

Keruru / Koputaroa

Keruru

1891-1905

1891	19	Keruru	Howan	Ellen J		Female	£100.00	
1892	22	Keruru	Howan	Ellen J		Female	£100.00	
1893	22	Keruru	Howan	Ellen J		Female	£136.50	
1894	24	Keruru	Howan	Ellen J		Female	£136.50	
1895	25	Keruru	Chatwin	Frances A		Female	£128.15	

30th January 1891 Miss Howan was appointed teacher at Keruru, and the Board allowed a sum for ' various things required at the school there

3rd February 1891 Manakau School a I am sorry to say that the schoolmaster, Mr Bethune, is not again taking up his duties here, being married and accepted a position in Wellington. He was very popular and brought on the children extremely well. He was the first schoolmaster here, and I hope his successor will follow in his footsteps. It is not certain whether Miss Howan, his assistant mistress, will return or not. I hope she will, as she also was very popular with the parents, and her teaching gave good results. The little community here are sorry to lose either of them.

23rd February 1891 The Chairman of the Education Board (Mr. J. R. Blair), accompanied by Mr. J. Young, a member of the Board, and Mr. A. Dorset, Secretary, according to arrangements, proceeded up the Wellington and Manawatu Railway on Friday, their primary object being to inspect the State schoolhouse in course of erection at Keruru. The building was found to be rapidly approaching completion, and final arrangements were made for opening it next month. Charge of the school will be taken by Miss Howan, who for some time past has been assistant teacher at Manakau. The party returned down the line the same afternoon, and during the trip called at Ohau, Levin, Manakau, and Otaki, at each of which places matters connected with the local schools were dealt with.

5th March 1891 The new school at Keruru was opened on Monday, under the charge of Miss Howan, late of Manukau school, with an attendance of twenty four.

5th March 1891 A very pleasant meeting was held in the schoolhouse at Manukau, down the Manawatu line, on Thursday last, when the parents, committee, and scholars assembled to take leave of Miss Howan, who has received the appointment to the Keruru school.

Mr Bethune, the head master, expressed his sorrow at Miss Howan's departure, and his wishes for her future welfare. He said that she had never been satisfied with doing her bare duty but had been ever willing to come early remain late for the good of the children. During her two years stay he had never had occasion to interfere with her work..... Mr Bethune then, with a few remarks, presented Miss Howan with a purse of sovereigns. [A sovereign was worth 21 shillings. There were 20 shillings in a £ (pound)] Miss Howan, in thanking them, said that it was unnecessary for her to tell them how sorry she was to leave them. She said that during the two years stay she had never had an unkind message or note from any parent, which proved their kind heartedness. The children had always done their best to profit by what she told them, and lastly, she and Mr Bethune had never had a

misunderstanding of any kind. All this helped to make her very sorry at leaving all, pupils, parents, committee and master. Mr Houghton also thanked the company on behalf of Miss Howan. The children closed the meeting by giving Miss Howan three cheers.

19th March 1891 A change has lately taken place in the school staff, Miss Howan being removed to Kereru. On her departure she was the recipient of a handsome present and an address. The vacancy has not yet been filled. I understand that a school is to be erected at Ohau soon

26th April 1892 School Committee The new" Committee arc :— Messrs. Hugh Dunlop, John Knight. Arthur Beauchamp, John Perry, and John Davies. Mr. Davies was elected Chairman.

21st May 1892 Kereru Report Manawatu Herald Mr Lee paid his annual inspection visit to the school. Of the twenty six scholars present; fourteen were presented in standards and they were all successful in passing. The result should be very gratifying both to teacher and parents Considering the distance some children have to travel to school the attendance is exceptionally good. The average since Christmas is" twenty-five there being twenty eight on the roll.

13th August 1892 The employees of the Paiaka hemp mill are constant in good deeds. Last night they gave a concert and dance at. the Kereru school-room in aid of the. funds of the , Palmerston 'hospital.....Miss Howan then sang the Miller and the Maid.....at the conclusion a dance was held, but, though very enjoyable to those who scoured a lady partner; the absence of a sufficient number was much regretted.....

17th December 1892 On Thursday the school in Kereru broke up with their second annual picnic, given by the parents and friends of the children. The weather was simply perfect and "as it was the only gathering of the kind since last year every family in the district was well represented. Great regret was expressed at the absence of Mr Davies chairman of the school committee through a relapse oi influenza, and consequently, the-children's races were arranged and carded out by other settlers. These passed off most successfully and -every child had one or more presents were returning home,

Luncheon and tea were most liberally provided by the ladies and every one present; both children and their elders, enjoyed the day most thoroughly. The festivities were very reluctantly brought to a close about 7.30 after cheers had been given for their teacher Miss Howan, the ladies and gentlemen who had so ably assisted in making the fete a success. Mr A. Beauchamp secretary of the school committee, and last but not least the natives for lending the paddock and marquee which they also erected, and for so kindly placing all their belongings at our disposal. As it was not necessary to use all the money in hand for the picnic it was decided to spend the balance in purchasing books to start a school library. The Wellington Education Board offers great inducement to make a commencement in that line by promising one dozen books when the people have collected two dozen.

29th April 1893 The householders had very little excitement over the election of a school committee for the ensuing year as there were only five candidates (the desired number) nominated—Messrs J. Davies, J. Birch, R. A. McDonald, H. Dunlop and T. Cameron were duly elected. As Mr Davies was anticipating a trip to Australia he declined the position of chairman, which he so ably filled for the past two years and Mr Birch ' was chosen instead. . The settlers wish Mr Davies who left Kereru on Tuesday a pleasant and a speedy return. We

do not possess so many influential men that we can part with one so entitled to praise as Mi Davies without feeling our loss keenly.

9th May 1893 Mr T R Fleming to inspect Kereru school on the 19th May

25th May 1893 The annual examination of the Kereru school was held last Friday by Mr Fleming assistant inspector. There were 34 children present, 21 of whom were presented in the different standards.

The number in the various classes were as follows :— Standard V, 1; Standard IV, 5; Standard III 3; Standard II, 5 ; Standard., I, 9 all of whom passed satisfactorily

The Inspector gave a most favourable report "which must be encouraging both to the committee and the teacher

26th October 1893 Wellington Education Board Drawing Examination: Kereru 7 students examined 2 passed

16th December 1893 Last Thursday was quite a gala day here among the children for it was the day appointed for their annual picnic and though the morning was none too fine, yet towards eleven o'clock as the clouds dispersed the children gathered on the ground.

After the partaking of lunch they enjoyed various games with their elders, and as it had been previously decided to give prizes for attendance instead of holding the usual sports the whole afternoon was at their disposal. Occasionally the games were interrupted by scrambles and deserts of ripe fruit to the enjoyment of the youngsters to say nothing of the gladdened hearts of their superiors.

During the afternoon Mr Birch, chairman of the school committee after a short flattering speech to Miss Howan distributed the prizes and the children gave their teacher three cheers. Miss Howan pointed out that as parents had done the main thing by paying for the prizes as well as provisions for the picnic they deserved the greatest thanks and proposed three cheers which the children were only too glad to give.

Mr Birch, on behalf of the children, then presented Miss Howan with a beautiful writing-desk, well supplied with paper, stamps, etc., which was briefly acknowledged by the recipient who will, I feel sure, appreciate the feeling which prompted them to give her a token of their good wishes.

Mr Walsh, who with his family drove out, added greatly to the children's enjoyment by giving them shocks from his well known battery.

The people dispersed about 7.30 p.m., after cheering for everyone concerned.

Of the sum collected for the picnic there were £2 over after paying all expenses, which sum will be spent in extending the school library.

11th January 1894 The Farmer says a truck load of telephone posts has arrived at Kereru in connection with the erection of the Government telephone. A pile of them is also at Levin awaiting erection

22nd May 1894 As an instance of the difference between the Wellington and Wanganui Education Boards we refer, our readers to - our Kereru correspondent's letter. The mistress of that school has been annually most successful with her pupils, but she was not in favour with the Wanganui Board prior to her leaving them/ [This is incorrect Ellen Howan started teaching at The Kaiwhata School, Near Riversdale on the coast road east of Masterton in 1886 and was there to 1888. Then Taught as an assistant at Manakau School until coming to Kereru until 1894

22nd May 1894 The annual examination of the children attending the Kereru school was held last Friday by Mr Fleming, assistant inspector. Of the thirty eight children attending the school thirty-six were present, seven of whom were in the preparatory classes. Of the twenty-nine presented, twenty-five were successful in obtaining passes, one was excepted and three failed. The numbers in the various standards were as follows:—St. VI, 1 presented, 1 failed ; St. V, 5 presented, 5 passed ; St. IV, 2 presented, 2 passed ; St. III, 4 presented, 4 passed ; St. II, 8 presented, 2 failed, 6 passed ; St. I, 9 presented, 1 excepted, 8 passed. Of the three failures two, were below the Standard age. The report was highly satisfactory, both for pass subjects and class subjects, and the teacher as well as committee are perfectly satisfied with the result.

25th July 1894 Wellington Education Board The teacher at Kereru was granted permission to build a cottage on the school reserve.

