

Makara

Pre 1878

24th May 1870 Makara School. — The postponed tea meeting in aid of this school will take place in the schoolroom, at 5 o'clock this evening.

19th July 1870 SOUTH MAKARA SCHOOL. " THE ANNUAL MEETING of Ratepayers of the South Makara School District will be held at the Schoolhouse on Tuesday, 2nd August, at 7 o'clock p.m., for the election of committee, ' ' P. MONAGHAN, Chairman. South Makara, 18th July

9th August 1870 South Makara School District.— The annual meeting of the ratepayers of this district was held in the Schoolhouse, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at 7 p.m., for the purpose of electing a School Committee and Collector for the ensuing year. Mr C . Williams was voted to the chair and opened the proceedings by reading the advertisement convening the meeting. Mr P. Monaghan, chairman of the retiring committee, read the accounts of the last financial year, and submitted them to the meeting. They were passed unanimously. He commented at some length upon the progress of the school during the time that ho had had the honor of being connected with it, something over four years. He congratulated the meeting upon their triumph in keeping their school open when districts with thrice their population and resources allowed theirs to be closed. He was well aware that a great many of them felt considerably the burden of supporting the school, as the times were very bad j but he would advise them to persevere a while longer, as he felt confident that the Government would shortly be in a position to give its wonted aid, which would relieve them of the embarrassment under which they were at present struggling. He complimented Mr Mulhern, for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he had conducted the business of the school for the last two years, evidence of which was seen in the rapid progress the children were making under his tuition. After some further discussion tile following were electee! the School Committee for the ensuing year viz. : — Messrs P. Monaghan, J. Cutley, C. Williams, J. McLeavey, W. Cornford and W. Sieves. Mr Monaghan suggested to the meeting that a collector be appointed. Mr Trotter : " What is the use of a collector when there is no rate voted ?" Mr Monaghan : " This meeting has nothing to do with voting a rate." Mr Trotter: " I move that no rate be voted this year." Hero a noisy discussion ensued, in which a few who had no direct interest in the school took a prominent part. Order was restored again, however, by the Chairman ruling that Mr Trotter was out of order. Then Mr Longhurst proposed that the School Committee be increased to twelve, when the following were elected, viz : — Messrs P. Trotter, W. Longhurst, C. Palmer, J. Robinson, W. Cooper, and T. Igoe. The business of the meeting terminated by a vote of thanks to the Chairman. A meeting of the School Committee was held immediately after, when Mr P. Monaghan was elected Chairman, and Mr C. Williams Treasurer of the Committee

16th August 1870 South Makara School District. — A " Working Man" writes to us from the above district, complaining of the way educational matters are managed. He thinks the schoolmaster should confine himself to his duties of educating the young instead of collecting the rates levied by the Karori Road Board and the South Makara School Committee. He

thinks the duties of collecting are incompatible with those of schoolmaster and says that a man cannot serve two masters. He is himself so far away that he cannot send his children to school, still he contributes as much towards its support as any of his neighbors, some of whom contribute nothing, while sending children to the school, and appear to have a great deal to say in its management.

20th August 1870 HIS Honor the Deputy Superintendent has been pleased to appoint Mr. Henry Schultze, to be Collector of Rates for the South Makara School District. A. Follett Halcombe, Provincial Secretary.

11th August 1871 TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT. Sir,— Finding by your issue of this date that a teacher is advertised for for the Makara school, I beg to inform intending applicants that I am teacher of the said school until the 30th of September next, and, further, that there is a balance of £5 10s 3d due to me on account of salary for the quarter ending 30th June, which the committee withhold without assigning any reason. In justice to teachers generally, some of whom might be misled into applying for the above situation, I trust you will give insertion to these few lines.— I have, &C, J. MULHERN, Teacher of the Makara school, Makara, August 10, 1871.’

5th September 1871 In the Magistrate's Court, this morning, Patrick Condren was fined 20 shillings., or in default was committed for 24 hours, for having been drunk and incapable ; and Norah Mulhern, charged with using threatening language, was bound over to keep the peace as against Patrick Monaghan, for six months, and ordered to pay costs, £4 9s 6d. One civil case, in which Mr. Mulhern sued Patrick Monaghan, Chairman of the Makara School Committee, for balance of salary, was heard, and judgment for amount paid into Court, and costs was given.

15th October 1872 Mr John Rigg's letter having been taken into consideration, the secretary was instructed to write informing him that the Board declined to recognise him as teacher of the Makara school.

27th July 1875 Board of Education: EXAMINATION REPORT. The Inspector of Schools now read the following report, relative to the late examination of teachers, pupil teachers, and candidates.....Second Class certificates J S Rendeville [Actually Prenderville] Makara School

9th February 1877 Board of Education Inspector's report included: During the past three years eight of the fifteen, schoolrooms have been enlarged or altered ; all have been furnished and put in order ; and four new schools have been built the Lower Hutt, Ohariu, North Makara, and Johnsonville schools. Teachers' residences have been built or acquired at the Upper Hutt; Pahautanui, and Karori. They are also wanted at the Lower Hutt and Makara. '.....Of the sixteen schools in the Hutt County, twelve are conveyed to your Board absolutely; three —South Makara, Belmont, and Korokoro—are small buildings held under trust for public purposes ; and North Makara school is leasehold

North Makara.—Only moderately satisfactory progress has been made, considering the regularity and stability of the attendance. Mr., Prendeville, is far from being, an effective teacher. The reading of the school under his care, is indistinct and expressionless, and the writing very careless. The whole work appears to be that of a master who cannot mould the material placed in his hands, but who proceeds to work upon some set rules without bringing intelligence to bear upon the work. The younger children are not well provided with slates

. South Makara is a ; half-time :school with North Makara and producing similar results. It is only two miles from North Makara, and scarcely entitles the master, for the work done, to the full. allowance of half time schools.

28th March 1877 Wellington Education Board: SOUTH MAKARA SCHOOL. A deputation consisting of Messrs Monaghan, Seavers, and McLeavey waited on the Board and requested that the half-time school at South Makara might not be abolished in favor of the full-time school at North Makara. The Board acceded to the request of the deputation, and therefore the half-time school at South Makara will be continued

25th April 1877 Wellington Education Board: NORTH MAKARA. A deputation, consisting of Messrs. Trotter, Longhurst, and Robinson, was introduced. The object of the deputation was to urge upon the Board the necessity of establishing a full time school at North Makara. They explained that if the school were established, and the people of South Makara would send their children to it, there would be about thirty-six pupils. The Chairman said he had no doubt the full time school would be established at North Makara if an attendance of twenty-five could be guaranteed. Mr. Robinson believed they could get twenty-five children to attend a full time school. He said that the South Makara and North Makara people had had half time schools for a length of time, and that the school at the former place had always been held in the morning. The people at North Makara would be satisfied in the meantime if their children were taught in the morning. It was resolved " That for three months after May 1st the North Makara School be opened in the morning, instead of in the afternoon as at present." The deputation expressed themselves satisfied with this arrangement, and having thanked the Board, withdrew.

1878

1878		Makara South and North	Prendeville	J J		Head	£190.00
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J S Prendeville was registered at various years as JJ, JS, James S. James E, John S only worked for the Wellington Education Board from 1878 to 1888

1875/2146 Amelia Monaghan John Sweeny Prendeville

1888/4186	Prendeville	John Sweeney	38Y	
1876/12592	Prendeville	James	Amelia	John Sweeney
1878/7635	Prendeville	Mary Elizabeth	Amelia	John Sweeney
1880/5033	Prendeville	Phoebe Elizabeth	Amelia	John Sweney
1882/6497	Prendeville	Amelia Jane	Amelia	John Sweeney
1884/1971	Prendeville	John Henry	Amelia	John Sweeney
1885/18380	Prendeville	William Maurice	Amelia	John Sweeney
1887/6001	Prendeville	Charles Edward	Amelia	John Sweeney
1888/8447	Prendeville	Ellen Maud	Amelia	John Sweeney

18th February 1878 A concert and musical entertainment will be held in the North Makara Schoolroom tomorrow night, in aid of the local Library Fund. Two or three coaches will leave Gillespie's Hotel, Tinakori Road, at about half-past five in the evening.

