

## Kaiwarra

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#### Pre 1878

*25th June 1875 New Zealand Times TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW ZEALAND TIMES. Mr. Editor, - Ehoa—Tenakoe—That pakeha who paints the names on the railway stations cannot spell. This is bad. That pakeha should learn to spell. He should not paint Kaiwarra, but Kaiwharawhara. He should not paint Petone, but Pitone. It is a pity that this pakeha cannot spell. He paints very well.— I am, &c, Oiono Hemi.*

8th December 1868 NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Kaiwarra School District will be held at the Schoolhouse, Kaiwarra, on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1868, at 7 o'clock, p.m., for the transaction of general business. H. A. WHITE, Chairman of School Committee

30th April 1870 A man named Edward Fitzgerald Martin, formerly an officer in the Indian police, recently drill instructor at the Hutt, and more lately schoolmaster at Kaiwarra, has been committed for trial on a charge of criminal assault on a girl named Ann O'Brien, 11 years of age. The girl swore positively to the commission of the offence, and she was corroborated by the medical evidence. Several witnesses for the defence, however, swore positively to facts showing the impossibility of the prisoner having committed the offence at the time charged. It is left to a jury to determine which side speaks truth

5th January 1871 Kaiwarra School District.— At the annual general meeting of the ratepayers of this district, held in the school-room, Kaiwarra, on Friday evening, the 30th ult., after hearing the report of the auditors for the past year, which was unanimously adopted, and hearing the schoolmasters' reports read, which was much approved, the meeting proceeded to consider the appointment of a committee for the ensuing year, when it was proposed by Mr O. W. Schultze and seconded by Mr Nally :— " That, in consequence of the power of making the rate for the Kaiwarra school having been, taken out of the hands of the ratepayers, no committee be appointed, but that a meeting be held on the third Monday after the prorogation of the Provincial Council." An amendment was proposed by Mr Holmes and seconded by Mr Harris— "That a committee be appointed." After some speechifying pro and con, the amendment was carried almost unanimously — the proposer and seconder of the original motion only being against the amendment, and for stopping the progress of education in the district, or, in other words, closing the school. The object of the mover of this proposition to thwart the working of the Provincial Education Act Amendment Act, 1869, having been thus summarily disposed of the other routine business of naming the committee, appointing collector and treasurer, proceeded as a matter of course, and the meeting broke up apparently well pleased that the utility of the present school was not to be interfered with, and its advantages not to be lost to the district.

25th February 1871 Kaiwarra School. Provincial Secretary's Office, Wellington, Jan. 5, 1871. NOTICE has been given to this office, that at the annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Kaiwarra School District, held at the School-house, on the 30th ult., the following persons

were elected a Committee for the ensuing year, viz. : — Mr. Street ,, Beale ,, Yates ,, T. Phillips ,, Serle ,, Holmes ,, Harris ,, Reynolds ,, A. Cameron ,, Storey ,, Pickering ,, Wyatt, chairman and treasurer and that Mr. Henry Schultze was appointed Collector of Rates. A. Follett Halcombe Provincial Secretary.

19th December 1871 We have been requested to state that the annual examination of the pupils of-the Kaiwarra School will be held at the school room on Thursday, the 21st inst., by the Rev. W. St. Hill.

2nd January 1872 The annual general meeting of the ratepayers of the Kaiwarra School District was |held on the 29th nit., in the school-room, when the audited accounts were passed, and a report read showing the progress made by the school during the past year. The report was of a satisfactory character, ' and indicated that a considerable increase had taken place in the number of scholars during the year. A vote of thanks was then given to the master, Mr. Camfield, after which a committee and collector were appointed for the ensuing year. Votes of thanks having been given to Mr. Wyatt, the chairman and treasurer, to the auditors, and to the out-going committee, the proceedings terminated.

16th July 1874 The School inspector recommended a certificate for teaching be awarded to Eliza Stephens of Kaiwarra and Ellen Stevens Johnsonville

29th July 1874 A Few young LADIES desirous o! receiving instructions in Latin require the services of a competent teacher. For particulars apply At the Kaiwarra School.

24th November 1874 Wellington Education Board The Kaiwarra school reflected great credit on the teachers, being well conducted and excellently managed.

8th January 1875 On Tuesday last, the children of the Kaiwarra school were invited to a picnic by Miss Elizabeth Stevens, which was held near Wilkinson's gardens, and at which a very large number of parents and friends were present. The whole party spent a .very enjoyable day and returned home in the evening with singing and cheering.

8th April 1875 KAIWARRA SCHOOL. Upon the question of appointing a teacher for the Kaiwarra school, to supersede Miss Stevens, resigned, Mr. Toomath moved—" That a committee, consisting of Messrs, Brandon, Bunny, Hutchison, Pharazyn, and the mover, be appointed to inquire into the reasons which led to the resignation of Miss Stevens. He thought the resignation might be got rid of if the matter were inquired into." The motion was agreed to

7th May 1875 WELLINGTON Education Board Some discussion took place as to the condition of the Kaiwarra school and residence, both of which were declared to be most inconveniently and unhealthily situated, and the latter in a very dilapidated state. It was agreed to take the whole matter into consideration at an early date.

8th July 1876 Wellington Education Board KAIWARRA. The local committee of the Kaiwarra school wrote in reference to the chairmanship of the committee. The matter was left in the hands of Mr. Toomath, who promised to try and arrange it

9th September 1876 Contrary to expectations the Boulcott street school is to be kept open by the Roman Catholic body, the connection with the Education Board having been severed, and one of the Christian Brothers will take the place of Mr. Hurley, who, we are glad to see, has been appointed teacher of the Kaiwara school under the Education Board, the late teacher having resigned in consequence of his failing health. Before leaving the Boulcott-street

school Mr. Hurley received a presentation from the children in the shape of a handsome writing desk and a beautifully bound addition of Byron's poems.

7th December 1876 There will be a concert at the Kaiwarra school house this evening at 8 o'clock in aid of the School Prize Fund, at which some celebrities from Wellington are expected, and it being an easy distance and an agreeable walk from town, we have no doubt the affair will be well patronized.

23rd December 1876 The following is the prize-list at the Kaiwarra School, of which we gave a short account yesterday, and of which an equal number were given to boys and girls in order of merit : — Fourth and Third Classes : Boys— Hugh Phillips, John Overend, Edward Smythe, Alex. Cameron, Robert Harris, George Hogg. In the same class the girls were Mary Cameron, Lizzie Flaws, Jessie Cameron, Jessie Overend, and Alice Greaves. In the Second and First Classes the prize-takers were : — Boys : Alfred Palmer, Charles Aplin, Samuel McCallum, James Overend, George Flaws, Willie Overend, and Alfred Holmes. Girls : Annie Searle, Mary Casey, Kate Cameron, Lavinia Tucker, Rachel Holmes, and Mary Gillies.

23rd December 1876 The annual distribution of prizes in the Kaiwarra school took place on Thursday, Mr. A. Cameron presiding, and he paid a high compliment to the excellent teacher of that school, Mr. Hurley.

18th April 1877 KAIWARRA. An application was made by Mr. Hurley, the teacher of the Kaiwarra school, for house allowance, as he had been obliged to leave the house provided by the Board (which was in , bad condition) and rent another. It was agreed to refer the matter to the members of the local committee, and if they reported favorably, Mr. Hurley will be allowed the ordinary house rent allowance, namely, £20 per annum [In 1878 Mr Hurley was teaching at Upper Hutt]

## 1878

1878		Kaiwara	Evans	G		Head	£160.00
1878		Kaiwara	Storey	C		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

**George Samuel Evans** started in Wellington when the New Wellington Education Board commenced in 1878. In 1882 he was assistant at Hutt and 1883 was at Mount Cook Boys In 1884 was at Moutoa School for the Wanganui Education Board. Just North of Shannon.

**Clara Storey** taught from 1878 to 1880 at Kaiwara as a female pupil teacher then as an assistant teacher until 1891 still at Kaiwara

1892/37	Clara	Storey	John	Coutts
1893/158	Coutts	George Leonard	Clara	John
1895/5805	Coutts	John Lewis	Clara	John
1897/14442	Coutts	James Armitage	Clara	John
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2nd February 1878 On inquiry we regret to learn that the accident to Mr. Manning, organist of St. Paul's, Thorndon, and schoolmaster of Kaiwarra, is more serious than was at first supposed. It appears that while riding down Molesworth street lately a tradesman's cart

turning out of Wingfield-street "at other than a walking pace" ran against him, and the wheel cut Iia left leg open from the knee downwards right to the bone. He is in consequence unable to leave his room, Dr. Newman, his medical attendant, having enjoined perfect rest.

12th March 1878 The Kaiwarra Schoolroom was the scene last night of a festive gathering of the members of the Kaiwarra Rifles-and their friends, at which several ladies and gentlemen from Wainuiomata were present. Songs and dances alternately engaged the' attention of the company, who thoroughly entered into the enjoyment of the scene. The schoolroom was literally crowded, and many who were unable to t gain admission were obliged to stand outside; but in spite of the limited accommodation the fortunate couples who managed to gain the floor entered into the spirit of the evening with great zest and kept up dancing till a late hour.

26th April 1878 Education Board New schools are also required for Opaki, Tawa Flat, and Kaiwarra; The proposed new schools at Thorndon and Kaiwarra could be built so as to serve as model schools, and there could be attached one or two suitable rooms which might serve for some time as the lecture and students' rooms of a normal school." [A model school is one attached to the training college and used to instruct budding teachings]

27th April 1878 The following are the respective numbers of children attending the Education Board's schools in and around Wellington : — Thorndon, 325 ; Te Aro, 305 ; Terrace, 201 ; Mount Cook (boys), 162; Mount Cook (girls), 302; Mount Cook (infants), 409; Lower Hutt, 146; Upper Hutt, 137; Taita, 72; Karori, 69; North and South Makara, 42; Kaiwarra, 52; Johnsonville, 59.

30th April 1878 Wellington Education Board New schools' are also required for Opaki, Tawa. Flat, and Kaiwarra;..... School houses [Not residences] Kaiwarra £300

2nd May 1878 Wellington Education Board The Board resolved to expend £18 8s on the Kaiwarra school, for repairs. :

18th June 1878 A meeting was held in the Kaiwarra schoolroom last evening for the purpose of electing some. persons, in accordance with the regulations of the new Education Act, to act as a committee for the Kaiwarra School District. The attendance was not numerous. Mr. Edward Smyth was voted to the chair and requested those present to nominate a committee to act, when the following were declared duly elected :— Messrs. T. Ogg, J. Holdsworth, J. Holmes, C. Thompson, E. M. Taylor, E. Smyth and R. Yeatts. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the chairman the proceedings terminated.

29th June 1878 School at Kaiwarra .. .. £350 0 0

9th July 1878 The first meeting of the Kaiwarra School . Committee held under the Education Act, 1877, was held last evening at the schoolhouse, Kaiwarra, at seven o'clock. Present— Messrs. Holmes, Holdsworth, Yates, Taylor, Smyth, and Thompson. It was proposed by Mr. E. M. Taylor, seconded by Mr. .E. Smyth, that Mr. Charles Thompson, junior, be elected chairman of the school committee. This was put and carried. Mr. Thompson then took the chair, and said he was of opinion that all meetings of the committee should be open to the Press and moved to that effect. This was unanimously agreed to. It was proposed by Mr. Holdsworth, and seconded by Mr. E. M. Taylor, that Mr. Smyth be secretary and treasurer. . This was also carried. It was proposed by Mr. E. M. Taylor, and seconded by Mr. Yates, that an application be made to the Board for an efficient schoolmaster, in order to promote the efficiency of the school. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

13th July 1878 The Kaiwarra local school committee have determined to bring into force the compulsory provisions of the Education Act.

10th August 1878 At a meeting of the Kaiwarra school committee on Monday evening Mr. Evans was provisionally appointed schoolmaster

10th August 1878 We omitted to mention in our last that Mr Austin of the Kaiwairai school [between Martinborough and Featherston], and not of the Kaiwara, school, as printed in the Wellington papers, passed at the recent examination, at the head of the list of third class certificated teachers

13th August 1878 The newly-formed Kaiwarra drum and fife band held its first practice last evening in the Kaiwarra Schoolroom. The band consists of eighteen performers who, considering that many of them were entire strangers to the instruments, acquitted themselves remarkably well, and promised soon to become efficient.

13th September 1878 A meeting of the Kaiwarra Local Board was held at the Schoolhouse last night, when the following members were present : — Messrs. Wyatt (Chairman), Hirst, Taylor, and Guildford. The minutes being read and confirmed, the Sanitary Inspector's report was discussed and approved.....

25th September 1878 Wellington Education Board The Kaiwarra School Committee wrote urging the necessity for the immediate erection of the new school house. The Board were unable to take any decided action as they did not yet officially know the amount of building-vote at their disposal ; but as the Education vote passed the House last night they considered themselves justified in calling for tenders for the Kaiwarra, Mungaroa, Upper Hutt, and other schools which are urgently required.

11th October 1878 A concert was given in the Kaiwarra Schoolroom, last evening, in aid of the funds of the Drum and Fife Band. Mr. Wyatt occupied the chair. The room was crowded to suffocation, and the audience heartily applauded the different items on the programme, the performers being chiefly amateurs from Wellington. A most successful entertainment was brought to a close with a dance, which was kept up until midnight

3rd December 1878 A meeting of the Kaiwarra School Committee was held last night. Present — Messrs. Thompson (chairman), Holdsworth, Holmes, and Taylor. The Chairman suggested that steps should be taken to obtain a number of prizes for distribution among the children at the coming vacation, and the Committee unanimously fell in with the suggestion. A letter was received from the Johnsonville Committee, relative to the further alteration of the boundaries of the two districts, but the Kaiwara Committee resolved not to entertain the proposal, as they had already given up several sections to the Johnsonville district.

7th December 1878 A curious difficulty has arisen in connection with the building of the new schoolhouse at Kaiwarra. The site on which the present school stands is described on the deeds as about an acre in extent, but a very small portion of this is fiat. There would, however, be sufficient to build a school, but it has been discovered that a road is marked on the map as running between the acre and the river. This road would practically cut off almost the whole of the flat, and the hill behind is so steep that it would be possible to excavate it only to a very small distance. The pegs marking the acre cannot be found, and thus matters are in a very unsatisfactory state, for if the new school cannot be erected during the Christmas holidays the present inadequate structure may have to be used for an indefinite period.

Perhaps the Kaiwarra Committee may find some solution of the difficulty before the next meeting of the Education Board.

19th December 1878 The distribution of the prizes at the Kaiwarra school will take place this day at 3 p.m. Mr. Brandon, M.H.R., will preside, and most if not all of the members of the committee will be in attendance.

20th December 1878 KAIWARRA SCHOOL. There was a gathering of school children and their friends at the Kaiwarra School yesterday afternoon, when a number of prizes were distributed. Mr. Thompson, Chairman of the Committee, occupied the chair, and Mr. A. de B. Brandon, M.H.R., gave away the prizes as follows :—

Prize List— First Class : Robert Harris, 1st; Robert Flaws, 2nd; Edward Smith, 3rd. Second Class: Jessie Overend, 1st; Jessie Cameron, 2nd ; Rosamond Smyth, 3rd. Third Class :— William Overend, 1st; James Overend, 2nd; James McCallum, 3rd. Fourth Class : Nellie Gardner, 1st; Frank Donald, 2nd 1 ; Lavinia Tucker, 3rd. Fifth Class : Arthur Bailey, 1st; Isabella Cameron, 2nd; Robert Gardner, 3rd. Sixth Class: John Flaws, 1st; Harry Tucker, 2nd ; Isabella De La Roche. 3rd. Standard Prizes :— Those who obtained the highest marks : Standard IV., Robert Flaws; Standard III .Rosamond Smyth; Standard II., Edwin Stevens; Standard 1., Mary Gillis. Infant Class : Small book each. The remaining books to be given to all those who attend and have not received prizes.

Mr. Thompson then handed to Mr. Evans and Miss Story, the master and mistress, two handsome volumes, presented by the Committee as a recognition of their earnest and successful labors. Mr. Evans suitably acknowledged the presentation on behalf of himself and Miss Story

The proceedings terminated with three hearty cheers, and the singing of the National Anthem.

20th December 1878 KAIWARRA SCHOOL. At 3 p.m. yesterday afternoon the annual distribution of prizes took place at the Kaiwarra school. Mr. C. Thompson, chairman of the local school committee, occupied the chair, and Mr. A. de B. Brandon, M.H.R., attended to present the prizes.

The Chairman opened the proceedings in a few appropriate sentences, thanking Mr. Brandon for his attendance, and alluding to the successful management of the school in the hands of Mr. Evans and Miss C Story.

Mr. Brandon, before distributing the prizes, commented upon the healthy and happy appearance of the scholars, and said he never remembered to have seen a more rosy-cheeked lot of boys and girls collected together. It astonished him to find such a numerous gathering of children at a small village like Kaiwarra, and he was glad to find that the school was so well patronised, as the attendance was the best possible proof that the instruction given by the master and mistress gave satisfaction to the parents of the children who attended the school. After addressing a few words of advice to the children. Mr. Brandon proceeded to distribute the prizes [As listed above]

After this was completed, the Chairman of the Committee handed over two handsome volumes, presented by that body to the master and the mistress as a token of their recognition of the highly successful efforts made by both teachers. Mr. Evans expressed his surprise and gratification at the handsome present made to him ; it was totally unexpected by him, seeing that he had been so short a time in the position; and Miss Story's present was also gratefully alluded to and gratefully acknowledged.

Attention was called to the fact that the accommodation was altogether inadequate for the number of scholars attached to the school. Between sixty and seventy children were present, but eighty five was the full quota, and there is not space for more than twenty children without crowding. Plans of a new building have been prepared, but a difficulty has arisen between the Education Board and the school committee respecting the survey of the plot of ground belonging to the school. In the meantime the inconvenience suffered by all connected with the school is very great. Hearty cheers were given by the scholars for their visitors, the master, and the chairman, and the proceedings terminated by the children singing the National Anthem with great energy. Mr. Thompson, the chairman of the school committee, received a vote of thanks for his services in that capacity. We may also mention that the first prize, a very handsome volume, was a present by him to the head boy of the school.

21st December 1878 Wellington Education Board The re-arrangement of the Johnsonville and Kaiwarra districts, agreed to by the Committees, was confirmed.

31st December 1878 A service of song was given in the Kaiwarra schoolroom last evening, by the children attending the Sunday and day schools, under the leadership of Miss Storey and Mr. Evans, to whom great praise is due for their unflagging zeal in training the children. The chair was occupied by Mr. Harvey, who spoke in very complimentary terms of the children's singing.

## 1879

1879		Kaiwara	Evans	George S		Male	£190.00
1879		Kaiwara	Mullins	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1879		Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

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25th January 1879 A meeting of the Kaiwarra School Committee took place at the School-house last night, Mr. C. Thompson in the chair. The annual balance sheet and report were submitted by the treasurer (Mr. E. Smyth) and the chairman respectively and approved. The Hon. C. J. Pharazyn and the Rev. J. Paterson were nominated as candidates for election to the Education Board. Votes of thanks were given to the chairman and secretary for their services, and also to Mr. Evans, the master of the school. This was the last meeting of the committee, the election of the new committee taking place on Monday evening next.

28th January 1879 KAIWARRA SCHOOL. At the meeting of the Kaiwarra householders and ratepayers the report of the proceedings of the retiring committee during the year was read by Mr. G. Thompson, who was elected chairman of the meeting. The following gentlemen were proposed and elected : Messrs. C. Thompson, E. Smythe, E. M. Taylor, John Thompson, J. Holmes, J. Harris, and R. Yates. A meeting of the new committee will be held on Thursday next.

3rd February 1879 for Excavation at Kaiwarra School Site, will be received until 6th instant, at my office, where particular can be had. C. J. TOXWARD, . Architect.

15th February 1879 The annual treat to the children attending St. Paul's Sunday School will be held on Saturday next, at Belmont. A special train has been engaged and will also take on

the Kaiwarra and Johnsonville school children. There will altogether be 400 or 500 in the party.

21st February 1879 The Kaiwarra School Committee propose to establish a free library and reading-room at the school-room, and a sub-committee has been appointed to see whether the idea can be carried into practical effect. Any friends willing to assist by presents of money or books will kindly communicate with Mr. C. Thompson, jun., the Chairman of the Committee.

27th February 1879 Wellington Education Board It was stated in the Building Committee's report that the tender of Mr. J. Dooley for the excavation of the school site at Kaiwarra, for £35, had been accepted.

27th February 1879 Wellington Education Board appointments Miss Mullins to Kaiwarra school (monitress)

11th March 1879 Wellington Education Board call for tenders for new school at Kaiwarra

28th March 1879 Wellington Education Board tenders: Kaiwarra School —C. Taylor, £730 (accepted) ; Hunter and Co., £879; Russell, £883 ; Tayton, £900; Valentine and Eteveneaux, £900; Nash, £1250; Davis and Hopwood, £961.

8th April 1879 Mr. Smythe's motion relative to the reading of the Bible in the Kaiwarra School, came before the local committee at the meeting last night. Mr. C. Thompson, the chairman, said that in his opinion the motion could not be carried, as it was clearly contrary to the 84th clause of the Education Act, and Mr. Smythe therefore withdrew his motion.

1st May 1879 Wellington Education Board: it was resolved to call for fresh tenders for the erection of Tawa Flat, Small Farms Settlement [Levin], and Kaiwarra schools.

29th May 1879 A number of tenders were received for the erection of a bow school at Kaiwarra. Mr Toomath and Mr. Bonny urged that the tenders should be opened in committee. Mr. Bunny said that by the publication of all the tenders great evil had been caused. A man might tender at say £800. The next lowest tenderer might be for £1000 He would go to the £800 man whose tender had been accepted, and advise him not to fulfil the engagement, arranging to recoup him the deposit money which he would forfeit. The £1000 tenderer, being the next lowest, would then get the next contract.....

2nd June 1879 The following tenders have been received by the Education Board for the erection of schoolhouses :— Kaiwarra — Accepted— W. Layton, £784 Declined— Wm. Bell, £793; J. Wilson, £818; A. H. Hunter & Co., £840; James Russel, £847; Valentine & Co., £814

6th August 1879 At the meeting of the Kaiwarra School Committee, held on Monday night, there were present—Messrs. Thompson (in the chair), Yeatts, Harris, Overend, Smith, and J. Thompson. The question of establishing a free library was brought forward, but ultimately it was decided that it was not within the province of the committee, and that it was for the Local Board to initiate the movement. It was understood that steps would be taken to bring the matter under the notice of the Local Board.

4th September 1879 A meeting of the Kaiwarra School Committee was held last evening. Present— Messrs. C. Thompson (chairman), J. Thompson, Smythe, Overend, and Harris. The committee unanimously decided to give their vote to Mr. S. Lancaster for membership of the Education Board. It being reported to the committee that a certain child of the statutory school age was not sent to school, and the committee being called on to enforce the



compulsory clause in the Education Act, the secretary was instructed to take the necessary steps against the guardian of the child This is the first case of the kind in the Wellington Educational District, and the result will be looked for with interest.

26th September 1879 The Education Board yesterday consented to hand over to the Government a piece of then\* land for railway purposes at Kaiwarra, on the understanding that the Government made over to them a piece in return.

1st November 1879 The children attending the Kaiwarra School were entertained at a pleasant picnic at Belmont on Thursday, and in the evening tea was served out to the youngsters in the school at Kaiwarra.

