

## Makomako

1896-1973 In early times was often a two teacher school. Users of the Pahiatua Track will drive past the school site. 13 Kilometres from Pahiatua, west on the Makomako Road (Pahiatua Track). Often referred to by locals as “Mocka Mock” School. After closing of the school, schools and groups used the buildings and site as a school campsite.

### 1896

1896	13	Makomako	Houghton	Jessie		Female	£70	\$12,613
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24<sup>th</sup> April 1895 Wellington Education Board Mr, McCardle presented a petition for a new school at Matarua, in the Woodville Mangahao Block. The matter was deferred for a report from the Chairman and Mr. McCardle.

30<sup>th</sup> January 1896 The appointment of Miss J. "Houghton to the Matarau [Sic] School, and of Miss Stebin to the aided school at Aohanga, was approved

9<sup>th</sup> April 1896 Mr Lee to inspect Matarua on the 29<sup>th</sup> April

7<sup>th</sup> August 1896 The name of Makomako has been given to a settlement near Pahiatua formerly known as Matarua as the latter name has caused confusion on account of its likeness to Matura

10<sup>th</sup> December 1896 Wellington Education Board. Mr McCardle moved, and Mr J. Young seconded a motion that the school districts of, Nikau, Makomako, Rakanui, Mangahao, Makairo, Coonoor and Tiraumea be constituted school districts. This was agreed to.

Jessie Houghton started teaching at Mt Cook infants in 1887 followed by a year at Te Aro Infants. She then went and taught for 2 years at the Pencarrow lighthouse school at Wellington Heads, Then she went to Kaituna school at upper Fernridge where she lost her new saddle and horse gear in a fire. Followed by her time at Makomako then in 1898 Jessie was back to Mt Cook Infants' and after 2 years at Rintoul Street school in Central Wellington she finished working for the Wellington Education Board.

26<sup>th</sup> February 1902 Jessie Henriette Houghton passed her class E teacher qualification

1904/1518	Jessie Henriette	Houghton	George Alfred	Probyn
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George Probyn's first wife Elizabeth died in 1903 aged 33 His daughter Henrietta Caresa Annie died at 3 weeks

### 1897

1897	21	Makomako	Webb	James S		Master	£80	\$14,271
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5<sup>th</sup> March 1897 Some of the ladies of Makomako gave a dance in the school last Thursday evening. About 70 people turned up. Dancing commenced about 8 o'clock and was kept up till three o'clock next morning.

28<sup>th</sup> July 1897 Wellington Education Board The Committee's appointment of Mr. J. Webb, of Lyttelton, to the Makomako School was endorsed if he was found to be qualified.

25<sup>th</sup> August 1897 Wellington Education Board It was decided to erect a shelter shed at Makomako

27<sup>th</sup> August 1897 Educational matters are fixed up here satisfactorily. Mr Webb, from Lyttelton, has been appointed to the charge of the school, and his appointment is approved by

the Education Board. The new teacher appears to be making his way well with both parents and children, I hear the youngers cannot be kept away from school wet or dry. The Committee are acting energetically, too. The school has been recently painted, and a tank provided, logging up round the building has been carried out, and the Committee has applied for the funds to build a lean-to at the end for hat pegs, shelter shed, &c. Some slight passage at arms, too, has taken place between the Committee and the Board about the Inspector's report on last examination, which the Committee do not think truly sets out the condition of the school at the time. The district is prospering in many ways. Latterly two bachelors, who everyone thought were laid on the shelf for good, changed their condition from single to double blessedness, and we are expecting another bride among us in a few days.

5<sup>th</sup> October 1897 me time ago the children of settlers on the West Coast gathered for Mr. Jas. Freyberg, of Wellington (late Government Timber Expert), a quantity of " wine berries "— the small fruit of the makomako, which springs up indigenously where the forest is cleared. These berries were dried in the sun, and Mr. Freyberg sent them to Europe to see if profitable employment for the' children could be found. The rich colouring matter in them is easily extracted, and Mr. Freyberg felt sure it would be valuable to the grower of wine deficient in 'colour. By last mail a firm of London merchants wrote to him endorsing this opinion, and asking the price at which dried makomako berries could be supplied in London and Bordeaux

## 1898

1898	25	Makomako	Webb	James S		Master	£90	\$15,417
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23<sup>rd</sup> February 1898 Wellington Education Board A grant for fencing at Makomako was allowed

7<sup>th</sup> March 1898 Mr Robert Lee inspector to visit Makomako Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

27<sup>th</sup> April 1898 The Makomako settlers rolled up in force for the election of a new school committee on Monday night. Something was evidently in the wind. Interest in education did not bring them all out, but some fun was expected, or some special voting to be done, The Chairman of the retiring Committee explained the business of the meeting; and called upon the secretary, Mr Groves, to read the report and balance-sheet.