26th April 1878 Wellington Education Board Teachers' residences will be required for Ohariu, Fern Ridge, Clareville, Waingawa, Tawa Flat, and Makara.....Furthermore, Mr. Lee [School Inspector] states : — "The results at North Makara/except in reading, are very fair ; but at South Makara they are very poor. The style of work is not good.

27th April 1878 Children attending Wellington Education Board Schools included: Karori, 69; North and South Makara, 42; Kaiwarra, 52; Johnsonville, 59.

14th May 1878 KARORI-MAKARA HIGHWAY BOARD. CONTRACT NOTICE. QEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Chairman, for the repairs and maintenance of the Evans Bay Road, from the 1st June next up to the 30th June, 1879, will be received by the undersigned up to the 31st instant. , A deposit of £5 must accompany each tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Town Clerk's office, Wellington. By order of the Board. JOHN S. PRENDEVILLE, Clerk. Makara, 10th May. 1878. [The same J S Prendeville Teacher of both Makara Schools]

18th June 1878 A meeting of the settlers of the Makara district was held in the schoolroom last night for the election of a local School Committee. Mr. R. Robinson was in the chair. The following were elected : — Messrs. P. Trotter, McLeary, Sievers, Cornford, R. Robinson, G. Monk, J. Bowler. After the election was over Mr. P. Trotter was appointed chairman, R. Robinson treasurer, and J. Bowler secretary.

18th June 1878 A meeting of the Makara Library Committee was held last night. It was stated that Mr. Lancaster offered a donation of £5 towards the funds, and the president was desired to intimate the willingness of the committee to accept his liberal offer. The president was also directed to apply to the secretary of the Education Board for a share of the grant-in-aid of libraries

28th June 1878 Wellington Education Board allocated £250 for the building of a residence for the Makara Schoolteacher

1879- 1882

1879		Makara	Prendeville	J S		Male	£190.00
1880		Makara	Prendeville	John S		Male	£190.00
1881	30	Makara	Prendeville	James S		Male	£190.00
1882	28	Makara	Stevens	Thomas		Male	£170.00

Thomas Stevens only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Makara

14th January 1879 School Committee Elections will be held in the South Makara School room at 7 p.m. on the 27th Day of January inst.

5th February 1879 The local committee elected for the Makara school district consists of Messrs. J. McLeavy, J. Brunger, M. Anderson, E. Humphreys, P. Trotter, G. Monk, and R. Robinson. Mr. P. Trotter was re-elected chairman. The annual distribution of prizes took place on Wednesday, the 29th ultimo. Some beautiful books were given to the boys, while the girls received work-boxes, basket, bags, reticules, and toys. They were given out according to the standards passed at the last inspection. Several toys and small picture books were given to the junior children. After the distribution there were sports and races, while a capital tea was prepared by the settlers, to which the children, as well as the parents and friends, did ample justice. After lunch the children's sports recommenced and were carried on with unusual zest

until evening. The chairman and members of the committee labored earnestly to carry out the day's amusement with success. A soiree brought the proceedings to a close the next morning.

14th February 1879 Wellington Education Board: No returns have been received from some districts therefore it is not officially known whether committees have been elected or not. The defaulters in this respect are—Terrace, Te Aro, Featherston, Lower Hutt, Makara, Kaitara, and Masterton.

14th May 1879 Hutt County Council: Another case brought forward was that of a woman residing at Makara. She was reported to be a widow with five children, ranging in age from thirteen months to ten years, and her husband before his death had been laid up and unfit for work for two years. The place she lived upon was leasehold, and she owed two years' rent (£20). She has a few cows, but they have all gone to the bush, there being no feed on the clearing for them. Her place is two miles from the road, and there is only a bush track to it. She has no means of maintaining her family but would be able to work for them if she had the means of removing to some place where she could get employment at charring or washing. Councillor Lancaster said he knew the history of the case, and he thought if the Council allowed 10s. a week in food for a couple of mouths they would hear no more of the matter. The woman would sell her cows and remove to some place where she could get work. The Council adopted Mr. Lancaster's suggestion.

30th July 1879 Wellington Education Board Acting on the recommendation of the local committees, it was agreed to close the North Makara School, and to nuke the South Makara School a whole time instead of a half time school

28th January 1880 MAKARA SCHOOL DISTRICT. The annual meeting was held on Monday night,, when the following committee were .elected for the ensuing year :—Messrs. T. Trotter, J. McLeavy, H. Monaghan, H. Cook, J. Brunger, R. Robinson, and G. Monk. A vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing committee. The first meeting of the new committee was held immediately afterwards, and Mr. J. McLeavy was elected chairman, Mr. R. Robinson, treasurer ; and Mr. P. Trotter, secretary. . It was decided to hold the meetings in future on the first Monday in each month.

3rd April 1880 Wellington Education Board: Teachers' residences are wanting at Opaki, Horokiwi, Judgeford, Ohariu and Makara.

29th June 1880 J S Prenderville was still clerk of the Karori Makara Highway Board

30th June 1880 Wellington Education Board THE KARORI SCHOOL. Messrs. Monaghan and Rising attended aa a deputation to the Board to present a petition against the proposed removal of the master and mistress of the Karori school. [A long article followed and] , Mr. Lee [School inspector] remarked that the reason why Mr. Monaghan was so active in the matter was that his son-in-law, Mr. Prendeville, of the Makara school, had also been unfavourably reported against.

1st July 1880 Wellington Education Board: The Makara School Committee wrote, suggesting that, as the master said he had not sufficient time after the amalgamation of the two half-time schools to get into proper order at the time of the last examination, the Board's decision be suspended until after the next annual inspection. The suggestion was agreed to.

6th July 1880 I see by your report of the proceedings of the Education Board that Mr. Lee stated, in reference to the Karori School, that the reason why I was so active in the matter was that my son-in-law, Mr. Prendeville, of the Makara School, had also been unfavourably reported on.

Had I taken up the case of the Makara School, which as a settler and ratepayer I had a right did I choose to do so, there would be some grounds for the remark, but what connection there is between the Karori and Makara schools Mr. Lee may know, but I do not.

The fact is, I did not interfere in the matter until the Makara dispute had been settled. I then took up the case of the Karori School, partly at the urgent request of the settlers, and partly because I did not like to see a grievous wrong offered to an old and respected gentleman without raising my voice against it. By your report of the proceedings of the Education Board that Mr. Lee stated, in reference to the Karori School, that the reason why I was so active in the matter was that my son-in-law, Mr. Prendeville, of the Makara School, had also been unfavourably reported on. Had I taken up the case of the Makara School, which as a settler and ratepayer I had a right did I choose to do so, there would be some grounds for the remark, but what connection there is between the Karori and Makara schools Mr. Lee may know, but I do not. The fact is, I did not interfere in the matter until the Makara dispute had been settled. I then took up the case of the Karori School, partly at the urgent request of the settlers, and partly because I did not like to see a grievous wrong offered to an old and respected gentleman without raising my voice against it, knowing and believing a great injustice to be done, and that "in a most ungentlemanly manner by the inspector. So far for my connection with Karori petition. Now it strikes me very forcibly that it would look better on Mr. Lee's part to repel the charges of harshness in conducting the examinations brought against him by Mr. Blair and Archdeacon Stock generally, and by myself particularly, with regard to the Kfitori School, than by trying to get out of it by charging me with interested motives.

