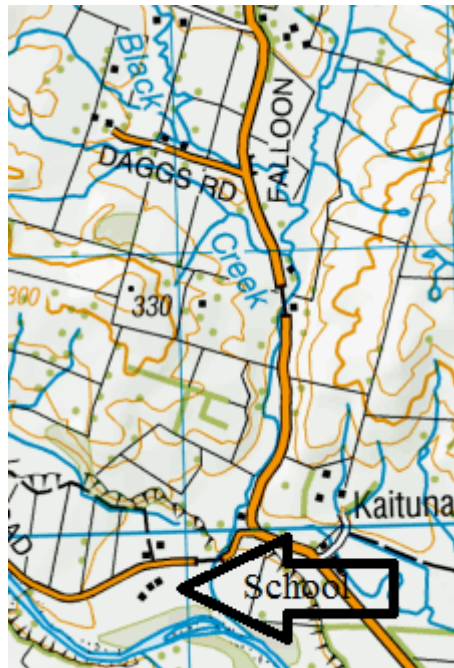


**Kaituna:** 1891-1937 16 Kilometres from Masterton up the Upper Plain Road following the Waingawa River West. September 1919 changed name to Waingawa School, previously held by the school at East Taratahi. Caroline H Kelleher was teaching here from 1898 until August 1925. *The change presumably because the Wellington Education Board had taken over Marlborough Education Board which had a Kaituna School*



Waingawa (Ex Kaituna)  
 1892 500 sq foot  
 1919 addition 321

Removed to Masterton West

19<sup>th</sup> February 1937 Consolidated on Fernridge

Part Section 156 Taratahi Plain Block Area Site transferred to crown  
 Kaituna 1895 -1973 Primary Schools Wellington Kaituna Marlborough

### 1891

30<sup>th</sup> March 1891 Wellington Education Board annual report included a new school has been built at Kaituna PP

### 1892-1894

*The first recorded teacher at Kaituna was Charles Conrad Hubbard who was the first teacher at Hastwell and then moved onto Opaki School until opening Kaituna School. After three years here he went to Taratahi West for One year before going to Coonoor (North East of Pahiatua) for a number of years. He was rescued from here by the Education*

*Department who offered him Turanganui (Near Pirinoa) Native School where he lived in a tent. Read Turanganui for full details*

1888	25	Hastwell	Hubbard	C
1889	25	Hastwell	Hubbard	Charles C
1890	21	Opaki	Hubbard	Charles C
1891	26	Opaki	Hubbard	Charles C
1892	30	Kaituna	Hubbard	Charles E
1893	9	Kaituna	Hubbard	Charles E
1894	14	Kaituna	Hubbard	Charles E
		Taratahi		
1895	20	West	Hubbard	Charles C

1896	8	Coonoor	Hubbard	Charles C
1897	4	Coonoor	Hubbard	Charles C
1898	5	Coonoor	Hubbard	Charles C
1899	5	Coonoor	Hubbard	Charles C
1900	4	Coonoor	Hubbard	Charles C
1901	6	Coonoor	Hubbard	Charles C
1902	11	Turanganui	Hubbard	CC
1903	13	Turanganui	Hubbard	CC
1904	3	Turanganui	Hubbard	CC
1905	7	Turanganui	Hubbard	CC
1906	6	Turanganui	Hubbard	CC

25th May 1892 and the sum of £6 15s was voted to the Kaituna Committee, being half the cost of lining the school. PP

27th October 1892 State drawing Exams E M Gibson (Excellent) passed PP

20th March 1893 A new school has been opened at Kaituna in 1892 PP

31st January 1894 The Board decided that it could not increase the salaries of Mr. C. C. Hubbard, Kaituna School, and Miss Dunne, Whiteman's Valley School. PP

26th April 1894 and £5 was voted to the Kaituna School for fencing PP

## 1895

28th January J (Jessie) H Houghton Teacher

1871/21517		Houghton	Jessie Henrietta	Catherine	James Henry
1887	477	Mount Cook Infants'	Houghton	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher
1888	234	Te Aro Infants'	Houghton	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher

1893	7	Pencarrow	Houghton	Jessie	Female
1894	11	Pencarrow	Houghton	Jessie	Female
1895	6	Kaituna	Houghton	Jessie	Female
1896	13	Makomako	Houghton	Jessie	Female
1898	355	Mount Cook Infants'	Houghton	Jessie H	Female Pupil Teacher
1899	523	Rintoul Street	Houghton	Jessie H	Female Pupil Teacher
1900	513	Rintoul Street	Houghton	Jessie	Female Pupil Teacher
1904/1518		Jessie Henriette	Houghton		George Alfred P

1904/1518 Jessie Henriette Houghton George Alfred Probyn

15th August 1939 MR. G. A. PROBYN

The death occurred in Wellington last Thursday at the age of 77 years of Mr. George Alfred Probyn, second son of the late Mr. George Stewart Probyn, of Bromley, Kent, England. Mr. Probyn, who was a former member of the Wellington Harbour Board staff, was born in 1862. He married Miss Jessie Henrietta Houghton, granddaughter of Captain Robert Houghton, master mariner, who came to Wellington by the Aurora in 1840. Mr. Probyn was a life member of the Wellington Working Men's Club. He leaves a wife, two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Hocking and Mrs. Caresa Doring, and a son, Sub-Conductor Leo K. Probyn. Indian Army Ordinance Corps.

18th January School reopened with an attendance of 7 boys and 8 girls

Augustus John	Johnson	Robert	Dagg
Albert	Falconer	Robert	Taylforth
John	Taylforth	John	Gunderson
Christen	Carlson		

Lily	Deal	Elizabeth	Taylforth
Mary Amanda	Johnson	Alma Severina	Johnson
Johanna	McLeod	Daisy	Dagg
Violet	Dagg	Mary	Falconer

31<sup>st</sup> January School and contents destroyed by fire about 4.30 a.m  
Bush fires burning all round

1<sup>st</sup> February Committee met to consider how school should be carried on. Mr. Dagg gave the use of one of his rooms as temporary school room

4<sup>th</sup> February School begun again in Mr. Dagg's House, Present Robert Dagg, John Johnson, Joanne McLeod, Amanda Johnson, Severina Johnson, Daisy Dagg and Violet Dagg

11<sup>th</sup> February Received from Education Board the following  
5 roll books, log book, absence notice forms, Monthly and quarterly return forms, Public School summary of attendance register, An account book, Public School register of admission progress and withdrawal

13<sup>th</sup> February 1895 Pupil teacher exam 2<sup>nd</sup> Year exam Jessie Houghton Kaituna PP

13<sup>th</sup> March Received globe, ball frame Mat weaving diagrams. Beads and sticks for kindergarten work, Plaiting needles paper plaiting. 12 mats, 12 strips etc

14<sup>th</sup> March Set of reading sheets (8), 1 map of world, 1 map New Zealand, 2 Blackboard, 1 blackboard compass and T Square

27<sup>th</sup> March 1895 The' Chairman said the estimated cost of replacing the Kaituna School, destroyed by fire, was .£120 4s 6d, of which amount the Education Department would contribute £70. It was

resolved to interview the Minister for Education, and request an increase of the grant PP

12<sup>th</sup> April Closed for Easter

22<sup>nd</sup> April Election of School Committee Messrs William Falconer, Bannister, Dagg, Compton, and Deal. Mr. Falconer Chairman. Windy day NW

26<sup>th</sup> April School closed wet cold day Mr. William Falconer's brother killed by falling tree

29<sup>th</sup> April School closed funeral of Mr. D Falconer

2<sup>nd</sup> May Robert Lee, inspector writes in log. The Kaituna School held in Mr. Dagg's House since the school was burnt down on January 31<sup>st</sup> was examined today. Miss Houghton has only been in charge four months and cannot be held responsible for the poor results today. So far as I can see at present she appears to have done satisfactory work under existing conditions.

12<sup>th</sup> June Copy of Mr. Lee's Examination Report

The school is held in a room without a fireplace in Mr. Dagg's House The school is in a backward condition but No Blame is attached to Miss Houghton who has not yet had time to produce results. Unless the settlers more heartily combine it will be difficult to maintain a school

Roll 15 Present 8

Owing to the cramped accommodation not much classwork has yet been attempted but a fair beginning has been made

31<sup>st</sup> August 1895 We hear that the Education Board refuses to remove the Kaituna School site, and the local committee will not rebuild the School unless the site be removed to the centre of the Chairman's property. The Kaituna School is therefore likely to be a tiling of the past, It is a pity there could not be a School in the centre

of every rural sheep-farm; it might not educate the sheep, but it would make property more valuable PP

6<sup>th</sup> September 1895 A very successful concert and dance held last evening at the Fernridge, in the large shed kindly lent for the occasion, by Mr Kibblewhite, when a large number of Masterton residents were present. Songs were contributed by the Misses Dagg, Prentice and Perry, and Messrs Dougall, Kershaw, Gordon, Langton, J, Dagg, It. J, Dagg, and Mr and Mrs Gover (*Mr Gover was head teacher at Fernridge*). The accompaniments were played by Misses Dagg, Coslley, Prentice, Pearce and Mr Keisenberg's Orchestra. After the concert was finished, refreshments on a most liberal scale were handed round by the settlers of the district, and fully sixty couples joined in the dance that followed, and which was kept up till an early hour this morning. The concert was got up to supplement the fund for rebuilding the Kaituna School, which was lately burned down, and it is expected the fund will benefit to the extent of over £10 PP

23<sup>rd</sup> September 1895 We are informed that another deputation will wait on the Education Board on Wednesday next, to again endeavour to get the Kaituna site removed. The deputation consider money would be wasted in building a school on a river bed PP

26<sup>th</sup> September 1895 Messrs W. L. Falconer and G. Dagg waited on the Wellington Education Board yesterday, as a deputation from the Kaituna Committee, and asked that the site occupied by the schoolhouse which was lately burned down should be abandoned in favour of one which was considered more suitable. The Board decided that the Inspector should deal with the matter. A request by the deputation that the teacher should be paid for the time she was prevented from working through the destruction of the schoolhouse was not granted. PP

30<sup>th</sup> October 1895 the Wellington Education Board decided to remove the Kaituna Valley School to a site near the Waingawa River PP

1<sup>st</sup> December 1895 The sum of £5 was added to the building grant of the Kaituna School PP

## 1896

20<sup>th</sup> April 1896 We remind those who wish to join the school railway excursion to Wellington on Friday next, the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., that they should lose no time in taking their tickets as it will be a case of first come first served. Tickets can be obtained from Mr W. Sellar, of Masterton Mr Gover, of the Fernridge School, or Miss Whelan, of the Kaituna School (Black Creek). The prices of tickets are as follows Adults, 4s teachers, 3s children, Is 7d. PP

24<sup>th</sup> October 1896 This is an extract from a long court case where Mr Falconer was fined £1, August Johnson said he was a farmer at Kaituna. He knew Falconer's property. He had travelled through the property lately. He was along the Waingawa from Mr Bright's to the Kaituna School. It was on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. He saw rather many rabbits then. It would take about five minutes. He saw forty rabbits in that time. The greater number of rabbits were not near Bright's. He had seen poison laid, but not in a systematic manner. He certainly did not think Mr Falconer poisoned systematically. He thought Mr Falconer could have done more to keep down the rabbits.....PP

## 1897

26<sup>th</sup> March inspectors report included

- a) Roll 18 Present 9 Passed 9
- b) No science lessons Object lessons satisfactory
- c) Mental Arithmetic satisfactory
- d) Singing Nil
- e) Miss Whelan makes a very good teacher for this small school. All the important work is well done. Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and drawing being well taught
- f) Robert Lee

## 1898

1<sup>st</sup> April 1899 KAITUNA. All that part of the Opaki School District lying west of the Waipoua River (*New School Boundary*)

13<sup>th</sup> April 1898 Miss Whelan, at present in charge of the Kaituna School, has been appointed first assistant at the Fernridge (Masterton) School, and will enter upon her new duties on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. .PP

2<sup>nd</sup> May 1898 Advertisement Head Teacher Kaituna School Average attendance 22 Salary £90

18<sup>th</sup> July School reopened after midwinter vacation with C Kelliher as teacher. Only 15 children attended though the weather was most favourable

20<sup>th</sup> July Received new map of Asia and material for paper weaving for infant classes

25<sup>th</sup> July Received school copies of Standard VI geography, Standard 6 reader, Roscoe's chemical burner and answer books to Standard 1 and 2 Arithmetic Books

16<sup>th</sup> July Received notice that monthly return for June was missing and was requested to forward it

29<sup>th</sup> July Weather very wet and windy. Attendance of eight children

1<sup>st</sup> August Received school stationery. Forwarded monthly return

2<sup>nd</sup> August Weather very bad, attendance of six

8<sup>th</sup> August Received six pens, 1 dozen nibs, Std2 Arithmetic Book

16<sup>th</sup> September Weather very unfavourable. Attendance of only eight

27<sup>th</sup> September Robert Taylforth caned for maltreating Hans Thomson

10<sup>th</sup> October One child present School closed during afternoon. Weather very bad

24<sup>th</sup> October Attendance of only twenty children

21<sup>st</sup> November Attendance for some time rather unsatisfactory owing to boisterous weather

15<sup>th</sup> December Closed for holidays

## 1899

24<sup>th</sup> January Reopened school. School painted during the holidays. Book of Rick's Objects Lessons Procured

6<sup>th</sup> February Very wet weather indeed Attendance of only three

9<sup>th</sup> February School repainted and furnished with blinds during vacation

10<sup>th</sup> February Salary reduced by £10 owing to fall in attendance during December quarter

24<sup>th</sup> February Received notice to effect that the examination would be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March

