

## Kakariki

20 Kilometres from Pahiatua south of Hukanui under the hills lay Kakariki. A farming area with a mixture of sheep and dairying under the Tararua Ranges.

### 1897-1898

1898	14	Kakariki	Reese	Marion		Female	£41	\$7,028
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29<sup>th</sup> September 1897 In answer to a petition for a school at Kakariki, the Inspector was requested to visit and report.

26<sup>th</sup> January 1898 Wellington Education Board It was resolved that schools be established as soon as possible in the Wharau and districts, and that applications be invited for a teachership at the latter school

FAKE NEWS!!! 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1898 Schools are to be erected at Mount Woolf, near Mungaroa, also at Penton, Wharau, and at Kakariki, a settlement in the Makuri district. Mount Woolf was by Waione near Pongaroa at least 100 miles from Mangaroa and Kakariki was in the Hukanui area and miles away from the Makuri area

22<sup>nd</sup> January 1886 Marion Reese applied for a job at Petone She had had eight months at Bingsland school Christchurch, one year and two months at Ashley School. Three years at Normal School Christchurch. Temporary assistant at Carterton but she didn't stay in the position.

Marion Reese started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Pahiatua in 1886 and taught there until 1893. She then was somewhere else until 1898 when she was appointed at some stage to Kakariki and opens the school there, She teaches there for the short time and then doesn't appear on the Wellington Education Board lists until 1913 when she teaches as the secondary school teacher with a BA at Pahiatua DHS from 1913 to at least 1917

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1910 The late Mr. A. Reese, whose death occurred at the Pahiatua Hospital last evening, after a short but painful illness, was born at Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland, in 1843, and came to New Zealand in the ship Himalaya in 1867. For a time he resided at Christchurch and came to Wellington in 1878 and started in business as a builder and contractor. He afterwards removed to Masterton, where he carried out several important bridge-building contracts. In the eighties he migrated with a number of other Mastertonians — notably the Hon. W. W. McCardle, the late Mr. Job Vile, and Messrs. Wakeman and D. Crewe — to Pahiatua, where he took up a Government leasehold, and also continued contracting. He always took an active interest in public affairs and was a personal friend and strong admirer of the late Mr. John Ballance. He was for a number of years a member of the Masterton Licensing Committee, and also occupied a seat on the Pahiatua Borough Council. For several years past he was a member of the Wellington Land Board and Land Purchase Board, and for a lengthy period was a Justice of the Peace. Deceased was a brother of the late Mr. D. Reese, formerly M.P. for Christchurch, and an uncle of Mr. D. Reese, the well-known Canterbury cricketer. In the early days, with his late brother and brother-in-law (Mr. Joseph Dawson), he was prominent in rowing circles in Christchurch, where he won many valuable trophies. He leaves a widow, and a family of three sons and three daughters, besides four sisters — Mrs. Dawson, wife of Mr. J. Dawson, of the Wellington Land Board; Mrs.

Sneddon, wife of Mr. W. Sneddon, who was engineer in charge of the Makohine Viaduct ; Mrs. Daldy, of Hukanui, and Miss Marion Reese, of Pahiatua. Mr. J. M. Dawson, architect, of Wellington, is a nephew of the deceased.

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[There was another Marion Reese in Christchurch and I am nearly absolutely certain that these cuttings are about Kakariki's Marion Reese]

## 1899

1899	15	Kakariki	Bringans	John		Master	£80	\$14,195
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27<sup>th</sup> February 1899 Mr Fleming Inspector will visit on 16<sup>th</sup> March

25<sup>th</sup> May 1899 Wanted Teacher Kakariki salary \$89 and \$10 extra because no house was provided

28<sup>th</sup> September 1899 One of the finest panoramas in this part of the colony can readily be reached, being within six hours' journey by rail from Wellington. This is a bend of the Mangahao river, at the Kakariki Special Settlement, a few miles beyond Eketahuna . Visitors to the place should alight at Hukanui station. The road is four miles, over almost level country, towards the Tararua range. The scenery, comprising a horseshoe bend in the river surrounded by white papa cliffs, flanked by lofty ranges, and relieved by clumps of trees and shrubs, is picturesque in the extreme. The river abounds with rainbow trout, and when the beauties of the place become known, it will no doubt be a favourite resort for anglers and tourists.

7<sup>th</sup> December 1899 The appointment of Jane Goodwin as sewing teacher at Kakariki was confirmed.

## 1900-1901

1900	16	Kakariki	Bringans	John		Master	£80	\$13,909
1900	16	Kakariki	Goodin	Jane		Sewing	£5	\$869
1901	21	Kakariki	Bringans	John		Master	£90	\$15,194
1901	21	Kakariki	Dawson	Cecilia		Sewing	£5	\$844

7<sup>th</sup> February 1901 In a long article on teachers' salaries was this piece:. Mr. Hogg said at Kakariki the teacher only got £80 a year and was not down for an increase. Mr. Hogben — He has no certificate. There is not a school in the colony that pays so liberally as that. If he had been certificated he would have got more.

