

## Kaitoke

### 1880

1880		Kaitoke	Gulliver	Charles F		Master	£	50.00	
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Note the Railway to Featherston was opened by 1880 with a stop at Kaitoke

29<sup>th</sup> January 1880 Wellington Education Board A proposal to establish a School of Art was referred to a committee. A petition for a school at Kaitoke was similarly dealt with.

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1880 A deputation from the Wellington Education Board waited upon the Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Minister of Education, this morning to seek from the Government certain facilities towards the establishment- of Board schools at Petoni [Later Petone] and Kaitoke. The deputation, which consisted of the Mayor and Mr. Bunny, M.H.R., pointed out to the Minister that there were as many as 80 children of school age at Petoni. and 30 at Kaitoke. The lands held by the Government at the former place' amounted for some 30 acres, and the deputation asked that two acres might be granted there for school purposes. They showed that this could be done .without interfering with the railway requirements, by selecting a site just beyond the place where Mr. Ashcroft's house stood, and it would always be in the power of the Government to resume possession of the land

were it needed for other purposes Then again, at Kaitoke, they pointed out that there was a site on which stood a large goods shed, formerly used when the railway did not run beyond Kaitoke, but now lying idle. They suggested that, at no great expense, this shed might be made available as a school building. Mr. Rolleston said he must consult the railway authorities as to whether any inconvenience would be caused by the arrangement suggested, and then the Government would do all in their power to meet the wishes of the Board.

10<sup>th</sup> April 1880 Wellington Education Board The Inspector recommends that an assisted school be established at Kaitoke

26<sup>th</sup> August 1880 Wellington Education Board . A petition was read from 15 parents at Kaitoke, representing 36 children, asking for a school. It was decided to refer the petition to the Upper Hutt School Committee, and to reply to the petitioners that the Board could not give a definite answer until they knew what funds would be available.

6<sup>th</sup> November 1880 The Education Board is also desirous of erecting a school at Kaitoke, where it is much wanted, and where an acre of ground has been offered free by a settler for the purpose.

13<sup>th</sup> November 1880 The refreshment rooms at the Kaitoke railway station formed the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Hutt County Council on Wednesday. Councillor Smith inquired whether there were no means of making the Government “ pay for a license for the shanty.

[Though clearly a school had been started by Mr Gulliver in 1880 at Kaitoke I can find no mention of an opening nor of Mr Gulliver]

### 1881-1882

1881	25	Kaitoke	Gulliver	Charles F		Master	£	140.00
1882	18	Kaitoke	Gulliver	Charles F		Master	£	140.00

16<sup>th</sup> February 1891 Traveller" suggests that it will be a "penny wise and pound foolish” policy to carry out the proposal to close the Kaitoke refreshment rooms, seeing that the place is a convenient stage from town, that there are no licensed houses in the locality, and that

slips on the , line are more numerous between Featherston and Kaitoke than on other portions, and thus the refreshment rooms where now situated are often a very great convenience to delayed passengers

23<sup>rd</sup> February 1881 Wellington Education Board Mr. George Jones, of Kaitoke, waited on the Board to ask for a school at Kaitoke. He promised to purchase a site anywhere the Board liked to select one. It was ultimately resolved that the Chairman interview Mr. Oliver to obtain, if possible, a Government cottage near the goods shed at Kaitoke for a schoolroom. [In 1881 Mr Geo Jones of Kaitoke was in court as a bankrupt]

24<sup>th</sup> February 1881 Mr. G. Jones attended and urged that some provision should be made for educating children in the neighborhood of Kaitoke. He said he was prepared to grant a site for a school and to provide fuel for two years. It was resolved that the chairman make application to the Government for the use of a cottage at Kaitoke; also, that in the event of a favorable answer being obtained, a school be opened forthwith.

9<sup>th</sup> March 1881 Mr. George Jones, of Kaitoke, has just succeeded in getting a petition signed by upwards of 200 residents in the district, and travellers on the railway, protesting against the removal of the refreshment rooms from the Kaitoke Station. The memorial comprises some very influential signatures, including the Speaker of the House of Representatives, members of Parliament, and most of the leading run holders in the Wairarapa. It is to be presented to the Minister of Public Works by Mr. Levin, M.H.R., Mr. Bunny, M.H.R., and Mr. Jones. It is pointed out that not only is the present site the most convenient for passengers by rail, but also for those journeying by road, being the only place between Featherston and the Upper Hutt where it is possible to obtain refreshments.

31<sup>st</sup> March 1881 Wellington Education Board A letter was received from the Education Department, informing the Board that there was no suitable room for a school at Kaitoke. Mr. G. Jones attended and offered the use of a six-roomed house at £52 per annum. The matter was ordered to stand over till next meeting, Mr. Bunny to enquire into the matter.

13<sup>th</sup> April 1881 Wellington Education Board It was decided to guarantee £30 per annum for rent for a school at Kaitoke, to be carried on under the " aided" system. The appointment of Lieutenant Gulliver, R.N., as master of the school, was agreed to.[An aided school was where the Education Board paid a sum per head of children attending the school and the School Committee covered all other costs]

16<sup>th</sup> April 1881 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to rent a room at Kaitoke as a temporary schoolhouse, and Mr Gulliver's appointment as teacher was approved.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1881 Wellington Education Board Mr. G. Jones wrote offering to sell to the Board, the Kaitoke school buildings. The offer was declined.

1<sup>st</sup> September 1881 Wellington Education Board the Kaitoke School for certain requirement. of £5 was granted in aid;

22<sup>nd</sup> October 1881 A meeting of the creditors of C. F. Gulliver, of Kaitoke, teacher, was convened for to-day, at the Supreme .Court The liabilities are sworn at £178 14s 8d, Mr. Robt. Hart being the principal creditor (£100 ) The assets are set down as follows : — Two sections at Beaconsfield, £25; land at Bulls £50, land at Featherston, .£150; total, £225. The meeting lapsed for want of a quorum [Inflation adjusted to June 2019 figures £225 I in 1881 is equivalent to \$43 901.18 in 2019 terms]

26<sup>th</sup> October 1881 Wellington Education Board A letter was read -asking for an increase of school accommodation at Kaitoke.

25<sup>th</sup> January 1882 Wellington Education Board Regarding an application on the part of the Kaitoke school committee to provide a suitable school building for that district, it was resolved that Dr. Newman and Mr. Blair visit the locality and report on the subject at next meeting.

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1882 Messrs. Blair and Newman, the committee appointed for the purpose, reported that they had visited the proposed school site at Kaitoke, and thought it advisable to purchase the 2 ½ acres of land, with house and outbuildings, for the sum of £200. The report was agreed to..... The estimates for buildings and additions for the year were set down at .£12,150. This includes £250 for school residence and site at Kaitoke

8<sup>th</sup> March 1882 Bankruptcy.—C. F. Gulliver. of Kaitoke, teacher, gives notice of intention to apply for order of discharge

21<sup>st</sup> March 1882 Mr. Justice Richmond sat in Bankruptcy at noon to-day, and granted an order of discharge to Charles Frederick Gulliver, of Kaitoke, teacher.

13<sup>th</sup> April 1882 Inspector's report to Wellington Education Board included: The Mauriceville, Makara, and Mangaroa Schools were weak; Kaitoke was in fair working order ; Wadestown was under an inefficient teacher, who has since resigned.

28<sup>th</sup> September 1882 Wellington Education Board A letter was read from Mr Gulliver, master of the Kaitoke School, stating that the local School Committee held their meetings in the schoolhouse at times inconvenient to him. Ha also complained that the Chairman of the Committee had unjustly accused him of having used language in the school calculated to hurt the feelings of Roman Catholic pupils. A letter was read, signed by six members of the Committee, asking that Mr Gulliver might be removed from his position, as the school was suffering from lack of discipline. The Board resolved to inquire into the matter.