13th December 1894 Yesterday a pleasant afternoon was spent at the Kereru School. Mrs B. Gardner, of Paiaka, had promised the children a prize for the best reader in school, and she and Mrs Bell undertook the difficult task of deciding to whom the prize should be given. After a deal of uncertainty and trouble, for there are quite a number of nice readers in the school, Mrs Gardner decided to give three prizes, one in the IV, V and VI, one in the II and III, and one in the I Standards. The names of the winners are as follows : — Peter Hema (Maori) I ; Patrick McGaulley, II; Annie Cameron, III. The prizes will be distributed next Thursday, at the annual picnic.

22nd December 1894 Last Thursday the children accompanied by their parents and friends gathered in the Maoris' paddock at ten o'clock for the purpose of holding their annual picnic. After doing full justice to luncheon a programme of sports was gone through, Mr D. Wallace kindly undertaking, the arduous task of handicapper and starter while Mr W. Knight and Mr H. Wallace acted as judges.

The races over, Mr Knight presented three children with reading prizes, beautiful books kindly given by Mr R. Gardner and seven with writing prizes given by their teacher.

Three little girls then on behalf of the children presented Miss Howan with a silver afternoon tea service, for which she thanked them in a few well chosen words.

Tea was then handed round and a most enjoyable day was brought to a close by hearty cheers being given for all those who assisted in anyway.

After paying all expenses the ladies had some £3 in hand with which they intend: having a swing and horizontal bars erected in the playground.

27th February 1895 Wellington Education Board It was decided to close the Koro Koro School after the 31st of March, Miss Chatwin, the teacher, reporting that the attendance had dwindled down to 3. Miss Chatwin will be transferred to town.

25th April 1895 Wellington Education Board wants to sack their teacher of Calisthenics Mr M De May. Inspector Lee did not support this action The Chairman stated that the Otaki and Kereru committees had forwarded recommendations that M. De Mey's services should be retained.

14th May 1895 Inspector Lee will be visiting on 8th June

21st May 1895 the Education Board has convened meetings of householders at Whakataki, Gladstone, Upper Hutt, Kereru, Judgeford, and Kilbirnie for the 17th June, at 8 o'clock, at the

school rooms, for the purpose of electing School Committees, they having failed to do so on the statutory date Nominations may be lodged on the 10th prox.

11th June 1895 The Kereru school children were examined last Saturday, and the Inspector expressed himself pleased with the result. The following are the names of the successful pupils !— Standard VI.— Annie Burns, Emma Howan, Standard IV.- George Birch, Peter Hema. Standard III. — Arthur Birch, George Burns, Joseph King, James Laing, Andrew Mouat and William Perry. Standard 11. -James King, William King, Patrick McGauley, John Perry, John Toby, Philip Toby, Jennie Bowie, Margaret Perry, Mary Burns, Bridget Toby. Standard L— Eion Davidson, Gwynne Potts, Annie Cameron, Ruby Bowie, and Rose Smith.

26th June 1895 Miss Ellen Howan Kereru resigned

22nd August 1895 On Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock Peter Leslie Arcus and Ellen Jane Howan set sail for the united state. The occasion was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. Barnett. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in heliotrope tweed with orange-blossom wreath and veil and was attended by her sisters Mimy and Esther as bridesmaids. The travelling dress of Mrs Arcus was of navy blue hopsack. Some choice presents were received. The bride wore a gold monogram brooch, and the bridesmaids gold bangles, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr J. Walsh's son and heir was also christened Spencer John. Afternoon tea having been partaken of and photo groups taken, the happy pair left for Levin, amid sallies of fun and showers of rice.

Ellen J Arcus taught at Muhunoa {Near Levin} Sole Charge school at least from 1917 to After 1919

1896/8976	Arcus	Colvin Howarth	Ellen Jane	Peter Leslie	-
1898/7904	Arcus	Peter Leslie	Ellen Jane	Peter Leslie	-
1900/3759	Arcus	Gilbert Tullock	Ellen Jane	Peter Leslie	

19th October 1895 Mrs Arcus late teacher of the Kereru school, was, on Monday last at Levin, presented by the residents of Kereru with a handsome marble clock, in token of their appreciation of her valuable services during the time she had charge of that (school. The chairman

of committee accompanied the presentation on behalf of the residents with a neat little speech

1896-1900

1896	25	Keruru	Chatwin	Frances A		Female	£ 123.15
1897	26	Keruru	Chatwin	Frances A	E2	Female	£ 123.15
1898	34	Keruru	Everiss	Andrew	E1	Master	£ 115.00
1899	25	Keruru	Everiss	Andrew	E1	Master	£ 155.00
1900	27	Keruru	Everiss	Andrew	E1	Master	£ 155.00

Frances A Chatwin

1887-1888 Assistant Teacher Clareville, 1889-1892 Newtown, 1893-1894 Sole Charge Korokoro, 1895-1897 Kereru, 1898 resigned her position from Nireaha School

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Chatwin

Frances Annie

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16th January 1896 After leaving Levin, proceeding in the direction of Palmerston North, for the first few miles there are few farms on the road. Kereru, which is four miles away, is a little settlement with a sawmill. After leaving Kereru there is a native bush reserve which is about four miles through, and then the traveller is in the Shannon district, and four miles further after leaving the bush the Shannon township is reached.

30th May 1896 Mr Fleming will inspect the Levin school on Monday, Kereru on Friday, and Shannon on the 9th and 10th of June, and Tokomaru on the 11th June.

27th October 1896 On Friday evening an entertainment was given at Kereru school house by Miss Chatwin and about thirty of the pupils assisted by adult friends- in the neighbourhood in aid of the funds for the school treat. The room was packed with an orderly and attentive audience, who saw and listened with evident , delight to songs, both comic and sentimental, recitations, duets, vocal and instrumental, step dances, with banjo and concertina accompaniment. The dialogues and choruses were admirably performed by the children, reflect great credit upon the school j mistress, Miss Chatwin, who trained the juveniles. The items calling for special notice were the " Carpenter Chorus " and " Fan Chorus," the opening dialogue by Miss Perry and Master McGauley, songs by Miss . Gardner and Miss Bell, recitation by Mr Lloyd (which took the bouse by storm), the dancing of Mr Wm J Ferris and Mr Porter, and the comic songs of a distinguished stranger who appeared to have suddenly dropped into Kereru from one of the best London Music Halls The concert filled up two hours lively • time, and was concluded by a glee carefully rendered by the Paiaka Glee Club. The proceeds, which were satisfactory, will be devoted to giving the Kereru children a picnic. ' The following is the programme : — Piano duet, Misses Bell and C. Gardner ; dialogue, "An Interrupted Speech," Miss Perry and Master McGauley; song, "The Ballad Singer," Miss H. Gardner; duet, " The "Jolly Tinker," Masters Mouat and King ; song, Mrs Hudson ; " Laughing Song," Children ; song, "An Englishman," Mr Whitfield; duet, Come o'er the Moonlit Sea," Mr and Mrs Bell ; chorus, " Watching for Pa," children ; recitation, Mr Lloyd ; chorus, "I'll be a carpenter," children ; song, " The Miller and the Maid," Miss Gardner ; chorus, "If a Body's Tired of Lessons," children ; song, " Fifteen Pence," Mr Hook ; song, " The Last Child," Mr Bell; recitations, Mr Meagher, Mr Gilfillin, and Master McCauley ; " Fan Song," children "The Red Cross Knight," Glee Club ; step dances, Messrs Merris and Porter.

5th November 1896 Pass Drawing Examination by Wellington Technical School Kereru A J N Mouat passed

10th December 1896 Wellington Education Board It was decided to accept the lowest tender for fencing at Kereru (£15 12s 6d)

24th February 1897 Wellington Education Board The application for a pump at Kereru was granted.

17th May 1897 Inspector Lee to inspect Kereru on Thursday 10th June

27th May 1898 Inspector Fleming due on the 27th May

25th October 1898 The bachelors of Kereru are giving a Ball at the Kereru schoolhouse on Friday, November 4th. A large number of invitations are being sent out, and the ball promises to be an enjoyable affair.

[No mention of Andrew Everiss being appointed or any other Wellington Education Board news on Kereru School. There are no Levin Newspapers online for this period.]

8th May 1899 The personnel of the Kereru School Committee is said to be without parallel in the Wellington education district. It comprises a Maori lady, a Maori clergyman, another Maori, the chairman of a road board and two more pakehas.

25th May 1899 31st May Mr Fleming to inspect Kereru

28th September 1899 The monthly meeting of the Education Board was held yesterday, when a deputation consisting of Mr Silvester and two others waited on the Board to protest against a proposal that the Kereru School should be converted into an infant school. An assurance was given that the Board would carry out its formerly-expressed promise of retaining the Kereru School as a standard school ; also as soon as the districts were defined a committee to administer the affairs of the Kereru School might be set up by the residents.'

1st March 1900 Wellington Education Board In a review of salaries it was reported that Mr Everiss was being overpaid by £55 [Equivalent in March 2020 of \$10821.72]

26th July 1900 Wellington Education Board In a long piece on Education Board costs was this piece Mr. Kebell said he was told that a good many children -who went from Shannon, Kereru, and such places, where there were State schools, to the Catholic School at Otaki, had their fares paid by the Government.

23rd October 1900 [Presumably a pupil of Kereru school] Kereru.—On Saturday last an inquest was held at Kereru on the body of Mabel Emma Jane Moorby, a girl of ten years of age, who died on Thursday from the effects of eating unripe gooseberries. A verdict was returned that deceased died from eating too freely of unripe gooseberries.'