Mr. Lee is very hard on the teaching in the Karori school, but it may not be generally known that the boy who took first prize in the city schools had only been three months at the Mount Cook Boys' School before the examination, yet he passed the highest standard there with credit, although he only passed the third standard at Karori - the year before and had been absent from school for months. Perhaps Mr. Lee could explain this too? Since I took up the case, I have heard enough of Mr. Lee's work to satisfy me that he ought to be the last person to speak in the way he did of me. Take, for instance, the celebrated paper-swallowing case at the Greytown examination. Take also the erecting of the colossal baby school in Tory street, and the appointment of a relative of the Inspector to take charge of it. Mr. Lee would do well to remember the adage about persons living in "glasshouses," and refrain from accusing me of interested motives when he is so terribly deep in the mire himself, as no one accuses the well-bred Inspector of interested motives, even if he hoists his relatives and friends into every available position under the Board. Those who know me, and few of the old settlers either in Wellington or Karori who do not, know well that I have taken an "active part" in the maintenance of the Karori school for thirty years; and as to the Makara school, I helped to build and support it up to the time it was taken over by the Board, and have never been accused of interested conduct before, not even during the fiercest political contests, and I have been my share and took my part in them. That is why I now repel the charge made in so cowardly a manner behind my back by the well-bred Inspector, who had ample opportunity to do so in my presence did he possess the manliness. I am, Ac. P. MONAGHAN. Karori, 2nd July.

20th September 1880 There was a very pleasant soiree at the Makara School on Thursday night, in aid of the school prize fund. Several songs and recitations enlivened the proceedings. It was under the management of the School Committee, and they spared no pains to make it a success

24th February 1880 Wellington Education Board: The Secretary was directed to ascertain the cost of additions required to be made to the Makara School, and the amount the settlers would be willing to subscribe towards the funds

22nd December 1880: The Makara School broke up on Friday for the holidays with the usual ceremony and distribution of prizes. The following members of the School Committee attended :—Messrs R. Robinson, P. Trotter, H. Monaghan, J. McLeavy, J. Brunger, and R. Scoles. Some sports were improvised during the afternoon. The Chairman (Mr H. Monaghan) distributed the prizes to those entitled to them and stated that next year they would be awarded in a different manner, as more credit would be given to attendance. He believed sufficient attention was not given to the matter of regular attendance at schools. There were about 440 or 450 half days in the school year, and the child who attended every day would assuredly learn more than, say, one who attended only 110, as he found in the schedules at the latter rate it would take four years of such attendance to make one school year. Again, the Boards were paid £3 15s for every child who attended full time, and every day a child remained away from school lessened the receipts of the Board, and, consequently, the funds available for School Committees, and the result was that they had less money for prizes this year. After the distribution of prizes the children again went to play, while Mesdames Trotter, McLeavy, Robinson, Brunger and others prepared tea for the juveniles, and after this, Mr Charles Deihl played some excellent dance music, to which those present tripped it merrily for a few hours, some songs and recitations also being given. The National Anthem was rendered by the children before dispersing to their several homes

26th January 1881 The election of a School Committee for the Makara District was held on Monday evening. Messrs. McLeavy, Trotter, Bowler, Monaghan, Robinson, Monk, and Brunger were elected a committee. Mr. Monaghan was elected chairman, Mr. Robinson treasurer, and Mr. Trotter secretary. The attendance outside the committee was extremely small.- The annual report stated that the principal works carried out during the year were the drainage of the school grounds and the excavation at the rear of the school. Particular attention was drawn to the irregular attendance of the children in the past year, which was very unsatisfactory, and debarred the teacher from doing justice to the children, the public, or the inspector, and a hope was expressed that it would be better in the future. After the transaction of some routine business, the meeting adjourned.

24th February 1881 Wellington Education Board: The Secretary was directed to ascertain the cost of additions required to be made to the Makara School, and the amount the settlers would be willing to subscribe towards the funds.

30th March 1881 Wellington Education Board: The Makara Committee asked for £20 for a wet weather shed chimney, &c. It was resolved to give £10

21st December 1881 Wellington Education Board: The Building Committee recommended that a grant of £6 should be given to each of the following schools :— Makara, Mauriceville, Kaiwairai, Opaki, Gladstone, Waingawa, and Kaitara ;

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20th January 1882 J S Prendeville was still secretary of the Karori Makara Highway Board,
30th January 1882 A public meeting was held in the Makara school on Tuesday night last for the purpose of electing a School Committee, when the following gentlemen were elected :— Messrs A. Monk, H. Scoles, H. Monaghan, J. McLeavy, G. Monk, T. Robinson, and J. Gaskin. Mr J. McLeavy was elected Chairman, and Mr A. Monk Treasurer and Secretary. From the report of the outgoing Committee, it appears that over £47 was expended in repairs to building and fences, as well as the improvement of the play-ground. The report also complained of the irregular attendance of the scholars and suggested that during the next year the prizes should be distributed on the basis of good attendance. Mr J. McLeavy presided, and the attendance was better than that of last year

13th April 1882 Wellington Education Board: Inspector's report for 1881 included: The Mauriceville, Mungaroa and Makara schools were weak.

31st May 1882 Wellington Education Board: Five pounds was granted for painting the Makara School

29th July 1882 Wellington Education Board: A letter was received from residents in the Makara district asking that Mr Rees Mogg, who had been appointed temporary master, might be permanently appointed to the post. A deputation also waited upon the Board to press the subject. It appeared from the discussion which followed that the gentleman who has filled the position for some years past is not a trained teacher, and that he- was now, with the permission of the Board, perfecting himself in the Normal School. It was resolved that no steps be taken in the matter at present. [Mr Mogg did not teach again in Wellington Education Board schools]

28th September 1882 Wellington Education Board: A deputation from the Makara School Committee waited on the Board for the purpose of explaining that the contents of a letter forwarded by the late master, Mr J. S. Prendeville, were not accurate. They had never sought to oust him from his position, and desired to know whether he was to be sent back. It

was explained that no decision had yet been arrived at, and the matter was allowed to stand over until next meeting.

25th October 1882 Wellington Education Board: Mr. T. Stevens to the temporary care of the Makara school.

20th November 1882 THE Friends of Mr J. S. PRENDEVILLE, of Makara, are invited to follow the remains of his late DAUGHTER, Mary Elizabeth, which will leave the residence of Captain Monaghan, Karori, at 2.30 p.m., arriving at the Cathedral, Hill-street, at 3.30 p.m.

29th November 1882 Wellington Education Board: In regard to an application for a teacher's residence at Makara, the chairman said that he and Mr. Johnson, with the sanction of the Board, proposed to visit this and other districts not represented by members on the Board. The application was accordingly adjourned for their report.

1883-1885 .

1883	30	Makara	Prendeville	James E		Master	£170.00
1884	35	Makara	Prenderville	James		Male	£170.00
1884	35	Makara	Robinson	E		Sewing	£5.00
1885	40	Makara	Prenderville	James		Male	£190.00
1885	40	Makara	Robinson	Elizabeth		Sewing	£5.00

24th January 1883 A great deal of interest was exhibited in the election of a school committee in the Makara District, owing to the late dispute in the Committee, and the room was crowded, A very noticeable feature in the proceedings was the attendance of ladies, this being the first time they have attended public meeting in the district. Mr. C. H. Williams was voted to the chair. The late Treasurer read a statement of accounts, after which the following gentlemen were elected without any opposition, viz. :— Messrs. Williams, Cook, Moxham, Barnes, Gaskin, Monk. Monaghan. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close. The first meeting of the now committee was then held for the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result :— Mr. C. H. Williams, Chairman; Mr. G. Monk, Treasurer ; Mr. H. Cook, Secretary. It was decided to meet regularly on the first Monday in each month. The proceedings then ended.

23rd February 1883 Wellington Education Board: The building of a residence at Makara has been struck out.

28th March 1883 Wellington Education Board: The Makara School Committee applied for permission to soil an old building and were empowered to do to.

18th April 1883 Inspector Lee's report included and a marked improvement at Matarawa, Kaitara, Mauriceville, Upper Hutt, and Makara;Needlework is not taught in the following schools — Karon, Makara, Kaitara, Matarawa, Fernridge, Mauriceville. and Eketahuna ; and I beg to recommend the Board to assist each of these schools in obtaining a sewing' mistress.

