

## Kaitawa

1890 – I think this school amalgamated with the Catholic School in Pahiatua . Kaitawa School was 7 Kilometres East of Pahiatua

In 1890 Mary J Swan was teaching at Both Newman and Kaitawa school I guess on a part time basis. Kaitawa had 13 children and Newman had 12 children In a straight line on a map without working out how she travelled the distance between the 2 schools was 21 Kilometres. She probably went via Pahiatua.

### MARRIAGE.

Swan— Burke.— On the 23rd June, at St. Mary of the Angels, Boulcott-street, Wellington, by the Rev. father Kerrigan, James Paul Swan, to Mary Josephine Burke. Wanganui and Auckland papers please copy.

1878/1033	Mary Josephine	Burke	James Paul	Swan
1879/4937	Swan	William James	Mary Josephine	James Paul
1882/14806	Swan	Maria Margarett	Mary Josephine	James Paul
1884/6810	Swan	Cecil Joseph	Mary Josephine	James Paul
1887/18194	Swan	Theresa May	Mary Jane	James Paul
1889/10245	Swan	Cecelia Mabel	Mary Josephine	James Paul

Timaru Herald 8<sup>th</sup> August 1890

We regret to announce that Mr J. P. Swan, who had been gaoler at Timaru for about four years, died at his residence yesterday morning. The late Mr Swan came from Wellington to Timaru, and his record in the service had been such an excellent one that he was a man it could ill afford to lose. During his residence here he had made many warm friends, and as gaoler he discharged his onerous duties faithfully and well, he had been ill for a long time with typhoid fever, and for few days ago it was hoped that he would recover. Suffering a serious relapse, however, all hope was abandoned, and he gradually sank, breathing his last yesterday morning. Deep sympathy .is expressed by all at his thus being cut off in the prime of life

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1890		Kaitawa/Newman	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 97.05
1891	27	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 123.08
1892	38	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 128.08
1893	36	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 143.00
1894	37	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 143.00
1895	39	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 143.08
1896	13	Te Aupapa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 48.08
1897	13	Te Aupapa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 48.08
1898	15	Te Aupapa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 80.00
1899	15	Te Aupapa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 80.00

1900	16	Te Aupapa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£ 80.00
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## 1890

1890		Kaitawa/Newman	Swan	Mary J		Female	£97	\$18,308
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3<sup>rd</sup> February 1890 Pahiatua School Committee From W. H. Warren, stating that sections 37 and 38, Kaitawa, suburban, had been withdrawn from sale, and at next meeting of the Commissioners which is to be held shortly the application would be considered.—Mr Vile moved that the secretary communicate to the Chairman of School Commissioners thanking him for taking the necessary steps to have the sections 37 and 33 withdrawn from sale for a school site

21<sup>st</sup> March 1890 The following reserves are gazetted : Section 9 block VIII, Kaitawa, for school site

29<sup>th</sup> May 1890 Wellington Education Board An application from Kaitawa for a school and a letter from Mauriceville ; as to a new site, were referred to the chairman,.

5<sup>th</sup> June 1890 At this morning's meeting of the Education Board no less than 3 petitions were received for new schools, viz, at Balance Kaitawa and Taratahi places where a few years ago there was hardly a settler to be found. On the motion of Doctor Newman a committee was appointed to journey over the districts under the care of the Board with a view of clearly ascertaining where the schools were really required

30<sup>th</sup> July 1890 A little girl at Kaitawa, Miss E. E. George, who has all the brightness of thirteen summers, lately wrote to Mr J. R. Blair, the Chairman of the Wellington Education Board, telling him that she had recently come to live in Kaitawa, that she wanted to go to school very much, and could not because there was no school here and that there were about thirty children in the place, so she hoped Mr Blair would get them a school. Mr Blair wrote back to say he had been very pleased to get her letter, and that he had no idea that there were so many children in the place called Kaitawa. He pointed out the words spelt wrongly in her letter, and advised her to write out a hundred words every day, and to make her little sisters write out fifty, and promised that her letter would be laid before the Board at their first meeting,

8<sup>th</sup> September 1890 When in Wellington the Rev. J. Sanders interviewed Mr Beetham M.H.R. in reference to a school at Kaitawa. Mr Beetham intimated that the Education Board intended establishing s school there at an early date

29<sup>th</sup> September 1890 Next Monday a new school will be Opened by the Education Board at Kaitawa, (near Pahiatua. Mrs. Swan will be mistress

27<sup>th</sup> October 1890 Mr Beetham will hold an election meeting at Kaitawa School House at 2 pm Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>

## 1891

1891	27	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£123	\$23,014
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29<sup>th</sup> January 1891 The erection of a schoolhouse at Kaitawa has been decided upon by the Wellington Education Board.

26<sup>th</sup> February 1891 Wellington Education Board he estimates includes the following amounts urgently required for new schools, viz :—Ballance, £250; Mauriceville East, £400; Kaitawa, £250;.....

7<sup>th</sup> March 1891 Mr Fleming to inspect the school on 23<sup>rd</sup> March

30<sup>th</sup> April 1891 Wellington Education Board It was also decided to erect a schoolhouse at Kaitawa when the committee transfer the site.[The schoolhouse is not the residence but the school]

30<sup>th</sup> April 1891 The Chairman was instructed to take the necessary steps for the erection of a School at Kaitawa.

