

## **Makairo (Makairo Valley) ‘**

1894- 1940 In December 1898 the name of Makairo School was changed to Kohinui School to match the postal address. However the Makairo School and Kohinui schools both continued to operate for a long while. That is because the Makairo Valley School became from 1899 called the Makairo School

### **1893**

30<sup>th</sup> March 1893 Wellington Education Board An application from residents at Makairo for the erection of a school in that locality was received.—The inspector was instructed to visit the place when possible, and to report to the board

28<sup>th</sup> June 1893 Wellington Education Board The question of a school at Makairo, east of Mangatainoka, was considered. Mr. Bolton had offered to put up a temporary structure on the school reserve, provided the Board would aid the school when started. Mr. McCardle and the County Engineer were asked to furnish a report as to the suitability of the site.

27<sup>th</sup> December 1893 Part of a long article on meetings about Bridges and Schools included: SCHOOL. A meeting regarding a school was then held [After the meeting about Loans and Bridges]. Mr Bolton was voted to the chair and said he had asked Mr Berry for the use of his building, but he had said he could not grant it, With Mr Tipping he then saw Mr Collie, and asked him to grant an acre for the school. Mr Collie agreed to do so. It was now for them to arrange about the school.

Mr Priest said he would oppose the removal of the school from the site where they had felled the bush to the proposed site.

Mr Halliday said since their last meeting things had greatly changed, and the only way they were likely to get a school was to meet each other half way, and Mr Collie's site was the best without a doubt. He proposed that Mr Collie's site .be selected.

Mr Tipping seconded.

Mr Nestor said the school reserve was at the junction of the different roads, and that was most suitable. Then there was the area- An acre was not enough, whereas there were ten acres in the reserve.

The Chairman said it was a question of having a school or none at all. They were getting the land free, and the building was being put up in the same way.

Mr Hull said one place would suit him as well as another.

Mr Priest said the children would only have two miles to travel each way, if at the site previously selected.

Mr Ward said the village settlement was where the children would be.

After some further discussion it was pointed out that nothing could be done unless they all agreed to a site generally suitable, but Mr Priest refused to concede.

Mr Tipping said he would then take the matter in hand .himself, and arrange for a school near his place, and Mr Bolton said he would send him the timber intended for the school on Mr Collie's.

The meeting separated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

28<sup>th</sup> December 1893 A school is to be established by Mr Tipping at Makairo

## 1894

1894		Makairo	Forrest	Fanny		Female	£26	\$4,689
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19<sup>th</sup> January 1894 Mr James Tipping appointed temporary postmaster

7<sup>th</sup> February 1894 Mr Sidit has been in communication with the Minister of Lands about setting aside section 44, Makairo, as a school reserve.

7<sup>th</sup> February 1894 Makairo Village Settlement his settlement consists of seven allotments of about fifteen acres. Sections have been taken up by Messrs P. O. Neilsen senr., and Neilsen junr., Foster, Watson, and Ward. The other two sections are unoccupied or forfeited. The conditions allowed a selector to take up one section only. Mr Ward and another want to extend their holdings by being allowed to take up the unoccupied sections. The Minister of Lands might very reasonably grant the request. An area of fifteen acres is too small for a settler back in the bush, and the applicants consider that if the concession applied for were granted they could make a fair living. Another difficulty in the settlement is that there is no road. Mr Ward has lea acres felled on his section and wants to take up his residence on it but finds that he has no moans of access. It was understood that a grant was made last session for a road into this Village Settlement, on the recommendation of the County Chairman, Mr Bolton, but by soma mistake it was all set aside for the Mangaramarama Village Settlement. Settlers cannot live on these sections without roads to give them access, and unless the Minister of Lands makes the necessary provisions he might as well abandon the scheme altogether, for otherwise it can only be a dismal failure.

28<sup>th</sup> February 1894 Wellington Education Board It was alto decided not to approve of the Makairo aided school as at present carried on,

28<sup>th</sup> March 1894 The appointment of Mr. G. H. Pope as teacher of the aided school at Makairo was approved. [Another paper listed the teacher as J H Pope]

30<sup>th</sup> March 1894 Woodville Examiner Wellington Education Board At the meeting on Tuesday: The appointment of Mr J. H. Pope as teacher of the side school at Makairo was approved.