8<sup>th</sup> March Annual Examination Mr. Lee examined. Three failures

17<sup>th</sup> March School closed as other schools were not open

25<sup>th</sup> March Pass cards received from Education Board  
 24<sup>th</sup> April Election of School Committee  
 1<sup>st</sup> May 1899 The result of the recent election of a School Committee at Kaituna is as follows :-Messrs W. Falconer (chairman), C. Carlson, A. Deal, G. Dagg, E. Wadham  
 22<sup>nd</sup> May Desks granted by Board received from Daniell's also pump and piping  
 30<sup>th</sup> June School closed for Midwinter holiday  
 Received map of British Isles from Education Board  
 17<sup>th</sup> July School reopened only 15 present  
 22<sup>nd</sup> July Received map of Europe and Modulator  
 3<sup>rd</sup> October Meeting of School Committee and resolution passed that children belonging to families having the measles in house should not be prevented from coming to school  
 3<sup>rd</sup> December Mr. Bakewell made an inspection visit  
 3<sup>rd</sup> December Permission received from Board to close school for December 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December to sit for examination  
 12<sup>th</sup> December School reopened. Poor attendance owing to sickness  
 Copy of 8<sup>th</sup> March Inspection. *Miss Kelliher had beautiful handwriting*  
 Report included

- Roll 25, Present 16 Passed 13. No primers were present
- Grammar Fair
- Object lessons Satisfactory. Science in abeyance
- Mental Arithmetic- Fair
- Drill and Exercises in abeyance
- Needlework- fair work unfinished
- Miss Kelliher has only been a few months in charge and the school was under temporary management for a time after

Miss Whelan Left. The state of the school under the circumstances is satisfactory

## 1900

5<sup>th</sup> March Inspectors Report included

Class	Roll	Present	Passed
7	1		
6	2	2	1
5	1	1	1
4	4	4	4
3	6	6	5
2	4	4	2
1	4	4	3
Primers	9		
Total	31	21	16

- Geography Fair, Maps Good
- Science Physiology Begun Satisfactory
- Recitation Satisfactory
- Singing Satisfactory (Beginners)
- Needlework Good
- Drill and Exercises Satisfactory Swedish
- The Standard 7 student passed well The school is faithfully taught and a fairly satisfactory years work has been done
- Robert Lee

22<sup>nd</sup> May Holiday to celebrate the relief of Mafeking

18<sup>th</sup> July Arbor Day 100 pines and several other new trees planted

27<sup>th</sup> July Visit by inspectors

10<sup>th</sup> October Labour Demonstration day

30<sup>th</sup> October Fearful storm raging Sheds blown down to school One child attended

1<sup>st</sup> November Cupboard arrived

6<sup>th</sup> December Committee granted teacher a holiday

December- Whole school including teacher had measles

21<sup>st</sup> December School closed for midsummer vacation

## 1901

28<sup>th</sup> January School reopened

11<sup>th</sup> February Holiday given because of coming of Imperial Troops

20<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for agricultural Show

21<sup>st</sup> March 1901 Kaituna roll 20 ST 110 pound rise of 20 pound PP

27<sup>th</sup> March Examination Day

Inspectors report included

- a) Roll 28 Present 22
- b) Classification somewhat irregular
- c) Results Standard 5, 3 hardly up to teacher's estimate
- d) General work shows painstaking teaching.
- e) Children do not speak up
- f) Singing in abeyance
- g) A satisfactory years work has been done Pupils in Standard 3 needed more time for preparation
- h) Standard 6 boy passed very well

28<sup>th</sup> March Inspectors Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays

27<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors report included

- a) Teacher Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 27 present 22

c) Some of the time allotted to geography may be given to reading

d) Order and discipline and the tone of the school with respect to diligence, alacrity, obedience and honour- Good

e) Supervision in recess good

f) Manners and general behaviour of children- good

g) The gate should be repaired

h) There is only 1 outside office (*Toilet*) but everything was clean and in good order. A number of trees has been planted in the grounds

i) The cupboard which was ordered some months ago is now in Masterton. It should be sent for

j) F Bakewell

24<sup>th</sup> May Victoria Day

20<sup>th</sup> July Fixed for Arbor Day. Wet and school held till 12.30 then trees planted and fence made

25<sup>th</sup> July Work continued until 1.30 pm then school reopened Working Bee formed of parents for general improvement to grounds

30<sup>th</sup> August Boys dismissed at 2.30 on account of teacher sickening for influenza

2<sup>nd</sup> September Half Day school, teacher with influenza

3<sup>rd</sup> September Teacher absent with influenza. No School

10<sup>th</sup> September Percy Taylforth caned for stone throwing

15<sup>th</sup> October Christen Carlson and Percy Taylforth caned for misbehaviour during school hour. Percy Taylforth on being called up again answering improperly and obstinately refused to amend his answers. On being threatened with the cane again rushed out of school Refused readmittance till he apologised

16<sup>th</sup> October PT came to school and refused to apologise – sent home

17<sup>th</sup> October came and apologised  
 28<sup>th</sup> November Inspection visit by Mr. Bakewell. Case of measles reported. Committee met and ordered infected family to stay away  
 12<sup>th</sup> December Infected persons stated by Doctor to have scarlet fever. Attendance is low half (14) on account of fair at Masterton  
 19<sup>th</sup> December John Johnson and John Taylforth were called to received punishment for throwing about a girl's hat and bag. John Taylforth refused to hold out his hand and was sent home till he came prepared to do as he was told  
 20<sup>th</sup> December Closed for Midsummer vacation

## 1902

27<sup>th</sup> January School reopened. Rayner family away on account of scarlet fever  
 26<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for Agricultural Show granted by Board  
 Inspectors report of 28<sup>th</sup> November 1901 included

- a) Teacher Miss Kelleher
- b) On Roll 31 Present 25
- c) Standard 7 to Primers
- d) A new timetable is in course of construction
- e) Roof and fireplace should be repaired and lining of building completed
- f) Cleaning satisfactory with exception of latrine accommodation. (There is only one outside office)
- g) F H Bakewell

3<sup>rd</sup> March Closed school at 3 pm on account of influenza  
 5<sup>th</sup> March Closed at 3.15 for same reason

27<sup>th</sup> March 1902 Urgent applications for enlargement or improvement of buildings, so as to put an end to overcrowding, were received from the Horowhenua, Petone, Shannon, Pongaroa, and Kaituna Committees. The Board decided to call for tenders for the necessary work in all cases PP  
 15<sup>th</sup> April Awful rain while children were coming to school. All including teacher soaked to the skin  
 School dismissed  
 7<sup>th</sup> May Examination Day. Mr. Fleming examined  
 16<sup>th</sup> May Holiday for school picnic  
 13<sup>th</sup> June Dreadful weather our children arrived in a soaked condition and were sent home. No School  
 16<sup>th</sup> July Arbor Day Postponed by Committee till arrangements could be made for planting trees in school ground  
 31<sup>st</sup> July Arbor Day held. Trees Planted  
 1<sup>st</sup> August 1902 TENDERS for additions to the Kaituna School, will be received at the Education Board Office up to noon of Tuesday, the 5th August. Plans to be seen at the office of the Wairarapa Daily Times, Masterton. A. DORSET, Secretary. PP  
 5<sup>th</sup> August Holiday for coronation  
 3<sup>rd</sup> September Mr. Riley Visited school (*Art Adviser*)  
 5<sup>th</sup> September Removed to temporary school till school enlarging is completed  
 9<sup>th</sup> October Commenced school in new building  
 Examination report of 7<sup>th</sup> May 1902 included

Class	Roll	Passed
7	1	1
6	1	1



5	7	4
4	1	1
3	7	7
2	6	4
Primers	12	
Total	35	18

- a) Geography Satisfactory
- b) Grammar Weak
- c) History Fair
- d) Elementary Science Etc Very fair
- e) Recitation satisfactory
- f) Singing XXX
- g) Needlework Very good
- h) Drill and Exercise. Swedish Drill taken occasionally
- i) Instruction of Standard 7 and Primers Satisfactory
- j) Miss Kelleher is hard working and painstaking
- k) T R Fleming

Further Notes on 2<sup>nd</sup> page included

- a) Brisk oral work and grouping of classes for such subjects as History, Geography and Grammar strongly recommended
- b) The room is only about 20 foot by 14 foot and is too small for the number now attending. Mr. McDougall Clerk of Works has visited the school to report on the requirements asked for by the Committee. At present there is only one outside office

11<sup>th</sup> October 1902 KAITUNA.  
 Opening of the New School  
 A Pleasant Re-Union

In the face of one of the heaviest gales that has swept the face of the Tararua Ranges for many years, nearly a hundred settlers of all ages, sizes and sexes, assembled on Thursday night, at the confluence of Black Creek and the Waingawa river, to celebrate the opening of the new Kaituna school building. Several years ago the residents of the Upper Fernridge provided a small building on a site granted by Mr W. L. Falconer, which was opened as an aided school. Settlement has thrived in the locality, the families have increased, and for a considerable time the building has been overcrowded. Representations made to the Education Board resulted in the pulling down of most of the old structure, and the construction, under the supervision of Mr McDougall — the Board's Clerk-of-Works of a fine new schoolroom. The contractor Mr G. E. Daniell, of Masterton -has performed his task with a despatch, and in a way that has given every satisfaction ; Miss Kelleher, and her pupils, being now in possession of a room capable of accommodating 50 or 60 children, well-lighted and ventilated, with lofty walls and an abundance of air-space. Attached to the room is a commodious porch, and all that is needed is a better bridge across the creek to make the educational facilities fairly complete. The opening of the new building was celebrated in a felicitous manner by a concert and dance. At the former, Mr W. Falconer (Chairman of the School Committee) presided, introducing the proceedings by referring to the progress of the school, the excellence of the structure provided by the Board, and the importance of the settlers' children taking advantage of the teacher's services.

c) Mr Hogg, M. R K., who was present, said he had had the honour of representing the parents and guardians of the children in Parliament and on the Education Board for a number of years. As he wished to see them enjoy themselves, he would not inflict a speech in the ordinary sense, but he had a few words to say, to the young people especially, which he hoped would interest them. he need not tell them of the advantages of the instruction they were receiving at

the hands of their respected and accomplished teachers, but he would just say that if they wished to be useful and successful, and get the full benefit of life, education was the balloon in whose car they must find a seat. In their school, which had just been enlarged, they were getting the benefit of what was called primary education. This would suit them for most ordinary duties, such as reading, writing and calculating, but he hoped they would not be content with that. Education was a big lofty building, and he trusted when they mounted the ladder in front, they would not stand still and be satisfied with looking through the first row of windows. He wanted them to get as near the top as possible. They would be able, as they ascended, to peer into galleries wondrously interesting and beautiful. Once there were gates on the ladder—toll gates that effectually barred the pathway to all but the sons and daughters of a privileged few. When he was a young lad he could not enter the high school, because his parents could not afford it, and he used to look with a feeling of awe and wonder at the University students going to and from their classes dressed in red cloaks and with square hats, that made them look very much like the organ-grinder's monkey. But in the Colony the State had removed most of the gates, and, with a little energy and determination, there were few boys and girls that could not work themselves to the door, if not into the interior of the University. In Masterton, as they knew, they had now a District High School, a Technical School and a Gymnasium. They were still in their infancy, but they were doing splendid work and by the time many of the Kaituna boys and girls could take advantage of them he believed they would be greatly strengthened and improved. Now what were these institutions doing? The gymnasium was giving its students a training that would make them active and physically strong. The Technical School was giving instruction in the fine arts, drawing, painting, book-keeping, shorthand, agricultural chemistry, and the like. The District High School was teaching Euclid, Latin, Algebra, and the sciences. Now what about the sciences? Why the

world—the modern world—was being run on scientific lines. He remembered when battles used to be fought chiefly with cold steel—the days when Sir Colin Campbell and his trusty Highlanders with glistening swords and bayonets scaled the heights of Alma as their leader cried "We'll hae nane but Highland bonnets hero!" Now the opposing forces fought each other before they came properly into view. He recollected the launching of the Great Eastern Steamship—how the world's greatest engineers were almost baffled in trying to move her. At that time a steamer of 2000 tons burthen was considered extraordinary. Now steamers of 10,000 and 12,000 tons were becoming common. When he travelled from Scotland to Australia, he was four months on the trip; now they could travel round the world in a boat in half that time. At that time the news that reached Australia from Great Britain was about three months old; now they could communicate with almost any part of the world in two or three hours. Astronomers used to produce diagrams of the heavens on which were depicted thousands of stars. With the aid of powerful telescopes and cameras, whose range of vision penetrated millions and billions of miles beyond anything human, millions of stars were located where only hundreds could be seen before. "Java's swamps of pestilence and wealth" have been robbed of their terrors by the discovery that the malarial fever, so fatal to many a resident, was distributed by the festive mosquito. A little kerosene floating on the surface of the pools in which the mosquitos breed keeps them in order. The microscope has been called into play in the diagnosis of contagious diseases, and the time seems to be rapidly approaching when these unseen harbingers of death—the germs of consumption, of cancer, cholera, leprosy, and plague—will be fought and annihilated by their natural enemies. Electricity, that strange occult force, known to our fathers or grand-fathers only by its fearfully distinctive effects as it issued from the thunder cloud, is being turned to a multitude of important uses. Generated and produced by the forces of nature—the river, the waterfall and the wind—it is lighting

our cities and towns and working our tramways and the machinery in our factories, besides helping the doctors in our hospitals. Through its agency, thanks to Marconi's discovery, messages can be fired like rifle bullets from height to height, even across the Atlantic. Then look at those wonders with which some of them were doubtless familiar—the kinematograph or living picture, the phonograph or talking and singing machine, and the X-rays by which, though fully dressed, they could examine the bones in their bodies. Yet science was probably only in its infancy. They had gone beyond the porches; they had entered the inner chamber, but they stood on the threshold of fresh wonders and they know not what a day might bring forth. Aladdin with his wonderful lamp developed no such genuine riches—such untold wealth—as modern science, and he asked them, with such a brilliant vista before them, to make the fullest use of their educational opportunities. After the address, which was loudly applauded, a programme of songs, duets and recitations was gone through, the contributors being Mrs R. Kibblewhite junr., Misses A. Elliott and N. Hogg, Messrs Dan Wilton, Hooper, E. Wadam and A. W. Hogg. Musical items from a large phonograph, skilfully handled by Mr Albert Falconer, greatly assisted the programme. Cheers were afterwards given for Mr Hogg, M.H.R., Mr W. L. Falconer and the School committee, and the teacher—Miss Kelleher —whom Mr Hogg 'congratulated on her success with the school. Dancing occupied the rest of the night, and was kept up with great determination till early dawn. PP