2nd June 1900 At the Tokomaru School Arthur Everiss Standard VI and Lois Everiss Standard III passed the annual examination by the inspector [Neither of these names registered as being born in New Zealand]

Andrew Everiss: For the Wellington Education Board Taught at Dreyerton in 1887 and Masterton in 1888 at Tawa Flat 1890-1891 and Kereru 1898- 1900

1901-1907

1901	32	Keruru	Aldrich	Bertha C	D2	Female	£ 124.00	House
1902	41	Keruru	Clark	William H	D2	Master	£ 139.00	House
1903	42	Keruru	Clark	William H	D2	Head Master	£ 156.00	House
1903	42	Keruru	Honour	Lizzie E		Mistress	£ 80.00	House
1904	46	Keruru	Clark	William H	D2	Head Master	£ 157.00	House
1904	46	Keruru	Honour	Lizzie E		Mistress	£ 80.00	
1905	44	Keruru	Clark	William H	D1	Head Master	£ 163.00	House
1905	44	Keruru	Macey	Nellie M S	E3	Mistress	£ 80.00	
1906	47	Keruru	Clark	William H	D1	Head Master	£ 165.00	House
1906	47	Keruru	Macey	Nellie M S	E3	Mistress	£ 85.00	
1907	51	Keruru	Clark	William H	D1	Head Master	£165.00	House
1907	51	Keruru	Greenwood	Ethel	D5	Assistant Female	£85.00	

28th February 1901 Mr Andrew Everiss resigns from Kereru

12th April 1901 Miss Aldrich of Upper Hutt school will take charge on 1st May

23rd April 1902 School Committee Messrs. G. Kilsby, G Stephenson, S. M. Baker, J. D. Brown, R. Horne, S. A. Broadbelt , and F. E. Burnel .

5th August 1901 A very successful concert and dance was held at the Kereru School house last night. Miss Aldrich, the new teacher, was the moving spirit. Owing to her tact and energy the school attendance has increased considerably of late

14th December 1901 Miss Aldrich , who was in charge of the Kereru school, has been appointed to the Wallaceville school. Her departure from Kereru will be regretted generally. Bertha Aldrich taught at Upper Hutt from 1893 to 1900 and at Wallaceville from 1902 to 1904.

1905/1693	Bertha Christina	Aldrich	Arthur James	Seed
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1905/21076	Seed	Dorothy Mary Aldrich	Bertha Christina	Arthur James
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1907/25533	Seed	Marjorie Bertha	Bertha Christina	Arthur James
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31st December 1901 Wellington Education Board Kereru School Average attendance 30 Salary £135 and house.

Kereru William H Clark present salary £50 Colonial Salary £135. New scale. Low scale because William H Clark was a pupil teacher at Otaki School for 9 years then served at Kereru for 6 and when the school name was changed to Koputaroa he was there until 1912 and in 1913 was at Ngaio School in Wellington and was still there in 1923 when my records end

4th June 1902 Wellington Education Board The clerk of works was instructed to report as to the necessity for certain additions to the Kereru schoolhouse.

25th June 1902 The Peace Celebration Committee entertained the school children from Kereru, Ohau and Levin at Levin today. Four hundred children marched in procession through the streets to the Century Hall. After having lunch, a fancy costume football match was played by the boys. Prizes are given for the best-dressed dolls for the girls of the combined schools. Patriotic flags and cards are being given to each child, and a magic lantern entertainment will be held in the hall this evening. The day's enjoyment was somewhat marred by rain.

1903 I can't find an appointment for Lizzie Honour who in 1899 started at the Te Aro School as a Pupil Teacher, In 1900-1902 at Thorndon school and after 2 years at Kereru spent 1 year at Waikanae School

1906/3335	Lizzie Esther	Honour	Harry Millifont	Riddick
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4th February 1903 Mistress Kereru £80

4th May 1903 Wellington Education Board Extensions are happening at Kereru School

26th June 1903 Wellington Education Board It was resolved to invite tenders for urgently required additions to the Shannon School, and' for moving one of the buildings of the old Levin School to Kereru, to be placed there as an addition to the Kereru School.

26th February 1904 Various members put in claims for their particular districts to first consideration at the hands of the Government, the necessities of Carterton, Shannon, Kereru, and Nireaha being particularly cited. It was stated by Mr. Field, M.H.R., that the necessities

of Shannon were of such a character that it was absolutely criminal to allow the present condition of affairs to continue, the children being housed in an old shed in the middle of a swamp and incommoded by the weather.

27th May 1904 Wellington Education Board In the case of Kereru, a special grant has been received, and the work is to be put in hand at once.

25th November 1894 Wellington Education Board A message was- received from the Government to the effect that the' following grants were "made from the special building fund :— Kereru £340, Nireaha £475, Longbush £325

8th December 1904 Wellington Education Board The following Government grants were available and £340 for an additional classroom and furniture at Kereru.

14th December 1904 The Kereru School Committee has received a grant from the Education Board towards providing increased accommodation for the children. The Kereru people will be pleased to know this, as I believe the school is wretchedly inadequate for the number attending-

11th February 1905 Kereru Mistress £80

10th March 1905 Miss M Macey of Greytown appointed Mistress

16th March 1905 Wellington Education Board Alterations at Kereru school, Mr A. Cassie, Shannon, £75

8th May 1905 Miss Macey, who has severed her connection with the Greytown School to enter into duties at Kereru school, was presented with a gold brooch prior to her departure

Nellie M S Macey Taught at Greytown as a pupil teacher for one year, then for 2 years at Kereru and from 1907 to 1911 at Hutt DHS and Side school of Eastern Hutt

18th December 1911 Last week Miss Nellie Macey, daughter of Mr W. H. Macey, of Blenheim, was presented by the pupils of the Eastern Hutt School, from the teaching staff of which she has resigned, in view of her marriage, with a beautiful afternoon tea tray and several other very nice articles. The headmaster made the presentation. The Rev. J. McCaw thanked the pupils in her behalf. Subsequently the staff of the school presented Miss Macey with a beautiful Queen Anne teapot. Miss Macey will be married to Mr Rogers, of the Upper Hutt School, at St. Mary's Church, Blenheim, on the 27th inst.

10th November 1906 Kereru assistant £85

28th August 1907 School closed through epidemic of measles

1904 Miss Greenwood Pupil Teacher at Wadestown, 1904 1905 Pupil Teacher at Kilbirnie and 1907 and 1908 at Kereru/Koputaroa

27th November 1908 Yesterday the Education Board accepted the resignation of Miss E. Greenwood, of the Kereru School.

1909/969 Ethel Greenwood Cecil Aaron Webb Marriage

Koputaroa

1908-1912

1908	60	Koputaroa	Clark	William H	D1	Head Master	\$165.00	
1908	60	Koputaroa	Greenwood	Ethel	D5	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1909	56	Koputaroa	Clark	William H	D1	Head Master	£185.00	House

1909	56	Koputaroa	Stuckey	Dorothy E	D3	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1910	61	Koputaroa	Clark	William H	D1	Head Master	£190.00	House
1910	61	Koputaroa	Hall	Lily E	D5	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1911	57	Koputaroa	Clark	William H	D1	Head Master	£195.00	House
1911	57	Koputaroa	Hall	Lily E	D4	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1912	60	Koputaroa	Clark	William H	D1	Head Master	£200.00	House
1912	60	Koputaroa	Chapman	Blanche	D4	Assistant Female	£108.00	

24th August 1908 Part of a long article: A handsomely carved Maori house was opened at Koputaroa (between Shannon and Levin) recently. The building occupies considerable space, being approximately 60 feet by 36 feet, [18.28 metres x 10.87 metres] and is the only one of its kind south of Auckland. People who have seen both this one and that at Rotorua say that the former is more elaborate. It has taken the carver and builders two years to complete their task, and the result justifies the trouble and time spent.....

27th November 1908 Miss E Greenwood resigns from the Keruru School

11th December 1908 Wellington Education Board Mr W H Clark Keruru granted leave of absence

15th December 1908 Wellington Education Board Wanted Assistant Mistress Keruru £105

24th December 1908 Keruru residence Repairs Etc Wellington Education Board

29th January 1909 Wellington Education Board Grants for works at Keruru

. 30th January 1909 A change of name was approved by the Education Board this afternoon in the case of the Keruru School. Mr. Kebell said that as the station was called Koputaroa, the school should assume the same name. The board agreed, and the school will now be Koputaroa, nee Keruru. There is another Keruru in Hawkes bay. Hence the change

1st May 1909 At a meeting of the Koputaroa Football Club, at which Mr Clark schoolmaster, presided, it was decided to play a scratch match against Shannon to-day (Saturday). Substantial cheques were forwarded " by the president, Mr Douglas Gardner, and patron, Mr McMillan. Mr , . O. E. Roulston was elected captain, ' Mr Tua Napiu vice-captain, and Mr Roulston Secretary and delegate to the Rugby Union. The use of his ground for the season was kindly granted by Mr O. O Higginson

27th May 1909 Some time ago Mrs John Davis gave an acre of land for the purpose of providing the Koputaroa district with a cemetery. The site, which is eminently for the purpose for which it was given, is situated on a piece of rising ground adjoining the main road between Koputaroa State School and Tornshock road railway crossing. The necessary survey was made a few weeks ago by Mr A. E. Mason, and yesterday ho again visited the spot for the purpose of subdividing the block into .sections for the use of various denominations. A section, 20ft. by 14ft., in the centre, has been reserved by Mrs Davies as a family resting place