[Where the school was I do not know. There was a Frances Forrest registered as an elector in the Pahiatua Electorate in 1896 and only had the one reference]

## 1895

1895	12	Makairo	Forrest	Fanny		Female	£60	\$10,870	
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20<sup>th</sup> April 1895 Mr T R Fleming to inspect the Makairo school on the 6<sup>th</sup> May

14<sup>th</sup> June 1895 Mr Bolton has just received the Inspector's report on the above school. All the children presented in their standards passed with one exception. The children present at the examination numbered 28. The The Inspector reports :—Grammar, good ; history, fair beginning made; geography St. 111., very fair, St. 4, fair; mental arithmetic, weak; additional subjects: repetition and recitation, very fair, singing, fair; needlework, plain sewing, and knitting satisfactory; appreciation of the nature of reading lessons, fair. The school was re-opened by Miss Forrest in September of last year. The school-room is small, but it is capable of holding all the children at present in attendance.

19<sup>th</sup> June 1895 It is a heavy burden on the Makairo settlers that they should have to maintain a school in their midst at their own cost to a large extent. The district has been settled for nearly ten years, and the number of school children is now registered in the district to justify the Board in including the Makairo school in their list of public schools. Though not directly interested, Messrs and Collie have given much assistance towards the establishment of the school, and seeing that private individuals have done so much, it is high time the Education Board took their share of the responsibility

## 1896

1896	16	Makairo	Forrest	Fanny		Female	£70	\$12,613
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10<sup>th</sup> April 1896 Pahiatua County Council . From ten Makairo settlers, asking the Council to erect a footbridge over the Makairo Stream for the benefit of the school children in the winter months.....That the request of the Makairo settlers re footbridge be granted, the cost not to exceed £2."—Carried

5<sup>th</sup> June 1896 The following gentlemen have been elected for the Makairo School Committee:—Messrs Bolton, Tipping, Halliday, Berry and Bone. Mr Bolton was elected Chairman

## 1897

1897	18	Makairo	Forrest	Fanny		Female	£80	\$14,271
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5<sup>th</sup> February 1897 Woodville Examiner: Mr Bolton informs us that the Wellington Education Board has agreed to erect the Makairo school on the site known as Hull's, and it now rests with the School Committee to hand over to the Board the title to the land, and then the Board will call tenders for building.

25<sup>th</sup> February 1897 Wellington Education Board: A petition that the school at Makairo be erected on the reserved site, was referred to Mr Fleming [School Inspector] for report.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1897 Woodville Examiner Some weeks ago we published the fact that the Wellington Education Board had agreed to erect a school building on the section known \*as " Hull's," at Makairo, and were only waiting for the deeds to the land before commencing operations. On the strength of that the members of the School Committee exerted themselves and got the deeds all ready, but the Chairman of the Committee was horrified at receiving the following letter on Friday :

Wellington, Feb. 24th, 1897. The Chairman School Committee, Makairo.

Sir,—I am directed to inform you that the Board has received a petition in favor of the erection of the school on the school site reserve and has decided to have a special report from the Inspector of Schools before doing anything further. Mr Fleming will be at your school shortly, and both sides of the question can then be considered.—A. Dorset, Secretary. A meeting of the School Committee will be held this evening to discuss the letter.

31<sup>st</sup> March 1897 Wellington Education Board and it was agreed to build a school at Makairo on the site given by Mr. Hull

30<sup>th</sup> June 1897 Wellington Education Board The Chairman was authorised to deal with applications for teachers' residences at Hukanui and Makairo,

28<sup>th</sup> July 1897 Wellington Education Board A request made that the Board should refund £41 19s 9d, representing the cost of a school building erected by settlers at Makairo, was postponed for enquiry

26<sup>th</sup> August 1897 Wellington Education Board The question of repairing the Makairo School was left in the hands of the chairman

22<sup>nd</sup> December 1897 Woodville Examiner: Our attention has been drawn to a matter which certainly requires immediate attention. We refer to the Makairo School, which at present is a disgrace to any settlement. Some time ago the Education Board decided- to erect a new school and a site was cleared. Instead, however, of putting up a new building, the old “ ramshackle ” structure was removed on to the new site. This was long ago considered inadequate to accommodate the children, and yet no move has been made to enlarge it. The children are forced to crowd into this small space, which during the hot weather we have been experiencing must have been little better than the “ black hole of Calcutta,” The timber for the new school is lying on the ground in imminent danger, of being destroyed by fire, and we fail to understand the delay in proceeding with the work. We hope the Education Board will push this work on and have the new building ready for the children after the holidays.