21<sup>st</sup> February 1901 Mr Bakewell inspector was to visit on 19<sup>th</sup> March

27<sup>th</sup> February 1901 A well-attended meeting of Kakariki settlers, interested in the recently-raised loan of £600, was held in the schoolhouse on Saturday last, Mr Dawson, who convened the meeting, after explaining his reasons for doing so, was voted to the chair. After some discussion re instructing the Eketahuna County Council to keep the thirds which have accrued since date of raising the loan, and also those that are not yet due, for the purpose of meeting the interest on the said loan, Mr Page proposed, and Mr McOnie seconded, that a

petition to that effect be signed by the settlers interested, and presented at the next meeting of the Council by a deputation consisting of two representative settlers.

The Chairman moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr Smith, that the petition only be sent, On being put to the meeting, the motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr Daldy, seconded by Mr McOnie, the Chairman and- Mr Orr were appointed as a deputation.

On the motion of Mr Petersen, seconded by Mr Smith, the deputation was requested to draw the attention of the Council to the inability of the present culvert, on the part of the road recently formed by Mr Orr, to carry away surplus water at flood time, and the liability of that part of the formation to be washed away owing to this account,

On the motion of Mr Page, seconded by Mr Daldy, it was unanimously resolved that the Chairman be instructed to write to Mr Hogg, the member for the district, and convey to him the thanks of the settlers, for the interest that ho had always taken in their district, and the subsequent benefits which had accrued therefrom.

The meeting then discussed the advisability of agitating for a post office, and also considered means whereby the settlers might get the benefits of a religious service on Sundays. The advisability of raising required funds for getting a musical instrument for public use in the district, was also mentioned. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

27<sup>th</sup> June 1901 Miss Ceci Dawson was appointed sewing teacher at Kakariki

18<sup>th</sup> July 1901 Settlers in the Kakariki Special Settlement, a thriving dairying .district about nine miles from Eketahuna, and four miles from the railway line, are asking through Mr Hogg, M.H.R., to have a post office established at the local school under the charge of the teacher. The name suggested for the office is Mangaraupi.

26<sup>th</sup> September 1901 Inspector Lee had been dismissed from the Education Board [he later became chairman] In connection with the retirement of Chief Inspector Lee, the Kakariki (Forty mile Bush) School Committee has expressed every confidence in Messrs. Hogg, Bradey, Young, and 'Robertson, and says it has no wish to interfere in any way with their action while carrying on the Education Board's business.

31<sup>st</sup> October 1901 Wellington Education Board The residents of Kakariki were given temporary permission to use the local school .as a post office.

In 1902 John Bringans went to Kaiparoro school for four years and then to the Ohariu School for 4 years. In 1910 He was head of Scarborough (Later Mangamutu) School until at least 1917 and From 1919 to at least 1923 He was head of Khandallah School in Wellington.

## 1902

1902	24	Kakariki	Mason	Francis A		Master	£103	\$16,990
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5<sup>th</sup> July 1902 Mr Bringans appointed to Kaiparoro School

1<sup>st</sup> August 1902 Wellington Education Board received 9 applications for Kakariki school position

## 1903

1903	28	Kakariki	Mason	Francis A		Headmaster	£128	\$21,208
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20<sup>th</sup> May 1903 The road through the Stirling Block to Kakariki is now in good condition — good enough, in fact, for drays, buggies and bicycles. For years over a mile of it was a perfect bog. Here and there were morasses full of rotten timber, in which horses were apt to get firmly bogged. At no time was it lit for wheel traffic and in winter it was almost impassable for horsemen. To improve and metal this money was provided, but season after season passed and nothing was done. At last three of the settlers who have holdings at the place—Messrs Pago, Tacher and Samuel Smith —undertook the work at a price that astonished the Roads Department. Mr Tocker had a hill near the road comprised of capital gravel, and with the aid of a tramway, a few sawmill trucks, and a light horse, in the dead of winter the bog was quickly transformed into a capital road. In two places the Mangaraupi stream crosses the road, and here small bridges are about to be constructed [Tacher Tocher as printed]

6<sup>th</sup> June 1903 Part of a longer article The small but well-built schoolhouse at Kakariki is wonderfully patronised morning, noon and evening of a Sunday, when the Rev. Mr McCaw and Divinity Student Crockett, Presbyterian; Rev. Mr Worboys, Wesleyan; and Mr Nicholls, Anglican lay reader, preach in turn. The school is furnished with a piano, at which Miss Upton and as many of the settlers trained voices the sacred melodies are sung with pleasing effect. A gratifying feature, in the opinion of many, is the way in which the same congregation turns up at the different services. It is intended shortly to erect a public hall near the school, where entertainments and meetings can be held during the week, and religious services conducted on Sundays.

## 1904

1904	31	Kakariki	Mason	Francis A		Master	£128	\$21,196
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30<sup>th</sup> August 1904 In a long article on science teaching in Wellington Education Board was this agricultural chemistry, although very elementary, is taken up in many unexpected places, at Ballance, Kaiparoro, Pirinoa, Newman, Brooklyn. Hutt, Thorndon, Masterton, Kakariki." and a host of others.

30<sup>th</sup> September 1904 Leave of absence granted to F A Mason. [Presumably to set teachers examinations]

## 1905

1905	24	Kakariki	King	Edmund A	E3	Master	£142	\$22,457
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6<sup>th</sup> February 1905 On Wednesday, a school boy, from Kakariki, named Fred Fulton, was thrown from his horse and was badly cut and bruised about the face.