4<sup>th</sup> May 1891 Messrs John George W. Fulcher, J. M. Miller, A. Ross, D. Aitchison and John Morton have been elected by the Kaitawa householders as school commissioners

29<sup>th</sup> July 1891 the question of the selection of a site at Kaitawa near the present temporary school was considered, and it was decided to secure the nine-acre site which had been offered

28<sup>th</sup> August 1891 (From Our Own Correspondent.) Kaitawa is a pretty little place lying to the left Mangaone Valley. The thoughtful traveller, as he descends the hill road and approaches this quiet little village, cannot but contrast its slumbering peacefulness with the hard and cruel competition of city life. The poet could here find realms of fancy in which he could soar in describing the inspiring thoughts which rush to his mind as he views the situation, lying as it does at the base of the surrounding ranges which are covered with forest trees peculiar to New Zealand, making the scene the more enchanting. In passing over the bridge and looking at the stream beneath as it murmuringly glides on its way to the Manawatu, the poet's words voluntarily come to the mind "Men may come and men may go, but I flow on for ever."

Kaitawa during the last eighteen months has shown marked signs of progress. Several new houses have been erected, and the cry is "still they come." One of the prominent features is Us school. The residence owned and formerly occupied by Mr Olsen has been converted into a temporary school house. The Wellington Education Board has promised to erect a school room as soon as money is available, so one of these days its erection will be duly chronicled. The school at present is conducted very ably by Mrs Swan, a lady who is very kindly received by all the settlers. The writer had a very long conversation with this lady during his visit and gathered that the number of children on the roll is about forty. When you take into consideration the dreadful state of the roads, the attendance is also more than encouraging. The residents are to be congratulated on securing the services of a lady of refinement and education to live among them, and to thoroughly satisfy the wants of the district. On Tuesday settlers were to be seen moving in twos and threes from all directions wending their way to the residence of the late Mrs Gillard, whose mortal remains were carried to their last resting place. The mournful procession started slowly towards the cemetery at 2.30. The approach is a very difficult one. The bearers were taxed to their utmost in preventing the coffin slipping from their grasp, down inclines and up steps, and trees were frequent obstacles over which they clambered. The difficulties require to have been seen to realise what they were. The end of the journey was reached without any mishap. At the cemetery a very impressive service was conducted by the Rev. James Sounders. Several of Sankey's hymns were sung during the service. This is the first burial which has taken place in the Kaitawa cemetery. No doubt in the future it will be a very pretty burial ground, but at present it is one of desolation, covered with fallen trees; The settlers here are very energetic. They met together and formed

themselves into a working bee and felled the bush that was on the cemetery section free of cost. The prospects of this place are looked upon as very encouraging. A store and post office are among the conveniences of this place. The Methodist Church hold service every Sunday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon supplied chiefly by the preacher of Woodville.

18<sup>th</sup> September 1891 The Wellington Education Board will, we understand, be calling for tenders directly for the erection of new school buildings at Ballance and Kaitawa, near Pahiatua.

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1891 The site for the Kaitawa school is scarcely suitable for building on in its present state, consequent on the bad burn of last season the section is full of timber and will require a deal of labor to clear it. Possibly the erection of the school may require to be delayed till after next burning season.

3<sup>rd</sup> October 1891 "A Householder " writes to us in reference to the applications made to the Education Board for the establishment of a school at Kaitawa. He says he hears some people are from selfish reasons urging the purchase of two acres as a site, but this is not at all necessary, as a school reserve of four acres is available in a most suitable situation. The adoption of this site would provide a paddock for the horses of children coming from a distance. Our correspondent says Inspector Lee knows the place

5<sup>th</sup> October 1891 The tender of Mr Wrigley has been accepted for Kaitawa school,

10<sup>th</sup> October 1891 T Wrigley accepted for Kaitawa £264

28<sup>th</sup> October 1891 Miss Mary Wakelin has been appointed sewing mistress at the Kaitawa School

20<sup>th</sup> November 1891 Messrs Fraser and Brown, members of the Education Board, arrived here to-day and paid a visit of inspection to the Kaitawa school site.

25<sup>th</sup> November 1891 Wellington Education Board Messrs. Brown and Fraser, who lately visited Kaitawa to report as to the question of school site, gave their decision in favour of a nine-acre section under offer, as being superior to the other and better calculated ' to serve the requirements of the district. Their report was adopted.

## 1892

1892	38	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£128	\$23,757
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16<sup>th</sup> March 1892 The new schoolhouse at Kaitawa is finished, and only waits the architect to pass the building when it can be occupied.

17<sup>th</sup> March 1892 Inspector's report to Wellington Education Board included The number of schools' open was eighty-one, eight more than in the previous year, the new schools being at Ohau, Kereru, Ballance, Kaitawa, Alfredton, Ditton, Grassendale, and Stokes' Valley, most of them being small schools in comparatively new settled localities.

Singing is not taught at Wallace, Tauherenikau, Paikakariki, Kaitawa,.....

27<sup>th</sup> April 1892 A new school was opened at' Kaitawa in the Forty-Mile Bush on Wednesday last

27<sup>th</sup> April 1892 School Committee elected Messrs Ross, Whitcombe, Milne, Miller and Olsen

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1892 Kaitawa school will be examined on Tuesday and Pahiatua on Wednesday and Thursday.

27<sup>th</sup> May 1892 Arrangements have been completed for the erection of a . church at Kaitawa, and a proposal to build a hall for social and other meetings will be discussed after the business of the School Committee has been completed at its next meeting in June.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1892 Wellington Education Board It was decided to call for tenders for fencing at Whakataki, Ballance. Kaituna, Kereru, Kaitawa, and Kaitara, the chairman to accept the lowest if in order

27<sup>th</sup> July 1892 Wellington Education Board The Kaitawa Committee wrote enclosing tenders for erecting a fence round the school grounds. The Board decided to ask for further information.

