each term will be granted

18th February School closes Shopping Day with Board's approval

7th March New pupil Robert Lodge from St Thomas Boarding School Naenae

11th March Robert Drinnen withdrawn

14th March New pupil Gaye Clifford from Eastbourne

17th March Tender for residence let to A E Hodson for £4,1 30

23rd March Visit to school by District Nurse. Health of children good except for one family where the nurse explained to the parent the need for care- especially eyes and welfare work

29th March Visit of Mrs Murison of the National library Service about suitability of loans sent, Advised infant and non fiction

1st April Robert Lodge withdrawn

30th March Visiting Teacher Mr. Burgess discussed infant techniques and books

19th April Visit by nature specialist Mr. K Morgan. Discussed enlargement of school grounds and the planting of shrubs. It was decided to hold planting till after the alterations have been made

26th April Builders arrived to start contract for residence and garage but owing to the lack of cement the foundations could not be started

3rd May Contractors started foundations for garage

28th May Second term opening roll two new pupils

16th June School closed. Shopping day. Board's architect pegged out residence

25th June Health officer called but conditions unaltered since his last report one year ago

4th July School closed at 9.40 after consultation with Chairman on smoke problem

15th July Christopher Brunton withdrawn

15th July Builders start on house foundation

4th August Visit of Health Department Officer to test hearing

14th August Visiting teacher Mr. Burgess. Discussed infant number and new English Scheme

5th September 3rd Term opening roll 11

19th September Volley Board erected on side of tennis court

7th October Visit by Nature Study specialist K Morgan. Time spent on studying pond life

11th October Inspection Report received from Health Officer

14th October School closed

7th November Reiri Rebecca and Rosina? Progress cards returned to Board

16th November Motor Mower- Haylock bought for school

6th December Home and School Association formed at Hinakura. Address by Martinborough Home and School with questions and discussion afterwards. Committee elected President Mrs A Cundy, Vice President Mrs E Todd, Secretary N Henderson (teacher), Committee Mrs N Hutton, S Clifford, Mr. D K Sutherland

16th December End of school year Prizes given out at school- death of former pupil Bill Morrison 13th December

19th December Installation of a septic tank and lavatories attached to classroom

1956

2nd February Visit by attendance officer. Radio at School

2nd March Contractor finished with school alterations

10th March Garden party held at Mrs Cundy's 2 pm Mr. Cooksley MP for Wairarapa and about 125 other people were present. Nearly everything was sold from the sewing, sweets, ice cream, cake and produce stalls and together with raffles and afternoon teas about £145 was collected for the Home and School Association

Inspectors visit 22nd March

22nd March Inspectors report included

- a) N M Henderson Teacher, sewing Mrs Milne
- b) Roll 8
- c) Standard 4 1, Standard 3 , 3, Standard 2, 1 Standard 1 ,1 Primer 4 , 2
- d) This small school is effectively directed by a vigorous teacher who has won the ready cooperation of his pupils
- e) These children are frank and friendly and are responding well to pleasant purposeful environment
- f) Special mention should be made of the successful efforts to improve the attitudes of the pupils towards school work and attendance
- g) The community is showing alive interest in the school
- h) Already a motor mower and a radio have been purchased and a volley board and new fences erected

i) The placing of new windows on the North Side has improved the environment immensely

18th April After a year and two days from starting on the job, the builders finished the school house

2nd May Visit by Organising Teacher Mr. Burgess. Discussed linking with Longbush School in second term for a day of school

4th May End of first term- nails of floor punched. During holidays floor of school sanded and linoleum cemented throughout. Home and School Ass

21st May Beginning of second term, commencement of painting interior of school room

May Under sink zip water heater installed by hand basin bought by Home and School Association

30th May Final inspection of house- water to be considered. Visit by Senior Inspector to inspect buildings, grounds and house

27th June Blinds authorised in residence

June Working bee at school- concrete in front of windows- renew part of South wall

6th -12th July Residence without water from pump

16th July School closed- floods. Pump House underwater up to fourth board and section of pipe with foot valve swept away

23rd July Contractor starts on lavatory block

24th July Six new pupils start roll now 13

7th August Visit by Miss Tovey Art specialist

17th August End of 2nd term- pump needing priming for every refill. Letter written to senior inspector at his request after again mentioning the situation to him

4th September New lavatory block supposed to be finished. Board notifies Chairman of intention to construct two 600 gallon tanks at house and a 400 gallon tank at the school (Maybe)

19th September Contractor starts on renewing remainder of south wall. Children taken to Martinborough to see "Living Desert"

28th September Supply of 1955 May Library Grant

October School interior of class room painted

7th December End of School year. Christmas party Prizes

1957

4th February School reopen Roll Nine. Old bridge demolished, school gate being shifted for new road approach. Supply of 1956 Library Grant

11th February Assistant Architect and three others look at water problems for the residence and school. Decided on lifting pump to pressurise two 3000 gallon tanks at residence and one at school. Problem of gardens during summer drought will remain

13th February Visit by traffic inspector Mr. Doyle

5th March Visit by District Nurse

2nd March School went to Country School Sports at Greytown. Ten being a team had to be whole school. A first in 6 year race, 2nd in 12 year, 3rd in Senior Boys High Jump. Concrete tanks for residence are replaced

4th April Pump fixed by MacEwans after no water as tank truck burst pipes.

Ngata Barnett Nature Study Specialist checks equipment

15th April New School Committee – Chairman D K Sutherland, Secretary E H Rolls, Committee Mrs N Hutton, D L Sutherland, C Berkett

16th April Appointment of Mr E E Gault C certificate Residence included

18th April Closing for Easter Vacation N Henderson BA finishes at Hinakura to go to Karetu Maori School

Multiples Unit Taranaki Frame welded at Martinborough

24th April O J Bell took up position of relieving teacher

26th April Multiplex Unit arrives at school

4th May Water supply from tanks. Pump removed from river Pressure Unit to freer tank water (Tank capacity 10,000 gallons)

10th May End of School Term 1

27th may E E Gault (Eric Elliott) took up position as permanent teacher

Occupied Residence 15th May

7th June £25.15 Electricity installed in residence from the Wairarapa Electric Power Board. Free 60 feet

3rd July Mr. N Burgess Organising teacher spent day at school

15th July Mr. Les Bailey Phys Ed Specialist PM visit

6th August Arrival of art supplies

Purchase of record player (Local Committeemen donated cost £ 5)

26th September Committee working bee to clear toppings from pines on all sides of school property

1st October All Juniors to Martinborough for anti polio injection. A.M

18th October School travelled to Raumatī DHS for day's visit

21st October School closed. Teacher absent on urgent family business

23rd October School travelled to Martinborough, Film “Vanishing Prairie”

24th October Visit of Mr. Burgess Organising Teacher

14th December School Picnic at Tenerife

20th December Close of school

1958

3rd February School reopens Roll 9

7th February School closed to mark visit of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother

25th February School closed teacher's course at Kahutara

7th March Country school sports held at Featherston

Whole school participated including minor Games Team of 8 with two spares recruited from Featherston

Roll now 12 with possible stability at this figure

Application made for subsidised purchase of number blocks, (Cuisenaire) and tray for sand/water for infant use. Grant from Home and School Association of £15 for this has been drawn and purchase of sports gear, pencil sharpener has been made

1st April Visit of Inspector Doyle, traffic Officer

26th May 2nd Term begins Roll 12

Carpenters working about school and house. Building exterior being repainted and doors In next few days Playshed to be repaired (New Weatherboard) and work at house to include steps at French doors, bricking of fireplace and flashing of windows on Eastern Wall

29th May Teacher absent. School closed
30th May PM visit to Martinborough for polio vaccine (2nd visit) and booster doses. Most of the children involved
3rd June Infant sand tray received ex Cooper Bros Newmarket
Committee arranged with carpenters to close off North End of porch (Cost to Committee £15.0.0 and put in a storage cupboard. This work is well in hand. Flagpole resited in concrete
13th June Painters left school Plumbing work remains, as well as classroom blackboard
20th June Arrangements made for storage of forms and card tables so as to leave playshed free
Extension of playshed authorised: Mr. Barker (Board building Inspector)
8th July School nurse examined all new entrants p m (One Dirty)
14th July Working Bee erected addition to playshed for storage of seats and tables used for "cards" and "film club" £7.50 net cost
21st July Teacher absent for medical attention to throat infection. School closed
31st July Plumbers repair drainage from residence- septic tank
4th August Vicki Jacob leaves Roll 13
12-13th August Open Days for parents. Good Attendance
9th September Term Three. new children from Martinborough Roll 15
11th September Visit by Mr. Barker. Survey of building for 1959 work programme
19th September 8 (Standard 1- Form 1) children to Wellington for visits to Museum, Zoo, Rongotai Airport Construction, Cable Car and Petone Beach Memorial

An outstandingly successful excursion thanks to help from Mr. H Sutherland. Donation from Mrs Hutton
23rd September Plumbers installed drinking fountain, repaired spouting and replaced open drain on East Side Repaired tank at residence. Still no blackboard in classroom!
4th October Saturday Carrying water to tanks at school and house, second time this year. An exceptionally dry winter
17th October Pet day A most successful day, organised almost wholly by the children. More than 30 people attended
31st October School closed Carterton Show day
3rd November Receipt of wall clock from Board
8th December brief visit by Mr. O'Brien (District Health Inspector)
10th December Took Children to watch final pile on new Moeraki Bridge being driven
11th December PM Children's Christmas party held at Mrs Cundy's residence Takapau. An outstanding success
Builders finally arrived with Blackboard for back of room
19th December Close of school for 1958 Roll 16 (Two to Leave)
School picnic held 17th December