27th November 1879 Wellington Education Board KAIWARRA. Application sent for erection of fence, closets, removal of a bank, and converting the old school into a master's residence. Estimated cost, about £300. It was resolved that the architect should be directed to prepare definite plans and estimates for the new residence. The other matters were referred to the Standing Committee, with power to act.

23rd December 1879 SCHOOL DISTRIBUTIONS. KAIWARRA.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Kaiwarra School took place on Friday, in the presence of a good number of parents and friends. The chair was taken by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. C. Thompson, junr., and the prizes were presented by Mr. W. T. Wyatt. The following are the chief prize takers :— 1st Class— Robert Hains, Robert Flaws, Edward Smyth. 2nd Class — Jessie Cameron, Rosamond Smyth, Christopher Aplin. 3rd Class— George Flaws. 4th Class— Eleanor Gardner. 5th Class Robert Gardner. 6th Class— Bella La Roach. 7th Class— Thomas Holdsworth. Special Prizes— Alice Hobbs, Jessie Raim, William McCallum, Fred. Brooks. The prize presented by the Chairman was won by Robert Harris, for having obtained the highest number of marks during the past year After the children's presentation was concluded, Mr. Wyatt, in the name of the Committee, presented Mr. Evans, the head master, and Misses Storey and Mullins, assistant teachers, with small tokens of their esteem, and in appreciation of the efforts they have made in conducting the school during the past year.

## 1880

1880		Kaiwara	Evans	George Samuel		Male	£230.00
1880		Kaiwara	Mullins	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1880		Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

17th January 1880 THE KAIWARRA SCHOOL. THE above School will re-open on MONDAY next, 19th instant. CHAS. THOMPSON, Jun., Chairman of Committee.

26th January 1880 The Kaiwarra School Committee have given Mrs. Donald the use of the old schoolhouse at that place, and she will not be called upon to pay rent. [Her husband was killed in an accident at the Kaiwarra rifle range]

27th January 1880 KAIWARRA SCHOOL DISTRICT. The annual meeting of householders was held last night in the school-room. The report and balance-sheet for the past year were read and adopted. Nine candidates were proposed from whom the following were elected Captain Thompson, 23 votes; J. Thompson, 17; D. D. Cameron, 16; E. M. Taylor, 12 ; J. Harris, 10; J. Holmes, 8; and J. H. Overend, 6. :

6th March 1880 At a meeting- of the Kaiwarra School Committee on the 25th of February, Messrs. G. Beetham, W. A. Fitzherbert, and Dr. Newman, were elected to the vacant seats on the Education Board.

10th April 1880 Wellington Education Board: No of children promoted to the next standard in 1879 included District Town Schools. [Percentages calculated by researcher]—Masterton, 158— 98 ;62% Clareville, 58—52 ; 90% Carterton, 150—122 ; 81% Greytown, 149—116 ; 78% Featherston, 116—87 ; 75% Upper Hutt, 94—72 ; 77% Lower Hutt, 129—91 71% ; Kaiwarra, 69—50. 72%

27th May 1880 Wellington Education Board A deputation of .residents from Wadestown waited 'upon the Board for the purpose of urging the necessity of erecting a school in their neighborhood.—Mr. Lloyd stated that 'the settlers had secured a central site.—The Rev. Mr. Paterson moved that the site be approved of, and that the school be erected as soon as the Board is in funds for the purpose. He explained that a promise to that effect had already been made to the settlers.—'The Ven. Archdeacon Stock said that they had refused to themselves to other applicants and should not do so in the present case.—Mr. Hutchison held that such applications should not be considered 'at all-, unless they were through the Local Committee, As it was found that this was necessary according to the Education Act, the resolution was amended by the addition of-the ; words-\*\* subject to the approval of the Kaiwarra School Committee," and carried.

10th June 1880 The Hospital steward acknowledges the following contributions.....A large number of useful periodicals have also been received from Mr. Evans, schoolmaster, Kaiwarra.

8th July 1880 Wellington Education Board and it was also decided to expend £20 in the removal of earth and the erection of fences and a new out-office at Kaiwarra school as soon as funds are available. [Out office was the name given to toilets which had a bucket which had to be emptied]

16th October 1880 Under instructions from the Chairman of the Education Board, Mr. George Thomas will, this afternoon, sell the old schoolroom at Kaiwarra, to the highest bidder A good chance for those who desire a spacious building, fit for removal.

28th October 1880 Wellington Education Board had paid for repairs to Kaiwarra school £20

8th November 1880 A meeting will be held in the school-room, Kaiwarra, this evening at 7.30 for the purpose of electing officers, adopting rules, &c, in connection with the newly-formed Literary Society. All interested in the objects of the society are particularly requested to attend.

29th November 1880 The Kaiwarra school committee do not appear to be at all satisfied with the liberality of the Education Board. Our attention has been drawn to the fact that an application made by the committee for an expenditure of about 25s [s=shillings]. has been refused by the Board. The committee of course will not spend any portion of their scanty allowance on the work as it does not come within the category of "incidentals," and the consequence is that a most unsightly breach is allowed to remain in the north end of the school budding. We hope for the comfort of the children attending the school that the Board will see their way clear to have some weatherboards put up.

8th December 1880 meeting of the Kaiwarra School Committee was held in the Schoolroom, Kaiwarra, on Monday night last. There were present— Messrs. C. Thompson

(chairman), Harris, Holme, Taylor, Cameron, O reread and J. Thompson. After some routine business had been transacted, it was agreed that the sum of £12 should be invested in prizes to be distributed amongst the children on the 23rd instant, part of that sum to be taken out of the school funds, and the remainder to be collected by way of Subscription. Also that Messrs. Brandon, M.H.R, Izard, Gillon, Wyatt and W. L. Hurst, be invited to attend a social gathering to be held on the date on which the prizes are to be distributed. It was farther resolved that tenders should be called for the erection of outhouses and fencing the school grounds, and that the secretary again write to the Education Board, asking them to repair the northern end of the school building. The meeting dispersed after passing the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

20th December 1880 The prizes in connection with the Kaiwarra school will be presented tomorrow evening, at 7 o'clock, when all parents and friends are invited to be present. After the presentation there will be a social gathering for the amusement of the children.

25th December 1880 KAIWARRA SCHOOL. A number of excellent prizes were presented on Tuesday to the children attending the Kaiwarra School, and the occasion was celebrated by a "social gathering." There was a large number of children present, and a good many of their parents and friends, so that the room, which is capable of holding about 500, was pretty well filled. Mr- Charles Thompson, Chairman of the School Committee, presided, and in a few brief remarks, introduced Mr. Wyatt, Chairman of the Local Board, who had been invited to present the prizes, and in doing so he delivered a very appropriate address to the children; Mr. Brandon, M.H.R., and Mr. E. T. Gillon were also present, on the invitation of the committee. When the prizes had been distributed, Mr. Wyatt presented Mr. Evans, the head master, Miss Storey and Miss Mullins, the assistant teachers, with some nicely-bound volumes, as a mark of appreciation on the part of the committee. Mr. Evans, in returning thanks, dilated at some length on the necessity of joint efforts on the part, of the parents to assist teachers in their work, without which their energies would, to a great extent, be wasted. In conclusion he called upon the children to give three cheers for the committee, and Messrs. Wyatt, Brandon and Gillon, which was loudly responded to. Messrs. Brandon and Gillon then addressed the children, exhorting them to persevere in pursuit of knowledge. Mr. Gillon said that one of the prizes which he had presented (Pope's poems), might be thought to be rather inappropriate for such a purpose, and if the boy who had received it only studied the life of that great man, who learned to write without the aid of a schoolmaster when he was only seven years old, and wrote poems when he was but twelve, he was sure it would benefit its recipient, Robert Flaws, to whose lot it had fallen by the vote of the female portion of the pupils. Another prize, presented by Mr. Gillon, was given to the girl pupil selected by the boys as the most fitting recipient, and a pretty little girl named Jessie Nairn was their selection.

Appended is a list of the prize takers : Standard VI. : Edward Smyth, 1. Standard V. : Alfred Palmer, 1. Standard IV. : Rosamond Smyth, 1 : George Flaws, 2 ; Mary Anne Hogg, 3 ; Jessie Nairn, 4 ; Kate Cameron, 5 ; Edwin Stevens, 6 ; Jessie Cameron, 7 ; Christopher Aplin, 8. Standard III. : Percy Delaroche, 1 ; Alfred Holmes, 2 ; Eliza Holdsworth, 3 ; Eleanor Gardiner, 4 ; Fanny Delaroche, 5. Standard II. ; Mary Holmes, 1 ; William Thompson, 2 ; Darcy Knight, 3 ; John Flaws, 4 ; Robert Gardiner, 4 (yearly marks) ; Margaret Nairn, 5 ; Mary McCallum, 6. Standard I. : Zealandia Pickering, 1 ; Simeon Martin, 1 ; Isabella

Delacocke, 2 ; Jane Connor, 3 ; Thomas Holdsworth, 4 ; John Aplin, 5 ; Isabella Cameron, 6. Special Prizes; Mr. Gillon's prize, Robert Flaws (recitation) ; girls' vote, 1, Jessie Nairn (conduct). Mr. Barrett's prize, Robert Flaws. The Chairman's prize : Edward Smyth, Committee's special prizes ; Matilda Harris, Eliza Crowther, Phoebe Taylor, Arthur Bailey, Thomasina Hogg, Thomas Yates, Kate Colman, and William Overend.

28th December 1880 . TO BUILDERS. THE Education Board invite Tenders for Weatherboarding part of Kaiwarra School, until 11 o'clock a.m. of Thursday next. Specifications at my office. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect to the Board

## 1881

1881	74	Kaiwara	Evans	George Samuel		Head Master	£230.00
1881	74	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£50.00
1881	74	Kaiwara	Mullins	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

21st January 1881 It is to be hoped that sight will not be lost of the fact that the annual elections of school committees throughout the whole of this educational district take place on Monday evening next, the 14th. instant all the elections are held on the same night, alike for the town schools, the suburban (such as Karori Makara, Kaiwarra, Johnsonville, &c.), and the rural ones, comprising those at a greater distance from Wellington. Every householder is entitled to vote at the elections — to give seven votes — and may either give one vote to each candidate or all seven to one candidate. The functions of school committees are now very important, and it is most desirable that the best men obtainable should be elected. We hope, therefore, that there will be a numerous attendance at all the meetings to be held on Monday evening, and that a good committee will be chosen for every school district.

25th January 1881 The annual meeting for the election of a School Committee for the Kaiwarra School District was held in the schoolroom last evening. The attendance was very good, and great interest was evinced in the election. Mr. C. Thompson presided. The annual report showed that the school was flourishing, and the balance-sheet displayed a credit balance of £8 5s 8d. The election was then proceeded with, and resulted in the election of Messrs. Taylor, Harris, Holmes, J. Thompson, D. D. Cameron, Overend, and C. Thompson.

6th April 1881 TO BUILDERS. THE Kaiwarra School Committee invite Tenders until noon of Friday, the 8th inst, for the Erection of Latrines, and Fencing. Particulars at my office. THOS. TURNBULL, Architect.

12th September 1881 A concert is advertised to take place this evening at Kaiwarra, in the schoolroom, kindly lent by the Board for this occasion. A very liberal programme, contributed to by several favourite Wellington amateurs, is promised., and should ensure a good attendance.

## 1882

1882	74	Kaiwara	Barry	David		Head Master	£240.00
1882	74	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£50.00
1882	74	Kaiwara	Hobbs	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£16.00

**David Barry** was Headmaster from 1878 to 1881 at Clareville School just North of Carterton and then from 1882 to 1885 was headmaster of Kaiwara before becoming Head of the Hutt school from 1886 to 1901

22nd September 1902 Mr David Barry, seventy years of age, a well-known schoolmaster, was found dead in his bed in his house at the Lower Hutt. He had been suffering from influenza. Death is considered to be due to heart disease.

**Alice Hobbs** started her career at Kaiwara Then spent 1884 to 1888 at Johnsonville.

24th October 1893 Miss Alice Hobbs, who died suddenly at Ditton, near Masterton, was the schoolteacher there. Her death was very sudden. Shortly after breakfast Miss Hobbs complained that she felt giddy, and almost immediately became unconscious and expired before the doctor could arrive. She had appeared to be in the best of health and spirits that morning. At the inquest, the verdict was that death was the result of apoplexy. Miss Hobbs was 26 years of age. Her friends reside at Khandallah.

6th January 1882 A meeting of the Kaiwarra Town Board was held last evening in the Schoolroom. There were present — Messrs. Wyatt (chairman), Phillips, Holmes, and Taylor This was the first meeting held since the coming into operation of " The Town Districts Act, 1881," [Note there were many other public meetings held in the Kaiwarra school and I have not recorded most of them]

17th January 1882 Head Master, Kaiwarra ; average attendance 78 ; salary according to scale.

25th January 1882 Wellington Education Board The resignation of Mrs. Powley, of Parkvale, was accepted, as also were those of Mr. Evans, of Kaiwarra, and Miss Mabel Mills, of Te Aro.

26th January 1882 A meeting of householders for the Kaiwarra School District was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening to elect seven persons to act as a Committee for the ensuing year. Mr D. D. Cameron was voted to the chair. About fifty persons were present, and, fourteen candidates having been nominated, the following gentlemen were declared elected : Messrs John Holmes, D. D. Cameron, J. Letcher, Joseph Holmes, J. Harris, E. M. Taylor, and F. Thorley. At a meeting of the Committee elect held afterwards, Mr John Holmes was elected Chairman, and Mr Joseph Holmes Secretary.

27th January 1882 Mr. David Barry was promoted from Clareville to Kaiwarra, for which there were seven applications ;

30th January 1882 O THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST. Sir — At the election of the school committee at Kaiwarra on Tuesday evening, there arose a dispute as to whether it was legal for a person to give a plump vote to a candidate of seven votes (seven candidates to be elected), or whether a plump vote only counted one. Some contended it only counted one, while others contended it counted seven. By answering the above, you will oblige your subscriber. I am, &c. James Bell. Kaiwarra, 27th January. [A householder may give seven votes to one candidate, or he may distribute his votes among the candidates as he thinks fit. — Ed

4th February 1882 Wellington Education Board Petone, Mr C. K. Joplin, (promoted from Lower Hutt), six applicants ; Kaiwarra, Mr D. Barry (removed from Clareville), seven applicants;

11th February 1882 A pleasing ceremony took place at the Schoolroom, Kaiwarra, last evening, when Mr. G. S. Evans, the head-master of the school, who has recently resigned his

position, was presented with a very handsome writing cabinet and a tastefully illuminated address expressing the esteem in which he was held by his scholars and their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Thompson on behalf of the pupils, who, in a few words, conveyed to Mr. Evans the expression of the feelings of the children, and also mentioned the regret which was felt by many at his departure. The children mustered in strong force, and a number of the parents were present. After giving three cheers for Mr. Evans and singing the National Anthem the proceedings terminated

21st February 1882 Mr. D. Barry, headmaster of the Clareville School, previous to his removal to the Kaiwarra School, was presented by his scholars with a very handsome black marble timepiece. It bears a suitable inscription, engraved on a silver plate, which is let into the marble. The clock was supplied by Mr. Ingram, watchmaker, Willis-street.

22nd February 1882 Wellington Education Board The Board declined to pay an account for various small items of expenditure incurred by the Kaiwarra master without authority from the Board [Incoming or outgoing headmaster?]

23rd February 1882 Wellington Education Board estimates Kaiwarra, site and master's residence, £400 ;

10th March 1882. Wellington Education Board: Pupil Teacher Kaiwarra School wanted

31st March 1882 Miss Mullins of Kaiwarra Resigned

13th April 1882 Inspector Lee's report to Wellington Education Board included: The Kaiwarra school is weak, but improvement is anticipated under present management

25th July 1882 THE Board of Education invite tenders, until Tuesday, the 29th inst., for the Erection of a Teacher's Cottage at Kaiwarra. Plans and specifications at my office. THOS TURNBULL, Architect to the Board.

29th July 1882 Wellington Education Board Mr D. Barry, master of the Kaiwarra School, wrote asking for increased house allowance. Mr Mason moved and Mr Beetham seconded that £40 be allowed. The Chairman explained that plans for a residence had already been prepared, and they were only waiting for funds. Dr. Newman was of opinion that the Board should see whether they had enough to build schools before they built residences, while Mr Paterson, on the other hand, thought that they should not leave teachers without residences. The motion was carried, and it was also agreed, on the motion of Mr Bunny, that tenders for the erection of a residence be called for.

31st August 1882 WELLINGTON Education Board Several tenders were received for the erection of a school at Petone and of a master's residence at Kaiwarra, but their considerate was ordered to stand over for a month,

23rd December 1882 The distribution of prizes in connection with the Kaiwarra School took place in the schoolroom' yesterday afternoon. There Were present the Chairman and members of the School Committee, and many parents and friends of the scholars. After the distribution, Mr. Holmes (Chairman) expressed the general satisfaction felt with the progress of the school, and, on behalf of the School Committee, thanked the teachers for the faithful manner in which they had performed their duties. Following is the prize list :— Upper VI.— Robert Flaws. Standard VI.— Alfred Palmer. Standard V. — George Flaws, 'Eliza Holds worth, Catherine Cameron. Standard TV.— Alfred Holmes, Thomas Yeats, Ellen Gardner, Lucy Picken. Standard III.— John Flaws, William Thompson. Margaret Nairn, Lilian' Hobbs. Standard 11.-Thomas Corner, Robert Aplin, Florence Holmes, Thomasine Hogg. Standard

I.— James Gardner, Alfred Harris, Phoebe Holdsworth, Eliza Hodges. Infant classes.— Thomas Casey, Malcolm McCallum, George Harris, Edith Holdsworth, Emma Hodges, Laura Letcher. Attendance.— Matilda Harris, Flora Corner. Conduct.— Fanny Price. In addition, each of the infants was presented with a handsome floral card.

## 1883

1883	81	Kaiwara	Barry	David		Head Master	£250.00
1883	81	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£50.00
1883	81	Kaiwara	Hobbs	Alice		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

2nd October 1883 Annual Examination of Pupil Teachers Alice Hobbs, Kaiwarra; Failed to obtain higher classification by this examination.

28th December 1883 KAIWARRA SCHOOL. The distribution of prizes took place at this school on Friday last. Mr D. D. Cameron, Chairman of the School Committee, presided. Mr Cameron addressed a few appropriate remarks to the children, and congratulated Mr Barry and his assistants on the continuous efficiency of the school, and on the very friendly relations which have always existed between them and the committee. The prizes were presented by Mrs D. D. Cameron, who spoke a few kind and encouraging words to each of the prize-takers. Cheers were then given for the lady who presented the prizes, the committee, and the teachers. The following is the prize-list : —Standard VI.—Jessie Nairn, G- Flaws. Standard V.—Lucy Picken, Eliza Crowther, Helen Hobbs. Standard IV. — Margaret Nairn, Lilian Hobbs. Standard III. Lelandia Pickering, Julia Stirling, Florence Holmes, Thomasine Hogg, W. Bowden. Standard II.—Eliza Hodges, Mary Yeatts, J. Gardner, A. Picken. Standard I. —Flora Corner, Harriet Thorley, H, Fleet, J. Hogg. Infants — Class I. : Dorothea Sinclair, M. McCallum. Class II: Emily Gold, G. Harris. Class III : Alice Corner, J. Tilbury. Highest attendance Matilda Harris, A. Harris. Most popular boy —S. Nairn. Most

popular girl —Jessie Nairn. (Presented by the master.) Conduct—(Catherine Cameron, J. McCallum, Lilian Bowden, H-'Corner, Edith Tyer, J. Holmes.

## 1884-1885

1884	78	Kaiwara	Barry	David		Male	£270.00
1884	78	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£50.00
1884	78	Kaiwara	Levy	Clara Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1885	99	Kaiwara	Barry	David		Male	£270.00
1885	99	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1885	99	Kaiwara	Levy	Clara Jane		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00

**Clara Jane Levy** only taught for the Wellington Education Board for these two years

4th April 1884 Pupil teacher Johnsonville Alice Hobbs from Kaiwarra

30th April 1884 Miss E J Levy appointed pupil teacher [Actually C J Lever]

5th August 1884 Free Hand drawing examination Passes Kaiwarra Mary Olson and Jane Godwick.

24th September 1884 An interim report by the Inspector on the recent examinations at the Wadestown, Kaiwarra, Johnsonville, Horokiwi. Pahautanui, Judgeford, Tawa Flat, and Mauriceville schools was received.....Leave of absence for a fortnight was granted to Mr. David Barry, Kaiwarra School.

26th November 1884 Fifty-nine names have been received by the Education Board of intending competitors for the scholarships. The examinations will be held to-day and on Thursday, the examiners being the Kev Mr West and Mr McGregor, Parliamentary librarian. Kaiwarra School 2nd December 1884 1 candidate J Nairn

19th December 1884 Kaiwarra" school. The annual distribution of prizes at this school took place yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cameron, Chairman of School Committee, presided. The prizes were presented by Mr. H. S. Fitzherbert. M.H.R. After the presentation to the children, Mr. Barry (head piaster) and each of the teachers were presented with very handsome gifts from, the School Committee, as a token of their appreciation of the management of the school. A very nice present from the girls of the upper standards was also handed to each of the teachers. The following is the prize list — Class I.— E. Thorley, W. Letcher , A. Mason, E. Bowden. Class II.— S. Perrit, J. Nairn. Class III.— R. Hunn, J., Harris. Class IV.— G. Harris, A. Bowden, G. Clark. J. Letcher. 'Class V.— J. Bittle , D. Sinclair, R. Overend, E. Gold, J. Holmes, A. Clark. Class VI— T - Casey, A. Bittle. M. Overend, F-. Corner, A. McCallum, A. Harris. Class VII.— H. Comer, L. Bowden, J. Sterling, I. Cameron. G. Cropp. Class VIII.— R. Gardner, S. Nairn, W. Bowden, L. Pickering, F, Holmes, J. Sterling. Class IX.— J. Nairn, C. Cameron, M. Casey, M. Holmes.

In addition, each of the infants was presented with a Christmas card.

28th January 1885 Miss Pinney of Kaiwarra was granted leave of absence. [there is no record of a Miss Pinney teaching at this time for the Wellington Education Board 15th August 1885 explains the death Pinney.—August 10, at her father's residence, Hopper street, Wellington, after a long and painful illness, the beloved wife of Mr T. J. Pinney, builder, Wellington, aged 23 years. West of England papers please copy.

30th January 1885 Wellington Education Board Rosa Smythe, of Kaiwarra, claimed the Masterton Scholarship, on the ground that the scholarship had been awarded to a pupil from the Masterton High School. The Chairman thought that a scholarship should be given to this applicant, and it was accordingly decided to grant her a scholarship.

27th May 1885 Wellington Education Board The sum of £10 for shelter sheds at Kaiwarra School was agreed to

9th June 1885 TENDERS for Erecting a Shelter Shed for the Kaiwarra School will be received until the 15th instant by Alfred Clark, New Zealand Clothing Factory, or E. Smith, Kaiwarra , where full particulars can be obtained.

19th September 1885 The annual inspection of the schools under the control of the Board of Education was commenced this week. On Monday and Tuesday Mr. Lee visited the Kaiwarra School, on Wednesday and Thursday he was at the Johnsonville School, and yesterday he inspected the Korokoro School.

28th October 1885 Interim reports on various schools which he has recently visited were submitted at the Board of Education to-day by Mr. Lee, the Inspector. The following shows the percentage of children who passed the examination and the condition of the schools generally : — Kaiwarra, 79 per -cent. , good ; Johnsonville, 83 per cent., very good ;



Korokoro, 63 per cent., fair; Tawa Flat, 86 per cent., good ; Pahautanui, 71 per cent., good ; Featherston, 71 per cent., fair ; Whiteman's Valley, 93 per cent., good ; Karori, 75 per cent., fair; Ohariu, 70 per cent., poor; Porirua, 50 per cent , moderate ; Judgeford, 95 per cent., good ; Horokiwi, 75 per cent., fair.