11<sup>th</sup> December Percy Taylforth and Christen Carlson each received six strokes with the cane for throwing stones and injuring Hans Thomson

## 1903

26<sup>th</sup> January School reopened

3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> February Holidays by permission of Chairman and M Hogg (Board Member)

6<sup>th</sup> February Percy Taylforth, Christen Carlson and David Anderson received six strokes with the cane for throwing stones

18<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for agricultural show

29<sup>th</sup> April Examination of school by Mr. Bakewell

31<sup>st</sup> April Inspectors Holiday

2<sup>nd</sup> May Hans Thomsen while out shooting shot himself in the arm, which had to be amputated

4<sup>th</sup> May 1903 Accidents through fire-arms are becoming very frequent of late, and another one has to be recorded. On Saturday a 15year old son of Mr Hans Thompson was out shooting on the Upper Fernridge in company with a son of Mr W. E. Falconer. Thompson laid his carbine on a log while he attempted to drive game out of a clump of bush. In picking up the gun the lad took hold of the barrel, when the trigger must have been caught in some way, causing it to go off, and the contents of the gun were discharged in the muscle of Thompson's arm, badly shattering it. The lad Falconer assisted his injured comrade across very rough country to a hut where he was left, while Falconer got further assistance, and rode in for medical aid. Dr. Simmons went out and had the sufferer removed to the Hospital yesterday. It is worthy of mention that Falconer, on seeing the nature of Thompson's injuries, immediately divested himself of his shirt, which he used in bandaging up the mutilated limb. Thompson is in a rather serious condition, and it is almost certain that the amputation of his arm will be necessary PP

9<sup>th</sup> May Hans Thomsen Died

11<sup>th</sup> may Great storm of wind and rain. Two children came wet through and were sent home. No School

12<sup>th</sup> May 12 children absent attending funeral

25<sup>th</sup> May Holiday for Empire Day

28<sup>th</sup> May Very wet day. Only 16 present

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1903 KAITUNA SCHOOL.

Presentation of Prizes,

. The annual social and presentation of prizes at the Kaituna School, Upper Fernridge, came off on Thursday evening, the building as usual being thronged by the settlers and their families. Mr W. L. Falconer, who presided, of the School Committee, presented the prizes, and, in doing so, congratulated the teacher, Miss Kelleher, on the continued success of her efforts to make the school an institution worthy of the district. The inspectors, in their reports, recognised her work, and the result of the last examination was most gratifying. After the prizes had been distributed Mr H. C. Thomson stepped forward and in well-chosen language presented Albert Falconer with the following address:—" Presented to Master J. A. Falconer, aged 16, accompanied by a silver medal by the undersigned settlers, in memory of his heroic action in trying to save the life of Master H. Thomsen, aged 15, who accidently shot himself while in the bush, and would have bled to death but for Master Falconer's timely assistance. He quickly cut the clothes off the upper portion of the lad's body, and found the terrible wound in the arm, from which blood was pouring swiftly. Dipping some of the clothing into strips Falconer put strong ligatures above and below the wound, and staunched the blood, then half carrying and half supporting his chum, him out of the bush to the nearest whare, and, cheering him up with hopeful words, left him while he went for the lad's father and afterwards to Masterton for a doctor, a distance of twelve miles. —A. Ross, Shaw, E. Fitzgerald, E. Wadham, D. Anderson, S. Broome, B. R. Rayner, H. Bainton, C. Ross, O. Nilson, L. H. Booth, A. Deal, G. M. Ross, C. Kingston, H. Moore, H. C. Thomsen, O. Black."

The address was beautifully engrossed and neatly framed, and, accompanying it, was a gold-faced silver medal bearing an appropriate inscription.

Mr W. L. Falconer, the father of the recipient, in suitable terms acknowledged the present, and stated that the kindness of the settlers would be highly appreciated, adding that such things not only established a good feeling but encouraged young people to ace with bravery and promptitude when serious emergencies occurred.

Songs, instrumental music, recitations and dancing, in which Messrs Kinneberg, Wadham, Sykes, Kibblewhite, Ross and several ladies bore a conspicuous part, occupied the rest of the evening, and, thanks to the choice and abundant supply of refreshments provided by the ladies, the social proved one of the best reunions that the Upper Fernridge has yet witnessed. PP

2<sup>nd</sup> June Received examination report

3<sup>rd</sup> June Prince of Wales Birthday

Examination report for 29<sup>th</sup> April included

- a) Roll 36 Present 36
- b) Primers 16
- c) Reading somewhat indistinct otherwise good work done in all standards
- d) Singing \_
- e) Drill and exercises. Swedish Drill will be taught for the future
- f) The school is under careful and satisfactory management. Paperwork commended
- g) F H Bakewell

20<sup>th</sup> June 1903 Gospel services are to be held in the Kaituna School on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Subject: " Joy with Rejoicing." PP

23<sup>rd</sup> June Weather very wet and windy. 12 children present

24<sup>th</sup> June Great storm of wind, rain, thunder, and lightning. Rivers and creeks flooded and overflowing road, trees uprooted. 5 children present

11<sup>th</sup> July 1903 A very successful social and dance was held at the Kaituna schoolroom on Thursday evening. There was a good attendance of the neighbouring settlers, and some visitors from Masterton. Between the dance items on the programme songs and recitations were contributed by Messrs Keisenberg, Lewis, Cooze and others, all of which were encored. A first-class supper was provided, and the best of music supplied by Mr C. Savage, of Masterton. A very pleasant evening was spent, and all thoroughly enjoyed the dancing, which was kept up till the early hours of the morning. Messrs S. Shaw and C. McKenzie carried out the duties of M.C's. in a most creditable manner. PP

24<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday, Thursday and Friday very wet and cold, attendance very poor

30<sup>th</sup> July Held as Arbor Day. Committee attended and gravelled shelter sheds and made improvements generally. Children helped to plant trees during afternoon

13<sup>th</sup> August Christian Carlson received six strokes with a supplejack for breaking the lock from one of the offices

7<sup>th</sup> August Received 2 dozen pairs of scissors

12<sup>th</sup> October Very poor attendance 24 present for no particular reason

5<sup>th</sup> November Carterton show day only 20 present

## 1904

25<sup>th</sup> January Reopened school 29 present

1<sup>st</sup> February Sickness prevalent Only 26 present

17<sup>th</sup> February Show day Only 15 present

16<sup>th</sup> March Christen Carlson received six strokes from the cane for using language

19<sup>th</sup> March Case of measles in the Dagg family Children still quarantined

4<sup>th</sup> April Very bad weather 17 present

7<sup>th</sup> April weather worse 7 present

13<sup>th</sup> April Another case of measles in the Dagg family. Children still quarantined

18<sup>th</sup> April Violet Carlson taken seriously ill. As father also is very ill whole family away from school

25<sup>th</sup> April Very wet weather Only 22 present Dagg Family allowed by doctor to resume attendance

29<sup>th</sup> April Carlson Family absent owing to their father's death

5<sup>th</sup> may School examined by Mr. Fleming.

6<sup>th</sup> May Inspector's holiday

24<sup>th</sup> May Empire Day

25<sup>th</sup> May Weather very bad Only 15 present

2<sup>nd</sup> June Only 16 present

3<sup>rd</sup> June Holiday for Prince of Wale's birthday

1<sup>st</sup> July Began mid winter vacation

18<sup>th</sup> July reopened school Only 24 present

28<sup>th</sup> July Held as Arbor Day by Committee. Bridge mended 50 pines planted

4<sup>th</sup> August Very bad weather. More snow than known to fall before. Ten present

17<sup>th</sup> August Storm of wind and rain Only 10 present

12<sup>th</sup> September Committee spent day levelling portion of the grounds

12<sup>th</sup> October Very bad weather 17 present

- 13<sup>th</sup> October Weather worse, 3 present  
 14<sup>th</sup> October Weather still vber y stormy 10 present  
 15<sup>th</sup> October Christen Carlson received 8 strokes of the cane for hitting an infant making its nose bleed, and then denying having done so  
 9<sup>th</sup> November King's Birthday celebrated  
 14<sup>th</sup> December Closed for midsummer vacation  
 5<sup>th</sup> May Inspectors report included
- Roll 35, Present 34 18/22 Standards passed
  - Standard 5 is a weak class. Other classes are satisfactory
  - Reading rather wanting in expression
  - Grammar satisfactory in treatment
  - Singing Not taught
  - Needlework good
  - Physical drill taken occasionally
  - The Standard 7 candidate passed satisfactorily
  - The general work of this school is satisfactory
  - Writing commended
  - T R Fleming

## 1905

- 24<sup>th</sup> January School reopened 25 present . 1 new scholar  
 2<sup>nd</sup> February Attendance poor owing to floral fete in Masterton  
 15<sup>th</sup> February Holiday granted by Board for show  
 George Rayner kicked severely by a horse at the show  
 23<sup>rd</sup> February Visited by Truant Officer  
 17<sup>th</sup> March Only 23 present Absence of others due to sports in Masterton

- 5<sup>th</sup> April Roland Carlson cut his foot severely during lunch hour. Was taken to Doctor, who ordered him to stay home for 10 days. New desk arrived  
 19<sup>th</sup> April Examination of school  
 20<sup>th</sup> April Inspector's holiday  
 3<sup>rd</sup> June Observed as Prince of Wale's birthday  
 19<sup>th</sup> June Very wet day only five present  
 19<sup>th</sup> April Inspectors report included

Standard	Boys	Girls	Total	Presented	AV Age	Month
					Years	
7	1		1	1	16	5
6	1	1	2	2	14	5
5	3	6	9	9	13	6
4	1	1	2	2	11	11
3	-	-				
2	3	3	6	4	10	6
1	2	5	7	6	8	0
Primers	2	2	2	4	7	3
Total	13	18	31	28		

- Miss Kelleher
- 1 Candidate passed Standard 7
- Certificates of competency to ( Standard 5 inclusive) 15
- Standard 6 certificates of proficiency 2
- Average age of proficiency 14 years 5 months
- Singing Very Fair
- Recitation Fair
- Swedish Drill satisfactory
- Brushwork good

j) Nature Study and Physiology Good

k) Efficiency of school satisfactory

l) F H Bakewell

9<sup>th</sup> July Dumbbells (25 pairs) delivered

4<sup>th</sup> August Very wet day Attendance has been poor for some time owing to prevalence of influenza

14<sup>th</sup> August Very wet day 15 present Influenza still reducing attendance. Chicken pox

20<sup>th</sup> September Applied for leave of a week and a day in order to sit for October examinations

23<sup>rd</sup> September 1905 A number of persons, who were present at the dance, in the Kaituna School, last evening, left their bicycles outside the building while the dance was in progress. When the gathering dispersed at about four o'clock this morning, the owners of the bicycles found that a silly practical joker, had been at work, and had chained some of the bicycles together, and had fastened others to the fence, joining the ends of the chains with split-links. If those dancers were sincere—as we have no doubt they were—in their avowed intentions as to the treatment to be meted out to the offender, the practical joker will be wise to conceal his identity for a time. It must have taken fully half-an-hour to unfasten the different machines. What fun is derivable from silly pranks of this nature is difficult to conceive. PP

16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October School closed while teacher absent at examination

25<sup>th</sup> October Reopened school Chicken Pox still prevalent

1<sup>st</sup> November 1905 The list of passes in the recent annual examinations, of Victoria College include the names of Mr H. J. Nightingale, Dreyerton (second year's terms) and Miss C. Kelleher, Kaituna (first year's terms). PP

23<sup>rd</sup> November Most stormy day we have had this year. Two present in the morning, three in the afternoon

6<sup>th</sup> December Holiday for general election

## 1906

22<sup>nd</sup> February Holiday for district show

13<sup>th</sup> March School used for local elections

11<sup>th</sup> March School visited by lecturer named Burton

16<sup>th</sup> October 1905 J S Tennant, inspector writes (*I am using order as in log which clearly was written up at some latter date*)

I visited the school and found it closed. The chairman of Committee Mr. Faulkner informed me that he understood the teacher was absent on account of examinations in Wellington

21<sup>st</sup> March School examined

22<sup>nd</sup> March Inspector's Holiday

27<sup>th</sup> March Very bad weather snow falling 13 present

28<sup>th</sup> March Received notice that Doctor had ordered Pearl Rayner two month's holiday

25<sup>th</sup> April 1906 KAITUNA. The following Committee was elected at the meeting of the householders on Monday evening Messrs R. Kibblewhite (chairman), J. G. Dagg, Ben. Rayner, C. Kingston, and J. Taylforth .PP

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June School closed on account of Premier's death

5<sup>th</sup> July Weather very stormy Attendance poor

16<sup>th</sup> July Weather very bad Only 9 present

17<sup>th</sup> July Weather still stormy

25<sup>th</sup> July Arbor Day Willows, thousand jackets and blue gums planted. Fence mended

1<sup>st</sup> August School visited by Inspector Fleming  
 28<sup>th</sup> September Received small box of models from Education Board  
 10<sup>th</sup> October Holiday Labour Day  
 20<sup>th</sup> October Very bad weather only 7 present  
 Inspectors report 21st March included

Standard	Boys	Girls	Total	Presented	AV Age	Month
					Years	
6	1	3	2	4	13	3
5		2	2	2	13	6
4	1		1	1	12	10
3	3	4	7	7	11	6
2	1	5	6	6	8	11
1	-	-				
Primers	2	4	6	4	7	5
Total	8	18	26	26		

- Miss C H Kelleher
  - Standard 3 Girls Good Boys fair
  - Considering that illness and bad attendance have militated against the work of the year the results of the examination were very satisfactory
  - Singing very fair
  - Moral Instruction and Health Satisfactory
  - Nature Study (Plant Life) Very Good
  - Physical Instruction (Dumb bells) Satisfactory
  - T R Fleming
- 9<sup>th</sup> November Kings Birthday