1959

20th January Appointment of assistant mistress That Miss MacGibbon has withdrawn her application. Therefore the Board expects to arrange for Miss Thompson to return as an uncertificated teacher. Naturally of course we must continue to advertise the vacancy in your school
2nd February Roll 15

10th February 1 new child (5 years) ex Waihi. Roll again 16
23rd February E E Gault will close school for two days to attend
In-service Training Course in Masterton
4th March 2 Children from Palmerston North Roll 18
13th March South Wairarapa Sports abandoned due to wet weather
19th – 20th March School closed teacher's course in Masterton
13th April Committee D K W Sutherland Chairman, D L
Sutherland, W Tihema, E H Rolls, J D Carrington
22nd April Visit (A M) by Mr. Bob Stothart Phys Ed Branch.
Committee put batons on house fence and repaired fence behind
garage (D L Sutherland)
5th May Plumbers installed hose taps in toilets and control tap on
drinking fountain
6th May Heater chimney blew down Heavy southerly rainstorm
continues through fourth successive day. No heat in school
7th May Banked £60-13-10 in Home and School account ex stray
cattle on roads. Southerly continues
5th June 8 children absent, Widespread influenza. Extremely cold
inside temperature 44° (6.66° C) with heater full on
8th June Situation as for Friday 8 absent
17th June Nurse Gage PM visit To continue 3rd Wednesday each
month
22nd June Purchase of Phillips Record Player and 6 folk dance
records
2nd July Delivery of new sewing machine (Singer 201K)
19th August Visit to Martinborough School Girls' basketball
21st August End of term II Roll 11 girls 7 Boys

8th September 9.10 a.m. All down to Moeraki Bridge to see girder
hailed into position
14th September 10.00 -10.30 Visit by Mr A E Barnett Ex Shaw
Saville Company. Preparatory to Wellington visit tomorrow
15th September 10 Standard 1- Form 1 Children to Wellington
Visits to Museum, Parliament Buildings, TEV Rangitira. A
successful and interesting excursion
16th September Nurse Gage PM visit
17th September Flu and Measles 6 absent
8th October Maungaraki School visited Hinakura to play softball pm
4th October Visit of Mr. Deacon Departmental Inspector
20th October Carterton Show Holiday
21st October Teacher absent PM visit to Education Department
22nd October Letter from E E Gault I had to close school on
Wednesday 22nd October at 12 O'clock to meet with Inspector of
Island Education. Prior notice to the Board was impossible since
the interview was arranged by phone that day
14th October Inspector's Report included

- a) Des Deacon Inspector
- b) Roll 18 Mrs Gault takes sewing
- c) The active interest of the Committee as responsible for the
healthy conditions under which the school operates
- d) The Committee of a Sports Gear room, a record player
and a sewing machine are important in a school of this
type

- e) More important are the relationships built up by the teacher and the general moral support given to the school by the Committee. These are favourably reflected in the confidence, the good manners and natural free response noticed in the pupils
- f) It is a very capably managed school
- g) The Board's policy of attractive housing and working conditions are very favourably reflected in the state of the school

10th November Pet Show held. Good attendance of parents

2nd December P.M trip to Maungaraki School to play softball Standard 1 up (10)

8th December Xmas party held at Takapau More than 40 children present

15th December School picnic cancelled

16th December Close of 1959 School year 3 to Leave. Roll 19 at end of year

1960

1st February Opening Roll back to 19. 3 new 5 year olds. Committee purchased set of Golden Encyclopaedias £6-17-6 plus subsidy

17th February Mr. Doig Physical Specialist 10.00 -2.00 Swimming and Phys Ed

25th February Country Schools' sports held at Greytown. 18 children participated. Very good results

1st Junior Long Jump- Sundry other 2nds – 3rds

8th March Burch children withdrawn Roll 6 Boys 11 Girls

16th March Nurse Gaze Monthly visit

7th April Brief visit by Mr. Stothart and Mr. Barnett, Specialists

26th April Mr. W Dutton- All day visit- First art visit for 3 years

23rd May Opening term 2 Roll 6 boys 14 girls

9th June Art specialist Mt Dutton All day visit

16th June Water pipe to school replaced Sinclair and Watkins, Greytown plumbers

Tennis Court resurfaced Oldfield's Asphalts

4th July New 5 year old Roll 8 Boys 13 Girls

9th August Wellington trip to Zoo, museum, airport 11 children Standard 1 up Transport Messrs Rolls, Tihema, Self

12th September Mr. John McDonald Organising Teacher All day visit

24th September School children's fair for hall funds £61-15-4 net

29th September All Day Visit Dr (Mrs) Rona Roberts (*Died 2014*) Nurse Gaze Inspection 5/6 year olds

12th September PM Visit Mrs Stothart, Ngata Barnett Nature Study

17th October Pet Day – Most parents present. Good selection of pets

16th December Opening Roll 18

1961

1st February Opening Roll 18

10th 2 five year old entered Roll 20 Two more due during year

21st February School closed Teachers course Masterton

27th February School closed Teacher absent

7th March School closed Country Schools Sports Featherston
5th 6th March During this week builders replaced East Side concrete, braced volley board and repaired rot inside South wall
12th April PM visit Adrian Doig Phys Ed Specialist
17th April New Committee D K Sutherland, W Tihema, E H Rolls, D L Sutherland, E L Chadwick
8th July Working Bee cleared pines on east side of plantation. Reerected fence
25th July A.M Visit of Mr. McDonald Organising teacher
5th October PM visit to Martinborough to meet Viscount Cobham Governor General
27th October Show Day holiday
30th October Governor Generals Holiday
Roll 15 Girls 7 boys
4th November am Visit (advisory) by Inspector Mr. Campbell
22nd November Visit Mr. N Barnett ex Shaw Saville Co Ltd
15th December Close of year Roll 22 One girl (Kuini Tihema) to Kuranui College Expect 23 for opening in February

1962

27th February Miss Moore Art Specialist
11th April Board's Maintenance carpenters on locks and other small jobs about school and house
16th April Health Department visit with Sabin anti polio oral vaccine. Due again about 27th May
21st May Second term opening roll 6 Boys 11 Girls. One boy only temporary

4th June 2 girls 1 boy withdrawn Roll 6 boys 10 Girls
4th June Visit of Rev Ron Taylor First Religious Instruction Here (*Not Correct*)
7th July Visit of Mr. Bill Hedley Board Maintenance Officer
18th July Mr D Carmody Married Currently at Glendale School is appointed
7th August Roll 9 Girls 6 Boys
E E Gault finished term of service. First Assistant Dannevirke North School. Opening Roll should be 8 Girls 4 Boys
3rd September Roll 12, This being a drop of three from previous term. Dennis James Carmody new permanent teacher School found to be in a fairly run down state of organisation of records and classroom equipment. Classroom in dirty untidy condition. Grounds Fair
8th- 9th September Reorganisation and classification of library to facilitate the finding of various subjects by the children
10th September Infant material sorted and organised to aid in finding and using the equipment previously jumbled up and unattractive for children's use
12th September Visit from traffic officer Doyle lesson on school safety patrols in town and how to walk on country roads and bridges
26th September Visit from Mrs Spooner in connection with the save the Children Fund
2nd October Visit from Country Advisory Teacher Mr. Jack Cox
2nd, 3rd, 4th October Visited Tukurumuri school to make notes on all equipment and infant programme. Mr. Cox took the class in my absence

9th October A morning visit from Mr. Church a Physical Education Teacher. Took stock of equipment and children had a lesson

5th October Sent 18/- (Shillings) to Save the Children Fund

19th November Visit by Mr. J Cox For What? (*As written by Mr. Carmody*)

20th November School visit to Martinborough Calf and Lamb Day at Martinborough

4th December Country school sports association meeting at Card Reserve Featherston. First standards meeting, most successful from all aspects. Parents who helped with transport K Sutherland, J Shirkey and J Sutherland

12th December Bought and took delivery of a new Masport Lawn mower

18th December Work display of terms work combined with a Christmas Tree and party. The first at the school for five years

1963

5th February School reopened with a roll of twelve, 5 infants, seven upper school. The new entrants Woodley's

12th February Holiday to give the school opportunity to visit Lower Hutt and see the queen

15th February Visit from Traffic Officer Doyle Safety and Prevention of Motor Accidents

18th April Visit of J Cox and B S Carmody (Arts and Craft) in preparation for a visit to Southern Wairarapa Small Schools Association

22nd April Election of School Committee Chairman J Shirkey, Secretary D Sutherland, Committee E B Rolls, N Woodley, N Sutherland

4th June Visit to the Museum for Social Studies programme (*Presumably Wellington*) Mr. D Sutherland helped with transporting the Children

5th August Visit to Kahutara for organisation of teams for seven aside rugby and basketball tournament

12th August Visit from Mrs Gordon Speech- Rolls children Ormsby and Syliva

15th August Greytown- Kuranui College Annual seven aside rugby and basketball tournament. First time the school has participated. Combined teams from small country school groups

19th October Children went to Admiral Station to meet the mile runner Peter Snell

1st November Holiday granted by School Committee for Carterton show day

23rd November Lamb and Pet Mr. K Ronalds Judge. All children in district present

3rd December Standard Sports meeting Greytown A successful day. Second and Third girls Long Jump. 3rd in Girl's High Jump and 3rd in both relays. Senior and Juniors attended Beauty and the Beast Carterton 10th December

1964

March 9th School reopened on February 4th with teacher only in attendance preparing for year's work. The previous year ended with

a display of work and afternoon tea for adults of the district. Every family were represented at most successful gathering

The school this year has 15 pupils. Seven infants, eight standards

9th March Attended swimming sports at South Featherston Three

firsts, two seconds and a third. A successful well organised meeting

19th and 20th March Attended inservice Arts and Craft course at Martinborough School. Mrs Carmody relieved as teacher

14h April School Inspection Visit

Some land taken by County for bridge

14th April Inspectors Report Included

- a) Roll 15
- b) D Carmody, Mrs Carmody Sewing
- c) The school is capably managed
- d) The children are friendly and well behaved
- e) The school is clean and tidy
- f) D Campbell

21st April Visit of Mr. Golding District Senior Inspector

August Greytown sports meeting cancelled for the year

15th October Softball Games at South Featherston

1st December Annual Athletic Meeting at Memorial Park Greytown.

