

Horokiwi

First Thought: Just south of Petone off the State Highway on the top of the hills as I have visited people on Horokiwi Road. But Horokiwi School was not on Horokiwi Road

More Likely [94.87% likely]: Near Pahautanui Estuary; The Pahautanui School mentioned in this report was not on the Porirua harbour but actually in the area of Judgeford [Golf Course] on the Porirua Side of the now Haywood Hill Road. The Horokiwi Stream runs Parallel with the Paikakariki Hill Road so the Horokiwi School would have been in this area

[I have researched Wellington Education Board in the Porirua Area I have brought this file over]

1870-1877

This era was before the establishment of the Wellington Education Board It appears that at this time the Horokiwi Valley road went right through to Pahautanui. I cannot find where this early school was on the route

12th November 1870 Horokiwi School District. Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, Oct. 21st, 1870. IT has been notified to this Office that at a meeting of the ratepayers of the above district held on the 1st inst., the following persons were elected a School Committee viz : — Mr. Henry Abbott ,, Alexander Mitchell ,, W McDonald ,, William Osborne ,, Thomas Smith ,, Alfred Judge ,, William Miller, Chairman and Treasurer.

A Follett Halcombe Provincial Secretary

8th February 1873 The first anniversary of the Horokiwi District Hall was held on Friday last. The hall was built by the settlers and friends about fourteen months ago for the purpose of holding religious services and other meetings which might be deemed advisable. Tea was held at half-past three, when about fifty persons sat down, and did justice to the ample provision which was made for them by the committee. " After tea a public meeting was held, and the report was read by Mr H. Damants which showed that the building was free from debt with a balance in hand of 6s 6d which, with the proceeds of the meeting, was to go toward lining the building for use in the winter months. The speakers were the Revs. Fancourt, Harper, and Mr Singer, who delivered an excellent address. It argues well for the district to see the interest displayed by the ministers and people to continue the service which has been commenced.

16th July 1873 Board of Education A bonus of £10 [Inflation adjusted in September 2019 \$1387.60] was granted to Mr Singer, of the Horokiwi school, to defray ' the cost of a horse and saddle.

26th September 1874 Board of Education HALF TIME SCHOOLS. A resolution passed at a meeting held at Bonnv Glen relative to this subject was read. It complained that the children were not making satisfactory progress under the halftime system. , . , , . The Board expressed their regret at being unable to move in the matter at present but would be -willing to join in any plans whereby an improvement might be effected. Letters on the same subject were read from Korokora [Sic] and Horokiwi asking the Board to reduce the fees to half, as the schools -were only half time. Consideration of the question was postponed

30th December 1874 Inspectors report included Horokiwi Valley A good efficient half time school- buildings and fittings sufficient for the size of the school, [Not the Board of education district went passed Wanganui up to 1877]

Mr S Singer Teacher 6 boys 7 girls, 4 boys and 6 girls Passed Standard 1. 2 Boys and 5 girls passed standard II. 1 Boy passed standard III. Average age of children 11 years. The teacher has been in charge 1 year 6 months. 77% passed Standard II which was the highest percentage of all the 25 schools in the Wellington Province

Only 9 Girls and 36 boys passed in Standard III including Janet Mitchell of Horokiwi Valley aged 11 .6 [The second to youngest successful student the Oldest being 16 years 3 months]

15th January 1876 The Education Board reported Horokiwi Valley,—The results are high, but the lower part of the school has not lately received due attention.

29th January 1876 Board of Education HOROKIWI. Mr. Hamilton, formerly a supernumerary in one of the city schools, had been sent to take charge of this school, and Mr. McDonald, of the local committee, wrote the Board that an attendance of twenty-eight children would be the result of the change. He asked for the schoolhouse to be repaired. The Inspector advised the Board to wait a little and see how the school got on before expending money. Hitherto, there had been a very small attendance, and the cost per head had been something like £12 per annum, so that it had almost become a question as to whether the Board should not altogether leave the school. It was to meet such cases as this that he had advocated a system of subsidies to private schools. However, a little time would show whether the school would get on

24th February 1876 Board of Education Resolved, that the Horokiwi school should be repaired to the extent of £25,

28th November 1875 [This is the report that makes me think that this Horokiwi Valley School was closer to Pahautanui than to Petone] on Friday afternoon last Mr. J. F. Thompson gave a treat to the school children of Horokiwi Valley and the Pahautanui school. The entertainment was held in the Pahautanui schoolroom, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and flowers, glass globes, &c. About 80 children sat down to an excellent tea, which was supplied by Mr. Charles Pyke. After the children had retired from the table, their parents and friends sat down, to the number of about seventy. During the afternoon the Pahautanui brass band played several lively marches and other music, while the children and young folks played upon the green at kiss in the ring and other sports. After the tea was over a large quantity of toys were distributed amongst the children by Mr. Thompson,* and as they were drawn' for by ticket from a wheel of fortune a good deal of fun and merriment was caused by the selection which chance directed to some of the drawers. At about half-past 6 the company began to disperse for their various homes, thoroughly satisfied with the pleasant afternoon they had spent, and expressing their grateful feelings towards the generous gentleman who had so liberally and kindly entertained them. In the evening about forty couple reassembled in the schoolroom and spent the night in dancing. At about eleven o'clock in the evening there was a display of some very good fireworks, which was superintended by Mr. T. Gould