18<sup>th</sup> November 1882 The school committee at Kaitoke and the local schoolmaster do not appear to form a very happy family. The former consists chiefly of men who are employed on the railway line, the Hibernian element being predominant, while the latter is an ex lieutenant of the Royal Navy. The proceedings' of several recent meetings of the committee appear to have been enlivened by discussions upon such subjects as the murder of Lord Cavendish and Mr Burke, the opinion being freely expressed by some present that the act was a meritorious one.' The master proved too loyal a subject to allow such a statement to pass unchallenged, and the argument which followed appears to have been continued upon many subsequent occasions, some of those to whom their fellow settlers have entrusted the supervision of the manner in which the young idea should be taught to shoot occasionally using language which; If not convincing to the master, was certainly more expressive than polite. The schoolroom appears to form a portion of the tutor's residence, and admission thereto having been denied except for regular meetings, the whole affair is to form a subject for consideration at the ensuing meeting of the Education Board, when both sides will probably make statements regarding their respective grievances.

### 1883-1885

1883		Kaitoke	Vincent	Louis G		Master	£	140.00
1884	22	Kaitoke	Vincent	George L		Master	£	140.00

1885	33	Kaitoke	Vincent	George L		Master	£ 180.00	\$ 10.00
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1<sup>st</sup> February 1883 Wellington Education Board Mr Gulliver, master, Korokoro (removed from Kaitoke) ;

16<sup>th</sup> February 1883 Wellington Education Board require an assistant master for Casterton, head-masters for Waihakeke and Kaitoke, and several pupil teachers.

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1883 Mr Bowden was temporarily appointed master of the Kaitoke school,

18<sup>th</sup> April 1883 Inspector Lee reporting on 1884 remarked on Country Schools The Kaitoke and Tauherenikau schools were the least satisfactory,

18<sup>th</sup> May 1883 Tenders are invited by the Education Board for the erection of school buildings at Kaitoke, Park Vale, Petone and Thorndon

31<sup>st</sup> May 1883 Wellington Education Board There were five tenders for the erection of a new school at Kaitoke, but all of them being considerably above the estimate of the architect, they were referred to the Board's architect.

13<sup>th</sup> June 1883 Wellington Education Board Mr. E. Gray and Messrs. Warn and Daniel were the lowest tenderers [for the Kaitoke School, and it was decided that they should draw lots for the contract.

20<sup>th</sup> June 1883 Kaitoke School : Accepted— Warne and Douglas, \$269

27<sup>th</sup> September 1883 This school had been closed six weeks, during alterations which had been carried out according to instructions of the Chairman of the School Committee, without consulting the Board's architect. The master had not reported the long delay to the Board and was said to be censurable for this neglect. The Board agreed to pass the matter without censure

3<sup>rd</sup> November 1883 Mr Vincent Appointed Sole Teacher

30<sup>th</sup> November 1883 Four tenders were received for alterations and additions at Kaitoke, that of Mr S. James, as the lowest, being accepted

26<sup>th</sup> November 1884 Wellington Education Board A bell was ordered to be provided for the Kaitoke School on the motion of Mr. Bunny

28<sup>th</sup> January 1885 At a meeting of the householders of the Kaitoke district, the following gentlemen were elected to form the new School Committee :— Messrs. T. Farrell, J. Martin, G. Cooper, P. Hansen, S. Coulter, B. Cresswell, and B. Kilmister. At a subsequent meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the late chairman, Mr. J. Martin, who was again unanimously elected to fill the office for the coming year.

24<sup>th</sup> February 1885 The annual picnic of the Kaitoke School was held on Friday last, at the Pukuratahi, in paddocks kindly lent by Mr. Cooper for the occasion. A suitable programme for the day, arranged by the committee, was carried out and thoroughly appreciated by the children. At the close, attention was called by their master (Mr. Vincent) and various forms of school routine were gone through, showing thorough discipline and good management to the satisfaction of the parents present. After this suitable prizes and presents were presented by the chairman (Mr. J. Martin.) During the evening and up to the small hours a concert and dance by parents and friends of the children was well patronised.

6<sup>th</sup> March 1885 School Committee Elections .....and at Kaitoke there is a hitch, in consequence of the chairman having been elected on the 28th January, instead of the 26th, the statutory time.

25<sup>th</sup> March 1885 Mr. Martin, of the Kaitoke Committee, waited on the Board with reference to the appointment of a sewing mistress, and the necessity of repairs to the teacher's

residence. On the motion of the Rev. J. Paterson, seconded by Mr. Bunny, it was agreed to vote a sum to Mrs. Vincent for services as sewing mistress ; also, for repairs  
 26<sup>th</sup> March 1885 A letter was read from the Kaitoke School Committee, stating that at a meeting of the Committee recently it was decided to request the Board to grant 15 to Mrs Vincent for past services as sewing mistress, and also to request that that lady be permanently appointed sewing mistress, and that 15 be granted for repairs to residence. \_  
 Mr Martin, a member of the local Committee, waited upon the Board in support of the applications. In answer to questions, Mr Martin said L10 [L was often used if the £ (pound) sign was not used) had been raised in the district for a school picnic, &c. There were 48 children attending the school, about half of whom were girls. , The requests were acceded to.

1<sup>st</sup> October 1885 Wellington Education Board Antoinette Vincent resigns as sewing mistress  
 25<sup>th</sup> November 1885 Part of a long Wellington Education Board article included The resignation of Mr. McFarlane, Greytown, was considered. The Rev. J. Paterson took objection to a resolution passed at a former meeting of the Board, which led to the resignation. Mr. Bunny remarked that Mr. McFarlane was perfectly well aware of the resolution, and the Board had acted most fairly with that gentleman. The Reports of Mr. Lee four years ago showed that he. McFarlane's work was weak. He (Mr. Bunny) had advised Mr. McFarlane to leave Featherston and go to Kaitoke,

## 1886-1889

1886	36	Kaitoke	O'Brien	John		Master	£	160.00
1886	36	Kaitoke	O'Brien	Lucinda		Sewing	£	5.00
1887	33	Kaitoke	Munro	Donald		Master	£	180.00
1888	32	Kaitoke	Munro	Donald		Master	£	165.00
1888	32	Kaitoke	Munro	Jane		Sewing	£	5.00
1889	24	Kaitoke	Munro	Donald		Master	£	175.00
1890	18	Kaitoke	Munro	Donald		Master	£	155.00
1890	18	Kaitoke	Munro	Jane		Sewing	£	5.00

22<sup>nd</sup> January 1886 John O'Brien applied for Headmastership at Kilbirnie School he had 20 years' experience in Victoria Australia classified E

27<sup>th</sup> January 1886 Wellington Education Board accepted G L Vincent's resignation from Kaitoke

28<sup>th</sup> January 1886 Wellington Education Board Mr Martin, a member of the Kaitoke Committee, was introduced, and asked the Board to grant the sum of £10 for fencing round the Kaitoke school. The school committee has expended some £14 out of their capitation fund for works, and they were now a little in debt. The money was granted.

1<sup>st</sup> February 1886 Mr McFarlane, of Featherston, has been appointed to the Kaitoke School at a salary of £160 a year

12<sup>th</sup> February 1886 The Education Board advertise for a teacher for Kaitoke and an assistant for Upper Hutt

24<sup>th</sup> February 1886 Mr. John O'Brien was appointed to the Kaitoke School,

28<sup>th</sup> July 1886 Miss O'Brien appointed Sewing Mistress £5

27<sup>th</sup> December 1886 Lucinda O'Brien topped The country Schools Section of the scholarship examination with 509 marks

23<sup>rd</sup> February 1887 Miss O'Brien resigned as sewing teacher

25<sup>th</sup> May 1887 Wellington Education Board The request of the Kaitoke committee for the appointment of an assistant teacher was allowed to stand over.....An application from Belvedere for a teacher's residence, and another from Kaitoke, for a shelter shed, were indefinitely deferred

23<sup>rd</sup> June 1887 The children attending the Kaitoke School were treated to a picnic on Monday in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. The parents of the children, together with the principal inhabitants of the district— who all subscribed towards the treat, were also present. Although very few outdoor amusements could be indulged in save a few races, owing to the inclemency of the weather, yet this was compensated for by the Committee removing the school furniture outside the schoolroom, thus making room for carrying on various indoor amusements The children and adults were amply provided with refreshments, both solid and liquid, also with fruit, lollies, &c, to which they did ample justice. They all scorned to enjoy themselves throughout the day Before- dispersing to their homes the children gave three hearty cheers for the Queen the School Committee, the ladies who wen 80 untiring in waiting on them during the day, and their 'teacher, and all joined ii singing the National Anthem, thereby bringing the day, which will be long remembered by them, to a pleasant termination. When the children departed, the adults, after partaking of some refreshments, enjoyed themselves by dancing and singing to music rendered by Messrs. Harrison, Wilson, and Paul, at intervals up to midnight

21<sup>st</sup> September 1887 A warrant has been issued by the Resident Magistrate for the arrest of John O'Brien, of Kaitoke, on the charge of intending to desert his wife and children. O'Brien is believed to have gone South by the Mararoa and will probably be intercepted at Port Chalmers or the Bluff.