Three thirds in final

7th December Visit to Wellington by senior pupils to see NZBC (*New Zealand Broadcasting Service. State Radio Broadcaster*)

Wellington Aquarium and to swim at Freyberg pool

8th December Traffic Officer Doyle paid a surprise visit Safety in the holidays

9th November lamb and pet day. Mr. K Ronalds judged again. An excellent entry in all classes

14th December School and parents went for day excursion to Picton on the Aramoana

16th December Display of year's work to the community leaving presentations book and Christmas Tree

17th December School closed for Christmas Vacation

1965

29th January School bus delivered for run to Moeraki

1st February Pump for emergency water supply delivered with hose

2nd February School opened with 16 pupils

March Swimming sports at South Featherston

24th May Roll 23

11th August School combined with others in group to attend 7 aside basketball and rugby sports at Kuranui College

October Martinborough to meet Governor General

11th November Lamb and Pet Day held

22nd November Governor General's holiday taken

24th October Attended meeting at the Board Room to plan inservice courses for the following year. NZEI

7th December School visit to Mount Bruce Bird Sanctuary

8th December Sport's trip to Kahutara School Softball and swimming

13th December Athletic Sports at Kahutara School won Senior Girls and Junior Boys Championship

15th December Annual Christmas tree held with display of work.
All school events have been well attended this year

16th December School closes for 1965 with roll of 20 11 boys and 9
Girls

1966

2nd February School opened for children with the roll at 11 boys
and 8 girls

23rd March School and Parents trip to Masterton to see the “Sound
of Music”

6th April Trip to Martinborough School “Shell Traffic Trainer”

11th April Letter from E H Rolls Secretary With the resignation of
Mr Carmody we will have a relieving teacher a whole term We
need to know because of arrangements to be made re bus,
board, and ground and school maintenance and cleaning

6th May End Term 1 Roll 11 boys 8 Girls D Carmody completes
service. Appointed Head of Dalefield School

23rd May Roll 19 New Teacher B F Travers from LT R (*Long Term
Relieving*) Head Manawahe (*Bay of Plenty*) This day was spent in
cleaning toilets, cloakroom, and storeroom which was found to be in
unclean condition. The following morning was used to reorganise
the classroom to provide more room and to collect trestles etc from
various parts of the district

25th May PM (*Price Milburn*) readers purchased to supplement
ready to read introductory books

26th May Visit by Mr. W E Farland, adviser to rural schools

1st June Visit and talk by the district nurse. Bus wipers repaired at
school by Martinborough Garage Man

6th June School closed Queen’s Birthday

9th June Country Teachers meeting at South Featherston and
attended by teacher. This included a talk by a psychologist on
Testing- types, methods, evaluation etc.

Building Supervisor Mr. Fred Wallace visited the school at the
request of teacher and approved considerable recommendations for
improvements to the school and residence

10th June School ran out of water. A Martinborough plumber
repaired the main cause of the trouble

11th June 2100 gallons of water delivered by the Featherston Dairy
Co

13th June Mr. Fred Wallace visited the school and checked repairs
made to water tanks and pipes. On his advice a plumber from
Greytown completed repairs on 16th June

15th June School Committee meeting attended by teacher who was
surprised to see no minutes or records being kept by the Committee
The teacher offered to assist the Secretary Treasurer in
correspondence and keeping the books

21st June School bus taken to Martinborough for a grease and oil
change and for its six monthly vehicle inspection

26th July District Nurse and Dental Nurse visited the school and
carried out inspection of children’s teeth Two films were also shown
In the afternoon the school visited Mr. D Sutherland’s property and
watched aerial topdressing taking place

3rd August The whole school travelled by private car to Wellington
on an educational visit. This was the first time that the whole school

had done such a trip. All children, an excellent attendance of adults met at the school at 7.30 and then departed for Wellington The std classes visited the Dominion Museum at 10.00 while the primers visited Rongotai aerodrome and then the Taranaki Street Police Station. We all met at Wellington High School to have our lunch

At 12.45 the whole school visited 4 Japanese destroyers berthed at the Overseas terminal and were shown over "Makinami"

Following this the Standards were shown around parliament by Wairarapa MP Mr. Haddon Donald. These children were very lucky to see the PM arrive by helicopter in the grounds of parliament. The children also met Sir Walter Nash and other MP's. Mr. Donald gave the children afternoon tea

During the time the primers left the destroyers and visited the Central Fire Station

The weather was cold and fine but the primers were too excited to notice this as they drove around Wellington in the police cars and tried on hand cuffs

Most of the children had never seen a fire engine and were before the visit afraid of policeman. The Standards visits were organised around the current social studies programme. The party arrived back in Hinakura between 6 and 7 p.m. An enjoyable day was had by all

9th July Bus mechanic visited the school and inspected the bus (*The school buses were run by the Department of Education and not the Wellington Education Board. The Wellington Education Board ran the bus runs. The bus depot was at all places at Hunterville and replacement buses, inspection officers came from there.*)

29th July Standard class visited Pirinoa School for a rugby and Basketball afternoon. It was a fine day and the children enjoyed the competition

5th September Attendance Boys 11 Girls 9

6th September Extension telephone installed in the school

7th September The builders carried out repairs to residence and installed a new wash basin to replace an old one in the porch of the school and also renewed class window frame and installed a bicycle stand

14 15th September Adviser to rural Schools, Bill Farland visited the school

5th October Reading adviser Mr. Ivan Hislop visited the school for the complete morning

School bus broke down, the children had to be transported to school by private cars

Tennis Court painted, plus games on concrete

6th October Timothy Gardner fell off the jungle gym and broke his leg He is required to stay in Masterton Hospital for six weeks

10th October A Wellington teacher's college student, Miss Susan Gilberd began a section at the school that will last until November 25th During her stay she will board with Mr. And Mrs J Mills "Maoriland" Hinakura

12th October School Committee meeting at the school at 7.30

14th October School ran out of water. Tanker from Featherston brought 2000 gallons on 15th

21st October Water ran out again. 2000 gallons ordered

28th October No School, Carterton Show Day

2nd November A window was broken by the wind. The whole school visited Mr. David Sutherland's this afternoon to watch the shearing gang at work

3rd November Visit of Mrs Wing, District Nurse

4th November Pet Day. Primers stayed home during the morning and arrived at school at 1 p.m. with parents and pets. Standards arrived at school at 10 a.m. to help with preparations. The pet show began at 1 p.m. and concluded at 3.30 with afternoon tea and presentation of certificates by Mrs Sam Cundy. The judge was Mr. David Harris, a stock agent from Martinborough

There were classes for lambs, calves, ponies, dogs, novel pets and a fancy dress competition open to all animals.

The pet show was attended by most parents and several preschool children.

5th November A working bee was held at the school at 8 a.m. The area around the Jungle Gym was cleared and levelled, long seats were made to enable the children to sit on something while eating their lunch- some painting was done.

7th November Fred Wallace from the Education Board visited the school. Mr. Wallace is in charge of Maintenance for all Wellington Education Board schools

8th November The school bus was taken into a Martinborough garage for a check up. On the way back to Hinakura it caused trouble

9th November Bus would not go this morning. Children were brought to school by Mrs Mills and Mr. Travers in their cars. A man from the garage came out in the morning and the bus was able to take the children home

11th November Bus taken to garage again

16th November School travelled to Pirinoa for sports- tabloid sports for the Standards . We competed against several other small schools. We travelled by private cars (Mrs Cundy and Mrs Butebach) and bus. The bus was delayed at the garage in Martinborough and was some 20 minutes late in arriving at Pirinoa

17th November Visit by Mr. Wallace and a plumber to trace the smell that has been lingering around the school and to investigate the water problem

22nd November The builder spent the day at school repairing windows, shelves etc

23rd November Wairarapa Power Board installed a separate meter for the water pump

Grass seed was planted by the teacher on the newly levelled area around the jungle gym

24th November Septic Tanks cleaned (see smell 17th)

25th November Training College student Miss A Gilbert completed the seven week section at this school. The children were sorry to see her leave

26th November The school was used as a polling booth for the general election

28th November Bus to Martinborough for repairs

30th November Bus to Martinborough for vehicle inspection. More water ordered for the school

6th December School attended country school sports meeting at Greytown

15th December Xmas party at school

16th School closes for 1966

1967

1st February Teacher at school to prepare organisation
2nd February First School day for pupils. Roll 18 no new entrants
6th February School's lawnmower to warren engineering for repairs- returned 24th
9th February NZEI meeting attended in evening by teacher
14th February In the evening the teacher held an open meeting for the district to discuss decimals- how it works the changeover, decimals in school etc
15th November Dental Nurse visited school. Teacher invited Mr. And Mrs D Sutherland to discuss the progress of Simon at school. Simon appears very tired at school and progress is very slow. Parents agreed to take him to a doctor.
16th February The whole school went to Masterton to see the film "Born Free" a story about Elisa a tame lion. This film was enjoyed immensely
21st February Christopher Mills brought to school a Blue Penguin (*Apparently dead*) which his father had found at the coast. Effort was made to send the penguin to a taxidermist but this fell thro'. The Committee delayed in its endeavour to transport the bird to Hamilton and the bird developed an odour.
23rd February A course in reading (NZEI) held at Gladstone School was attended by the teacher
24th February The school saw wheat harvesting at Cundy's Farm
4th March Victoria University Department of adult education- Geology Department – used the school s a base for their study of the Pahaoa River
6th March Teacher ill- no school
7th -8th March Miss A Wright Relief teacher
9th March Teacher returned to full duty
20th March Art and Craft workshop evening attended by teacher