## 1898

1898	17	Makairo	Forrest	Fanny		Female	£80	\$13,704
1898	11	Makairo Valley	Bland	Elizabeth		Female	£45	\$7,709

6<sup>th</sup> January 1898 Part of a long article in the NZ Mail. Very satisfactory” was the verdict passed by the Wellington Land Board last week on reports by Crown Land rangers of inspections made of the Makairo and Tutaekura Village Settlements and sections of the Makuri Block. The reports showed that in the aggregate considerably more than the required value of improvements had been carried out. It was decided to take the usual action in regard to settlers who did not comply with the conditions.....

28<sup>th</sup> January 1898 The Makairo settlers are very much annoyed by the way in which they are being treated about their school, They were promised it should be ready for occupation on the close of the holidays, and a carpenter and a boy came up some time since and made a start, getting in the piles and laying the bottom plates. Then they remembered some other engagement and left. The building has not advanced any further since, and the plates are twisting all roads in the sun. The little school at present used is miserably insufficient, and the parents are disgusted at having to send their children to it still.

10<sup>th</sup> March 1898 Mr T R Fleming School Inspector to visit Makairo Village Settlement, Tuesday, March 8th; Makairo, Wednesday, 9th ;

31<sup>st</sup> March 1898 New school was opened last year by Wellington Education Board at Makairo Village

1<sup>st</sup> April 1898 A social and dance are to be held next Wednesday in the Makairo School-house the object being to provide funds for clearing the playground,

6<sup>th</sup> April 1896 Several Woodville people will be present at the concert and dance at Makairo in aid of the school funds.

13<sup>th</sup> April 1898 A very successful “social” and dance was held at Makairo on Wednesday last to celebrate the opening of the new school. I understand that the committee was more than satisfied with the amount taken. Misses Walthers and Harvey and Mrs Read rendered songs very nicely. Messrs O’Meara, M.H.R, C. Hall and Dakers each gave songs, and were well received. Miss E. Hall and Mr Read rendered pianoforte selections; the former being especially well received. Messrs Bolton, Halliday, Pillans and Miss Forest were most assiduous in their attentions to the comfort of visitors, quite a number of whom went from Woodville. Mr Hyde gave a lantern show, using acetylene gas in place of limelight. The gas gives a beautifully clear and natural light.

13<sup>th</sup> April 1898 The Opening of the Makairo School.

The new schoolhouse at Makairo was opened with a concert and dance on Wednesday evening last. The attendance was very large, many visitors being present from Woodville. The building is a great improvement on the little room formerly used. It is commodious and well finished throughout, and will no doubt be much appreciated by teacher and scholars alike.

Mr S. Bolton occupied the chair and called upon

Mr O’Meara to open the school. Mr O’Meara, in a few words, declared the school open for educational purposes.

Mr T. Hyde gave a series of lantern views, using the acetylene gas. This gave a splendid light, and showed the pictures very well, but not as clearly as limelight would.

The programme comprised songs by Mrs Reid, Misses Harvey and Walthers, and Messrs O’Meara and Hall, recitations by Misses Lewis and Crawford, and piano solos by Miss Emeline Hall and Mr Reid. The accompaniments were played by Mrs Bowden and Mr Reid.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their presence, and a vote of thanks was given to all those who had assisted in any way.

Refreshments were then handed round, after which dancing was indulged in until early morning.

The whole affair was very successful, and as the object was to raise funds for clearing the school ground, the result is highly satisfactory.

27<sup>th</sup> April 1898 MAKAIRO. Only ten or eleven persons were present at the annual meeting of householders at Makairo. Mr Bolton was voted to the chair, who explained that the school account was in credit to the amount of £4 17s Id. He also stated that the number of pupils attending the school had slightly decreased owing to the opening of the aided school at the village. The school work had been much interrupted owing to the moving changes of location during the year, and for a month prior to the examination the carpenters employed on the building had interfered with the working of the school. The Chairman also mentioned that the sum of £5 16s was the result of the social and dance in aid of clearing the school grounds. Six persons were then nominated as committeemen, the poll resulting as follows :—Messrs Bolton, Halliday, Hull, Smith and Barry.