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1887 The recent schoolmaster at Kaitoke, John O'Brien, appeared at the Resident Magistrate's Court yesterday to answer a charge of wife desertion. As the accused was supposed to have left by the Mararoa for the South, the warrant was telegraphed down South, and while, presumably, the Dunedin police were looking for him, O'Brien was walking about the streets of Wellington. The fact that a warrant had been issued coming to the knowledge of O'Brien's solicitor, Mr Gray, that gentleman at once communicated with his client, who thereupon! went before the magistrate, and was admitted to bail in his own recognisance to appear this morning.

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1887 The Kaitoke School Squabble.

John O'Brien, schoolmaster, of Kaitoke for whose apprehension a warrant was issued yesterday, on a charge of intending to desert his wife, surrendered himself to the police yesterday afternoon. The information had been laid by his wife on the supposition that he was about to leave the colony, but it appears that though he did leave Wellington by the Mararoa on Monday, he only intended to go as far as Lyttelton, and he actually returned by the Rotorua on the following day. Learning that the warrant had been issued he consulted Mr. Gray, on whose advice he gave himself up, and was remanded, on bail, until this morning. On resuming to-day the informant was not in attendance, and Mr. Gray therefore asked that the information should be dismissed, as there was no proof of the defendant's intention to leave

the colony. His Worship dismissed the case but remarked that this would not debar the informant from renewing the proceedings if he chose. Mr. Gray informed the Court that O'Brien had lately been at loggerheads with some members of the Kaitoke School Committee. On Saturday night some of the Committeeman held a meeting and resolved to suspend him until they should communicate with the Education Board. On Monday morning O'Brien came to Wellington for advice and was told by the Secretary of the Education Board that ho could have a holiday until the matter was investigated. Mrs. O'Brien learned that ho had gone to Lyttelton, and, assuming that he was leaving the colony, she laid an information and obtained a warrant for his arrest. Mr. Gray complained that his client had been held up to public scorn and degradation by their proceedings, and that his case had been prejudiced in the eyes of the Education Board, as ho had practically been represented as a criminal fleeing from justice. As to his alleged desertion of his wife, the fact was that she had left him, and had refused to hold any communication with him, beyond sending him a letter threatening proceedings for judicial separation.

23<sup>rd</sup> September 1887 Mr O'Brien, lately schoolmaster at Kaitoke, was charged at the Resident Magistrate's Court yesterday with intending to desert his wife and infant child. He pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr Gray. The informant, Mrs O'Brien, did not appear, and the case was dismissed. Mr Gray explained that O'Brien, having been suspended by the Kaitoke School Committee on Saturday, waited on the Secretary of the Education Board on Monday, and was told he need not attend the school under the circumstances. On Monday he went to Lyttelton and returned on Tuesday morning; and in Wednesday's evening papers it was stated that a warrant for bis arrest had been telegraphed down South. Thus O'Brien's prospects had been greatly damaged. Mr Wardell remarked that this was another instance of the unwlseness of at once publishing the fact that warrants had been leaned.

28<sup>th</sup> September 1887 A petition from a number of the residents of Kaitoke, praying for the removal of Mr. O'Brien, the master of the local school, was considered in committee by the Board of Education to-day. The Board appointed the Chairman and Messrs. Bunny and A. W. Brown a committee to visit the district and furnish a report to the next meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> October 1887 John O'Brien, for whose arrest a warrant was issued in Christchurch a few days ago on a charge of wife desertion, was yesterday arrested. O'Brien is ex-schoolmaster at Kaitoke, and his arrest yesterday took place on board the steamer Wakatipu, which left for Sydney yesterday afternoon'

1<sup>st</sup> October 1887 At the meeting of the Board of Education on Wednesday last, the Chairman (Mr, J R: Blair) and Messrs. F. H. Fraser and A. W Brown were appointed a committee to hold an enquiry into the difficulty between the Kaitoke School Committee and Mr. John O'Brien, master of the local school-. Mr. Brown was unable to act, and Messrs. Blair and Fraser accordingly conducted the enquiry, which was held in the schoolhouse yesterday. Mr O'Brien was not present, nor was he represented by anyone . A number of witnesses came forward in support of the petition for the removal of the master, but no evidence was offered on behalf of Mr. O'Brien, although Messrs. Blair and Fraser made it known to the residents that they were prepared to take any that might be prepared. A special meeting of the Board of Education is to be held on Tuesday to consider the request of the committee. The school is still closed.

4<sup>th</sup> October 1887 The Kaitoke School Difficulty.

SUMMARY DISMISSAL OF THE MASTER. A special meeting of the Board of Education was held this morning for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the difficulty between the Kaitoke Committee and Mr. John O'Brien, the master of the local school. There were present — Messrs. J. K. Blair (chairman), F. H. Fraser, H. Bunny, G. Beetham, A. W. Brown, and Rev. J. Paterson. The Committee submitted the following report : — "In accordance with the resolution passed by the Board at its meeting on the 28th ultimo, relative to the case of Mr. O'Brien, we proceeded on the 30th to Kaitoke, where we held an enquiry in the schoolroom. The evidence, as taken down by the Secretary of the Board and attested by the witnesses, is appended herewith. It speaks for itself and contains all that is required to enable the Board to take such action as it may deem suitable. The Committee recommend that Mr. John O'Brien, teacher, Kaitoke, be summarily dismissed from the-ser-vice of the Board.— J. B. Blair, Francis H. Fraser." Mr. Bunny moved the adoption of the report. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Beetham and agreed to unanimously. Mr. Fraser said that Mrs. O'Brien had been left without a penny in the world and was anxious to know whether the Board would advance her the last month's salary earned by her husband. The Chairman said the Board would hold the money until they got a personal receipt. Mrs. O'Brien's proper course was to apply to the Magistrate's Court for a maintenance order. Mr. Bunny pointed out that if she did that she might get possession of the money which the Board was holding. The Chairman stated that when he was at Kaitoke he got the Chairman of the Committee to make it known that evidence would be accepted on behalf of Mr. O'Brien as well as against him. No witnesses, however, came forward on the master's behalf, nor was he present, consequently the whole of the evidence was against him. This terminated the proceedings. Mr. Chatwin, until recently a student at the Training College, has been appointed to the temporary charge of the school, and it was re-opened by him yesterday. A permanent successor will be advertised for at once, and it is expected that an appointment will be made at the next meeting of the Board. Mr. O'Brien's present whereabouts are still unknown. From a gentleman who knew him intimately we learn that before he disappeared so mysteriously he was in possession of about £ 500 cash, the proceeds- of a sale of some property which he had owned.

5<sup>th</sup> October 1887 THE EX-KAITOKE SCHOOLMASTER. Catherine O'Brien, wife of John O'Brien, late schoolmaster at Kaitoke, applied for a protection order and the custody of the four youngest children. Mr. Skerrett appeared for the applicant, who deposed that her husband had left her and the family and gone she did not know where. She was in a destitute state. Her husband had, She believed, taken away a large sum of money with him, and she knew that his last month's salary was in the possession of the Board of Education. His Worship granted the order as prayed for. Mrs. O'Brien also applied for a maintenance order, and his Worship ordered that the husband should contribute 40 shillings a week towards the support of the children.

7<sup>th</sup> October 1887 John O'Brien, for whose arrest a warrant was issued in Christchurch a few days ago on a charge of wife desertion, was arrested last Friday. O'Brien is ex-schoolmaster at Kaitoke, and his arrest took place on board the steamer Wakatipu, which left for Sydney shortly afterwards.