25th November 1885 Wellington Education Board Leave of absence was granted to Miss Clara Storey, Kaiwarra.

21st December 1885 KAIWARRA SCHOOL. The annual distribution of prizes at this school took place on Friday last. \_ Mr. Cameron, Chairman of the School Committee, presided. After a few congratulatory remarks by the Chairman on the satisfactory process of the school. Mr. H. S. Fitzherbert, M.H.R., before presenting the prizes, briefly addressed the children. In the course of his remarks he alluded to the benefits of physical as well as mental training. He also gave the boys some wholesome advice with regard to learning trades, as all could not be clerks or Government officials. He also alluded to the necessity for technical training in schools and hoped that he would yet see some instruction of this kind given in every school. After the presentation of prizes to the children, Mr. Barry, and each of his assistants, were presented with very handsome gifts from the School Committee. Mr Barry also received from the boys and from the girls of the upper classes very nice souvenirs, The following is the prize-list: — Class I.—Daisy Gold. Elizabeth Letcher. Class II. —Grace McCallum, Edward Iggulden, William Hogg, Eva Johns. Class III, —Annie Smythe, William Eason, Agnes Sinclair. Class IV.—Alfred Bowden, Alfred Overend, Jemima Thorley, Julia Letcher, Class V, —Albert Barlow, James Hogg, Rose Overend. Class VI.—Henry Fleet, Alfred Harris, Mary Overend. Class VII.—George Cropp . Class VIII. — William Bowden, Margaret Nairn, Alice Cummings. Attendance.—Flora Corner, Henry Corner, Florence Holmes, Joseph Holmes. Drawing.— George Cropp, Stewart Nairn. Conduct.— Alice Cummings. In addition each of the infants was presented with a Christmas card.

## 1886-1887

1886	99	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert		Head Master	£290.00
1886	99	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£60.00
1886	99	Kaiwara	Levy	Ellen J		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1887	121	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert		Head Master	£300.00
1887	121	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£60.00
1887	121	Kaiwara	Newton	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1887	121	Kaiwara	Letham	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

**Robert Johnston** was at Taita School when my records start in 1878 and was there until 1885 . He was then at Kaiwarra until 1905

12th February 1886 UNLAWFUL BATHING. James Gardner, John Little, Robert Hogg, William Bowden, and Robert Gardner, five little boys, were charged with bathing in a stream at Kaiwarra. Mr John Thompson, who was in Court, remarked that the stream was not near a public road, and his Worship dismissed the accused with a caution.

1st July 1886 Wellington Education Board An increase of salary (£10) was allowed to Miss Storey, assistant at Kaiwarra School....The Kaiwarra School wrote io reference to damage

done by the railway. It was resolved that the Secretary call the attention of the authorities to the matter.

30th September 1886 Lower Hutt School, Mr D. Barry, promoted from Kaiwarra

2nd October 1886 A special meeting of the Board of Education has been called for Thursday next to consider a request of the Lower Hutt School Committee that Mr. J. H. Brann, of Clareville, should be appointed to succeed Mr. Richards as head-master of the district school. At the meeting of the Board on Wednesday last, Mr. D. Barry, of Kaiwarra, was appointed to the position, but the committee are desirous that Mr. Brann should receive the appointment.

8th October 1886 A meeting of the Lower Hutt School Committee was held yesterday evening week, to consider the appointment of a successor to Mr C. A. Richards, as head master of the local school. The Education Board forwarded his applications, and recommended the appointment of Mr David Bary, of Kaiwarra, a resident at the Hutt. The Committee, after due consideration of the applications, decided to request the Board to appoint Mr J. H. Braun, at present of the Clareville School. The Committee's reason for this was that it was considered desirable, considering the late disarrangement of affairs in the school, to appoint someone who was a comparative stranger in the district.

27th October 1886 Wellington Education Board An application for A vote for the painting of the Kaiwarra School was not granted

30th October 1886 Mr. Johnston, late of the Taita, will assume charge of the Kaiwarra School on Monday next, and on the same day Mr. Barry, late of Kaiwarra, will enter upon his duties as headmaster of the Lower Hutt School. Miss Johnston, the senior pupil teacher, will be in charge of the Taita School until another master has been appointed.....Mr. Barry, who is leaving the Kaiwarra School to take charge of the Hutt, was yesterday the recipient of a handsome present from the teachers and pupils of the school. The Chairman of the Committee, in making the presentation, spoke with deep feeling of the esteem in which Mr. Barry is held by teachers, pupils, and the Committee, and of their deep regret at losing him. Mr. Barry replied suitably, thanking the teachers and pupils, and asking them to work as harmoniously with his successor as they had done with himself. He also spoke of the pleasant relations which had always existed between himself and the Committee.

18th December 1886 The Kaiwarra school broke up for the holidays yesterday. The prizes will be given at next Monday evening at 7 o'clock. The Committee would like the parents or guardians of the children to be there. About £9 worth of prizes will be given out. The Chairman of the Committee desires through our columns, on behalf of the Committee, to thank those who, assisted at the concert and helped to make it a success.

23rd December 1886 Wellington Education Board An application for a grant-in-aid of additions to the Kaiwarra School was referred to the Finance Committee.

5th January 1887 [presumably a pupil] Robert Hausmann, a timid child of five summers, was summoned for having thrown a stone at a railway carriage at Kaiwarra. The little fellow informed his Worship that he had aimed at a bird and had not struck the carriage as alleged. Sergeant Morice— I am afraid, your Worship, that the child is too young to prosecute. Mr. Wardell— I'm not afraid at all. for I'm sure of it. His Worship dismissed the case, advising the child to refrain from throwing stones at all.

23rd February 1887 Wellington Education Board Miss Newtown, of the Kaiwarra School applied that the Board should pay her railway fare, in order that she might attend the training classes. Granted

27th April 1887 The annual meeting for the election of a school committee was held at the schoolhouse, Kaiwarra, on Monday night, Mr. J. T. Barlow, chairman of the retiring committee, being voted to the chair. The balance-sheet to the end of December, 1886, which showed a good balance in the bank, and the report were adopted. The committee also gave an account of receipts and expenditure for the last four months. The following gentlemen were then proposed for the new committee, and the first seven elected in the order named :— Messrs. J. T. Barlow, 20 ; Bowden, 13 ; Jno. Holmes, 15 ; Cook, 14; Flaws, 12; Smyth, 10; Wainwright, 12 ; Harris, 10. At the meeting of the new committee, held immediately afterwards, Mr. Barlow was unanimously reelected chairman. Mr. Smyth was re-elected secretary and Mr. Wm. Bowden treasurer. It was decided to hold the regular meeting on the first Tuesday in each month.

8th July 1887 A concert will be given in the Kaiwarra schoolroom this evening in aid of the building fund of the new hall, Kaiwarra. A well selected programme has been prepared, and a very enjoyable evening's entertainment should result.

10th September 1887 TO BUILDERS. TENDERS are required by the Kaiwarra Hall Committee for the Erection of a Hall at Kaiwarra. Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of Mr. John Holmes, Tannery, Kaiwarra.. Tenders will be lodged up to 4 o'clock 19th September. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. WM. BOWDEN, Hon. Sec.

29th October 1887 A want which has long been felt by the residents of Kaiwarra, is about to be supplied, by the erection of a public hall in that township. A portion of the Wesleyan reserve on the old Porirua road has been leased for a term at a peppercorn rental, and a building intended as a public hall is now in course of erection. Messrs. Mulligan & Jacks are the contractors, and if they are favoured with fine weather the work will be completed about the middle of next month. The building will cost about £200. One half of that amount has been raised by public subscriptions and concerts, and it is believed that the balance can be obtained by means of a series of entertainments during the summer months. The building will be used by the Wesleyan body each Sunday, free of charge, in consideration of their liberality in granting a lease of the site at a peppercorn rental.

1st December 1887 Wellington Education Board A letter having been read from Mr W. Singer to the effect that the Kaiwarra School Committee intended to lock the school up and not let him have charge of it, the Board decided to request Mr Singer to continue the school until the end of the year, and the secretary was instructed to inform the Committee that they had no power to lock up the school. [Mr W Singer was headmaster of the Kaiwairua school between Featherston and Martinborough and was not a teacher at Kaiwarra ever]

10th December 1887 A pleasant social gathering took place at the Kaiwarra School last evening, the occasion being a dance given by a number of ladies and gentlemen in aid of a charitable object. Mr. T. Coleman officiated very creditably as M.C., and the various other arrangements were carried out by an efficient working committee. Good music was provided, and the catering, which was left in the hands of the ladies, was all that could be desired.

22nd December 1887 The annual distribution of prizes at Kaiwarra, school will be made at 6.30 this evening by Mr. Cameron, Sen.

## 1888-1889

1888	111	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert		Head Master	£285.00
1888	111	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£60.00
1888	111	Kaiwara	Newton	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1888	111	Kaiwara	Letham	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00
1889	115	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert		Head Master	£285.00
1889	115	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£65.00
1889	115	Kaiwara	Newton	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00
1889	115	Kaiwara	Letham	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00

**Sara W Letham** taught at Kaiwarra from 1887 until 1895 always has a Pupil Teacher even though she qualified in 1890 for a higher position. In 1896 she went as acting teacher at Wainuiomata and then as a permanent appointment until at least 1915. She then was sole teacher at Tawa Flat school until at least 1919.

Sara Letham died June 25th 1938 leaving £500 for the Red Cross

26th July 1938 The League of Unitarian Women and the little congregation of Liberal Christians, who meet at Charming Hall, Lambton Quay, have sustained a severe loss in the death of Miss Sarah Letham, lately passed away, states a correspondent. Miss Letham was a chapel trustee and a most loyal and devoted member, always attending services and meetings when health permitted. Holding her own faith firmly, she was yet in full sympathy with all Christian endeavour. She read Higher Thought literature widely and appreciated the work Christian Scientists are doing. She was modest and retiring in temperament, but never yielded a jot where principle was concerned. She was "honour and honesty" right through her nature, and to this she added a generous recognition of the good in others. For many years she taught in the public schools, where her influence was strongly felt. The congregation and league wish to express sincere sympathy with her relatives and friends.

19th March 1888 While on this subject we may remark that curiously enough all the native names of places along the Hutt line are carefully and systematically misspelt. "Kaiwarra," with its double r, is of course, a Maori impossibility—it should be Kaiwhara, or more strictly Kaiwharawhara. We might drop the repeated syllables to avoid excessive length, but at least let us not perpetuate such a hybrid monstrosity as "Kaiwarra."

30th May 1888 Wellington Education Board A deputation from the Kaiwarra School Committee waited upon the Board asking them to use their influence to induce the railway authorities to alter the timetable in the afternoon, be that the train which now passes by Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga may stop at those stations, and to enable the school children to be picked up without having to wait for the 5 o'clock train as they now have to do.

2nd June 1888 The Kaiwarra Licensing Committee met ' at the Schoolhouse at noon to-day, there being present :— Messrs. W. Durrell (Chairman), Bergin, Storey, Cameron, and Gardner.

21st June 1888 Acting at the instigation of the Education Board, Dr. Newman asked the Minister for Public Works yesterday, whether he would allow the Wellington- Wairapa train to call at Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga, in order to carry the children from the Kaiwarra School to their homes at Ngahauranga. He explained that about 35 scholars would be able to avail themselves of the proposed convenience, which would obviate the necessity for

building another school. The Hon. Mr. Mitchelson, in replying, said he regretted that he could not comply with the request, because to do so would entail a delay of ten minutes or a quarter of an hour in each trip, and would necessitate the attachment of a special carriage, which would need to be shunted at Ngahauranga. The distance was so short, and the road be good, that he did not think any great inconvenience could be suffered by the children.

27th June 1888 Wellington Education Board The appointment of a sewing teacher at Kaiwarra was deferred until the new regulations are considered.

27th June 1888 The refusal of the Railway Department to stop the express train at Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga for the purpose of picking up and depositing the Ngahauranga children attending the Kaiwarra School was considered by the Board of Education to-day, and an opinion was generally expressed that the department was acting in opposition to its own interests. Dr. Newman pointed out that any person could get the express to stop at either station by simply holding up a flag as it approached, but yet the department refused to pick up 35 children at Kaiwarra and put them down at Ngahauranga. Mr. Beetham explained that the principal objection to picking up the children was that to do so would necessitate another carriage, and thus make the train heavier, the result being that it could not run to its present timetable. Mr. A. W. Brown— A piece of red tape. Mr. Beetham concurred. The subject then dropped

3rd July 1888 We hope Dr. Newman and the other Wellington members will not rest content with the reply given by the General Manager of Railways, through the Minister of Public Works, to the very reasonable request that the Wairarapa afternoon train should stop at Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga for the convenience of school children, The explanations and reasons given for this not being done are simply absurd, and afford an excellent example of the principle of 'how not to do it' which distinguishes the management of New Zealand railways. The number of children who would take advantage of the train, if they were, permitted to do so, is sufficiently large to justify the concession asked for. and" it. should undoubtedly be granted. While a railway runs along the roadside and a train regularly passes at a suitable time, it is most improper that these children should be required to trudge along a dirty and cold road for between two and three miles, to reach their homes after leaving school. If the Minister of Public Works had sufficient courage to say that the facilities asked for must be granted, the difficulties raised by the department would soon be got over. They are more imaginary than real.

3rd July 1888 The Ngahauranga School Your correspondent " Kaiwarra " does not seem to have the right heft of it at all. The direction the country's affairs are tending will necessitate a very tough and hardy Generation to follow the present, and consequently the training the children get on the way to school will be quite as good to them as the education gained while there. Those are in all likelihood the kindly ideas entertained by the chief of all our railways, but the question arises, would Mr. Maxwell treat his children if he had any, to the same sort of training The reply is simple ; Mr. Maxwell is a very different man to the little people who inhabit the neighbourhood of ' Ngahauranga. He is a great Engineer I saw an instance of this the other day, when he stood before a hill on the Hr.tt-road and pointed a silk umbrella at it like Moses is generally depicted standing before the rock in the wilderness), and the hill was moved into the sea, and the sea came and swallowed it up ; and, then this bleeding country bod to find more money, perhaps also to be swallowed up in the harbour. Sir, I could prove in

many ways that our great engineers often fail in their results for the want of a little knowledge of trifles, and in this school question I can point out that many children who, according to the railway authorities only walk one and a half miles, have two miles to walk before they commence the one and a half, and on a bad road for horses, let alone for children— on a road that sees no sun. For the benefit of these engineers I may mention that the state of roads generally varies with the weather and the season. H Bodley

[1 mile = 1.60934 Kilometres so 3 miles = 4.83 Kilometres]

13th July 1888 A programme of readings and recitations was arranged for the next meeting. We have to congratulate Mr. John Newton on the thorough success of last night's concert in the Schoolhouse, Kaiwarra, which we are glad to hear, will result in a handsome surplus being available for the Iggulden Fund. The hall was taxed to its utmost capacity to find accommodation for the troop of friends, many of whom came from far-off Newtown to lend a helping hand to the fund. The Schoolhouse was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, tree-ferns, and Chinese lanterns,.....

27th July 1888 Scale Drawing Examination Wellington Education District: Kaiwarra T Casey, J Gardiner, S Martin

15th September 1888 Inspector Lee to inspect Kaiwarra on 20th September 1888

29th September 1888 The annual examination of the Kaiwarra School has been completed by Mr. Lee, the Board Inspector, the results being as follows : Total number presented, 156 (50 under age), 68 passed; Standard 1., 31 presented (1 excepted), 26 passed: Standard 11., 18 presented (2 excepted), 11 passed; Standard 111., 19 presented (2 excepted), 13 passed ; Standard IV., 23 presented (3 excepted), 8 passed ; Standard V., 12 presented (3 excepted), 9 passed; Standard VI., 2 presented (1 absent), 1 failed; Standard VII., 1 presented, 1 passed.

17th November 1888 An interesting ceremony was performed\* at the Kaiwarra School on Friday last. Miss Storey, who had been assistant teacher for a number of years, and who has now been appointed mistress of the Ngahauranga School, was, prior to her departure, made the recipient of a handsome present from her fellow teachers, pupils, and residents of the village. The memento was in the shape of a very handsome silver set of table accessories, which comprised a biscuit jar, preserves jar and silver spoon, small cruet stand, and butter cooler, with silver knife. The recipient thanked the scholars for their unexpected present and said she would always bear very pleasant recollections of the Kaiwarra School, and, although she was not really going from their midst, their handsome and useful present would remind her of many happy days spent in and about the school. Miss Storey took charge of the school lately opened at Ngahauranga on Monday last.

[This school may well have been a side school of Kaiwarra as Miss Storey is still listed on the Kaiwarra staff and was still listed there until 1891 There is no Wellington Education Board record of opening this Ngahauranga school. The Wellington Education Board have on national Archives a school site listed in 1899 and a school building and site dated 1918-1930 There was no Ngahauranga School listed in 1919 or 1923]

27th February 1889 Wellington Education Board Mr. Bowden, Chairman of the Kaiwarra School Committee, waited upon the Board and complained of the defective state of the roof of the local school. The Board agreed to obtain a report from the architect.

27th March 1889 Wellington Education Board The Chairman reported that the committee appointed last month had visited the Kaiwarra, Ngahauranga, Petone, Hutt, and Taita

Schools, and inspected the building. They found that a new roof was required at Kaiwarra, as the present one allowed the rain to come in very freely. A very nice school had been erected at Ngahauranga by the residents at their own cost, and these people deserved great credit for what they had done

16th April 1889 Wellington Education Board calls for tenders for painting school.

24th April 1889 KAIWARRA. At a meeting of the householders at Kaiwarra last evening, for the purpose of electing a School Committee, Mr. Bowdon was voted to the chair. After a few remarks, he called on the Treasurer for his report, which was to the effect that all accounts were paid, and a credit balance of .£1 12s 10d left. The following gentlemen were nominated as the new committee :— Messrs. Bowdon, Bergin, Corner, Cook, Mackay, Wainwright, Yeates, and Durrell. The result of the election was that Messrs. Bowdon, Corner, Cook, Durrell, Mackay, Wainwright, and Yeates, were elected. At a meeting of the committee held immediately after, Mr. Bowdon was elected as Chairman, Mr. Mackay Treasurer, Mr. Cook Secretary. The Secretary was instructed to call for tenders for school cleaning, Ac, and to call the monthly meeting for the first Tuesday in each month

26th April 1889 Wellington Education Board Kaiwarra School and roofing it with iron, W. Jennings, .£80 [Equivalent to inflation adjusted \$17 168.05 in March 2021]

18th May 1889 School examination returns received by Wellington Education Board included: Kaiwarra. [This again was not A Kaiwarra return but Kaiwairai in the Wairarapa]

1st June 1889 Kaiwarra was described by Sergeant Major Morice in the Magistrate's Court to-day, as a great place for larrikinism— one of the worst suburbs of Wellington in that respect.

4th October 1889 First Grade Drawing Examination E O Jackson, P Pickering, W H Yeatts passed first grade scale

## 1890-1891

1890	112	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert		Head Master	£285.00
1890	112	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£65.00
1890	112	Kaiwara	Newton	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1890	112	Kaiwara	Letham	Sarah		Female Pupil Teacher	£35.00
1891	119	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert		Head Master	£285.00
1891	119	Kaiwara	Storey	Clara		Assistant Female	£65.00
1891	119	Kaiwara	Newton	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1891	119	Kaiwara	Letham	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

17th January 1890 The children attending the Kaiwarra School are to take part in the morning procession on Jubilee Day. The adult procession is to start from the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company's reclamation, while the children will be asked to assemble at the rear of the Government Buildings, trending down to join the other procession. During the march from the Government Buildings to the Basin Reserve the children will be accompanied by members of school committees, Sunday and day schoolteachers, as well as seven sub-marshals. As all traffic is to be suspended in the streets during the march there need be no fear that the youngsters will be in danger while in the procession. On arrival at

the Basin Reserve the children will be ranged on the slopes round about the grand stand, and will then sing the Jubilee hymn.....

20th JANUARY 1890 the Procession Committee held a meeting on Saturday evening, at which they decided that the order of the procession on Wednesday next should be as follows : — 1. Protestant Band. 2. Children — Mount Cook. 1000; Clyde quay, 400 ; Newtown, .500 ; Vogeltown, 80 ; Kilbirnie, 100. Total, 2080. 3. Drum and Fife Band. 4. Children— Roman Catholic, 700; To Aro, 400; Terrace, 400; Thorndon, 400; Wadestown, 100; Kaiwarra, 100. Total, 2100 [Then a long, long list of others]

29th April 1890 The annual meeting of the householders in the Kaiwarra School district was well attended, Mr. W. Bowden being in the chair, The election of a new committee resulted at follows . -Messrs. W. Bowden, 42 ; Poole, 38 ; H. Tyer, 37 ; W. Holmes 32; T. Wainwright, 19; Corner, 16; W. Durrell, 12. At a meeting of the new committee held subsequently, Mr. Bowdon was re-elected Chairman, and Messrs Tyer and Wainwright were appointed Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

5th May 1890 Sir — Knowing you to be interested in the working of local governing bodies and their doings, I would wish to address a few remarks on the subject and working of the above Borough. The Council has met three times already and made one appointment. At the last meeting a deputation waited on the Council, urging to have a light placed on the footpath to the Kaiwarra. School, to shed a light on the encroachment in the river by a Councillor, and to guard the rising generation from falling into that aromatic stream, and the Council have engaged and entered upon the occupation of the Town Hall for holding the meetings of the Council, paying rent for the same, in which one of the Councillors is interested, rather than occupy the tollgate bouse for such purpose, which is being meanwhile destroyed by the larrikins for the want of occupation ; so that I think you will agree with mo. in considering that the title of On-Blow is well deserved, lam, &c, A Ratepayer.

13th May 1890 TENDERS will be received by the under signed for the erection of about eight chains Paling Fencing, from Schoolhouse at Kaiwarra to Hutt-road ; also building brick chimney and fixing register grate at Ngahauranga. Specifications can be seen with HARRY TYER, Secretary, Kaiwarra School Board

28th May 1890 Wellington Education Board Mr. H. Tyer waited upon the Board in support of a request for the fencing of the portion of Kaiwarra School grounds abutting upon the creek, at a cost of £21. He said the Onslow Borough Council had agreed to contribute £8, and also erect a lamp. The acceptance of a tender at £21 was approved and the committee was also authorised to erect a chimney at a cost of £9 7s 6d.

13th February 1891 Sara Letham Kaiwarra passed her fifth and final year examination as a pupil teacher. [She remained as a pupil teacher at Kaiwarra until 1895 a bargain for the Wellington Education Board who only had to pay her a pupil teacher salary]

13th March 1891 Miss Evans, who was for some time connected with the Kindergarten School at South Kensington, has been engaged by the Board of Education to visit several of the schools in the city and suburbs, and give the infant classes the benefit of her experiences. Miss Evans has already visited the Terrace, Newtown, and Te Aro Schools, and was engaged to-day at the Kaiwarra School.

26th March 1891 An unfavourable report as to the proposal to establish a school at Khandallah was read from the Kaiwarra School Committee. They did not think it would be



necessary to have a school there for some years. The Board deferred consideration of the matter

7th April 1891 Mr. Young, gardener, of Tinakori-road, has promised Mr. George Woodward fifty assorted plants, such as will withstand sea spray, towards the proposed plantation on the Thorndon Esplanade. Mr. John Orr, of the City Buffet, has sent a cheque for £2 as a contribution to the Arbor Day Fund. Sixty boys and girls from the upper classes of the Kaiwarra School, under Mr. Johnson, head master, have promised to take part in the planting ceremony.