28th December 1883 The annual distribution of prizes in the Makara district took place at the Schoolhouse on Boxing Day. The Chairman of the School Committee performed the ceremony of distribution and congratulated the recipients on their efficiency. Special prizes for good attendance were also given. The following are the prize-winners : — Standard V. — Best attendance, Fanny McLeavy. IV.— Best pass, B. Trotter, A. Brunger ; best attendance,

B. Trotter. III— Best pass, P. Trotter, J. Bowler, J. F. Monk, G. E. Anderson ; best attendance, J. Bowler. II.— Best pass, D. McKelvie, J. O'Shea, W. Barnes, K. Brunger, L. Anderson, M. Hawkins , best attendance, W. Barnes. 1.--J. Prendeville, M. Gaskin, E. Bowler; best attendance, F. Barnes. After the distribution, cheers were given for the committee and the- teacher, and the whole of the children, together with their parents and friends, then sat down to a sumptuous tea provided by the committee The children afterward competed for money prizes in Mrs. Humphrey's paddock by racing and jumping, and, after a very enjoyable day, retired with pockets full of nuts and lollies.

28th December 1883 . A very successful ball was given in the Makara Schoolroom on Boxing night under the auspices of the local cricket club, in aid of their funds. The room was crowded and singing and dancing went on with great spirit till morning did appear. The catering and general arrangements reflected much credit on the committee, under whose superintendence it was carried out, and the music was excellent.

1st February 1884 MAKARA. Mr. James Bowler presided at the election in the absence of the Chairman and Secretary. Mr. H. Monaghan read the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £2 0s 7 ½ d and gave an account of the proceedings of the committee during the post year. The following were elected for the ensuing year :— Messrs. T. Barnes, H. Monaghan, I. Bowler, J. Bowler, W. H. Moxham, J. McLeavy, G. Monk, and J. Gaskin. A vote of thanks to the retiring committee and the ' Chairman brought the public meeting to a close. The new committee then held its first meeting and elected the following office bearers for the year— Chairman, Mr. H Monaghan; treasurer, Mr. J. McLeavy; secretary, Mr. W. H. Moxham . Messrs. Bunny and Hutchinson were nominated for the Education Board. It was decided to repair the windows and doors of the schoolhouse as soon as possible. After transacting some other routine . business the meeting adjourned.

1st May 1884 Wellington Education Board: An application for repairs to the Makara School, was referred to the architect

29th October 1894 Wellington Education Board: The Board decided to grant £5 each to the Judgeford, Eketahuna, Makara, and Matarawa committees as remuneration for sewing teachers

29th December 1884 The annual distribution of prizes at the Makara school took place on Boxing Day, the prizes being presented by Mr. H. Monaghan, Chairman of the School Committee, who congratulated the children and parents on the marked improvement that had taken place during the year, as shown by the Inspector's report. He could not help noting, however, that the attendance was irregular, as, out of 47 on the books, the average attendance was little over 30. The following is the prize list : — Standard V. — A. McLeavy, F. McLeavy, A. Brunger. Best attendance — F. McLeavy. Standard IV.— J. Bowler, P. Trotter. Best attendance— J. Bowler. Standard III.— H. B. Cornford, E. Barnes, K. Brunger, F. E. Eagle, M. Hawkins. Best attendance— W. Barnes. Standard II.— C. Anderson, J. Prendeville, E. Bowler. Best attendance— E. Bowler. Standard I.— F. Anderson, R. Eagle, H. J. Monaghan, J. O'Shea, H. Shotter, F. Barnes, R. Eagle. Best attendance— R. Eagle. Mr. D. Clarke's special prize for most popular girl, on vote of boys— E. Bowler. Ditto for boy, on vote of girls — J. Prendeville. Various games and sports were indulged in during the afternoon, and after enjoying a good tea, provided by the committee, the children separated for the holidays

28th May 1885 Wellington Education Board: Expenditure was authorised for painting at Makara.

28th October 1885 Wellington Education Board: Grant made £21 for the purchase of a pump

9th November 1885 The usual monthly meeting of the Makara School Committee was held on Wednesday night. Present — Messrs. H. Slonaghan (chairman), T. Barnes, J. Gaskin, W. H. Moxham, J. McLeary, and G. Monk. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Sundry accounts were ordered to be paid. The usual quarterly capitation grant was received. After the transaction of the usual routine business it was proposed and seconded, and carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, of the Shepherd's Arms Hotel, for the kind and liberal way in which they treated the children attending the Makara School on the occasion of their visit to the Exhibition

24th November 1885 Makara school entered two pupils in the Wellington Education Board scholarship examinations.

22nd December 1885 The Makara School was closed for the holidays on Friday. Mr McLeary presided, and, after the usual address, distributed the prizes as follows :

Standard I.—A. Hawkins, M. O'Shea, Rose Brunger, F. Shotter; best attendance, Rose Brunger.

Standard II.—F. Anderson, E. S. Catley, H. T. Monaghan, Rose Eagle; best attendance. Rose Eagle.

Standard III.—T. Longhurst, J. Prendeville, L. Anderson, E. Bowler, E. M. Shotter, M. Gaskin; best attendance, Effie Bowler.

Standard IV.—Kate Brunger, May Hawkins ; best attendance, K. Brunger.

Standard V.—B. Trotter; best attendance, John Bowler.

Standard VI.—F. McLeary, pass and best attendance ; Mr D. Clark's special prize for good conduct and regular attendance, A. E. Brunger.

Miss E. Robinson, sewing mistress, distributed prizes for proficiency and good attendance at sewing class, and Mr Prendeville picture books to the infant classes.

1886-1887

1886	32	Makara	Prendeville	J S		Male	£190.00
1886	32	Makara	Robinson	Elizabeth		Sewing	£5.00
1887	32	Makara	Prendeville	John S		Male	£200.00
1887	32	Makara	Shotter	Mrs		Sewing	£5.00

27th Oct 1896 Inspector Lee's report to Wellington Education Board included: The results of the examinations in the Upper Hutt, Makara Wainui-o-mata, and Ohariu schools are only moderately good.

31st December 1886 The distribution of prizes for the Makara School took place on Boxing Day under the auspices of the School Committee. Mr H. Monaghan presided, and in a brief speech asked the children to remember that they now had an opportunity of acquiring learning which their parents had not, and that they should try to profit by it. This was the only Committee that provided a prize for every child who passed a standard. He was glad they had to provide more prizes than usual this year, and he hoped they would have a still large number next year. No doubt they would if the parents did their duty to their children. It was

no use expecting the Committee to put the compulsory clauses of the Act in force and create ill-feeling with their neighbors. The following prizes were then given cut;— Standard V.— Pass, J. Bower; best attendance, K. Brunger ; good conduct, M. Hawkins. Standard IV,— Pass, F. Eagle,. M. Gaskins, E. Bowler, L. Anderson, H. K, Cornford, J. Prendeville ; best attendance, j Prenderville, Standard III.—Pass, J. O Shea, W. Barnes, C. Anderson, F. Anderson ; best attendance, H, J. Monaghan. Standard II.—Pass, J, O’Shea, T. Barnes, M. O Shea, R. Eagle ; 'best attendance James O’Shea. Standard I. Pa?;;, C. Bowler, J. Monaghan, E, Gaskin, N, Gaskin, W. McKelvie, W, Anderson, A. Sievers, F. Shotter, J. Eagle; best attendance, W, McKelvie. The children were then regaled with tea and cake by the ladies of the district, and, when they had finished, the parents and ex-pupils sat down to tea together. A ball in aid of the prize fund was held at night, and was largely the room and porch being crowded, Singing and dancing were carried on till the small hours

26th April 1887 MAKARA. Mr. H. Monaghan presided at the meeting of Makara householders. The following school committee was appointed : — Messrs. W. Trotter, S. Bowler, J. Eagle, G. Monk, G. Shotter, H. Monaghan, and J. McLeavy. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring committee was carried unanimously. Mr. H. Monaghan was appointed Chairman of the new committee, Mr. J. McLeavy treasurer, and Mr. S. Bowler secretary.