24th – 28th March Easter- Teacher made new gravel path from school side door past flagpole to the tennis court
30th March NZEI meeting at the school postponed due to illness by Rural Adviser Mr. W Farland
4th April School bus to Martinborough for regular grease (*Bus had to go to garage every 400 miles for servicing*)
13th April Ladybird books learning to read ordered
NZEI meeting for teacher at South Featherston School which discussed number in Infant Room
15th April (Saturday) Dog trials held in Hinakura- teacher organised a schools' (pre school and Secondary) sports day which ran concurrently. A great success! Proposed to hold same again next year
17th April Biennial General Meeting held in school. 90% attendance. Teacher again requested regular meetings at 5 weekly intervals and that committee keep a true minute book. New Committee in full agreement. A talk given by teacher on New Arithmetic in this school
E H Cameron – chairman, J Mills Secretary/ Treasurer, B Butzbach (Mrs S Cundy- resigned next day!) New member B Gardner. Mr. S Cundy
18th April District Nurse visited the school and gave a talk to the pupils
Bus RD895 inspected by Board's Mechanic at the school (*Actually be the Department's Mechanic based at Hunterville*)
NZEI Mental abilities resting, discussion and talk at Featherston School attended in the evening
20th April Start made by teacher on making a vegetable garden for the residence. Place chosen is outside Dinning (sic) room where water is available
24th April Building supervisor Mr. F Wallace visited to discuss suitable site for the new bus garage
25th April No School Anzac Day
1st May Puncture in school bus
5th May Gail Woodley left school

22nd May reopened roll 17

7th June School Committee meeting at school 100% attendance. Approval granted to head teacher to purchase new filmstrip projector and daylight screen on subsidy, and new pictorial encyclopaedias

7th June The Full Committee was present and also Mr. B Travers teacher

That a filmstrip projector and new screen be purchased by the teacher

That a new set of encyclopaedias be purchased. These books being at a reduced rate

It was decided to approach Mrs H S Cameron regarding the showing of films to raise money for the Home and School

After discussion on school maintenance the meeting adjourned at 9.00

8th June Vehicle inspection ED895 at Martinborough

All the balls in schools sent to sport shop in Martinborough to be pressurised. Bar for jumping pit ordered

9th June Mr. Wallace visited to discuss bus garage to be built. He also approved replacing of the boy's toilet pan, releveling of the floor in toilet block and the building of lunch cupboards in the porch

Petrol tanker visited school under new scheme. *(I was at Horoeka and petrol was first pumped from a 40 gallon drum, they then installed a tank which was filled by Farm supply Tanker)*

15th June Teacher attended NZEI infant number course at Kahutara. Guest speaker infant adviser Miss Lenihan

19th June 116 Scholastic Books ordered by the teacher arrived (ages 6-14)

21st June National library exchange books dispatched 100 new books received

23rd June School Committee and teacher held a film evening in the Hinakura Hall. Proceeds £22-0-0 to School Committee

Visit by Transport Department Mr. Banks who gave a talk and showed road safety films to the pupils

26th June Council grader levelled off bottom (south) ground and broke the concrete top of the septic tank

28th June Bus to Martinborough for grease

3rd July Septic tank lid removed and replaced in correct position. Two lids renewed

7th July Petrol Tanker arrived

15th June Septic Tank cleaned

19th July School travelled to Wellington and saw at the Opera House, Oliver. Nearly all of the standard pupils went including a good turnout of parents. The children enjoyed the play

20th July Alex Sutherland went to hearing specialist in an effort to check his speech difficulties

3rd 4th August Teacher absent with illness Miss R Lewer? relieving teacher

15th August All the Committee were present except Mr. R Gardner The teacher Mr. B Travers was invited to attend

The main point of the meeting was to pay accounts. The accounts being done there was no other business and the meeting closed early

19th August Teacher absent with influenza Mrs R Lewer relieving teacher

4th September Boys 13 Girls 6 Total roll 19

11th September The Traffic officer Mr. Banks visited the school and gave a talk about road safety and intersections

15th September Bus to Campbell's garage

21st September NZEI meeting at Tuhitarata Topic- science

23rd September School used as a polling booth for the referendum on licensing hours and parliamentary terms

4th October Plumber repaired blocked water pipes in the school house

10th October Teacher gave a talk to parents and others in the school on Reading in the Infant School. A good attendance with enthusiasm and interest shown

11th October At the request of the teacher AA Road Signs have been erected on the bus route "School Bus Route"

12th October More water ordered

13th October Mr. Gordon Hyde erected pump shed for proper new river water pump. He also renewed North Door, and erected lunch lockers in the porch and provided a blackboard chalk rail

23rd October School closed Labour Day

25th October Visit by Audiometrist Miss Hooper

26th October More water ordered

27th October Carterton Show day school closed

31st October AA posters by school children entered in a painting competition in Masterton

4th November Water ordered

13th November Pet Day A very successful event. All the parents arrived and more animals were entered than ever before. It was a fine day. The judge was Mr. Harris

14th November Teacher attended a talk by Mr. Sims on "New Mathematics" at Tukurumuri School 6.00 – 11.30

15th November District Nurse visited the school

23rd November More water ordered

24th November Well was sunk into edge of river bed

27th November Board bus inspector Mr. Gilmore visited and inspected the school bus

28th November Vehicle inspection by Transport Department

29th November Sports Day combined with health talks and displays of Children's projects at Pirinoa School An all day visit most enjoyable and attended by all of the pupils

4th December Post Office presented the children with a banking shield

In the afternoon the whole school went to Masterton to see Peter and the Wolf plus a display of Ballet. The children enjoyed the visit and talked about it for some time later. Children transported by car with their parents

5th December Teacher held a meeting in the school and gave a talk to about 15 parents on New Maths as it is being introduced to schools today, its aims new phraseology etc. A very valuable meeting

6th December Mr. B Travers The teacher was invited to attend our meeting Mr. Gardner apologised for not being present

The main point of the meeting was to pay accounts Also a report on school equipment was written for the Education Board

A working bee to be held with following to be done

- 1) Repair Style
- 2) Shelves in PT Cupboard
- 3) Shelves in Broom Cupboard
- 4) New Boards to sandpit
- 5) Refill sand pit
- 6) Cut tree for bus garage
- 7) Concrete pate with grant \$30

Arrangements were made for the Xmas Party to be held on 14th December. With no further business the meeting closed at 10.00 pm

7th December Traffic Officer Mr. Iain Banks visited the school

12th December District Nurse visited the school and gave the 3 in 1 injection to most pupils

14th December Christmas party. This year the Christmas party was combined with a demonstration of folk dancing by the primers and standards. As the weather was changeable the party and dancing were held in the community hall. An excellent attendance combined with the enthusiasm from parents during the folk dancing display made the occasion and exceptionally happy one for the pupils and preschool children

15th December School closed

1968

5th February Teacher taken into Masterton Public Hospital

6th Children attend school Relieving Teacher Mr. Nixon (*Could be Mike Dixon*) from Carterton

17th February New water from pump tested by Health Department Masterton

19th February Teacher back to normal duties

20th February Canadian visitor to Hinakura was invited to the school Mr. Charles Reid (Toronto) spoke to the pupils from 1.25 to 3.15. The pupils enjoyed listening to him and asked many searching questions

21st February Mr. B Travers was in attendance and the only absentee Mr. Gardner

Main topic discussed was the work to be done on the grounds with a grant of \$130 made by the Education Board

Mr. Travers informed us that if this work was carried out by the Committee the grant in aid could then benefit the Home and School

After several suggestions the Secretary was instructed to contact the Power Board re shifting anchor pole from playing area and the County Council for the grader to level the playing area

The 9th March was set down for a large scale working bee with items in previous minutes to be done, also the boundary fence with D S Sutherland

Supplement to Working Bee. All items have now been done except levelling and grassing playing area

The meeting was closed a little later than usual

21st February Teacher as Librarian, began the new Hinakura Public Library situated in the porch of the school The 50 books are to be

replaced with 50 other books three times a year. There has been a good response from the district

27th February Country Library Service Van visited the school

4th March Power Board shifted a telegraph pole from inside the playground to the river side of the boundary fence

9th March Saturday working bee well attended by adults. Work included

- a) Shelves in broom cupboard
- b) Shelves in PE Cupboard
- c) Tree cut down to allow space for proposed bus garage
- d) Boundary fences renewed and repaired
- e) Concrete path around residence
- f) Tennis Court Netting renewed
- g) Old car brought into school and placed beside jungle gyms
- h) Car Tyres hung in trees

13th March School visit to Masterton 9.00 to 5.00 for whole school Masterton Railway Station, 2XB radio station, Newspaper printing office

21st March Bus to garage for grease and repairs after school

28th March Country Teachers meeting 5.00 – 8.00 at Pirinoa

30th March Dog trials held in Hinakura. Sports and races held by the teacher with help from the School Committee in the afternoon

3rd April Sinclair and Watkins, Greytown visit to do plumbing work in toilets

10th 11th April Roads closed, river flooding, trees down, no telephone, no power, no flushing toilets, no heaters were all the result of a fierce storm that closed school for two days

23rd April The full Committee was present and Mr. B Travers was also in attendance