Mr Bolton was re-elected chairman and secretary.

1<sup>st</sup> December 1898 Wellington Education Board The name of the Makairo School was changed to Kohinui to agree with the postal designation

**[Note the Makairo school became the Kohinui School [See above for later information] and the Makairo Valley School became the Makairo School for the start of 1899]**

## 1899

1899	18	Makairo	Bland	Elizabeth		Female	£67	\$11,897
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2<sup>nd</sup> March 1899 Mr Fleming will inspect Makairo School on the 14<sup>th</sup> March

26<sup>th</sup> April 1899 School Committee The annual meeting was held on Monday evening, and the following gentlemen elected on the committee ; Messrs Bolton (chairman and secretary), Halliday, Hull, Thompson and Nestor, [I suspect this is actually the Kohinui School Committee]

29<sup>th</sup> April 1899 School Committee Makairo. —Messrs R, C. Ellingham, H. Bennett, M. McDermont, Tipping and R. Bredow (chairman).

5<sup>th</sup> October 1899 Wellington Education Board Applications for improvements at Makairo, Dreyerton, Dreyer's Rock, Kaitawa and Otaki were agreed to provisionally on satisfactory, details being supplied.

4<sup>th</sup> December 1899 . It was decided to create new school districts at Makairo and Manuhara

## 1900-1901

1900	16	Makairo	Bland	Elizabeth		Female	£80	\$13,909
1901	23	Makairo	Bland	Elizabeth		Female	£90	\$15,194

27<sup>th</sup> April 1900 School Committee Makairo. —Messrs Bredow (chair), S. Coyle, Nicholas, H. Bennett, and R. C. Ellingham (secretary and treasurer)

11<sup>th</sup> January 1901 On New Year's Day a most successful picnics was held on Holder's Flat, on the banks of the Manawatu, by the Makairo settlers. The picnic was given to the children attending the Kohinui and Makairo schools. As the day turned out fine, a most enjoyable time was spent in all kinds of games, Besides the prizes won in the various events every child on the ground received a present, All credit is due to Messrs Hull and Francis who superintended the arrangements, and also co the ladies who provided the refreshments. It is the intention of the Kohinui School Committee to make this an annual affair.

21<sup>st</sup> March 1901 Proposed new teacher salaries included Makairo Roll 17 Sole Teacher £100 a rise of £20

24<sup>th</sup> April 1901 School Committee Messrs. Bredon (Chairman), Ellingham (Secretary), Nicolls, Coyles, and Arrow.

## 1902

1902	24	Makairo	Bland	Elizabeth		Female	£100	\$16,454
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4<sup>th</sup> April 1902 mong the recent appointments in the Post and Telegraph Department arc the following:—Postmasters— Eliza Jane Bland, Makairo;

5<sup>th</sup> May 1902 The following places in the Wellington Education Board district have failed to elect School Committees :— Kilbirnie, Kaiwarra, Worser Bay, Makairo, Tokomaru, Ohau, Pongaroa, Kaipororo, Paikakariki, Featherston, and Horokiwi Valley. The procedure with regard to these places now is that the present School Committee remain in office until their successors are elected.

29<sup>th</sup> September 1902 The school at Makairo has had to be closed on account of the children of the district having been attacked by the epidemic It is also in the house of the schoolmistress.

30<sup>th</sup> September 1902 The chairman of the Makairo School Committee has advised the Education Board that the school has been closed on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever amongst the children.