26<sup>th</sup> May 1905 Wellington Education Board Kakariki, grant for fencing, £2

14<sup>th</sup> September 1905 Mr E King of Wainui (Hawkes Bay) to Kakariki

25<sup>th</sup> September 1905 Bush Advocate Mr E. A. King, who has been in charge of the Herbertville school for some years, has resigned his position, and will leave the district on the 14th October, to take up the mastership of the Kakariki school, near Hukanui, under the Wellington Board. Mr King has proved himself a most capable teacher, while his musical and social qualities have caused him to be a very useful and popular member of the coast community, and his departure will certainly cause a serious blank at Herbertville; . We have

to thank Mr King for his services as correspondent to the Advocate and take this opportunity of wishing him every success in his new sphere

21<sup>st</sup> December 1905 An interesting marriage ceremony was celebrated yesterday (Wednesday) at Kakariki settlement, Eketahuna, the parties being Mr John Bringans, a well-known and popular teacher, and Miss Cecilia Dawson, eldest daughter of Mr Joseph Dawson, of bridgebuilding fame. The wedding took place at Mr Dawson's homestead, and the ceremony was performed in the presence of a considerable number of friends and relatives by the Rev. R. Wood. The bride was charmingly attired in a dress of grey silk voile and wore a grey hat with ostrich plumes to match. The bridesmaids, Misses Gladys and Josephine Dawson, sisters of the bride, were dressed respectively in white silk and creme voile, with picture hats. The bride's travelling costume was tailor-made, of grey cloth, with black picture hat. The gift of the bridegroom to the bride consisted of a heavy gold embossed bangle and a brooch set with topaz, pearls and amethyst. The bride's gift was a set of gold initial links. The principal bridesmaid was the recipient of an opal ring, while the other was presented with a bar brooch, with bird and ivy leaves. Mr Wm. Phillips acted as best man, and the Wedding March was performed most effectively by Miss Jessie Hogg. The wedding presents were valuable and numerous, comprising cheques and beautiful samples of the gold and silversmith's artistic work, together with a lot of useful as well as ornate presents. About thirty guests sat down to the breakfast, and quite a number of appropriate toasts were honoured.

The happy couple took their departure by the express for Wellington, whence they proceed to Tasmania to spend their honeymoon.

23<sup>rd</sup> December 1905 Kakariki, a special settlement on the Mangahao river, about ten miles from Eketahuna, witnessed its first marriage on Wednesday. The couple united were Air John Bringans, recently appointed master of the Ohariu school, near Johnsonville, and Miss Cecilia Dawson, oldest daughter of Mr Joseph Dawson, J.P., a member of the Wellington Land Board, who was one of the original Kakariki settlers. The ceremony took place at the homestead, in the presence of about thirty friends and relatives. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. R. Wood, of Masterton. The bride was attired in grey silk voile, trimmed with creme lace and accordion-pink ribbon, and wore a grey hat with ostrich plumes to match. The bridesmaids Misses Gladys and Josephine Dawson, sisters of the bride—were dressed in white silk, with creme voile and picture hats. Mr William Phillips, teacher at Mako Mako, was groomsman. After the ceremony the Wedding March was played by Miss Jessie Hogg, and the company were entertained at breakfast, where the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. The festivities that followed in the evening took the form of a social, at which songs, instrumental music, recitations, and dancing followed in rapid succession, varied at intervals by a tin-kettle accompaniment from an invisible open-air contingent. The newly-wedded couple left by express train to Wellington, whence they proceed, via Dunedin, to Tasmania, where they will spend their honeymoon. The presents were numerous and valuable, cheques and sovereigns, and gold and silver art treasures figuring conspicuously.

In 1906 Edmund A King was teaching at Kaiwaiwai between Featherston and Martinborough where he was until 1911. In 1912 he was working for the Canterbury Education Board at Annat in North Canterbury

## 1906

1906	21	Kakariki	Martin	Samuel	D3	Master	£130	\$20,203
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5<sup>th</sup> June 1906 Mr King, the popular schoolmaster at Kakariki, has (writes our Nireaha correspondent) been appointed by the Education Board head teacher of the Kaiwairai School.

Starting in 1906 Edmund A King was teaching at Kaiwairai between Featherston and Martinborough where he was until 1911. In 1912 he was working for the Canterbury Education Board at Annat in North Canterbury

13<sup>th</sup> July 1906 Mr Porritt, relieving teacher at Kakariki left here on Monday. The newly appointed mistress has arrived and taken up her duties

17<sup>th</sup> July 1906 the children at Kakariki School are at present having holidays as they are without a teacher. The mistress who was appointed left the district the same day as she arrived owing to lack of accommodation.

10<sup>th</sup> August 1906 Mr J Matier appointed to Kakariki

13<sup>th</sup> August 1906 Our Nireaha correspondent writes that Mr Halley is at present relieving teacher at Kakariki School.

17<sup>th</sup> August 1906 The Kakariki School has at last got a teacher. Mr Natier [sic] having been appointed.