8<sup>th</sup> October 1887 Information was received by the Commissioner of Police from Sydney yesterday afternoon to the effect that John O'Brien, the ex-schoolmaster at Kaitoke, who absconded to Sydney after having been admitted to bail on a charge of wife desertion, had been arrested there on arrival of the steamer Wakatipu, by which he sailed. Constable D. O'Rourke, the Resident Magistrate's Court orderly, will leave by the steamer Hauroto for Sydney on Wednesday for the purpose of bringing the prisoner back.

11<sup>th</sup> October 1887 The depositions of Mrs. Kate O'Brien, of Kaitoke, in reference to her desertion by her husband, John O'Brien, were taken in the Magistrate's Court to-day, and will be forwarded to Sydney to-morrow, together with those of Captain Forster, Assistant Clerk of the Court, so as to facilitate the remanding of the fugitive to New Zealand.

26<sup>th</sup> October 1887 The applications received for the position of head teacher at Kaitoke, and assistants at Petone and Masterton, were considered by the Education Board in committee to-day. It was decided to invite fresh applications for the Masterton appointment. Selections were made in both the other cases, but the names of the candidates chosen have not yet been submitted to the local committees.

31<sup>st</sup> October 1887 The prisoner John O'Brien, late schoolmaster at Kaitoke, who was arrested at Sydney, on the charge of wife desertion, was brought back to-day by the Hauroto, in the custody of Constable D. O'Rourke.

4<sup>th</sup> November 1887 John O'Brien, ex-schoolmaster at Kaitoke, was charged on remand, at the Resident Magistrate's Court yesterday, with having, on the 30th September, left his wife and four infant children without means of support, and gone to reside beyond the Colony of New Zealand. O'Brien, having said that he was not guilty and that the date was wrong, addressed his Worship thus : "I consider you are unfit to preside in the case, because you are prejudiced." "What reason have you for saying that, O'Brien?" asked Mr Wardell. "I have every reason," replied the accused. "Well," said Mr Wardell, "I am going to hear it at any rate." O'Brien proceeded with a rambling story to the effect that his Worship had learned certain matters connected with him from his (O'Brien's) wife in his private room, which should not be tolerated in this city, and that Mr Jellicoe had told his Worship of it. In answer to his Worship, Mr Gray, who formerly acted for O'Brien, said he had withdrawn from the case. Mrs O'Brien, the prosecutrix, not being present, the case was ordered to stand over for a time.

In the afternoon O'Brien was again brought up, and Mr Skerrett, acting for Mrs O'Brien, put Mr J. Gray, solicitor, in the witness-box. In cross-examination Mr Gray stated (having been requested to do so by Mr Wardell) that his firm were holding a sum of money amounting to over £400 belonging to and for O'Brien. At this O'Brien loudly asserted that they had no money of his. Every penny of it belonged to his sister, Mr Gray further stated that his firm had paid over, to O'Brien's order, the amount of his bail, to Mr J. J. Casey. Mr Skerrett said that the Education Board in possession of £1s belonging to O'Brien. There was therefore no reason why he should not contribute to his family's maintenance. His Worship thereupon ordered the prisoner to find two sureties of £100 each, that he would pay 30s weekly for his family's support. O'Brien) who up to the had been in a very turbulent state of mind, seemed desirous of making an arrangement, and ultimately it was settled that he should pay his wife £200 in settlement of all claims. He was therefore discharged, all other charges against him being withdrawn. Previous to leaving the Court O'Brien apologised to Mr Wardell! for the

way in which he had spoken to him. His Worship accepted the apology, saying that he excused him because he thought him partly bereft of his reason on account of his troubles, real or imaginary.

4<sup>th</sup> November 1887 Mr. Chatwin, who has been in charge of the Kaitoke School for some weeks, has returned to the Training College, and Mr. Spencer has succeeded him until the end of the month.

11<sup>th</sup> November 1887 Last Friday afternoon O'Brien was again brought up, and Mr Skerrett, acting for Mrs O'Brien, put Mr J. Gray, solicitor, in the witness-box. In cross-examination Mr Gray stated (having been requested to do so by Mr Wardell) that his firm [were holding a sum of money amounting to over £400 belonging to and for O'Brien. At this O'Brien loudly asserted that they had no money of his. Every penny of it belonged to his sister. Mr Gray further stated that his firm had paid over, to O'Brien's order, the amount of his bail, to Mr J. J. Casey. Mr Skerrett said that the Education Board were in possession of £1s belonging to O'Brien. There was therefore no reason why he should not contribute to his family's maintenance. His Worship thereupon ordered the prisoner to find two sureties of £100 each, that he would pay 30s weekly for his family's support- O'Brien, who up to thus had been in a very turbulent state of mind, seemed desirous, of making an arrangement, and ultimately it was settled that he should pay his wife £200 in settlement of all claims. He was therefore discharged, all other charges against him being withdrawn. Previous to leaving the Court O'Brien apologised to Mr Wardell for the way in which he had spoken to him. His Worship accepted the apology, saying that he excused him because he thought him partly bereft of his reason on account of his troubles, real or imaginary.

30<sup>th</sup> May 1888 Wellington Education Board appointed Mrs Munro as sewing teacher

25<sup>th</sup> April 1888 . Kaitoke.— At Kaitoke on Monday evening the following gentlemen were elected as the new School Committee :— Messrs. Peter Hansen, James Wilson, G. Illingworth, Robert Cresswell, John Pelling, Martin Haywood, and Edward S. Kelly. At a meeting of the newly-elected committee, held after the election, Mr. Hansen was elected chairman and treasurer and Mr. Wilson secretary

27<sup>th</sup> June 1888 The sum of £5 was voted towards the erection of a shelter-shed at Kaitoke.

16<sup>th</sup> July 1888 A dance, in aid of the school children's prize fund, was given by the Committee in the school room, Kaitoke, on Friday evening last. The attendance was very good. During the evening several songs were given, and dancing, as usual, was kept up to a late hour

7<sup>th</sup> September 1888 John O'Brien, ex-schoolmaster at Kaitoke, was taken into custody yesterday on suspicion of being a lunatic. He was subsequently examined by Drs. Mackenzie and Robertson, and as they certified to his insanity he was committed to the Asylum.

27<sup>th</sup> May 1889 Out of 44 children examined at Kaitoke School, and 16 of these in the preparatory class, 22 have passed the standards. The number of passes were— Standard VI., 2; Standard V., 1(2 excepted) ; Standard IV., 3 (1 failed) • Standard III., 4 (2 excepted) ; Standard II., 9 (1 failed); Standard I., 3. There were thus 22 passes, 2 failures, and 4 exceptions.

30<sup>th</sup> October 1889 Wellington Education Board An application by the Kaitoke Committee for a vote of £6 for painting was not granted

12<sup>th</sup> April 1890 Mr G. L. Vincent, who will be remembered in this district as master of the Kaitoke school a few years ago, has been appointed to the mastership of the Lyell school in Nelson.

## 1891-1900

1891	29	Kaitoke	Bedingfield	D S		Master	£	155.00
1891	29	Kaitoke	Bedingfield	Mrs		Sewing	£	5.00
1892	14	Kaitoke	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£	101.50
1893	15	Kaitoke	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£	101.50
1894	16	Kaitoke	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£	101.50
1895	16	Kaitoke	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£	101.50
1896	13	Kaitoke	Hamilton	Dorothea		Female	£	101.50
1897	13	Kaitoke	Hamilton	Dorothea	E4	Female	£	100.00
1898	16	Kaitoke	Hamilton	Dorothea	E3	Female	£	101.50
1899	14	Kaitoke	Hamilton	Dorothea	E2	Female	£	101.50
1900	9	Kaitoke	Closed					

26<sup>th</sup> March 1891 Wellington Education Board Tenders were ordered to be called for repairs to the Kaitoke schoolmaster's residence,

1<sup>st</sup> May 1891 School Committee Kaitoke. —Messrs W. Veal. George Broadbent, John Harrison, jun., John Collie, Jas. Hanley, John Daniel and P. W. Enson, Mr John Collie was elected chairman

15<sup>th</sup> June 1891 Thos. Turnbull and Son, architects, invite tenders for repairs to school buildings at Mungaroa and Kaitoke.