23<sup>rd</sup> October 1902 The Khandallah School had thirty four absentees on account of the prevalence of measles in the village, and the committee accordingly decided to close the school. The Makairo School, which was closed a short time ago for the same reason, is not yet reopened,

## 1903

1903	35	Makairo	Bland	Elizabeth		Female	£124	\$20,551
1904	33	Makairo	Bland	Elizabeth		Female	£126	\$20,864

11<sup>th</sup> January 1904 Wellington Education Board Scholarships Class D [Schools with a small roll] Elsie Bland was 1<sup>st</sup> with 480 Marks which was better than the top mark of 466 in Class B and Just below the winner of Class C from Greytown who scored 491. And Lena Arrow was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class D with 427

Elsie Bland started teaching starting at Pahiatua in 1905 and after working at Te Aro, Masterton, Te Aro again and ended at Plimmerton in 1913 and didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again. In 1907 she was accepted into Wellington Training College

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25<sup>th</sup> September 1912 Advertisement in the Wellington Evening Post On Wednesday 2nd October, at 2.30 p.m., Messrs. Bethune and Co., under instructions from Mrs. E. Bland, are submitting a seaside property, Plimmerton Extension. This comprises freehold land having a frontage of 81 ft to Motuhara road by a depth varying from 135 ft to 142 ft, together with the newly-built six roomed dwelling house thereon.

11<sup>th</sup> February 1904 Woodville School Committee The Headmaster [Of Woodville School] forwarded the names of 27 pupils agreeable to attend a high school if established in Woodville.—It was decided to apply to the committees of the Kumeroa, Heretaunga, Maharahara West, Ballance, Victoria, Mangatainoka, Makairo and Pahiatua schools, asking if they would join in with Woodville in the establishment of a high school, and, if so, how many pupils (giving names) would be likely to attend.

19<sup>th</sup> February 1904 . The Makairo school boys tried conclusions at cricket with the Kumeroa school boys on Saturday. The visitors proved too strong for the Kumeroans who, winning the toss, went in and very promptly were all out for 30 runs (McTavish 9, Pattison 8). Makairo then faced the music, and it was evidently quite to their taste, for they knocked up 80 in grand style (H. Francis 28, W. Francis 11). In their second innings the local boys, nothing daunted by the lead the Makairoites had gained, went in and somewhat retrieved themselves for they put up 118 (Lynch 42, Pringle 24, McTavish 16). Requiring 68 to win Makairo went in and got. them "with the loss of 4 wickets. Lunch was served to the teams by the ladies, and arrangements made for

the return match at Makairo. Three cheers for losers and winners brought a pleasant day to a close. [Kumeroa is North of Woodville in the Hawkes Bay Education Board]  
 26<sup>th</sup> February 1904 In a long list of schools needing accommodation was this: also at Makairo, where the Board does not own the school buildings.

31<sup>st</sup> May 1904 Two furnished rooms are advertised for by Mrs Bland, Makairo, Mangatainoka

14<sup>th</sup> December 1904 Wellington Education Board Leave of absence was granted' to Mrs E. Bland, Makairo (two weeks, from December 3rd),

Elizabeth Bland in 1905 taught at Matarawa in 1905 then at Kaitawa for five years then ended her teaching with the Wellington Education Board at Plimmerton in 1911

## 1905

1905	21	Makairo	Bawden	A F Mrs	E3	Female	£136	\$21,508
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29<sup>th</sup> September 1905 Mrs Bland resigns

7th December 1905 Miss McLandress mistress of the Waipawa School has been appointed sole teacher of the Makairo School. In 1906 Miss Isabella McLandress was teaching at Masterton School

## 1905-1910

1905	21	Makairo	Bawden	A F Mrs	E3	Female	£136	\$21,508
1906	21	Makairo	Warwick	Robert S	Lic	Master	£130	\$20,203
1907	17	Makairo	Warwick	Robert S	Lic	Master	£130	\$20,380
1908	13	Makairo	Warwick	Robert S	Lic	Master	£123	\$19,291
1909	16	Makairo	Warwick	Robert S	D5	Master	£115	\$18,275
1910	15	Makairo	Warwick	Robert S	D4	Master	£120	\$18,812

Research by Grandson Sam Percy

Annie Fanetta Frame was born in 1865, either in Meanee or Taradale, the daughter of William Henry Frame and his wife Margaret Moylan. William Henry Frame was a very early settler of the region and had done well enough to be recorded as Esq in his 1864 marriage notice.