30th January 1877 The Horokiwi School Committee gave the children attending the school a treat on Friday last. The children' and their friends enjoyed themselves thoroughly:

3rd February 1877 On Friday last the Horokiwi School Committee gave a treat to the school children. There are now thirty children on the books for this school, which has lately been enlarged and otherwise improved. Mr. Hamilton is the teacher., ,The Pahautanui school children, with their teachers, were invited as guests. The Pahautanui brass band was also invited, and as there were a great number of young men and women there dancing on the green formed a part of the day's amusement. A programme for rural sports had been arranged, and there was some very good racing amongst the children and young people, for which prizes were awarded by the committee and teacher. A nice little paddock adjoining the school was kindly lent by Mr. Smith for the occasion. Shortly after three o'clock the children to the number of seventy-four sat down on the green in a circle, when tea and cake, See., were served round in abundance, to which they did ample justice. After they were satisfied the parents and friends sat down to tea in the schoolroom. The whole of the refreshments were supplied by Mr Pryke in his usual excellent style. Mr. Hamilton's museum of curiosities was a great attraction to many of the visitors, who were much pleased and interested in viewing the choice collection which he has with great care and perseverance accumulated. A number of the young people wound up the day s amusement with a dance in the evening, and everyone seemed pleased and satisfied with the attention and courtesy which was shown them by the committee.

9th February 1877 Mr. Hamilton, the teacher of the Horokiwi Valley School, is described as being " a competent teacher, but new to the work." Eleven of the children are classed as unsatisfactory, but there is some prospect in this case of improvement. [However this report was between the Kaiwarra and Ohariu Schools advice so I am still not sure]

22nd October 1877 Mr F W Connell appointed postmaster at Horokiwi. [There were instances in the Wairarapa where the school teacher was also in charge of the Post Office]

1878-1882

1878		Horokiwi	Connell	F W		Head	£ 120.00	
1879		Horokiwi	Connell	F W		Master	£ 20.00	Partime
1880		Horokiwi	Connell	Frederick W		Master	£ 120.00	
1881	27	Horokiwi	Connell	Frederick W		Master	£ 160.00	
1882	14	Horokiwi	Connell	Frederick W		Master	£ 12.00	

This was one of the first schools operated by the Wellington Education Board which was formed in 1877 and was first reported to the Government on the 1878 year

30th January 1878 Horokiwi Valley on Friday last was a scene of festivity and enjoyment, it being the annual gathering of the children for their treat and sports in Mr. Smith's paddock, adjoining the school. Although called the school treat, the grown-up people always make a day's amusement also, and on this occasion upwards of loft people were on the ground. The Pahautanui band, which was in attendance, rendered valuable service, and dancing on the green formed one of the leading features of the day's entertainment. Amongst other noticeable events were the vaulting by, the boys and the racing of the girls for a large wedding cake, the gift of Mr. T. Smith. The tea was under the superintendence of Mr. and Mrs. Pryke, after which dancing was resumed, and carried on till a late hour, when the company dispersed well satisfied with their day's pleasure.

1st February 1878 The station on the Hutt Railway, from which it is proposed to start, would probably be Belmont or Hayward's. There are Hutt and Pahautanui first. That is- nearly all freehold. The line then comes to the Pahautanui Small Farm Settlement, through the Horokiwi Valley, also settled, and thence to Wanui, at the bottom of Paikakariki. That is the only difficult portion of the line. The line then emerges on to flat level country all the way to Palmerston North.

26th April 1878 Inspector Lee's report to Wellington Education Board included . The results at Korokoro, Horokiwi Valley, Porirua, and Kaitoke, I consider fairly satisfactory under their several conditions."

31st December 1878 he annual tea meeting for the Pahautanui school children was hold on Boxing Day. \ The arrangements were made by the local committee, who did all in their power to make the day pass off pleasantly. The teacher and the Horokiwi Valley school children were Invited, and also Mr. Toomath, a member of the Education Board. Over 100 children sat down to a very excellent tea, which was supplied by Mr. Fred Bills, and after they had left the table their places were taken by the parents and friends of the children, who assembled in great numbers.