27<sup>th</sup> August 1891 Mr George Collie waited upon the Board as a deputation from Kaitoke asking the Board to grant a small sum of money for the purpose of fencing in tbs school ground. The Board decided to grant £5 on the understanding that the work be done by contract

27<sup>th</sup> July 1892 Wellington Education Board The Kaitoke Committee applied for a vote for fencing. The Chairman reported that the attendance at the school had fallen away.

13<sup>th</sup> September 1892 Miss Hamilton, who has been in charge of the Paikakariki School for over six years, has been removed to Kaitoke. On Friday last the children attending the Paekakariki School were entertained, funds for the purpose having been raised by holding an entertainment, and in the evening Miss Hamilton was presented by Mr. O. P. Lynch, Chairman of the Committee, with a lady's travelling companion and an address as an evidence of the esteem in which she is held by a number of the residents. Miss Hamilton returned thanks. The remainder of the evening was spent in a sociable manner.

15<sup>th</sup> September 1892 Mr. D. Bedingfield, who has been in charge of the Kaitoke School for some time, and has been promoted to the school at Paikakariki, was entertained at a social gathering by the residents on Wednesday evening. Several of the residents referred in complimentary terms to Mr. Bedingfield's ability as a teacher, and he was presented by the local Debating Society, of which ho has been President, with a copy of Webster's Dictionary. Mr. Bedingfield made a suitable acknowledgment. Several toasts wore drunk and songs and recitations contributed.

9<sup>th</sup> May 1893 Inspector Lee to inspect Kaitoke school on May 19<sup>th</sup>

25<sup>th</sup> October 1893 First grade drawing examination Kaitoke Examined 9 children passed 2.  
[The exams were supervised by a School Committee member and entries were sent to Wellington Education Board]

27<sup>th</sup> March 1895 and that the salaries attached to the Whakataki, T« Whiti, Stokes' Valley, and Kaitoke Schools be reduced, after due notice, to £80 per annum they having fallen below the status of Board schools.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1895 Mr. H. Savage, Chairman of the Kaitoke School Committee, waited on the Board and urged it not to carry out its proposal to reduce the salary of the teacher (Miss Hamilton) from £100 to £80. It was decided that the salary should remain as at present for six months.

27<sup>th</sup> June 1895 Mr Savage, chairman of the Kaitoke School Committee, waited upon the Board and asked that the salary of Miss Hamilton, the teacher of the Kaitoke School, should not be reduced as had been intimated. Mr Savage said the present teacher would be compelled to leave if her salary was reduced, and then the school would assuredly languish and eventually become extinct. The Board decided not to reduce Miss Hamilton's salary.

7<sup>th</sup> July 1896 When the Kaitoke school was closing for the winter holidays, the occasion was taken to present the teacher (Miss Hamilton) with a beautiful morocco-bound album. Mrs. Chas. Litt made the presentation on behalf of the children, and Miss Hamilton feelingly responded. The children, with a number of their parents and friends, were afterwards entertained to afternoon tea.

29<sup>th</sup> July 1896 Wellington Education Board Consideration of a request for a grant of £10 for fencing at Kaitoke. was, deferred

25<sup>th</sup> September 1896. Yesterday the remains of the late district schoolmaster of Ohariu Mr. Donald Munro were consigned to the Karori Cemetery, every family in the district being represented amongst the mourners, so general was the esteem in which the deceased was held. Some came from places as distant as Porirua and Kaitoke (the scene of Mr. Munro's former labours). The Minister for Lands (the Hon. J. McKenzie) an old friend, was present. The school children walked at the head of the procession for some distance.

1<sup>st</sup> December 1896 The residence of Miss D. Hamilton, headteacher of the Kaitoke School, was destroyed by fire last night. A defective chimney is supposed to have been the cause

2<sup>nd</sup> December 1896 Mr Dorset, the secretary of the Education Board received a telegram yesterday, informing him that the residence of Miss D. Hamilton, head teacher of the Kaitoke school, had been destroyed by fire on the: previous night. Miss Hamilton lost a quantity of personal property.

9<sup>th</sup> December 1896 Wellington Education Board Consideration of the question of replacing the school building at Kaitoke, lately destroyed by fire, was deferred

31<sup>st</sup> March 1897 Wellington Education Board The question of replacing the teacher's residence at Kaitoke, recently destroyed by fire, was left in the Chairman's hands.

28<sup>th</sup> April 1897 School Committee Kaitoke School. — There was only a moderate attendance at this meeting, Mr. E. Harrison presiding. A vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing Committee. The following were elected for the ensuing year: — Messrs. E. Harrison, R. Kearney, W. Lett, W. Lawrence, and G. S. Phillips. Mr. Harrison was elected Chairman; Mr. Kearney, Secretary and Treasurer

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1897 Mr T R Fleming to inspect Kaitoke School on Tuesday 25th May

28<sup>th</sup> June 1897 On Friday afternoon the Kaitoke residents entertained the school children at a picnic in honour of the Record Reign. Mr. Harrison, Chairman of the School Committee, presented each child with a book as a memento of the occasion. In the evening the residents held a " social " in the schoolroom. Songs and recitations were contributed by Messrs. R. Harrison, Bernard, Mason, Walker, Farrell, and Lett, Mr. P. Wilkie supplying the music, and Mrs. Broadbent catered.[Mrs Broadbent had the contract at the Kaitoke Railway Station refreshment rooms

29<sup>th</sup> September 1897 A deputation from the Kaitoke School Committee asked that a residence for the teacher should be erected in the place of the one recently burnt down. The Board decided to ascertain what sum the Government would give for the restitution of the destroyed building and take action at the next meeting.

18<sup>th</sup> October 1897 An enjoyable promenade concert and dance was hold in the Kaitoke Schoolroom on Saturday night in aid of the piano fund. Songs were contributed by Misses Gibbs (Wellington) and Broadbent, Mesdames Broadbent and Martin, Messrs. Harrison Bros, and Martin, and a recitation by Mr. H. Lett. Miss Martin (Wellington) played the accompaniments. Mr. E. Wilkie (Upper Hutt) supplied the dance music

4<sup>th</sup> July 1898 The Kaitoke School broke up for the winter holidays with an afternoon tea, given by the parents to the teacher (Miss Hamilton) and children. Mrs. Broadbent, on behalf of the children, presented Miss Hamilton with a hand-bag and handkerchiefs in token of their esteem. The Rev. Mr. Fortune addressed the children

28<sup>th</sup> July 1898 Wellington Education Board Mr. McCardle urged that another residence should be erected at Kaitoke to replace the one burned down. The Chairman said the attendance at the school had decreased so much that it was not desirable to go to the expense suggested by Mr. McCardle. The matter, however, would be further considered .

1<sup>st</sup> September 1898 Wellington Education Board Mr. McCardle moved that a residence for the teacher should be erected at Kaitoke to replace the building burned down some time ago. This was agreed to.

27<sup>th</sup> April 1899 School Committee Kaitoke. — Messrs. C. Lett (Chairman), Pudney, Cassey, Karney, and Sturman.

27<sup>th</sup> November 1899 Mrs Broadbent, of the Kaitoke railway refreshment rooms, a daughter of Mr F. Pelling, cordial manufacturer, Masterton, died on Saturday at 12.30, after ' three days; illness of an acute character. She leaves two young children

1<sup>st</sup> February 1900 Wellington Education Board A deputation from Kaitoke waited on the Board and urged that a teacher's residence should be erected in place of the house burned down some time ago. The chairman said the average attendance at the school was only eleven. At present there were no funds available for the purpose of erecting a residence.

1<sup>st</sup> February 1900 Wellington Education Board A deputation from Kaitoke attended, and urged that a residence for the ,teacher should be erected in place 'of the one. burned down, and that the schoolhouse should repainted The Chairman, said that the schoolhouse would be repainted in due -course and the matter of a residence would be considered when funds permitted.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1900 Wellington Education Board Review of salaries included Kaitoke D Hamilton Overpaid \$52 10s according to regulations

8th March 1900 Wellington Education Board deputation from Akatarawa-, introduced by Mr Brown, asked for the erection of a new school at Akatarawa and . a residence at Kaitoke. It was deemed that as the Akatarawa school was on the list it- would be built when funds provided. As to the Kaitoke residence the chairman promised if an increased attendance at the school necessitated it he would bring the matter again before the board and ask them to sanction the work

24th April 1900 School Committee Kaitoke School. — Messrs. S. D. Hill (Chairman), G. Pudney, P Edwards, J. Farrell, and W. Cassey.