The accounts were passed for payment with the proviso that the Chairman and Secretary pay at a later date as the books are in the hands of the Education Board for audit purposes

There was one outgoing letter written by the Secretary and incoming correspondence was of the usual circular type from the Education Board .After this was read the chairman then spoke of a letter which unfortunately he had no copy of but gave the teacher and Committee the general text of same. It concerned the painting of the school which had been let by tender to an unqualified tradesman. The chairman wrote to the Board and suggestions also that Mr. Travers was concerned. This then started a heated debate between the teacher and the chairman. During this debate Mr. S Cundy moved and Mr. J Mills seconded that a vote of confidence be expressed in the chairman Before this matter was closed the teacher suggested that he would in all possibility press a charge of libel against Mr. Cameron. The matter was then declared closed

Mr. Mills asked the Committee their feelings about the boys taking up playing Saturday football and after talking about it and general discussion was told to get more information and report back

Another working bee is to be held on Saturday 27th April to finish levelling and sow the playing area

The chairman then asked if there was any other business and reply's in the negative said that he had a statement to make which he emphasised to the teacher was not in any way connected with item above

In short Mr. Travers was asked for his resignation not because of his ability as a teacher but the doubt that he was capable of running a sole charge school efficiently and it was suggested that he apply for a transfer by the end of the second term. Mr. Travers in reply told the chair that an oral statement was out of order and not in accordance with the rules of the handbook for School Committees. Going on he said that at present the Committees standing with the Board was at a low level and even went on to say that we were in danger of losing the bus

When asked the name of the Board Member who made the first statement he declined to say

Continuing he said that he knew his popularity standing in the district was very low and then systematically made an attack on each member of the Committee culminating in a bitter and unwarranted attack on Mr. J Mills, the Secretary. Here the Secretary was allowed the right of defence and reply

Mr. Garner then spoke saying that he was amazed as he was sure the Committee were that such scandal should be brought up a meeting and felt the whole Committee regretted that Mr. Travers should make a statement of this nature

Back with the teacher he told of how he had sat at the school until 3.00 am working and how he wished he had better material to work with. Finally Mr. Travers said that until he received the grading marks required he would not leave and that he would be giving the Board one month regards driving the bus

In a strained atmosphere the meeting was declared closed at 10 pm

25th April School closed for Anzac Day

School to be painted during the holidays

21st May Teacher attended teacher only day

3rd June Queens Birthday

6th June Mr. Cundy took school bus into Martinborough for vehicle inspection Returned to school but bus is to be returned for inspection after repairs to brake cable

12th June Psychological Service visited the school to inspect Iain Cameron re his retardness, Report to follow but indications at present point to lack of hand eye coordination

12th June Present E H Cameron Chairman. Mr. R Gardner, Mr. S Cundy, Mr. R Butzback, Mr. J Mills Secretary. Mr. B Travers was also asked to be present

The previous minutes were read and confirmed

The onus is now on the Committee for the bus to be taken to town for a certificate of fitness and it is to be taken in on Friday 21st June The final levelling of the playing area has yet to be done as the previous working bee was cancelled owing to weather

An offer by Mr. S Richardson of material for goal posts was gratefully accepted and Mr. Butzback is going to install them

The Sec was instructed to write to the Board requesting permission for the children to play in Mr. O S Sutherland's paddock while playing area is out of commission'

Mr. Mills suggested that seeing application for a heater for the porch had been declined by the Board. The Home and School purchase same. Mr. Cameron was left with the task of purchasing something suitable

Mr. Travers asked if two new rubber mats could be purchased for the doorways and approval was granted

Mr. Travers then offered to have a teachers evening on 10th July to inform and discuss with parents teaching methods of today Also he went on to say that a day for the children at the coast would be to their advantage in Nature Study and this was agreed upon Probably to take place in the third term

The closed at approximately 9.30

13th June Country Teachers Meeting at Dalefield

20th June Letter from J S Mills Secretary of School Wanting to use a paddock next door for children to play in as the School field is being levelled and is to be regrassed. Board Okayed the work with the rider Neither improvements or Maintenance expenditure can be met by the Board

1st 5th July Half yearly survey tests

8th July and 15th Maths course at Greytown school attended by teacher

16th July School visit to Lower Hutt- Ford Motor Company and BALM paint factory and Maori meeting House Waiwhetu

23rd July School inspection by Mr. Bruce

23rd July Inspectors Report included

- a) Mr Travers, Mrs Travers Sewing
- b) Roll 12
- c) This small school is functioning effectively

26th July New Science equipment arrives. Bus to Martinborough for 400 mile check

8th August Country teachers meeting at Kahutara

9th August The meeting was unique in that for the first time for many years The chairman was not present.

Mr. S Cundy and J Mills were present Mr. R Gardner was asked to be acting chairman. Mr. Travers was also in attendance

The annual Maintenance survey for 1969 was considered and after some discussion with Mr. Travers regarding the growth in numbers of children at the school to a possible 26 to 30 children within five years it was agreed that the Committee meet the maintenance supervisor when he is at the school to discuss enlargement of even the possibility of a new block

11th August Captain Warren of the ship Hinakura visited the school and talked to the pupils for about an hour

3rd September Mr. Wallace and Mr. McDonald visited the school to assess 1969 Maintenance survey

9th September A report was received from the inspector and read it being met with favour by all.

A circular from the Board requesting us to nominate tradesmen for work at the school was read and the Committee decided on the following

W Roper Plumber, N Thomas Builder and Cotter and Stevens Electrician

The maintenance survey came up and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Board giving names of all children who will be at the school in 1969 and requesting that the Board look at the possibility of a new room being added to the school

The Coast trip for the children has now been postponed until February of next year as parents are rather committee at this time of the year

It was decided to hold a raffle on the sport's club's wind up with the prize to be donated by all parents of school children and the canvassing etc was left to the chairman

Pet day is to be the 5th November with a Guy Fawkes parade on the same day and a bonfire and fireworks in the evening. Mr. Cundy being given the honour of purchasing about \$10-00 worth of good fireworks

Christmas Party to be held on 19th December

12th September Teacher attended Country Teacher meeting at Featherston

2nd October Bus to Martinborough for grease

10th October Country Teachers meeting at Clareville School

24th October Gordon Hyde repaired broken window, rotten boards concreted pathway from school to tennis court and built shelves in washhouse at residence

20th October labour Day No School

21st School Committee holiday (*Carterton Show?*)

6th November Mrs Colenso (*Of Martinborough*) relieved while teacher sat diploma exams

26th October Country School sports at Greytown

10th December Main purpose of the meeting was to arrange a working bee for the Christmas party and pay accounts

It was decided to make the Christmas party more enjoyable for the children by purchasing both ice cream and soft drinks and Mr. Mills was asked to buy these items from the Factories in Masterton

Insurance regarding transport of children in private cars to field days created quite a discussion and the meeting felt that more information

from the Education Board was required. The Secretary was asked to write to them for their latest policy

18th December Xmas party in the hall

19th December School closed (Boys 16, Girls 8)

1969

3rd February Teacher day at school

4th February School opens Boys 13, Girls 7

19th Feb Country Teachers meeting at Pirinoa

28th February Speech Therapist visited school and tested pupils

5th March The school attended the South Wairarapa country school swimming sports at South Featherston

12th March Country teachers meeting attended at Ponatahi School

18th March Conservation Act notice The school uses rainwater for drinking and washing and water from the river pumped for toilet use

17th April Teacher and Full Committee present

After the minutes the last of paying accounts was undertaken and they created a general discussion. Main points were the accounts of the children's exercise books, pencils etc which Mr. Traver's supplies for the convenience of both children and parents and it now to be policy for the Home and School to purchase these goods in one order and periodically the money will be rebanked in their account. Mr. Cundy then explained that the children were keen on rugby and he had talked with the Headmaster of the Martinborough School on the subject.

Mr. Deller said that it would be impossible for our children to be able to play Saturday Football but football was played on Friday Afternoons in Martinborough and with Mr. Traver's consent the children would be most welcome

Mr. Travers thought this was a wonderful idea and granted approval without hesitation saying that the primer children would also benefit with him being able to give them the whole time that afternoon without distractions

The meeting closed about 9.30

21st April New School Committee elected. E Cameron (Chairman), J Mills (Secretary, Treasurer, B Gardner, S Cundy, Mc Sutherland (new Member)

25th April Anzac Day- No School

1st May Electrician's Cotter and Stevens did electrical work around the school

9th May School closed Roll 13 Boys and 10 girls

26th May School opens Boys 12 Girls 8. R Bishop teaching

30th May School closed Committee Holiday so that teacher could get bus licence

20th June Butzbud's leave roll now 18

30th June Mr. Farland Rural Adviser came today. Mr. Banks the traffic inspector also came this day

2nd July Snow fell for 5 minutes at the school at midday

22nd July Pauline Rolls died today shortly after arriving at Hospital

23rd July Only 5 at school today due to sickness

24th July School Closed

6th August The school went to see Oliver (the Film) in Masterton

15th August School visited Fire Station in Masterton and Te Ore Ore School

18th August Mr. R J Bishop Teacher and Committee

Once again the main point was accounts which were passed for payment. Mr. Gardner inquired how funds were and the Secretary reading from the last statement advised that there would be approximately \$650

At this point it was shown that all accounts for a cabaret which was held on the 2nd August 1969 had not come to hand and as yet there was still more money to come in

However on first look it is certain that the cabaret was a success both financially and socially

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Cundy moved a vote of thanks to Mr. R Bishop thanking him for taking on the school for the term and wished him well for the future

22nd October School closed for August holiday 11 Boys, 7 Girls

8th September Murray Facer Relieving Teacher (Boys 11, Girls 7)

11th September Rural adviser Mr. Farland at school all day

13th September School went to Wellington. On Board M V Hinakura for lunch. All children present

23rd October Mr. Murray Facer our relieving teacher for this term

Funds were again discussed with the view to having a raffle run at a future date but it was let to be in the meantime

Mr. Cundy was given a cheque to purchase crackers for Guy Fawkes evening and other dates were arranged

Guys Judge Mr. W S Cameron

3rd November Pet Day and Guy Fawkes Celebrations

28th November Country School Sports at Greytown

5th December Visit from Tukurumuri School. Sports, quizzes, indoor games and a hike were the main items

9th December Nature Study trip to Pahaoa Weather was not good but we found a great variety of crabs, seaweed, small fish, shells.