21st April 1891 Nominations for School Committee Kaiwarra: William J. Bowden, Henry Tyer, Phillip Pool, William Durrell, John E Knight, William Corner Thomas Wainwright, James Henwood.

28th April 1891 School Committee Election: Kaiwarra, last night, Mr. Bowden, Chairman of the retiring Committee, was voted to the chair. About 30 householders were present . The report and balance-sheet were read and adopted. The following is the result of the ballot: — W. Bowden, 42 ; W. Connor, 33 ; W. Durrell, 36; B. Knight. 30: P. Poole, 25; H. Tyer, 36 ; T. Wainwright, 36 ; I. Henwood, 12. Messrs. Liddle and Overend were the scrutineers. The first seven candidates were declared duly elected At a meeting hold immediately afterwards, Mr. Bowdon was re-elected Chairman, Mr. Tyer was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. Wainwright was re-elected Treasurer. The Committee decided to support Mr. McCardle for the vacancy on the Education Board, and the meeting closed- with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

14th November 1891 First Grade Drawing examinations Geometry: Kaiwarra.— Flo Eason, Grace McCallum, Ada Corner, Flo Butler, C. H. Bassett, Amelia Jameson good, Ellen Davis, A. Jameson good.

### 1892-1893

1892	116	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert		Head Master	£285.00
1892	116	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita		Assistant Female	£75.00
1892	116	Kaiwara	Letham	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1892	116	Kaiwara	Newton	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	116	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert		Head Master	£285.00
1893	116	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita		Assistant Female	£75.00
1893	116	Kaiwara	Letham	Sara		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00
1893	116	Kaiwara	Newton	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00

**Nita Johnston** had a long career with the Wellington Education Board From 880 to 1886 she was a pupil teacher at Taita. From 1888 to 1891 was at Masterton as an assistant. Then at Kaiwarra from 1892 to 1901. From 1902 to 1903 was at Waihakeke just out of Carterton Then from 1904 to 1907 was at Korokoro school as Nita and then at Korokoro from 1908 to 1911 as Tristitana until 1911.

1953/33471	Johnston	Tristiana Emily Nita		89Y
1865/9776	Johnston	Tristiana Emily Nita Johnston	Tristiana Matilda Richmond	Robert

12th January 1892 Kaiwarra {to take charge of side school at Ngahauranga); salary, £75.

27th January 1892 Wellington Education Board for the erection of a new school at Makara were ordered to be prepared. In Committee, the Board made selections of assistant teachers for the Clyde-quay, Kaiwarra, Vogeltown, and Otaki School, and also a head teacher for Levin, subject in. all cases to the approval of the local Committees

29th January 1892 Wellington Education Board Miss Clara Storey assistant Kaiwarra resigns.

30th January 1892 A presentation took place at the Ngahauranga Hall on Thursday afternoon last of a handsome silver tea service and an address, the recipient being Miss Storey, of Kaiwarra, who is severing her connection with the Ngahauranga School, over which she has presided from its foundation. The presentation was made by Mr. Harry Tyer, on behalf of the residents. Miss Storey, who was taken quite by surprise, replied in feeling terms. The hall was well filled with the parents and children, and the boys gave three lusty cheers for the departing teacher. The address was as follows :—"": Ngahauranga. 28th January, 1892. Dear Miss Storey — The residents of Ngahauranga being highly sensible of the manner in which you have carried out your duties as teacher of our school for the past three years, cannot allow you to retire from our midst without testifying our appreciation of your many excellent qualities, and the high esteem in which you are held, alike by the children and ourselves. To be popular and beloved by the children in the capacity of teacher is praise which few can claim, and in this respect you have earned more than generally falls to the lot of that few. We, the undersigned, on behalf of the residents, ask you to accept the accompanying souvenir, as a small token of the esteem in which you are held by us all, and assure you that we shall look back with pleasant memories on the days you have spent amongst us. Wishing you every happiness in your new sphere of life." (Here follow the signatures.)

19th March 1892 KAIWARRA SCHOOL. A CONCERT AND DANCE will be held in the above Schoolroom on MONDAY, 21st March, in aid of alterations to school. A special programme has been provided. Concert, Is ; Dance, Is. Doors open 7.30 p.m. ; commence 8 p.m. WM. BOWDEN, Chairman Committee.

26th March 1892 Owing to the large increase in the number of pupils attending the Kaiwarra school, it has been found advisable to make considerable alterations to the building. To raise funds for this purpose, a concert was held last evening in the schoolroom, and "proved a most unqualified success. The proceeds should result in a substantial sum being added to the building fund, and those who worked so hard to ensure its success are to be warmly congratulated on the result, especially Messrs. Newton and Latham, who organised the affair. Mr. W. T. Wyatt occupied the chair, and the following programme was rendered : — Duet, Misses Watson and Latham; senr, Mr. J. Newton (encored) ; quartet, Misses D. Overend and Amy Bowden, Masters M. Ryan and C. Smythe ; recitation, Mr. W. A. Sim ; song (comic), Mr. A. W. Newton (encored) ; solo and quartet, Miss D. Overend ; song, Mr. J. Newton (encored) ; song, Miss Leatham ; song, Master J. Newton; character song, Miss Newton (encored) ; song (comic), Mr. A. W. Newton (encored). At the conclusion of the concert Mr. Wyatt, on behalf of the School Committee, thanked those present for their patronage. Cheers were given most enthusiastically for the Misses Newton, Mr. Wyatt, and the School Committee. A dance followed, and was kept up for several hours, a large number

takin? part in it. Mr. A. W. Newton acted as M.C., while Mr. Platt supplied the music. Mr. W. Bowden, Chairman of the School Committee, performed the secretary's duties.

27th April 1892 Wellington Education Board granted Miss M Newtown three months leave of absence.

8th August 1892 Football [Rugby] The match between the Kaiwarra School and the fifth class of Thorndon School on Saturday was won by the former by default, the latter failing to put in an appearance in the second spell

15th August 1892 Inspector Fleming to inspect Kaiwarra on the 8th and 9th September

1st September 1892 It was stated at the meeting of the Education Board yesterday that so many meetings were being held in the Kaiwarra Schoolroom that the furniture was being destroyed and the building generally much injured. The board took no action in the matter.

3rd September 1892 A public hall for Kaiwarra is being mooted, and a meeting of the residents is to be called shortly to discuss ways and means of providing a long-felt want in that township

8th September 1892 Khandallah. —A deputation waited on the board in reference to the proposed erection of a school at Khandallah. They opposed the application on the ground that the school was not needed, and that there were already four schools within a radius of two miles, none of which were full. Mr Bowden, chairman of the Kaiwarra committee, said that committee was already overburdened, and he thought the board should put their foot on these applications. The people who had signed the petition in favour of the new school, he declared, could not produce twelve children to go to it. After some discussion the board decided to wait until the deputation had put their views in writing.

19th September 1892 KHANDALLAH SCHOOL. TO THE EDITOR.

Sir — In your issue of Wednesday, the 14th, I read the particulars of a meeting of the Kaiwarra householders re the granting of a teacher for the Khandallah district. Well, sir, wo in Khandallah would like to know, and we ask through your paper, what Mr. Bowden and a few other jealous and selfish people in Kaiwarra have to do with us in Khandallah They very well know that it is the Kaiwarra school that could be best dispensed with, they being near to Thorndon and having a good road, while wo in Crofton and Khandallah are cut off, not having passable roads, especially for little children, and we cannot send our little ones over those ragged hills into a dirty hole with a ditch down the middle, carrying off the drainage not only from house., but fellmongeries, &a. No, sir; it should be rather the other way about. It would do the Kaiwarra children good to come out into the fresh clean air to eat their lunch and play. The Chairman of the School Committee tried to persuade the meeting that it would be a waste of public money and against the Board's regulations. I think, sir, most of my Kaiwarra friends will agree to this fact—that the School Board can protect their own regulations and decide as to the waste or otherwise of the public money. Now, sir, the first resolution passed at the meeting none will object to. The householders should have confidence in their committee ; but the second resolution, " that the establishment of a school at Khandallah will be a groat injustice to the children of Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga," is sheer nonsense. For the life of me, I fail to see where the sense of such a resolution comes in, and I trust the Board will use their own discretion in the matter. I am, &c, E. Wright

6th October 1892 A deputation of residents of Khandallah, consisting of Messrs F. W. Mansfield, W. Littlejohn, J. H. Richardson, W. Pearce, F. H. Revell and G. McCarthy, waited upon the Education Board last week in reference to the proposal that an aided school should be established in their district. Mr Mansfield stated that objections had been made to the proposal by the Johnsonville and Kaiwarra committees, and in reply to these he read a memorandum setting forth the answers to these objections. The answers were to the effect that there were only two schools (instead of four, as alleged)—Kaiwarra and Johnsonville in proximity to Khandallah, and that the distances of these two schools from the proposed new school were respectively  $3 \frac{2}{10}$  miles and  $2 \frac{4}{10}$  miles ; that several other schools had been erected irrespective of the regulation prohibiting the erection of a school within three miles of another ; that the probable loss in the number of children attending the Johnsonville, Kaiwarra and Wadestown schools by the erection of the Khandallah school would be a total of 14; that the actual number of children of school age in Khandallah who are not attending other schools was 23. These children, it was pointed out, were prevented from attending the public schools on account of the rough and dangerous roads. The capitation allowance alone which they would earn would be sufficient to start the school. The board went into committee to consider the matter after the deputation had withdrawn and decided to postpone further consideration of the subject until next day.

14th October 1892 ricket teams Kaiwarra School v. Ngahauranga Junior', at Kaiwarra. Kaiwarra — Fitzgerald (2) v Hodges, Bound, Taylor, Overend, Hendle .. Smythe, Bowden (2), Knight. Emergencies — Round and Yeatte. Ngahauranga — Pickin (3), Eason (3), Liddle (2), Smith, Newland, Coulston.

27th October 1892 State School Drawing Examinations Geometry: Kaiwarra — A. Ambrose. A. K. Bowdon A. M- Corner, M. S. Cameron, M. Coulston A. E. Exley , A. J. Eason (excellent), W Eason, F. Eagles, W. Hogg (excellent), H H. Knight, W. J. Letcher (good), D McCallum. F. E. Robson. R. G. Smith (good)

4th November 1892 Owing to the action of the Board of Education in granting an aided school for the residents of Khandallah, the members of the Kaiwarra School Committee have confirmed the resolution passed at their last meeting and have sent in their resignations to the Board.

30th November 1892 The Kaiwarra and Paikakariki School Committees having sent in their resignations, the elections of new committees were appointed to take place at 8 p.m. on the 9th of January next, at the respective schoolhouse

24th January 1893 Most of the State Schools re-opened today after the Christmas vacation. The exceptions were the Thorndon, Mount Cook Boys, and Infants, and Kaiwarra Schools, which, having been recently painted, are not habitable, owing to the paint not being quite dry. They will open next Monday

Wellington Education Board One month's leave of absence was granted to Nita Johnston, Kaiwarra

29th April 1893 School Committee Elections: No elections have been held at Kaiwarra. Whakataki, or Matarawa.

2nd June 1893 Wellington Education Board: An additional fireplace was ordered to be put in the Kaiwarra School

13th June 1893 IT is hereby publicly notified that Meetings of Householders for the Election of School Committees at Kaiwarra, Matarawa, Wangaehu, and Whakataki, will be held in the respective schoolrooms on MONDAY, the 26th inst., at half-past seven o'clock in the Evening. The Board calls upon the householders in each district to send in writing, by post or delivery, so as to be delivered to the respective. Chairmen of the several School Committees not later than eight o'clock in the Evening of Monday, the 19th day of Juno instant, the names of persons, being resident householders, nominated by them for election to serve upon the Committee for the year next ensuing-. Each nomination shall be signed by the proposer and by the candidate and shall be on the form which can be obtained from the Chairman of the existing Committees, or to the effect thereof. The Chairman of every Committee shall cause a list of all candidates be nominated to be displayed upon the outer door of every Schoolhouse within the district under the control of each Committee, on the next day after Monday, 19th instant, or as soon thereafter as may be. ABTHUR DORSET, Secretary.

27th June 1893 At the meeting; of Kaiwarra householders held last night for the purpose of electing a School Committee, Mr. Bowden was unanimously voted to the chair . About 30 people were present. Ten nominations were received, and the result of ballot was as follows : — E. Coleman, 19 : P. Joseph, 18 ; W. J. Bowden, 16 : D. D. Cameron, 15 j J. T. Follas, 15; H. Nicoll, 14: L. Lynnberg, 13 : W. Corner, 12 ; P. Laurenson, 10 ; J. Henwood, 9. Messrs. Flaws and Mack were the scrutineers. At a meeting held immediately after, Mr. Bowden was re-elected Chairman, Mr Joseph was elected Treasurer, and Mr. Cameron Secretary.

8th August 1893 Mr T. Fleming, School Inspector, will examine the following schools on the dates mentioned Porirua, 28th August; Tawa Flat, 30th August; Kaiwarra, 4th, 5th and 6th September ;

12th August 1893 An excellent entertainment was given last night in the local schoolroom, in aid of the Kaiwarra School funds, under the management of Mr. Claude Hermann The audience was large, and the applause was hearty and frequent Miss Daisy Thornton gave a very pretty skirt dance, and a conjuring turn by Professor Lazern created much amusement. Mr. Hermann contributed several coster songs a la Rickards, and songs were given by Messrs. Thornhill, Caselini, and Washington.

25th October 1893 First Grade Drawing Examination Kaiwarra 27 sat 14 passed.

## 1894-1895

1894	115	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert	Head Master	£290.00
1894	115	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita	Assistant Female	£80.00
1894	115	Kaiwara	Letham	Sara	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1894	115	Kaiwara	Newton	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1895	112	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert	Head Master	£290.00
1895	112	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita	Assistant Female	£80.00
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1895	112	Kaiwara	Newton	Mary	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00

30th May 1894 Wellington Education Board It was decided to extend the boundaries of the Kaiwarra district

11th June 1894 The adjourned meeting of the householders of Kilbirnie, Kaiwarra, Makakahi, Opaki, Belvedere, Greytown, Mangaroa, Korokoro, Kereru,

Paikakariki, and Horokiwi Valley will be held this evening for the purpose of electing school committees. We should be obliged if the chairmen of country meetings would forward us the names .of the new committees as early as possible.

12th June 1894 KAIWARRA. There were only six householders present at Kaiwarra. Mr. W. Bowden was voted to the chair. Three members of the retiring committee, namely, Messrs. W. Bowden, L. Lynneberg, and P. Joseph, were re-elected. The only other candidate was Mr. D. Greig, who was duly returned. As only four nominations were received for the seven seats, the Board of Education will be called upon to appoint three members. The report stated that the school was in a very satisfactory state. The balance-sheet showed that there was 18s 4d in hand, and an outstanding liability of £1 4s.

25th August 1894 An inspector either Mr Lee or Mr Fleming will inspect Kaiwarra on the 5th and 6th September

12th December 1894 Miss Jessie Newton, Kaiwarra, applied for an extension of her Christmas holidays by 10 days. The matter was left in the hands of the Chairman, with power to act.

30th January 1895 Wellington Education Board and three months' leave of absence was granted Miss Newton, assistant at the Kaiwarra School, on account of ill-health

23rd April 1895 The meeting of householders for the election of a School Committee, was held in the Kaiwarra school last night. The following were elected a Committee for the ensuing year : —Messrs. Wm Bowden (Chairman and Secretary), Wm. Corner, Wm. King, John Mack, Ebenezer Round, Michael Walsh, and Peter Joseph (Treasurer).

5th August 1895 Inspector Lee of Fleming to inspect Kaiwarra school on 29th and 30th August

18th September 1895 . It has been felt for many years in the neighbourhood of Kaiwarra that a suitable building should be erected for boys, that they might have a room all their own, on a modification of the lines of the Boys' Institute in this city. To raise the necessary funds it is proposed to hold a sale of work at an early date, to have lantern and other entertainments, also services of song. The first will be "Uncle Tom," to be given to-morrow evening in the Public Hall. The young people have for some months been busy with their sewing and singing, and it is to be hoped that those who wish to lessen the larrikin element in the borough will most heartily support the venture

## 1896-1897

1896	105	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert		Head Master	£290.00
1896	105	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita		Assistant Female	£80.00
1896	105	Kaiwara	Townsend	Fanny		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00
1896	105	Kaiwara	Jacobs	Phoebe		Female Pupil Teacher	£34.00
1897	108	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert	C1	Head Master	£290.00
1897	108	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1897	108	Kaiwara	Roberts	Florence		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00
1897	108	Kaiwara	Dickson	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00

**Fanny Townsend** is only listed as teaching for the one year 1896 for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher at Kaiwarra. Frances Townsend however served in 1889

Mt Cook Infants, as Florence in 1890 and 1891 and at the same school as Frances in 1892 and 1893. After her year at Kaiwarra she served two years as an assistant female at Shannon School. [This change of Christian name could be because Mrs Frances Townsend Publican was always in the newspaper in trouble with the law.]

**Phoebe Jacobs** Only was a pupil teacher for the Wellington Education Board 1895 Te Aro infants, 1896 Kaiwara and 1897 to 1901 at Thorndon.

**Annie Dickson** Taught at Te Aro Infants in 1895 and 1896 and then at Kaiwara from 1897 to 1902

[This is all I could trace definitely for these 3 ladies]

**Florence G Roberts** started her career in 1894 at Thorndon Infants. In 1897 she came to Kaiwarra until 1901 as a pupil teacher. From 1902 still at Kaiwarra she taught as a mistress. From 1906 to 1908 she taught at Terrace DHS as a secondary teacher. She was then at Maranui School from 1909 to 1919 and the school name being changed to Lyall Bay she was there until at least 1923 as Infant Mistress.

20th October 1928 Miss F. G. Roberts is still, the popular head of the Infant School, and smoothes away the troubles of many a difficulty at a parents open day at Lyall Bay school

31st March 1933 Miss F. G. Roberts, who has been on the staff of the Lyall Bay (Wellington) School for the past 24 years, and who is the senior infant mistress of the Dominion, has retired on superannuation.

31st March 1933 There was a large gathering of schoolchildren and parents in the playground at the Lyall Bay School yesterday afternoon when the school assembled to extend farewells to Miss F. G. Roberts, who has retired on superannuation. Miss Roberts, who is the highest graded infant mistress in the Wellington district, and the second highest in New Zealand, began teaching at Thorndon School in 1894, where she remained for four years. She then joined the staff of the Kaiwarra School and, six years later, went to The Terrace, teaching there for two years before removing to Lyall Bay, where she has been infant mistress for the past 24 years. Miss Marjorie Crawford presented Miss Roberts with a gold wristlet watch from the children and the school committee

26th May 1934 Miss F. G. Roberts, BA., principal of the Kilbirnie Preparatory Kindergarten, will-return from Hawke's Bay this,-weekend.

17th October 1936 A short, impressive service in memory of the late Miss F. G. Roberts was held yesterday afternoon' at the Lyall Bay School. The Revs. Tooley and Orange officiated at the ceremony, where the hymn "Abide With Me" was sung by the assembled gathering of pupils, staff, and friends. The appropriate passage of scripture taken from , St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians, Chapter 13, was read by the Rev. G. J. Orange, and was followed by prayers offered by the Rev, Tooley. The headmaster (Mr. A. B. Charters), in paying tribute to the late Miss Roberts, said: "Her epitaph is written In the fruits of her labours in moulding the characters of the thousands of boys and girls who were privileged to have passed through her hands during her 22 years of faithful service at the Lyall Bay School." ' After the benediction had been pronounced the children were dismissed for the remainder of the day.

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29th January 1896 Wellington Education Board The resignation of Miss Newton Kaiwarra accepted

1st July 1896 A deputation, comprising Mr Mack, the Mayor of Kaiwarra, and Mr Wilford, having waited on the Government, asking that the afternoon train from town should call at Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga to take up the school children, the matter has been referred to the Minister for Railways, and arrangements are to be made for granting the concession. This will be a great boon, as the children are kept waiting from half-past 3 till 5 o'clock. Hitherto the train has stopped for any adult passengers who were waiting, but not for the children.

17th August 1896 Mr T R Fleming to inspect Kaiwarra school on 3rd and 4th September

9th September 1896 TENDERS are invited, to close on Friday, 11th September, for Laying-on the Water to the Kaiwarra School. Specification can be seen at Mr. Cook's Store, Kaiwarra. W. BOWDEN, Chairman of School Committee.

23rd January 1897 Frances Townsend passed her 5th year Pupil Teacher examination and Phoebe Jacobs her 4th year pupil teacher examination

24th February 1897 In the recent examination results, the Wellington Girls' High School record was as follows Ono girl, Miss Cora Hickson, obtained a junior University scholarship ; one girl. Miss A. Smyth (Kaiwarra) passed the medical preliminary examination ;

29th May 1897 School Committee election to be held at Kaiwarra as no School Committee had been elected. (and 5 others)

29th June 1897 The householders of Kaiwarra were invited to meet last evening and elect a committee to manage the local school until April next. No one, however, attended, and the retiring committee will remain in office until successors are appointed.

13th July 1897 , while Mr Allen will be assisted in the assaying branch by Mr T. Callan. The Shannon School Committee has approved of the Wellington Education Board's selection of Miss Townsend, late of the Kaiwarra school, to the position of teacher of the Shannon school.

28th July 1897 As the householders failed to elect School Committees at Kaiwarra, Manukau, Paikakariki, and Mungaroa, the Education Board hits appointed Messrs. W. Corner, C. Joseph, and E. Smyth to act as Commissioners at Kaiwarra, .....

29th July 1897 Kaiwarra School will be inspected on the 26th August by Mr Lee and Fleming.

29th July 1897 It was decided not to grant Miss N. Johnston, head teacher at Ngahauranga, farther salary while on leave.

5th August 1897 It was decided not to grant Miss N. Johnston, head teacher at Ngahauranga, further salary while on leave. [Still attached to Kaiwarra School officially]

## 1898-1899

1898	100	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert	C1	Head Master	£290.00
1898	100	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1898	100	Kaiwara	Roberts	Florence G	E4	Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1898	100	Kaiwara	Dickson	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00
1899	106	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert	C1	Head Master	£290.00
1899	106	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00
1899	106	Kaiwara	Roberts	Florence G	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00
1899	106	Kaiwara	Dickson	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£36.00



9th February 1898 Onslow Borough Council: Mr Brown, on behalf of the Kaiwarra School Committee, asked that drain pipes should be put down across the road opposite the school fence. It was agreed that Mr Pringle, road foreman, should do the work.

6th April 1898 Hutt County Council It having been reported to the Council that it is the intention of the Onslow Borough Council to form a footpath along the main road between Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga, the Council decided to suggest that such action would be inadvisable, owing to the present narrowness of the road.

25th May 1898 The Rev. J. R. Glasson and Mr. Jones (of Palliser & Jones) have been appointed to vacancies in the Terrace School Committee; and Messrs. E. Knight and G. Hanson to fill vacancies in the Kaiwarra Committee.

26th May 1898 Wellington Education Board The purchase of a stove for the Kaiwarra School was authorised. [Probably an enclosed fireplace rather than a cooking stove]

6th July 1898 The danger of children playing with fire was painfully illustrated at Kaiwarra this afternoon. A nine-year-old child named Elsie King had built a bonfire on the beach, and was dancing in glee around it, when the flames caught her dress and in a moment she was on fire. Mr. Bowden and others came to her rescue, but not before she was severely burned. Dr. Teare went out to attend her.