25<sup>th</sup> August 1906 Last Thursday evening a social was held at Kakariki Schoolhouse. The object of the gathering is to provide funds for an organ for church services. Quite a number of recitations, vocal solos, and duets were rendered, and the remainder of the evening was spent playing games

12<sup>th</sup> September Wellington Education Board Kakariki, Mr. S. Martin, formerly Cape Colony ; solo teacher

12<sup>th</sup> October 1906 On Thursday evening last a social was held in the Kakariki school, in aid of the Presbyterian Church funds. Mr Tocker was in the chair. Numerous artistes from Eketahuna drove out and helped the local talent. The result was that a really enjoyable evening was spent. Refreshments were provided by the settlers

26<sup>th</sup> October 1906 Wellington Education Board are going to painting and repairs at Kakariki

## 1907

1907	17	Kakariki	Manson	Nedby N		Master	£117	\$18,342
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13<sup>th</sup> March 1907 School Picnic at Kakariki. How the Country Folk Enjoy Themselves. {Special.) Kakariki, one of the Special Settlements that have helped the Eketahuna t' County to take precedence among the successfully established farming districts of the North Island, was the scene of a somewhat interesting school picnic on Saturday. The festival was held on the edge of an extensive belt of Matipo trees, which, backed up by the taller native bush and hills, and looking out on an extensive clearing, forms an extremely picturesque feature of the settlement. Nearby is the residence of Mr John Orr, a neat weatherboard cottage that cost its owner no small worry, because in the early days no one would insure it as it was under the shadow of a beautiful bush that really formed a great protection against fire. The Matipo in this locality, eaten by the cattle, round the trunks look exactly like the trees in a Noah's Ark. and appear as if they had been systematically shaped by a skilful gardener.' Here, favoured by

flue weather, the families from Nireaha, Hukanui and for miles around, assembled to enjoy each other's company, stimulated by tea, lollies, cakes, fruit and lots of games. and tables as required are fixed up by some of the local sawmillers. and all the apparatus and eatables in overwhelming quantity, are provided in abundance by the settlers. The employers of labour proclaim a holiday, and men, women, with children and perambulators, mingle their cups together, and give themselves up to unrestricted merriment. Mr Popplewell, Mr Hurry, and a contingent of young men from their mills, keep the family circles, marshalled by Mr Joseph Dawson, farmer, bridge-builder, and Chairman of the School Committee, well supplied with athletic games. Justice and truth, however, demand the admission that the ladies, especially the mothers and the children, comprise a picture as charming as interesting.

"Kakariki looks prosperous,' , remarks a visitor, "how is the school doing?"

"The average is rather on the down is the reply of Mr Martin, an energetic young teacher, who already has seen a lump of the world, and can give graphic geographical lessons from his own experiences.

Some of the mills have closed down, a few settlers have sold out, and the departure of the families has affected the school attendance, but the infants in the arms of voting and pretty mothers, or asleep in the perambulators, are hopeful signs. Kakariki has not developed a band, and Mr Orr reserves his fiddle for the evening, but the intervals in the laughter making programme are well filled by a s phonograph that sings "Bonnie Annie Laurie" in a manner to bringdown the house. In the midst of the diversions, the Member for the District, accompanied by his wife and a friend, pays a surprise visit, and is forthwith called upon by Mrs Thos. Bayliss to formally present the Sunday school prizes. This is a most agreeable task, for the books are large and well-illustrated, and a score of young people are made supremely happy. The games that follow consist of rounders, skipping, flat races, etc., and there are prizes as well as trophies.

In the evening the school is illuminated, and over sixty of both sexes, among whom the youth and beauty of the settlements predominate, entertain each other with song, dance and recitation. The floor is in fine condition, waxed till it is clear and slippery as a glacier, and waltz, polka and quadrilles, under the guidance of Mr Sid Henry as M. C., follow in rapid succession, the dancers romping round the room like ponies in a circus. Mr Studley provides plenty of accordion music. Mrs Morris contributes a waltz on the piano, Mr John Orr delights everyone with his violin, and the cobbler's dance, and songs and recitations are contributed by Miss Bradbury, Messrs Hogg, Turnbull and Bert Popplewell. The fun and frolic terminate punctually at 1 a.m., but not before hearty cheers and musical honors are rendered to Mr Hogg, M.H. R., for his presence, and Mr Joseph Dawson, one of the early founders of the settlement, and a large contributor to its prosperity.

For the organisation and successful carrying out of this festival, credit must be awarded the Chairman and members of the School Committee, and Mesdames Dawson, Martin, Henry. Redpath, Cavanagh, Page, Bayliss and Cotter

13<sup>th</sup> May 1907 Twenty-one settlers attended a meeting in the Kakariki Schoolroom, on Thursday evening, the, object being to consider the desirability of protecting and rendering accessible to tourists and sightseers some of the fine scenery in the neighbourhood. Mr Joseph Dawson occupied the chair and explained that the meeting was convened for the purpose of bringing under the attention of the Government Tourist Department and the public

generally the beautiful mountain and river scenery between the settlement and the Tararua Ranges.

In the course of the discussion that ensued, the opinion was expressed that no finer panorama existed in this part of New Zealand than that surrounding the beautiful horse-shoe bend in the Mangahao river at the termination of the Kakariki road, only four miles from the Hukanui railway station. Every visitor who had seen the wonderful combination of papa cliffs surrounding the river, huge boulders fringing the rippling stream, and lino timbered flat above which the Tararua Ranges, clothed with vegetation of a varied character, rise in majestic grandeur, was tilled with admiration. It was resolved unanimously : "That Mr Hogg, M.H.R., be written to, asking him to bring under the notice of the Tourist Department the fact that the scenery on the Tararua Range at Kakariki is of an exceptionally beautiful character, and is well deserving the attention of pleasure-seekers." The settlers, who were most enthusiastic, mentioned that they were prepared to cut a track to the top of the Range overlooking the scenery referred to.