27th April 1887 Wellington Education Board: The resignation of Miss Robinson as sewing teacher at Makara was accepted, and Miss Shotter appointed to the vacancy.

22nd December 1887 The Makara School broke up for the holidays on Monday when the prizes were distributed by Messrs. Monaghan (chairman) and McLeavy (treasurer) of the Committee Mr. Monaghan addressed the children in a few appropriate words. The following are the prize-winners : — Standard V.— J. Prendeville, K. Brunger, M. Hawkins, E. Bowler, M. Gaskin. Best attendance, J. Prendeville. Standard IV.— Best attendance, F. Anderson. Standard 111. — J. Monaghan, E. Catley, J. and M. O’Shea, F. Barnes, R. Eagle. Robt attendance, J. O’Shea, Standard 11, -W. Anderson, F. Shotter. W. McKelvie, A. Hawkins, J. T. Eagle, J. Gregory, C. Bowler, R. Brunger, J. Monaghan, E. and B. Gaskin. Best attendance, W. McKelvie. Standard I.— C. Gregory, P.. Prendeville, E. Hawkins, E. Chappell, E. Sievers, K. Barnes. Best attendance, K. Barnes

Master Melville J Crombie was also a prize taker

1888-1890

1888	24	Makara	Welch	Laura		Female	£138.15
1888	24	Makara	Shotter	Margaret		Sewing	£ 5.00
1889	40	Makara	Welch	Laura		Female	£138.15
1890	46	Makara	Welch	Laura		Female	£133.15
1890	46	Makara	Hawkins	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00

Laura Welch started as a pupil teacher at Taita School in 1881 and was there until 1886. She is not listed as teaching for the Wellington Education Board in 1887 and may have been at training college. She then taught for 3 years at Makara.

1891/1031	Laura	Welch	James	Posley
1891/1335	Laura Ann	Welch	Thomas Philip	Kemble

Either or. Laura Ann Kemble lived in the Wairarapa and died aged 38 in 1903. There were no Posley registered as dying in NZ.

May Hawkins was a pupil teacher at Makara from 1890 to 1894, then in 1895 was at Mount Cook infants and ended her career for the Wellington Education Board back at Makara 1896 as the sole teacher.

16th December 1897 Cederman — Hawkins. —On the 15th December, 1897, at Dunedin, Albert, eldest son of Mr John Cederman, of Riwaka, Nelson, to Mary F. A. (May), eldest daughter of Mr F. H. Hawkins, of Makara, Wellington. Wellington and Nelson papers please copy,

1898/12709	Cederman	Gothard Alfred	Fanny Alice Mary	Albert
1900/10055	Cederman	Alice Christina	Fanny Alice Mary	Albert
1969/38030	Cederman	Fanny Alice Mary	95Y	

6th January 1888 On Boxing Night a very successful ball was held in the Makara schoolroom, under the auspices of the local Committee, for the purpose of raising funds for the children's annual prizes. As might be expected at this festive season everyone present enjoyed themselves heartily. The catering and music were good, and the room was crowded.

26th January 1888 Wellington Education Board: £250 listed in proposed expenditure

20th February 1888 Mr J S Prenderville had given two papers {Speeches} to the Wellington Philosophical Society

25th April 1888 At the annual meeting of the householders of the Makara district Mr P. Trotter was elected-Chairman of the public meeting. The annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, after which the following were elected a Committee : Messrs P. Trotter, G. Shotter, J. McLeavy, J. Eagle, H. Monaghan, W. Trotter and S. Bowler, At the first meeting held immediately afterward Mr P. Trotter was elected Chairman and Secretary, and- Mr J. McLeavy, Treasurer, A cordial vote of thanks to the retiring Committee was carried by acclamation. It was decided that the Chairman make an application to the Education Board for a subsidy of £5 toward the erection of a wet weather shed, the Committee giving a like sum

25th April 1888 Wellington Education Board: Makara, £5, for building a shelter shed (a similar sum to be found by the local committee)

27th July 1888 The annual examination of drawing resulted in Geometry: M Gaskin, M Hawkins, H J Monaghan J Prenderville Makara passing

4th September 188 NZ Educational Institute elected Mr J S Prenderville Secretary and Treasurer

25th September 1888 The result of the annual inspection of the Makara School by Mr Lee is as follows; Out of 45 pupils (of whom 11 'are under age) 11 secured passes. In standard I, 9 were presented and 4 passed ; standard II, 5 presented (1 excepted), 3 passed ; standard III, 11 presented, 5 passed ; standard IV, 6 presented and 4 passed; standard V, nil ; standard VI, 3 presented, 2 passed.

23rd November 1888 It is with the most sincere regret that we have to record the death at an early hour this morning of Mr. J. S. Prenderville, the highly-esteemed teacher of the Makara

State School. Mr. Prenderville has for some time been suffering from diabetes, but up to last Wednesday afternoon he was able to attend to his duties. After school hours on that day he mounted his horse to come into town to see Dr. Cahill, as he felt very unwell, but on the way he became so ill that on reaching Karori a trap had to be procured to convey him to the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. Monaghan, J.P. Dr. Cahill was at once sent for, and attended the deceased gentleman, who, however, became unconscious yesterday afternoon, and expired as already stated. Mr. Prenderville was only 38 years of age, and was very popular in the district, with his pupils, and with all who knew him. He was a most successful teacher and was secretary to the Wellington Teachers' Association. He leaves a widow and seven children—the eldest only 12 years, and the youngest a few months old — to mourn his loss. His life was insured for £300.

26th November 1888 he funeral of the late Mr Prenderville, formerly master of the Makara Government School, took place yesterday afternoon. The attendance was very large, including several members of the Wellington Education Board. The cortege arrived at the St Mary's Cathedral at 3 pm, and after the service in the Church, proceeded to the cemetery. The service at the grave was performed by the Rev Father Power.

30th December 1888 Wellington Education Board It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Makara Committee, that Miss Welch, who had had temporary charge of the Makara School, should be appointed permanently.

31st January 1889 Mrs Prenderville, whose husband died while in charge of the Makara School, made application to the Education Board yesterday for a gratuity in recognition of Mr Prenderville's services. The Chairman, in answer to a question, said three months' salary was given in a previous case—that of Mr Holmes—but Mr Holmes had been in the Board's service for a great many years. Mr Young pointed out that Mr Prenderville “died in harness,” he did not apply for leave, and had only promised his friends, on the day of his death, to consider whether he should do so. Dr Newman hoped it would not be made a precedent if a grant was given on this occasion. He suggested that the whole matter of giving gratuities should be considered by the Board. The Chairman thought the Government Insurance Department might be asked to draw up a scheme of annuities, or something in that way, for teachers. Eventually, it was decided on the motion of Mr Young, to give Miss Prenderville's two months' salary. Dr Newman undertook to make a motion on the general question at the next meeting.

27th February 1889 Wellington Education Board: Tenders were ordered to be invited for the painting of the Makara and Hutt Schools.

17th April 1889 Wellington Education Board call tenders for painting Makara School

26th April 1889 Wellington Education Board: Tender awarded repair of Makara School, W. Jennings, .£12

27th September 1889 Inspector Lee's report included: Makara. — The school is in excellent order, and well taught by Miss Welch. I am very much pleased with the first year's results of her work.

19th December 1889 Successful candidates in in the annual scholarship examinations Country scholarships of £30 tenable for 2 years included James Prenderville Makara with 368 marks the top mark a pupil from Pitone [Petone] was the other successful candidate.