8th February 1879 he annual tea meeting of the Horokiwi Valley school came off on the 24th tilt. The children and teachers from the Pahautanui school were invited, also the Pahautanui Brass Band The local committee and Mr. Connell, the teacher, deserve great praise for the exertions they used to make everything comfortable and agreeable. The ladies of the Horokiwi Valley provided many useful and ornamental articles to decorate a Christmas tree, and to be afterwards given as presents to the children The committee had also arranged some rural sports, which came off in a nice level paddock adjoining the school. The use of the ground was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Smith. Some of the running and vaulting was very good, and prizes were awarded to the winners. The repast was furnished by Mr. F. Bills in excellent style, and at about three o clock over 100 children were entertained. They were all neatly dressed and looked the picture of health and happiness. Tea was afterwards provided in the schoolroom for the parents and friends of the children. The day was beautifully fine, and everything went off pleasantly.

14th February 1879 In the following school districts no elections of committees have been made, from one cause and another :—Horokiwi, Opaki, Wainuiomata, Waihenga [Martinborough], Kaiwairua.

3rd April 1880 Wellington Education Board reports that a residence was needed for the teacher at Horokiwi

11th June 1880 Wellington Education Board F W Connell had a partial success for class D Examination

26th January 1881 HOROKIWI VALLEY. New Committee- —Messrs. W. H. Macdonald, T. Smith, W. Harris, W. Howell, F. Anderson, A. Nicholl, and R. Smith. After the election the committee held a formal meeting, and adjourned till Saturday next, to prepare a report for the Education Board,

11th March 1881 Charles James Hansard, a schoolmaster at Horokiwi Valley, stated that he was walking down the road on Monday afternoon, and saw Baker by the roadside chopping firewood. [Charles Hansard taught at Pahautanui School]

26th May 1881 Wellington Education Board announce that £ 20 be spent on repairs

1st September 1881 Wellington Education Board In the matter of repairs and; improvements to the Horokiwi School, the Board agreed to bear the Whole cost, amounting to £31 16s 6d [£31 in 1881 equivalent to \$5416,77 in September 2019]

20th January 1882 he annual tea meeting of the Pahautanui school children took place on Tuesday last. The Committee also invited the children from the Horokiwi and Judgeford, schools. They assembled together about 10 in. the morning, and were marched in procession through the district, with banners flying and headed by the local brass band playing lively music.....

26th January 1882 School Committee HOROKIWI. A large number of persons attended at the schoolhouse at the appointed hour. Mr R. Smith, Chairman of the retiring Committee occupied the chair. The report and balance sheet for the past year having been read and approved of, the meeting proceeded with the election of a Committee for the ensuing year, the following gentlemen being returned : Messrs R. Smith, W. H, McDonald, William Harris, William Howell, A. Nicholl, Frederick Anderson, and Thomas Smith. At a meeting of the new Committee, which was held during the evening, Mr R. Smith was re-elected Chairman, Mr Thomas Smith being appointed Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee nominated Mr T. Mason and the Hon. Randall Johnson as candidates for the vacancies to be filled on the Education Board.

21st April 1882 Inspector Lee’s report on Wellington Education Board schools included: The passes made this year at Horokiwi Valley and Matarawa [Near Greytown] were few, but the classification of the schools is good, and the passes in previous years at the latter school have been much above the average. The Mauriceville, Makara, and Mungaroa Schools were weak; Kaitoke was. in fair working order ; Wadestown was under an inefficient teacher, who has since resigned.

2nd September 1882 Part of a long report: On Friday evening last the Pahautanui Amateur Christy Minstrels gave a performance in the School-room, Pahautanui, for the benefit of the local band. The performers were Messrs E. Boulton, junr. (concertina), J. Blackey (violin), W. Gardner (flute), E. Benton (banjo), A. Iggulden (triangle), F. W. Connell (tambo),..... Messrs Connell and Loudon, as corner men, were very amusing with their jokes and anecdotes; some them were local hits, and elicited great applause.....Ob, Joe! The boat’s going over,; Connell The second part opened with ail amusing stump speech delivered by Mr Connell.

Frederick William Connell had a long career with the Wellington Education Board

1883 Te Aro Assistant master

1884-1889 Waihakeke [East of Carterton] Headmaster

1890-1921 Upper Hutt Headmaster

1883-1884

1883	13	Horokiwi	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£ 100.00
1884	17	Horokiwi	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£ 100.00

25th January 1883 HOROKIWI VALLEY SCHOOL.

The following gentlemen were elected as a committee for the ensuing year :—R. Smith (chairman) T. Smith (treasurer), W. Harris, J. Blackey, W. Jones, F, Anderson, A.-Nicol. The

report and balance-sheet for the past year showed a balance in hand of £4 2s 6d. After the committee were elected they voted in favor of Mr Blair and Dr. Newman as members for the Education Board,

8th February 1883 Tawa Flat School: It was agreed to invite the committees of the Pahautanui Small Farm and Horokiwi Schools to join in the picnic and bring the children of their schools.