26<sup>th</sup> July 1907 Leave of absence granted to Mr S Martin Sole Teacher Kakariki

10<sup>th</sup> August 1907 Much regret has been felt that Mr Martin, teacher at Kakariki, has had to resign his position owing to ill health and all hope that the change will do him good. Miss Chapman, who has been appointed to Kakariki, commenced her duties last week.

30<sup>th</sup> September 1907 Mr N. M. Manson, a trained teacher from Home, has been appointed to the charge of the Kakariki School by the Wellington Education Board.

8<sup>th</sup> October 1907 Mr Manson, who arrived out from Home three months ago, has entered upon his duties as master of Kakariki School

25<sup>th</sup> November 1907 Tenders for repairs to schools in the Wellington Educational District have been 1 accepted, as follows :— Kakariki, T. Bailey and Co., £13 14s for painting ;

## 1908

1908	19	Kakariki	Manson	Nedby N		Master	£117	\$18,342
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28<sup>th</sup> January 1908 The sole teacher of the Kakariki School, while vigorously assisting the settlers in their fight with the burning bush last week, ran an imminent risk of being shot like a rocket above the smoke and flames. Having expended all his superfluous energy, he was resting on a small but convenient keg that had been placed in the shade of an umbrageous Makomako, when a voice called out: " Look out. You'll be blown away if you sit there!" "Who is going to blow me away?" was the reply, in defiant tones. "Oh, not me," retorted the settler; "You needn't hurry, you know, but that keg contains my blasting powder and dynamite, and is meant for stumps, not schoolmasters." Needless to say, the dominie did not wait to continue the argument or give the sparks a chance to take a rise out of him.

6<sup>th</sup> March 1908 correspondent at Kakariki, Eketahuna, writes :—We have had another great fire here. I was up till two o'clock on Monday morning assisting to save Popplewell's sawmill. Two of the houses were burned. Rain came on at 2 a.m. and continued for seven hours. The school gauge registered 1 ½ inches [38.1 millimetres]. A strong gale helped the fire. Mr Petersen lost his house and eight bags of grass seed.

20<sup>th</sup> May 1908 SOCIAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES. {Special to Daily Times} Kakariki, a small farm settlement, on the Mangahao Plains, ten miles north of Eketahuna, was the scene of an interesting school fete on Friday. During the day Mr Hogg, M P., visited the



school, where he found a muster of 27 children out of 28 on the roll. In the evening the children and their parents and friends, numbering about a hundred, crowded the schoolroom. Mr Joseph Dawson, chairman of the School Committee, presided, and, having explained that the proceeds of certain socials, amounting to £5, had been expended in providing each of the young people with a book, called on Mr Hogg to distribute the prizes. This was done to an accompaniment of boisterous applause. Mirth and music followed, Mr N. Manson, the teacher, proving himself an accomplished vocalist and pianist, and accompanying the singers in a way that contributed to the pleasure of the entertainment. The programme consisted of "The Cumberland," a recitation nicely rendered by Albert Mitchell; "Nancy Lee," sung with vivacity by Mr John Orr; the Highland Fling, a capital performance by a couple of young people—Georgina and Nellie Ogg; a humorous Scotch duet, "The Crooked Bawbee," by Mr and Mrs Redpath, senr.; a violin solo, expressively rendered by Mr James Poplewell; "Sing Me To Sleep," and as an encore "Tit For Tat," charmingly snug by Mrs Morris; "The Cunning Old Fox," an amusing recitation by Nancy Fraser—a promising little elocutionist; "Excelsior," well recited by Leatha Ockerstrom; songs by Mr Pratt, Miss Georgina Ogg, Mrs Bayliss, Miss Nellie Hogg, Miss Peterson and Mr Redpath. Dancing followed and was kept up for several hours, interspersed with songs, and followed by a brief address by Mr A. W. Hogg, M.P., after which "Auld Lang Syne" and rapturous cheering concluded a night of genuine diversion." The dance music was contributed by Messrs Bremner (accordeon) and Orr and Poplewell (violin). Tea and refreshments were distributed during the evening by Mrs Dawson and the Ladies' Committee.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1908 The energetic teacher at Kakariki, Mr Manson has started evening singing classes to help residents to pass the winter nights pleasantly

### 1909-1910

1909	14	Kakariki	Manson	Nedby N	D3	Master	£135	\$21,453
1910	10	Kakariki	Robinson	Lillie I F	D3	Female	£120	\$18,812

12<sup>th</sup> February 1910 Miss L Robinson appointed

Mr Manson had been appointed to Alfredton school in 1910 and stayed there until 1914. In 1915 he was at Karori school as an assistant master and in 1917 he was teaching at Eiffelton school in the Canterbury Education Board Eiffelton is South of Ashburton River and East of Hinds

Lillie Robinson Started teaching in 1899 at Clareville where she taught as a pupil teacher for 3 years, she did 2 more training years at Masterton before going to Fernridge in 1904 followed by one year at Gladstone after which she came to Kakariki for three years and then did 2 more years at Belvedere. Then came three years at Waihakeke. By 1919 Lillie was teaching at Lansdowne School where she was still teaching at the end of 1923 when my records end.

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## 1911-1912

1911	12	Kakariki	Robinson	Lillie I F	D3	Female	£125	\$19,769
1912	11	Kakariki	Robinson	Lillie I F	D3	Female	£130	\$19,937

26<sup>th</sup> April 1911 School Committee **Kakariki**.— D. D. Sneddon (chairman), R. Wright (secretary), O. Vette, J. Dawson, R. Bartosh.