An income of £30 for the year was reported, with an expenditure which left a balance in hand of £2 11s 1d for the new Committee to begin its term with. The report and balance-sheet were adopted without any discussion, only one question on it being asked.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of the Committee. Eight householders were nominated, and on the votes being counted, Messrs Ebbet, Harding, Ness, McLeod, and Thomas were declared elected.

The Chairman of the meeting made a few remarks on the result of the election, and after a vote of thanks to him the meeting broke up.

The Committee 'then met and elected Mr Harding chairman for the ensuing year.

17<sup>th</sup> June 1898 A social in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday School was held in the Makomako Schoolroom a few evenings since to celebrate its anniversary, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, every one present expressing their appreciation of the entertainment provided. Perhaps one of the principal features of the evening was the suitable hymns sung by the children, whose training by Mr Reeve was very noticeable in the time

kept and the earnestness of delivery of the items entrusted to their charge. Several ladies and gentlemen, with song and recitation, assisted in making a most pleasant evening, and with the help of the plentiful supply of refreshments provided by the ladies of the district, a red letter evening remained\* a mark upon the early history of Makomako. Miss Reeve accompanied the singers upon the piano.

24<sup>th</sup> June 1898 As the education of our children is one of the most important of matters, the sight of comfortable schools springing up in new districts is one of the most marked features of this age, and the pretty little schoolhouse at Makomako, with its 25 scholars, under the supervision of Mr Webb, its master, shows that education should now be almost within the reach of all. Nicely situated near the creamery, the school is fitted up to accommodate some 32 or more children, and notwithstanding the distance the little ones have to travel from their Ironies, and the difficulties of the road, the attendance is very good, seldom falling below 23. The school building itself is a very snug one, and with a good fire, the children, while pursuing their studies, are in comfort and warmth, while the schoolmaster resides in a comfortable cottage a short distance away. The committee, who appear to take great interest in their duties, consists of Messrs Harding (chairman), Ebbett, McLeod, Thomas, and Ness.

189<sup>th</sup> August 1898 Makomako progresses still. We have a tannery established now. Mr Ness, formerly in the business at a tannery near Wellington, has started, and appears likely to do fairly well. At any rate we all wish him every success in his plucky venture. School matters are gradually forging ahead. The school ground is fenced in, shelter trees are to be planted, tenders for shelter sheds have been invited, and the number of scholars gradually increases, thanks to the increasing families around. Another family is about to settle among us, a Mr Alexander having lately taken Mr F. Harding's place, and I hear two of his children are of school age. We shall have to enlarge or build another school soon.

27<sup>th</sup> October 1898 Wellington Education Board Request for grant of £3 for Makomako be left in the chairman's hands

27<sup>th</sup> October 1898 Wellington Education Board The Education Board, after we went to press yesterday, transacted the following business : — The Makomako Committee was granted £3 towards the clearing of its ground

## 1899

1899	29	Makomako	Philip	William H		Master	£110	\$19,518
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27<sup>th</sup> February 1899 Wellington Education Board Inspector Fleming to visit 1<sup>st</sup> March

19<sup>th</sup> April 1899 Mr E. H. Ballachey, who is in charge of the Makomako School (beyond Pahiatua) has been ordered home to Wellington through illness, and the school has been closed. Mr Ballachey is the eldest son of the Rev. Win. Ballachey, of Wellington.

27<sup>th</sup> April 1899 School Committee Messrs. J. Harding (Chairman), Alexander (Secretary), Thomas (Treasurer), McLeod, and Ebbett

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1899 In an article on plenty of applicants for teaching positions was Makomako (£110) 25 applicants

26<sup>th</sup> June 1899 The Education Board will make several appointments at its meeting, on Wednesday next. Applications have been received for the following head teacherships; I — Pongaroa School, 32; - Makomako, 30; Parkvale, 19.

28<sup>th</sup> June 1899 Wellington Education Board The chairman was given power to deal with the case of Miss C. McKenzie, who was recently transferred from Mitchelltown to Makomako. [Christina McKenzie remained as head teacher of the Mitchelltown school with a roll of 119. In 1901 she became head of Hastwell school with a roll of 78 ]

27<sup>th</sup> July 1899 The following appointments were made in committee: Head teacher, Kaitawa; assistant, Clyde quay -teachers, at Makomako, Manuhara , Pongaroa and Nikau.