31<sup>st</sup> August 1892 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to invite tenders for fencing the Kaitawa School ground, and also call upon the owners of the adjoining sections to pay their proportions of the cost.

26<sup>th</sup> October 1892 Wellington Education Board A communication was read from the Postal Department, asking if the Board would permit the schoolmistress at Kaitawa. to act as postmistress. The request was acceded to, subject to Mrs. Swan's consent

27<sup>th</sup> October 1892 New Zealand mail published that Mrs M J Swan would carry the mail from Pahiatua to Kaitawa

3<sup>rd</sup> December 1892 The concert at Kaitawa last evening was highly successful, and despite the stormy weather was well attended. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, the performers being' repeatedly encored.

29<sup>th</sup> December 1892 Mr and Mrs Whitcombe have taken the initiative in getting up a picnic on Monday next for the children attending the Kaitawa school. The children should feel grateful to their benefactors in thus providing for them a pleasant day's outing

## 1893

1893	36	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£143	\$25,921
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25<sup>th</sup> January 1893 Wellington Education Board A grant of £5 was made towards the cost of laying down gravel, &c, at Kaitawa.

16<sup>th</sup> March 1893 The recent floods and damage to roads in the Wairarapa have necessitated alterations in the dates fixed by Mr Lee for the examination of certain of the schools. in the case of the Waingawa, Te Whiti, Gladstone, Parkvale, Waihakeke, and Kaitawa schools , the dates have been altered to a week later originally fixed.

24<sup>th</sup> March 1893 The following non - permanent appointments have been made of Postmasters :F. S Grey, Apiti ; L. Parsons, Awahuri; M. J. Swan, Kaitawa ;

26<sup>th</sup> April 1893 the election of the School Committee for Kaitawa resulted as follows :— Messrs G. Whitcombe, J. Miller, T. W. Milne, V. Mekalick, Ross, and Clifford.

1<sup>st</sup> May 1893 At the public examination of the Kaitawa school there were only two failures out of an attendance of 63. The following are those who passed Standard V ; - B Knox. E. Knox. L. McKinly, F. MacDeritt, M. Swan, A. Fulcher, M, George, F- W. Swan, C. Obain, E' Milne, B. Olsen, A. Olsen. L. George, M. McKinley, T. Swan, E, Ross, G. Ross.

19<sup>th</sup> May 1893 Wairarapa daily Times The following is from the last issue of the Pahiatua Star:—Our Kaitawa correspondent writes :-All the residents here are very sorry indeed for

Mr Black in his present trouble, and they swear—(the remainder had better be omitted,) [As published]

19<sup>th</sup> June 1903 WDT The Pahiatua Star says: " Kaitawa is beginning to rank us one of our leading suburban villages, Five religious bodies are now holding services there."

25<sup>th</sup> October 1903 First Grade Drawing examinations 4897 papers worked. 1702 failed included 2 children sitting 1 passed.

## 1894

1894	37	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£143	\$25,781
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14<sup>th</sup> March 1894 Services in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Pahiatua, will be conducted by Revd. Robert Wood, as under, on Sunday, 18th inst. Pahiatua, at 11; Kaitawa Schoolhouse, at 3 ; Pahiatua, at 7.

15<sup>th</sup> December 1894 The newly opened Kaitawa creamery milk supply' is 300 gallons daily, and the quantity is rapidly increasing,

Mrs Swan Postmistress at Kaitawa has resigned her position

## 1895

1895	39	Kaitawa	Swan	Mary J		Female	£143	\$25,921
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27<sup>th</sup> February 1895 Annie Milne appointed postmistress at Kaitawa

20<sup>th</sup> March 1895 Kaitawa is but a small place as you no doubt are aware. Situated in a valley some 5 miles from Pahiatua, it boasts of a creamery, two blacksmith's shops, a public school, a Methodist Church, a store, with a mail delivery' attached, a number of cottages, all occupied, and surrounded for a long distance with farms varying in size from 25 to 300 acres, and last but not least, occupied by an energetic and industrious class of Yeomen, all bent upon doing the best they can for themselves, and in so doing they prosper the country. There was a very considerable exodus from this place last Wednesday, to take part in the excursion to Napier. They one and all speak of the trip as a most enjoyable one and the reception accorded them by the Napier people as most generous and complete, to you as well as myself it is pleasant to hear of the old place keeping up its record. The sight of the sea I am told was one of surprise and admiration to many hundreds who saw it for the first time. That with the trip on the steamer, the Esplanade, the Breakwater, in fact the trip all through was a grand object lesson to the youngsters.

It is greatly to be deplored that some of our settlers have to send their children at great inconvenience to the Pahiatua school for want of better arrangements.

27<sup>th</sup> March 1895 The tender of Mr S. Harding for the carriage of mails between Eketahuna and Pahiatua, via Mangaone Valley and Kaitawa, has been accepted. A four horse coach will be used.

13<sup>th</sup> April 1895 Part of a long article on the Minister of Lands tour of the district included On the return journey the 'Minister and Mr Hogg crossed the Makuri River near the site of the proposed bridge at the foot :of the To Aupapa Saddle, and from thence, after calling at the homesteads of Mr Ross and Mrs Swan, made their way via Kaitawa to Pahiatua, which they reached shortly after dark.