2<sup>nd</sup> December Three pictures received from Board. Hung by Committee  
 3<sup>rd</sup> December Very bad weather Only 5 present

## 1907

- 4<sup>th</sup> February School reopened 17 Present  
 20<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton Show  
 18<sup>th</sup> March Very wet weather  
 19<sup>th</sup> March Wet weather continues, Creek flooded, ford banks washed away, also a portion of school grounds and fence  
 20<sup>th</sup> March Remaining three pictures received  
 10<sup>th</sup> April Clerk of works visited school and reported on washout along fence  
 20<sup>th</sup> April 1907 It was resolved to grant £10 to £12 for river protection at Kaituna PP  
 2<sup>nd</sup> May Very bad weather. Examination Day 12 present  
 3<sup>rd</sup> May Inspectors Holiday  
 1<sup>st</sup> August 1906 Inspectors report included
- Present 20, Roll 23
  - Miss Kelleher
  - The average attendance for June quarter was 21 out of and average roll of 24. Two days were under half attendance owing to bad weather and omitting these the average is about 87%
  - The school room was clean and tidy and all the children were well employed
  - Some very good examples of brushwork have been done in the upper classes



- f) The children display great interest in the study of plant life
- g) With the exception that the boys should be provided with a urinal the outside offices were generally satisfactory
- h) T R Fleming

14<sup>th</sup> May Inspector revisited school

24<sup>th</sup> May Empire Day School assembled in morning

1<sup>st</sup> June Received weather gauge

7<sup>th</sup> June Received Hydroplate (Blackboard) granted last year

24<sup>th</sup> June Held by Committee as Arbor Day. A beginning made of repairing damage done to school bank by creek. Day spent by children in planting trees

2<sup>nd</sup> July Repairing of bank continued

16<sup>th</sup> July Bank finished and trees trimmed

23<sup>rd</sup> July Windows mended

31<sup>st</sup> July Whole week very wet

5<sup>th</sup> August Henry Dagg absent having cut off his toe with an axe

10<sup>th</sup> August 1907 The groin which was recently placed in the Black Creek in front of the school, to prevent the stream from appropriating more of the school property, reflects credit upon those who formed a "working bee" and undertook this stony proposition PP

21<sup>st</sup> August A beginning made of gardens

Inspectors report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> May included

Standard	Boys	Girls	Total	Presented	AV Age	
					Years	Month
7		2	2	2	14	6
6	1	1	2	2	13	11
5	1		1	1	13	4
4	3	3	6	5	12	2

3	1	4	5	10	7	
2						
1		2	2	2	10	2
Primers	4	2	6	3	6	9
Total	10	14	24	20		

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Physical Instruction Physical exercises taken every other day
- c) Moral Instruction and Health Method of treatment approved
- d) Nature Study Plant Life satisfactory
- e) Drawing freehand Geometry scale good
- f) T R Fleming
- g) On May 2<sup>nd</sup> only 12 were present. Very Wet
- h) The general work is of a satisfactory nature. English is well taught and the work done in brushwork is commended
- i) Examination books are recommended for the children
- j) A rain gauge has been ordered and weather records will be recorded regularly
- k) The question of providing a garden was discussed with the chairman of the Committee
- l) Urinal required for the boys
- m) The Committee has arranged to repair some broken windows
- n) The groyne which the Committee intends to erect will be necessary if the school ground is to be protected from the Black creek when in flood
- o) The chairman thinks the grant already made by the Board will sufficient to tenable the work to be done effectively

28<sup>th</sup> August 1907 The encroachments of the Kaituna Creek (sometimes called the Black Creek by settlers), having threatened to

scour out a section of the school ground, the School Committee recently made representations to the Department to secure the of a protective groyne along the bank near the school section. The Department voted £10 towards the work, and the settlers themselves assisted in putting in an excellent boulder bank, held by strong wire netting. The groyne has just been completed, and will amply serve its purpose. In spite of persistently adverse weather conditions, settlers on the Fernridge have succeeded in bringing some considerable area under the plough. Mr W. L. Falconer has a larger area under than in years. Some new grass paddocks his property, just below the Kaituna school, are looking extremely well. Grass on most places is now coming on well, a fortunate matter for the lambs. Some very large stumping contracts are likely to be put in with this season, which will mean that a considerable area of new country will be ready for the plough. PP

30<sup>th</sup> August Closed school for weeks' vacation

9<sup>th</sup> September Resumed school work very wet weather 12 present

16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> September School closed on account of influenza of teacher

19<sup>th</sup> September 1907 Our parliamentary reporter writes that the settlers at Kaituna are asking the Government to provide a bridge over the Kaituna Creek opposite the school and Post Office and in the neighbourhood of the dairy factory PP

24<sup>th</sup> September Very severe gale Only 10 present

2<sup>nd</sup> October Dreadful storm of wind and rain. No School. Suspension Bridge over Waingawa broken, most of children from other side will be unable to come until bridge is repaired

7<sup>th</sup> October 1907 KAITUNA NEWS

(Special to Daily The residents of this district have experienced exceedingly rough weather lately. A strong nor-westerly gale commenced at an early hour on Tuesday night, doing a great deal of harm before it subsided. The most serious damage yet reported is the wrecking of the suspension bridge which spanned the Waingawa river, opposite the Kaituna school. One of the large pillars was broken and some of the decking planks ripped off, besides considerable damage done to the sides. It is supposed that repairs cannot be effected in less than a fortnight, much to the inconvenience of the school children who are living on the opposite side of the river. A shed which was situated close to the Black Creek-road, the property of Mrs Carlson, was blown completely on to the road, the roof remaining in an almost upright position after the capsize. Several large trees in the neighbourhood have been broken off, while others were torn up by their roots during the gale, which only temporarily subsided about ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, giving place to exceedingly rough squalls. Following close in the wake of the gale was one of the worst hailstorms that has yet been experienced here. A farewell social and dance is to be given at the school next Thursday in connection with the Debating Society, which is closing for the season. The members are anticipating a large attendance, although the broken suspension bridge may possibly prevent, some from attending who would otherwise have done so. PP

9<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day

9<sup>th</sup> November 1907 KAITUNA NEWS.

(Special to Daily Times

Shearing operations have already commenced here. Mr Wm. Falloon, taking advantage of the present favourable weather, has about half of his Leavesden flock shorn, while other landowners are meditating starting in the course of a few days. Two local residents have decided on a machines shearing campaign. Having purchased the necessary outfit, consisting of an oil engine, fittings and machines, they intend journeying from one shed to another with their plant,

which is constructed as lightly as possible, An accident was narrowly averted at the school last Sunday, after the church service. Three ladies who had driven from a distance were just seated for their homeward journey, when the horse attached began to back in a most vigorous manner. One of the ladies, in trying to get out of the trap, fell heavily to the ground, and barely escaped the wheel as the horse, changing tactics, bolted. The animal was brought to a standstill some distance up the road, and luckily no damage was done.

The firewood industry is being carried on extensively here now, and, considering the roads, it seems strange that such a gold-producing occupation has just only lately advanced from infancy. The fact that some woodcutters are splitting each a cord of wood a day speaks well for the industry, and yet some settlers are complaining that they are unable to sell enough wood to clear their land PP

11<sup>th</sup> November Held as King's Birthday

19<sup>th</sup> December Closed for Summer Holidays

## 1908

3<sup>rd</sup> February reopened school 15 present

19<sup>th</sup> February School closed for district show

26<sup>th</sup> February Weather very hot and bush fires prevalent

2<sup>nd</sup> March District severely visited by fire. Homes of two settlers destroyed. Attendance consequently very poor

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1908 MORE DAMAGE IN THE WAIRARAPA. [By Telegraph.— Special to The Post.] MASTERTON, This Day. The atmosphere of Masterton was very unpleasant yesterday afternoon in consequence of a fresh breeze from the Tararua slopes bringing in its course the blinding and suffocating smoke of a big bush fire/ which raged in the Maungatarera Valley. The fire- burnt fiercely in the Kaituna district, especially in the vicinity of the schoolhouse. A large

tract of grass country was devastated. Smoke all through the district was almost blinding, and to those who had to bear the brunt of the firefighting it made their task little short of torture PP

3<sup>rd</sup> March Moderate rain

19<sup>th</sup> March Very heavy rain

20<sup>th</sup> March Mr. Falconer began to set up Hydroplate

8<sup>th</sup> April Annual visit of inspector

9<sup>th</sup> April Inspector's Holidays

17<sup>th</sup> July Close of a wet snowy week

12<sup>th</sup> August Digging for school garden commenced

21<sup>st</sup> August End of a week of very severe weather

17<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Midsummer Vacation

8<sup>th</sup> April Inspectors visit included

Standard	Boys	Girls	Total	Presented	AV Age	
					Years	Month
7	1	2	3	2	15	
6	1	2	3	2	13	1
5		4	4	4	11	7
4	1	1	2	2	12	9
3		1	1	1	11	7
2		3	3	3	10	4
1	2		2	2	9	
Primers	4	3	7	7	6	
Total						

a) Singing not examined

b) Dumb bells twice a week= satisfactory

- c) Brush work very good
- d) Needlework plain sewing satisfactory. Darning and patching to be taught
- e) Three candidates gained Standard 7 certificates in December
- f) Shakespeare, Physiology advanced freehand and brushwork taught
- g) For this year Julius Caesar will be read and a little algebra and Latin will be taught
- h) T R Fleming

## 1909

- 1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened, school painted in holidays, Hydroplate frames and fireplaces repaired
- 17<sup>th</sup> February School closed for district show
- 25<sup>th</sup> February School closed for annual picnic
- 9<sup>th</sup> March Attendance reduced by holding a “blackberry” picnic
- 26<sup>th</sup> April Chicken pox in neighbourhood
- 27<sup>th</sup> April Attendance reduced by absence of children of infected families
- 21<sup>st</sup> July Arbor Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> October Inspectors visit
- 9<sup>th</sup> October Inspector’s holiday
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October Inspector’s Report included This was the 1908 report
  - a) Roll 21 Present 21
  - b) The attendance is fairly good for a district situated as this is, and speaks well for the interest created in the work of the school by the teacher

- c) The children are making satisfactory progress under Miss Kelleher
- d) Brush drawing is a commendable feature of the school work
- e) A new timetable is in the course of construction
- f) The fence will be repaired by the Committee
- g) T R Fleming

### 5<sup>th</sup> May Report included (*Order as in log*)

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 26 present 21
- c) Generally satisfactory (reading) but I recommend that the children now using the Standard 3 reader remain in that standard in both English and Arithmetic until the end of the year
- d) Average roll for March quarter Average roll 22. Average attendance 20 a percentage of 91. This attendance for a school situated as this, speaks well of the influence of the teacher
- e) Some suggestions were made regarding the timetable and a new one will be made out

### 5<sup>th</sup> October Report included

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 20 present 17
- c) The scheme of work is suitable for a school of this class
- d) Order discipline and tone are good and the quality of instruction is satisfactory
- e) Arithmetic generally (Except in Standard 5) was very good, One boy in Standard 6 and several scholars in Standard 3 obtained full marks on the Department’s cards
- f) Very good work was done in Freehand and brushwork and a satisfactory programme in geometry followed

- g) The syllabus is followed in needlework and drill
- h) The progress made by the Primer class is satisfactory
- i) Most of the children except perhaps Standard 5 (2 pupils) should be fit for promotion at the end of the year
- j) Miss Kelleher is proving herself a capable teacher of a school of this grade
- k) T R Fleming

15<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day

9<sup>th</sup> November King's Birthday

## 1910

31<sup>st</sup> January School reopened

14<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for show

14<sup>th</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> April Severe weather damaged Waingawa suspension bridge to such an extent that the children were unable to get to school until it was repaired

10<sup>th</sup> May Proclamation of King Holiday (sic)

20<sup>th</sup> May Funeral of King

17<sup>th</sup> June Very wet day only 8 present

12<sup>th</sup> October Inspector's Annual Visit

13<sup>th</sup> October Inspector's holiday

14<sup>th</sup> October Held as Labour Day

9<sup>th</sup> November Holiday

17<sup>th</sup> March Inspectors report included

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 22, present 21
- c) 1 child in Standard 7
- d) 7 In Standard 4

- e) Promotions were made in February on the results of examinations held during 1909 and approved by an inspector
- f) All school records are carefully kept
- g) Suitable schemes of work were drawn up for all classes and the work being done was very satisfactory
- h) Some suggestions were made for oral composition
- i) School and offices clean and tidy

## 1911

30<sup>th</sup> January resumed school

*All entries in log are brief and terse*

25<sup>th</sup> September Closed for Dominion Day at 11 o'clock

11<sup>th</sup> October Inspection visit

13<sup>th</sup> October Inspectors holiday

7<sup>th</sup> December Election Day

13<sup>th</sup> December Closed for vacations

12<sup>th</sup> October 1910 Inspectors report included

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 22 Present 20
- c) Some very good work has been done here. The written work is commended while the brush drawing is equal to any in the district
- d) In the oral subjects the children appear to suffer from extreme nervousness
- e) Brisk oral treatment in Mental Arithmetic, Geography and History is recommended for a cure of this
- f) F H Bakewell

22<sup>nd</sup> March *Order as in log*) included

- a) Miss C Kelleher
  - b) Roll 22 Present 19
  - c) A minimum of two hours is advisable in the case of geography. Ten hours will meet the requirements of English
  - d) Classes are all kept at effective work under thorough control
  - e) The scheme of work which was approved for 1910 will again be suitable with slight additions to the grammar and geography programmes
  - f) I took several classes during the morning and was satisfied with their progress
  - g) Cleanliness of buildings commended
  - h) F H Bakewell
- 11<sup>th</sup> October 1911 Inspectors report included
- a) Miss Kelleher
  - b) Roll 20 Present 19
  - c) 10 Primers. Highest Class Standard 5
  - d) The organisation is satisfactory. Writing, spelling, drawing and handwork specially commended
  - e) W T Grundy Inspector

## 1912

19<sup>th</sup> April *First Entry*

Inspectors report included

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 25 Present 17
- c) The absentees on the day of my visit live across the Waingawa River over which the bridge has not been repaired since the last flood

- d) The written work is carefully supervised and the work in Writing, Spelling, Drawing and Handwork is commendable
  - e) The school work was proceeding very satisfactorily and all the scholars were fully employed
  - f) The swing bridge over the creek should be repaired at once. This is not safe in its present condition
  - g) T R Fleming
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June King's Birthday  
Leave granted teacher
- 17<sup>th</sup> July Arbor day. Too wet to plant trees
- 18<sup>th</sup> July More Stormy (Sic) 4 present About a dozen trees planted. Bridge too damaged for use
- 24<sup>th</sup> July Stormy 3 present
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September Dominion Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> October 1912 Dance at Kaituna (drag leaves P.O (*Masterton*)). at 7) PP
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October Inspectors day
- 25<sup>th</sup> October Inspector's Holiday
- 28<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day

## 1913

30th January 1913. Kaituna —That the board is unable to effect, repairs to bridge, but that the secretary communicate with the Tourist Department PP

13<sup>th</sup> April 1913 Messrs W L. Falconer and W. M. Easthope waited on the Hon. R. Mc- Kenzie last evening and urged that a Government grant be made for the construction of a bridge over the Waingawa river near the Kaituna cheese factory. It was pointed out that the tourist traffic to Mount Holdsworth was assuming large proportions

and that during the past season about 700 visitors from all parts of the world had ascended the mountain. These had all to cross the river and a bridge was urgently needed. The Minister promised to look into the matter when framing the next estimates. There is talk of a road being formed at the foot of the hills, and it is pointed out that the road in question will be practically useless without the bridge. PP

19<sup>th</sup> April 1913 .M.S. NEW ZEALAND.