6th August 1898 A number of Kaiwarra lads named Phillip Murdock, Albert Willason, James McGinnity and William Taylor were yesterday before the Magistrate's Court on a charge of having rolled a big stone down a hill on to the Kaiwarra Schoolhouse, doing damage to the extent of £1. The charge was withdrawn by Inspector Ponder, the lads having been punished by their teacher and by their parents, who had paid the damage done and apologised to the school committee the latter, under the circumstances, did not wish to proceed with the charges. There was a separate information against Albert Willason for breaking two telegraph insulators, and the Court entered up a conviction and discharged the delinquent.

28th December 1898 Tenders are called for repairs and painting at Kaiwarra School

7th January 1899 Tender awarded to A W Palmer.

25th January 1899 Wellington Education Board Petitions for and against the removal of the Kaiwarra School were ordered to stand over

26th January Cooking classes for girls That Karori and Kaiwarra girls attend cooking classes on the same day

30th March 1899 Inspector's annual report The Mount Cook Girls', Lower Hutt, Wadestown, South Karori and Kaiwarra are small unsuitable confined areas, and in all those the out-buildings are necessarily, too near, the main building to be either pleasant or healthy.

25th April 1899 KAIWARRA. The Kaiwarra School Committee elected is as follows: — Messrs. Bowden (Chairman), B. Lynneberg (Secretary), E. Smythe (Treasurer), E. Knight, E. Hailwood, J. Moek, and A. Dixon

26th June 1899 TENDERS are required for the Erection of Latrines for the School, Kaiwarra. Tenders close on Thursday, 29th inst. Plans' and specifications to be seen at W. Cook's Store, Kaiwarra. Tenders to be addressed Chairman Kaiwarra School Committee.

## 1900-1901

1900	106	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert	C1	Head Master	£290.00	
1900	106	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita	E2	Assistant Female	£80.00	
1900	106	Kaiwara	Roberts	Florence G	E3	Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00	
1900	106	Kaiwara	Dickson	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£42.00	
1901	98	Kaiwara	Johnston	Robert	C1	Head Master	£235.00	£30.00
1901	98	Kaiwara	Johnston	Nita	D2	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1901	98	Kaiwara	Dickson	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00	
1901	98	Kaiwara	Roberts	Florence G	E2	Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00	

The \$30.00 is paid to the Head Teacher as a residence is not supplied by the Education Board  
10th February 1900 More men Fund [To assist soldiers to go to the Boer War] Teachers and pupils of Kaiwarra School £1 8s 2d

19th February 1900 The Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga School children hold their annual picnic at Ross's Gardens, Lower Hutt, tomorrow. Brakes will leave Kaiwarra at 10 o'clock and Ngahauranga about 10.15.

1st March 1900. In a review of teachers' salaries it was found that Wellington Education Board was overpaying R. Johnson, Kaiwarra. £15 per annum.

28th April 1900 The householders of the Kaiwarra, Taita, Kaipororo, Dreyerton, Mungaroa, Alfredton, Akatarawa, Tawa Flat and Taueru districts failed to elect School Committees last Monday, and another attempt to hold an election at each place will be made at an early date.

18th May 1900 Indian Famine Relief Fund: Kaiwarra School £4 19s 6d

26th June 1900 The following is the newly-elected Kaiwarra School Committee ; —Messrs W. Bowden, chairman (re-elected); B. Loinneberg. secretary (re-elected); J. T. Satsford, treasurer; - W. H. Cook, W. K. Wells, E. Coleman and T. Newland.

25th September 1900 Kaiwarra had 1 candidate sitting for an Education Board Scholarship in the B list schools

28th November 1900 Inspector Pender stated in the Magistrate's Court this morning that the police were experiencing a good deal of trouble with youths at Kaiwarra, and a constable had to visit the locality every night in order to keep them in order

20th December 1900 The pupils of Kaiwarra. school on Tuesday evening gave an enjoyable entertainment in aid of the piano fund. There was a large attendance of parents and friends. A prologue was spoken by little Miss P. Wright. The following 'terns were among those contributed; Hoop drill, infants; Narcissi Garotte, elder girls ; character song The Pedlar, girls and boys ; gun drill, boys ; "Death of Cock Robin," boys and girls; scarf drill girls: ribbon reel,' elder girls: tambourine drill, boys and girls; carols, upper standards; comic song, "Dr Quack.;" elder boys and girls : .Japanese umbrella dance, infant girls: "The Costers by Master A. Williams, and J. Hodge; Chinaman by infant boys and girls. garland drill, older girls; Flag drill, older boys and girls- The programme concluded with "Auld Lang Syne.; Great credit is due to the teachers who have been indefatigable in their efforts, to train their pupils. The entertainment will be repented this evening,

30th January 1901 Teacher's salaries: M Johnson Present salary £80 proposed increase £9 2 shillings

21st March 1901 Kaiwarra — (Attendance 103), first assistant, £90 (£10 rise) ; two pupil teachers, £50 (£8 rise).

23rd April 1901 School Committee Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga. — Messrs. W. Wells (Chairman), W. Cook (Treasurer), B. Lynneberg, (secretary), F. Futter, A. Wixon, G. Newland, and E. Coleman.

22nd June 1901 Teacher's salaries commission in a long report included: Kaiwarra, average 106, present salary £260, under proposed scale £189 to £219, under alternative scale £210 to £225. No wonder, he continued, they looked upon the proposed colonial scale with alarm, and he pointed out that the losses shown above did not include the Joss for the tuition of pupil teachers, and also of house allowance. He urged that their salaries should be in excess of those of the first assistants in the city schools, and that in mixed schools, with an average of from 150 to 180, whether the head teacher be a male or female, the first assistant must be a male

11th October 1901 The school children of Kaiwarra are to-day enjoying a holiday be spoken for them yesterday by Sir Joseph Ward in connection with the opening of the new railway station.

30th December 1901 Wellington Education Board Mistress Kaiwarra Salary £100

## 1902-1903

1902	91	Kaiwara/ Side school	Johnston	Robert	C1	Head Master	£225.00	£30.00
1902	91	Kaiwara/ Side school	Roberts	Florence G	E2	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1902	91	Kaiwara/ Side school	Toohill	Gertrude M		Female Pupil Teacher	£50.00	
1902	91	Kaiwara/ Side school	Dickson	Annie		Female Pupil Teacher	£40.00	
1903	96	Kaiwara/ Side school	Johnston	Robert	C1	Head Master	£225.00	£30.00
1903	96	Kaiwara/ Side school	Roberts	Florence G	E2	Mistress	£100.00	
1903	96	Kaiwara/ Side school	Toohill	Gertrude M		Assistant Female	£80.00	

**Gertrude M Toohill** spent from 1893 to 1900 as a pupil teacher at Eketahuna 'Then in 1900 still a pupil teacher at Thorndon and in 1902 went to Kaiwarra still a pupil teacher and in 1903 and 1904 as an assistant female at Kaiwara/side school.

1905/5726 Gertrude Margaret Toohill Clarence Adolphus Le Sueur

In 1918 C A Le Sueur was a commission agent in Wellington living in Salisbury Terrace.

1906/23610 Le Sueur Kenneth Lancelot Gertrude Margaret Clarence Adolphus

30th January 1902 Teachers Salaries Kaiwarra, Florence Roberts, present salary £42, colonial salary £100

4th March 1902 Wellington Education Board Transfer of Pupil Teachers: Gertrude Toohill Thorndon to Kaiwarra

29th April 1902 The householders' meeting at Kaiwarra lapsed for want of a quorum. Four members of the old committee were the only persons present.

5th May 1901 Inspector Fleming to inspect Kaiwarra School on the 2nd June

5th May 1901 the following places in the Wellington Education Board district have failed to elect School Committees :— Kilbirnie, Kaiwarra, Worsler Bay, Makairo, Tokomaru, Ohau, Pongaroa, Kaipororo, Paikakariki, Featherston, and Horokiwi Valley. The procedure with regard to these places now is that the present School Committee remain in office until their successors are elected. As soon as the Secretary of the Education Board has received returns from the whole of the district?, the Chairman will fix another date for the holding of a meeting of householders to elect a committee at places where there have- been failures to elect committees, and if there is a second failure to" carry out the election the Board' can

appoint one or two Commissioners to carry on the work, and to exercise the same powers as a committee.

14th July 1902 . During the holiday vacation just closed the Health Department disinfected the whole of the city schools, and also a number of the suburban schools, including those at Karori, Kaiwarra, and Petone.

1st August 1902 Association Football [Soccer] Mr Gibbs undertook to visit the To Aro and Kaiwarra schools, and Mr Roberts to visit the Marist Bros.' and Island Bay schools on two evenings during the week, and instruct the boys how to play the game.

9th December 1902 Primary Scholarships: The Mitchelltown, Wadestown, and Kaiwarra Schools (which are entitled to one scholarship each), have notified that they have no candidates to present. Seeing that the scholarship is a free gift to each school, some explanation should (the Director remarks) be required as to the failure to present any candidates

11th December 1902 Wellington Education Board and it recommended that the sum of £302 be expended in painting the following schools \* —Kaitoke, Kaiwarra. Mauriceville West, Alfredton, Kaitawa. Rongomai. Mangahao. Tokomaru, Ohau, Paikakariki, Judgeford, Porirua, Mount Cook (infants') inside. Newtown (infants') inside and outside.

20th December 1902 A bazaar was opened in the Kaiwarra ' schoolroom on Wednesday afternoon by Mr. R. B. Williams, Mayor of Onslow, ; in the presence of a large gathering of parents and others interested in the - local school. The object was to raise funds for the purchase of a piano for ' the use of the school. The room was gaily decorated with flags and evergreens, and the stalls were packed with fancy ' goods of all descriptions kindly given by the residents. A Maypole occupied the end of the large 'room, and the usual dance performed by twenty little girls, all prettily attired in white, was much admired. A concert was held in the evening, which passed off most successfully. The performance was repeated on Thursday evening. The proceeds of both days gave great satisfaction to all who have worked so arduously for the success of the entertainments,

6th January 1903 Education Board, Wellington, 31st December, 1902. TENDERS for Painting Mount Cook Infants', Newtown Infants'. Kaiwarra and Porirua Schools will be received at the Education Board Office up to Noon of SATURDAY,

28th April 1903 School Committee Elections The meeting of Kaiwarra householders lapsed for want of a quorum. Only five persons were .present.

21st May 1903 Association Football "Social" ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL "SOCIAL."\* A "social" and presentation\*of medals to the champion team of last year's schools competition was held in the Insurance Institute rooms last evening. Mr A. B. Gibbs, president of the Wellington Association, occupied the chair. Amongst those present were members of the crew of H.M.S. Penguin, and about fifty boys, representing Willis street. Island Bay, - Kaiwarra, Wadestown and Marist Bros schools.

28th May 1903 Certain repairs at Kaiwarra were authorised.

15th July 1903 A concert in aid of the Kaiwarra School funds, given the Kaiwarra Hall on - Monday evening Wiffen and R Bowden, and Messrs A. Yeats, J. Barlow, A. W. Newton, J. Cameron .T. Flaws. P. Powell and G. Flaws, Enjoyable features of the entertainment were a dialogue by a number of juveniles, and a dialogue in which' the characters were taken by Miss Sinclair and Messrs G. Flaws. P. Powell, A. W. C, Palmer and R. E. Flaws.

3rd September 1903 Henry Newport pleaded guilty to having failed to send his boy to school, and was fined 10s, with 7s costs. Evidence showed that the lad attended the Kaiwarra school. He was thirteen years of age and had only passed the second standard.

15th October 1903 The committees of nearly fifty schools in the Wellington district have applied for recognition from the Government for manual and technical instruction. The subjects taught include modelling in clay, carving, brushwork, etc.; even swimming is taught in some schools. The applications have come from the following places;—Dalefield, Greytown. Kaiwarra, Levin,.....

### 1904-1905

1904	96	Kaiwara/ Side school	Johnston	Robert	C1	Head Master	£216.16	£30.00
1904	96	Kaiwara/ Side school	Roberts	Florence G	E2	Mistress	£100.00	
1904	96	Kaiwara/ Side school	Toohill	Gertrude M		Assistant Female	£ 80.00	
1905	95	Kaiwarra	Johnston	Robert	C1	Head Master	£216.16	£30.00
1905	95	Kaiwarra	Roberts	Florence G	C2	Mistress	£100.00	
1905	95	Kaiwarra	Strong	Florence M	Lic	FP 5	£ 50.00	
1905	95	Kaiwarra	Cooper	Ruth		FP1	£30.00	

**Florence M Strong** started teaching for the Wellington Education Board as the first teacher at Muratai [Eastbourne] School from 1899 to 1902. By 1905 she was at Mount Cook Girls' as a Pupil Teacher. Then from 1905 as a pupil teacher and then from 1906 to 1912 was at Kaiwarra. In 1913 she was not teaching in the state system and in 1914 was a substitute teacher at the Takapu school as a substitute teacher while the teacher was away with the armed forces. In 1915 She was an assistant at Fernridge and then from 1915 to 1921 was sole teacher at Wairongomai on the West Side of Lake Wairarapa. By 1923 she was Sole Teacher at Alfredton School East of Eketahuna.

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**Ruth E Cooper** taught at Kaiwarra in 1905 and Wadestown in 1906 for the Wellington Education Board

19th February 1904 Fifty scholarships awarded by the Board of education in recent drawing examinations: Kaiwarra Tracey Amies

29th March 1904 Wellington Education Board report included: Considerable improvements have been made at Kaiwarra and 17 others.

26th April 1904 KAIWARRA. There were twenty householders present at the annual meeting at Kaiwarra. The following committee was elected Messrs W. Bowden (chairman), R. E. Flaws (secretary), A. Wixon (treasurer),- W. Bowden, junr., W. Flux, H. Kennedy and E. D. Corndell.

14th May 1904 'A social Will be held in the. KAIWARRA SCHOOL on FRIDAY NEXT, 20th MAY, In aid of reducing the School Debt. Admission— Gents 2s, Ladies 6d. Dancing at 8 p.m. The Committee reserve the right to refuse admission to any person whom they might think undesirable. J. E. FITZGERALD, Hon. Sec

3rd August 1904 A large meeting of householders was held in the Ngahauranga Schoolroom last evening to protest against the proposal of the Education Board to close the Ngahauranga

School. -Mr W E. Wells was in the chair. 'The speakers, in condemning the proposal, commented on the grave danger infant children would be subjected to in travelling to and from Kaiwarra by railway, as proposed. It was resolved that a deputation, consisting of Messrs W. E. Wells, J. J. Moore, J. Futter, T. W. Clapham and J. Gason, wait upon the Board at its next meeting. Mr W C. Buchanan, M.H.R.[Member of House of Representatives-Parliament], will be asked to accompany the deputation

26th August 1904 A deputation representing the parents of Ngahauranga waited upon the Education Board yesterday, to protest against the practice of taking young children by train from Ngahauranga to the school at Kaiwarra. The deputation offered to put the school in repair and to build a shelter-shed if the Board would make arrangements to have the education of the children carried on at Ngahauranga. The chairman assured the deputation that if they would put their requests and their offers in writing, the matter would -have the attention of members in due course..

26th December 1904 Wellington Education Board A deputation from Ngahauranga waited on the Board with reference to the proposal to close the school there, and that the children now attending that school should receive tuition at the Kaiwarra School. It was stated that there were a number of children between the age of 6 and 7 years at the Ngahauranga School, and it would be dangerous to send them by train to Kaiwarra- daily. The residents were prepared to make the school habitable, erect shelter sheds, and do anything within reason required by the Board. The matter was referred to the Inspectors for settlement

4th February 1905 Bookings for ferry to Days bay for school picnics: Saturday 18th February Kaiwarra School

7th February 1905 The attendance at the Hutt District High School is now thirty-four, including three pupils from the Upper Hutt and three from Kaiwarra.

34th February R Cooper approved by Wellington Education Board as pupil teacher at Kaiwarra

1st September 1905 Miss F G Roberts (Kaiwarra) granted one month's leave of absence

15th December 1905 Mr. Macmorran has been in the Board's service for twenty-four years. Mr. R. Johnson, headmaster of the Kaiwarra School, who is leaving the Board's service, has been granted six months' leave of absence from the 1st January.

## 1906-1907

1906	99	Kaiwarra/side School	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£225.00	£30.00
1906	99	Kaiwarra/side School	Cook	Amelia A	E2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1906	99	Kaiwarra/side School	Strong	Florence M	Lic	Assistant Female	£ 90.00	
1907	92	Kaiwarra/side School	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£225.00	£30.00
1907	92	Kaiwarra/side School	Cook	Amelia A	E2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1907	92	Kaiwarra/side School	Strong	Florence M	Lic	Assistant Female	£90.00	

**Robert J Pope** started working for the Wellington Education Board at Featherston as an assistant in 1891 In 1892 to 1895 he was at Newtown School. From 1896 to 1905 he was Headmaster at Kaiwairangi school between Martinborough and Featherston. Then from 1906 to at Least 1923 he was at Kaiwarra School as Headmaster.

12th December 1925 There was no mistaking the warmth of the tributes paid last night to the retiring headmaster of the Kaiwarra school, Mr. R. J. Pope, at the breakup of the school held for the last time in the old and inadequate building which has served for forty years. It was crowded in every available corner by the adults, and the children who filled lesser crannies attested the need for a larger building.

The evening was a memorable one in many ways, for there were thirty three items, very creditably performed by the school children, in addition to ballets by the pupils of Miss Kathleen Boyle, and of Miss Gibbs's dancing school, followed at a late hour by supper and a dance.

The chairman of the school committee, Mr. E. W. Barnes, said that they were farewelling one who had held the position of headmaster for twenty years, and the only pleasant thing about it was that it afforded them the opportunity of saying what he had done for them. Mr. Pope had seen hundreds of pupils pass through his hands and take their place in the world worthily, seen them become men and women, and seen some of them defend their country. Such a teacher —without in any way aspersing parental control —had a very large influence in the after lives of his pupils. They had hoped that Mr. Pope would be able to take his place in the new school, but unfortunately his health did not permit of that, and they would be forced to take leave of him in the old building in which he had started amongst them. He presented him with a wallet of notes in token of the honour and appreciation in which he was held in Kaiwarra and trusted that his health would recover sufficiently for him to enjoy, with his wife and daughter, for many years the rest he had earned. Musical honours and repeated cheers followed. A cordial letter of appreciation from Mr. C. Bowden, a former chairman of committee, was read. Mr. R. E. Flaws, also a former chairman of committee, spoke of the excellence of Mr. Pope's methods. Mr. Pope, -he said, would now have the leisure to pursue his happy facility in writing verse and composing songs descriptive of New Zealand. (Applause.) Mr. P. A. Swan, chairman of the committee from 1912 until two years ago, wished Mr. Pope and his family every enjoyment of the future.

Mr. Pope, after prolonged applause had subsided, said he had endeavoured to strengthen the characters of his pupils, and not merely to satisfy school inspectors. He preferred the verdict of those who had passed through his hands to manhood. That he had accomplished something had been made clear to him, and it gave him great pleasure. He attributed his breakdown largely to the conditions under which he had been forced to work for the last few years. Now that the new school was built, he felt like Moses, not allowed to enter the promised land, but he felt that he must say that if Moses had had to accommodate the children of Israel proportionately as he had had to accommodate the children in the Kaiwarra playground, he would never have succeeded in serving the forty years. For years the Kaiwarra School would be the most instructive educational ruin in New Zealand. He gratefully accepted their appreciation of his services, and paid a tribute to the valuable assistance of Mrs. Dalrymple, the assistant mistress.

Mr Pope was first teacher at Levin School in 1890 but did not last the first full year at that school

**Amelia A Cook** started working for the Wellington Ed as a pupil teacher in 1889 at Terrace School in Wellington until 1888 with 1886 being sent at Mount Cook Infants. In 1896 as an assistant she went to Wadestown as an assistant until 1901. 1902-1905 she was listed as

Mistress at Upper Hutt before coming to Kaiwarra in 1906 until 1915 as an assistant female. In 1917 was still teaching at Kaiwarra under her married name Mrs Dalrymple and was still teaching at Kaiwarra under that name to at least 1923,

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6th March 1906 . TO-EX-PUPILS of Kaiwarra School and Residents of Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga are invited to attend a fleeting to be hold in the Schoolroom, Kaiwarra, on MONDAY NEST, 12th inst., in connection with the proposed Presentation to the late Headmaster.

10th March 1906 The Inspectors of the Wellington Education Board, in their annual report, speaking of the school accommodation of the district, remark that a slow but steady improvement is taking place every year, though in some of the oldest school buildings great difficulty is experienced in organising the classes on a satisfactory basis under the present system of staffing, as the scale regulating the staffs of public schools is a rigid one, determined solely by the average attendance. It is therefore the same for a modern structure specially built to meet the provisions of the scale as it is for an old building, antiquated in design and altogether unsuited to modern requirements. Mount Cook Girls', Kaiwarra, and Upper Hutt are notable examples of this latter class of building.

13th March 1906. A well-attended meeting of Kaiwarra residents was held in the local school last evening for the purpose of arranging a presentation to the late schoolmaster, Mr. Johnson. A representative committee was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements, Mr. J. G. Harkness being chairman, Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald secretary, and Mr. B. Lynneberg treasurer.

13th March 1906 Headmaster at Kaiwarra, Mr. R. J. Pope, at present in charge of the Kaiwawai School

22nd March 1906 KAIWARRA. WANTED, by the Schoolmaster, to Rent 6 or 7 roomed Dwelling in vicinity of Kaiwarra from 1st April. Apply Kaiwarra, care Evening Post

29th March 1906 Mr. Robt. \_J. Pope, who has been in charge of the Kaiwawai School for some years and has just been promoted to the position of headmaster of the Kaiwarra School, was entertained by the residents of the former district, and presented with a purse of sovereigns.

29TH March 1906 Wellington Education Board Grants approved: Kaiwarra, alterations to school, £72;

26th April 1906 Wellington Education Board That a report be obtained from the inspector as to the advisability of expending over £70 in alteration and repairs at Kaiwarra.

12th May 1906 Wellington Education Board Kaiwarra — Female Assistant, £105.

12th May 1906 Kaiwarra (Grade 9) Attendance March 101 Average last year 95

25th May 1906 Residents of Kaiwarra, Ngahauranga, ted ex-pupils of the Kaiwarra. School are invited to attend a concert and presentation to be tendered to Miss Roberts and Mr. Johnston, late teachers of the Kaiwarra School,, this evening, in the school

26th May 1906 A concert was held in the Kaiwarra schoolroom last' night to say farewell' to Miss Roberts and Mr. Johnson, who have lately severed their connection with the school



there. The former has been promoted to one of the city schools, and the latter, after eighteen years' service at Kaiwarra has resigned. The chairman, Mr. J. G. Harkness, on behalf of the residents of the district, in presenting Mr. Johnson with a painting of the old school, together with a cheque for a substantial amount, said it was after eighteen years of unremitting and arduous toil in the interests of education on the part of Mr. Johnson that the contributors were giving expression to their appreciation of his services as a teacher and his example as a citizen. Miss Roberts was presented with a handsome lady's dressing-case.