Very worthwhile

17th December Christmas Party Children performed musical items

18th December Break up Roll 11 Boys, Girls 7

1970

2nd February Teachers Day Murray Facer still teaching at Hinakura

3rd February School reopens 13 Boys 6 Girls 2 Travelling from Pahaoa

4th 5th February McEwen's Machinery man at school to repair rivr pump

12th February Mr. Gannoway from POSB came to spur on children's savings

17th February School reciprocal visit to Tukurumuri- included a good hike and a swim in the pool at Lagoon Hills Station- most beneficial

26th February South Wairarapa Country Schools swimming sports at South Featherston. 6 of our children also passed their swimming certificates

13th March Royal Holiday Queen in Wellington

22nd March Wellington Education Board accountant, 5 other representatives of Wellington Education Board visited (*All signed in with illegible signatures*) School Committee also in attendance

National library Service van exchanged books

8th May School closed for holidays M J Facer
25th May (Roll 12 Boys 6 Girls)
9th June District Nurse at School- checked record cards and had a talk about poisons
19th June Teacher became engaged to Miss C Stanton
22nd June Painters arrived and commenced work on papering and painting he residence
24th June Tanea Morrell started school
19th to 26th June Education week- the school was open for parents and interested people to se displays of work, projects and the children working. Some plays were prepared. Very satisfying attendance
9th July Mr. Cameron opened the meeting by congratulating Mr. Facer on his engagement to Miss C Stanton and wished him well and said we were looking forward to welcoming them to Hinakura
A donation of \$50 from the Martinborough Lions was received and welcomed.
Discussion on finance of lack of it took place and the accounts to be paid at a later date
With the serving of supper the meeting was declared closed
28th July Mr. Norm Woodley, Noxious Weed Inspector gave a talk about poisonous plants to the children, illustrated with several samples he had brought
10th July Moana Shelford left
9th July School Committee meeting (Working Bee to remove 5 trees on 16th July)
21st August School closes for holidays (Roll 12 bys, 7 girls) M J Facer

7th September School reopens (Roll 21 boys, 8 Girls)
14th September Bus Puncture
30th October Carterton Show
4th November Pet day at school- much enjoyment and benefit for all- great amusement at the dressed up pets!
Guy Fawkes Celebrations at Mr. S Cundy's property- good turn out
28th November Athletic Sports at Greytown and tabloid events for infants
18th December Christmas party at the hall Musical Items, mimes, plays etc were enjoyed by a large crowd (Hinakura Standards!)
Father Christmas arrived in a gig pulled by Mrs J Morison's horse
18th December Children Leaving Prudence Gardner, Sylvia Rolls, Iain Cameron, Chris Mills, Lloyd Cundy
P S School trip to Featherston 17th November, Batavian Rubber factory, South Featherston dairy factory and pig farm

1971

2nd February School open for pupils (Roll 10 Boys, 6 Girls)
8th February Shelley and Gavin Woodley commenced school here
24th February Mr. J Taylor POSB Savings Rep, visited the school and invited the school to visit the Masterton PO because of last year's successful banking results
2nd March Swimming Sports at South Featherston Dan Cameron and Tina Gardner each won a race
5th March Tony Johnson left
9th March Mr. F Wallis (*Correct Spelling*) visited the school on Maintenance Survey. Some Committee members also present

23rd March Jeanne Cameron started school
24th March Visit to Masterton Hansell's, Post Office and Fire Station- Most worthwhile
2nd April Gardners left today
7th April Ian and Tom Wilson started school
19th April Teacher attended large ball course at Featherston Mrs Facer relieved
School Committee elections 14 attended Chairman E Cameron, Secretary. Treasurer Mr. D Wilson also Mr. S Cundy, Mr. N A Morrison, Mr. A Cameron
7th May School closed (10 Boys and 8 Girls)
13th Jun Mr. Bob Hopkirk rural adviser came to Hinakura
23rd June Mr. J Foley of fotochrome studios was at school today to take photos of individual children (also some pre-school)
24th June *(Next set of minutes though there was a meeting not minuted in February)*
There being no minutes from the previous meeting the meeting proceeded
From discussion from the Biennial Householders meeting, re the Home and School Association that the School Committee takes over their accounts. It was moved that the Home and School remain intact and be administered by the School Committee
Discussion was held on the approved works- grants in aid- A total of \$205 had been granted for specified maintenance around the school grounds. Working bees were arranged for Friday 2nd July 1 pm, School Committee and Tuesday 6th July at 8. 30 pm (Sic) to which all parents would be invited to help
6th July Rosemary MacPhail came to school for the first time

7th July School Committee working bee commenced- weather was against it but they worked until lunchtime
14th July Committee half holiday to see Lions beat Wairarapa Bush 27-6
20th July Helicopter and Hinakura School at Caverhill's A very good view was obtained
27th July Teacher attended infant Maths course at Featherston Mrs Facer Relieved
17th August Severe Storm. The school was closed about 9.15 for the safety of the children - bad flooding
6th September School reopened (Roll 10 Boys, 9 Girls)
5th October Geoffrey Keith Facer born at Featherston 5 lb 15 ½ ounces
18th October District Nurse at school for Heaf tests and rubella vaccination for primers
25th October District nurse returns to check tests
12th November Pet day at the school- very successful- Judge Mr. Neil Hutton. Children had an indoor display of work including Miniville a miniature town constructed by the children
22nd November Debbie Gilmore, New Entrant started school today
25th November School inspection Mr. Owen Lawn was at school for most of the morning
25th November Inspectors Report included
a) Murray Facer
b) Roll 19 Under the guidance of its young head teacher Hinakura School continues to serve the educational needs of the local area

- c) Parents are kept fully informed
- d) There is an urgent need for a school scheme related to the needs of these children and this district

15th December Christmas party at Hinakura Hall at night, Songs, plays which all went very well Father Christmas attended and delivered parcels to all children

School closed with a roll of ten boys and ten girls

1972

1st February Teacher day at school

2nd February Roll 9 Boys and 8 girls

21st February 3 new pupils Craig, Peter and Lynette Brown

22nd February Teacher at Science Course Mrs J Gilmore relieved

24th March Children to Martinborough Swimming Pool for Certificate Testing

12 elementary, 7 water Skills, 2 x 25 yards, 5 x 50 yards, 3 x 100 yards, and 2 x 220 yards passed

27th March Visit of Adviser in rural schools and Adviser in Music.

R D Hopkirk and S I McIvor

10th April L Silcock Inspector of schools

26th April Ngaumu State Forest Visit- excellent

22nd May Country Teachers Day at South Featherston

19th June School closed shopping day

2nd June School Committee working Bee trees, fences etc repaired, volleyboard

24th July Shopping day

24th – 25th July Braille Week Copper Trail Nearly \$6

7th August Mr. R D Hopkirk addressed a meeting of 14 residents about the changeover to the metric system

4th September 10 boys and 9 girls. The Woodleys have moved

15th September Children visited topdressing plane at Sutherlands

18th September Letter from Murray Facer to Wellington Education Board asking if his wife could relieve to attend a science refresher course.

Footnote. Do you know this teacher. Comment Head Teachers wife. Christine was a Kindergarten Teacher)

16th October Shopping Day

27th October Holiday for Carterton Show

14th November Pet Day about 60 visitors

14th December 7.30 pm Christmas party- highly successful, songs, plays, food, Santa

15th December School closed 11 Boys 9 Girls

1973

5th February 8 boys, 9 girls

12th February Exactly 50 years since school was opened Children had special lesson to introduce Social Studies topic Early Hinakura

21st February Swimming Sports at South Featherston 5 firsts, 3 seconds, 8 thirds

6th March Mr. F Wallis did maintenance survey attended by Committee

12th March Shopping Day

19th March Working Bee- Painting, fences, gates, front lawns all fixed. School looks immaculate for the Jubilee

24th March 50th Jubilee R B Grant, Dennis Carmody , A I Charles and E E Gault all attended and signed log book

21st May School reopened 8 boys and 9 girls

May- August Children raising money and preparing for school trip

6th – 10th August Hinakura School visit to Hutt Park Motor camp.

A very worthwhile experience for all concerned. Studied Transport in NZ to observe, airport, ford motor company, Railway Station and ride on train etc. Shocking weather though

3rd September School reopened 8 boys and 10 girls

6th November Pet day the best yet- horses, bantams, magpies, even fish and usuals

23rd -24th October 4 new pupils Angela Narbey plus 3 Rain Boys

19th December Christmas party at the Hall again very successful

1974

5th February School starts for the year 9 Boys and 10 Girls

19th February Swimming Sports at Featherston Baths. Hinakura Children did very well- 11 Firsts, 8 seconds, 3 thirds. 3 children have been selected for the South Wairarapa Swimming Sports

26th February School Committee meeting at 1 pm Also Mr. Wallis came for a maintenance survey

Inspectors report included

5th March

a) Roll 19

b) M J Facer. The school held its 50th Jubilee on March 1973

c) The school atmosphere is relaxed and friendly

d) The school has a fine range of good books, a movie and filmstrip projector, a cassette tape recorder, mathematics and developmental equipment. All these are being well used by the teacher

22nd March School trip to M V Hinakura We were presented with the Ship's bell, the silver plate presented to the ship on its maiden voyage and a picture of the ship. A very enjoyable afternoon. Children really enjoyed themselves

7th May Horse day 13 horses came to school Rides for all Treks for some Most worthwhile

10th May My term of duty at Hinakura ceases. Thank you Hinakura Roll 9 Boys and 10 Girls. (*Murray went to Ponatahi School*)

4th June Second week of term. A teacher was unavailable for the first week. Mrs Gilmore relieved. I took up duties on this date.