5th May 1900 The settlers of Kaitoke gave their respected neighbour, Mr\* Charles Lett, senr., chairman of the Kaitoke -School Committee, a send-off, prior to his leaving the .district. Mr Walker, on behalf of the residents, presented Mr Lett with a gold pin in recognition of the services which he has rendered towards the advancement of the district

26th July 1900 Wellington Education Board report Miss Hamilton now being paid \$60 over scale

## 1901-1907

1901	13	Kaitoke	Moss	Mary E (Mrs)		Female	£75.00	\$ 10.00
1902	18	Kaitoke	Moss	Mary E (Mrs)		Female	£80.00	\$10.00
1903	18	Kaitoke	Hawley	Agnes	E4	Female	£92.00	\$10.00
1904	18	Kaitoke	Fuller	Atherton L	E1	Master	£72.00	House
1905	14	Kaitoke	Stormont	F M	E3	Female	£80.00	House
1906	18	Kaitoke	Stormont	F M	E2	Female	£110.00	\$15.00
1907	17	Kaitoke	Gayne	Violet E	D3	Female	\$110.00	\$ 10.00

31st January 1901 Wellington Education Board A petition for a teacher at **Kaitoke** was rejected.

25th July 1901 Wellington Education Board Kaitoke \$4 towards repair

29th April 1901 Kaitoke. — Messrs A. Collie (Chairman and Secretary), Mrs. Collie, Messrs. Campbell, Sturman, and Johnson

29th October 1904 The Board has appointed Mr. F. Proctor, now at the Kaitoke School, to be assistant at the Kilbirnie School. [In December 1903 Mr Proctor was at the Kilbirnie School and he was back there by the end of 1904]

28th January 1905 Wellington Education Board and ha» promoted Miss Stormont, from Belvedere, to the school at Kaitoke.

2nd February 1905 Carterton News Miss F. M. Stormont, assistant teacher at the Belvedere School, has been appointed to take charge of the Kaitoke School. Miss Stormont takes up her new duties on March 1st,

29th April 1905 Carterton News The Kaitoke school children, in charge of Miss Stormont, head mistress (formerly of the Belvedere school), and the Chairman of the School Committee (Mr Cassey), were on an excursion to this town on Friday. Among the places they visited was the Wairarapa Observer office, and the children were greatly interested in what they gleaned of the art of printing.

14th December 1905 At the "breaking-up" concert and social gathering of the Kaitoke School, the , school-house was prettily decorated with nikau palms, toi-toi grass, rata, and ferns. The school children contributed about twenty items to the programme, and the rounds

of applause which greeted each item were well deserved. Miss Stormont, head teacher, was assisted in the second part of the programme by Misses Cassey (2), Collie, F. Stormont, Messrs. Collie, O'Farrell, Partridge, and Phillips, who successfully presented an amusing farce. Supper and dancing brought an enjoyable entertainment to a close. The proceeds of the concert are to be spent in giving the children an outing early in the New Year.

12th February 1907 Wellington Education Board Miss V E Gayne appointed sole teacher at Kaitoke

29th June 1907 Miss Stormont, of the Kaitoke School, has been promoted to the position of assistant mistress in the Pahiatua School

28th September 1907 Wellington Education Board fluj sum of £95 was granted for alterations at the Kaitoke school

14th November 1907 South Wairarapa News A flagpole a=has been erected at the Kaitoke School

### 1908-1911

1908	13	Kaitoke	O'Connor	Irene M		Female	£99.00	
1909	18	Kaitoke	McGregor	Grace E	D2	Female	£90.00	House
1910	18	Kaitoke	McGregor	Grace E	D2	Female	£120.00	
1911	21	Kaitoke	Armitage	Rose C	D3	Female	£120.00	\$15.00

In 1910 there was a residence provided by Wellington Education Board and by 1911 there was not. Far right column

31st January 1908 Wellington Education Board Repairs Hewit and Jameston

5th March 1908 Saturday classes for teachers will be resumed in Wellington and Masterton on Saturday next. For the Wellington district from Kaitoke to Kereru, instruction in cookery will be given at the Wellington Training College ; and woodwork, drawing, and handwork at the Technical School.

29th May 1908 Miss Irene O'Connor was appointed teacher at Kaitoke. Six resignations of young lady teachers wore accepted.

28th August 1909 Miss I O'Connor resigns

8th September 1909 Miss McGregor is appointed

1st October 1909 Miss O'Connor, mistress of the Kaitoke School, was presented by the school children with a handsome silver-mounted cut-glass salad bowl, suitably inscribed. Miss Vera Hills, in handing the presentation, spoke of the keen regret the children felt at losing their popular teacher.

13th October 1909 very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Hill street, Wellington, yesterday morning, when Mr H. J. Larkin, stationmaster of Kaitoke, was united to Miss Irene O'Connor, late school teacher of Kaitoke, by the Rev. Father Goggan, S.M.....

29th July 1911 Kaitoke residents subscribed sufficient money to pay the fares and Exhibition entrance fees for the whole of the school children. As a result, a party of some forty or fifty scholars and adults visited the Exhibition last week and had a good time

16th September 1911 Miss Armitage has been appointed teacher at Kaitoke in succession to Miss Macgregor [McGregor]

23rd September 1911 Miss Rose Armitage, the newly appointed teacher at Kaitoke School was at the Worser Bay School and has experience as a teacher in England Miss Armitage is the holder of a D 3 certificate.

### 1912-1915

1912	19	Kaitoke	Gunn	Eliza M	D2	Female	£150.00	
1913	14	Kaitoke	Gunn	Eliza M	D2	Female	£150.00	\$15.00
1914	9	Kaitoke	Gunn	Elizabeth M	D2	Female	£150.00	\$15.00
1915	11	Kaitoke	Gunn	Eliza M	D2	Female	£150.00	\$20.00

16th March 1912 the Education Board is advertising for, a teacher at Kaitoke, to succeed Miss Armitage

13th April 1912 Miss E M Gunn appointed Sole Teacher

20th April 1912 Miss Gunn, formerly of the Southland Education District, has been appointed to charge of the. Kaitoke school

4th May 1912 , KAITOKE. Five' householders attended at' the annual meeting and four of these were elected, viz. Messrs. B; Langridge; chairman, L. J, Phillips secretary, A. Whyman and C. H; Williams. : At the first Meeting of the committee, held on Wednesday; Mr; A Bengé : was elected to fill the vacant ; seat.

28th September 1912 EUCHRE PARTY. The second of the series of the euchre parties in aid of the local school funds was held last night week when there' were about forty persons present. Although the night was none too pleasant outside, those who attended the party report they had a good time. The following is the prize list—Ladies first, Miss Nancy Burrell, consolation, Mrs. Hills. Gents' first, Mr. A, Young, consolation, Mr. A. G. Collett. Refreshments were handed round during the evening, and much appreciated.