20<sup>th</sup> April 1895 Mr Fleming to inspect Kaitawa 8<sup>th</sup> May

10<sup>th</sup> May 1895 Since I last wrote to you the roadmen have been clearing away the slips, and traffic is gradually being resumed.

The men are busy at the bridge near Whitcombe's, and it won't be long before they have it finished for traffic.

The same energy is being displayed both up the Mangaone-Tiraumea Valley, and this road leading to Makuri. I think the remark made at the County meeting that ratepayers in arrears might be employed so as to work off their indebtedness is a rational and commendable one.

The meeting of householders took place last Monday evening, when nine were present, seven of whom were elected for the ensuing year. « It is very lamentable to have to record the fact that such a laxity of interest is felt in the question of the education of the young, even amongst parents themselves in this district, that the position goes a begging. The sin of such a thing lays at the door of the parents themselves ; it is their bounden duty to attend to that, which to them is of a vital necessity. It is a gross dereliction of a great profound duty.

It is no use saying that the Inspector's report is, bad, that the children are not learning as they should, that the bigger ones have to go into Pahiatua to school ; that is all beside the question. They have the redress and the power in their hands, and the fault is with them.

Of what use is it to make wise legislation if the people most directly interested, are criminally careless in the matter.

All the surface, casual and permanent hands are knocked off the roads pending the result of the intended poll for a loan.

The Inspector of schools is to be here on the 9th inst.

The Rev. Mr Toot is enlarging his house.

Game is fairly numerous in this locality this year.

The weather just now is excellent, and the young grass is coming on well.

30<sup>th</sup> May 1895 Wellington Education Board A larger bell for Kaitawa School was granted  
27<sup>th</sup> June 1895 Owing to the bad condition of the roads round about Kaitawa, the Education Board at yesterday's meeting decided to accede to the petition of the parents of the children attending the school and extend the midwinter holidays in that district from two weeks to three weeks.

## 1896

1896	46		Kaitawa	Cooper	Henry T		Headmaster	£195	\$35,13'
1896	46		Kaitawa	Knox	Emmeline		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,604

29<sup>th</sup> January 1896 Miss Emmeline Knox appointed pupil teacher at Kaitawa

20<sup>th</sup> February 1896 Mr T, R. Fleming, the- Education Board inspector, will make a special trip to the different localities in the Forty-Mile Bush from which applications been received for aided schools, and present & report thereon to the Board. The localities to be visited

are:—Dreyer's Rock, Ngatitipa Upper Opaki, Coonoor, Pongaroa,, Otohui'a Kaitawa, Makuri and Kaipororo[ Some of these places already had schools and these may have been extra schools in the vicinity]

26<sup>th</sup> February 1896 Wellington Education Board the Chairman was empowered to appoint Miss Whelan to the charge of the Kaitawa aided school if satisfied as to her qualifications

10<sup>th</sup> April 1896 Mr Lee inspector's visit to Kaitawa is on 7<sup>th</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup> April ho Wellington Education Board invite applications for the head teachership of the Kaitawa school.

29<sup>th</sup> April Wellington Education Board It was decided to promote a country teacher to the charge of the Kaitawa School, and to invite applications for the teacherships at Ngaturi and Tokomaru.

30<sup>th</sup> April 1896 Wellington Education Board The resignation of Mrs Swan, of Kaitawa School, was accepted

4<sup>th</sup> May 1896 Mr H. T. Cooper, headmaster of the Ngaturi School, has been promoted to the charge of the Kaitawa School, in place of Mrs Swan, who has resigned. It is Mrs Swan's intention to start an aided school further up the valley.

27<sup>th</sup> May 1896 Wellington Education Board Mrs. Burgess, a member of the Kaitawa Committee, waited on the Board in support of a request by the Committee that Mr. Cooper, late of Ngaturi, who has been, promoted to the charge of the Kaitawa School, should be compelled to live in the township and not on his farm. It was decided to inform Mr. Cooper that he must live in the township.

7<sup>th</sup> October 1896 It will be a great boon to the Makuri and other districts when telephone communication is completed. The Government are now calling tenders for the delivery of posts and wire for that purpose to Ballance, Kaitawa, Ngaturi, and Makuri.

## 1897

1897	50	Kaitawa	Cooper	Henry T		Headmaster	£215	\$38,354
1897	50	Kaitawa	Knox	Emmeline		Female Pupil Teacher	£20	\$3,568

16<sup>th</sup> February 1897 Inspector Lee notifies Kaitawa that their inspection will be on 11<sup>th</sup> March

23<sup>rd</sup> February 1897 Emmeline Knox passes her First Year pupil teacher examinations

31<sup>st</sup> March 1897 Wellington Education Board The exchange of school reserves at Kaitawa and Scarborough for equivalent pieces of land were agreed to

## 1898

1898	49	Kaitawa	Cooper	Henry T		Headmaster	£215	\$36,830
1898	49	Kaitawa	Knox	Emmeline		Female Pupil Teacher	£25	\$4,283

29<sup>th</sup> April 1898 Kaitawa. Messrs Eric Whitcombe (chairman), Knox (treasurer), Geo. Ross, Chas. Jowers and Wekalick, and Mesdames Burgess and George Andrew

## 1899

1899	41	Kaitawa	Dwyer	Henry H		Headmaster	£235	\$41,698
1899	41	Kaitawa	Sinclair	Peter		Male Pupil Teacher	£25	\$4,436

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1899 Mr Bakewell to inspect the school on 15<sup>th</sup> March

30<sup>th</sup> March 1899 Wellington Education Board It was decided to erect a- school residence at Kaitawa, at a cost not exceeding £180.