9th April 1883 A tea meeting was held in the Horokiwi Valley Schoolroom on Thursday last. The children and teachers of the Pahautanui school and the small Farms School were invited. Altogether there were 96 children and about 60 adults, the parents and friends of the children, who sat down to an excellent tea, which was provided by Mr Lennie, of Pahautanui. During the day rural sports were held in a small paddock adjoining the school, which was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Smith, and the children were delighted with the prizes they won. There was also a Christmas tree, loaded with presents for the children, which (the presents) were provided by the ladies of the valley. The Pahautanui Band was also invited, and dancing on the green was freely indulged in to the lively music rendered by them. The whole affair passed off very pleasantly, and the committee deserve great praise for the manner in which the arrangements were made and carried out, especially by Mr Thomas Smith, treasurer, and Mr Connell, the teacher of the school, who were most assiduous in promoting the pleasures of the day. Mr K. Smith, the chairman of committee, was unavoidably absent.

30th May 1883 Wellington Education Board: It was reported that six applications were received for the mastership of the Johnsonville School. Mr. Bennett, of the Te Aro School, was appointed, and Mr. Connell, of Horokiwi, was appointed to the vacancy thus caused at Te Aro.....Mr. B. Smith attended on behalf of the Horokiwi School Committee to urge that the school should not be closed. He stated that the school had been established 22 years, and some of the children came a distance of eight miles. It would be impossible for these to go four miles further, to Pahautanui. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Smith said he did not think the compulsory clauses of the Act could be brought into operation in the district, most of the children residing more than three miles from the schoolhouse. The Chairman pointed out that the Board had no desire to close the school but could not get over the fact that the attendance was very small. Some discussion took place on the matter, and, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, it was decided to advertise for a female teacher

13th June 1883 Wellington Education Board Miss Hamilton was transferred from the Gladstone School to Horokiwi. Other transfers consequent upon this step were referred to a committee with power to act.

18th June 1883 A pleasing ceremony took place in the school-room, Pahautanui, on Tuesday evening last. The occasion was the presentation of a tea and coffee service to Mr W. F. Connell, who has been schoolmaster of the Horokiwi Valley School for the past six years, and who has recently been appointed assistant teacher in the To Aro School. During his residence in the district Mr Connell has always been very popular among the settlers generally, both for his respectable demeanour and his energetic willingness to assist in any public matter. His friends were determined that he should not leave them empty-handed, and with that end in view a Committee was formed, and a subscription list opened, and the sum of £8 10s was obtained. Mr Francis Bradey performed the ceremony of presentation, and read a

complimentary address to Mr Connell, expressing the good feeling of the subscribers, whose names (34 in number) were appended to the address. Mr Connell replied in suitable terms, and said he sincerely thanked the subscribers for their kindness, and he should always remember with pleasure the happy time he had spent with the Pahautanui people. The testimonial bore this inscription : ” Presented to VV, F. Connell by the settlers of (Pahautanui and Horokiwi Valley, as a mark of their esteem. June 12, 1883.” A public ball was held to celebrate the occasion, and about thirty couples were present, who enjoyed themselves with dancing until the small hours of the morning. Tire presentation took place at about 11 o'clock.

7th July 1883 Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Connell, the former of whom has officiated as teacher at the Horokiwi School for the last six years, were entertained at the Judgeford (Pahautanui) Schoolroom on Friday evening, when a presentation, consisting of a very handsome tea service and tray, was made to Mrs. Connell. Mr. G. L. Goldfinch, who handed over the gift, spoke of the many services which Mr. Connell had rendered the district, and said he had taken a prominent part in all their entertainments ; that it mattered not, whether as Chairman of the Library Committee, Secretary of the Brass Band, at a ball or a concert, a dramatic entertainment or the penny readings, who was always at his post. Mr. Connell gracefully returned thanks. A very enjoyable evening was spout. Miss Chatwin, at the request of the School Committee, kindly presided at the piano

25th July 1883 Wellington Education Board: A sum of £3 was allowed Mr. F. W. Connell for the expense of removing his family from Horokiwi to Wellington

24th December 1884 The annual school treat was given at the Judgeford School on Friday last. Unfortunately, the afternoon proved wet, so that although invitations were sent to the Pahautanui and Horokiwi Schools, only 42 children were present. Towards evening, however, the weather cleared up, and the residents mustered in full force at the schoolroom. Miss Chatwin, the teacher (who has been promoted by the Wellington Education Board, and is about to leave the district), had been asked to meet them there that they might have the opportunity of presenting a token of their appreciation of her services during the last four years.

Dorothea Hamilton

1879-1882 Gladstone School

1883-1884 Horokiwi

1886-1891 Paikakariki

1892-1899 Kaitoke

1900-1902 Matarawa [Just North of Greytown om the northern side of the Waiohine River]

1904/3350	Hamilton	Dorothea	53Y
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Miss Dorothea Hamilton is the Mistress in charge of the Kaitoke School. Miss Hamilton, who has had a professional career of seventeen years, was born in Ireland, where also she was educated. Arriving in Lyttelton in 1878, per ship “Waitangi,” Miss Hamilton came on to Wellington, where she joined the Board of Education, taking at E4 certificate. Before her appointment to Kaitoke in 1892 she was mistress at Gladstone, Horokiwi Valley, and Paikakariki respectively.