#### THE SCHOOL EXCURSION

The following information has been compiled by Mr W. H. Jackson, headmaster of the Masterton District High School, at the request of the authorities, for the information of parents and others.

The special excursion train will leave Masterton at 6.30 a.m., and will stop at Solway to pick up excursionists, and will, arrive in Wellington at 11 a.m. On the return journey the train will leave Wellington (Lambton station) at 3.25, and will stop at Solway, arriving at Masterton at 8 p.m. On arrival at Wellington the girls will be formed into line at the north end of the platform, and the boys at the south end. The girls will be conducted by the lady teachers to the ferry wharf, where a cloak room has been provided, in charge of a lady attendant. The boys—for whom the whole of the lavatory accommodation is to be made available—will remain at the station for a few minutes, and will then be conducted to the ferry steamer. The ferry steamer will leave for the battleship at 11.30, and will take scholars and parents. A full hour will be spent on board, and the ferry steamer will return to the wharf at 1 o'clock. Scholars and parents and guardians in charge of them will then be free to spend the remainder of the time until the departure of the train as they may choose.

Parents are requested to see that their children are well supplied with food, and that the younger ones have a small drinking cup in their bag. A supply of milk will be provided for the little ones on the down journey. Although a short stop will be made at Kaitoke, it will not be wise to allow children to leave the train to obtain refreshments.

When the time arrives for leaving the battleship, the following signals will be given by the steamer's steam whistle—one whistle 15 minutes, two whistles 10 minutes, and three whistles 5 minutes before the departure of the ferry boat. Parents are requested to pay "strict attention to these signals, and to see that their children are on board the ferry steamer before the final signal is given. It is desired that parents and guardians will return their children to the charge of the teachers and committee at the train not later than 3.15, in order that the entrainment for the return journey may be made safely and comfortably.

A special school excursion will be run from Hukanui and stations north of Masterton . Lansdowne, Matahiwi, and other small schools will also be included.

We have been requested to state that it has now been decided that parents and guardians will be permitted to travel by the above train to the number of 150 at ordinary excursion rates.

Mr G. R.Sykes M.P., informed a Daily Times reporter this morning that the first excursion train on Monday would carry children from the Masterton school, 70 from St. Patrick's school, and 50 from Fernridge, while the second train would convey 500 adults and children from the schools between Hukanui und Masterton, including Lansdowne, Matahiwi, Kaituna, Tc Ore Ore, Wangaehu, Taueru, Tinui, and other outlying schools.

Teachers and officers will, by order of the headmaster, take control of all the children in their respective carriages during the train journeys as under. No scholar will be allowed on platforms: —No. 1 carriage, Mr Miller and Miss Elliott; No. 2, Mr Chapman and Miss Stone; No. 3, Mr Falconer and Miss Hogg; No. 4, Mr Pryor and Miss Wolff; No. 5, Mr Bee, and Misses Tankersley and Wallis; No. 6, Mr Threadwell and Miss Parsons; No. 7, Mr Gourlay and Mrs Banks; No. 8, Mr Hyde and Miss York; No. 9, Mr Easthope and Miss Munro; No. 10, Mr Kemp and Miss Williams; No. 11, Mr Murphy and Miss Lazarus;

No. 12, Mr Leslie and Miss F. Hogg. Supervisor, Mr W. H. Jackson.  
Nos. 13 and 14 carriages, Fernridge, St. Patrick's and Tinui. PP

24th April Visit to battleships

Inspectors report of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1912 included

- a) Roll 21 Present 21
- b) Roll included 8 primers
- c) Nature Study Plant life very good
- d) The general management of this school is of a very satisfactory character
- e) The swing bridge across the creek is unsafe and should be repaired

1<sup>st</sup> May Inspectors visit Mr. F G A Stuckey

23<sup>rd</sup> June Prince of Wales's Birthday

16<sup>th</sup> July Arbor day Planted 1 eucalyptus, 2 laburnums, and two small

Ngaios. Worked in gardens

22<sup>nd</sup> August stormy end of a stormy week

26<sup>th</sup> September Dominion Day

30<sup>th</sup> October Carterton Show

The inspectors report of the 1<sup>st</sup> May included

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 24, Present 23
- c) The Standard 7 pupil takes algebra and physiology as extra subjects
- d) The average attendance last year was 91% of the average roll
- e) The written work is neat and shows evidence of careful supervision (*Miss Kelleher's hand writing is beautiful to read*)
- f) Some excellent examples of freehand drawing and brushwork were shown me

g) The schoolroom is in a satisfactory state of repair and is kept neat and clean

h) The grounds are in good order and the flower plots well kept

i) The latrines require some minor repairs which might receive the attention of the School Committee

j) F G A Stuckey

Inspectors report of 23<sup>rd</sup> September included

a) Roll 24, Present 23

b) Physical instruction Daily

c) Singing Not examined (Fair last year)

d) This school is in very satisfactory condition despite the fact that work has been somewhat retarded by an epidemic of whooping cough, traces of which were still apparent on my visit

e) At my suggestion Miss Kelleher has taught the boys sewing as part of their handwork and judging from results the experiment seems to be successful

f) Additional plots have been prepared and sown with vegetables

g) The two senior pupils have read Julius Caesar and David Copperfield and the Standard 7 pupil has done a little work in algebra and physiology

h) F G A Stuckey

## 1914

27th August Inspectors report included

a) Roll 22

b) Miss Kelleher



- c) Plasticene modelling good. Brushwork very good
- d) Needlework (Boys and Girls) Very Good
- e) Very satisfactory progress is being made in this years work
- f) F G A Stuckey

10<sup>th</sup> December General election

17<sup>th</sup> December Phenomenal wind and flood in river

## 1915

2<sup>nd</sup> February Reopened School

17<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for Show

19<sup>th</sup> March Annual Picnic

10<sup>th</sup> May Attendance poor owing to stormy weather

23<sup>rd</sup> June Scanty attendance Stormy weather

14<sup>th</sup> July Arbor Day Eucalyptus trees planted

4<sup>th</sup> August Declaration Day

3<sup>rd</sup> September Closed for term holidays which lasted a fortnight.

Spring School (*Inservice week training for teachers*)

24<sup>th</sup> September Closed school teacher ill

1<sup>st</sup> October Examination Day

4<sup>th</sup> October Inspector's holiday

16<sup>th</sup> December closed for vacation

Inspectors report for 14<sup>th</sup> April 1915 included

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 32 Present 30
- c) Miss Kelleher's work is thorough and conscientious
- d) The History and geography schemes will be slightly modified according to my suggestions as to make them have a direct bearing on the war

- e) The roll of the school is likely to be further increased shortly and additional desks will be needed

f) F G A Stuckey

Inspector's report for 1<sup>st</sup> October 1915 included

a) Roll 38 present 36

b) Miss Kelleher

c) The roll of this school has recently increased over 60%

d) Bringing the attendance near that of a two teacher school  
This has made the school a difficult one for a sole teacher

e) Nevertheless a very satisfactory year's work has been done

## 1916

1st February Reopened School

31<sup>st</sup> July Measles appeared

7<sup>th</sup> August Fresh Cases

14<sup>th</sup> August Still more cases, Attendance reduced to 5 and 6

21<sup>st</sup> August Still worse. 22<sup>nd</sup> August Ill myself. School closed

28<sup>th</sup> August Not much improvement. Weather unfavourable for convalescents

25<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day

26<sup>th</sup> October Carterton Show

27<sup>th</sup> October Inspector's holiday

15<sup>th</sup> December Closed School

Inspectors Report for 18<sup>th</sup> May 1916 inspection included

a) Roll 35 Present 33

b) Miss Kelleher

c) Work was proceeding satisfactorily on my arrival

- d) Geography and Drawing. A record of work done in this subject will be kept for the information of the inspector at the annual visit
- e) Provision will be made for instruction in Temperance
- f) Miss Kelleher's teaching is thorough and intelligent
- g) A very good selection of books is in use in the classroom
- h) F G A Stuckey

Inspectors Report for 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1916 inspection included

- a) Roll 39 Present 31
- b) Standard Very satisfactory
- c) Physical Instruction Daily exercises Department's syllabus
- d) Nature Study including Health and Temperance. Good
- e) There has been much sickness this year, in the circumstances the pupils have made commendable progress
- f) F G A Stuckey

## 1917

30<sup>th</sup> January reopened School

2<sup>nd</sup> February Holiday for Military carnival

2<sup>nd</sup> March Annual Picnic

26<sup>th</sup> March 1917 RED CROSS AND LIVERPOOL EQUIPMENT.  
WAIRARAPA CENTRE

The committee of the above desire to acknowledge the following donations: —

Proceeds of sale of lamb at Kaituna school picnic, collected by J. McGillicuddy, £12. Rev. Brown's bid was 10s, and Frankie Gray's 2s 6d.

25<sup>th</sup> April Half holiday for Anzac day

26<sup>th</sup> September Dominion day

20<sup>th</sup> December Closed for Vacation

## 1918

5<sup>th</sup> February Reopened School

Inspectors Report for 25<sup>th</sup> May 1917 included

- a) Roll 36 present 21
- b) Miss Kelleher
- c) On the day of my visit nearly half the children were unable to attend, the bridge over the Waingawa River having been washed away by a flood
- d) During my visit the work proceeded in an orderly manner
- e) Attendance Good except when bridge is down
- f) In preparing schemes for next year the requirements of the recent amendments to the syllabus will be fully met
- g) The grounds are picturesque and are very carefully attended to by Miss Kelleher and her pupils
- h) Selection of reading material commended
- i) F G A Stuckey

Inspectors Report for 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1917 included

- a) Roll 35 present 34
- b) Miss Kelleher
- c) Physical Education Satisfactory (Mr. Just's Report) *This is the first mention of visiting advisors, in Agriculture, Phys Ed etc. All other school logs documented visitors to the school*
- d) The school is very managed by Miss Kelleher and the progress of the children is most satisfactory
- e) F G A Stuckey

9<sup>th</sup> April Reopened School

25<sup>th</sup> April Half holiday for commemoration  
 19<sup>th</sup> July Arbor Day. Too stormy for working  
 22<sup>nd</sup> July Severe snowstorm. Three present  
 30<sup>th</sup> September taken as Dominion Day  
 1<sup>st</sup> October School given half holiday by Committee for surrender of Austria  
 7<sup>th</sup> October Celebrations  
 24<sup>th</sup> October Carterton  
 28<sup>th</sup> October Celebrations  
 5<sup>th</sup> November “ “  
 11<sup>th</sup> November Schools closed indefinitely owing to epidemic (Influenza)

## 1919

4<sup>th</sup> February School reopened  
 5<sup>th</sup> February (Temporary) Assistant  
 17<sup>th</sup> April School closed for Easter Miss Feist (Mary) left for Island Bay  
 1<sup>st</sup> May Assistant Temporary arrive  
 3<sup>rd</sup> June King's Birthday  
 4<sup>th</sup> July Assistant Miss Dyer appointed permanently  
 31<sup>st</sup> July Peace Celebrations  
 17<sup>th</sup> September School removed to hall to allow alterations to proceed  
 19<sup>th</sup> September 1919 The Wellington Education Board resolved yesterday that the name of the Kaituna school should be changed to Waingawa and the present Waingawa School should be known as East Taratahi PP  
 30<sup>th</sup> September School reoccupied'

30<sup>th</sup> October Annual Visit (*Presume Inspectors*)  
 28<sup>th</sup> October Labor Day  
 29<sup>th</sup> October Inspectors Holiday  
 30<sup>th</sup> October Carterton Show  
 16<sup>th</sup> December Closed for vacation

## 1920

4<sup>th</sup> February Reopened School  
 17<sup>th</sup> February Annual picnic  
 Inspectors report for 8<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> September 1918 included