29<sup>th</sup> April 1899 School Committee Messrs E Whitcombe (Chairman), A Knox (Secretary) D Flett, Beckett, Berriman, Roigard and Futcher

21<sup>st</sup> June 1899 Members of the Wellington Education Board will this week investigate a trouble at the Kaitawa State school, near Pahiatua. The committee has close! the school.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1899 The Committee sent up by the Wellington Education Board to enquire into the charges made against the teacher at the Kaitawa school found that that gentleman had been guilty of kissing his pupil teacher for the last couple of years. One of the pupils saw him and told. The Committee have reported to the Board.

7<sup>th</sup> July 1899 Mr. Cooper will open the school at Paikakariki on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., and Miss Black is to be sent to take temporary charge of the school at Kaitawa. The Education Board invites applications for positions at the Kaitawa., Makomako, Manuhara, Pongaroa, and Clyde quay

[Henry Cooper was at Paikakariki until at least 1921. The roll was low until 1914 when the area was used as a training place for troops going to Europe]

3<sup>rd</sup> August 1899 It was decided to transfer a female teacher from Kaitawa to Pahiatua. [There was only 1 female teacher at Kaitawa [Emmaline Knox spent 1 year at Pahiatua and then doesn't appear on teaching lists for the Wellington Education Board until 1912 where she spent five years teaching at Rakaunui near Pongaroa]

[Henry H Dyer Taught at Karori with a roll of up to 135 students as headmaster from 1881 to 1898 before the spelling changed to Dwyer. He was at Kaitawa to 1903 and in 1905 spent one year at Mangapakeha]

[Peter Sinclair only taught for Wellington Education Board for the one year]

31<sup>st</sup> August 1899 Wellington Education Board The Board refused to alter its determination to appoint Mr. Dyer, of Karori, to the Kaitawa. School, and Mr. Rountree (at present at the Rintoul-street School) to the Pongaroa School.

5<sup>th</sup> October 1899 Applications for improvements at Makairo, Dreyerton, Dreyer's Rock, Kaitawa and Otaki were agreed to provisionally on satisfactory, details being supplied

14<sup>th</sup> December 1899 It was decided that the following works should be carried out during the summer vacation. Kaitawa, fencing around residence;

15<sup>th</sup> December 1899 Wellington Education Board The chairman was authorised to act in the matter of the appointment of a pupil teacher at Kaitawa.

## 1900

1900	41	Kaitawa	Dwyer	Henry H	Headmaster	£195	\$33,903
1900	41	Kaitawa	Fellingham	Rebecca	Female Pupil Teacher	£50	\$8,693

1<sup>st</sup> March 1900 Mr Dyer paid £20 over scale by Wellington Education Board. Amongst a long list of others over paid

1<sup>st</sup> March 1900 Mr Bakewell inspecting the school on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March

26<sup>th</sup> April 1900 The resignation of Peter Sinclair Pupil Teacher Kaitawa was accepted and the appointment of a successor was left in the hands of the Chairman

26<sup>th</sup> April 1900 School Committee elected Kaitawa — Messrs. V. Mekalick (Chairman), D. Flett (Secretary), H. Jacobs, M. Scanlon, D. Aitchison, J. Morton, A. Berriman.

1<sup>st</sup> June 1900 Miss Rebecca Fellingham, of the Kaiwaiwai School, has been promoted to the position of ex-pupil teacher at the Kaitawa School.

6<sup>th</sup> June 1900 Pahiatua County Council hat the secretary of the Kaitawa School be informed that at present it is impossible to do any metalling work in that district.

28<sup>th</sup> June 1900 The Clerk of Works reported on works required at Kilbirnie, Eketahuna, Makakahi Hukanui, Kaitawa, Upper Hutt, Newtown and Carterton. The Board decided to hold over consideration of the reports pending a review of its finances; the chairman meanwhile being empowered to authorise certain sanitary requirements.

27<sup>th</sup> October 1900 Kaitawa settlers still remain in dire perplexity concerning the state of their roads and the manner in which that grievance is to be remedied. During the last twelve months, something like £160 has been expended on the main road in that district, and its state is now pretty nearly heart-breaking. Some settlers have attained to such a pittance of desperation that they threaten to withhold payment of this year's rates if some improvement be not effected.....

## 1901

1901	41	Kaitawa	Dwyer	Henry H		Headmaster	£175	\$29,544
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22<sup>nd</sup> February 1901 Inspector Fleming will be visiting Kaitawa on 19<sup>th</sup> March

27<sup>th</sup> February 1901 Report to Wellington Education Board showing many teachers are being paid more than the Board's regulations allowed including H H Dyer Kaitawa present salary £195 amount in excess £20

8<sup>th</sup> July 1901 Pahiatua County Council t was decided to ask the Telegraph Department to erect a telephone to Kaitawa.

25<sup>th</sup> July 1901 Educational Friction Inspector lee on the Carpet. A long article on the sacking of Mr lee included a reference to Kaitawa. As to the statement of Mr Lee that the Board was not sufficiently guided by the advice of its experts, the speaker pointed out that in the past the Board had largely been governed in its' decisions by its chairman, who was always understood to be in intimate touch with Inspector Lee. In one case—that of the Kaitawa school—Mr Lee had, when approached, confessed himself unable to determine the relative merits of two competing teachers. Cases of this kind proved that Mr Lee had no right to say that he was not consulted or that his advice had been disregarded

20<sup>th</sup> August 1901 , This Day. Mr.' A. Berriman's boarding house and store at Kaitawa was completely destroyed by fire last night at 10.30, The building was insured in the New Zealand office for £300. It is not known at present whether the stock was insured. Th» cause of the, fire is unknown

18<sup>th</sup> October 1901 A telephone and bureau office has been opened at Kaitawa.