7<sup>th</sup> August 1911 Mr F. A. Mason, of the Petone school, and formerly of Kakariki, 'Forty-Mile Bush, has been appointed to succeed Mr J. J. Pilkington as headmaster of the Porirua school

28<sup>th</sup> February 1912 Wellington Education Board Grant. **Kakariki**, repairs roof, chimney, etc., £19 5s

17<sup>th</sup> December 1912 Mr J. Dawson, of Kakariki, Hukanui, who recently erected two large suspension bridges in the Seddon district (Marlborough), left for the South Island on Saturday to attend the opening ceremonies, which take place this week.

## 1913

1913	11	Kakariki	Campbell	Kathleen	D1	Female	£90	\$13,500	£10.00
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The £10 means that a residence was not supplied for the teacher and so this was to help cover their lodgings

Miss Kathleen Campbell must have been relieving. In 1912 she was at Kaipororo and in 1914 at Kopuaranga. I have not been able to find any appointment to Kakariki. She resigned from Kaipororo to go on an eight month trip to the UK and must have picked up the Kakariki job on her return

29<sup>th</sup> January 1913 Wellington Education Board Tender painting school Kakariki J H Rushleigh

27<sup>th</sup> March 1913 SCHOOL TEACHER HONOURED. The residents of Kakariki, near Hukanui, paid a well-deserved compliment on Tuesday evening to Miss Lily Robinson, sole teacher of the local school, who is leaving the district to take up duties at Belvedere, near Carterton. A social was held in the schoolroom and was well attended. The audience, numbering over fifty, and including the chairman and members of the School Committee, several heads of families, and a considerable number of promising young settlers. Dancing, songs, recitations, and instrumental music were kept up with unabated vigour till after midnight.

In the course of the evening Mr Joseph Dawson, on behalf of the residents, presented Miss Robinson with a beautiful gold bangle, jewelled with rubies and diamonds, remarking that it was a parting gift and a token of the esteem in which she was held. She had resided with him, and he believed he knew her better than anyone, with the exception of her mother, who was present and he could hardly speak too highly of her intellectual, moral and religious qualities. She would be much missed, but she was going to a school where she would be nearer her home than at Kakariki and he wished her every success. (Applause). Miss Robinson, in responding, said she would wear the gift she had received, and would never forget the kindness of the people and the happy days she had spent in their company.

Mr A. W. Hogg, as a member of the Education Board, added a few words in appreciation of the service! rendered by Miss Robinson and her exemplary and excellent qualities. He referred to the trying and responsible duties of a sole teacher in a small school remarking that no better proof of Miss .Robinson's capabilities could be given than the fact that she had successfully carried, on the local school for over three years..

Hearty cheers to Miss Robinson followed the presentation.

There was an abundance of refreshments .and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

20<sup>th</sup> March 1913 Wellington Education Board Kakariki Tank £3

11<sup>th</sup> April 1913 Appointment Kakariki, sole teacher, Mr. Longhurst (Mount Cook Boys)

30<sup>th</sup> April Wellington Education Board Kakariki Tank F W S Sparkman

27<sup>th</sup> May 1913 resignation Kakariki W T Longhurst. At the end of 1914 William Longhurst was back at Mt Cook Boys School. He did not tech again for the Wellington Education Board

28<sup>th</sup> May 1913 In a comparison of all school rolls in the Wellington Education Board comparing 1900 rolls with 1912 Showed kakariki had 17 in 1900 to 11 in 1912, Hukanui had 44, 55. Marima -, 15

7<sup>th</sup> July 1913 Wellington Education Board Appointment Mr J McKenzie from Mt Cook [Wellington]

8<sup>th</sup> December 1913 sole teacher at Kakariki, Miss Udy, ex-student of the. Wellington Training College; appointed

### 1914-1917

1914	12	Kakariki	Udy	Linda A	C5	Female	£100	\$14,317	£10.00
1915	18	Kakariki	Udy	Linda A	C4	Female	£110	\$14,735	£20.00
1917	23	Kakariki	Gallop	Elza E			Sole	£126	\$14,122

10<sup>th</sup> August 1917 Miss I J King appointed Clearly wasn't at Kakariki at end of 1917,

Linda A Udy was at Petone DHS in 1917 and 1919 and in 1921 was Infant Mistress at Masterton West School

In 1921 Miss Gallop was at Plimmerton and in 1923 was relieving at Pelorus Bridge in Marlborough

### 1918-1919

1919	21	Kakariki	Walshe	Edward B	D	Sole	£210	\$18,971
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18<sup>th</sup> January 1918 Miss H Ross appointed Sole Teacher Kakariki

7<sup>th</sup> June 1919 Mr E B Walshe appointed Kakariki

In 1921 Edward B Walshe was head Teacher of the Havelock School in Marlborough

### 1920-1921

1921	14	Kakariki	Martin	Rachel		Sole	£180	\$15,496
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19<sup>th</sup> February 1920 Kakariki Sole Teacher Miss A Garrey appointed

19<sup>th</sup> March 1920 Wellington Education Board Kakariki Overhaul O N Clayton

1917 and 1919 Agnes Garrey was at Wadestown School In 1921 Agnes was relieving at Rawhia, Rangiahua in Northland on the Hokianga Harbour