Relieving Principal Steven Ives

19th June Got my school bus license recommenced the daily run to Moeraki morning and evening

17th June Very wet weather. The coast children cannot come to school as the road is dropping out. Gilmores (Craig and Debbie) cannot cross the river

26th June Working Bee at school Pine trees 4 removed, goal posts erected, field tiles laid in front of school, weeds sprayed, drive bulldozed and remetalled hedge removed and stubby roots taken from playing field "Hinakura" bell stand erected- no bell yet. Fence repaired under pine trees, New fence North of house

28th June Shopping Day School closed

17th July School trip to Martinborough to see Governor General Sir Dennis Blundell. Visited the Martinborough Fire Station and then

spent the afternoon at Martinborough School, children spent their time in classes of their own ages. Wet weather prevented sports, main aim of visit

26th July Governor General's Holiday. School closed

29th July Shopping Day School closed

30th July Mrs P L Ives appointed teacher aide Rate of \$1.818 per Hours initial wage

When Mrs Ives is engaged as a relieving teacher her salary is paid by the Board

1st August School trip to Ponatahi School. (*Murray facer teacher*)

We played soccer, rugby and pegball. A most enjoyable day

13th August Mr. F Wallis Education Board maintenance supervisor visited school. Inspected working bee efforts, advised on action to be taken on septic tank overflow into D Sutherlands paddock

Mr. Warren Burgess of Carterton will be doing a building repairs in future. Mr. Wallis measured up the house windows for blinds and perhaps drapes for the lounge

23rd August School closed for holidays, the end of one of Wairarapa's wettest winters. My short term as reliever now finishes Roll 10 boys 10 girls I now return to Carterton S J Ives

3rd September Letter from Mrs C M Brown to Board Stating how much they enjoyed Stephen Ives and His wife from Carterton for the past two terms

9th September Barry Trotter Teacher. School opened today with a roll of 10 boys and 10 girls Today I commenced my stay at Hinakura with a toast to the future. Rained all day

3rd October Visit of Mr. Yule Road Traffic Instructor. Fine day

21st October Shopping Day

25th October Mrs Trotter relieved while I sat examination Dip Education in Greytown

29th October Plumber arrive to repair Boys toilet blockage

31st October Mrs Trotter relieving another Dip Ed exam

Visit by Mrs P Crawford Hearing and Vision Tester

1st November School closed for Carterton Show

6th November School was visited by three training college students who were studying Rural Education. They appeared to have gained a lot of value and thoroughly enjoyed themselves

5th November Pet Day A real overcast and drizzling day, but fortunately cleared to dull or the afternoon A large variety of pets caused great interest. The judge was Mr. John Caverhill from Arahonui- excellent

15th November Shopping Day

2nd December Began extended bus run to Pahaoa today This makes 40 miles a day run and about 2 – 2 ½ hours driving

12th December Athletics day for rural schools held at Greytown Quite successful gaining several places including Junior A relay 2nd, Anna Sutherland Champion girl for intermediate section

19th December Breakup '74 very enjoyable programme included, plays, songs, dancing fashion parade and of course Santa Claus Presentations made to six leaver, Fiona, Claire, bill, Craig B, Tony and Lesley

20th December School closes Boys 11 Girls 10

1975

3rd February School opened with a roll of 14. 7 boys and 7 girls
17th February Trip to Martinborough to see Theatre Action performance
18th February Visit from Mr. Jack Ennis, Inspector. We discussed programme of social contact as well as programmes of work
21st February Shopping Day- School closed
27th February Visit of Mr. Bob Hopkirk Adviser to Rural Schools. We discussed work programmes particularly Maths and Language
28th February. So ends a fairly wet February
12th March Visit from Mr. Jack Ennis. Inspector. We discussed bus mileage extension in relation to social contact programme
4th April Course on Arts and Craft activities held at Masterton Mrs Joy Gilmore relieved
7th April All the children attended the Burton Puppet Theatre at Martinborough School. A most worthwhile trip
29th April Visit from Joan Horton Junior School Adviser
30th April Visit from PO official re school bonus account
9th May Thus ends the first term 1975. The last few weeks have been of glorious weather with a tremendous autumn display from silver poplars. The end of term roll is 7 boys and 6 girls
9th May Mrs H Cameron (Kaikuri) showed the children her slides on native birds and flowers
June Visit to Mount Bruce Wildlife Reserve
June Art and Craft Course in Masterton. Mrs Trotter relieved for the day
June Heavy rain over the weekend have closed two roads so children from Pahaoa and Summer Hill could not attend. 150 MM of rain fell

during the storms which cleared at noon today. New family started today Lindsay, Kim, Simon and Peter Gaile 4 Boys and Simon and Peter are twins Not the best of days to start on.
17th June Summer Hill Road still closed. Pahaoa children attended
18th June A bad slip blocked Pahaoa Road today beside the bus stop- inconvenient
Committee meeting this evening resolved to go ahead with adventure playground
27th June Shopping Day. School closed
9th July Construction of adventure playground. A well attended day with some very hard work done and the playground went up. Some preliminary work had been done of cementing in posts. Approximately 71 man hours of work. The rain kept off all day until the work was finished
18th July School closed Shopping Day
29th July School closed Committee holiday District held a social golf match on this day at Martinborough
6th August Visit from Department of Tourism and Publicity Photographer taking shots of school life for Department files.
1st August Wind storm struck Hinakura bringing down trees and the school was without power for two days
15th August Gymnastic Festival in Martinborough. Entered 3 teams and gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Country Grade. A well attended and successful day
22nd August 2nd term ends. A cold and windy term keeping the children indoors much of the time. However there were some good fine days preceded by heavy frost and fog

8th September Began to the first warm day since the beginning of the holidays, during which most of the children suffered from the 'Flu

9th September Committee meeting held at school. Discussed were; the Maintenance survey to be held on 30th September; pet day 8th November. Break up 18th December. Bus Driving. Committee holidays and Shopping days for third term and parents evenings

11th September One of the parents officially took over the bus run today. This will release me to concentrate on much needed preparation and planning

18th September The girls today put on a morning tea for their mothers at the school house- very tasty

24th September Visit from Mr. Dodd (Tony) Traffic Instructor- he is new to the area. Gave the children a talk about the Traffic Officer's job and showed them a film. After school Mr. Dodd came for a ride on the school bus. Saw two deer in riverbed

3rd October School closed Shopping Day

15th October School Maintenance officer visited the school to carry out maintenance survey for this year (Mr. P Franklin)

20th October Visit of Inspector of Schools Mr. J Ennis who was accompanied by Mr. Hickey (Staffing Officer)- a social visit- discussed adventure playground, new shed, go cart, art displays and use of Photography

22nd October Evening meeting with parents and pre-school parents; To discuss the subject of reading. Theme- parents and Reading. A short address was followed by a lively discussion. This was well received and a request was made to have another similar evening on mathematics. Also discussed were fund raising activities

23rd October Religious Instruction Rev Warwick Hambleton

27th October Labour Day School closed

31st October Committee holiday Carterton show

6th November Pet Day. This day was postponed from the 4th owing to bad weather. In fact today was the only fine day this week. A good variety of pets particularly lambs and each child showed that their pets were really theirs. A good turnout of parents and friends.

The judge this year was Mr. Derek Wilson, Ngakonui Station

7th November Visit from Mr. Dodd Road Traffic Instructor for the morning

The adventure playground has now been completed with the addition of a slide and a maypole merry go round

18th November Country Sports day This year the sports day was of a new type and concept in this area. It was an activity day which incorporated Tablets, relays and athletics. It was organised by myself with Mr. Alex Shaw Lecturer in Physical Education at Wellington Teacher's College. A most successful day if all reports are understood correctly. The country teacher's group have adopted this style of activity day as annual sports day. Hinakura did particularly well in the athletic section gaining first in Senior Girls High Jump, 2nd in Senior Boys High Jump. 1st in Senior Girls Long Jump, 1st 2nd and 3rd in Junior Girls Long Jump 2nd in senior Boys High Jump, 1st and 2nd in Junior Boys Long Jump and 2 firsts, 6 seconds and 2 thirds in short and long distance races. Relays 2 seconds and a third

21st November Shopping Day- School closed

28th November Hinakura School parents and district held a cake day in Martinborough to raise funds for purchasing a trampoline. As

well as a cake stall 3 raffles were donated as follows Turkey Mr. D McPhail, Ham Mr. D Brown, and Decorated Christmas cake Mrs J Gilmore. The stall and raffles raised a total of \$366. This of course exceeds all expectations

6th November Several of the district gathered on the Glendhu coast to take part in a camp out and crayfish potting night to boost the trampoline fund. However bad luck dogged the fisherman who lost five pots in unexpected rough seas

11th December The school children visited the Wharekaka Home for the Elderly to entertain the residents with the annual play and singing. An afternoon enjoyed by both residents and pupils

10th December visit by public Health Nurse- Heaf test on 4 infants

15th December Return visit by public Health Nurse reading heaf tests

18th December Visit from Mr. A T Rockley, treasurer of the Wairarapa Branch of the Crippled Children's Society. His visit was to present the school with a \$20 gift voucher and each pupil with an ice block for returning the greatest percentage of Tegal Chicken labels of all Wairarapa Schools. Our percentage = 100. The money is to be used to purchase a large photograph album for the school

18th December Christmas party A most pleasant evening with a large attendance of parents, past pupils and friends of the school. The programme includes a pantomime "Aladdin and his Magic Lamp". Two songs, a mannequin parade of clothes made by the girls this year. And a display of gymnastics.