18th May 1905 HAMILTON.—In loving memory of Dorothea Hamilton, who died at Hamua, New Zealand, on 18th May, 1904; aged 53 years. Not gone from memory. Not gone from Love But gone to our Heavenly Father above. Inserted by her loving friend.—M.G

1885-1894

1885	10	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	
1887	12	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	£ 40.00
1888	10	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	£ 37.10
1889	10	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	£ 37.10
1890	11	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	£ 48.15
1890	11	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	£ 48.15
1891	12	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	£ 45.00
1892	14	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	£ 52.10
1893	18	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	£ 67.10
1894	17	Horokiwi	Mitchell	Janet		Female	£ 63.15

20th February 1885 The Horokiwi School Committee have invited the children of the Pahautanui and Judgeford Schools to a treat at Mr. Blackey's place at Horokiwi Valley on Wednesday next, 25th

24th June 1885 Wellington Education Board Mr. Lee, the Inspector, reported that the average daily attendance of the Horokiwi School was only eight, with no prospect of an increase. It was decided to leave the matter so far as closing the school was concerned, in the hands of the Chairman.

26th June 1885 Wellington Education Board Horokiwi Valley. —The Inspector stated that the total number of children on the books was 16, and that the maximum attendance was only 9. The Chairman was empowered to take action for closing the school.

26th August 1885 Chairman of the Horokiwi Valley School Committee attended and asked for a grant of £40 for the teacher of the school. The attendance as yet was only eight children, and it would be a pity if the school could not be opened for want of a little assistance. The Board recommended Mr. Blackie to endeavour to get more children to attend, and if this was accomplished there would be no difficulty in getting the money required for the teacher's salary

27th August 1885 Miss Dorothy Hamilton, who had been teaching at the Horokiwi School up to the time the Education Board decided upon closing it, has made an application for compensation. The Rev, Mr Paterson stated that - Miss Hamilton had been sent to some other school in the country, and that she had to teach in the kitchen of a three-roomed house whilst the ordinary cooking was going on, so that she had been obliged to give it up. Her letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

2nd March 1886 The Horokiwi School tea meeting was held on Friday in Mr. W. Blackey's paddock. The committee had arranged a programme of sports, &c, and the events were entered into with much spirit. The young ladies of the district subscribed a number of gifts, which were distributed by the chairman Mr. J. Blackey . Mr. Taylor catered for the occasion with great satisfaction. A dance in the schoolroom wound up the day's amusements. The residents mustered in strong force

29th October 1886 Wellington Education Board The examination of the Horokiwi school produced good results.

11th May 1887 Mr. Lee will complete the annual examination of schools under the control of the Board of Education on Friday next. The only school which has not yet been examined is that at Horokiwi.

21st June 1887 At the closing of the Horokiwi school, which took place on Friday, the committee had some very fine presents to distribute among the children. Mr J. Young, of the Education Board, was present, and kindly distributed the prizes, in doing so he spoke to the children of the advantages of education and impressed upon their minds the necessity of close application. The school was then dismissed for the holidays, the children going home highly delighted with their prizes.

30th April 1888 Messrs. Blair and Young and Dr. Newman, members of the Education Board, paid a visit to the Pahautanui district to-day for the purpose of inspecting the local school building, regarding the state of which complaints have been made from time to time. The Judgeford and Horokiwi schools were also to be visited

13th September 1888 The examination of the Horokiwi Valley school has resulted very creditably to the school and to Mr [Sic] J. Mitchell, the teacher, all the children presented (10) having passed. The number presented in each 'Standard was—Standard II., 5 ; Standard III., 2; and Standard IV., 3.

30th January 1889 Miss Elkin, in charge of the Horokiwi School, was granted leave of absence for three months on the score of ill-health, applicant to receive one month's pay.[Miss Elkin was actually in charge of the Korokoro School]

25th February 1899 HOROKIWI VALLEY. For this district a committee has been elected consisting of Messrs. J. Blackey, A. Nichol, N. Abbott, G. Harris, T. Jones, G. Jones and D. Millen. The election of chairman will take place on the 5th of May.

17th June 1889 Mr. Lee, Inspector to the Education Board, has all but finished his round of school examinations for the present year, only the small school at Horokiwi Valley having now to be dealt with

6th September 1889 In a long article re a Bear was this: The woman describes the animal as a bear but mentions that it had a long tail. Several children attending the Horokiwi School have reported seeing a strange animal in the road at times

30th April 1890 Horokiwi Valley.— Messrs. George Jones (chairman), George Harris (secretary and treasurer), Nicholas Abbott, Thomas Jones, David Miller, Joseph Smith, Oliver Death.

26th June 1890 Wellington Education Board A deputation from the Horokiwi Valley, represented by Mr. Jones, waited upon the Board, asking that a shed be built in connection with the school, and also granting the erection of a chimney. The Chairman explained that the expenditure for what was asked for had already been granted.