- a) Roll 44 Present 43
- b) Miss Kelleher
- c) Standard 6, 11 on roll 11 present
- d) Standard 4 10 on roll 10 present
- e) Standard 2 6 on roll 6 present
- f) Primers 17 on roll 16 present. *A really strange arrangement of classes*
- g) The attendance is affected at intervals by the washing away the footbridge over the Waingawa River, otherwise is good
- h) The programmes are complete and in accordance with the 1918 syllabus
- i) The school is a large one for a sole teacher nevertheless the classes are well instructed with most satisfactory results
- j) Garden work commended
- k) Six competency and four competency certificates were awarded to pupils of Standard 8
- l) Buildings and fences are in satisfactory condition. The grounds are picturesque and well kept

m) The room is clean and tidy. Materials and apparatus are in good order

Inspectors report for 17<sup>th</sup> February and 24<sup>th</sup> October 1919 included

a) *This is the first report under the name of Waingawa School. There was no mention of any change in log*

b) Miss Kelleher 24 children

c) Miss Dyer 20 Children

d) Total Roll 44, Present 40

e) The school has risen to grade to Grade 3a, for the first time ever

f) Verry Good attendance except some pupils who have to cross the Waingawa on a swing bridge which is frequently put out of order by floods or gales

g) Pupils are carefully and thoroughly taught with very satisfactory results

h) Handwork Good Cardboard modelling will be taken by the seniors next year

i) Buildings satisfactory, grounds very good

j) Choice of Literature commended

k) For a considerable portion of the year the senior division was taught under very adverse circumstances, at first in the old residential part of the school and afterwards in the local hall

l) The additions to the school had been completed two weeks before my visit

m) F G A Stuckey

26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Holiday for visit of Prince

7<sup>th</sup> July Assistant removed

15<sup>th</sup> July School closed by health officer for epidemic

26<sup>th</sup> July School reopened

1<sup>st</sup> August School closed for week for sickness of teacher

28<sup>th</sup> October labour Day

16<sup>th</sup> December Closed for vacation

## 1921

4<sup>th</sup> February Reopened School

11<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic

17<sup>th</sup> February Agricultural and Pastoral Show

3<sup>rd</sup> June King's Birthday

Inspectors report for 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1920 included

a) Miss Kelleher

b) Roll 29 present 28

c) Attendance has been adversely affected by prevailing epidemics- now good

d) Reading though fluent and accurate is wanting in expression

e) Comprehension Very Good Grammar Very satisfactory

f) A N Burns

Inspectors report of 17<sup>th</sup> June 1921 included

a) Miss Kelleher

b) Roll 31 Present 25

c) The teacher is to be commended for the efficiency of the school

d) Alfred Cowles

20<sup>th</sup> June Inspectors Holiday

21<sup>st</sup> December Closed for holidays

## 1922

7<sup>th</sup> Reopened School

15<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for show

3<sup>rd</sup> March School Picnic

3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> April Teacher absent and school closed on account of sickness of teacher

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day

26<sup>th</sup> September Dominion Day

26<sup>th</sup> October Wairarapa A and P Show Holiday

8<sup>th</sup> December Election Day

15<sup>th</sup> December Closed for Summer Holidays

Inspectors report 4<sup>th</sup> August 1922 Included

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 30 Present 29
- c) 1 child in Standard 7
- d) 7 Primers
- e) This school is in a highly satisfactory condition
- f) The teacher is commended for the fine tone of the school and the very good results of the work
- g) Discipline and Tone Very Good
- h) Pupils respond well and give thoughtful and intelligent answers
- i) The successful effort made to introduce the pupils to good literature is commended
- j) Drawing Coloured work especially commended
- k) Nature Study Specially commended
- l) The written work is very neat and well set out

- m) Miss Kelleher is commended for the high state of efficiency to which she has brought to this school
- n) Alfred Cowles

## 1923

5<sup>th</sup> April Inspection report included

- a) New format
- b) Control and tone very good
- c) Pupils work very well without immediate supervision
- d) There is ample evidence of careful and enthusiastic work on the part of the teacher
- e) Alfred Cowles

List of heading as before

e.g. School reopened

Dominion Day etc

4<sup>th</sup> August Letter from J McGillicuddy school was closed owing to sickness

Miss Kelleher hopes to arrange your exam with the Board

23<sup>rd</sup> August Letter from Miss Kelleher As I have entered for the examination and my first paper is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and my last on 8<sup>th</sup> September would you please advise me what to do in reopening the school

I would be quite happy to prolong school for a week in the Christmas Holidays

Approved and then reprimanded because they hadn't got a health inspector to close the school

## 1924

As above

17<sup>th</sup> September 1923 Inspectors report included

- a) Miss Kelleher
- b) Roll 31 Present 30
- c) 7 children in Standard 6
- d) The school is under good management. The pupils are active and well managed
- e) Attendance Good
- f) The methods used produce good results, the children being alert and keen to do well
- g) Ample provision is made for cleaning, lighting and ventilation
- h) Alfred Cowles

23<sup>rd</sup> September Inspectors report

- a) Miss Kelleher personal grading of 106
- b) 1 Standard 7
- c) Roll 29 Present 29
- d) The general efficiency of the teaching is satisfactory
- e) The pupils have gained many prizes at various industrial exhibitions for writing, drawing, handwork, needlework and products of garden. In these subjects a high state of efficiency is reached
- f) The boy's and Girl's offices have reached a stage of dilapidation such that their replacement should receive immediate consideration
- g) School and Grounds are commendably neat

## 1925

25<sup>th</sup> April School reopened. School painted during holidays Attendance scanty by reason of suspension bridge over Waingawa blown down during vacation

11<sup>th</sup> May Holiday in respect of death of Mr. Massey

14<sup>th</sup> May Holiday for funeral of Mr. Massey

3<sup>rd</sup> June King's Birthday

22<sup>nd</sup> July Miss C. H. Kelleher, who has been for 26 years head teacher at Waingawa, has been appointed head mistress at Te Ore Ore School, Masterton. Miss L. H. Robinson has been appointed as assistant. The secretary of the Education Board has notified the Lansdowne School Committee that the separation of the Lansdowne and Te Ore Ore schools will take effect on 31<sup>st</sup> August

29<sup>th</sup> July Inspector's visit

14<sup>th</sup> August Closed for holidays The end of my service at this school

24<sup>th</sup> August Temporary appointment of Miss E J Wills starting on 31<sup>st</sup>

31<sup>st</sup> August E N J Wills relieving teacher. Present 12 Boys 18 girls

17<sup>th</sup> September Visit of drill instructor (inspection)

28<sup>th</sup> September Visit of Agricultural Instructor

9<sup>th</sup> November Received 2 lots of Potassium Iodine Tablets

16<sup>th</sup> November Visit Mr. Brockett (Agriculture), left ½ dozen packets flower seeds assorted

24<sup>th</sup> November Dr Barclay and School Nurse (Heights and weights and chest measurements)

17<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Xmas Vacation My service as relieving teacher concluded Roll number 35 Boys, 13 Girls 22 E N J Wills

Inspectors report July 1925 included

- a) Roll 33 Present 32
- b) Miss G H Kelleher ranked 102
- c) The general efficiency of teaching is good
- d) Cleanliness and tidiness of the school room commended
- e) Buildings in good condition
- f) Miss Kelleher is leaving this school after a long term of highly efficient service, in order to take up a more responsible position
- g) A N Burns

2<sup>nd</sup> November Letter from Miss Wills asking for replacement Iodine Tablets. Reply: application sent to Health Department

23<sup>rd</sup> November Appointment of Miss E J Keely 10 ½ years' service Sole Teacher Mangateparu (Near Morrinsville) School

26<sup>th</sup> November Letter of acceptance of teacher Miss Wills has given every satisfaction while she has been relieving here

## 1926

19<sup>th</sup> January Miss M. Scott Sole Teacher Poroporo appointed 11 ¾ years service

1<sup>st</sup> February Telegram Miss Fitzpatrick relieving teacher left by mail train this morning. Kindly arrange suitable lodgings

5<sup>th</sup> February Miss Fitzpatrick reopened school and classes promoted Agriculture Instructor visited on Thursday  
Very good attendance during the week 100%

10<sup>th</sup> February Miss M. M. Scott teaching. Advising closure of school for Masterton Show

12<sup>th</sup> February The attendance has not been quite so good this week owing to stormy weather

17<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for Masterton Show

19<sup>th</sup> February Two children have not been well during the week consequently the average is reduced

Particulars on soils – Experiments etc received from Agriculture Instructor this week

26<sup>th</sup> February Mr. McGillicuddy chairman of the Committee accompanied by Mrs McGillicuddy visited the school this morning

One boy has been ill during the week. This has reduced the average slightly

Miss Fitzpatrick terminated service this afternoon

1<sup>st</sup> March M M Scott commenced duty

4<sup>th</sup> March Notice of School Picnic

12<sup>th</sup> March School closed for annual picnic

12<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> July School closed on account of teacher's illness

20<sup>th</sup> August School closed for term holidays. The attendance during the winter months was very good

19<sup>th</sup> August Inspectors report include

- a) M M Scott
- b) Roll 31 Present 31
- c) Most of the pupils are on or below the average age for their classes
- d) Order, tone and discipline very good
- e) Attendance Very Good
- f) The general efficiency of the teaching is good

- g) The pupils show a good spirit of work and their natural reticence is being overcome
- h) The cleanliness of the school room is commended
- i) If some light gravel were spread near the doorway less mud would be carried into the corridor
- j) A new gate is needed
- k) A N Burns

25<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Labour Day

30<sup>th</sup> November Standard 6 proficiency exams School closed while I accompanied the pupils to the Centre at Masterton The three pupils passed

8<sup>th</sup> December School closed for sports at Masterton

*First mention of any sports*

17<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Christmas Holidays

## 1927

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened. The attendance was poor on account of seven children being absent with whooping cough

Roll 32 Boys 14 Girls 18

16<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton Show

7<sup>th</sup> March School closed in honour of the visit of Duke and Duchess of York

11<sup>th</sup> March School closed for annual picnic

25<sup>th</sup> April School closed for Anzac day

24<sup>th</sup> May Received 4 pairs of scissors from Education Board

12<sup>th</sup> September Several children absent with mumps

4<sup>th</sup> August Inspectors report included

- a) M M Scott

- b) Roll 31. Present 28
- c) Thought the standard of work in the standard classes is by no means high, Miss Scott has the pupils working with a good spirit, so that there is reason to expect a distinct improvement next year.
- d) The infant pupils who have entered the school since Miss Scott took charge are making very satisfactory progress
- e) It is pleasing to note that the pupils take an interest in the condition of the grounds
- f) The Committee by means of a working bee have levelled a portion of the play area and a considerable sum has been raised to asphalt this part
- g) The conditions for the pupils should be distinctly improved. If a portion near the main entrance of the school could also be asphalted it would be possible to keep the floor of the classroom cleaner

W G Blackie

24<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day observed

23<sup>rd</sup> November School closed Proficiency Examination held at Masterton centre

12<sup>th</sup> December School closed for North Wairarapa Schools Sports

## 1928

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened roll 34

9<sup>th</sup> March M M Scott applies for holiday for picnic

12<sup>th</sup> April School closed on account of teacher's illness

27<sup>th</sup> April School closed on account of Teacher's illness



25<sup>th</sup> April School closed for Anzac Day. Edna Trass has been absent since 17<sup>th</sup> February on account of illness

1<sup>st</sup> May School was closed this afternoon on account of teacher's illness

21<sup>st</sup> May School reopened

31<sup>st</sup> May Telegram notifying School that Miss Leach will be taking charge from Tuesday

5<sup>th</sup> June I commenced here today relieving while Miss Scott is away on sick leave M M Leach

3<sup>rd</sup> August My term at Waingawa School concludes today Test given to Standards 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, this week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> July. Concluded on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August M M Leach

6<sup>th</sup> August I commenced duties this morning after having sick leave M M Scott (*Margaret Mary Previously at Poroporo*)

25 August 1928 Miss F M Beverley Sole Teacher appointed

14<sup>th</sup> November School closed for general elections

17<sup>th</sup> December School closed for annual sports

Inspectors report of 15<sup>th</sup> October included

- a) M M Scott
- b) Roll 31 present 31
- c) The classroom is kept in very good order
- d) The teacher and children evidently take a keen interest in the appearance of the grounds; The gardens being very well kept
- e) The Committee and all helpers are commended for their efforts in raising money to lay down the asphalt court
- f) The pupils are working well and are making satisfactory progress
- g) W J Boden

## 1929

11<sup>th</sup> February Margaret Scott notifying Masterton Show holiday

19<sup>th</sup> February Annual School picnic

*No different entries until*

29<sup>th</sup> April Received, canvas, celluloid letters, cane, carbon paper and coloured cubes from Education Board

17<sup>th</sup> September School closed on account of Teacher's illness

Inspector's report of 11<sup>th</sup> October 1929 included

- a) M M Scott
- b) Roll 31 with 8 in Standard 6
- c) Order discipline and tone. Very good
- d) The teacher has succeeded in establishing a sympathetic bond between the children and herself
- e) The work is carried on without apparent pressure
- f) All lessons are well prepared
- g) The quality of work is very fair
- h) This is one of the cleanest schools in the district
- i) Gardens are very good
- j) H C N Watson

10<sup>th</sup> November School closed on account of two pupils having to sit for Proficiency Examinations at Lansdowne School Teacher accompanied pupils

19<sup>th</sup> November 1929 Miss I G Harrison ST appointed

14<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Masterton public Schools Athletic Sports

## 1930

3<sup>rd</sup> February School reopened

26<sup>th</sup> May During the holidays the classroom was painted

23<sup>rd</sup> June Attendance very low. Nine children absent on account of swingbridge being damaged during severe storm last night.