## 1922-1923

1923	17	Kakariki	Williams	Margaret	C-170	Sole	£245	\$22,518
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Margaret Williams was teaching at Epuni in 1919

## Post 1923

28<sup>th</sup> June 1928 Mr E C McKittrick Sole Teacher appointed

15<sup>th</sup> February 1938 Miss M K Knibb Sole teacher from Korora

## National Archives Kakariki Records

### Kakariki School

#### National Archives

Examination Register 1909- 1915

1909 First period May 25th

Age		Class		Attendance	Reading &c (40)	Writing and Spelling	Composition (100)	Arithmetic (100)	Geography	Drawing
14	6	6	Dan McCool	98	35		90	95	Good	Fair
13	2	6	Georgina Ogg	126	36	64	90	90	Good	Good

1927 Teacher I G Purvis

3 examinations in a year Marks given for. I have only copied out 2 records to show what was examined

	Term	Attendance	Reading (100)	Spelling (25)	Witting (25)	Composition (100)	Grammar S4-S6 (50)	Arithmetic (100)	Drawing (25)
Ronald Billington	1	109	55	23	21	60	25	80	20
	2	231	53	23	19	60	23	83	19
	3	347	55	23	18	65	37	88	20
Mary Davidson	1	110	65	21	16	55	24	60	18

	2	234	60	23	14	58	22	80	13	
	3	348	60	23	12	58	36	66	13	

Minute Book 1918-1926 (I have taken out some information and ignored the normal entries and most financial actions)

1918

22<sup>nd</sup> April 1918 Tender to be let for firewood at 30 shillings per cord 2 foot rata

That the Secretary write to the Board for a minute book

6<sup>th</sup> May That chairman procure slate pencils and blotting paper

3<sup>rd</sup> June That the teacher select the date of the holiday to suit herself

That a box of chalk be procured

1<sup>st</sup> July That the chairman procure a box of pen nibs

That the price of 2 shillings for a box of chalk be paid

2<sup>nd</sup> September That one box of chalk be purchased

That it be left to the chairman to make arrangements for cleaning the school

October 7<sup>th</sup> That one cord of wood be purchased at 313 shillings

That Miss Sowerby be paid £1 per quarter for cleaning

4<sup>th</sup> November That the chairman procure a table cover

1919

Picnic meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> All present That Mr Golder's suggestion re picnic be adopted  
[Helpful information]

That Mr Golder and Pratt procure Picnic & Refreshments

That no certificates for attendance be given out at Picnic

AGM April 14<sup>th</sup> 4 present Golder, Billington, Caseby & Pratt. These 4 were elected as a committee

5<sup>th</sup> April That Mr Caseby's offer of £1-12-6 per cord for firewood be accepted

That the chairman procure books for school course

5<sup>th</sup> July That a fire shovel be obtained

That towels be procured for school

4<sup>th</sup> October Note there was nearly always a teachers report which was dealt with without written comment

That a letter be sent expressing the sympathy of the school to Mr and Mrs A parker etc.

That Mr Sowerby provide 1 cord of rata at £2-00

That the committee record their appreciation of the exam recently held in the school [As written]

That the correspondence be received [Not listed]

Moved that Mr Walkers? Resignation be accepted with regret and that the committee give him a reference

1920

That £1-0-0 phone messages Mrs Wingfield be passed for payment

11<sup>th</sup> June The adjourned meeting of householders held 11<sup>th</sup> June 1920 Mr Golder being chairman

Messrs Billington, Davidson, Golder, Kenny and Taylor were elected a committee

Mr Billington Chairman and Mr Davidson Secretary

11<sup>th</sup> June Meeting after the AGM

That a strong letter be sent to the Education Board regarding the state of the school fences

That Mr Golder interview the teacher re school requirements

That Mr Wright be asked to repair school furniture

That the Education Board be communicated with in retaining the present teacher Miss Martin

5<sup>th</sup> July Mr Golder tendered his resignation as a member which was accepted with regret

2<sup>nd</sup> August That the Chairman and secretary attend to the matter of the garden fence

6<sup>th</sup> September Mr N McKinnon be appointed a member of the School Committee

6<sup>th</sup> December That the committee express their hearty congratulations to Miss Martin on the successful result of the Examination

1921

7<sup>th</sup> February That a school picnic be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February

18<sup>th</sup> April Annual Householder's meeting H Billington, R Kenny, N McKinnon, A Lawrence, A Davidson

Mr Billington Chairman and A Davidson Secretary

The chairman reported on the work of the year which was very satisfactory

2<sup>nd</sup> May That the Secretary write to the Education Board drawing their attention to the exposed position of the girls lavatory and to be asked that a wing be put around it

6<sup>th</sup> June That the Secretary purchase a tennis ball

4<sup>th</sup> July A favourable reply from Education Board of a wing to the girls' latrine

That the School Committee heartily approve of the Board's scheme to supply books, the Secretary to interview the teacher and get a list of requirements forwarded to the Education Board

Arranged that the teachers requirements be procured

7<sup>th</sup> November That the secretary ascertain from the teacher the books she would suggest & probable cost

That the holidays as specified in the Bylaws be observed on their due date unless previous arrangements are made to the contrary

5<sup>th</sup> December That the committee desire to express their appreciation of the state of efficiency of the school as noted by the inspectors report