23rd December 1889 The annual distribution of prizes took place on Thursday. Four of the Committee were present beside a goodly array of the fair sex of the district. Mr H. Monaghan undertook to give a short address to the children. In the first place he referred to the gratifying fact of James Prendeville, a boy of only 13 years of age, gaining the first scholarship for the country districts. It reflected the highest honour not only upon the boy himself and the teacher (Miss Welch) but was a just cause for exultation to the whole of Makara. Mr Monaghan also highly complemented Miss Welch on the manner in which she had conducted the school and said that he considered the settlers in Makara were extremely lucky in obtaining her as teacher upon the death of Mr Prendeville, to whose ' memory he paid a tribute in a few feeling words. Another subject touched upon was , the approaching departure from the district t of Mr McLeary, a member of the School Committee. Mr McLeary has been connected with the Makara School from its , very infancy, and he conscientiously discharged his duties, literally from year to year, to the present time. It will be a difficult matter to replace him in the Committee. As a prize was given to all the children that passed, and the whole school passed with the exception of four, it is unnecessary to give the names. After the distribution of the prizes the children sat ' down to an excellent tea, provided by the matrons -of the district, which was done full justice to, if one might judge by the rapid ' appearance and vanishing of great piles of cake, &c. The afternoon was wound up by dancing and other amusements, and so ended ' a most pleasant day to both children and adults. In the evening the young folks assembled at the schoolhouse, where dancing was kept up till the small hours of the morning

26th March 1890 Wellington Education Board: Mr. Trotter, Chairman of the Makara School Committee, waited upon the Board with reference to the enlargement of the , school there. He mentioned that his sons were willing to sell a suitable site for £30. The Chairman of the Board recommended that the offer should be accepted, and this was agreed to. The Board voted £2 towards the cost of fencing the present site, and it was resolved to remove the fence when the new site is built on

3rd September 1890 The annual examination of the Makara School took place on Wednesday last. Fifty four children were present, of whom 11 were infants. Forty-three were presented, 37 passed, 4 failed, and 2 were excepted.

1891-1894

1891	31	Makara	McKenzie	Christina		Head Female	£ 153.15
1891	31	Makara	Hawkins	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£15.00
1892	31	Makara	McKenzie	Christina		Head Female	£153.15
1892	31	Makara	Hawkins	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 20.00
1893	23	Makara	McKenzie	Christina		Head Female	£138.15
1893	23	Makara	Hawkins	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 25.00
1894	27	Makara	McKenzie	Christina		Head Female	£143.15
1894	27	Makara	Hawkins	May		Female Pupil Teacher	£30.00

Christina McKenzie started her career with the Wellington Education Board in 1878 as a pupil teacher at Masterton. She did not in 1883 and was probably at Training College. In 1884 she was sole teacher at Wangaehu 11 Kilometres east of Masterton then was at Makara for four years and then in 1895 became head of Mitchelltown School in Wellington

until 1900. From 1901 to 1907 was head of Hastwell 13 Kilometres southeast of Eketahuna. She then came into Wellington as an assistant in Newtown DHS 1908 to 1911 and finished her career at Petone DHS until at least 1915

9th May 1891 Wellington Education Board: Head Teacher, Makara School, attendance 44, salary about £130 per annum

6th February 1891 M Hawkins Makara passed her first year pupil teacher examinations

27th February 1891 Wellington Education Board proposed building a teachers' residence for £200

6th March 1891 School inspection 1891 Makara 55 inspected 37 passed [Doesn't include infants] Discipline and order very good. Manners Good

27th April 1891 The Chairman of the Education Board and Mr Beetham and Dr Newman, members of the Board, will probably pay a visit to Makara to-day for the purpose of selecting a piece of Mr Trotter's land for a school site.

28th April 1891 Makara, the following householders were elected for the School Committee :- Messrs. A. Monk, F. Hawkins, G. Monk. C. Gaskin, W. Cooper, F. .Robinson, P. Trotter. Mr. P. Trotter was elected Chairman and Mr. G. Monk Secretary and Treasurer of the new Committee

27th May 1891 The resignation of Miss Laura Welch, Makara School, was accepted. The Chairman quoted from the Inspector's report to show that Miss Welch had proved herself a most efficient teacher.

2nd June 1891 At the conclusion of the examination of the Makara School by Mr Fleming yesterday a very pleasing ceremony took place. The Committee and a large number of the people in the district assembled in the school to bid good-bye to the teacher, Miss Welch, who is about to get married. Mr Trotter, the Chairman, first presented a prize to Miss Hose Brunger, the senior pupil, and then called upon that young lady to read the following address; Miss Welch, —It is with feelings of sincere regret that we meet here to-day to bid you farewell, on your severing your connection with the Makara School. During a period of two years and a half that you have had charge of the school you have proved yourself a most painstaking and energetic teacher, and your kind and genial manner has gained you the love and respect of the children and won golden opinions from the whole of the community. The School Committee and parents of the children beg your acceptance of this small token of their esteem, and they hope that when this clock occupies a prominent position in your new home you will sometimes think with kindly feelings of a small corner in New Zealand whose inhabitants can cordially appreciate worth and work well done.— Wishing you all happiness and prosperity in the future, we subscribe ourselves—(Signed) P. Trotter (Chairman Makara School Committee), Alfred Monk, Wm. Cooper, George Monk, F. H. Hawkins, Charles Gaskin, F. W. Robinson. Mr Trotter then presented Miss Welch with a very handsome clock. Miss Welch, who was very much affected, said that she should always remember the kindness she had received from the Makara people. The inspector then said he was pleased to see the work of such a capable and painstaking teacher so thoroughly appreciated. It was clear that she had endeared herself to all in the district by her kindness and sympathy ; her work in the school also showed that she was one of the best of the young teachers the Board had in its service. Miss Welch carries to her new home the good wishes of all in the Makara district.

3rd June 1891 The result of the 'examination of the Makara School is as follows :— Presented, 41 ; absent, 2 ; excepted, 2; failed, 4; passed, 33.

18th June 1891 The Makara School Committee have approved of the appointment of Miss McKenzie as teacher of the local school.

28th January 1892 Wellington Education Board: Plans were ordered to be prepared for the erection of a new school at Makara.

16th April 1892 Wellington Education Board new school at Makara, Colley and Weber, Wellington

26th April 1892 The new committee elected at Makara consists of Messrs. P. Trotter (chairman), G. Monk (treasurer), F. Hawkins, A. Monk, I. Eagle, C. Gaskin, and F. Robinson.

29th April 1892 Wellington Education Board: Messrs Collie and Weeber wrote stating that they had made an error in reference to their tender for the Makara school.

13th May 1892 Tenders are invited by Thomas Turnbull and Son, architects, for the erection of schools at Makara and Stokes Valley,

25th May 1892 Wellington Education Board: Tenders for the erection of new schoolhouses at Stokes Valley and Makara were opened, and the lowest in each instance was accepted

27th May 1892 The Education Board have accepted the tenders of William Douglas for the erection of a school at Makara [£255]

31st August 1892 Wellington Education Board : The Makara Committee applied for a shelter-shed, and some more fencing. The Board resolved to invite tenders, and also request the settlers to contribute.

8th September 1892 Wellington Education Board: Makara. —The committee asked for the erection of fencing and shelter shed at an estimated cost of £30. Tenders were ordered to be invited, together with contributions from the adjoining owner.

17th December 1892 At the presentation of prizes in the Makara School house on Thursday, Mr. Alfred Monk, a member of the School Committee, who is shortly leaving the district, gave a farewell address to the children, pointing out to them the privileges they enjoy under the present system of education, and enjoining them to be more regular in their attendance, so that they may be a credit to themselves and their teachers. He then presented the prizes, consisting mostly of handsomely bound books. As the Committee have always made it a rule to a prize to every scholar who has passed the examinations a list of names is unnecessary.

26th October 1892 State School Drawing examination: Freehand Makara.— B. M. Gaskin, E. E. Hawkins, W. J. Longhurst, J. Monaghan.