9th November 1912 Kaitoke school grounds are now being cleared of blackberry and gorse and will soon have a presentable appearance

1st May 1913 Wellington Education Board Grants were made for a tank and platform at Kaitoke

28th June 1913 Miss Stormont. formerly of Kaitoke, received handsome presents from the pupils and the teaching staff of the Pahiatua State School on her approaching marriage,

1913/3836	Florence Maude Stormont	William Proctor
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1922/8449	Proctor	Florence Maude 40 years
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9th August 1913 Hutt Valley Independent lists S Gunn as teacher

### 1916-1923

1917	12	Kaitoke	Rains	Catherine		Sole	£110.00	\$10.00
1919	11	Kaitoke	Hiddleston	Bernice G	C-91	Sole	£205.00	
1921	13	Kaitoke	Hiddleston	Bernice G	C	Sole	£250.00	



1923	18	Kaitoke	Josephs	Jessie	C-204	Sole	£195.00	
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13th May 1916 A largely attended gathering ,of residents of Kaitoke and' the valley of the Pakuratahi took place on Friday of last week at the school, to bid Miss Gunn '-ex-teacher good-bye and to wish her health and prosperity in nor new sphere, In the course of the evening, Miss Gunn was asked .by Mr. O. H. Williams, to accept & very nice travelling-bag as a token of esteem from the people of Kaitoke and of their appreciation of her services. Cards and dancing whiled away the hours until 2.30 a.m. Charlie O'Brien was M.C., and Messrs Bourke and Hannah provided the music

3rd July 1919 Miss B G Hiddlestone appointed to Kaitoke

10th October 1922 Miss Jessie Jacobs appointed [Josephs]

### Post 1923

16th December 1927 KAITOKE Proficiency.—Ivan Collie, Herbert Walker. Std. VI., Competency: Gwenneth Christie.

15th March 1929 The Kaitoke School picnic was held on Monday in pleasant surroundings alongside the Pakuratahi Stream. There were about 20 children present, together. with a good number of parents. Weather conditions were ideal. In the afternoon a programme of sports, arranged by Miss Campbell, was carried out, every child receiving at least one prize. Mr. Collie won the . men's race and Mrs. Gibbons the ladies' race. Afterwards, in the Pakuratahi, the children competed for swimming certificates. Ice cream, fruit, lollies, and other eatables dear to the hearts of children were provided in abundance, and after tea the children dispersed, tired but happy and contented. In the evening there was a large gathering in the the school for the annual social and dance.

10th April 1931 An attempt to burn down the one roomed school house at Kaitoke was made last week between Thursday afternoon, when the school was closed, and Sunday afternoon, when a church service was held there. In the porch a fire had been started with mats and paper, and. inside the building a kerosene lamp had been used in an endeavour- to begin a blaze. Neither attempt was successful, the damage being confined to small burns and scorches.

28th July 1936 A long article in the need for a secondary school at Upper Hutt included: here was also the plight of the child who qualified for secondary education while under age, and who liv.cd at, say, Kaitoke. If the parents were unable' to pay board at Lower Hutt the child was penalised by having to go without secondary education.

25th November 1938 Red Cross held a First Aid Course at Kaitoke

4th December 1939 Miss B Morgan appointed to Kaitoke

1st April 1940 Facilities are being given to children of the Wellington city. and suburban schools to take part in the welcome to be given to the men of H.M.S. Achilles tomorrow morning. This applies to schools as far north as Kaitoke and Upper Hutt in the Hutt Valley and Pahautanui and Plimmerton on the other route.

The public primary schools will be closed for the whole day, and arrangements have been, made for pupils of post-primary schools to be released from school for long enough to take part in the welcome. These pupils have been notified by their head teachers of the exact arrangement

18th September 1941 The Kaitoke School, a single-roomed building, caught fire about 6.30 p.m. yesterday, and, in the absence of any fire-fighting equipment, was completely destroyed. Only one or two pieces of furniture were saved. A fire had been burning in the schoolroom during the day, and it is thought that it may have been the cause of the outbreak

29th January 1942 Indirect war appointment Wellington Education Board Miss M G Barley Kaitoke from Wanganui

6th November 1942 The public schools in and about Wellington and Lower Hutt Cities will be closed on November 15, 16 and 17, and on these days all teachers will attend refresher courses in physical education. Schools up to and including Paekakariki and Kaitoke will be affected.

There will be two centres—Kelburn Normal School with 350 and Eastern Hutt School with 130 teachers respectively. ....

21st February 1945 Miss M G Barley resigns

20th June 1945 A letter from the Kaitoke School Committee read at today's meeting of the Wellington Education Board stated that for some time there had been growing dissatisfaction at the quick changes of teachers and the lack of competition because of the smallness of the school. It was felt by all concerned, the letter added, that under such conditions the children were getting far from a reasonable chance to gain real benefit from their primary education. A parents' meeting had unanimously decided to ask the board to arrange for consolidation on the Upper Hutt School. The chairman, Mr. W. V. Dyer, said that after the Kaitoke School had been burnt down, the school had been moved to the Te Marua School, and the two schools were conducted independently in the one building. If the Kaitoke children went to Upper Hutt they would have the benefit of attending a larger school, and the same thing applied, to Te Marua. In the latter case, however, the parents some years ago had been unanimously against consolidation. • It was decided to send on the Kaitoke application to the Education Department and to reopen with the Te Marua parents the question of consolidation.

## Charles F Gulliver

Charles Frederick Gulliver was only on the New Zealand electoral rolls in 1875 and 1880.

1889/4203	Gulliver	Charles Frederick	51Y
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11th January 1872 C F Gulliver Royal Navy arrived in Wellington the First Cabin with Mrs Gulliver and child

14th February 1872 TRANSFER OF LICEK3E. The license of the Globe Hotel, Adelaide road, was transferred from Thomas Cassall to C. F. Gulliver. .

24th July 1873 Advertisement Mr Gladman Smith has nothing to do with my estate from this date C F Gulliver R N Lieutenant

19th March 1882 Wairarapa Day Times Mr C. F. Gulliver, a teacher at Kaitoke, and formerly in this district, has filed his schedule,

29th October 1889 Obituary Mr C F Gulliver of the Torpedo Corps. Devenport

29th January 1890 GULLIVER.—On January 27, at Mount Albert, Maud, only daughter of the late C. F. Gulliver, Lieut. R.N.; aged 19 years. The funeral will leave her late residence to-morrow (Wednesday), at 4 p m.

### George Louis Vincent

In 1883 Louis G Vincent was at Kaitoke and in 1884 and 1885 George L Vincent was recorded at Kaitoke. I have presumed the aye the same person.

1880/1326	Antoinette Marie Bladier	George Louis Vincent
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2 children born in New Zealand

1882/5214	Vincent Reginald Bladier	Gothard Entoinette Marie Heath	George Louis
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1884/4937	Vincent Louis Charles Frederick	Antoinette Marie	George Louis
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29th September 1873 Private tutor Lyttleton Times G. L. VINCENT, scholar of Winchester College and Trinity College, Dublin, will be glad to take Private PUPILS Tweed House, Cashel street east, after TUESDAY NEXT, Sept. 30

20th May 1874 Two claims in the magistrates court against G L Vincent Granted

7th July 1874 he committee also stated that Mr G. L. Vincent had resigned his appointment at Avonside, and asking that a bonus of £20 might be granted to him, as the committee were of opinion his salary (£100) was too email, and he appeared to have been under the impression that his salary was to be raised from the date of the January examination. The secretary was instructed to reply that the Board would sanction the increase of salaries applied for, but could not establish a precedent by granting a bonus of £20

5th September 1876 Wairarapa Standard :Wellington Education Board when a long letter addressed to Mr Toomath was read from G. L. Vincent, an itinerant schoolmaster well known in this district, complaining that the Inspector refused him a testimonial when he was ah applicant for the school at Patea . The Inspector explained that he did not know him sufficiently to comply with the request

17th February 1879 Westland Education Board From the Chairman, Hokitika Committee, enclosing a letter from G. L. Vincent, teacher at Arahura Road School, with reference to the latter being sent to the training school. Resolved, "That the Hokitika Committee be informed that the Board is not in a position to supply a teacher to relieve 1 Mr Vincent, and therefore the determination to allow Mr Vincent to attend the Training School at Christchurch, must be deferred for the present, until such provision can be made.

16th June 1879 From the Chairman, Hokitika Committee, enclosing a letter from Mr G. L. Vincent, Arahura Road School, asking to be allowed to occupy a room at the school and recommending that the request be granted. Resolved, " That the Board offer no objection to Mr Vincent's occupation of the room as applied for by him in bis letter of May 22nd and recommended by the School Committee

16th December 1879 From Mr G; L. Vincent,' Arahura Road School, tendering his resignation. Resolved, " That the resignation of Mr Vincent be accepted

26th December 1879 ARAHURA ROAD SCHOOL.