7<sup>th</sup> August 1899 Miss Wilson, at present in temporary charge of the Makomako School, has been appointed teacher of the Nikau School, and will be succeeded at Makomako by Mr. W. Philip, of the Pahiatua School

## 1900

1900	36	Makomako	Philip	William H		Master	£155	\$26,948
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23<sup>rd</sup> February Wellington Education Board T R Fleming will inspect Makomako on the 15<sup>th</sup> March

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1900 Advice has been received by the Education Board that the attendance at the Makomako .school, in the Forty-mile Bush district, is in excess of the seating accommodation. To remedy this state of affairs some spare desks at Pahiatua will be sent to Makomako.

26<sup>th</sup> April 1900 School Committee Makomako — Messrs. John Harding (Chairman), Chas. Ebbett (Secretary), Wm. Thomas (Treasurer), Wm. McLeod, and Wm. Heatherwick

26<sup>th</sup> July 1900 Wellington Education Board after a long list of teachers who are being paid over the scale was a shorter list of those who were underpaid. Makomako W Philip £30 underpaid

31<sup>st</sup> October 1900 Wellington Education Board applications for erection of schools at Levin, Hutt, and Makomako were held over until the Board has received its grant from the Government.

## 1901

1901	40	Makomako	Philip	William H		Master	£165	\$27,855
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31<sup>st</sup> January 1901 Proposed salary changes Makomako W Philip Present salary £135 Proposed increase £3 2 shillings

21<sup>st</sup> February 1901 Mr Bakewell inspector will be at Makomako on the 13<sup>th</sup> March

27<sup>th</sup> February 1901 Wellington Education Board In a list of teachers entitled to increased salaries but not receiving them W Philip Makomako Regulation Salary £185 Deficiency £30

24<sup>th</sup> April 1901 School Committee elections The annual meeting of householders was held on Monday evening. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £8. The following gentlemen were elected a committee Messrs Harding (chairman), J. Blackwell, H. Shanks and Groves (secretary).

25<sup>th</sup> April 1901 Wellington Education Board The following tenders were accepted: Makomako, additions, Mr Thomas Robson, Pahiatua, £107

31<sup>st</sup> October 1901 Wellington Education Board approved repainting at Makomako

## 1902

1902	45	Makomako	Philip	William H		Headmaster	£165	\$27,204
1902	45	Makomako	Isles	Louisa		Assistant Female	£80	\$13,190

12<sup>th</sup> April 1902 A sufficient guarantee having been obtained; the telephone is to be connected with Makomako. This will be a great boon to settlers

29<sup>th</sup> April 1902 School Committee Makomako. — Messrs J. Harding (Chairman), Eising, Garlick, Groves, McLeod [Spelling as printed. Probably Eising and Garlick]

28<sup>th</sup> August 1902 Appointment to be made at Makomako subject to confirmation by Committee

11<sup>th</sup> September 1902 Applications are invited for teacher at Makomako

In 1901 [The only Louisa Isles teaching in NZ was a Louisa Isles at a sole charge school in Taranaki at Kaimata. Kaimata is East of Inglewood and in 1903 Louisa Isles was teaching in Otago Education Board at Moa Flat deep in Central Otago Near Ettrick, South of Roxburgh]

## 1903

1903	47	Makomako	Philip	William H		Headmaster	£165	\$27,339
1903	47	Makomako	Paul	Ellen		Mistress	£80	\$13,255

4<sup>th</sup> March 1903 Wellington Education Board Makomako school, repairs £1 15s;.

28<sup>th</sup> September 1903 Part of an article headed The Education Board's Dilemma included In , another case the sum of £250 was granted in 1898 for a school in Akatarawa Valley, but the school was not erected there, but at -Makomako instead. He did not know what the Board must have thought of the Education Department. But he could tell them that now they had a Minister at the head of the department who would stand no nonsense from anybody; and he would ask the Audit Department to see that the moneys were devoted 'to the purposes for which they were granted.

Ellen Paul started teaching at Upper Hutt in 1897 and taught there until coming to Makomako. In 1905 he is listed as teaching at Both Upper and Makomako. From 1906 until at least 1917 she was back at Upper Hutt. She resigned from teaching for the Wellington Education Board in 1918.