27th August 1909 Wellington Education Board Koputaroa (fencing).—Grant up to .£10 left in the hands of Chairman and secretary

7th April 1910 Miss L Hall appointed. Lily Hall had a long service for the Wellington Education Board Started as a Pipil Teacher at Mitchelltown in 1907 then at Petone DHS 1908 and 1909. In 1910 and 1911 she was at Koputaroa 1912 and 1913 at Otaki. In 1914 she was

teaching at Dalefield in the Wairarapa before moving to Lansdowne by 1919 where she was still teaching when my records end in 1923

29th April 1910 At the annual meeting of the householders of Koputaroa school district, the chair was occupied by .Mr S. A. Broadbelt and the annual report was read as follows" Your committee have much pleasure in presenting their annual report and balance-sheet. The balance sheet as presented, shows a credit of . £1. 13s 8d, which must be considered most satisfactory. During the past year the average attendance was 55 , and the number of scholars on the roll 05. Taking into account the distance most children have to travel to school, the attendance must ho considered satisfactory. The number ,at present on the roll is 65, which is satisfactory. Your committee have pleasure in being able to say that the inspector's term reports have all been good, and. the. householders have to be congratulated on having such .an .efficient teacher as .Mr Clark, who spares no pains in trying to bring the children forward. Unfortunate Koputaroa. and unfortunately, too, the infant class .suffer accordingly. The children's annual picnic was held in Mr McMillan's paddock on February 24th, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The amount of £15 2s was kindly subscribed by the residents, of which £11 19s 6d was expended on food and prizes for the children. Your committee have the matter of a new road fence in hand and hope to have -it completed .shortly."

The new committee was elected as follows :--Messrs S. A. Broadbelt (chairman and secretary, R. .J. Hall. H. Southwood, D. Gardner. TT. Sorrensen, .T. Perry and A. Arnold.

1st October 1910 The Education Board invites tenders for Works at Manakau, Te Horo, Waikanae, and Koputaroa.

26th October 1910 Wellington Education Board No tender was received for work at Koputaroa School, and it was resolved to supply material and employ labour for the work.

14th December 1910 Wellington Education Board Applications .for gas-fittings at Te Aro and for a washhouse and bath at Koputaroa were declined, in the latter case because the requirements had been included in the general statement regarding school residences.

29th March 1911 Leave of absence has been granted the following teachers : — Mr. W. H. Clark, Koputaroa, six weeks' from 18th March

28th April 1911 A most enthusiastic meeting of householders in connection with the Koputaroa school committee was held on Monday night. Mr S. A. Broadbelt was voted to the chair. The secretary read the report and balance sheet, which showed receipts £33 2s 6d; expenditure £29 4s 1d; giving a credit balance of £3 18s 5d. This was considered most satisfactory. The following gentlemen were elected members of the committee : Messrs S. A. Broadbelt, D. Gardner, I-T. Southwood, J. Perry, R. J. Hall, H. •Sorensen. A. Newman. At a meeting of the newly elected committee Mr S. A. Broadbelt was elected chairman and secretary.

28th September 1911 Wellington Education Board . The firm of L. V .Arcus and Son has secured two building contracts from the Wellington Education. Board. One is to alter and - add to the teacher's residence at Otaki. and the other is to do similar work at Koputaroa. '

25th March 1912 A hall is being erected at Koputaroa for services and social gatherings,

14th May 1912 Miss E B [Blanche] Chapman appointed

26th June 1912 Wellington Education Board Approved Koputaroa Renewal of fencing around residence

Library subsidy granted 15 shillings [There were 20 shillings in a pound]

16th July 1912 In a long report of the Education Commission was this statement. As another instance of economy ho mentioned that during the last eight years the board had moved about eight buildings to serve in other localities. A case in point was at Levin, where the number of pupils outgrew the existing school, and a new school was therefore erected. The old school was removed several miles to Koputaroa and there re-erected. The old school at Koputaroa was used for an addition to the residence.

21st December 1912 A most successful school concert was held at Koputaroa on Thursday, it was organised to help the funds of the tennis court to be established at Koputaroa school, and the public attendance was highly satisfactory. Apart from the ploughing of the ground, the whole work of levelling and other preparation has been done by the pupils of the school and done in a highly satisfactory and thorough way. The ground will be ready for play early next season, and it is proposed to allow the use of it to adults on payment of qualifying subscriptions. Last night's concert realised a satisfactory amount in aid of the funds, and the quality of the entertainment proved highly satisfactory also. Most of the items were given by the pupils, but some settlers of Koputaroa assisted. At its conclusion, votes of thanks were passed to Mr Clark, the headmaster, for his trouble in organising the concert, and congratulatory references also were made to his good work in the school, as proved by the good reports furnished regarding it by the Education Board inspectors. A vote of thanks was passed by the meeting to the concert accompanist (Mrs Willie Kilsby,,

1913-1917

1913	63	Koputaroa/side School	Forsyth	Donald E	C1	Head Master	£185.00	House
1913	63	Koputaroa/side School	Chapman	Blanche		Ass Female	£108.00	
1913	63	Koputaroa/side School	Wiesner	Emily	D5	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1914	65	Koputaroa/side School	Forsyth	Donald E	C1	Head Master	£195.00	House
1914	65	Koputaroa/side School	Chapman	Blanche		Assistant Female	£108.00	
1914	65	Koputaroa/side School	Wiesner	Emily	D4	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1915	70	Koputaroa/Side School	Forsyth	Donald E	C1	Head Master	£205.00	House
1915	70	Koputaroa/Side School	Wilton	Rubina	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1915	70	Koputaroa/Side School	Ahern	Mary		Assistant Female	£110.00	
1917	70	Koputaroa/Side School	Andrews	Honoria		Assistant	£110.00	
1917	70	Koputaroa/Side School	Forsyth	Donald E	C-54	Head	£225.00	
1917	70	Koputaroa/Side School	Winge	Aziyadee		Assistant	£110.00	

10th April 1913 Visit to Wellington to visit HMS New Zealand included: There- will be over one thousand four hundred people on the train even under present arrangements: so the impossibility of accommodating parents on this train becomes clearly apparent in face of these figures. Levin's quota, we note, is 250. Ohau's 60. Manakau's -10 and Koputaroa's 30. Shannon school is not mentioned in the. The special train timetable for 19th April is as follows: Leave Longburn for "Wellington 6.40 a.m., Koputaroa 7.30, Levin 7.50, Ohau 7.55 - Manakau 8.10, Otaki 8.30, "Wellington 11.15 a.m. The return journey will commence at 4.50 p.m.. and Levin will be reached it 8.10 p.m.

11th April 1913 Ngaio head teacher Mr W Clark at present at Kopuaranga

26th April 1913 Ngaio School Report included The . committee very much regrets to record the resignation of the head teacher. Miss Page, who opened the school-in hired premises a few years ago as a side school. and who has. in the face of many difficulties and "discomforts, .laboured ",to great ability and self-sacrifice. Undoubtedly the present flourishing state of affairs is largely due to her untiring efforts, and the committee desires to place on record its warm- appreciation of her services to Ngaio School. She will be succeeded, at the beginning of June, by Mr. W H. Clark—now in charge of Koputaroa School who was strongly recommended, by the 'board, and was .selected, practically unanimously.- by-the committee, who feel satisfied that under his capable redirection; the progress and efficiency of the school will be fully maintained.

2nd May 1913 An enthusiastic meeting of householders was held at Koputaroa on Monday night Mr S. A. Broadbelt was voted to the chair The school committee's report and balance-sheet as presented, showed receipts totalling £45 7s 11d. and expenditure £42 Is 11d. leaving a credit balance of £12 1s. 11d Messrs' D. Gardener, A. Newman, G. Annabel!. S. A. Broadbelt, J. Perry. -John Doyle, W. Laing, H. Southwood. J. Hiscock. and H. Sorensen were nominated as committeemen. and the seven first named were elected. The chairman reported that the school was to lose the service of Mr Clark and spoke in glowing terms of the splendid services Mr Clark had performed during his stay of eleven years at Koputaroa. The settlers were sorry to lose Mr Clark, but at the same time were pleased that he had received promotion. Mr D. Gardner spoke of the splendid character and principle .as well as ability of Mr Clark, saying Koputaroa was losing a friend. Mr W. Laing also spoke in eulogistic terms of his .services. Mr Clark feelingly responded, saying he was indeed sorry to leave Koputaroa, where he had made so many sterling friends. At a subsequent meeting of the new committee Mr S. A. Broadbelt was elected chairman and secretary.

12th May 1913 Mr D Forsyth of Kaitawa [About 7 Kilometres East of Pahiatua] appointed head teacher

13th May 1913 Miss C Tuely of Taita appointed assistant mistress. Catherine Tuely had a long career for the Wellington Education Board 1897-1899 at Tane [18 Kilometres East of Eketahuna. 1900-1904 Kohinui [11 Kilometres N E of Pahiatua], 1905 -1909 Ballance as an assistant Previous all Sole charge, 1910-1912 at Taita, 1913-1917 at Tokomaru then 1919 to about 1921 at Ngaio and in 1923 at Mount Cook Girl's where my records end all as an assistant.

17th May 1913 As an expression of Koputaroa's appreciation of many helpful services received, the residents of that district are organising a social gathering in honour of Mr Clarke, who has been schoolmaster at Koputaroa for a long term of years. Mr Clarke has received well- deserved promotion in his profession.