25th February 1891: A grant of £2 16s was made to the Horokiwi Committee for the additional cost of their shelter shed.

29th June 1892 The postponed election of a School Committee for Horokiwi Valley took place at the schoolhouse Monday. The following members were elected :— Messrs. George Jones (chairman), Harris (secretary and treasurer), Joseph M. Smith, Thomas Jones, Nicholas Abbott.

27th April 1893 School Committee Horokiwi Valley. — Messrs. G. Jones (Chairman), G. Harris (Secretary and Treasurer), T. Jones, J. McSmith, N. Abbott.

27th July 1894 A request for the Board to take over an aided school at Horokiwi was postponed [An aided school was where the roll was small and the Wellington Education Board paid a small sum per child and the School Committee paid all other costs.]

31st August 1894 It was decided that Henrietta Boulcott (Taita) and Janet Mitchell (Horokiwi) should be transferred to Wellington when the opportunity offered.

16th November 1894 A very pleasant and successful gathering took place in Nicol's Hall, Pahautanui, on Friday evening (Prince of Wales' Birthday), under the management of the Pahautanui and Horokiwi Valley School Committees. During the first part of the evening a concert was held, the talent being principally local. Two pieces by about 20 scholars of the Pahautanui School under Miss Dowdeswell, the teacher, were very prettily and efficiently rendered, and were deservedly applauded

28th November 1894 Messrs. S. Prowse, F. G. Petherick, and J. J. Flyger , of the Te Aro School Committee, waited upon the Board, and asked that the school should be re-painted and repaired ; also that Miss Mitchell, late of Pahautanui, should not be placed over the heads of the present assistants but one of the present teachers should be promoted, and that Miss Mitchell should succeed her. The Board promised to take the matters into consideration

Having started teaching in 1885 for the Wellington Education Board at Horokiwi School with small numbers Janet Mitchell was transferred to Te Aro school in Wellington in 1895 and taught there until her resignation on the 30th January 1919. A school with two side schools and a roll of over 750 at times.

18th May 1935 Manawatu Standard The passing of Miss Janet Mitchell, of 177 Featherston Street, which occurred last Saturday, will be deplored by all who knew her, the kindly disposition of Miss Mitchell having attracted to her many firm friends. The daughter of the late Mr and Mrs William Mitchell, she was born at Pahautanui, her parents having been among the earliest settlers in that district. She was educated at the Horokiwi School and later joined the staff of the school as a teacher, continuing to serve for quite a period before accepting an appointment at the Te Aro School Miss Mitchell continued in various capacities at the Te Aro School, retiring in February, 1919, after 25 years' faithful service. Although she made her home in Wellington for a time, she removed to Palmerston North four years ago so as to be near her relatives.

Although Miss Mitchell had enjoyed good Health throughout her life, it was apparent to her closest friends that she was failing, but little thought had been entertained that her end was near. On Saturday last she was up and about, but complained, of feeling ill in the evening, retiring to her bed at an early hour to pass quietly away shortly before midnight. Miss Mitchell was the last of her own family, two brothers, the late Mr John Mitchell, of Shannon, and the late Mr William Mitchell, of Kiwitea, being former well-known residents of this district. A number of nephews and nieces are left to mourn their loss, Messrs M. Mitchell (Feilding), P. Mitchell (Colyton), Mrs W. Redmayne (Rongotea); Mrs W. Reeve (Makowhai), and Miss K. Mitchell (Feilding), being residents in this district.

The funeral took place at Shannon on Tuesday, Rev. A. Fotheringham, of the Presbyterian Church, conducting the graveside service.

1895-1897

1895	12	Horokiwi	Mackintosh	Ada		Female	£ 36.50	
1896	15	Horokiwi	Townsend	Ethel		Female	£ 70.00	
1897	16	Horokiwi	Townsend	Ellen		Female	£ 70.00	House
1898	13	Horokiwi	Evans	Edith M	D5	Female	£ 90.00	House
1899	13	Horokiwi	Evans	Edith M	D4	Female	£ 90.00	

House means a house was provided for the teacher for those years

9th January 1895 The Pahautanui and Horokiwi Valley School Committees having 1 combined for the purpose of holding their annual fete, it has been decided that it shall take place on Thursday, 17th instant, in the Pahautanui School. A ball in the evening in Nicol's hall in aid of the tea fund will close the festivities.

30th January 1895 Wellington Education Board The question of closing the Horokiwi School was referred to Mr. Bradey, with power to act

18th February 1898 At the last meeting of the Board of Education the question of closing - the Horokiwi School was referred to Mr Bradey, with power to act. Since then Mr Bradey has made enquiries in the district, and, notwithstanding a report to the contrary, he has no intention of recommending the Board to close the school.

27th February 1895 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to open the Horokiwi School as an aided School, under Miss Mackintosh

25th April 1895 School Committee Horokiwi— Messrs. G. Harris (Chairman and Secretary), T. Jones, S. Jones, N. Abbott, and G. Spicer (Treasurer).