## 1902

1902	43	Kaitawa	Dyer	Henry H		Headmaster	£175	\$28,852
1902	43	Kaitawa	Sword	Mary J		Assistant Female	£80	\$13,190

Mary J Sword only taught the one year at any Wellington Education Board school

30<sup>th</sup> January 1902 May E Holm relieving Kaitawa £80 under the new colonial salary

1<sup>st</sup> May 1902 Wellington Education Board repairs were authorised at Kaitawa, Mangatiti, Kaitoke, and Huia-road.

## 1903

1903	48	Kaitawa	Dyer	Henry H		Headmaster	£175	\$28,996
1903	48	Kaitawa	Holm	Mary H		Mistress	£80	\$13,255

Mary H Holm only taught the one year at any Wellington Education Board school

26<sup>th</sup> June 1903 As the building fund of the Wellington Board of Education is considerably overdrawn, the Board yesterday adopted the simple plan of refusing to vote any money at all for works. Kaitawa £5 included in list of outstanding work

28<sup>th</sup> August 1903 The Kaitawa School Committee. in reply to an inquiry, has received word from the 'Wellington Education Board that every committee is responsible under the Compensation for Accident Act-for any accident which may happen in connection with the school, As a consequence of this liability, the committee intend, to resign in a body . It is feared that other committees will follow suit,. A. number of committees in this district ere also in financial straits on account of the non-arrival of the June quarter capitation

30<sup>th</sup> October Wellington Education Board The resignation was received of Mr H H Dyer of Kaitawa School

## 1904

1904	42	Kaitawa	Jones	George A		Headmaster	£158	\$26,163
1904	42	Kaitawa	Armit	Katherine N		Mistress	£80	\$13,247

Katherine (Sometimes Catherine) Armit started teaching in 1897 as a pupil teacher at Newtown school in Wellington. She was there until the end of 1901, then taught for a year each at Te Whiti, Te Horo and Kaitawa. She then taught at Petone District High School until 1911, when she ceased teaching for the Wellington Education Board

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1912/5416	Katherine Napier	Armit	Arthur James	Heighway
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This is the first women teacher I have researched that has been legally divorced in a long public case in Wellington in December (Reported the 7<sup>th</sup> in the Evening Post) in the Supreme Court a decree nisi was granted

25<sup>th</sup> September 1915 Mrs. A. J. Heighway has returned to Christchurch, after spending v an extended holiday with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Armit, Austin-street.[Wellington]

20<sup>th</sup> February 1904 Numerous Applications for Vacant Positions. It will be remembered that some time ago an outcry was raised about the scarcity of teachers, and it was alleged that owing to the poor salaries and insufficient inducements youths would have nothing to do with the teaching profession. The value of these statements can be appreciated if the applications

just received by the Wellington Education Board for a number of vacancies are considered:..... Kaitawa, salary, £158 and residence, 16 applicants, 7 married, ages, 22 to 48, mostly with C. or D. certificates; other schools were listed

14<sup>th</sup> March 1904 the departure from Mangamahoe of Mr Jones, who has been promoted to the charge of the Kaitawa School, will leave a gap not easily filled. During the short time that Mr Jones has been amongst us, he has thrown himself heart and soul into all local affairs. He has officiated as lay reader at the newly erected Anglican Church, while his talent as an elocutionist has caused him to be much in request.

16<sup>th</sup> March 1904 Miss Dyer, who is leaving Kaitawa, was entertained at a social gathering prior to her departure. Miss Dyer had taken an active interest as organist for the Church of England and at the Presbyterian services, also in connection with the local Sunday School and the residents gave practical recognition of her services in the form of a presentation.

17<sup>th</sup> March 1904 Mr G. Jones, who was transferred some eighteen months ago from the Mangatainoka School to take charge of Mangamahoe School, has received the appointment of Kaitawa School, vacated by Mr Dyer. Mr Jones will be heartily welcomed back to the Pahiatua district; being a lay reader, an excellent elocutionist, and an enthusiast in all sport, his services will be in great request.

22<sup>nd</sup> March 1904 The Kaitawa School Committee has confirmed the Education Board's appointment of Mr. George Jones as teacher in charge of the school. Mr. Jones, who is at present in charge of the Mangamahoe School takes up his Kaitawa duties on the 1<sup>st</sup> prox

25<sup>th</sup> March 1904 Miss Holm, of Kaitawa, applied for three months' leave of absence, on account of ill-health. The leave applied for was granted.

26<sup>th</sup> March 1904 The question so often raised of erecting a school at Mangarama, on the road between Pahiatua and Kaitawa, came before the Education Board on Thursday, it was explained that as the Government had provided money for the building, a school would have been erected long ago but that the owners of property at the junction of the roads, where a school was required, resolutely refused to sell. The Board having resolved to take the land, if necessary, under the Public Works Act, it appears that one of the owners was now prepared to dispose of two acres, at £20 per acre. Mr Hogg at once moved that the offer be accepted. Mr Buchanan asked whether the site was the best obtainable. He had been advised that the school was not required, being near Pahiatua, and if insisted upon it should be erected a mile or two further away. Mr Hogg and Mr Lee replied that the site was a good one; the distance was over two miles from Pahiatua, and the present school conducted in a little shed under most disadvantageous circumstances, was attended by a considerable number of young children, who could not be expected to travel to Pahiatua. The motion was carried, and it was decided to erect the school forthwith.