1922

6<sup>th</sup> March That teacher's requisites viz A new broom, a hearth brush, one box of coloured chalk and one box of slate pencils by procured

24<sup>th</sup> April Householders meeting The chairman reported on the working of the school which was very satisfactory

A Lawrence Chairman, A Davidson Secretary, H Taylor, R Kenny F Stevens

1<sup>st</sup> May That a vote of thanks be passed to Mr Billington for his able and efficient chairmanship and with all things for the benefit of the children, carried unanimously Regarding a football for the boys it was decided to procure a ball and pay for same by subscriptions. Th secretary to use his discretion in purchasing one

5<sup>th</sup> June The secretary reported he had received a donation of £2.5 shillings from the Hukanui Hockey Club for the purpose of providing amusements for the children

That he donation be used to provide a swing for the girls and a football for the boys

3<sup>rd</sup> July That the Secretary write to the Education Board re condition of water tank & pans for latrines

4<sup>th</sup> September The committee unanimously decided the school was in a satisfactory state of cleanliness and did not require scrubbing during the term holidays

2<sup>nd</sup> October Acceptance of Miss Martin's resignation

Arrangements for dental treatment for children

That Secretary interview the Hukanui School Committee re dental treatment

1923

5<sup>th</sup> February That the two clocks be forwarded to the Education Department

30<sup>th</sup> April New School Committee H Billington (Chairman) Kenny. Stevens, Taylor,

Lawrence Secretary

That Mr A Davidson's Zeal and ability as secretary over a period of years

That the kettle for use by the school be required by the teacher. Also blotting paper

That the Secretary write to the Education Board re the dilapidated state of the garden fence facing North West stating that if the Education Board will provide the materials the committee will do the work

That the secretary make a requisition for 250 macrocarpa trees for planting on the school boundary fence also that fencing would be required for protection fence. Mr Billington will supply posts

16<sup>th</sup> July That a table cloth be procured as requested by the teacher

3<sup>rd</sup> December That the Inspector's report be received. That the committee greatly appreciates Miss William's ability, tact and perseverance as teacher in obtaining a report so favourable to teaching and general condition of the school

That the Teacher's resignation as from the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1924 be accepted with regret

1924

3<sup>rd</sup> March That the bottle of ink required by the teacher be obtained

3<sup>rd</sup> May That correspondence in reference to the children's trip to Wellington be received

5<sup>th</sup> May Householders meeting

A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Williams our late teacher on her sterling qualities as a teacher as to carrying out to the letter any promises she made to the children by way of prizes and hoping that in the future the school will be as successful

Also the chairman pointed out the disruption to the children's education caused by enforced holidays through defaults of Miss Browne considering that country children have an equal right with Town's to get proper education

H Billington chairman, A Laurenson Secretary. A Kenny. H Taylor, E Daldy

May That this committee heartedly supports a measure of level reading in schools as defined in Bible and religious ?

That the committee supports the NZEI in wanting staffing to be on the number on the roll not the average attendance

2<sup>nd</sup> June That strong representation be made to the board by the committee that Miss Burt's position as teacher be made a pyromancy as in their opinion she is very suitable for the school and district

6<sup>th</sup> October That correspondence re closing of school be received. The School Committee to write to the Board to say they cannot proceed further with the tree planting this season

3<sup>rd</sup> November That Mr Billington's resignation be accepted with regret

Mr Kenny chairman

1925

5<sup>th</sup> March That a tin of disinfectant be purchased for use in the school out houses

To write to the Education Board re the poor state of spouting around the school

4<sup>th</sup> May AGM Miss Burt congratulated on her good management and good qualities as a teacher in the way she has worked in the interest of the children in unfavourable conditions

R Kenny Chairman, E Daldy, H Taylor, F Webb and N McKinnon Secretary

1<sup>st</sup> June That May Kenny's tender for school cleaning be accepted

6<sup>th</sup> July That Mr McKinnon's resignation be accepted

3<sup>rd</sup> August That Mr Tulloch be elected

7<sup>th</sup> September That Mr Kenny be appointed to attend to latrines from 1<sup>st</sup> August

5<sup>th</sup> October That Secretary write to Education Board asking for another clock

7<sup>th</sup> December That the Inspector's report be received.

1926

1<sup>st</sup> March That the committee place on record the sterling service by Miss Burt during her time as teacher of this school and the good results obtained under adverse conditions while maintain a high standard of efficiency and control she retain the greatest respect by the children and parents alike and was always a willing helper in the social life of the district

16<sup>th</sup> April That the cleaning of desks be left until they are out after a dance or till the term holidays. The repairing of the swing to be left in Mr Tulloch's hands

3<sup>rd</sup> May R Kenny Chairman, E Daldy Secretary, H Taylor, E Harrington, E Tulloch School Committee

9<sup>th</sup> June That the Secretary procure a new minute book

That the committee attend to the school chimney

[Note there are further minute books at National Archives. But in my limited time each day there is too much dead reading for me to process them] I may next time photograph them and process them at home

Accommodation 1946-1954

14<sup>th</sup> May 1946 Acknowledging school Jubilee School was established in 1948

10<sup>th</sup> February 1954 Letter from Alex (?) Davidson asking for a representative of the Wellington Education Board to attend a meeting on the consolidation of kakariki on Hukanui to answer questions the committee cannot answer, Reply that the Ward member and the Secretary and Manager would attend

End of Records