## 1904-1905

1904	49	Makomako	Philip	William H		Headmaster	£162	\$26,826
1904	49	Makomako	Paul	Ellen		Mistress	£80	\$13,247
1905	51	Makomako	Philip	William H	D1	Headmaster	£164	\$25,945
1905	51	Makomako	Paul	Ellen		Mistress	£80	\$12,652

26<sup>th</sup> August 1904 Miss E Paul granted 1 month leave of absence

## 1906-1908

1906	52	Makomako	Philip	William H	D1	Headmaster	£180	\$27,974
1906	52	Makomako	McBeth	Margaret	Lic	Assistant Female	£90	\$13,987
1907	54	Makomako	Philip	William H	D1	Headmaster	£180	\$28,219

1907	54	Makomako	McBeth	Margaret	Lic	Assistant Female	£90	\$14,109
1908	41	Makomako	Philip	William H	D1	Headmaster	£180	\$28,219
1908	41	Makomako	McBeth	Margaret		Assistant Female	£85	\$13,325

30<sup>th</sup> March 1906 A progress report from Mr Davies, agricultural instructor, was received. This showed that at two of the centres, Masterton and Greytown, preparations for carrying out agricultural instruction, in connection with the district high schools are in an advanced stage, and classes should soon be in full swing. The schools already recognised and drawing capitation for classes in agriculture are Mauriceville West, Kaiparoro, Rongokokaho, Makomako, Waione, and Dreyerton.

1<sup>st</sup> June 1906 Makomako — application of teacher for permission to erect residence" was a much-discussed clause in the report of the sites committee to the Education Board-yesterday. It was mentioned that in some country districts the teacher was unable to secure a suitable residence, and therefore arose the question whether the board should allow the teacher to build a house on the school property, and take over the structure, at a certain price, when the teacher left. It was objected that if a building was not erected under the board's supervision, it might be only an encumbrance after the particular teacher had departed. "The board cannot make bricks without straw," remarked a member, suggesting that the department should be approached for housing funds, and this recommendation was generally approved

29<sup>th</sup> June 1906 Makomako.— I That the teacher be permitted to erect a whare on the school reserve at his own risk, the Board taking no responsibility whatever, nor agreeing to purchase at any future time. —Agreed to.

26<sup>th</sup> July 1907 The Wellington Education Board, at its meeting yesterday, received communications from Newtown and Makomako School Committees in regard to Bible reading in schools, but decided that the matter did not come within its jurisdiction.

26<sup>th</sup> July 1907, Inspector Bakewell wrote, drawing attention to the instruction given in practical dairy work at the Makomako school. A cream separator and milk tester had been bought by the head teacher, Mr Philip, who had nine made his own churn and cheesemaking apparatus. He was so much impressed with the value of Mr Philip's work that he recommended the Board to make a special grant in aid of apparatus. He was credibly informed that six or seven dairy farmers - had already decided to get testers of their own, the importance of testing the milk of every cow individually having been brought them by the experiments carried on at the school. The chief inspector (Mr T. R. Fleming), who had introduced the matter, mentioned that the result of the experiments carried out at the school was that some farmers found that what they considered some of the best cows in their herd were really the worst. He mentioned the matter, as he would like other schools to take the subject up.' The Board approved, and agreed to make the special grant asked for

22<sup>nd</sup> November 1907 The inspector reported having examined the cookery class at Masterton under Miss Talbot and the agricultural classes at Makomako, Clareville, Carterton, Mauriceville and Kaiparoro excellent work being done in every case.



It was decided to remove the Makomako School in the Forty-mile Bush to a more central site.

15<sup>th</sup> January 1908 Tenders for school work have been accepted by the Education Board as follows:- Makomako, W. E. Greaves

1<sup>st</sup> February 1908 The Board decided to apply for grants to re-erect the schools at Nireaha and Makomako. which were destroyed by the recent fires.

## 1909

1909	39	Makomako	Atkinson	Mary E	D4	Head Female	£180	\$28,604
1909	39	Makomako	McBeth	Margaret		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,302

13<sup>th</sup> February 1909 The Makomako School picnic will be held on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

20<sup>th</sup> February 1909 Glorious weather is being experienced to-day for the Makomako and Ngaturi picnics. Mr H. A. Thomson gave a special prize for competition amongst the Makomako School children

29<sup>th</sup> March 1909 Makomako: The local School Committee have had a very successful year as regards finance, and after effecting general improvements the sum of £8 stands to the committee's credit. Part of this amount is to be spent in levelling the playground, and part in cutting firewood for the winter. In connection with the successful social held recently in aid of the School Library Funds the committee to-day purchased £5 worth of books to be added to the Library

30<sup>th</sup> June 1909 The residents of Makomako are talking of building a public hall.