27<sup>th</sup> May 1904 A protest from Kaitawa to upset the recent election of the school committee there was disallowed.

29<sup>th</sup> July 1904 Miss May Holm resigns

## 1905

1905	37	Kaitawa	Jones	George A	D1	Headmaster	£161	\$25,462
1905	37	Kaitawa	Thornton	Marion		Mistress	£80	\$12,652

In 1904 Marion Thornton Taught at Clyde Quay in 1904 and after a period at Kaitawa went back to Wellington and taught at the Kelburn Normal School until at least 1921

9<sup>th</sup> September 1905 Miss K. Armit, mistress of the Kaitawa School, to be assistant in the primary department of the Petone School;

30<sup>th</sup> September 1905 Miss K. N. Armit (formerly of Wellington), who is leaving the Kaitawa School, near Pahiatua, to join the teaching staff of the Petone School, was entertained at a “social” and presented with a gold watch. The school children at Kaitawa also made Miss Armit a presentation.

## 1906

1906	29	Kaitawa	Bland	Elizabeth J	D2	Female	£160	\$24,866
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George Jones went to Te Ore Ore as headmaster.

Eliza (Elizabeth) Bland started teaching at Ditton School in 1895 and In 1897 went to the Makairo Village Settlement school In 1905 she was at Matarawa then next year she came to Kaitawa and was there until 1910. In 1911 she was at the Plimmerton School and doesn't appear to have taught for the Wellington Education Board after that

12<sup>th</sup> April 1906 Wellington Education Board appointments Mr G Jones of Kaitawa School to Te Ore Ore

11<sup>th</sup> May 1906 Mrs Bland appointed to Kaitawa

28<sup>th</sup> September 1906 Wellington Education Board Kaitawa Metalling £10

## 1907-1908

1907	30	Kaitawa	Bland	Eliza J Mrs	D2	Female	£160	\$25,083
1908	33	Kaitawa	Bland	Eliza J Mrs	D2	Female	£144	\$22,575

26<sup>th</sup> June 1908 Wellington Education Board A Grant to fence Horse Paddock

## 1909 -1910

1909	36	Kaitawa	Bland	Elizabeth J	D2	Female	£165	\$26,220
1910	40	Kaitawa	Bland	Elizabeth Jane Mrs	D2	Female	£180	\$28,219
1910	40	Kaitawa	Mallabar	Sophia		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,109

21<sup>st</sup> January 1910 The annual picnic of the Kaitawa School will be held at Kaitawa tomorrow (Friday). In the evening a dance will be held in the Kaitawa Hall

14<sup>th</sup> February 1910 Miss S Mallabar appointed

Sophia Mallabar started teaching in 1904 at Kilbirnie and spent the next four years there as a Pupil Teacher, From 1909 to 1912 she was at Kaitawa before in 1913 returning to Wellington at South Wellington before going in 1917 to Island Bay where she still was in 1919

## 1911

1911	39	Kaitawa	Forsyth	Donald E	C1	Headmaster	£180	\$28,467
1911	39	Kaitawa	Mallabar	Sophia		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,234

27<sup>th</sup> March 1911 The following is the average attendance at the chief schools in the Wairarapa district during the past year: —Masterton D.H. S. and Side School 775, Carterton D.H.S. 269, Pahiatua D.H.S. 238, Greytown D.H.S. 227, Mangatainoka 145, Featherston 137, Martinborough 115, Lansdowne 144, Eketahuna 113, Fernridge 86. Clareville 83, Nireaha 65, Konini 61, Scarborough 59, Pongaroa 50, Parkvale 52, Kaiwairangi 43 Rongokokako 41, Kaitawa 40, Mako Mabo 42, Ballance 53, Dalefield 52. Hukanui 67. Hamua, 53, Belvedere 47, Hastwell 46, Gladstone 43, Kaipororo 39, Mauriceville West 38, Te Ore Ore 37.

27<sup>th</sup> April 1911 KAITAWA.— Messrs A. Stevenson (chairman), J. Graham (secretary), G. Burgess, F. Woods, H. Reeve, O. Manson, D. S. Ross.

17<sup>th</sup> July 1911 The establishment of literary debating societies is a matter which is engaging the attention of residents in several townships in the Forty Mile Bush. At Kaitawa such a society has just been formed with a strong membership.

26<sup>th</sup> July 1911 Mrs E. J. Bland, at present mistress of the Kaitawa school, is being transferred to Plimmerton

30<sup>th</sup> October 1911 Colonist [Nelson] Part of his farewell address of the Appleby and Redwood Valley Schools address: To Mr Donald E. Forsyth: We. the undersigned members of the Appleby School Committee, desire to express on the eve of your departure our keen appreciation of services rendered. It is now over five years since you first entered upon your duties here, and no one occurrence calculated to interrupt the harmony which has ever existed between you and your committee, while more than satisfactory progress of the scholars under your care has earned for you the well-deserved thanks of all parents, in whose name and our own we now wish you every success in the future.....