1st June 1906 Inspector Bakewell recommended that the side school at Ngahauranga be discontinued, and that the children attending that school be conveyed to the main school at Kaiwarra.—It was decided to inquire whether the people at Ngahauranga would agree to send their children (by train or vehicle) to Kaiwarra, rather than put up with the present unsatisfactory arrangement. A committee is to inspect the Kaiwarra school, which is reported to be not worth spending money on, as it occupies one of the worst, if not the worst, sites in the district

28th June 1906 A social reunion of the old boys of Kaiwarra School was held at Ryan's Private Hotel at Kaiwarra last night. Mr. R. E. Flaws occupied the chair, and there was an attendance of about 80 ex-pupils and friends, including the late master of the school, Mr. R. Johnston, the present master, Mr. R. J. Pope, and the Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. J. G. Harkness A long toast list was gone through, and the following contributed to the programme : — Messrs. T. Thorley, A. Wainwright, J. Barlow, G. Flaws, P. Mack, Tunley, senr., R. E. Flaws, E. O. Jackson, G. Bowden, J. Fitzgerald, J. Cameron and A. Newton. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." It is the intention to make this function an annual one

2nd July 1906 Miss Cook of the Upper Hutt School has been appointed mistress of the Kaiwarra School.

18th July 1906 Teachers' superannuation Board awardee superannuation of £52 per annum to Mr R Johnston headmaster at Kaiwarra

31st August 1906 Wellington Education Board It was decided that a pupil teacher be temporarily appointed at Kaiwarra.

14th November 1906 For the September Quarter the Average attendance at Kaiwarra was 101

1st February 1907 Wellington Education Board Grants declined were notified as follows: — Petone, Kaiwarra, Waterfalls, and Mangaoronga.

1st February 1907 The Minister for Education has refused the application of the Education Board for a new school at Kaiwarra.

6th May 1907 Kaiwarra to hold an election on 27th May for a School Committee as one was not elected on appointed time.

13th June 1907 Owing to the rough weather which prevailed during the visit of the Australian Squadron to Wellington recently, many of the juvenile members of the Navy League were not able to pay a visit to the flagship. Captain Elliott, who takes great interest in the League's affairs, has provided for the removal of the sense of disappointment felt by the lads by giving invitations to visit H.M.S. Encounter during this week and next week. Should the weather permit, the leaguers of the Thorndon, Kaiwarra, and Khandallah schools were to board the Encounter to-day.

22nd June 1907 It has been decided by the Onslow Borough Council that it cannot remit its charge of £37 for water supplied to the Kaiwarra school. The Borough Council has to buy the water from the city and it cannot afford to give it to the school for nothing.

26th July 1907 Mr R J Pope (Kaiwarra) granted leave of absence

31st July Wellington Education Board approves of doing repairs and alterations previously deferred.

29th September 1907 Wellington Education Board the Board decided to vote £20 in settlement of the water supply dispute in connection with Kaiwarra,

22nd October 1907 The concert given by the pupils of Kaiwarra school, in aid of the school library, proved most successful. The children were well drilled in their work and seemed to revel in it. The programme was well selected, and was received with great appreciation by the crowded audience

13th December 1907 The Government is to be approached by the Education Board for a school site at Kaiwarra upon the land acquired there in connection with the railway duplication works.

### 1908-1909

1908	97	Kaiwarra/side School	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£225.00	£30.00
1908	97	Kaiwarra/side School	Cook	Amelia A	E2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1908	97	Kaiwarra/side School	Strong	Florence M		Assistant Female	£85.00	
1909	101	Kaiwarra/side School	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£230.00	£30.00
1909	101	Kaiwarra/side School	Cook	Amelia A	E2	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1909	101	Kaiwarra/side School	Strong	Florence M		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1909	101	Kaiwarra/side School	Coulter	Edith M		FP2	£20.00	

**Edith M Coulter** only taught for Wellington Education Board at Kaiwarra for 2 years

7th January 1908 William R Cleary Kaiwarra won a Board Scholarship worth £5  
 27th January 1908 In the list of scholarship honours published on Saturday the names of Oscar Borer (South Wellington) and William O'Leary (Kaiwarra) were incorrectly printed.

27th March 1908 Leave of absence by the Wellington; Education! Board to Miss A. A .assistant mistress at ' Kaiwarra' School eight months, as from May-1

28th April 1908 KAIWARRA. The election of a new committee for the Kaiwarra district resulted as follows : — Messrs. D. Munro (chairman and Secretary), H. Nixon (treasurer), A. Carver, H. Kennedy, E. Calmon. R. E. Flaws, and McKay.

13th July 1908 Mr R Pope was at a meeting which decided to form a Headmaster's Association.

31st July 1908 Wellington Education Board Correspondence was received from the Government referring to a request for a grant of reclaimed land at Kaiwarra.....Kaiwarra: It was pointed out that it would be impossible to arrange for a grant of land from the railway reclamation. The Board must be prepared to purchase such land if required.

18th February 1909 Maidstone Park, the fine area at the Upper Hutt, which took the place of the Railway Department's Recreation Ground as the principal picnicking spot of that district, has been very largely patronised since it was opened a few months ago. Picnics of firms' \_

employees, and of members of different institutions have been held there in large numbers, and the pleasure-seekers speak highly of the suitability of the grounds for picnic purposes. Among the "bookings" for the near future are the following : — 20th February, Gas Company's staff ; 26th February, Lower Hutt School ; 27th February, Kaiwarra School

2nd March 1909 Mr J Hunt appointed probationer at Kaiwarra School. [No J Hunt is listed as teaching for the Wellington Education Board at the end of any year]

3rd March 1909 Under the new arrangements for training school teachers, education boards are entitled to appoint probationers who must not be engaged in teaching for more than fifteen hours in any week, and ; cannot take sole charge of a class. These teachers of the future will gravitate to the training college in due course. A number of probationers have been appointed by the Wellington Education Board,

27th April 1909 School Committee KAIWARRA. Chairman, 'Mr. B. Munro (re-elected) ; secretary, -Mr. B. Lynneberg treasurer, 'Mr. A. Wixon (re-elected) ; committee, Messrs. 'H. Kennedy, A. Carver, J. ,W. Carrick, and E. Solomon.

21st July 1909 THE KAIWARRA CHILDREN DO GOOD WORK.

The Kaiwarra school children assembled about 9.30 o'clock, and under the direction of Mr. Bakewell (inspector of schools) and Mr. Pope (head master), set to work with ranch energy, planting in a remarkably short space of time over one hundred trees. The scene of operations was the southern bank of the Kaiwarra stream.

5th November 1909 A bright and entertaining concert was given last night in Kaiwarra by the pupils of the Kaiwarra School. There was a crowded audience. The first part of the concert consisted of a fairy play, written especially for the occasion, the various characters being represented by the following pupils : — Misses Helga Lynneberg, Flora Pope, Rita and Olive Dingwall, Ellen Harris, Florrie Bowden and Iris Overend and master's P. Cameron, W. Florance, L. Hendle, R. Pierson, and A. Frederic. The second part consisted of action songs, recitations, hoop and scarf drills, and humorous sketches and dialogues, in which the scholars attending the school took part. A feature of the concert was a violin solo by Mr. R. J. Pope, the headmaster, and recitations by Miss Dora Pope. Success was in a large measure due to the efforts of Misses Cook and Coulter, who trained the children in the various action songs, drills, etc.

12th November 1909 Wellington Education Board Tenders called: KAIWARRA — Rearrangement of Latrines and Connection with Drainage. ' Plans and specifications may be seen at the Education Board Office and at the respective schools

6th December 1909 EDUCATION BOARD. FRESH TENDERS will be received at the Board Office until 5 p.m. on Thursday, 9th December, for Reconstruction Latrines and Connecting Drainage and Latrines, Kaiwarra School. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. G. L. STEWART, Secretary.

11th December 1909 Wellington Education Board: he. tender of Messrs. McColl. Bros for the installation .of a septic .tank-'at-;; Kaiwarra School accepted.

16th December 1909 The results of the Wellington Education Board's examinations for proficiency certificates were made known at the schools throughout the district this morning. The following is a list of the successful candidates under the age of 15, who have qualified for free secondary education Kaiwarra.— Boys :. L. Hendle, W. Wells Girls: F. Bowden, G. Lynneberg, D Picken, R. Dingwall. '

16th December 1909 KAIWARBA. The following is the prize list of certificates issued at Kaiwarra School

Attendance : First Class — Arthur Fredric, Earle Pope, Norriss Wainwright, Lilian Hodges. Second class — Leonard Hendle, Chas. Wells. Eldred Flaws, Thor Lynneberg, William Wells, Florence Bowden, Gudrun Lynneberg, Ety Needham. Neatness : Standards -5 and 6, Boys — L. Hendle ; Girls — Bertha Delaney, Gudrun Lynneberg, Rita Dingwall (all equal). S 4 Boys— Eldred Flaws. Girls — Ety Needham. Most Popular Boy and Girl : Chas. . Wells; Florence Bowden. Chairman's Prize General Proficiency — Leonard Hendle. Good Conduct: Hazel Harris, Sigrid Lynneberg, Cecil Latimer.

Sewing Prize : Flora Pope.

17th December 1909 the name of James, Leddy should have been included in the published list of proficiency certificate holders which.: appeared in the Dominion yesterday.

## 1910-1911

1910	94	Kaiwarra/side School	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£235.00	£30.00
1910	94	Kaiwarra/side School	Cook	Amelia A	E2	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1910	94	Kaiwarra/side School	Strong	Florence M		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1910	94	Kaiwarra/side School	Coulter	Edith M		FP2	£25.00	
1911	90	Kaiwarra/side School	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£240.00	£30.00
1911	90	Kaiwarra/side School	Cook	Amelia A	E2	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1911	90	Kaiwarra/side School	Strong	Florence M		Assistant Female	£94.10	

26th April 1910 School Committee KAIWARRA. ) There were 25 present at the meeting of householders to elect a new school committee for the Kaiwarra School last evening, and the keenest interest was manifested in the proceedings. The following committee was elected:— Messrs. W. J. Bowden (chairman), W. H. Bowden, J. Knight, Thos. Wainwright. A. Wixon, J. Morgan, and J. Carrick. There was a tie for the seventh position, but Mr. R. E. Flaws retired in favour of Mr. Carrick. '

27th July 1910 Wellington Education Board gave a grant for flooring school throughout.

31st August 1910 Wellington Education Board Leave was granted to Miss Cook

5th October 1910 A "social" in aid of the Kaiwarra School picnic fund will be hold on Friday night in the Kaiwarra schoolroom.

24th November 1910 New Zealand, My "Homeland," the patriotic school song, which was sung by the choir of young girls under Mr'. Robert Parker's direction at the Town Hall on Tuesday night, is a local production of more than ordinary interest. As regards both words and music, it is from the pen of Mr. R. J. Pope, headmaster of .the Kaiwarra School, who was. evidently moved to its composition by the feeling which all educationists have realised of the dearth of school. songs racy, of the soil, and their dependence upon imported music of little or no local application, lur. Popo has mot the need with a song which breathes the spirit of love of country without dropping into anything in the nature of bathos. Moreover, he has set the words to a piece of pure and original melody which bids fair to live. At present it is written in two-part harmony, but it would admirably suit four voices, and is worthy of adaptation to use beyond school limitations..

30th November 1910 Wellington Education Board Granted leave to Mr Pope [Length unspecified]

2nd December 1910 Proficiency certificates at the Kaiwarra School have been awarded to the following pupils: — William Florance, Arthur Fredric, Thor Lynneberg, Arthur Pickin, Norms Wainwright, Ellen Harris, Helga Lynneberg, Iris Overend, Flora Pope, Olive Wixon. Attendance Certificates.— First class : Arthur Fredric, Cyril McKay. Norriss Wainwright, Jack Wood, Lily Hodges. Second class : Thomas Morgan. Edward Morgan. Eldred Flaws, ETTY Needham.

Best Liked Boy and Girl.— Eldred Flaws. Iris Overend.

Neatness. — Standard VI. : Arthur Fredric, Lily Hodges ; Standard V. .- Eldred Flaws, Kitty Needham; Standard IV.: Cyril McKay Myrtle Crocker.

25th April 1911 THE LIGHTING.QUESTION. The largest meeting of the householders of Kaiwarra yet held assembled in the schoolroom last evening. Twenty one nominations, including two ladies, for the school committee were received. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Messrs. R. E. Flaws (chairman), Mr. W. H. Bowden (secretary, re-elected), A. Wixon (treasurer, re-elected), W. J. Bowden (re-elected), J. W. Carrick (re-elected), L. Dixon, and W. Harris. It was decided to write to the Gas Company and City Council regarding terms for the installation of light for the school.

20th July 1911 KAIWARRA SCHOOL. A PPLIOATIONS invited for position of Cleaner; to state wages. Schedule of duties can be seen at Mr. Bowden's Store Kaiwarra Applications close 5 p.m. 29th July, 1911, addressed "Secretary Committee." R. E. FLAWS, Chairman.

20th July 1911 Kaiwarra School observed Arbor Day by planting about a hundred ornamental trees and shrubs along the hank of the stream. This belt was first planted two years ago, and the majority of the trees then put in are thriving well. This year's planting was intended to supplement the former one. Messrs, F, Cooper, Ltd., kindly supplied free of cost some thirty cabbage trees," and Councillor R. Dingwill, of the Onslow Borough Council, an expert in tree planting, attended the function, and, in addition to giving the children some valuable practical instruction in the proper method of planting,, donated a considerable number of young tree\* and shrubs. If the same success as attended' the former planting should attend this year\* effort, a very, ornamental plantation will result.

31st July 1911 Shortly after o'clock on Saturday a fire broke out in a seven-room residence situated on the Hutt Road, about half a mile north of Kaiwarra. The house, which was owned by Mr. Alec Newton, and occupied by Mr. Robert. Pope, Headmaster of the Kaiwarra School, was completely destroyed and absolutely nothing was saved. There was an insurance of £600 in the Sun office On the house. and Mr, Pope's furniture and efforts were covered to the extent of £230 in the State office. Mr. Pope calculates that his loss is easily £200 over the insurance. Included in the effects which were destroyed were books to the value of £100 or thereabouts. It is supposed that some clothes that had been left in front of the kitchen range took fire during the absence of the inmates.

1st August 1911 . A seven-roomed house at Marama between Kaiwarra and Ngahauranga, the property of Mr. A. W. Newton, and tenanted by Mr. Robert Pope, headmaster of the Kaiwarra School, was totally destroyed by fire between 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Saturday last. Mrs. Pope had been doing a little cooking and had gone down to Kaiwarra to purchase some goods, and whilst on the road she was overtaken, and informed that her house

was on fire. As there were no means of subduing the flames, which had a big hold on the house (which stands high up on the hill), she, with others, had to simply watch the fire consume everything and burn itself out. The house was insured in the Sun office for .£600, and the furniture for £300 in the State office. Mr. Newton (who was one of the Executive Committee of the Coronation Exhibition) will have, many sympathisers in the loss he has sustained.

30th August 1911 The aided school at Ngahauranga is to be closed at the end of the year and the children\* will go to the Kaiwarra school (a mile and a half away)

29th November 1911 Wellington Education Board " Intimation has been received by the Wellington Education Board of the authorisation by the Government in the following grants for school sites or holdings:—Ngaio (inclusive of site), \_£1076: Kaiwarra (inclusive of site), .£587 16s.

### 1912-1913

1912	73	Kaiwarra	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£240.00	\$30.00
1912	73	Kaiwarra	Cook	Amelia A	E2	Assistant Female	£125.00	
1912	73	Kaiwarra	Strong	Florence	Licensed	Assistant Female	£99.15	
1913	81	Kaiwarra	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£240.00	\$30.00
1913	81	Kaiwarra	Cook	Amelia A	E2	Assistant Female	£130.00	

17th January 1912/ Kaiwarra in Wellington Ed scholarship examinations 12th Helga Lynneberg and 14th Flora Pope in Class B for schools with a roll of over 35 and less than 200. It was expected the first 7 would get a scholarship.

27th March 1912 Wellington Education Board granted Kaiwarra Fence on sloping bank.

23rd April 1912 School Committee At a large meeting of householders at Kaiwarra the following committee was elected:—Messrs. W. E. Wells (chairman), G. Flaws (secretary), R. E. Flaws (treasurer). W. Latimer. J. W. Carrick, C. Futter, and W. Futter

24th April 1912 During the meeting of householders at Kaiwarra on Monday night, occasion was taken to bid Mr. Andrew Wixon late treasurer of the committee, goodbye. Mr. Wixon, who has been a member of the committee for some fifteen years, severed his connection with the committee owing to his removal from the district. The chairman of the meeting (Mr. W. E. Wells), in moving "that this meeting of Householders' regret that Mr. Wixon is compelled to sever his connection with the committee and resolves to place on record its appreciation of the long and faithful services rendered by him," spoke in high praise of Mr. Wixon's abilities as a school committee man. The motion, was seconded by Mr. R. E. Flaws, retiring chairman of committee. who, with Messrs. D. Munro and W. J. Bowden, former members and chairmen of the committee, bore eloquent testimony to Mr. Wixon' s many good qualities and abilities. The motion was carried by acclamation

22nd May 1912 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PICTURE \ The exhibition of Britten pictures was visited yesterday by the children attending the Brooklyn, Roseneath, and Newtown Schools to- the number of several, hundreds. This morning, between five hundred and six hundred of the pupils of the Muritai, Kaiwarra, and Wellington South attended at the gallery. The ordinary attendances continue well up to the average, and it is hoped that large numbers will take 'advantage of the reduced price of admission during the evening for the remainder of the season.

31st July 1912 Wellington Education Board Application is to be made for a grant for reconstruction of kitchen (at Kaiwarra) and scullery, and for erection of bathroom

28th August 1812 WELLINGTON Education Board Grant: Kaiwarra shelter shed.

3rd September 1912 . KAIWARRA SCHOOL. SCHOOL PRIZE AND LIBRARY FUND. A GRAND BAZAAR AND CARNIVAL,, in aid of the above, will be opened in the Schoolroom by W. H. D, Bell, Esq., M.P., at 3 p.m. TO-MOR-RROW (Wednesday), 4th September, and continued Thursday and Friday, 5th and 6th instants. Open each day from 3 p.m. Admission— Evening 6d, Afternoon free. MRS. W. WRIGHT, G. FLAWS, Hon. Secs

20th September 1912 Onslow Borough Council : The council decided that the dangerous portion of the Kaiwarra School road near the bridge should ,be fenced.

29th October 1912 Wellington Education Board The following library subsidies were authorised :— Featherston South 10s, Maranui £2 10s, Featherston 11s 3d, Kaiwarra £3.....The letter of the head teacher regarding increasing difficulties of work at the Kaiwarra School was referred to the chairman and Chief Inspector for report

11th December 1912 WORKING UNDER DISCOMFORT. • At a recent meeting of the Education Board, a committee was set up to inquire into the. conditions under which the State .School at Kaiwarra is conducted. It reported as follows:— "•The committee appointed to report on the', difficulties of 'conducting; the school at Kaiwarra thoroughly: realise the great discomfort under which the school work is being conducted- owing to the establishment- of a foundry, and other iron works in the immediate vicinity, 'and that this : -'discomfort -will, certainly increase. For the greater part of the day, when the works are in full swing, the noise is such as to render the conduct of the school an absolute impossibility. The roll of the school has already fallen, and the noise of the works will certainly render Kaiwarra a less desirable residential suburb than formerly'. There is, no other site available which will obviate the drawbacks of the present school, and your committee is of opinion that the ultimate solution of the difficulty will be the removal of the children to Thorndon, which provides ample accommodation'-for the .60 children now attending ; the Kaiwarra school." After consideration, it was agreed to leave the fate of the Kaiwarra school to a conference to be held between the members for the Hutt and Horowhenua districts (Messrs. Lee and Kebbell) and the members of the Kaiwarra School Committee.

17th December 1912 A GREAT RECORD FOR THE KAIWARRA SCHOOL. 'An achievement in regular attendance that is worth recording in letters' of bronze, is that of the senior boys of the Kaiwarra State School. Not once throughout the year has any boy in the three upper standards been absent from school. Without grit, and perhaps a good deal of self-sacrifice, such a result could never be attained.' Yet this is the school that is threatened with extinction of the clangour of the foundry interfering with the school studies!

20th December 1912 The distribution of prizes at Kaiwarra School took place yesterday afternoon. The School Committee had provided a generous supply of prizes and award books, and every child below Standard III. received a gift. Mr. W. E. Wells, chairman of the committee, distributed the prizes. The names of the prize winners are as follow :—: —

Dux of school : Cyril McKay. Proficiency certificates : Cyril McKay, Earle Pope, Doris Wells. Progress— Standard VI. : Doris Wells ; Standard V. : Jno. McCaskill ; Standard IV. : Ethel King ; Standard III. : Edmund Kelly ; Standard II. t William Thomas and Eileen Pope (1), Thomas Millikan, and Iris Pierson (2) ; Standard I. : George Burns and Muriel Thomas

(1), Arthur Carrick and Isa Dixon (2). Special prize (presented by Mr. Donald Munro) : Cyril McKay. Improvement in writing — Standard VI. : Earle Pope ; Standard V. Hazel Harris ; Standard IV. Elsie Wells and Vera Purdue, equal ; Standard III. : William McCaskill ; Standard II. : Harold Dixon, Mavis Harris ; Standard I. : Leonard Wells, Isa Dixon. Neatness— Standard VI. : Doris Wells; Standard V. : Moira Casey ; Standard IV. : Ethel King and Wray Hall, equal ; Standard II L : Edmund Kelly. Good conduct—Hazel Harris, Jno. Wood, Walter Newport. Sewing--Hazel Harris, Phyllis Dawson, Isa Dixon. General I improvement— Alfred Palmer. Attendance certificates— First class : C. McKay, Earle Pope, Jno. McCaskill. Bevan Rice, Wray Hall, Jno. Wood, Thos. Milikin, Mavis Harris, Elsie Wells, William McCaskill.

29th January 1913 The Hutt-Horowhenua members of the Education Board who were appointed to inquire into the conditions of work at Kaiwara School, affected by the establishment of factories in the vicinity, reported to the board yesterday that, they had discussed the question with the local committee. The committee represented that the nuisance could and should be abated ; that the work which caused the nuisance was, for the most part, carried on in the open air, but that the erection of a building would largely decrease the noise so that the work could quite well be carried on; that while not good, the present site was satisfactory, but that even if the present site were abandoned, other, and equally, or more suitable sites could be obtained, and that in any event the people were unitedly opposed to the closing of the school. The committee recommended that final consideration of the board's report be deferred, and that in the meantime Messrs McArthur and Millikan, the owners of the ironworks adjacent to the school, be required to abate the cause of complaint forthwith. The board adopted the report.

24th February 1913 To the Editor "N.Z. Times." Sir,—I saw in your paper quite recently a proposition to have the Kaiwarra school closed and the scholars removed to Thorndon. Whoever proposed such a step must have known their business, and, no doubt had a good reason for making ' such a proposition. I do not agree with the closing of a school at any time or place, but the circumstances attached to this particular school are such as to warrant either the closing and rebuilding in a different part of the district or the removal of the scholars to another school. On the one hand is the foundry complained of, making such a noise as to be unbearable both to the officials and their scholars. Then again, there is a far greater trouble and a danger to public health in the polluted creek from the tannery, the smell from which is enough to spread sickness throughout the school. This creek runs quite close to the school, and the teachers and children are inhaling the smell the whole time. However, I think' it would be advisable if the health officer were to pay a visit to the vicinity and see and hear for himself and pass his opinion as to whether he thinks it a fit and proper place for children to be cooped in during school hours. —I am, etc., A WELL-WISHER.

10th April 1913 The pupils of the Lower Hutt, Petone, Korokoro, and Kaiwarra Schools are to visit 'H.M.S. New Zealand next Tuesday. Special trains are to be run for the occasion.