26th May 1913 At the send-off accorded to Mr W. H. Clark at Koputaroa on Friday last the gathering was representative of the whole of the district; Friends were present from all parts and in great numbers. In fact it is said that it was the best affair of its kind that has been held ai Koputaroa. Mr Clark has been at Koputaroa for an long period, and heartfelt were the expressions of regret .at the fact that the district was losing so worthy a member of the ?

26th May 1913 A POPULAR SCHOOLMASTER. Mr W. H. Clark was given a "farewell" on Friday night, in the Koputaroa school. by his many friends. The school was packed despite the. fact that the. Largest room in the building was used there were many who had to

stay in the passage. During the evening some presentations were made Mr Clark. The first was a handsome silver tea and coffee, service, which was subscribed by the settlers of Koputaroa. Mr John Davies, as the oldest settler, made the presentation. During the making of the presentation. Mr Davies eulogized the many good qualities of their departing friend. He said that Mr Clark had always taken a fatherly interest in the boys and girls of the school, and he was sure that the children who had been under his care would, as everybody in Koputaroa would, bear testimony to the excellence of Mr Clark's tuition and example.

Another presentation was made from the native children of Koputaroa It consisted of a beautiful kiwi kit and a small coloured kit, made from flax. Mr Tuiti Macdonald presented them to Mr Clark, and in doing so they would never forget Mr Clark. He had always been a man who had shown himself as sociable and kind to the natives as to the whites. A long musical programme was gone through during the evening, and the programme being varied, it was much enjoyed, following is a list of the performers: Overture. Miss Weisner; song. Mrs Norman: recitation. Miss Vera Richards; duet, Mesdames Norman and Kilsby; song. Mrs Annabell ; song. Miss Ferris (encored): recitation. Mrs Langelan; song. Mr Stratton encored: song, Mr J. D. Brown: reading. Mr D. Gardner; song. Mr Kilsby: recitation. Mr Laing; story. Mr H .McDonald.

1st October 1913 Wellington Education Board New Urinal £12 repairs to shed £5

29th October 1913 Wellington Education Board Tenders Koputaroa, .£16

13th November 1913 Mr J. W. Thompson, of Levin, has been receiving money on behalf of the distressed women and children in Wellington. Up to the present he has not met with much success, and about £20 has been forwarded by him from sympathisers at Koputaroa.

17th February 1915 Miss E M Gunning appointed assistant[Was teaching at Hukanui school in 1914. Was not teaching for Wellington Education Board by December 1915]

24th February 1915 Wellington Education Board It was decided to reply to a request from, Koputaroa that 'the board did not think it advisable to_ raise : the side school from the Third Standard at Ihakara. The chairman pointed out that the other school was only half a mile away, and there was no need' for two so close together [Note this is the first mention in Papers Past of a side school attached to Koputaroa though it started in 1913.]

23rd March 1915 The settlers of Ihakara and Koputaroa are bent on- giving substantial assistance to the fund for- the relief of distressed Belgians, and to that end they have organised a sale of work, the whole of the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Belgian Relief Fund. The sale will be held on the afternoon and evening of 31st March, and there will be no charge for admission in the, afternoon.

28th April 1915 Miss E Wissner resigns [Wiesner] 1911 Pupil Teacher at Eketahuna then 2 years at Koputaroa

19th May 1915 The proceeds of the Koputaroa school children's picnic and prize fund (amounting to £12) were sent to Wellington for the Belgian Fund on Tuesday, by the secretary of the school committee (Mr S. A. Broadbelt): The children will have a further contribution to, make from the sale of potatoes .grown in the school garden plot and attended to by the scholars

28th July 1915 Miss Gunning resigns

14th September 1915 Miss McMeekan assistant [No Miss McMeekan was teaching for the Wellington Education Board as recorded at the end of each year

19th April 1916 Wellington Education Board A small grant to Koputaroa

21st July 1916 A Koputaroa parent whose boy had passed the sixth standard, but whose attendance of late had been unsatisfactory, appeared at the Levin S.M. Court yesterday and explained that he had been obliged to keep the boy away because casual labour was unobtainable.

2nd August 1916 A concert was given in the Koputaroa school on Friday night last the schoolchildren, assisted by the school committee and friends, in aid of the Children's Belgian Relief Fund. The concert was a pronounced success. The sum of £4 7s 3d was taken at the door." The following program was gone through :—Overture, Miss Ivy Pink; song, schoolchildren; song, Master Noel Annabell (encored); recitation, "Grand Old Flag," Miss Bishop (encored). During Miss Bishop's recitation, coin to the amount of 18s was thrown to the feet of the reciter and collected on the flag. At the conclusion of the piece cheers were given for the flag and the reciter. Program continued : Violin solo. Mr Gardiner, accompanied by Miss Gardiner (encored) song, school children; recitation, Mr G. Stratton (encored): song. Miss Ella Best (encored); recitation. Mr Curtis (encored): costume song. Miss N. Gardiner (encored); song, Mrs Annabell (encored); song, Mr D. Gardiner (in costume) ; duet. Miss E. Best and Miss E. Kilsby (encored); recitation, Miss Bishop (encored) : song. Mrs White (encored): song, schoolchildren (infant class).

Mr Broadbelt. chairman of committee thanked all present for their attendance and the splendid hearing given the performers. He also thanked the performers for the good concert.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded the program. Supper was then handed round; and the floor cleared for dancing. The music was supplied by Messrs Gardiner. White and Dobson (violins). Miss Pink. Mrs Easton and Mr M. Conchie (piano), and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The proceeds of the concert were £4 7s 3d, and of the flag recitation 18s 0½ d ; making a total of £5 5s 3½ d In addition to these contribution the school sent £6 9s 7d from the collection by scholars; also about half a railway truck of produce, ferns, flowers, etc . was sent to Wellington, and there is a probability of a little more coming forward.

10th January 1917 Children of the Horowhenua County (from Te Horo up to Levin and Koputaroa) have made much pocket money this season by the sale of birds '-eggs to the Horowhenua County Council (says the "Chronicle"). A few dozen still are being delivered to the county clerk, but the "flush of the rush" has abated, and the sparrows, blackbirds, and thrushes at last have chances to think the matter over without being disturbed by apparitions in short parts, rolled shirtsleeves and shock hair

3rd May 1917 Tenders for asphaltting work at Koputaroa public school are invited.

3rd May 1917 At the meeting of Koputaroa householders last Monday, a large number was present to receive the school committee's annual report and balance sheet. It showed a credit balance of .£19 5s 4d: receipts £56 4s 2d, expenditure £36 8s 10d. Messrs Broadbelt, Gardner, White , Annabell, Horne, Gilchrist, Hearle and Downes were nominated as committeemen. On a ballot being taken, Messrs Broadbelt, Annabell, Gardner, White and Home were elected. Messrs Forsyth and Gardner "acted as scrutineers. At the meeting of the new committee, Mr. Broadbelt was elected chairman.

30th August 1917 Miss M Ahern resigns

30th August 1917 Miss R Wilton resigns

14th September 1917 Miss H L Andrews appointed

15th November 1917 Miss I D Proctor appointed

1918-1923

1919	104	Koputaroa/Side School	Forsyth	Donald E	C-51	Head	£325.00	
1919	104	Koputaroa/Side School	Best	Sarah E	D-97	Assistant	£195.00	
1919	104	Koputaroa/Side School	Richards	Anna M	D-104	Assistant	£165.00	
1919	104	Koputaroa/Side School	Andrews	Honorina L		Assistant	£150.00	
1921	77/22	Koputaroa/Side School	Forsyth	Donald E	C	Head	£390.00	
1921	77/22	Koputaroa/Side School	Best	Sarah E	D	Assistant	£250.00	
1921	77/22	Koputaroa/Side School	Richards	Anna M	D	Assistant	£220.00	
1921	77/22	Koputaroa/Side School	Robbie	Ann Mrs	D	Reliever	£210.00	
1923	84/16	Koputaroa/Side School	Forsyth	Donald E	C-97	Head	£375.00	
1923	84/16	Koputaroa/Side School	Anderson	Myrtle D	C-206	Assistant	£223.00	
1923	84/16	Koputaroa/Side School	Langdon	Gladys K	D-217	Assistant	£205.00	
1923	84/16	Koputaroa/Side School	Boyd	Daisy I	C	Assistant	£165.00	

27th April 1918 A well-attended meeting of householders was held in the Koputaroa schoolroom on Monday night, Mr S. A. Broadbelt was voted to the chair.

The balance-sheet presented by the retiring committee showed that the year was commenced with a balance in hand of £19 5s 4d ; the receipts were £62 10s; the expenditure £20 9s 6d; and the credit balance at the end of the year was £25 5s 10. The principal work done by the Committee during the year was the laying down of 242 square yards of asphalt, which is a vast improvement to the school grounds. The following were nominated for the new committee: Messrs Annabel, White, Earle, Downes, and Broadbelt, and as the nominations were not in excess of the required number, these were declared elected. A vote of thanks to the retiring committee concluded the business. At a meeting of the new committee, Mr Broadbelt was elected to the chair.

29th January 1919 Miss I D Proctor resigns

8th February 1919 All agitation is afoot among the residents in the Ihakara district to have the side school closed there and the pupils conveyed to the Koputaroa school. A request to this effect was made to the Education Board, the reason given being that the present site is an unsuitable one. The matter was considered at the recent meeting of the Board and was held over pending a report by the Inspectors and Mr C. Harkness. the district member of the Board.