2nd November 1892 State School Drawing examination: Scale Makara S Monaghan, P Prenderville

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18th January 1893 Wellington Education Board accepts tender from H J Miller

18th January 1893 The Education Board has received the following tenders for the erection of shelter sheds for the Makara School :— H. J. Miller (accepted), .£31 19s; Jas. Delaney, .£51 13s ; Clark & Thomson, .£40 ; J. Brooks, .£39 19s ; W. Douglas, £54; H. J. White, £47 5s ; W. Marshall, .£51 10s ; C. Taylor, .£51 10s ; J. Collins, £36 10s.

1st March 1893 Four children named Davis, the eldest under 9 years, were to-day committed to the Burnham Industrial School by Mr. Graham, G.M., on the application of the police. Their mother was accidentally drowned in Makara Creek nearly a year ago, and the father, the police stated, was addicted to drink. An order was made for the father to contribute 2s 6d a week towards the support of each child until 15 years of age.

25th April 1893 Makara School Committee: The following Committee was elected :— Messrs. P. Trotter (Chairman), P. Hawkins, W. Cooper, I. Eagle, G. Monk, C. Gaskin, W. England.

26th October 1893 Drawing Examinations Wellington Education Board: Makara 11 entered 4 passed

5th February 1894 The children of the higher standards of the Makara School have been given an unusual treat, in the shape of a visit of inspection to the Wellington Woollen Company's works and the Gear Freezing Company's works at Petone, arranged for them by the School Committee through Mr. W. Fitzherbert and Dr. Newman, M.H.R. They were accompanied by the members of the School Committee and by their teachers, Misses Mackenzie and M. Hawkins, and luncheon was provided at the Marine Retreat Hotel. The children were shown the various processes of manufacture, which were explained to them by one of the foremen at the woollen mills and by Mr. Kelly at the Gear works. The outing proved most instructive as well as entertaining to the children

28th April 1894 The Makara School Committee is as follows:—Messrs G. Monk, C. Gaskin, J. Eagle, F. Robinson, W. Cooper, F. Hawkins, P. Trotter (chairman), and G. Monk (treasurer).

9th October 1894 The Te Aro School Committee has approved of the Education Board's selection of Miss McKenzie, of Makara School, to take charge of the new school at Mitchelltown. There were 18 applicants.

16th October 1894 Head Teacher, Makara School ; attendance 47. Salary about .£140 .

28th November 1894 Wellington Education Board: It was decided that Miss H. E. Thompson (Paikakariki) and Miss Mary Hawkins (Makara) should be transferred to city schools when vacancies occur.

19th December 1894 Miss Ballingall, of Te Aro School teaching staff, has been promoted to take charge of the Makara School, and was yesterday presented by the committee with a handsome silver medal, on which are engraved pens crossed over a book, with a wreath of forget-me-nots as a border. On the other side is a suitable inscription. The presentation was made by Mr S. S. Prowse, chairman of the committee, who spoke in terms of high praise of the way in which Miss Ballingall had carried out her duties, remarking that she had gained the respect and affection of the children, the respect of their parents, and had always tempered firmness with great kindness in her dealings with the pupils. Miss Ballingall briefly returned thanks and said that although she was leaving the school she should always have an interest in its welfare. The medal was made by Mr J. A. Chisholm, Cuba street.

20th December 1894 The **gold** medal presented to Miss Ballingall by the Te Aro school Committee on her retirement from the staff to assume charge of the Makara school, was of an appropriate design. On one side were engraved pens crossed over a book with a border of forget-me-nots, and on the other side was the inscription. The medal reflected every credit upon Mr. J. A. Chisholm's establishment.

1895-1897

1895	35	Makara	Ballingall	Mary		Female	£143.15
1896	33	Makara	Ballingall	Mary		Female	£143.00
1896	33	Makara	Hawkins	May		Female	£37.00
1897	34	Makara	Ballingall	Mary	D2	Female	£151.50
1897	34	Makara	Prenderville	Phoebe		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00

Mary Ballingall taught at Te Aro from 1886-1894 as an assistant at Te Aro School and from 1895 to 1901 was at Makara School before in 1902 going to Mitchelltown in 1902 and as a Mistress there in 1903 and 1904.

29th September 1922 Wellington Hospital Board Under the will of the late Miss Mary Ballingall a bequest amounting to .£93 net had been received, to be used for the purposes of the hospital. Authority was given the matron to expend up to £100 for the purchase of Christmas goods and toys for inmates of the general hospital and its institutions.

Phoebe Prenderville born 1880 started her career in 1897 at Makara as a pupil teacher and continued until 1902. In 1903 she was promoted to Mistress still at Makara. In 1904 she was sole teacher at Mangaone 5 kilometres from Eketahuna travelling east. She then from 1905 to 1910 at Stokes Valley as sole charge teacher. In 1911 she went to Te Horo [South of Otaki] before spending her last year for the Wellington Education Board at Muritai [Eastbourne] School in 1915. I can't find any more about her after that

13th February 1895 Pupil Teachers examination May Hawkins passed.

27th May 1895 Inspector Fleming to inspect Makara on 4th June

7th December 1895 Wellington Branch New Zealand Educational Institute. Mr. McMorran having signified his desire to be relieved of his duty as delegate to the Wanganui Conference, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Miss Ballingall, of Makara School.

23rd February 1897 May Hawkins became an ex pupil teacher.

27th April 1897 School Committee Election: The chair was taken by Mr. P. Trotter, Chairman of the outgoing Committee. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £2 8s 4d The new Committee consists of Messrs. P Trotter (Chairman and Secretary), G. Monk (Treasurer), J. Eagle, S. Bowler, W. Trotter C. Gaskin, and M. Anderton.

25th August 1897 Wellington Education Board: Miss Hawkins resigned.

13th November 1897 Amelia Prenderville Makara finished 2nd of the Country Schools scholarship 13 years 4 months.—English, 119; arithmetic, 95; science, 60; history, 72; geography, 41; reading, 38; writing, 30: total, '455. . First 2 won a scholarship. The winner of the country schools came from Petone

28th April 1897 Wellington Education Board It was decided to paint Makara School.

1898-1901

1898	39	Makara	Ballingall	Mary	D2	Female	£152.00	
1898	39	Makara	Prenderville	P M		Female Pupil Teacher	£20.00	
1899	39	Makara	Ballingall	Mary	D2	Female	£152.00	
1899	39	Makara	Prenderville	P M		Female Pupil Teacher	£25.00	
1900	43	Makara	Ballingall	Mary	D2	Female	£152.00	
1900	43	Makara	Prenderville	Phoebe		Female Pupil Teacher	£32.00	
1901	42	Makara	Ballingall	Mary	D2	Female	£136.00	£20.00
1901	42	Makara	Prenderville	Phoebe		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 50.00	

£20.00 in the far right column is the sum paid annually to the head teacher because a school residence is not provided.

18th April 1898 Inspector T R Fleming to inspect Makara on the 14th of June

29th April 1898 The following have been elected members of the Makara School Committee :—Messrs P. Trotter (chairman), G. Monk (treasurer), G. Longhurst (secretary), C. Gaskin, J. Eagle, F. W. Robinson, S. Bowler.