Linda, Harold Ethel Fitzgerald

Thomas , Ronald Shaw

Patrick, Michael, Thelma Condon all set out for school but were compelled to return home through not being able to cross the river

10<sup>th</sup> July School closed in respect of Sir Joseph Ward's Funeral

29<sup>th</sup> July School closed yesterday on account of severe snow storm, it being impossible to attend owing to the dangerous condition of the roads

6<sup>th</sup> August School dismissed at 12 pm on account of teacher's illness

2<sup>nd</sup> October School closed yesterday on account of Teacher's illness Standard 5 and 6 stayed at school and continued their work

2<sup>nd</sup> October s Braggins relieving

4<sup>th</sup> October School dismissed Teacher left on sick leave

5<sup>th</sup> October I commenced her today while Miss M Scott is away on sick leave

Inspectors Report 9<sup>th</sup> October included

- a) I N Braggins relieving Miss Scott
- b) Form 1 and 2 named replacing Standard 5 and 6
- c) Roll 28 Present 28
- d) The permanent teacher Miss M Scott left on sick leave only a few days ago

e) There has been some falling off in the standard of work which has usually been uniformly good. The deficiencies however are such as may be made up by the end of the year

f) The children show a good spirit of work and are amiable to discipline

g) The room and furniture are very tidy and clean

h) Some minor repairs are needed to the outhouses

i) A N Burns

6<sup>th</sup> October Letter from J McGillicuddy to Wellington Education Board included

a) I am meeting Miss Braggins on Monday Morning

b) I have great difficulty in getting her Board and Lodgings

c) We have been obliged to take her in ourselves

d) Mrs McGillicuddy will take her for a month but does not think she can continue to do so.

e) I am suggesting that if Miss Scott is unable to resume that Miss Wilson Late of Fernbridge be appointed as she lives near here and has got her own car

f) I understand she has already asked the Board for an appointment

7<sup>th</sup> October Letter from Board We are under obligation to young teachers from Training College who have not yet fulfilled their statutory obligations We would therefore like Miss Braggins to continue

4<sup>th</sup> November School closed out of respect of Miss Scott's funeral

1930/9738 Scott

Margaret Mary

34Y

29<sup>th</sup> November Miss F (Florence) Strong 27 years teaching. Sole Teacher Taratahi West

24<sup>th</sup> December Letter from Mr McGillicuddy

- a) On receipt of your letter I went to Taratahi West and Met Miss Strong as I wanted to let her know it was quite impossible for our Committee to arrange board in our school district
- b) She seemed at a loss to know what to do about it
- c) Her only means are to live in Masterton and come out and Back by motor Car
- d) Our mail arrives at school shortly before 9.00 but there is no car after school
- e) I have made the matter quite clear to Miss Strong that if she accepts the school she will have to arrange her own way to and from school
- f) I called a meeting of My Committee . We have no valid reason to object to the appointment
- g) But I have heard that at Gladstone and Papatahi (Wairongomai) Miss Strong did not meet with favour

12<sup>th</sup> December School closed for combined sport of North Wairarapa Schools

19<sup>th</sup> December My term relieving at Waingawa School concludes today I N Braggins

## 1931

28<sup>th</sup> January Mrs E E Wilson appointed as reliever

30<sup>th</sup> January 1931 Mrs E M Engstrom Appointed Teaching 16 years Graded No 142 Present Position Kahutara

2<sup>nd</sup> February Mrs Wilson commenced duties as relieving teacher

2<sup>nd</sup> March Mrs C M Engstrom began duty today

1906/2889	Ellen Mabel	Welsby	Carl	Gothrick	Engstrom
1907/3526	Engstrom	Linnia Ellen Louise	Ellen Mabel	Carl	Gothuk
1913/20646	Engstrom	Vaughan Gothrik Welsby	Ellen Mabel	Carl	Gothrik
1911/9993	Engstrom	Anna Irene Mabel	Ellen Mabel	Carl	Gothrik
1945/31328	Engstrom	Ellen Mabel	62Y		

19<sup>th</sup> March Received 7 brown drawing books and 7 white ones from Education Board

. A supply of firewood was recently delivered by the Committee

23<sup>rd</sup> March Received from Board 1 wire fireguard

27<sup>th</sup> March Inspector Stubbs paid a surprise visit

30<sup>th</sup> March Received from the Committee a pair of new towels. Mr. R Welch has donated a cartload of cowyard material

20<sup>th</sup> April Attendance very low owing to continuous heavy rain

28<sup>th</sup> May School resumed. Roll 26

3<sup>rd</sup> June King's Birthday. School closed

4<sup>th</sup> June Board's instructor in agriculture visited the school and discussed the years work

12<sup>th</sup> June School closed this afternoon to enable teacher to be present at new physical instruction demonstration Masterton

2<sup>nd</sup> October Owing to prevalence of influenza and very wet weather the attendance is only 12 today

9<sup>th</sup> October As result of continued sickness the average attendance for this week has been the lowest since the beginning of the year

On four half days the attendance was below  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the roll

26<sup>th</sup> October School closed. Labour Day

6<sup>th</sup> November Letter from Alex Donald (*Board Member*) to Wellington Education Board

- a) That some of the children live on the other side of the river (*Waingawa*)
- b) Is it within my province to request you to procure a return of the attendance of this school
- c) I am led to believe that 10 or 12 children across the river have been very irregular in attendance which mitigates against the work of the school
- d) Would it be wise to get an opinion from the teacher?

9<sup>th</sup> November letter from Wellington Education Board asking if the children across the river should have full attendance

24<sup>th</sup> November Owing to a strong gale the swing bridge is again unsafe with the result that the pupils who require to cross the river are absent

Attendance only 15 out of total roll of 26

30<sup>th</sup> November Board's instructor in agriculture visited the school this afternoon and discussed the new scheme

1<sup>st</sup> December School closed Standard 6 proficiency day

2<sup>nd</sup> December School closed Election Day

11<sup>th</sup> December School closed Annual Sports in Masterton

15<sup>th</sup> December Very marked progress has been made since March when this school was at an extremely low ebb, much of the work being decidedly inferior. However at the end of the first term after I had been in charge here for 2 months the Committee Chairman informed me that the parents were now quite satisfied with their children's progress and therefore had not the slightest desire to have the school closed

There had previously been strong agitation in the direction of having pupils transported to a larger centre

In the middle of the year when attendance was a (and had been for sometime) at a low ebb the senior inspector submitted the following

12<sup>th</sup> August 1931

- a) Mrs E M Engstrom
- b) Roll 26. Present 19
- c) Standard 7, 1
- d) The present teacher has been in charge since March
- e) There is a pleasant tone and willing working spirit in this school
- f) The Standard of attainment however is only between fair and very fair. A considerable advance may reasonably be expected next year
- g) The best feature is the fine writing that is being developed
- h) The room is fairly neat
- i) The grounds are clean and fairly attractive
- j) The work book is well kept
- k) Jas N McIlraith
- l) A much higher standard of work is required than formerly in accordance with the Education Departments recent decision

Then some notes from Mrs Engstrom

Notwithstanding this at the recent Standard VI Proficiency Examination, Patrick Condon the only candidate from this school was highly successful- being specially commended by the Senior Inspector

18<sup>th</sup> June Report on Physical Education Good to very good Progress is being made with the new work. The posture is remarkably good, The children are keen and very interested in their work

Signed M Blackbourne. Instructor in Phys Training

There is also a good report from the instructor in agriculture who is much pleased with the immense amount of work done to improve the grounds

## 1932

13<sup>th</sup> January Letter from A M Lambess to Wellington Education Board

- a) I have been told that Shirley Smith's people are eager to secure his services as sole teacher for the Waingawa School
- b) We as parents strongly object to a male teacher in such an isolated school when we read of so many disgusting accounts that appear in newspapers concerning male teachers
- c) If you look up the records of Waingawa School some twenty years or more ago you may find something happened to some of the girls of such an unpleasant nature to cause the parents of one family to employ a Governess to teach their children
- d) We hope you will consider that before you place a Male Teacher in this isolated school

- e) Two of the biggest girls are employed by the School Committee to sweep the school and clean lavatory's after school hours
- f) As a parent I feel it is my duty to place this matter before you as I will not take the risk of sending my children if there is a male teacher
- g) A M Lambess

Reply to Mrs Lambess approach your local School Committee

1<sup>st</sup> February School resumed attendance 27

Received further correspondence re extraordinary number of absences last year

12<sup>th</sup> February Attendance during last week very poor, mainly in consequence of continued wet weather

18<sup>th</sup> February Board's instructor of agriculture spent the afternoon here. Gave a lesson on the Cinnabar Moth

17<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton Show

17<sup>th</sup> March Inspector Partridge paid a surprise visit

25<sup>th</sup> April School closed for Anzac Day Service in Masterton

27<sup>th</sup> May School closed Teacher refresher course in Masterton

3<sup>rd</sup> June Holiday for King's Birthday

7<sup>th</sup> June Very Bleak day; only 17 present, out of roll of 26

21<sup>st</sup> June Very bad weather only 21 present

22<sup>nd</sup> June Mr. Brockett instructor in Agriculture addressed the children on calf rearing

29<sup>th</sup> June Bitterly cold day Snowlines down to base of lowest foothill. Attendance only 20

13<sup>th</sup> July Mr. R Darroch visited the school and delivered an interesting address on Empire Trade

5<sup>th</sup> August Intensely cold, weather for last two days with frequent heavy falls of snow. Accompanied by bitter squalls. Attendance very low

16<sup>th</sup> August Continuous heavy rain causing extensive floods, Only 15 pupils present out of roll of 26

5<sup>th</sup> September Beatrice Welch (Pat) was a successful competitor in the recent Bournville Painting Competition

9<sup>th</sup> September Mr. F C Brockett, Instructor in Agriculture discussed the 1932 – 33 scheme

24<sup>th</sup> October School closed Labour Day

27<sup>th</sup> October School closed People's Day Carterton Show

28<sup>th</sup> October Annual Inspection visit. Pupils tired and very nervous

31<sup>st</sup> October During weekend period a person or persons entered school premises and did considerable damage rendering useless a large amount of children's work

The matter has been reported to the Committee who are taking steps to prevent an occurrence of such wanton vandalism

The services of the police have been sought to put down larrikinism in the district

1<sup>st</sup> November Administered Inspector's Tests in Geography, history and drawing

2<sup>nd</sup> November. Very boisterous day- bridge unsafe- only 19 children present

1<sup>st</sup> December Standard 6 (Form II) Proficiency Examination. In accordance with Board's instructions school closed for this purpose

9<sup>th</sup> December Completed annual tests other classes. Considering the special circumstances attached to this school results are splendid- on the whole- some of the work being excellent

12<sup>th</sup> December Owing to rough weather and sickness only 17 pupils present out of a roll of 26

16<sup>th</sup> December *This piece signed as seen D McCaskill Inspector 28<sup>th</sup> February 1933*

Out of four standard six proficiency candidates three were successful. Athol Wadham whose average work was better than that of many who were previously awarded proficiency certificates was not even granted a competency pass. He finds English and Arithmetic difficult but has outstanding ability for handwork and generally does exceptionally neat and careful written work. His drawing too, shows talent, but he loses marks for being a slow worker

As the result of often being very nervous and overwrought on arrival at school, particularly towards the end of the year, Athol does not always stand a fair chance at examinations. However on the whole, he had done quite satisfactory tests set by his teacher

## 1933

1<sup>st</sup> February School resumed. Roll number 23

15<sup>th</sup> February School closed Masterton Show

28<sup>th</sup> February Senior Inspector Mr. McCaskill paid a surprise visit. Very wet and cold. Most of pupils late

6<sup>th</sup> March Roll number reduced to 22 as Deidre Calvert has gone to stay with relatives in Pahiatua on account of her mother's serious illness in Wellington

10<sup>th</sup> March Received word to the effect that Jack and David Pringle and Noeline Wadham were awarded prizes in connection with the British and Colonial Industries Writing Competition held in December last

The two first awards were to the value of 10/6d each while the third was to the value of 3/6d

16<sup>th</sup> March Two members of the Board, their architect and the local School Committee visited us this morning in connection with ground improvements

24<sup>th</sup> March School closed. Annual school sports

3<sup>rd</sup> April Very Boisterous day only 17 children present

20<sup>th</sup> April Admitted 1 boy (Ross Dagg) thus raising the roll to 23

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac day In accordance with the Committee's wishes, no service was held at school, but a lesson on the significance of the occasion was given on the previous day

The following Committee has been elected Messrs Dagg (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer), Crewe, Potter, Lamberts and Pringle

5<sup>th</sup> May Term reports completed and distributed and entertainment this afternoon before closing for winter holidays

Though children had forgotten a great deal over summer vacations and were somewhat slow at getting into stride at beginning of year, end of term results are, with a few unavoidable exceptions highly satisfactory.

A Wadham is again deserving of special mention for outstanding excellence in handwork (Home modelling)

22<sup>nd</sup> May Second term begins. 20 present

24<sup>th</sup> May Mr. Brockett's second visit this year. He again highly commended our work and gave us considerable help and encouragement towards continuing the year's scheme

7<sup>th</sup> June Received from Committee 1lb cocoa and 6lb sugar towards hot midday drinks for children

8<sup>th</sup> June The Bitterly cold incessantly wet weather experienced for some weeks, shows little sign of improvement; rivers, creeks,

paddocks and roads flooded. The road to Masterton has become almost impassable in places. Yesterdays attendance 5, Today's 17

a) 11<sup>th</sup> June the chairman of the Waingawa School rang me to tell me that Mrs Engstrom had 3 months sick leave

b) The Doctor informs me that she is a sick woman and a neurotic woman. He recommends that she leaves teaching

c) Mr Dagg informs me that Mrs Engstrom removed her piano from the school a fortnight ago and has now removed all her personal belongings

d) He tells me that his Committee is of the opinion that she has made her mind up not to stay on for the winter

e) I think the Committee will not grieve much if she does not return

f) Mr Dagg states they will find accommodation for a relieving teacher

g) I advised him to ring you tomorrow and I would write to you with information from Dr Hosking.

h) At the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> I shall ask for six months leave to enable me to visit the homeland after an absence of 50 years

i) W H Jackson (Board Member)

18<sup>th</sup> June R K Reynolds commenced duty as relieving teacher. Mrs Engstrom away on sick leave

5<sup>th</sup> July Visit from inspector Mr. Watson spent afternoon here.

15<sup>th</sup> July Mr. Brockett visited the school and encouraged children to enter for the calf rearing competition

18<sup>th</sup> August Last day of 2<sup>nd</sup> term Social afternoon for parents and children.