1st March 1919 The annual picnic of the Koputaroa and Ihakara schools was held in Mr S. Broadbelt's paddock yesterday. There was a large crowd present, and with the beautiful weather prevailing an enjoyable day was spent. A program of races was got off for the children whilst games and scrambles added to the excitement. In the evening a dance was held in the Ihakara Hall, when 40 couples were present. Mr Spicer was the right man in the right place as M.C. and capital music was supplied by Mrs Scott, (piano), Mr Scott (violin) and Mr Pat. Kariona. who played extras. During the evening Miss Scott contributed a solo and Mr Taylor returned thanks to the parents and children for helping to make the day a

success. Supper was supplied by the Ladies and dancing was continued till the -small hours of the morning.

18th March 1919 The Koputaroa school, under Mr Forsyth's charge, continues to be well attended, the present roll being 92..... Koputaroa is badly in need of a public hall for meetings and social functions and some movement should be undertaken to provide one. At present local residents have to go to Ihakara to hold 'their social gatherings or go to the great trouble of removing the desks and forms from the school and preparing the floor, besides all the other work that this entails. Perhaps some of the energetic residents will call _ a meeting to see what can be done during the coming winter

17th April 1919 There was a fair attendance of householders present at the annual meeting at Koputaroa. Mr S. A. Broadbelt was voted to the chair.

The balance sheet was read and showed the receipts to be £82 7s 5d and the expenditure £54 1s 11d, the balance being £28 5s 6d. This was considered satisfactory and the statement was adopted.

The following gentlemen were elected as a committee: Messrs H. Walton. G. Annabel!. W. White, R. Downes, and S. A. Broadbelt.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring committee.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr D Bell, seconded by Mr R. Downes and carried,: That this meeting of householders protests against the smallness of the grant for .Education purposes and requests that the grant be increased to at least five millions per annum, so as to provide for more efficient teachers at an increased rate of pay and to provide free school books, more suitable school buildings, better provision for secondary education in country districts and smaller classes. The resolution is to be '.sent to the Minister for Education.

3rd May 1919 Wellington Education Board Miss S.E. Best, to be assistant teacher at Koputaroa.....The application of the headmaster of the. Koputaroa School {Mr Forsyth) to reside temporarily in Palmerston North has been granted.

16th September 1919 The Koputaroa school was the scene of a successful gathering on Friday evening when a social was held under the auspices of the Sunday School. The building was crowded by parents and friends of the children, who under the direction of Miss Best contributed all the items on the program. The little performers acquitted themselves well, each item being well received, reflecting the greatest credit on their instructress and themselves. Mr Walton acted as dairyman [Sic] of the proceedings. At 'the conclusion of the program a sumptuous supper was provided by the parents. A pleasant hour followed with games, etc. for the children, concluding one of the most, enjoyable evenings that has taken place in Koputaroa. for a long time

23rd December 1919 Like the other district schools, the Koputaroa school closed last Tuesday for a seven weeks' holiday vacation. ' The Ihakara side school lias also closed for a .similar period

10th April 1920 The Koputaroa School held its annual picnic on Mr S. A. Broadbelt's farm at Ihakara a fortnight ago, when an enjoyable outing was spent. Last evening a social was held in the school at Koputaroa, when the annual distribution of prizes was made, and a pleasant social evening was passed by the settlers and their families

19th April 1920 It is expected that- about 800 children will go to Palmerston on the occasion of the- Prince's visit from the following schools in the Wellington Education District: Koputaroa 46, Levin District High School 290.....

29th April 1920 There was a good attendance of householders at Koputaroa last evening for the annual* election of the School Committee. The outgoing committee's balance-sheet stated that there was a credit of £28 8/9, which was considered very satisfactory. The following were elected to the new committee: Messrs. R. Gilmore, H. Walton, R. Gilchrist, J. Thompson, K. Burt, S. A. Broadbelt, and H. Smith. Mr Walton was elected chairman and secretary.

13th July 1920 The Koputaroa School Committee has introduced an innovation which is proving a big success. This is the providing of hot cocoa for the children at the lunch hour. Proper equipment has been installed, and needless to say the thoughtfulness of the committee is thoroughly appreciated by the children.

14th July 1920 The sneak thief is busy here, one visiting the Koputaroa School grounds recently at night and taking a coil of wire that, was intended to fence in a space for tree planting on Arbor Day.

20th July 1920 The Koputaroa School Committee at last meeting decided to commence "hot cocoa" for the children during the winter months. The necessary appliances are now to hand, and the hot drinks were supplied for the first time on Monday hist. For those children living a long distance from the school, it will be a great benefit. One shilling a month is the charge fixed for each child, and the teachers will supervise the making.

6th August 1920 The attendance at the school has fallen off during the past week, quite a number of children being absent with colds and whooping cough.

23rd November 1920 At. The recent meeting of the Wellington Education Board, the local Member (Mr C. I. Harkness) stressed the necessity of improvements to the Koputaroa school, referring particularly to the porch, -which was most unsatisfactory. The Board has decided to carry out extensive alterations to- the school.

16th December 1920 The residents of Koputaroa and the children of the combined day and Sunday schools met at the Schoolroom on -Monday evening to give a social evening to Mrs Forsyth, wife of the headmaster of the local school, in recognition of the interest she showed in the young people's welfare. An excellent concert programme was provided, to which the following contributed items: Mrs W. Kilsby, pianoforte solo; Miss Best, recitation; Mavis Garrard, song; Mr and Mrs W. Kilsby, duet; .Stella .Smith, recitation; Mrs Taylor, song; Miss Newman, song; Mavis White and Noeline Flyger, pianoforte duet ; Miss Corr. story in Danish : Mrs Kilsby. song; Miss E. Ward. recitation; Mrs White, song; A. Ward, recitation ; Mrs W. Kilsby, song; Sarah Gilmore, song; Delcie Smith, recitation; Mr Petersen, song; Mrs Koberstein, song; Miss Burt, song.

The chairman in his remarks stressed the kindness Mrs Forsyth had always shown towards the children of the district, being known as the Good Samaritan. and that the residents could not let the occasion go by without recognising the interest Mrs Forsyth had taken in all matters pertaining to the children. He then called on a little dot-, "Ethel White, to come forward and present the guest of the evening with a bouquet of white roses.

Miss E. Ward, in a few suitable words, then presented Mrs Forsyth with a silver teapot from the residents, and a silver cake dish from the children of the combined day and Sunday schools as an appreciation of her kindness to them.

Mr Forsyth, on rising to respond on behalf of Mrs Forsyth, was greeted with applause from the audience. In a humorous speech he expressed his surprise at the honour shown to Mrs Forsyth, slating that her kindness was not so apparent to him, who had grown accustomed to it during the time of his married life. In pointing to the bouquet, he caused much amusement by remarking that it reminded him of old times again. Mr Forsyth said he could not feel indifferent to the kind words expressed by the chairman on behalf of the children and residents. He thanked them for the honour shown to his wife that evening for the complimentary references made, and for the handsome present.

The audience then joined heartily in singing "She's a Jolly Good Fellow." The presentation was followed by supper, and dancing was indulged in until midnight. "Auld Lang Syne" terminated one of the most enjoyable evenings spent in Koputaroa.

20th December 1920 The annual Break up Social in connection with the above school was held on Thursday evening. Mr H. K. Waite occupied the chair. The schoolhouse was packed to the very door, and several residents being unable to get in had to go home again. Visitors surrounding districts were among the audience, and an excellent programme was provided by the children. The following is the programme staged :—Pianoforte solo, Lyla Rankin song, "Larboard Watch," Senior Girls: recitation. Jessie White; song, "The Miller and the Maid," Delcie Smith and M. Parrant ; recitation, "Her First Letter," Mavis Garrard; song, "The Scout," Boys; recitation, "Nursery Rhymes," infants; recitation, "The Twins," Allan Sullivan; song, "The Japanese Fans," Girls; recitation. "Fido," Greta Flyger; recitation, "The Modulator," Senior Girls; song, "Tapu," Boys; song, "Home, Hoys, Home," Senior Girls; recitation, Phyllis Forsyth : song, "Wynken, Blynken" Infants; recitation, "The British Flag," Infant Boys; song, "May Fairies," Infant Girls; recitation, Uncle Moses , " Flora Broadbelt and Ken Parrant; song, "-Cockles and Mussels," Standards II. and III.; recitation. "The Farmer," W. Trotter; farce, "The Man Next Door," Senior Girls. "God Save the King" by the audience concluded an enjoyable entertainment.

The chairman, in thanking the large audience for their attendance, referred to the extra work the providing of the programme placed upon the teachers, and called for three cheers for Mr and Mrs Forsyth and the assistant teachers, Misses Richards and Best, -who worked so hard for thanks to Mrs W Kilsby, who so ably presided at the piano. The floor was then cleared , and a dance followed.

12th February 1923 The Koputaroa schoolroom was crowded to the doors- and the windows were framed with animated faces of those who found it more comfortable to thus enjoy the opening social of the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday night. Pianoforte duets by the Misses Broadbelt and. Beading and Misses Forsyth and Rankin were quite a feature. Miss A. Ward contributed a pianoforte solo very acceptably. Recitations by Miss Alice Walton and Mr Alex. Ward, a vocal duet by the Misses Rankin and Forsyth, songs by Mrs Koberstein, Miss Newman and Mr Peterson met an enthusiastic reception, encores being frequently demanded. Mrs W. E. Kilsby and Mrs Peterson officiated at the piano. Games were indulged in, and supper dispensed by the ladies. A very reluctant company of young people responded to the call of

time. A most enjoyable evening closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne. Following the usual rotation, the boys will meet next week at the Ihakara Hall.