18th April 1913 SCHOOL CHILDREN School children from Petone, Kaiwarra, Upper and Lower Hutt, Clareville, and Mungaroa visited the warship New Zealand to-day and were shown round the ship by members of the crew. To-morrow further country contingents will arrive.



16th May 1913 The annual meetings of householders, for the election of a school committee in the Kaitoke, Takapu, Plimmerton, Wadestown, Kaiwarra, and Whiteman's Valley districts, has been fixed for Monday, May 2, at 8 p.m.

31st May 1913 At the meeting of householders for the - election of » school committee at Kaiwarra the following were elected : — Messrs. R. E. Flaws, C. Bowden, H. Newport, G. Flaws, and J. Leddy. As there are two Vacancies yet to be filled, names of residents interested will be submitted by the committee to the board for election. The committee decided to communicate with the board requesting it to construct outdoor shelters for the children at an early date. Mr. C. Bowden was elected chairman, and Mr. R. E. Flaws hon. secretary and treasurer, for the ensuing year.

2nd July 1913 A dance in aid of the school funds will be held in **the** Kaiwarra Schoolroom on Friday, 11th July

9th July 1913 KAIWARRA DANCE. A LONG NIGHT DANCE will be held in Kaiwarra Schoolroom on FRIDAY, 11th July, 1913, in aid of School Funds. Good floor. Music by Mr. Hanley Gentlemen 2s; Ladies a basket. R. E. FLAWS, , Hon. Sec.

4th August In a long obituary were these pieces Widespread regret will be felt far beyond the borders of Wellington at the death of Mr. James Henry Pope, formerly chief inspector of Native schools, which occurred yesterday afternoon at his residence,..... His eldest son, Mr. Robert J. Pope is headmaster of the Kaiwarra School; Mr. Roland Pope is Inspector in Charge of Special Schools under the Education Department; Mr. Fred. Pope is Secretary of the Department of Agriculture; Mr. Frank Pope is district manager of the State Fire Office in Auckland; Mr. J. C. Pope is one of the masters of Nelson College; Mr. Ray S. Pope is accountant to Messrs. Cederholm and Tolley; and his daughters are:—Mrs. F. G. A. Stuckey. wife of one of the Wellington inspectors of schools; and Mrs. C. D. Morpeth, wife of a well-known Wellington accountant.

22nd December 1913 The annual distribution of prizes won by pupils of the Kaiwarra school took place on Thursday afternoon, when the chairman, Mr Charles Bowden, presented the trophies provided by the school committee. Following is a list of the successful scholars:— Attendance Certificates.—First-class —Bevan Rice, Wray Hall, Jack Wood, Harold Dixon, Edmund Kelly, Ethel King, Moira Casey, Thomas Millikin, Horace Barber, Violet Barber, George Burns, Vera Purdue, Phyllis Dawson, Mavis Harris. Second-class—John McCaskill. Proficiency Certificates.—John McCaskill, Hazel Harris, Moira Casey.

Competency Certificates. Bevan Rice, Marjorie Wainwright.

Progress. Standard VI., Moira Casey; Standard V., Ethel King; Standard IV., William McCaskill; Standard III., George Burns; Standard II., Violet Barber; Standard 1., Cecil Smith.

Good Conduct.—Upper—Girls, Marjorie Wainwright; boys ; Edmund Kelly. Lower—Girls, Annie Steffert; boys, Fred Dobson.

Improvement in Writing.—Upper— Girls, Iris Pierson; boys, Jack Wood. Lower—Girls, Rita Wilton; boys, George Harris.

Sewing.—Standard VI., Hazel Harris; Standard V., Oona Watkins; Standard IV., May Harris; Standard III., Mavis Harris; Standard II., Isa Dixon; Standard 1., Rita Wilton. Neatness. Upper Girls, Eileen Pope; boys, Harold Dixon. Lower— Girls, Ivy Palmer; boys, Wallace Wilton.

## 1914-1915

1914	84	Kaiwarra	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£240.00	£30.00
1914	84	Kaiwarra	Cook	Amelia A	E2	Assistant Female	£140.00	
1914	84	Kaiwarra	Aitcheson	Evelyn R	D4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1915	84	Kaiwarra	Pope	Robert J	D1	Head Master	£250.00	£30.00
1915	84	Kaiwarra	Cook	Amelia A	E1	Assistant Female	£140.00	
1915	84	Kaiwarra	Aitcheson	Evelyn R	D3	Assistant Female	£115.00	

**Evelyn R Aitcheson** started as a pupil teacher at Featherston school in 1906 until 1909 at Featherston In 1910 she was at Wadestown still a Pupil Teacher. In 191 She was in a sole charge at Hinemoa [About Kilometres East of Pahiatua}. Then two years at Kaiwarra and from about 1917 to at least 1921 Sole teacher at Normandale and in 1923 when my records end was sole teacher at Kopuaranga [North East of Masterton on the railway line]

28th January 1914 Miss Kathleen M R Simpson appointed probational at Kaiwarra. [She was teaching at Wadestown school by the end of 1914]

10th February 1915 Kaiwarra.— Assistant. £100 to £120.

26th February 1914 WELLINGTON accepted tender for painting Kaiwarra School: A, W Palmer.

8th May 1914 The following is the result of the election of the Kaiwarra School Committee : — Messrs. Charles Bowden (24 votes, re-elected chairman), Ernest Robson (20, secretary), A. W. Palmer (20), H. Newport (19, re-elected), Peter Swan (19, re-elected), William Latimer (17, re-elected, treasurer), Leslie H. Dixon (17).

Considerable interest was evinced 'throughout the proceedings. The headmaster (\*Mr. Pope) attended, and submitted a report of the past year's work, at the close of which he received hearty applause. The Chairman gave a detailed account of the finances, which show a credit balance of £6 3s Id. He 'congratulated the outgoing committeemen upon the manner in which they had discharged their duties and spoke in highly appreciative terms of the teaching staff, remarks which were received with marked applause. Reference was also made to the splendid library the school possesses, and the Education Board received its share of praise for the consideration shown in carrying out recent improvements for the comfort and convenience of the scholars. The Chairman ~also expressed hope for improvement in the school grounds, a matter which will be submitted to the board at an early date.

23rd May 1914 Medical Inspector's Report: Kaiwarra.— A dirty, badly-ventilated, badly-lighted, old school, but it is quite useless to attempt to remedy any defects, as the position of the building is wrong. It is too close up under the hill

10th June 1914 KAIWARRA SCHOOL CONCERT. A concert, to be followed by a dance, has boon arranged by the Kaiwarra School Committee to take place at the school on Friday evening. A lengthy programme of musical items has been prepared, and as the proceeds are to go to the library and picnic funds, a large attendance is desired.

13th June 1914 KAIWARRA SCHOOL CONCERT. The Kaiwarra School concert held last evening, was exceedingly well attended. A very enjoyable programme had been arranged, and the concert was followed by a dance, in which many couples participated. Songs were given by Misses Hunter, Capper, and Porteous, and Messrs. Edmonds, Warren, Colpus, L. Cameron, and Aitken ; recitations by Misses Collins and Cunliffe : a musical monologue by Miss Pepper ; a cornet solo by Mr. Stanley ; a duet by Messrs. Aitken and R. Cameron ; a

piano solo by Mr. Goldstraw ; and a dialogue by Master G. Robins and Miss Isa Dixon. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. As a result of the entertainment the picnic and library funds will benefit

29th August 1914 PATRIOTS AT KAIWARRA. A concert held at Kaiwarra last night, under the auspices of the local school, was one of the most successful functions of its kind ever held in the district. The whole of the proceeds > were to be handed over to the -Empire Fund, and, as the hall was crowded to overflowing, the sum collected should be considerable. The concert was held at very short notice, but every item was excellent. All the contributions came from scholars, who instilled a great deal of enthusiasm into their work, singing patriotic choruses with great gusto. The spirit they put into every item was pleasing to see and was evidence of the good training they had received. Solos were plentiful, tiny girls and boys providing .clever items which earned for them the heartiest of applause. It was a very successful concert in every way. Except for the well-known patriotic songs, practically all the items specially, -written and composed by Captain Dalrymple and Mr. R. J. Pope (head master). The teachers (Misses Cook and Aitcheson) are to be congratulated on the way the children were trained. Miss Grace Flaws presided at the piano, and also assisted generally with the musical arrangements. The concert concluded with the singing by the audience of patriotic choruses, and wound up with three cheers for the children of Kaiwarra for their assistance in augmenting the Empire Fund

5th September 1914 Patriotic Fund Kaiwarra School (proceeds patriotic concert) £7 12 0

17th December 1914 No prizes were awarded this at Kaiwarra School, it being the spontaneous wish of the pupils that the money usually set aside for prizes should be devoted to the Belgium Relief Fund. A letter was received by the headmaster from the school committee^ expressing its appreciation of the spirit of self, denial shown by the children. The following is the list of those who gained certificates : — Proficiency — J. Wood, Marjorie Wainwright. Competency — Ethel King. Attendance— First-class : J. Wood, E. Kelly, H. Barber W Wilton, I. Flaws, D. Wilton, B. Wilton, G Harris, K. Palmer, Marjorie Wainwright, E. King, Mavis Harris, Phyllis Dawson, Vera Purdue, Isa Dixon, Iris Purson, Violet Barber, Rita Wilton,' Agnes Porteous. Second-class : C Smith.

18th December 1914 Onslow Borough Council: A letter was received from the headmaster of the Kaiwarra school asking that the fence along the stream bank be repaired.—The request was acceded Councillor Gardner moved that a man be appointed to see to the immediate cleaning-up of the Kaiwarra stream,—This was carried.

24th February 1915 Belgian in distress fund Kaiwarra School children £3 16 shillings

6th May 1914 Kaiwarra. School.— At the meeting of householders Mr. C. Bowden (chairman of committee) presided. The balance-sheet disclosed a satisfactory state' of affairs. The health of the children had been good, and the attendance of a most satisfactory nature. During the year a patriotic concert 'was organised by the teaching staff, and the proceeds, ' amounting to £7 12s, were donated to the Belgian Relief Fund The sum of £4 was granted by the committee to the prize fund. The children, acting upon their own initiatives handed the amount to the Belgian Fund. Improvement of. the school grounds has reached the initial stage, and' the committee expressed its appreciation of the Boards consideration in providing this long-felt want. The efficiency of the teaching staff, consisting of. Mr- R J Pope (headmaster), Miss Cook, and Miss Aitcheson, was referred to in terms of the highest,

appreciation The following committee' was elected unopposed : — Messrs. C. Bowden (re-elected chairman), E Robson (re-elected), VV. Latimer (treasurer,' re-elected); A. L. Dixon (re-elected), G. Flaws

9th November 1915 Military Hospital Guild donations: Kaiwarra School 16 feeders, 10 face cloths, 5 Balaclavas

16th December 1915 The children whose homes are in Ngahauranga are sufferers under a new regulation of the Railway Department relating to school tickets. The privilege of free travel to and from school is limited to children who have to travel not less than two miles. The Ngahauranga scholars go to Kaiwarra, and under the new regulations they must pay their fares in the ordinary way or walk. The Education Board decided yesterday to make representations to the department on the point, in view of the fact that the road between Ngahauranga and Kaiwarra is a dangerous one for the children to traverse on foot.

16th December 1915 KAIWARRA SCHOOL Attendance Certificates.— First-class-Horace Barber, Violet Barber, Phyllis Dawson, Harold Dixon, Ivan Flaws Bruce Wilton

17th December 1915 The name of Mavis Harris is to be added to the published list of Kaiwarra school-children who gained attendance certificates.

## 1916-1917

1917	100	Kaiwarra	Pope	Robert J	D-50	Head	£250.00	
1917	100	Kaiwarra	Dalrymple	Amelia A Mrs	E1	Assistant	£140.00	Nee Cook
1917	100	Kaiwarra	May	Arthur	D-95	Assistant	£120.00	

**Arthur May** Only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Kaiwarra as listed in 1917 and 1919 returns. In 1915 an Arthur May was assistant at Cheltenham for the Wanganui Education Board.

26th January 1916 It was mentioned by the chairman of the Wellington Education Board at the meeting yesterday that in the past it had been the practice of the Railway Department to grant free, school sea' son railway tickets to children attending the Kaiwarra school from Ngahauranga. The privilege had been discontinued, and in future the children from Ngahauranga would have either to walk to Kaiwarra or Petone in order to attend school.

18th April 1916 The meeting at Kaiwarra was poorly attended, and so little interest was taken in the election that only one nomination—that of A. Newport—was received. The householders decided to recommend that the committee should consist of the following, in addition to Mr. Newport:—G. Flaws, C. Bowden, W. Latimer, and A. L. Dixon. The report showed an average attendance of 88 out of .103 pupils on the roll. The committee has a credit balance of about £10.

12th September 1916 Donations from the following have been received at the Town Hall during the past Miss Steele. Kaiwarra School, face cloths, milk covers, girdles, feeders, etc

23rd November 1916 The Kaiwarra School was crowded last night on the occasion of a concert given under the auspices ..of the local Patriotic Society for parotic, causes. A lengthy programme had been arranged, the principal portion of. the entertainment being given by a number of children, whose ages ranged' from three to fifteen! They had been carefully trained under the direction of Miss Grace Flaws, and performed their parts remarkably, well.....

14th December 1916 Attendance Certificates.—First-class: Violet Barber, Isa Dixon, Ivan Flaws, Mavis Harris, Eileen Pope. Second-class: Horace Dixon, Barbara Harris, Gordon Harris, Chas. Rothnie.

Proficiency: Boys—Horace Barber, William Hall, Victor Robson, Charles Rothnie. Girls—Lily Brown, Phyllis Dawson, Mavis Harris, Mona Coleman, Eileen Pope.

Competency: Harold Dixon.

17th February 1917 Onslow Borough Council; A complaint was received regarding the depositing of rubbish on Abbot Road, Ngaio, and the schoolmaster at Kaiwarra also complained that fowl yard sweepings were being deposited in the lane approaching the school, which was a danger to the health of the children attending the school. It was resolved to put up notices in the localities warning offenders that prosecutions will follow upon discovery.

2nd March 1917 Onslow Borough Council; Mr. C. C. Crump (Mayor) presided over last evening's meeting of the Onslow Borough Council. A special order was confirmed closing part of an unnamed street leading to Kaiwarra School.

19th April 1917 A deputation representing the combined school committees of the Onslow Borough waited upon the City Council Libraries Committee at its last meeting with a request for the assistance of the council in obtaining books for the school libraries at Kaiwarra, Ngaio, and Khandallah. The suggestion made was that the system at present in operation in the city schools should be extended to the borough, the school committees undertaking to meet the expenditure necessary. The committee informed the deputation that it was anxious to give as much help as possible and would favourably consider the request. A report on the question will be presented to the council to-night.

1st May 1917 Mr P. Swan, chairman of the Kaiwarra School Committee, presided at the Kaiwarra meeting. The election of the School Committee for the coming year resulted in the following being returned:—Messrs. P. Swan (chairman), A. Newport (secretary), W. Latimer, J. Levvy, and G. Flaws.

1st August 1917 A gathering of pupils, parents, and teachers connected with Kaiwarra School took place yesterday afternoon in the school. The occasion was to make a presentation to Miss E. R. Aitchison, who, for the past three years, has been an assistant at the school, and has now left to take charge of the school at Normandale. The headmaster spoke feelingly of the loss the school would sustain in the departure of Miss Aitchison; for she had thoroughly identified herself with the work and had gained the respect and esteem of her pupils, their parents, and her fellow teachers. Mr. Swan, chairman of the committee, then presented Miss Aitchison with a suit-case, and made further reference to the good qualities of the departing teacher. Mr. George Flaws, speaking on behalf of the parents, added his testimony to the highly satisfactory manner in which Miss Aitchison had carried out her duties. At his call the children gave the departing teacher three hearty cheers.

10th August 1917 Wellington Education Board appointed Miss M Arthur

1st September 1917 The exhibition of needlework done by school children now on view at the Education Board Building in Mercer-street is well worth seeing and considering from several points of view. Not only is the work neat and well done, but it showed thoughtfulness and originality in a high degree. In the thrift department a lesson to most people is given in

the working up of material which is usually looked upon as useless.....Included in a long list Kaiwarra.

20th December 1917 KAIWARRA SCHOOL

Proficiency Certificates. Violet Barber, Isa Dixon, Alfred Palmer.

Competency Certificate. Hilda Robson;

Attendance Certificates. First Class : Violet Barber, Isa Dixon, Florence Pope, Olive Payne, Norma Dixon, Clarence Swan. Second class : Alfred Palmer, Alex. Brown, Harold Dixon, Wallace Wilton, Douglas Wilton, Bruce Wilton, Gordon Harris, Stanley Palmer, Dorothea Hill.

Violet Barber has gained a first-class attendance certificate for five years in succession.

### 1918-1919

1919	96	Kaiwarra	Pope	Robert James	D-48	Head	£330.00
1919	96	Kaiwarra	Dalrymple	Amelia A Mrs	E-76	Assistant	£210.00
1919	96	Kaiwarra	May	Arthur	D-92	Assistant	£185.00

23rd January 1918 Two records of attendance by school children were reported to the Education Board at its meeting today. One was that of W. Brown, of the Terrace School, ten years without being absent (three years at the Terrace and seven years at Northland), and Violet May Barber, Kaiwarra, who has not missed school for half a day for five years.

31st January 1918 In a long article on children reading and libraries was this: On behalf of the Kaiwarra, Ngaio, and Khandallah School Committees, the Onslow Borough Council pays one shilling a head per pupil per year—an amount which just about covers the cost of supplying those schools. To the city schools no charge whatever is made, but the committees make good all damage and all losses but are in no way responsible for ordinary wear and tear.....

12th April 1918 St John Ambulance committee received donation of goods from Kaiwarra School

23rd April 1918: School Committee The following were elected to the school committee at Kaiwarra:—Messrs P. F. Swan (chairman), A . Newport (secretary), W. Lattimer E. Robson F. G. Flaws,

The following resolution was passed:— "That this meeting of householders urge upon the National Government the necessity for making provision without delay for improvement and extensions in the education system of the Dominion, and further, that in the opinion of this meeting the time has arrived when suitable buildings for technical education purposes should be erected in Wellington. The annual report of the year's work was most satisfactory. The outgoing committee expressed regret at the apathy shown generally in connection with school matters by a large majority of parents in the district.

24th April 1918 School Committee here was only a small attendance of householders at Kaiwarra. The annual report indicated that the work of the school during the last year was very satisfactory, The outgoing committee expressed regret at the apathy of many parents in regard to school matters

12th December 1918 CERTIFICATES AWARDED. The following is a list of certificates awarded pupils of the Kaiwarra School:

Proficiency.—Alex. Brown, Colin Coleman. Harold Dixon. Errol Flaws, Clifton Hall. Gordon Robins. Clarence Swan, Ivy Palmer, Olive Payne, Rita Wilton.

Endorsed Competency.—Florence Pope.

Competency.—Wallace Wilton, Rona Newport, Phyllis Nicholson. .

Attendance Certificates.—1st class: Alex. Brown. "Wm. Brown, F. Bourne, A. Dawson. Clara Bairn. K. Johns, Kathleen Jorgensen, S. Palmer, R. Palmer. Olive Payne, Florence Pope, Kerrill de Rouffignac, Dorothy Swan, D. Wilton.

Second-class: Ian Milne. Allan Nicholson. Jack O'Shea. Knox Palmer, C Swan. B. Wilton, W. Wilton.

30th January 1919 NIGGARDLY !

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND A REQUEST. Members of the Education Board had something to say yesterday regarding the niggardliness of the Education Department. Recently the board requested the department to provide a general concession for the conveyance of Ngahauranga children to the Kaiwarra school by rail. The department replied that it was unable to grant the concession asked for.

The chairman (Mr T. Forsyth) expressed regret that the department had again turned down the request. They should not allow the matter to drop, and if the department remained adamant it might even be necessary for the board to take the matter into its own hands. The Hutt road was one of the most exposed portions of the city, and conveyance should be provided in the interests of the children's health. Mr E. P. Rishworth thought the matter should be referred back to the department. The board could not afford to pay the cost, but the fact remained that the children should be carried. Apart from the danger to health, there was the danger due to the heavy traffic on the road. He moved that the matter be referred back to the department.

In seconding the motion, Mr R. A. Wright said that unless the concession were granted parents would keep their children away from school, and he did not see how the parents could be prosecuted. It seemed a question of money with the department.

Mr Forsyth: No, it is a question of regulation. .

Mr Wright: Well, the department makes the regulations, 'and can alter them. . Mr McCallum: I move an amendment that the board provide the travelling facilities and shame the Government. ~ , \_ \_ Mr Forsyth: Do you think the Government is capable of being shamed? There was a little further discussion, and it was finally decided that in the event of the present proposal being turned down the request of the Ngahauranga residents for a side school be referred back to the department.

15th April 1919 School Committee: The meeting at Kaiwarra was well attend [Sic]. An excellent report was submitted regarding the work of the school". It was shown that out of 14 pupils who sat for proficiency certificates 10 were successful. Three pupils secured endorsed competence certificates, and one secured a competency certificate. The following committee was . elected :—Messrs. P. Swan (chairman), A. Newport (secretary), G. Flaws, W. Latimer, A. Kearns, and S. Harland.

19th November 1919 Wellington Education Board: The Chairman pointed out that if Brooklyn rested its claims for a "new building on the score of age there were many other schools throughout the district that must receive prior consideration. The new building for Mt Cook would cost £8500, the Mount Cook Infants £5500, and Kaiwarra £1879. It was resolved

to inform the deputation that the board could not at present make any grant for a school, but that the matter would be considered when the general question of rebuilding other city schools was being dealt with.

16th December 1919 KAIWARRA

Proficiency.—Myrtle Harland, Evelyn McVicar, ETTY Robson, Kerril de Rouffignac.

Competency.—Gladys Crook, Henry Pierson.

Attendance — First-class: William Brown, Gladys Crook, Arthur Dawson, Norma Dixon, Clara Edlin, Myrtle Harland, Barbara Harris, Alex Hill, Stanley Palmer, Dorothy Pope, Kerril de Rouffignac, Dorothy Swim, Percy Thomas, Gladys Wheeler. Prize for Perseverance.—

Percy Thomas, Kathleen Jorgensen,

Prize for Navy League Essay.—K. de Rouffignac.

## 1920-1921

1921	139	Kaiwarra	Pope	Robert James	D	Head	£390.00
1921	139	Kaiwarra	Dalrymple	Amelia A Mrs	E	Assistant	£260.00
1921	139	Kaiwarra	Sutton	John P C	B	Assistant	£230.00
1921	139	Kaiwarra	Mills	Violet I		PT1	£95.00
1921	139	Kaiwarra	Davis	Iris E		Probationer 1	£95.00

**John Philp Chamberlain Sutton** taught at Kaiwarra by 1921 and was still there in 1923 when my records end. Had served in the ambulance corps during World War 1. In 1931 appointed Head Teacher at Rapaura [Spring Creek Marlborough] for the Wellington Education Board, he was in Marlborough in 1919 and in New Plymouth electorate in 1928

**Violet I Mills** is only listed for the Wellington Education Board in 1921 as a pupil teacher. In 1926 a Miss Violet Mills was teaching at Mangamutu in the Bush area.