21st March 1896 The combined annual tea fete was held At Horokiwi Valley on Thursday in a paddock kindly lent by Mr, Miller. About 80 children sat down to tea, and afterwards about 50 adults. Games were then indulged in, the children's sports being under the direction of Mr. Iggulden. Mr. J. M. Smith had worked hard to make the' gathering a success, and the ladies of the district saw to the refreshments, which Mr. J. Godber provided. Capital music was supplied by Messrs. Brady Bros. and E. Boulton, and Mr. J. Nicol was M.C. in the evening.

29th April 1897 Horokiwi Valley— Messrs. Geo. Harris (Chairman and Secretary, re-elected), F. L. Kerr (Treasurer), T. Jones, N. Abbot, ; J.H. Carter.

27th May 1897 The concert held in the Horokiwi Valley School in aid of the children's prize fund proved very successful. The arrangements were directed by Miss Townsend, head teacher, and the chief contributors to the programme were Mrs. Holt, Misses Holt and Townsend, and Mr. Hickson, of Wellington, also Miss Blackey and Mr. Gardner, local talent. The entertainment concluded with a dance.

24th February 1898 At the tea-meeting in connection with the Horokiwi Valley School, held in a paddock which Mr. Millen lent for the occasion (as he has so generously done for many years), 70 children sat down to tea, and about an equal number of adults. Games were afterwards engaged in, and prizes were given to the children by the Committee,, assisted by their teacher (Miss Townsend). The Pahautanui Brass Band, under Mr. F. Bradey, jun., played during the day. Mr. J. M. Smith, always one of the first to give his assistance for the benefit of the district, gave valuable aid. The Committee also wishes to thank the Misses Millen and Abbot for their assistance during the day. A ball was held in the evening, about 30 couples attending

19th March 1898 The children and teachers of the Pahautanui, Judgeford, and Horokiwi Valley schools, accompanied by their friends, have arranged lo hold an outing on Wednesday next at Day's Bay.

6th June 1898 Miss Townsend, who has been in charge of the Horokiwi school, has been appointed to the charge of the Kahutara school, in place of Mr Davidson, who proceeds to Paikakariki. Miss Townsend leaves for her new sphere of duty to-day. Miss Evans has been appointed to the charge of the Horokiwi school.

27th June 1898 The secretary of the Education Board notifies that meeting of householders for the election of school committees at Matarawa, Taita, Korokoro, Ohau, Paikakariki, Horokiwi Valley and Takapu will be held on Monday, 25th July next [These schools didn't elect committees in April]

25th March 1899 The annual outing of the Horokiwi Valley school was held on Wednesday. The day was all that could be desired. About 180 people sat down to tea and did ample justice to all the good things put before them. Much praise is due to Mr. J. M. Smith for his kind assistance in making the whole thing go off met pleasantly and without a hitch. The Pahautanui Brass Band was in attendance under the supervision of Mr. F. Brady, jun., and much enlivened the proceedings. A ball was held in the evening and was well patronised by the outside public. Messrs. A. and F. Brady and Miss Brady supplied the music

Ada Mackintosh only taught for the Wellington Education Board for the one year at Horokiwi
Edith M Evans taught at Mount Cook Infants as a pupil teacher 1894-1895

Terrace 1896-1897 as a pupil teacher

Horokiwi 1898-1899

Johnsonville 1900-1901

Mount Cook Girls' 1902-1906. By 1905 she had earned a BA

1900-1904

1900	16	Horokiwi	Johnson	Edith M	D4	Female	£ 54.00	
1901	13	Horokiwi	Johnson	Edith M		Female	£ 50.00	\$10.00
1902	10	Horokiwi	Johnson	Edith M		Female	£ 72.00	\$10.00
1903	9	Horokiwi	Johnson	Edith M	E4	Female	£ 60.00	\$10.00
1904	14	Horokiwi	Johnson	Edith M	D4	Female	£ 72.00	\$10.00

8th February 1900 Miss Evans, now of Horokiwi School, to be assistant at Johnsonville.

10th February 1900 the annual picnic in connection with the Pahautanui State School was held in a paddock lent by Mr. Stace, The Horokiwi and Judgeford school-children were invited. During the day the Chairman, Mr. Bradey, on behalf of the Committee, presented a prize to each child attending the school. The Pahautanui Private Brass Band, under Bandmaster F. Bradey, jun., played selection

13th February 1900 A TEACHER is required for the Aided School at Horokiwi. Particulars may be obtained from F. J. KERR, Chairman Horokiwi School Committee

26th April 1900 Horokiwi Valley.—Messrs T. Smith. G Harris, G. Spicer, N. Abbott, ' J. Mitchell. Mr N. Abbott was elected chairman and .Mr J Mitchell treasurer.