2nd March 1921 The local school held their annual picnic on Friday last at Mr Burt's bush. The morning proved overcast and threatening and somewhat marred the attendance, but those who faced the uncertain conditions had an enjoyable day. Mr H. K. Walton, chairman of the committee, presided. The usual races for the children were run, and several proved close finishes. A tug-of-war between the single and married ladies proved an exciting contest, the single ladies being the winners. The married women's race resulted in a tie for first place, and had to be run off, resulting in another draw between Mrs Garrard and Mrs Acheson, who divided the prizemoney. A tug-of-war between the single and married men resulted in a win for the bachelors after a strenuous pull. Mr and Mrs Burt and family worked hard in preparing the grounds for the picnic and deserve credit for their able assistance during the day. A dance followed in the evening at the schoolroom, the place being packed. Dancing was kept up till the early hours, everyone finishing up the day quite satisfied with their outing.

22nd April 1921 KOPUTABOA. There was a very poor attendance of householders at Koputaroa on Monday night, only seven being present. As the required number to form a committee was seven there was no ballot needed and the following gentlemen were nominated and elected a committee for the ensuing year: Messrs y. A. Broadbelt, H. K. Walton, K. Burt, H. Gilchrist, G. Jones, J. Sciascia, W. Akenson. Mr Walton was the only nomination for chairman and was duly elected, agreeing to take also the position of secretary. The balance sheet showed receipts for the year to be £108 19s 2d and the expenditure £101 14s 5d leaving a balance in the bank on February 28 of £7 4s Od.

In his report the chairman showed that the sum of £26 was spent on ground improvement and the sum of £19 4s 6d on permanent material for the purpose of providing hot drinks to the children during the cold weather and this has been much appreciated by the children. The Inspector's report for the year very satisfactory and Mr Forsyth and his staff deserve great credit for the way in which the school is conducted. The average attendance for the year was 75 at Koputaroa and 17 at Ihakara side school and the total on roll was 88 at Koputaroa and 24 at Ihakara.

22nd July 1921 The Koputaroa School Committee held their usual dance in the school on Friday evening in aid of the library fund. There was a good turnout of residents, and besides helping* on a worthy cause, spent a pleasant evening.

19th August 1921 It was reported at the meeting of the Wellington Education Board this week that the additions to the Koputaroa school were proceeding satisfactorily.

15th September 1921 Since the inauguration of the socials in aid of the school library, the Koputaroa School Committee has been able to expend between £8 and £10 in literature for the children.

The monthly social of the Koputaroa school Committee took place on Friday evening, and was quite as successful as former functions. During the evening Miss Thelma Shaw and her pupils, Misses Boyle (2) and White," played much-appreciated extras, and were warmly applauded.\

21st September 1921 H Andrews resigned\

24th September 1921 The Koputaroa School held its term examination last week. A holiday is being observed on Monday (Dominion day). The usual dance in aid of the Koputaroa, School library fund took place with the customary success.

20th October 1921 The Ihakara branch of the Farmers' Union is promoting a competition among the school children of the Koputaroa district to encourage the growing of shelter trees for farms. Plots are to be prepared at the school, which will be planted and supervised by the children.

24th October 1921 An inspection of the homes of the Maoris of Koputaroa was recently made by the health officials, and everything was found in satisfactory condition. In the face of this, however, the Native children were not allowed to attend school as a result of the recent outbreak of typhoid at Muhunua and Poroutawhao, and the parents were naturally incensed at this action on the part of the Health authorities. However, the embargo was removed on Friday.

18th November 1921 Eighteen entries have been received for the competition among the school children of Koputaroa for the growing of forest trees suitable for farm purposes.

22nd November 1921 Part of a long piece on the visit of the Governor General, Lord Jellicoe and his wife included Special positions around the platform in the Post Office Square will be assigned to the children from the Levin High School, Convent, St. Mary's School, Koputaroa, Ihakara, Ohau, Muhunua and Manakau schools and from the Boys' Training Farm, the Returned Soldiers, Maoris of the district, and Maori and South African War veterans.

26th November 1921 Mr Andrew Forsyth, son of the local schoolmaster, who is studying electrical engineering at the Canterbury University, is at present Home for the term holidays, and leaves again shortly for a practical course at Petone workshops.

9th December 1921 The school children are busy practising for their annual concert, which takes place in a few Weeks' time. A splendid programme has been arranged, and an enjoyable evening is in store for those that come along.

22nd December 1921 At the close of the Koputaroa School concert Mr H. K. Walton took the opportunity of saying farewell to Miss Richards", of the school staff, who has been transferred. On behalf of the children and residents he expressed regret that, after three years' faithful service, they -were losing Miss Richards. They all recognised that to her assistance, ability, and untiring efforts, the success of the school entertainments were in a large measure due. He asked Miss Richards to accept on behalf of the children and parents a small token in remembrance of her association with the district, and had much pleasure in handing her a leather dress case, expressing the wish that the day might not be distant when Miss Richards would again return to help carry on the work of the school. Miss Richards, in a few well-chosen words, expressed regret at severing her connections with the school, but trusted that her associations with the district would continue. In returning thanks for the handsome present, the guest of the-evening stated that it did not require any gift to keep in mind the happy times spent at Koputaroa. She was sorry to say au revoir to so many kind friends. The audience Concluded the entertainment with singing, "For she's a jolly good fellow." The floor was then cleared, and dancing was kept up until the early hours of the' morning.'

22nd December 1921 The annual school concert was held in the schoolhouse last evening. The building was packed to the doors, .visitors coming from 'Levin and Ohau. J Mr H. K. Walton, chairman of the School Committee, expressed pleasure at seeing such a large

audience present, and trusted that the programme arranged would meet their expectation. This proved to be the case, the children being repeatedly encored. A pleasing feature of the evening was the attendance of the Ihakara Infant School, under Mrs Robbie, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. High praise is due to Mr Forsyth, the headmaster, Mrs Robbie, Miss Best and Miss Richards, who spared no pains to make the concert a success, the making of the costumes and decorations entailing a large amount of work. Following is the programme:— "Canadian Boat Song," senior children; recitation, "The Daisies," six little girls; "Froggie would a wooing go," lower standard boys; song, "Tinpot Band," infants; "Seven little days of the week," Ihakara Infant School; song, "The Witches," lower standard girls; song, "Dame Durden," senior children; recitation, Ken Elliott; Fairy Song, lower girls; dialogue, Mick Parrant and Val Petersen; "Jingle Bells," Ihakara Side School; "John Brown's Baby," lower standard children.

The cantata, "Soot and the Fairies," was well received. The leading part of the "Fairy Queen" was taken by Phyllis Sporle. The Fairies were Len Spicer, Ross Elliott, Lance Pedersen, Ivan Smith, Phyllis Forsyth, Hilda Bayle. Ray Trotter ably took the part of "Captain Soot," while the "Black Brigade" were Norris Taylor, Hector Walton, Violet Rowntree and Jessie White. Miss Mavis White presided at the piano. The singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

[Note there is a lot more information about Koputaroa during this period because both Levin and Shannon have newspapers and more local news is covered]

4th February 1922 Miss Richards, who was on the teaching staff of the Koputaroa School up till the Christmas vacation, has been transferred to the Alfredton School in the Wairarapa. [Actually Bush Area]

27th February 1922 The local public school held the annual picnic at Mr H. K. Walton's bush on Friday last. A large number of parents and children assembled and did justice to the good spread provided. Liberal prize-money was the order of the day, and the close finishes of tire races made the programme' interesting. Mr Williams' trophy, a box of chocolates, was won by Ivor Smith. The adult events were well contested, and the day proved an enjoyable one for parents and scholars alike. In the evening a dance was held, and a good number graced the floor. Dancing was kept up till the early hours of the morning, the proceeds being devoted towards tire school funds. The dance will be held fortnightly throughout the season, as was the custom last year, and judging by the number of young dancers who are taking the floor, a larger hall will soon be necessary.

10th April 1922 • Miss S. Best, who for the past three years has been on the staff of the Koputaroa School, has accepted the position of infant mistress at the Owhango School, under the Wanganui Education Board, and takes up her duties on May 1, Owhango is on the Main Trunk line, near Taumaranui.

27th April 1922 KOPUATORA PROTESTS AGAINST REDUCED EDUCATIONAL VOTE. There was a good attendance at the householders' meeting on Monday evening, and Mr H. K. Walton was voted to the chair.

The balance-sheet for the year showed receipts to the amount of £154 10/7, of which £133 7/4 had been expended, leaving a balance of £21 3/3 in hand. During the year the Committee was successful in having an additional porch added to the school. The sum of £27 2/5 had

been raised by means of socials held during the winter, and £10 had been spent on the school library.

The following resolutions were carried; (1) That this meeting of householders of Koputaroa urges upon the Minister of Education the need of a much larger grant being made for the advancement of education, with a view of improving the starting so as to eliminate large classes, and of providing suitable and up-to-date buildings and extending the compulsory age of attendance, (2) That this meeting of householders urges upon the Government to amend the Education Act to compel all children living within a specified school district to attend their own school. (3) That this meeting of householders urges upon the Government the necessity of providing free school books, and urges upon the incoming Committee to prosecute the matter with all vigour.