**Iris E Davis** taught as a probationer in 1919 at Petone and by 1921 taught at Kaiwarra still a probationer

21st January 1920 Wellington Education Board appointment Miss D F Priestly Kaiwarra, By December 1921 Miss Priestly was teaching at South Wellington School

13th March 1920 TO-THE EDITOR. ; Sir, —Permit me 'to;' bring under the notice of' the Wellington Education Board the urgent necessity of acquiring a suitable school site to provide the accommodation, that will shortly be needed through the wholesale ' development of Kaiwarra, "by way of the Railway Department's' housing scheme. . 'Foresight must also be exercised .with regard to the acquisition of a- large area of land to the north of .Kaiwarra by the Wellington City Council. The present structure was erected (approximately) 50 years, ago, and is weather-beaten. and draughty, situated' between a bleak gully and quite incapable of providing confined and without scope for beautifying the surroundings, consequently the scholars are deprived of a- very healthy and useful pastime. 'Most of the land adjacent to the township has been absorbed, but there, is still, I believe, a possibility of acquiring a suitable site, and the Education Board is well advised to make urgent arrangements' to provide for the future needs of- the most convenient residential and. important industrial suburbs of Wellington.—I am, etc., CHARLES BOWDEN. 11th March.

16th March 1920 The Kaiwarra School picnic, held at Newtown Park on Saturday. was a distinct success.' Special, cars conveyed the pupils and parents from the Thorndon quay terminus. It was a great day for the children, the committee having made very complete



arrangements for their entertainment. The picnic was made possible by the generosity of the people of the district,, who contributed liberally to the picnic fund. The committee appreciates very highly the manner in which the appeal was responded to. The ladies worked particularly well to ensure a complete success of the outing. Every child received a present.

17th March 1920 KAIWARRA SCHOOL

TO THE EDITOR. Sir, —We read with interest Mr. C. Bowden's letter regarding the above, and quite agree with him as to the urgency of the matter. Our committee has already placed this, affair before the. Education Board but is of the opinion that this is a matter for the Education and Railway Departments' to ' act' conjointly. The board has this business in hand, and, no doubt, will hurry things along. The committee did not rush' into print in the matter, but the public can rest assured the members' have the interests of the children and district at heart.—I am, etc., A. NEWPORT,... Hon : Sec. Kaiwarra--S.C.

29th April 1920 At last night's meeting of the Kaiwarra householders several speakers complained of children having to walk from Ngahauranga to Kaiwarra to attend school. It was stated that the Railway Department had refused .to issue tickets to the children lo travel, and as a result they had to walk to school in all weathers.

29th April 1920 There was a very satisfactory attendance of householders at Kaiwarra. The annual report showed that there was a credit balance of £4 8s. It was decided to urge the new committee to make further representation to the Education Board regarding the proposed: new school. In the. interest- of the health of the children a new school on a new site was regarded as essential. The following committee was elected: Messrs. P. A. Swan (chairman), A. Newport (secretary), S. Harland (treasurer),- G. Flaws and A. L. Dixon.

7th May 1920 Ten thousand, or more, of Wellington's school children to-day gave a children's greeting to their young debonair Prince. Stirring scenes have .been witnessed in the last few days, but none more, thrilling; more significant, or brighter and happier than that which was seen in the Parliamentary Grounds to-day..... Every child had his or her flag to move, and every school its banner, and special inscription. "Tied with a knot there is no untying," was the motto displayed by Kaiwarra School.

27th July 1920 The; little settlement of .cottages for railwaymen at Kaiwarra has reached the stage" where "water" supply and drainage are necessary, and with a view to facilitating this a conference took place in the Mayor's Room at the Town Hall to-day, [I presume the building of these cottages was why the school roll went up by 1921.]

27th August 1920 Within the year the Department hopes to have housed forty two or forty-four railwaymen and their families at Kaiwarra alone, and that, after all, is but the beginning of the New Zealand scheme, nor will that be the end of the local effort, for further blocks will probably be obtained shortly by the Department. COMPACT BUT COMFORTABLE; Certainly the cottages are not large, for they measure about 30ft by 30ft- [9.144 meters] over all, exclusive of the wash-house, scullery, lean-to, and detached outhouses, and some of the bedrooms are small, but they are soundly built of high-grade timber, honestly finished, and for the most part pleasantly situated with views of the harbour and city, over which the average land agent would wax wildly enthusiastic. Heart rimu, from the. Department's bush reserve at Mamaku, on the Rotorua line, has gone In to the construction of the houses and selected' figured rimu into the doors and varnished woodwork.....

17th December 1920 KAIWARRA

Attendance certificates.—First class: Ruby Gerrey, Barbara Hams, Kathleen Jorgensen, Dorothy Swan. Second class: Percy Thomas. Proficiency certificates.—Norma Dixon, Gladys Harland, Lulu Latimer.

Competency certificates.—Fred Bourne, Jas. Brown, Mildred Milne, Dorothy Swan, Gladys Wheeler.

18th February 1921 Kaiwarra second assistant Miss D F Priestly. Appointed. Teaching at South Wellington at December 1921

8th March 1921 The annual picnic in connection with the Kaiwarra school, held at Newtown Park on Saturday, was most- successful. Special cars conveyed a large number of parents and children from the Thorndon terminus. The picnic was made possible by the generosity of the residents of Kaiwarra, who contributed a substantial amount to the picnic fund. Firms doing business in the suburb also responded to a request for donations. Numerous races and other events were provided for the children, each of whom received a present. The children gladly responded to calls for cheers for those who had assisted in making the outing the success it was. The committee worked very hard, and the ladies also did their share as far as the preliminary arrangements were concerned. The children were given their picnic holiday yesterday.

17th March 1921: The Wellington Education Board yesterday had before it plans of the new school site at Kaiwarra, and gave instructions that estimates of the quantity of material involved in the required grading, and the cost, should be prepared

4th April 1921 A large oil store was recently erected at the rear of the Kaiwarra School. The traffic- approach to the store is very narrow; it provides the only means of access to the school. Children attending the school, therefore, are threatened with a new danger. "One danger already exists—the speeding of motorists on the Hutt-road. The school committee has considered the position and has decided to place the facts before the Education Board. The committee is not inclined to accept responsibility, and some of the parents have gone as far as to suggest a novel sort of "strike" "They have threatened to keep their children away from the school until the existing state is altered. A proposal has been made that the officials of the City Council and the Education Board should; confer, in the hope that some plan providing for the safety of the children will be evolved-

9th June 1921 In a long list of Schools was Kaiwarra The following is the list of schools which have yet to elect new committees, the old committees. remaining in office until the new members are elected: Kaiwarra and 21 others.

12th July 1921 Wellington School Committee Association: The question of school colours was discussed on the assurance of a member that not one of the primary schools of Wellington had its colours registered with the Education Department. " The only schools registered were the boys' and girls' colleges, St. Mary's School, and the Thorndon preparatory schools. The fee for registration was stated by the Chairman to be £1 1s, and a member suggested registration with the board instead of with the Department. Berhampore, Mt. Cook, and Kaiwarra were said to have much the same colours —red and black—and from the Kaiwarra School it was said the Poneke Club took its colours.

17th September 1921 The education requirements of Ngahauranga were discussed at a meeting of residents of the suburb held last night. Messrs. Eyres, Startup, and Milne, of the Wellington School Committees' Association, were present, and Mr. Eyres traced the

negotiations in reference to the conveyance of children to and from school at Kaiwarra. The correspondence read showed the antipathy of the Government to any help in this direction. Mr. Startup outlined- a scheme whereby it is hoped to - establish a school at Ngahauranga. On the-motion of Mr. Milne, who occupied' the chair, it. Was decided to endorse the action of the association in pressing the needs of the district, and' all present were made a committee to further the object. It is hoped to secure a. suitable section and" obtains building to fill the requirements.

21st September 1921 Wellington Education Board Action: As far as the bigger schemes at Kaiwarra (which was very urgent) and Mornington were concerned, Mr. Forsyth said, the Minister of Education had taken up the attitude that the Department should not be used to provide such work as relief . work, as-he might have: to do the .same sort .'of thing all over the country... -Mr Forsyth had pointed' out that the works were quite urgent, and that no building could be done at either place until the excavation was done. The Minister was not, however, inclined .to do anything on the matter in the meantime. Consequently, the new building at Kaiwarra was indefinitely postponed.

19th October 1921 Regret was expressed, by members of the board that the Minister could not see his way clear to undertake grading work at Kaiwarra at present. The Chairman said that the Kaiwarra work was very urgent, and he thought that it might have been proceeded, with. Nothing could be done at Kaiwarra until the site' was levelled, and the pressure was becoming urgent, on account of more dwellings having been erected there for the Railway Department. It "was decided that the chairman, secretary,' and members of the executive should wait on the Minister, to stress the need for the work being commenced at once.

20th December 1921 KAIWARRA

The following gained attendance certificates

William Brown, Thomas Crook, Arthur Dawson, Horace Edkin, Clara Edlin, Arthur Grimson ,. Albert Hall, Edward Hartnett, John Hartnett, Margaret Harris, Unice Newport, Roy Palmer, Stanley Palmer, Lila Sautos, George Shapcott, Joyce Sherbrooke, Edgar de Rouffignac, Edna Stolz, Ailsa, Wright, Doris Skinner, Kathleen Barnes, Guy; de Rouffignac, Mary Fairless. \

Those who gained certificates are "the following:—

Proficiency: "William Brown, Clara Edlin, Stanley Palmer, Lila Sautos, Joyce Sherbrooke.

Competency: Roy Palmer and George Shapcott.

## 1922-1923

1923	139	Kaiwarra	Pope	Robert James	D	Head	£385.00
1923	139	Kaiwarra	Sutton	John P C	B	Assistant	£265.00
1923	139	Kaiwarra	Dalrymple	Amelia A Mrs	E	Assistant	£263.00
1923	139	Kaiwarra	Pickett	Rose		PT 2	£108.00
1923	139	Kaiwarra	Bollons	Hinemoa L		Probationer 1	£83.00

**Rose Pickett** started her Career at Kaiwara as a pupil teacher at Kaiwara

**Hinemoa L Bollons** started her career at Kaiwarra . In 1926 she resigned her position as Sole Teacher at Portland Island a Lighthouse Island off the coast of Mahia Peninsula

1929/9617	Hinemoa Lilian	Bollons	William	Sparks
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7th March 1922 The annual picnic of the Kaiwarra School was held on Saturday at Maidstone Park. [Upper Hutt] The outing was a thoroughly enjoyable one from every point of view. Among the many races held was one for the 100 yds championship open to past and present scholars Medals for this race had been presented by Mr Albert Bowden, and were won by Gordon Robins 1 and Alfred Palmer 2 The catering and other arrangements for the picnic were excellent, and the committee may congratulate itself upon the success of its undertaking

28th April 1923 There was a fair attendance of householders on Monday at Kaiwarra. The following committee was returned unopposed :—Messrs. F. Milne (chairman), E. W. Barnes (secretary), G. B. Munro, G. Shapcott, E. De Rouffignac, A. Bowden, and A. Johnston.

It was reported that owing to the overcrowded state of the main school, the Methodist Sunday school was secured during the year by the Education Board for use as a temporary school, and whilst this has to some extent relieved the position, • matters are still very unsatisfactory. A motion was carried unanimously urging upon the authorities the necessity for proceeding with the erection of the new school at the earliest possible moment. A resolution submitted by the School Committees' Association urging the Government to provide free school books was carried. The reduction of capitation grants by 10 per cent, was severely, condemned, and a strong resolution was carried urging upon the Government the necessity for providing adequate money and up-to-date school buildings, etc., for the education of the children of the Dominion.

The report of the headmaster (Mr. Pope) was read and approved. The attendance at the school had increased to such an extent that an additional male teacher had been appointed and the school advanced a grade in classification. Mr. Pope and his assistants were warmly commended upon the efficiency of the school as disclosed in the inspector's report.

30th June 1922 KAIWARRA'S NEED  
NEW SCHOOL WANTED.

For some time past, the Kaiwarra residents have been agitating for a new school, and last evening the householders of the district met to discuss ways and means by which the «rection of the new school should be hastened.

Mr. F. Milne (chairman of the Kaiwarra School Committee), who presided, said that the time had come when an earnest appeal should be made for the school, and, in that, they solicited the help of parents and householders alike. At present the school was split, the seniors being lodged' in the schoolhouse, and the infants in a separate building further away.

Mr. R. J. Pope, headmaster, said that, as children were largely influenced by their environment, the Government should do its duty., and see that the child was comfortably housed. He considered that the Kaiwarra School was typical of the attitude of Government towards education. Everything almost that a school should possess was lacking in the Kaiwarra School. The site was a monument to the stupidity of those who selected it. The building was stuck against a precipitous hill and had. an unsavoury stream within a few feet of its front door. The design of the building was faulty, and it was impossible to have proper ventilation. The. condition, of the building was deplorable. A new site had been purchased, and plans had been prepared, but the site was still in its virgin state, and the plans wero still in the pigeon-hole. Meanwhile, children were growing up in these miserable surroundings, and

their children, would do likewise, unless the Government was roused to a sense of its obligations.

Mr. Sherbrook drew attention to the large number of railwaymen's children who were attending the school and suggested that the various railway bodies be asked to co-operate in the movement.

Mr. E. W. Barnes said that, on account of a large oil-store being situated within a short distance- of the school, a grave danger existed to the children from heavy motor-traffic. It was decided to solicit help from the Railway and Education Departments, and Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P.

A meeting is to be held later when the position will again be discussed.

19th July 1922 The following reference to school buildings is made by the Wellington Education Board in its annual report:— "With a slight downward tendency, the prices were still high. Though only necessary, and, for the most part, urgent work was undertaken, the year was one of much activity. The- leeway of the war period has, however, not nearly been overtaken, and the periodic overhaul of buildings is still in arrears, nor has. it been possible to touch the interiors of any except a very few of the worst buildings. For reasons of real economy and sound management the amount devoted to maintenance of buildings must be materially increased, and it must; be recognised that in a very large number of cases the cost of \_rebuilding must be faced, and of renewing much of the older furniture. In "this connection it may be noted that nine of the schools, of Greater Wellington are from forty to forty-five years old. It has been only with substantial expenditure and great care that the rebuilding of such schools as Mount Cook, Te Aro, Kaiwarra, Newtown, etc., has been deferred."

9th September 1922 KAIWARRA SCHOOL  
NEW SITE TO BE LEVELLED,

The Minister of Education (the Hon. C. J. Parr) informed a representative of "The Post" that a commencement with the work of levelling the new site for the Kaiwarra School would be made immediately. The Education Board decided to share in the cost of the work, and it had been agreed that there should be no further delay. Operations would start on Monday.

The site secured by the Department measures just over an acre. It has a frontage to Fore street and should be admirably suited for school purposes. A great deal of levelling is required, and work should be found for a number of the unemployed. . Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P. for Wellington Suburbs, has been notified of the fact that the work is to proceed. The Minister, in letter to Mr. Wright, says : —"I am influenced by the fact that the Kaiwarra School will require to be replaced at no distant date, and also by the further consideration that if the work is proceeded with at the present time it will tend to relieve the unemployment that exists in the city."

12th December 1922 KAIWARRA

. Proficiencies.—Arthur Dawson, Hector McVicar, Knox Palmer, Mona Gorman, Barbara Harris, "Christina Lindsay, Hazel Milne, Winnie O'Shea, Olive Simons. Endorsed Competency. — Robert Grapes.

Competencies.—Cecil Daly, Jessie Taylor.

Attendance Certificates.—K. Barnes, G. Churchill, Z. Dixon, J. Fairless, A. Grimson, J. Grimson, E. Hetherington, A. Hall, H. Higgins, J. Hartnett, J. Lindsay, C. McLennan, H.

Milne, C. Milne, U. Newport, B. Newport, . E. Riddick, E. de Rouffignac, G. de Rouffignac, F. Stolz, M. Shingleton, M. Shapcott, H. Standen, M. Shilcock, B. Santos, S. Standen, M. Taylor, G. Taylor, G. White, W. Wheeler.

26th April 1923 Anzac Day ceremonies held at schools included: At Kaiwarra, the headmaster, Mr. R. J. Pope, delivered an address suitable to the day

1st May 1923 There was a record attendance of over sixty householders at the Kaiwarra meeting, and the keenest interest was manifested in the election of the committee.

The report revealed a satisfactory year, but emphasised the need of a new school, as reported elsewhere. The expenditure for the year was £88 5s 8½d , and the receipts £81 11s Id. The school Social Committee was specially thanked for its money-raising efforts during the year. The headmaster (Mr. R. J. Pope) said that the roll number last December was 159, compared with 163 in December, 1921. Last year being particularly free from epidemics, the attendance reached the excellent average of 93 per cent.

Two ballots were necessary before the committee was finally chosen. The first ballot resulted :—F. Milne 60, A. Newport 59, G. B. Munro 49, A. E. Golding 46, E. W. Barnes 38, A. V. Bowden 38 A. L. Dixon 38, W. Hetherington 38, A. Johnson 32, B. de Rouffignac 14, J. E. Santos 12. The four first mentioned were declared elected, and the candidates who tied with 38 votes submitted their names to a second ballot, which resulted :—A. L. Dixon 41, W. Hetherington 36, A. V. Bowdon 32, E. W. Barnes 25. The latter was, therefore, defeated.

Remits submitted by; the School Committees' Association were unanimously endorsed.

1st May 1923 HE FINEST RUIN"

KAIWARRA'S OLD SCHOOL

RESIDENTS INDIGNANT.

The meeting of householders at Kaiwarra last night developed into an indignation meeting—indignation at the delay in providing the long-promised new school. The committee reported upon negotiations with the board. These had not carried the position any further, and the school seemed further away now than ever. Many letters had been forwarded to the board, which last month reported that it was compelled to modify its plans. It was explained to the meeting that the board purchased a site for the school over two years ago. Certain excavations and levellings were necessary before the school could be erected, but there appeared to be a dispute between the Education Department and the Public Works Department as to the probable cost. The Education Department's officers estimated the cost at £1700, and the Public Works official at £8000. The latter is regarded as prohibitive, and accordingly a start has been delayed. ‘

The headmaster (Mr. R. J. Pope) once again roundly condemned the present building, .which, he said, was "one year worse' than when he last reported to the householders. He regarded the school as "one of the finest ruins south of the Line." It was inadequate, unhealthy, and in every way unsuitable for the purpose to which it was put The Department now had the matter of a new school "steadily in view, but that did not seem to produce results. He wondered how long the people of Kaiwarra would tolerate the treatment they now received.

The various speakers who followed did not mince matters. Indignation was expressed in no uncertain terms, and one speaker asserted that the record meeting was due to the fact that Kaiwarra residents were determined not to tolerate the existing conditions without a very

strong protest. The health and' comfort of the children were at stake, so it was asserted, and unless some satisfaction was secured the people would be compelled to take more drastic action.

It was finally decided to organise an influential deputation, which will wait upon the Minister of Education on an early date.

5th June 1923 KAIWARRA. AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS of the Kaiwarra District will be held in the School, Kaiwarra, TOMORROW (Wednesday), 8 p.m., to discuss. Tramway .Extension, New School, and other questions of local interest. ' All invited to Attend.

7th June 1923 At the above meeting held with Mr R A Whyte MP for Suburbs and Mayor of Wellington attending was this piece of a very long list of complaints: Tim need for a new school on the site-pin-chased by the Education Board was then discussed, and the Mayor agreed to accompany a deputation, which will shortly wait upon the Minister, and ask the reason for the delay. "'The school was absolutely inadequate for the number of children in the district. The church room had been rented, 'which meant that the school was divided. That was not in the interests of the scholars.

-Mr. Wright asserted that the Minister knew the needs of the district. When the Minister inspected the school he gave orders for the immediate erection of a new school. The Public Works Department then discovered that a large retaining wall, to cost £8000, [Inflation adjusted \$837297.22 in December 2020] would be necessary before the site could be prepared. The idea of erecting a new school on the chosen site had not been abandoned, but new plans were now' under consideration. If these plans, proved satisfactory the cost of the necessary work would be materially reduced. The matter now rested not with the board, but with the Education 'Department.

12th June 1923 DEPUTATION TO MINISTER.

Kaiwarra badly requires a new school, and this need is recognised by the Minister of Education (the Hon. C. J. Parr). Some time ago a new site was acquired, but it was subsequently ascertained that it would cost £8000 to prepare it. The necessity of modifying the scheme was then realised, and this morning a deputation representing the Kaiwarra School Committee and residents, Education Board, and School' Committees' Association, waited on the Minister and submitted plans under which it was estimated the levelling could be carried out for about £2000. Mr. Parr was asked to authorise the amended proposals. The deputation was introduced by Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P., who said the Minister had realised that a new school was necessary and had given instructions for its erection. The Public Works" Department, however, estimated that £8000 would be necessary to level the site and erect retaining walls. It was admitted that that was a very costly proposition. Now, however, it was estimated by the Education Board's architect that the site could be made suitable for the purpose of a school at a cost of £2000. .Mr. F. Milne, chairman of 'the Kaiwarra School Committee, dwelt on the unsuitable condition of the present school. "SINS OF THEIR FATHERS." Mr. Parr said he had seen the old school and knew the facts regarding it. He did not know why the school had been placed where it was. He was suffering ' for the sins of their fathers. (Laughter.) Mr. McDougall, architect to the Education Board, explained the proposals as drawn up by him, which, it was thought, would provide sufficient area for playground purposes, and the general requirements of a school. The Minister said he

could not think of spending £8000 on the work as originally proposed. The Rev. Dr. Catchpole, on behalf of the School Committees' Association, stressed the need for a new school. Mr. T. Forsyth, chairman of the Education Board, endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers. While there was a certain amount of land to level, there was really nothing else that could be suggested in the way of a site. They wanted a four-roomed building to start MR. PARR'S PROMISE. The Minister. said he recognised the claim for it new school, and he reviewed the early history in regard to securing a new site. The trouble was that no other site could be found at Kaiwarra. Owing to the hilly configuration of Wellington, when he obtained a site for a school that was only half his trouble, for the next thing he generally had to do was to find the means for levelling. "That is one of the faults of having a hilly city," laughingly remarked Mr. Parr. To level the site at Kaiwarra under the amended proposal would cost £2000, and the cost of the new school would be £12,000. thus involving a total expenditure of £14,000. Everything depended on how much money he was allowed by Mr. Massey, Minister of Finance. Mr. Parr said he was receiving urgent demands for the erection of new schools from, all over New Zealand, and the Government would have to face the question of how much it could provide for these urgent cases. He looked upon the Kaiwarra case as urgent and would put the proposal submitted to him before Cabinet that is, that £2000 be spent on levelling the site. He recognised the disabilities under which the teachers and children laboured at Kaiwarra, but when the decision of Cabinet was ready he would communicate it to Mr. Wright and the Education Board. He would bring the matter under the notice of the Government in the next two or three weeks

22nd November 1923 An entertainment in aid of the school children's fund is to be given in the Kaiwarra Schoolroom on Saturday next, at 8 pm. by the local Pierrot Troupe and Football Club. The presentation of medals and trophies won by club members during the 1923 season will be presented.

17th December 1923 Attendance certificates have been awarded' to the following :—Leslie Allis, Kathleen Barnes, Arthur Chick, Margaret Churchill, Cecil Daly, Joseph Fairless, Mary Fairless, Albert Hall, Margaret Harris, Lorna Holder, Walter Laming, Jno. Lindsay, May Lindsay, Clifford McLennan, Frank McVicar, Ian Milne, Unice Newport, Allan Nicholson, Beatrice Nicholson, Norman Nicholson, Edgar de Rouffignac, Mary Shilcock, Edna Stolz, Freda Stolz.

Proficiency certificates.—Clare Campbell, Percy Campbell, Cecil Daly, Walter Laming, Benjamin Newport, Jessie Taylor. . Competency.—Jas. Hetherington, Jack O'Shea.