Following a tradition begun last year the children presented their parents some items they had made. This year the children printed designs on Hessian and made place mats, wall hangings and bags.

The evening was a great success ending with Santa Claus arrival on the back of a dray pulled by a Clydesdale and owned by Mr. Neil Hutton

19th December School closed for 1975. The final roll stands at 11 boys and 6 girls

1976

2nd February Teacher only day

3rd February Children attend Roll 11 Boys, 6 Girls

6th February School closed Waitangi Day

9th February School Committee meeting in evening. Items discussed included school trip being planned for late March, Trampoline

16th February Here endeth two weeks of school

24th February Country Schools swimming sports in which the children performed well. Swimming with good style and no haste. Several placings confirmed, emphasis on style not speed. Two children eligible for the South Wairarapa Swimming Championships

27th February School closed Shopping Day

23rd February Visit from Mr. Alan Simmonds Deputy Principal Carterton School in regard to support system for rural schools. Impression gained was that there is a certain amount of "looking into the darkness". At this stage all I could say was that these children needed contact with others.

1st March Field Study trips to Coast to study Rock Pools. A beautiful day- caught an octopus

3rd March Visit from acting rural adviser Mr. R McConnell. Discussed school programmes, system of support teachers.

10th March Visit by Mr. I Johnson inspector for personal report

12th March School closed shopping day

18th March Teacher absent- Mrs J Gilmore relieving for day Visitor Rev Allan Everitt Religious Instruction

21st March to 26th March Sunday The school departed for the trip to Napier in Mini bus and two cars, All the children attended and 3 mothers, Mrs J Gilmore, Mrs L Gaile, Mrs J Cameron and my wife and children A full report is in cabinet in my office, Suffice to say we were fortunate to have glorious weather, hard working mothers and enthusiastic children. Meeting pen friends from Rissington School and meeting and talking with people in their jobs seems to be accomplished highlight in the view of the children. The trip was a success in appreciation. The children were really able to appreciate the efforts of their fund raising which accounted for the full cost of the trip

1st April Builder Warren Burgess arrived to carry out maintenance. Removed window sash for replacement, fixed door return spring and door catch

13th April Miss Fraser McLeod attended the school this afternoon along with several members of the community to plant two Ginkgo Trees in the school grounds. Miss McLeod had donated these trees as a gesture of remembrance as she is leaving the district to live in Masterton. She was a foundation pupil of the school. A short speech by one of the senior pupils (Anne Sutherland) who also presented some flowers to her was followed by a speech by the School

Committee chairman Mr. S Cundy. Miss McLeod then planted the trees and spoke briefly. Afternoon tea was held

14th April School visited Martinborough School

4th May School travelled to Dalefield to compete in the annual Country Schools Cross Country Run. The intermediate (Standard 3 and 4) girls team gained second place in their event

24th May Second Term Begins, Roll 11 boys and 7 girls

31st May – 3rd June Teacher sick with Flu. School taken by Mrs Trotter

4th June Mr. Tony Sims (Martinborough School Deputy Principal) to take children for Social Studies

7th June Holiday for Queen's Birthday

16th June Visit to Martinborough School on social interaction programme. The children are definitely making good friends and making interesting and varied comments

18th June Shopping Day- School closed

21st June Snow, Hail and ice. An extremely cold day with the heaters hardly glowing and making no impression on temperature. Summer Hill Children snow bound\

22nd June Worse. The hills in sight of the school all were covered with ice except the low ones. The drive down the Coast Road was so potentially dangerous that the children were not sent back home. The ice was very thick on the road and the bus was slithering and sliding about. Summer Hill was still snowed in and so only 10 children were at school

5th July Bus taken to POWS I(*Post Office Work Shop, The Post Office ran local garage for Government Vehicles*) for a check to be done on the braking system which has been giving recurring trouble

16th July Shopping Day

23rd July Bus returned from POWS after extensive repairs were carried out. However it still has a bad knock in the engine and the gears are grating badly

2nd August Visit from Rural Adviser Mr. R M McConnell who brought Mr. Jim Douglas who is going to a sole charge in South Island. Observation visit

15th September Barry Trotter Head Teacher. Letter advising Wellington Education Board of South Wairarapa Primary Schools Gymnastic Festival at Martinborough

23rd September Gym Festival held in Martinborough Two teams from this school entered and the A team gained first place in the country grade. The children have worked hard for this

24th September Committee Holiday School Closed (*No explanation*)

27th September Bus begins extended route to Pahaoa (Parent Paid Extension)

8th October Shopping Day

21st October Visit from Wellington Education Board officials Mr. J Lelliott, Assistant General Manager, Mr. G Barnard Board Member, Mrs Helen Prior, Local Board Member, Matters discussed were size of classroom about which the Board will give serious consideration re extending. Financial matters in which the Committee was recommend to join the board's accounting system; professional contact and teacher support services.

22nd October Visit of Science Adviser Mr. Paul Hunt

25th October School closed Labour Day

28th October This school is hosting the Annual South Wairarapa Country Schools Sports Day on Tuesday 16th November

2nd November Pet day postponed owing to inclement weather

4th November Pet Day held today in fine weather Mr. E Cameron was judge; and there was a good attendance from the district

15th November 9 children sat and passes iron badges today

16th November Activity Day. Held at the school 250 children from infants to Form 2 from all the country schools in the district. The day began with threatening weather, but this soon cleared to a bright sunny day. Reactions from parents were favourable. The School Committee provided an ice cream and soft drink bar which was favourable with the children. Also appreciated was the morning tea put on for parents and teacher before the day began

It was a long tiring but worthwhile day. This year the infants were included and their relays and tabloids were held separately in the school fields and joined the Standards on the adjoining field for athletics in the afternoon

19th November School Closed Committee Holiday

23rd November School Bus ED895 completed its last run on the Hinakura School bus route this morning. It had served the run since January 1965 and did 50,000 miles on these roads. Initially the bus covered the Moeraki route 16 Miles per day, but now covers 63 miles per day doing Moeraki and Pahaoa . The replacement is a Ford Transit, 16 seater Education Department 420 Infinitely more comfortable and easier to drive

14th December Visitor Hearing and Visiting Testing Officer

Also today the school entertained some of the residents of Wharekaka Old Peoples Home from Martinborough. Included in the

group was Mrs Morrison an ex resident of Hinakura, The children gave a performance of their end of year play, trampolining and singing. The infants also performed. They were given afternoon tea and were presented with flowers. They would all like to come again next year

15th December Christmas Party held in Hinakura Hall Children put on the pantomime Wizard of Oz and sang a couple of songs. Three children demonstrated their skill on the trampoline and the infants entertained as well. A very enjoyable evening. The evening was attended by nearly all the entire district. Again children presented their parents with a Christmas Gift

16th December End of term Children had a bar-be-que lunch down at the river to finish off with. End of term roll Boys 14 Girls 10.

And now it is goodbye to Hinakura School, a great 2 ½ years. Best of luck to my successor. Keep your head up

End of This log

Barry Trotter returned to the family orchard at Tauranga

1977

14th January To Mr S Cundy That John Stanley Lightfoot (Mobile Reserve Teacher) will act as principal at Hinakura School until a permanent appointment is made

19th October Installation of 90 Gallon Petrol Tank Use in June was 270 litres

1978

7th March Graham M Ellis teaching

Roll 15

1979

Gael Taylor Teaching

1983 Richard Bell

1985 Richard Keeling

Lyall Doak was at school in 1987

1989

Closure of School

Letter from Wellington Education Board to Dr Bollard Director of Education

- a) 9th June 1989 That the school kept for 2 years in a neat and tidy condition before decisions are made
- b) Roll has fallen to just 4
- c) The school opened with a roll of 10
- d) The Principal has won another position and left at the the end of term one
- e) Held a meeting with locals and Board Rep Mrs Riddell and it was agreed the only course was closure

The former pupils are enrolled with the correspondence school

22nd March 1906 WANTED, Governess, (Protestant), Wairarapa, to teach boy of 10 years and assist light duties ; musical. Apply, stating age and qualifications, Mrs W McLaren, Hinakura Martinborough PP

4th February 1910 WANTED, a Governess for country, 20 miles from Martinborough, four children, eldest boy 11. Apply, with testimonials, to Mrs. D. Cameron, Moeraki Station, Hinakura PP

5th February 1918 Wanted, Governess, 3 girls, country, Protestant, music essential. Apply Mrs. Cooper, Hinakura PP

27th July 1929 Hinakura Sole Teacher Miss I Maxwell PP

18th July 1938 Centennial School Prizes. Schools in the Wellington Education District which gained prizes in the Government's Centennial competition were announced at the Wellington Education Board yesterday. The competition took the form of the production of regional surveys and the prize money was to go for the purchase of books for the School libraries. Four schools in the Wellington district received prizes as follows: —Mangaroa, £3; Miramar South, £3; Tinui, £2; and Hinakura £2. A list of suitable books was enclosed by the Department. The board decided to write to the teachers of the four schools congratulating the schools and the pupil's PP

1921	4	Hinakura	Checkley	Grace A	Sole		£66
1923	11	Hinakura	Blake	Marjorie H	Sole	C	£195