17th May 1899 Mr Bakewell to inspect Makara on the 26th May

24th April 1900 School Committee Makara. — Messrs. G. W. Longhurst(Chairman and Secretary), G. Monk (Treasurer), C. Gaskin, W. R. Trotter, T. H. Robinson, and Henry Longhurst were elected. Co

30th January 1901 Proposed salary increase by Wellington Education Board Makara, M. Ballingall, £132— £4 8s rise; Prenderville £32— £8 rise

21st March 1901 Makara— (43), pupil teacher, £41 (£5)

31st December 1901 Mistress Makara Salary £80

1902-1904

1902	42	Makara	Bee	John G	D2	Master	£157.00	£20.00
1902	42	Makara	Prenderville	Phoebe M	E5	Assistant Female	£ 80.00	
1903	39	Makara	Bee	John G	D2	Head Master	£157.00	£20.00
1903	39	Makara	Prenderville	Phoebe M	E4	Mistress	£ 80.00	
1904	35	Makara	Bee	John G	C2	Master	£153.00	£20.00

John G Bee first taught for the Wellington Education Board at Te Whiti [East of Masterton] in 1894 and Mangamahoe [North East of Masterton] in 1895. He then was assistant master at Greytown from 1896 to 1901 before coming to Makara. In 1905 -1906 he was an assistant at Kilbirnie. In 1907 now with an M.A. after his name he was teaching in the secondary department of Masterton District High School. In 1912 still at Masterton he had a M. Sc added to his qualifications. He taught at Masterton DHS until at least 1921 Full name John Guthrie Bee. Taught at Wairarapa High School until retiring in 1932 [In 1884 was at Oamaru District High School: In 1890 was a pupil teacher for the Otago Education Board

1957/26989	Bee	John Guthrie	85Y
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1st January 1902 Wellington Education Board: Mistress Makara £80

30th January 1902 Readjustment of Salaries Wellington Education Board included Makara John Bee present salary £150 Colonial Salary £177

12th February 1902 Positions approved by School Committees included. Mr KG Bee of Greytown School to take charge at Makara from 1st March

27th February 1902 Wellington Education Board: Makara — Miss Phoebe Prendeville, mistress, at ' £80 ;

6th May 1902 Inspector Fleming to inspect Makara on June 9th.

26th June 1903 Wellington Education Board: The secretary of the Makara School Committee asked, on behalf of the committee, that a teacher's residence should be built at Makara. It was pointed out that the school would benefit by the presence of a teacher in the district, the nearest place at which lodgings could now be secured being Karori.

27th April 1904 School Committee: Makara. — G. W. Longhurst (Chairman and Secretary), G. Monk (Treasurer), T. H Robinson, C. Gaskin, S. Bowler, P. Healy, H. Catley.

8th June 1904 In a long report of a visit to Makara was this piece: 'The. second thing of interest to the settlers was the recent examination of their local school. As the children did well, the parents are much pleased with the results. The settlers built the present school, and now the Board must expect them to pay. taxes and maintain the school, as the school buildings are much out of order. A few weeks past the people metalled the school grounds.' I am informed the residents have again and again brought under the notice of the Education Board the disgraceful housing of their teacher's family, where even the kitchen has been turned into a dormitory. [I could not find a reference to John Guthrie Bee marrying or having children born in NZ.]

8th June 1904 Miss Prenderville of Makara has been appointed sole teacher of the Mangaone School

1905-1910

1905	33	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£150.00	£20.00
1906	29	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£160.00	House
1907	26	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£160.00	House
1908	28	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£144.00	House
1909	28	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£155.00	House
1910	18	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£160.00	House

John A Smith started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Masterton as an assistant in 1887. In 1888 and 1889 he was at Dreyerton {later call Kopuaranga] as a sole charge teacher. In 1890 he was at Waihakeke school [south east of Carterton] until 1895. He then was headmaster of the Paraparaumu School as Headmaster with the attendance never getting over 45. In 1905 he started at Makara and was there until at least 1919. He did not teach for the Wellington Education Board after that stint.

By December 1906 the Wellington Education Board had provided a house for the teacher at Makara.

12th April 1905 Mr John bee of the Makara School has been appointed first assistant teacher at Kilbirnie

15th April 1905 Wellington Education Board: Makara— Sole Teacher, male £150, female £140 and £20 housing allowance.

19th April 1905 Mr John Bee, of the Makara School, has been appointed first assistant teacher at Kilbirnie; and as Kilbirnie has, by the increase in the attendance, become entitled to an additional assistant,

21st June 1906 Wellington Education Board calls for tenders for painting the Makara School

29th April 1908 Makara school's new committee: — Messrs. G. Monk, H. J. Monaghan, G. R. Hislop, F. Frandi, T. H. Robinson, R Gaskin, and S Bowler.

31st May 1905 Wellington Education Board: Johnsonville and Makara, grants for new tanks;

22nd February 1910 Donations for London's Fresh Air Fund Scholars of Makara School 10 shillings.

29th January 1906 Through the efforts of Mr, W. H. Field M.H.R., the Education Board has received n Government grant of £454 to enable it to erect a teacher's residence at Makara.

21st June 1906 TENDERS will be received at the Board". [At Office until Noon of Thursday, 28th instant, for the following works: — I Makara—Erection of Teacher's Residence. Makara—Repairs and Painting School.

1st August 1906 Report of Wellington Education Board reported the Education Board had purchased ½ an acre of land for the teacher's residence at Makara

30th August 1907 Wellington Education Board: authorises a grant for Latrines at Makara

28th April 1908 Makara school's new committee: — Messrs. G. Monk, H. J. Monaghan, G. R. Hislop, F. Frandi, T. H. Robinson, R Gaskin, and S Bowler.

26th August. That the Karori and Makara Committees be informed that at present no new circumstances are 'before the board to justify it in re-opening the question of the Side School, Karori

1st June 1910 Wellington Education Board Makara repairs roof and door porch authorised

1911-1919

1911	12	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	165.00	House
1912	14	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£170.00	House
1913	16	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£175.00	House
1914	15	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£150.00	House
1915	11	Makara	Smith	John A	D1	Master	£150.00	House
1917	11	Makara	Smith	John A	D-73	Sole	£150.00	
1919	14	Makara	Smith	John A	D-73	Sole	£210.00	

12th September 1911 Wellington Hospital thanks for gifts: Miss Oswin and makara School children dolls and books

28th August 1912 Wellington Education Board: Makara Painting School and residence: Grant authorised

11th December 1912 Wellington Education Board Authorised painting of roof of Makara School.

17th April 1913 HMS New Zealand: At 2 p.m. Brooklyn. Maranui. Normal, Karori, Worser Bay, and Makara school children will be taken out.

26th August 1914 Wellington Education Board: Makara Papering residence T A Wells

14th November 1914 Belgian Children's Fund Makara School £6 1s 9d

21st December 1914 Belgian Christmas Shilling Fund: per Makara school children £3 8s 6d

12th September 1916 Red Cross Gifts Makara School Children 8 girdles

14th December 1916 Belgian Children's Funds Makara School 6s 8d

16th January 1917 Red Cross: Pupils of Makara School pyjama girdles

22nd January 1917 A sum of £3 has been received by the Mayor (Mr. J. P. Luke) for the Wounded Soldiers Fund from the Makara school children. The children agreed to forego their prizes' this year in order to raise the money.

12th May 1917 A record which, would be very hard to beat in the way of length of service is held by Mr. George Monk, sen., of Makara. Mr; Monk was elected to the committee of the Makara School in 1875 and has held the position of committeeman ever since. This is then, the forty second year in which Mr. Monk has held office.

1920-1923

1921	22	Makara	Crandle	Henry E	C	Sole	£290.00	
1923	21	Makara	Crandle	Henry E	C	Sole	£305	

Henry E Crandle was at Alfredton School in 1919 and by 1921 was at Makara. In 1910 he was at Kimbolton Valley School and married E M M Griffiths

23rd January 1913 Mr and Mrs Crandle and child, of Valley Road, Kimbolton, are at present in Feilding, after several months spent in Australia. Mr Crandle resumes the headmastership of the Valley Road school on February August 1915 appointed Mata school for Wanganui Education Board. In May 1918 was teaching woodwork in Marlborough for the Wellington Education Board. Divorced in 1921. A prominent chess player in Wellington.

Appointed in 1930 to Ararimu School [Near Pukekohe] for the Auckland Education Board

1945/21492	Crandle	Henry Edward	70Y
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28th January 1920 Mr J A Smith resigns as sole teacher of Makara

27th January 1921 Wellington Education Board: The following improvement work at the different schools mentioned was authorised by the Wellington Education Board yesterday: Makara, painting £12, concreting floors of sheds £12, removal of galleries £13: total £37

Esther Maud Mabel Crandle ex wife of Henry obtained a teacher's certificate and H E Crandle was only in the news for playing chess.

19th July 1923 H Crandle resigned from Makara School. [Was still recorded as teaching there at December 1923]