The following Committee was elected for the ensuing year; Messrs, H. K. Walton, S. A. Broadbelt, T. Hoyle, J. Sciascia., C. Hood, W- Akenson, W. White. Mr Walton was re-elected chairman. The, chairman thanked the outgoing Committee for the able support given during the year. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

1st May 1922 POPULAR TEACHER FAREWELLED, At the local school on Friday evening the residents gathered to bid farewell to Miss Best, who has accepted the position of infant mistress at Owhango, near Taumaranui, on the Main Trunk line. Mr H. K. Walton, chairman of the School Committee, in presenting the guest of the evening with a travelling rug and carrier, referred to the three years' efficient service Miss Best had given, and on behalf of parents and scholars expressed genuine regret at her departure. The little tots were losing a good friend and kind teacher, and one who took a keen interest in their future welfare. In making the presentation, the chairman wished the departing teacher every, success for the future.

Mr Forsyth, the headmaster, in returning thanks on behalf of Miss Best, spoke of the good fellowship existing between her and the parents and scholars, which made her duties so much lighter. It was with regret they heard she was leaving them. She would always be able to look back with pleasure on her period of service at Koputaroa, and it was no easy task to take the parting of the ways.

The gathering then struck up heartily, "For she's a jolly good fellow." Supper was then handed round, and the floor cleared for dancing, which was kept up to the early hours of the morning. The music was supplied by Miss White (piano) and Mr White (violin), extras being played by Misses Sciascia, Ward and Spencer. During the evening items were kindly supplied by Mr Brown (Kuku). Miss Broadbelt (Ihakara), Miss Smith (Heatherlee), and Messrs. Rowntree and Gilmour (Koputaroa).

Anzac Day service was conducted at the school by the Revs. Lawry and Frost, in the presence of a large gathering of parents, scholars and the School Committee. The Flag was saluted, and the chairman addressed the pupils, the remarks being appropriate to the occasion.

1st May 1922 REGULARITY WILL BRING ANOTHER TEACHER. The Koputaroa School has been rather unfortunate of late in losing the services of two of the staff, placing the school at a disadvantage at a time when every effort is required to keep it at the standard it has maintained for the past few years. Miss Best has been transferred to pastures new, leaving one of the old staff, Mr Forsyth, the headmaster, who is acquainted with the scholars. Miss Jeffries has been appointed relieving teacher to the position lately occupied by Miss

Best, but it takes time to get acquainted with the individual scholars and to take up the work from the previous teacher. Quite recently we lost the services of Miss Richards, the third teacher, leaving Mr Forsyth and Miss Best to carry on practically the same, amount of work. The loss of Miss Richards was occasioned by sickness amongst the children, and also various other causes, bringing the average attendance down below what was necessary to retain the third teacher. Shortly after her departure the attendance again picked up and the remaining teachers carried on under great disadvantages. They have now worked the school almost back to its former position, and it is to be hoped the parents will second their efforts to regain the lost position. Few parents recognise what the attendance of a family on a wet day may mean to the average attendance of a school, but the following explanation may help them to realise how important it is to send the children on every occasion when possible to do so. For roll-call the five school days per week are divided into ten half days. Supposing in fine weather the average roll number was 91 for eight half-days, and the remaining day being wet, the two half-day averages fell 57, the total average for the week would be only 84. We feel sure the parents have the interest of the school at heart, and will assist the staff, on realising the position. At present the roll number is 99, and to gain the third teacher the average attendance must be 87 for two quarters. This average is now in sight and will be obtained if the attendance is 91 for the next month. We trust the parents will recognise the position now it has been explained to them and use every endeavour to send the children along and encourage the teachers to regain the position the school formerly occupied.

28th August 1922 The residents of Koputaroa are taking in hand the building of a public hall, and a campaign is to be launched for the raising of funds. The first gathering for this purpose will, be a fancy dress ball to be held in the school on Friday, September 8. The ball is being organised by Miss Thelma Shaw, of Levin, and under her direction promises to be a great success.

24th October 1922 The Koputaroa School Committee is considering several improvements to the school and grounds with the funds received from the B.S.A. Carnival. In the meantime swings and seats are being erected, and should be greatly appreciated by the children.

19th December 1922 KOPUTAROA SCHOOL.

Following are the promotions as the result of the year's work at Koputaroa School:—

Promoted to Standard I. —Leonard Arona, Charles Collins, Billy McMillan, Colin Rolston, Colin Bell, George Higgs, Ernest Bussell, John Sullivan, Gordon Gilmour, Leslie Akenson, Ruby Garard, Phyllis Gay, Joyce Graham, Lena Sullivan, Polly McMillan.

Promoted to Standard 2.—Olive Arona, Ana Boyle, May Gilmour, Philip Goldsmith, Jack Graham, Mavis Jones, Frank Mitchell, Joy Newman, Patricia Nicholson, Roger Pedersen, Clyde Rolston, Ivan Walton, Olive Winiata.

Promoted to Standard 3.—Dulcie Garard, Herbert Hood, Betty Spencer, John Taylor, Alfred Winiata, Percy Collins, Charles Winiata, Kenneth Elliott.

Promoted to Standard 4.—Hazel Boyle, Harold Cottle, Mavis Garard, Hector Gay, William Gilmour, Charles Higgs, Myrtle Hood, Arthur Pene, Ronald Sinclair, Norah Sullivan, Dennis Taylor, Ila Walton, Lena Todd, James White.

: Promoted to Standard 5.—George Elliott, Sarah Gilmour, Frank Graham, Hoani Newman, Mick Parrant, Wil-, Ham White, Kenneth Spencer.

Promoted to Standard 6.—Lindsay Doyle, Edward Higgs, Martha Laing, Thomas Laing, Tania McDonald, Val- ' Pedersen, Waina Ropiha, Violet Rountree, Iva Smith. ' Proficiency certificates, Jessie While, Phyllis Forsyth, Owen Lance Pedersen, Ray Trotter. Competency Certificates. Norris Taylor, Hector Walton.

22nd February 1923 The annual school picnic was held in Mr Walton's paddock last Friday, when there was a big crowd of children and parents- present. The weather was line, and an enjoyable day was spent. A big programme for the children was got off, and the School Committee supplied an abundance of refreshment and spared no pains to make the day a pleasant one for all. And they succeeded. In the evening a dance was held in the school as a wind-up for (he day. Miss White supplied the music, and Mr Sciascia was the right man as M.C. The dance was as successful as the picnic, and the large crowd present fully enjoyed it.

15th March 1923 Miss D I [Daisy] Boyd appointed

13th April 1923 With the object of effecting improvements to the school grounds—erecting swings .scats, flag-pole, bicycle .shed, etc., the residents of Koputaroa are holding a working bee on Thursday, April 26, the rapid increase, in the attendance, which is now in the* neighbourhood of 120 rendering these improvements desirable.

28th April 1923 During the week a very successful working-bee was held at the Koputaroa school for the purpose of effecting improvements to the school grounds. The residents gathered about 9 o'clock in the morning and spent the whole day at the school, morning tea., lunch and afternoon tea being provided by the ladies of the district. In the course of the day a flag-pole was erected, shelter-sheds shifted, a bicycle shed added to the shelter sheds, etc. As the work was not completed in one day a number of men rolled up next day and finished the work.

3rd May 1923 The residents of Koputaroa and district assembled in force for the annual election of the school committee on Monday night, there being about 30 present. Mr Walton was elected to the chair.

The report and balance sheet were read and confirmed on the motion on Mr Broadbelt, who congratulated the committee on the sound financial position disclosed by the balance .sheet. Nominations were then received for the committee, there being 11 candidates. A ballot was taken, which resulted in the following being elected : G. H. Hood, K. Burt, H. K. Walton (chairman, re-elected), J D Sciascia, Mrs Bell, Mrs Gilmour, S. A. Broadbelt , , \\

Mr Bell moved that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the outgoing committee for the splendid work carried out during the year, and the keen interest taken by them in school matters—Carried by acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meeting.

In his report. Mr Walton thanked the members of the committee for the loyal support shown during the year and congratulated the retiring committee on' the sound financial position at the end of the financial year. As shown by the balance sheet the credit balance on February 28, 1922, was £56 16s 9d. The receipts for the current year amounted to £182 10s 11d, making a total of £239 7s 8d. The expenditure for the current year amounted to £176 19s 4d, which leaves a credit balance at February,. 1923, of £62 8s 4d. The average number of children on roll for both schools was 121, the average attending being 108, which is very satisfactory. The Inspector's reports for the year had been very satisfactory, although they have suffered through several changes of teachers. He wished to congratulate Mr Forsyth and

his assistants for the high percentage of passes gained during the year which was very satisfactory. During the year they had carried out a number of improvements to grounds and surroundings. He publicly thanked all those who so generously responded to the working bee held at the school on Thursday and Friday and on behalf of the retiring committee thanked one and all for the splendid work carried out on both days for the improvement of the school ground and surroundings.

8th June 1923 The work on the Koputaroa School has now been completed. The school has been repainted inside and out, and the master's house repaired and painted.'

21st August 1923 Good progress is being made with the erection of the Koputaroa Hall, which is being built by the voluntary labour of the residents of that district. The walls are now up and a start will be made this week with putting on the roof, the whole building being expected to be completed by the end of the week.