The first teaching record we have for Annie is in 1880 when she resigns her pupil teachership at Taradale School. This didn't last long as she reapplied for the job the following year, as well as for a pupil teachership at Napier. She appears to have continued at Taradale until 1883 when she was appointed as an Assistant Mistress at Woodville School. She remained here until her marriage in 1890, despite having constant health issues (to the extent she was asked to find a school in a healthier environment) and at one point having a well-publicised tiff with the Headmaster, Mr Campbell. Despite this she rose to be Head Mistress by the time of her departure and was clearly well respected in the community and, from the results obtained, a good teacher.

She married William Francis Bowden/Boden in 1889/1890 (records differ). He had been a Post Master in town as well as a stationer.



This would sound the death toll for her career however as the Woodville School committee did not approve of married women teaching and requested the board to fire her! She fought against this heavily but eventually was given three months' notice but offered the position at a new side school that was to be built, called Woodlands, seemingly this was a compromise to get her out of the main school, where she was no longer welcome. She gained this appointment but a couple of weeks later the new committee decided they did not require her services, probably because they were the same committee that ran the main school.

She didn't teach after this throughout 1891 and 92, her husband opened a stationers shop in Woodville around this time and presumably she helped with this. In 1893 she announced her intention to open a private school in town, but no further mention is made and one presumes there was not enough interest. The shop however appears to have been successful and soon expanded its range heavily, she was involved in music and horticultural events and was patron of several charity events.

It wasn't until 1905 that she returned to teaching at Makairo, whether this was a relieving position or not I'm unsure, I do know that the store has been sold and perhaps they needed the money or just something to do. She followed this up with a short stint relieving at Horoeke in 1906 and ironically at Woodville itself, before the family departed the town for good later that year, her husband having bought a farm in Tawa, north of Wellington.

There was a huge send off arranged for the family, and from the newspaper reports it was more for her than for her husband. It appears she had been first lady of Woodville during her time there and had been involved in almost every club, group and event during the near 25 years she spent there.

Now for most this would be the end of their story, a 40 year old woman retiring to a small farm where 30 odd years later she would pass away and be eulogised.

Not Annie Bowden.

The farming venture didn't last, and William took a government position as a civil servant. The family were well known in Liberal circles and as Joseph Ward was premier at this time, I presume it was in relation to this.

Whether in relation to his new career or the move to a new city the family dropped the W from their surname subsequent to Woodville. This is subject solely to conjecture, their appears to be no reason why they ought to, no criminal charges etc.

It is as Mrs Boden she would become most well-known, and it took a tragedy to do so.

Annie had occupied and cemented herself in the upper echelons of liberal politics, she appeared in many of the social gossips, had a house on Sydney St in Thorndon and her son Richard was articled to Blenheim's Liberal MP and solicitor, Richard McCallum. She was also following a new career as a journalist, and was considered one of, if not the, top ladies political journalist in the country.

In 1915 her eldest son Richard was killed at Gallipoli, aged just 22 and from this point she invested herself fully in soldiers welfare. She was instrumental in opening New Zealand's first hostel for returned soldiers and sailors with 13,000 pounds she raised from private donors and her own money, the residue was used to help restore these soldiers to their former status in life.

Even after the war she continued her efforts for soldiers welfare, remaining on the board of the Crippled Soldiers Assoc and her involvement in the Hostel for Returned Soldiers and

Sailors as well as the Graves Commission. This was despite losing another daughter in the 1918 flu epidemic. She was made an MBE for her work in this field.

Her husband predeceased her in 1936 and she followed him in 1939, having not long retired due to ill health. She was survived by a spinster daughter, Annie (who was interestingly the only beneficiary of W F's will) and a son, Harry.

PS: Note to Grandfather: First actual notable to come from the Bush! Some of these characters are fascinating, I'm working on Mrs Mallitte right now, who might be one of the oddest ones yet (constantly moving and constantly lying)

26<sup>th</sup> January 1906 Wellington Education Board New Tanks

24<sup>th</sup> August 1906 Last Saturday a football match between the Kumeroa and Makairo schools was played here. The Makairo boys won by 5 points to 3. The local lads were much annoyed when it was seen that several big boys, who had left school, were going to play for Makairo. Nevertheless the small local lads made a good fight against their bigger enemies. Owing to the unsportsmanlike spirit shown by Makairo it is not likely a return match will be played.