30th January 1901 Miss M E Johnson present salary £60 proposed rise £8

21st March 1901 Proposed Salary £100 a rise of £53 15s

29th April 1903 School Committee Horokiwi.— Messrs. N. Abbott (Chairman), G. Harris (Treasurer), J. Millon, W. Edwards, and S. Jones

Edith Monica Johnson started work for the Wellington Education Board at Bush Gully Beyond Tuturaumuri east of Martinborough in 1899 with two pupils

Starting in 1990 at Horokiwi she finished there after 1904

In 1905 to 1907 She was at Tane about 18 Kilometres from Eketahuna on the Mangaone Valley Road

Then from 1908 to 1912 Edith was teaching at Akatarawa

In 1913 she started at Wallaceville school and was there until at least 1917

In 1919 she was at Reikiorangi east of Waikanae

And in 1921 she was at Kaiparoro School where was still in 1923 when my records end

For at least 21 years Edith only ever taught in sole charge schools

1952/25973	Johnson	Edith Monica	80Y
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Died in Christchurch

1905	16	Horokiwi	Blake	Bertie NT	D5	Master	£ 80.00	\$10.00
1906	15	Horokiwi	Baker	Sybil E	D3	Female	£ 110.00	\$10.00
1907	11	Horokiwi	Caiyou	Charles		Master	£85.00	\$10.00
1908	10	Horokiwi	Caiyou	Charles		Master	£66.00	
1909	11	Horokiwi	Tosswill	Ethne		Female	£90.00	
1910	13	Horokiwi	Shand	Florence J		Female	£90.00	
1911	11	Horokiwi	Shand	Florence J		Female	£90.00	

11th January 1905 HOROKIWI— Sole Teacher; £80 and £10 house allowance.

12th January 1905 Miss E. M. Johnston, at present teacher of the Horokiwi Valley school, has been appointed head teacher at Tane

14th September 1905 Mr B Blake of Horokiwi to be assistant at Petone

2nd March 1906 FOR SALE. The survey of Sections adjoining the Horokiwi School are now completed. Any one desiring a Suburban Home near City and Petone have now a chance to secure one at reasonable prices, with terms to suit. With the improvements to Hutt road and other works that will follow, this land will greatly increase in value.[There was not another school at Horokiwi Petone called Horokiwi, I think the school was called Korokoro South]

13th December 1906 At the annual championship meeting of the Public Schools Lawn Tennis Association, the Ferguson Challenge Cup, held last year by the Terrace school, was won by the To Aro school with 11 points. Horokiwi came second with 10 points, and Clydequay third with 4 points.

12th June 1907 Horokiwi— Solo Teacher, £90 and £10 h.a

12th June 1907 Miss S. Baker (Horokiwi), to be assistant female teacher at Johnsonville.

11th July 1907 Mr C Caigou appointed Sole Teacher

30th April 1908 Horokiwi Valley.— J. Nichol (chairman), C. Newman (secretary), J. Miller, C. Gray, and H. Eiiason.

31st July 1908 Mr C Caigou resigned

13th May 1909 Horokiwi (Paremata nearest railway station)— Sole Teacher. £90 to £120, and £10 h.a.

9th June 1909 Miss E Tosswill of Johnsonville appointed Sole Teacher

13th June 1910 Wellington Education Board Horokiwi (Paremata- rail.) — Sole Teacher, £90 to £120 and £10 h.a

13th July 1910 Miss Shand formerly of Southland appointed Sole Teacher

27th July 1910 Miss E Tosswill of Horokiwi granted 6 weeks leave of absence

7th May 1912 Meetings of householders for the election of school committees will be held on May 27th at Wallaceville. Horokiwi Valley.' Korokoro South, Pahautanui, and Paekakariki. [because they did not elect committees at first meeting]

31st July 1912 Wellington Education Board It was decided to close the Horokiwi School, the district round about having been depopulated of children owing to the removal of families

31st July 1912 Wellington Education Board the school at Horokiwi has been closed owing to the removal of scholars to another school in the district— at. Pahautanui

In 1904 Bertie N T Blake started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Johnsonville

1905 Horokiwi

1906-1907 Horoeke North of Pongaroa in the Puketoi region, just south of border with Hawkes Bay Education Board

1908-1909 Muhunua East North of Shannon and 1910 Muhunua

1911-1917 Mt Cook Boys with a BA

1919-1923 Normal School with an MA [A normal school was part of the training college and used to teach student teachers

Sybil Baker started for Wellington Education Board at Horokiwi in 1906

1907-1917 at least taught at Johnsonville School

Charles Caiyou Started at Horokiwi then

1910-1913 Hutt DHS

1914 until at least 1923 at Lansdowne School in Masterton

Ethne Tosswill only taught for Wellington Education Board for two years Johnsonville then Horokiwi

Florence J Shand Taught first at Horokiwi

1912-1914 Reikiorangi

1915-1917 Kaitawa 7 Kilometres Est of Pahiatua

1919- to at least 1923 at Mauriceville East school as Sole Charge Teacher