## 1912

1912	30	Kaitawa	Forsyth	Donald E	C1	Headmaster	£180	\$27,605
1912	30	Kaitawa	Mallabar	Sophia	D3	Assistant Female	£105	\$16,103

26<sup>th</sup> February 1912 The following Masterton candidates qualified for teachers certificates at the examinations held recently: Class C, S Mallabarr

29<sup>th</sup> May 1912 Tenders as follow have been accepted by the Wellington Education Board Ngaturi School (painting), C. E. Clifton; Kaitawa (improvement to residence and painting), C E Clifton

31<sup>st</sup> July 1912 Wellington Education Board Kaitawa metalling £10

16<sup>th</sup> November 1912 A ladies' miniature rifle club is to be formed at Kaitawa.

16<sup>th</sup> December 1912 Miss Mallabarr, who has, been assistant mistress at Kaitawa School, for the past three years, is being transferred to South Wellington School.

## 1913

1913	23	Kaitawa	Rockel	Felix G S	D4	Master	£180	\$27,000	Provided
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Provided = there is a school residence

12<sup>th</sup> May 1913 Mr. D. Forsyth. (Kaitawa), head teacher at Koputaroa :

10<sup>th</sup> June 1913 Kaitawa Mr F Rockel

21<sup>st</sup> July 1913 Miss Swan, of Kaitawa, who drew section 21 in the Mangatainoka land ballot, was greatly elated when the result was announced and loudly exclaimed “ Good enough ’ ’ and fairly convulsed the crowd,

## 1914

1914	17	Kaitawa	Rockel	Felix G S	D4	Master	£190	\$27,202	Provided
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26<sup>th</sup> January 1914 Mrs Bland has been elected captain of the Kaitawa ladies' rifle club, and Miss F. Kerridge secretary

25<sup>th</sup> May 1914 Wellington Education Board A subsidy of £3 0s. 6d. was voted to the Kaitawa Committee [For What?]

30<sup>th</sup> June 1914 Wellington Education Board Papering residence

[29<sup>th</sup> July 1914 Motor cars are getting cheaper. A. four-seater machine was sold to a Kaitawa resident at the Pahiatua Mart on. Saturday for £36.]

28<sup>th</sup> October Wellington Education Board New range for residence £6 15s

## 1915

1915	18	Kaitawa	Shand	Florence	Lic	Female	£114	\$15,270	Provided
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In 1915 Mr Rockel was teaching at Reikiorangi School inland from Waikanae. By 1919 he was back in the Wairarapa teaching at the Kaiwairangi School and in 1914 Florence Shand was teaching at Reikiorangi. So these two swapped schools

## 1916-1917

1917	22	Kaitawa	Shand	Florence J	Lic		£114	\$12,777	
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1<sup>st</sup> September 1916 Miss Shand, of Kaitawa, drew the section of land in connection with the Children's Carnival Art Union for the Pahiatua, Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

## 1918-1919

1919	26	Kaitawa	Turner	Marion Mrs	Sole	D-90	£195	\$17,616	
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23<sup>rd</sup> January 1918 Following is a list of winners of medals and certificates offered for the best essay on "How to Help Disabled Soldiers in Civil Life." First prizes (gold medals presented by F. Cooper, Ltd., seed merchants) : Boys, A. E. King, Waitaki High School; girls, Winnie Mahon, Aratapu High School. Special prize: Helen Scanlon, Kaitawa School, via Eketahuna

25<sup>th</sup> April 1918 Miss Florrie Shand, mistress of the Kaitawa school, has been appointed mistress of the Rangitumau school.

5<sup>th</sup> June 1918 Prior to leaving Kaitawa, Miss Shand, who has received an appointment at Rangitumau, was presented with a travelling rug by the settlers.

2<sup>nd</sup> August 1918 Miss M J White appointed Sole Teacher Kaitawa [Previously at Nikau School since 1911: Minnie J White]

29<sup>th</sup> January 1919 Miss White resigns

Marion Turner must have been appointed as reliever sometime prior to the end of the 1919 term , She was at Tane at the end of 1917

### 1920-1921

1921	20	Kaitawa	Maloney	Genevieve G	Sole	D	£250	\$21,523
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There was a Grace G Maloney relieving at South Wellington in 1923

27<sup>th</sup> January 1921 Mrs M E Turner second teacher Kaitawa

1923	21	Kaitawa	McRae	Duncan	Sole		£155	\$14,246
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1<sup>st</sup> July 1922 Russian Famine relief Fund Kaitawa School Children 10 shillings Had not taught for Wellington Education Board before this appointment

### Post 1921

9<sup>th</sup> June Mrs E M Vowell Sole Teacher Kaitawa 1927

1<sup>st</sup> October 1928 Kaitawa Sole Teacher Miss E R Niall

4<sup>th</sup> March 1930 Kaitawa Miss E V V McFadden Sole Teacher

31<sup>st</sup> July 1931 Kaitawa Gorge [?] Miss F M Greenwood

17<sup>th</sup> November Kaitawa Gorge Miss E K Woodhead

5<sup>th</sup> May 1934 Miss K V F Todd Sole Teacher Kaitawa Gorge

30<sup>th</sup> April 1935 Mr W J Scott Sole [Mr W J Scott was head of Wellington Training College when the Researcher was there in 1960 and 1961]

Kaitawa Gorge may well be another school nearby. One mention in archives NZ of such a school date 1931

**National Archives: Buildings and Sites: Kaitawa** 1891 1 room 600 Square Feet as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 1951

1955 added 1 room 632 Square Feet

Residence 1899 6 rooms Bathroom, Scullery and Washhouse

Garage 153 Square Feet

Section 37 Area 9 acres 2 roods and 1 perch Section 37 & 38 Kaitawa SD