3<sup>rd</sup> September 1906 Sir, — Kindly allow me space in your paper to answer a report that appeared in it about the school football match Kumeroa v. Makairo, played at Kumeroa on August the 18th. The report stated the Kumeroa boys were under a disadvantage owing to the Makairo boys' unsportsmanlike action in playing in their team some boys who had left school, and also that the Makairo boys were much bigger than their opponents. Now, Sir, we cannot help it if the Makairo boys are so much better grown than the Kumeroa boys. Ours must be the better climate, for I am certain it is not owing to age. The reporter forgot to state we played eleven to their fifteen, and because we gave them a licking, the adults, who ought to know better, are calling us a pack of rogues. 1 for one (and just left school) am not yet fourteen. The other boy (there were only two of us) is about the same age. I do not know who your reporter is, but I do know that Mr Bagley is too good a sport to have anything to do with such a report. — lam, etc., C. A. Stokes. Kohinui, August 30.

7<sup>th</sup> November 1906 Mr R Warwick appointed sole teacher Makairo School

24<sup>th</sup> February 1908 Bush Districts Show A new division has been added this year in the shape of school children's work, and it has been freely taken up, schools from Makairo and Ballance to Dannevirke and Palmerston having furnished competitors. The entries for this number about 140, and no doubt would have been larger had better notice been given of it, but matters were thrown back by the illness of the secretary.

27<sup>th</sup> February 1908 Drawing Freehand Standard VI J B Ellingham 1st, Standard IV Isabel Ellingham 1<sup>st</sup> and Lee Arrow 2nd

26<sup>th</sup> June 1908 Wellington Education Board A Grant for fencing and planting site

25<sup>th</sup> February 1910 Mr R Warwick granted four days leave in February

## 1911

1911	15	Makairo	Malittee	M C Mrs		Female	£90	\$14,234
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26<sup>th</sup> April 1911 School Committee Makairo — John Piper (chairman), W. Fitzsimmons (secretary), R. Ellingham, Chas. Arrow, A. Forster.

27<sup>th</sup> May 1911 Mr Warwick, of Makairo, will replace Mr Fieldhouse as sole teacher at the Cross Creek school, the latter having been transferred to South Featherston  
 28<sup>th</sup> June 1911 Mr A. B. Thompson has been appointed sole teacher at Makairo,  
 From 1917 to 1921 Constance Malitte taught at Blind River in Marlborough for the Wellington Education Board

### 1912-1915

1912	22	Makairo	Power	Mary Evelyn	D5	Female	£90	\$13,802	
1913	23	Makairo	Power	Mary Evelyn	D4	Female	£120	\$18,000	£15.00
1914	19	Makairo	Power	Mary Evelyn	D4	Female	£130	\$18,612	£15.00
1915	13	Makairo	Power	Mary Evelyn	D4	Female	£140	\$18,753	£20.00

The extra £15.00 and £20.00 is because the Wellington Education Board had not supplied a residence for the teacher.

11<sup>th</sup> December 1912 Miss M Power appointed

1908	115	Wadestown	Power	Mary E
1909	138	Wadestown	Power	Mary E
1912	22	Makairo	Power	Mary Evelyn
1913	23	Makairo	Power	Mary Evelyn
1914	19	Makairo	Power	Mary Evelyn
1915	13	Makairo	Power	Mary Evelyn
1917	35	Pahautanui	Power	Mary Evelyn
1919	21	Kopuaranga	Power	Mary E
1921	23	Ruawhata	Power	Mary E

1927/6234	Mary Evelyn	Power	Alfred Austin	Reid
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In 1923 Mary E Power was teaching at Piako Road School for the Auckland Education Board . [Near Claudelands Hamilton]

9<sup>th</sup> October 1918 Makairo Sole Teacher Temporary Miss I Willis

18<sup>th</sup> April 1921 Miss J Wills has resigned her position as sole teacher

### 1917-1923

1917	14	Makairo	Thompson	James E	Sole		£110	\$12,329	
1919	11	Makairo	Willis	I V	Sole		£140	\$12,648	
1921	10	Makairo	Thompson	Thomas	Sole		£180	\$15,496	
1923	8	Makairo	Donaldson	Hector A	Sole		£180	\$16,544	

16<sup>th</sup> November 1922 Hector Donaldson had a partial pass for a D certificate

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