4<sup>th</sup> September Commenced relieving here, J? N Little

8<sup>th</sup> September End of first week. Have tested and diagnosed all classes. Primers and 4,5,6 will need attention- Standard 6 especially. This boy has not seen a standard 6 English Creed or History text book. Received consent of Committee to purchase these and 1 gross exercise books and ½ dozen drawing books

Revised inventory of gardening tools and found all in order

11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> September Prepared report for School Committee. Made special feature of summer sports and request for tennis racquets- with results that a dance will be held on Saturday week to raise funds

13<sup>th</sup> September Commenced use of Whitcombe's Proficiency test cards in English and Arithmetic with Standard 6 Boy

18<sup>th</sup> September Decided to commence cleaning up week- Standards 3 - 5 at work in grounds from 2 30 pm daily

25<sup>th</sup> September School sports dance held on 23<sup>rd</sup> £1-7-3 cleared towards school racquets!

15<sup>th</sup> October Visit from Mr. Brockett, Agriculture Instructor, who gave the children help in their in their calf rearing competition. Ground improvements, present and future were discussed. Suggestion re shifting garden fence to extend he garden will be followed

19<sup>th</sup> October Mr Dagg applying for holiday for Carterton Show

25<sup>th</sup> October Visit from Dr Anderson- all children were examined

26<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show

3<sup>rd</sup> November Visit of Mr. Darroch who spoke to children on Buy British and encouraged them to join Navy League

Representative from School Committee Mr. Pringle paid visit this afternoon- ground improvements

30<sup>th</sup> November School closed Proficiency Exam. Two candidates

6<sup>th</sup> December School judging of calves 5 entries.

1<sup>st</sup> Ronald Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> Betty Potter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Siemonek

7<sup>th</sup> December Took tennis team down to Fernridge

8<sup>th</sup> December Entertained Fernridge Tennis Team- Return match

8<sup>th</sup> December Appointment of Miss E M Clare 11 years teaching. Present Position Sole Teacher Poroporo School

12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> December School closed teacher illness

19<sup>th</sup> December School picnic and prize giving

## 1934

5<sup>th</sup> February E M Clare commenced duties

21<sup>st</sup> February School closed for A and P Show

26<sup>th</sup> February Received cheque book and syllabus of instruction

10<sup>th</sup> April Grading Gazette received. Map of world and blackboard compasses

25<sup>th</sup> April School closed Anzac day

24<sup>th</sup> May Received 24 skeins of wool

27<sup>th</sup> June This afternoon to be observed as a holiday to enable children of Standards 3, 4,5, and 6 to attend funeral of Gerald Fitzgerald who was accidentally shot on Sunday Last. A letter of condolence was written by Una Shaw Standard 6 to the parents and all children helped to make a wreath

BOY FATALLY SHOT.

WAINGAWA FARM ACCIDENT. ELDER BROTHER FALLS. (By Telegraph.—Press Association.) MASTERTON, this day. Gerald Fitzgerald, aged 7, son of settlers at Waingawa, was accidentally shot by his elder brother on their parents' farm yesterday afternoon. The



brother fell, and the rifle discharged, shooting Gerald, who died in hospital in the evening 25<sup>th</sup> June  
 2<sup>nd</sup> July Received a supply of clay for modelling  
 11<sup>th</sup> September School visited by school nurse  
 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> September Attended refresher course at Central School Masterton  
 1<sup>st</sup> October Severe weather 2 pupils present  
 22<sup>nd</sup> October School closed for Labour Day  
 25<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show  
 26<sup>th</sup> October Received proficiency Exam papers  
 30<sup>th</sup> October Proficiency Exam held today. 3 candidates  
 14<sup>th</sup> December Received proficiency results. Ron and Una Shaw successful  
 18<sup>th</sup> December School furniture thoroughly scrubbed. All returns completed

## 1935

5<sup>th</sup> February School resumed  
 12<sup>th</sup> February 1935 Miss E M Bliss ST  
 1<sup>st</sup> March Made return for handwork materials  
 4<sup>th</sup> March The school picnic was held on Saturday last 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
 21<sup>st</sup> March Received Thistle Funnel (*Laboratory glass ware*)  
 26<sup>th</sup> March Received wheelbarrow from School Committee  
 3<sup>rd</sup> April Received 2 garden forks  
 26<sup>th</sup> June Inspector Stubbs visited the school  
 11<sup>th</sup> September The number of Pupils attending the school is 19  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Received seeds maize and flowers

16<sup>th</sup> October Miss A E R Cattnach Appointed Grade No 151 12 ¾ teaching Sole Teacher Pukerua School  
 20<sup>th</sup> October Letter from Mr Dagg Chairman  
 It will be necessary for Miss Cattnach to travel in her own car and live in Masterton The school is 8 miles from Masterton. Good Road  
 My wife has accommodated the last three teachers but she has a long and serious illness  
 Miss Clare is going backwards and forwards to Masterton since the beginning of last term  
 24<sup>th</sup> October We have decided to leave Miss Cattnach at her present school  
 31<sup>st</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show  
 27<sup>th</sup> November School closed General Election  
 29<sup>th</sup> November Proficiency exam held  
 13<sup>th</sup> December Proficiency results received Betty Potter and Joyce Taylforth successful  
 19<sup>th</sup> December School furniture and cupboards thoroughly cleaned

## 1936

3<sup>rd</sup> February School resumed. Roll 13  
 11<sup>th</sup> February Letter from Mr Dagg Roll is now 13. School has dropped a grade I wish to advise we can now accommodate the teacher in the district  
 13<sup>th</sup> February Miss Clare will remain overscale at Waingawa until such time as a suitable transfer is found  
 19<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton A and P Show

7<sup>th</sup> March Picnic held on Saturday to enable last year's pupils to attend

20<sup>th</sup> March 1936 Miss D E Smith

29<sup>th</sup> May Received notice today of my transfer to the Belvedere School

1<sup>st</sup> June School closed no teacher

*Miss Clare writes As I have been appointed to Belvedere School I have left in good order the school grounds premises and furniture Counter signed by Mr Dagg*

*Miss J Feist Relieving teacher vice Miss Messenger who is not available Telegram Dagg Waingawa. School closed Temporary Teacher did not arrive*

2<sup>nd</sup> June J Feist commenced relieving duties today

17<sup>th</sup> June Miss R E Edge appointed 8 years teaching Reliving assistant at Hāitaitai School

22<sup>nd</sup> June Letter from Mr Dagg to Wellington Education Board with Phone Number 333J attached.

*I understand the present relieving teacher Miss Jean Feist has advised you of her appointment to Ohangiti School Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July I will meet Miss Edge at Masterton if she would communicate with me*

23<sup>rd</sup> June School closed for King's Birthday

Received word of my appointment to Ohangai School Taranaki

30<sup>th</sup> June Relieving duties terminate

1<sup>st</sup> July School closed pending arrival of teacher

2<sup>nd</sup> July R E Edge Opened Eleven children present

20<sup>th</sup> August Received supply of carrot seed and garden seeds

7<sup>th</sup> September Eleven children present. School reopened

14<sup>th</sup> September Held inquiry into moral conduct of the pupils Standard 3 to 6

13<sup>th</sup> September Prepared report of the above for presentation to School Committee

18<sup>th</sup> September Committee held inquiry in above entry

31<sup>st</sup> September Visit of Mr. Donald, Education Board Member

26<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Labour Day

29<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show

30<sup>th</sup> October Received proficiency tests and instructions Sealed packet containing History, Geography, Science and Drawing

4<sup>th</sup> November Visit of Mr. McCaskill Inspector

4<sup>th</sup> November Inspectors report included

a) Miss R Edge, sole teacher

b) Roll 13

c) Standard 6 ,2. Standard 5,2, Standard 4, 1, Standard 3, 3., Standard 2 ,2

d) Standard 1, 0 Primers 3

e) Miss Edge took charge of the school 4 months ago

f) She has worked on very sound lines and created definite interests among her pupils

g) The work in the more formal subjects, due mainly to poor ground work in many cases, reaches a fair level

h) Very careful supervision is exercised over the outdoor activities of the pupils

i) Order and discipline are very good, the pupils being natural, mannerly and responsive

26<sup>th</sup> November Received carrot seed for planting where previous crop failed

27<sup>th</sup> November Proficiency examination completed

15<sup>th</sup> December Received notice that David Pringle has passed his proficiency examination

School closed after assembly in the morning owing to infantile paralysis outbreak

Distribution of prizes and reports

20<sup>th</sup> December Schoolroom floors scrubbed. Cupboards rearranged.

Classroom rearranged for next years requirements

## 1937

21<sup>st</sup> January Letter to R. Edge Address South Belt Masterton A letter of complaint about forms sent in.

22<sup>nd</sup> February Schoolroom floors scrubbed, windows etc cleaned.

Preparation for terms work begun

1<sup>st</sup> March School reopened for pupil's attendance . Eleven children present

2<sup>nd</sup> March Children conveyed to Fernridge. School closed

*Rachel Elizabeth Edge taught at Resolution Bay in Queen Charlotte Sound and then was a reliever before appointment to Waingawa and then went to Mangaroa School*

Newspaper Cutting

- a) In 1892 Settlers approached Wellington Education Board for a school and offered various sites.
- b) Property of Mr Johnson near the Kaituna (Black Creek)
- c) Mrs Duncan was first teacher
- d) Roll about 12 or 13 children
- e) The Wellington Education Board gave £50 of £100 salary

f) Lodging for her invalid husband and herself in the home of Mr Dagg

g) School Committee William Cole Chairman, and Dagg, Johnson, Pinehy, and Deal

h) Mrs Duncan stayed 6 Months

i) Mr Hubbard followed and stayed about two years, as the roll had risen he was in full salary

j) Miss Houghton and had been only there for a few weeks when the school was destroyed by fire and Mr Dagg allowed the School Committee to use a room in his house as a school.

k) Then the school was held in Burnett's Mill

l) The Wellington Education Board after many letters agreed to rebuild the school. On a different site donated by Mr William Falconer.

m) Settlers cleared the site erected a fence and built a bridge over the Black Creek

n) New School New Teacher Miss Whelan. She stayed two years

o) Miss Rose was a relieving teacher

p) Then 1898 a sixth and last teacher Miss Kelleher was appointed and stayed until she went to Te Ore Ore School

q) Miss Kelleher stayed for 26 years

1925 Newspaper cutting

The Waingawa School held its annual picnic on the Solway showgrounds on Saturday

During the afternoon each of the pupils received their award books. Each child receiving one.

There were many races listed including the Stepping Chain Race was held in other parts of NZ and Australia

Stepping the chain was a race to step out a chain  
Also the Beavers race for the Mrs Stempa's Cup.

Newspaper Article Auckland Show October 1917?

Teacher Miss C E Kelleher

18 Prizes were gained

Adult Section Needlework and Infants knitted jacket

Primary School- Sewing, two patches, buttonhole, darning infant's  
knitted sock, knitted bonnet and bootie, knitted petticoat

Drawing. NZ Foliage and design

Diaper design on NZ Foliage

Three sketches of ancient Maori Life

Roll 30 There were over 5000 entries.

W J Wenham Head Teacher at Northcote who was steward at  
Auckland Winter Show wrote a glowing letter of praise to Miss  
Kelleher

Newspaper cutting Re Farewell Social to Miss Kelleher

- a) 200 people including 60 ex students.
- b) After 27 years service going to Te Ore Ore
- c) Mr J McGillicuddy presented Miss Kelleher with a purse of  
sovereigns
- d) The Senior Ex Pupil handed her a lovely bouquet
- e) Miss Irene Taylforth for the present pupils gave a travelling  
clock
- f) Items were given by a number of people
- g) A euchre tournament was held
- h) After supper dancing was indulged in. Mr R Pellew playing  
the music

Letter from J McGillicuddy Chairman of Kaituna School to  
newspaper (Undated)

- a) Parents of Waingawa School (Kaituna) School are indignant
- b) The matter of accommodation has been before the Wellington  
Education Board since February last
- c) We were only given an assistant teacher instead
- d) Only having one room to teach the head teacher was  
compelled to huddle the higher standards in a back shed  
attached to the school which has been used as a wood-house  
and tool shed
- e) The back walls are patched with sacks , laden with stones to  
keep them down
- f) The old Post Office box holes are filled with paper to keep out  
the sleet and snow and wind from the scholars
- g) No 1 room is 12' x 9 ½ ' with portion lost in chimney space
- h) No 2 Low lean to 12x 9 ½' There is a partition for  
convenience between the two
- i) In this hovel are seated 26 pupils
- j) The latest we had from Mr Stewart, (Wellington Education  
Board) that if the wall was scrimmed it might suffice for the  
present
- k) We could get these rooms altered for £120
- l) The teacher and children have to wait and freeze for the sake  
of red tape
- m) We have invited Mr Cairns the Health Inspector and we all  
hope he will condemn the dog kennel as it suitably named

1891		Kaituna	Not Open Yet			
1892	30	Kaituna	Hubbard	Charles E		Master
1893	9	Kaituna	Hubbard	Charles E		Master
1894	14	Kaituna	Hubbard	Charles E		Master
1895	6	Kaituna	Houghton	Jessie		Female
1896	19	Kaituna	Whelan	Elizabeth C		Female
1897	22	Kaituna	Whelan	Elizabeth C		Female
1898	15	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H		Female
1899	22	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H		Female
1900	21	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H		Female
1901	23	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H		Female
1902	28	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H		Female
1903	29	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H		Female
1904	28	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H		Female
1905	24	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D2	Female
1906	22	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D2	Female
1907	21	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D2	Female
1908	20	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D2	Female
1909	20	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D2	Female
1910	19	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D2	Female
1911	19	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D1	Female
1912	18	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D1	Female
1913	21	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D1	Female
1914	23	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D1	Female

1915	30	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	D1	Female
1917	31	Kaituna	Kelleher	Caroline H	Sole	D-62
1919	37	Waingawa	Kelleher	Caroline H	Head	D-60
1919	37	Waingawa	Dyer	Grace A	Assistant	
1921	28	Waingawa	Kelleher	Caroline H	Sole	D
1923	29	Waingawa	Kelleher	Caroline H	Sole	D-112