In connection with the above school we have great pleasure in publishing the following testimonials which were recently presented to Mr Vincent on the occasion of his severing, his' connection with the Education District of Westland, Hokitika School Committee, December 23, 1879. Memorandum for G. L. Vincent Esq. Dear Sir,— On your resigning the position, of Head Teacher of the Arahura State School, it affords the Local Committee much pleasure to testify of their full appreciation of your valuable services during the term of years you have held the appointment. • Discipline and improvements have been noticeable features in the acbfooly arid-" you\* leaving haß- been a source of rei^retto tae committed. Wishing you every success in your new sphere of action, I am, &c, W.D. BahesV Secretary on behalf the School 'Committee. Arahura, Westland, New Zealand, December 22, 1379.

To Mr G. L. Vincent, Dear .fcjitt,— \Ve have heard with great ' regret that it ia your intention forthwith. i to sever your connect on with the Arahura I State iScuool, and to leave Westland. VTe \ cannot allow you to go hence without expressing our fall appreciation of the ; ability you have displayed iv the discharge ; of your duties, and the uniform kindness 'and.\* attention you have paid to bur children. ; We consider your task has been one pf exceptional difficulty owing to the huge number of children who have been under your charge, the majority of whom had not previously attended school; but,, notwithstanding those difficulties, your task baa been most ably performed and we desire to express to you our entire satisfaction and gratification at the progress made by our children while tinder yoiMf charge. In conclusion we beg to assure yotf tfiat our best wishes (or your health' aad p^o.sperjty will accompany you to you? fufitre !destination. i We are &c, . Patrick QuiNsr,. Edwt Fingh» John Ellis, JAMES HILLEE, At the request and on behalf of the parents, of children attending: the above school. In connection with the school we may state that it was opened iv February," 1878, with 21 children ; the average for the first quarter vtm 30; the average for the present quarter is 48, and there are now the names of 87 children on the admission register, several (over 30) of whom have however left the district at different times. Mr Vincent leaves shortly by the Maori to take charge of the Otautau School in. the Invercargill district. In conjunction, with his many friends we wish him every success.

9th January 1880 The Otautau School.— Mr G. L. Vincent, who comes to take charge of this school, will be no mean addition to the teaching power of Southland. He formerly had charge of the Arahura Road School, in Westland, and on leaving there to fill his present appointment he received very high testimonials — one from the school committee, and one /signed by four residents at and on behalf of the parents of the children, attending the school. In connection with the Arahura Road School, the West Coast Times stales that "it was opened in 1878, with 21 children; the average for the first quarter was 30; the average for the present quarter is 48, and there are now the names of 87 children on the admission register, several (over 30) of whom have however left the district at different times."

2nd February 1883 Vincent— On February 1st, at Brittan street, Hokitika, Reginald Vincent, only child of Louis and Antoinette Vincent, aged 13 months.

29th January 1886 Wellington Education Board Mr G L Vincent Kaitoke resigns

12th April 1890 Educational.—Mr G. L. Vincent, who will be remembered in this district as master of the Kaitoke school a few years ago, has been appointed to the mastership of the Lyell school in Nelson.

16th July 1925 Trove [Australian version of Papers Past] The recent death of George Louis Vincent at the age of 70 has removed a well-known figure in Victoria schools. He was originally employed in Government schools in New Zealand but came to Melbourne at an early age. He spent several years at All Saints' Grammar School and also at Malvern Grammar School. He taught also at Mentone, Haileybury and Ballarat Colleges, and for the last four and a half years at Queen's College, St. Kilda. He was, for his age particularly strong and active and was apparently in the best of health. He dies quite suddenly of heart failure and his loss is deeply regretted by his pupils, to whom he had endeared himself, and by a wide circle of friends.

### **John and Lucinda O'Brien 1886**

Lucinda was the daughter of John O'Brien as in 1886 she headed the Country Schools scholarship list for country school pupils

14th June 1910 Mrs. O'Brien, widow of the late Mr. John O'Brien, schoolmaster at, Masterton and elsewhere over a couple of decades ago, died at her residence,, off Hay Street,' Oriental' Bay, yesterday morning, after a long illness. She leaves a family of three sons and three daughters, including Mrs. Mickle, the wife of. Captain Mickle,. and Miss Lucinda O'Brien, school teacher at. Wanganui.[Lucinda was not teaching at a Wanganui Education Board School in 1910]

### **Donald Munro and Jane 1887-1890**

After spending 4 years at Kaitoke Donald Munro taught at Ohariu School from 1891 to 1895 and didn't work for the Wellington Education Board again

27th June 1903 On the 23rd inst., at Dunedin, Isabella, relict of the late Donald Munro, late of Ohariu

### **D S Bedingfield 1891**

Douglas Bedingfield after his year at Kaitoke taught at Paikakariki Sole Charge until 1898 and then at Hamua in the Forty Mile Bush until 1905 when he was appointed as assistant Master at Petone. In 1909 He became Headmaster of Petone West school until about 1919 before returning as Headmaster of the Petone DHS until my records end

30th September 1931 Pupils and teachers of the Petone Central School/ and members of the school's Ex-Scholars' Association, assembled at the school this morning for the ceremony of unveiling a photograph of the late Mr. Douglas S. Bedingfield, B.A., who was headmaster of the school from 1921 until his death a year ago to-day. The photograph was the first of a complete set of photographs of headmasters of the school to be presented by the Ex-Scholars' Association. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mr. J. C. Burns, M.A., president of the association. He said he had known Mr. Bedingfield intimately since 1908 in connection with the Petone West School (where he had succeeded Mr. Bedingfield as headmaster), the school cadets, the Petone Technical School, and the Petone Borough Council, among other activities. Mr. Bedingfield had a great devotion to duty, and this had probably hastened his

death. He was a man of high ideals, as was shown by his choice of the motto, "Onward and "Upward," for the Petone West School. This was the motto of his own life also. Of a quiet and retiring disposition he had great strength of purpose in a good cause, and he never did anyone an injustice. He stood high in the estimation of his fellow-teachers. As another friend of the late 'Mr. Bedingfield, the Mayor of Petone (Mr. D. McKenzie ) paid. similar tributes, mentioning that his whole ambition had been to make good citizens of the boys and girls under his care.; He concluded by reading "A .Teacher's Prayer," a poem composed by the late Mr. Bedingfield. The headmaster, Mr.- F. W. Moore, expressed thanks for the photograph, and the ceremony concluded by the observance by all of a moment's silence.

1890/920	Carolina Marianna	Staple	Douglas Shelley	Bedingfield
1898/4806	Hannah Gertrude	Thompson	Douglas Shelley	Bedingfield

16th July 1886 His Honour also, on the application of Mr. Skerrett, granted a decree 'nisi for dissolution of marriage in the case of Bedingfield v. Bedingfield, the husband's petition, and gave the petitioner the custody of two of the children of the marriage, the question of the custody of the youngest child to stand over. Costs on the lowest scale were given against the respondent, who was not represented.

1891/2508	Bedingfield	Mary Lina	Carolina Marianna	Douglas Shirley -
1892/13632	Bedingfield	Richard George	Carolina	Douglas

As only the eldest children were registered with Douglas as the father presumably the third child had a different father

1903/11251	Bedingfield	Douglas Laurence	Hannah Gertrude	Douglas Shelly -
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### **Dorothea Hamilton 1892-1899**

Dorothea Hamilton had a long career for a woman of the time working for the Wellington Education Board. She started at Gladstone in the Wairarapa in 1879 and in 1883 moved to Horokiwi school high above Wellington Harbour South of Petone. After 2 years there she went to the sole charge school at Paikakariki and was there to 1892 when she came to Kaitoke for 8 years. In 1900 she was at Matarawa School West of Carterton and taught there until 1902 when her teaching career finished for the Wellington Education Board

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.

Cyclopedia of NZ Kaitoke Public School —situated about a mile and a half along the main road from the railway station—is a single-story wooden building, containing one room and a porch, and was established many years ago. The number of pupils on the roll is twenty-two, with an average attendance of eighteen.

*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.

**Mrs Mary E Moss 1901-1902**

I can find little to identify this teacher

**Agnes Hawley 1903**

I can find little to identify this teacher

**Atherton L Fuller (1904)**

**Florence Stormont (1905-1906)**

**Violet E Gayne (1907)**