13<sup>th</sup> August 1909 W H Philip appointed head teacher of Taita School

1<sup>st</sup> September 1909 Mr W. Phillip, who has been head teacher at the Makomako School for the v past ten years, has been appointed headmaster of the Taita School near the Lower Hutt. I understand that Mr Phillip will take up his new duties early in October.

21<sup>st</sup> September 1909 The farewell social to Mr W. Phillips, who has charge of the school here for the past ten years, is to take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> inst. A good programme has been arranged, performers from Pahiatua, Marima and Nikau having promised to take part. The committee set 'up to see what support would be forthcoming for the erection of a hall are making good headway and up to the present have £50 guaranteed towards the building.

1<sup>st</sup> October 1909 VALEDICTORY. The largest gathering of settlers ever seen at Makomako congregated at the Schoolhouse, last evening, when a farewell concert and dance was held, and a presentation made to Mr W. Phillip, who after ten years as headmaster of the Makomako School, has been appointed to a similar position at the Taita School. The popularity of Mr Phillip as a teacher was shown by the record number present, some coming a distance of twenty miles. Mr J. Thomas, headmaster of the Pahiatua District High School, paid a high tribute to Mr Phillip's abilities as a teacher, he having served five years under him (the speaker) at Pahiatua. Mr A. Eddie, who made an excellent chairman, also made eulogistic reference to the manner in which Mr Phillip had conducted his school and presented him with a very handsome illuminated address. On behalf of the pupils attending the school, Miss Ella Walsh also handed to Mr Phillip a silver mounted pocket wallet. Mr Phillip, in replying, thanked those present for the kind words expressed, and although a very pleasant evening was being spent, yet he felt a little lump of lead iii his heart, and only a man

who had been teaching in the one district for ten years knew how dear children became to him." A programme of vocal and musical items which would do credit to a town programme, was contributed to by the following ladies and gentlemen: — Misses Hickson, Miller, Barry, Ebbett and Walsh, and Messrs Wells, H. Watts (Scotch dance), J. A. Boagey, Hawkins, Ebbett (3), Brooker, C. N. Watts, Pitt, Downard, A. Moore, A. Sowry, H. Thomson, and Scott. Mr Boagey played the accompaniments At the conclusion of the programme a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the secretary of the social committee, Mr; Frank Ebbett. Refreshments were' then handed round. The school was then cleared for dancing, which was kept going until a late hour.

28<sup>th</sup> October 1909 Wellington Education Board approved work be done at Makomako, Declined an application for a tool house

13<sup>th</sup> November 1909 Mr R Larsen appointed Teaching at Rakanui just south of Pongaroa

16<sup>th</sup> November 1909 Mr R. Larsen, formerly of the staff of the Masterton District High School, [1904-1905] has been appointed head teacher at the Makomako School.

26<sup>th</sup> November 1909 Wellington Education Board approves the building of a tool house at Makomako

Mary Atkinson appears to be a relieving teacher In late 1908 She was teaching at Mitchelltown school in Wellington and in 1910 until 1913 at Rangitumau before going to Lansdowne in 1914 and was still teaching there in 1923 when my records cease. She started teaching in 1900 at Mount Cook Girls in Wellington and spent time teaching at Thorndon and Ohau. She was not teaching for the Wellington Education Board 1904-1905 In 1904 and 1905 she was at Waikawa Bay school near Picton for the Marlborough Education Board.

## 1910-1912

1910	42	Makomako	Larsen	Christian R	D2	Headmaster	£180	\$28,219
1910	42	Makomako	Hill	Constance	D4	Assistant Female	£90	\$14,109
1911	38	Makomako	Larsen	Christian R	D3	Headmaster	£185	\$29,258
1911	38	Makomako	Hill	Constance	D4	Assistant Female	£90	\$14,234
1912	30	Makomako	Larsen	Christian R	D2	Headmaster	£190	\$29,138

31<sup>st</sup> August 1910 Wellington Education Board approval to fix a chimney

27<sup>th</sup> September 1910 The new hall was opened at Makomako

12<sup>th</sup> October 1910 Miss Constance Hill, daughter of Mr Fred Hill, who is well known in Woodville, and now resides at Waione, and niece of Mr John Harding, has been appointed assistant mistress at Makomako, in the Mangahao

26<sup>th</sup> April 1911 Wellington Education Board Repairs painting old school

21<sup>st</sup> December 1912 Mr R. Larsen, head teacher of the Makomako school, has resigned to take up a similar position at a country school near New Plymouth. During his stay for some three years in Makomako, Mr Larsen has always taken a keen interest in local functions. He was a prominent member of the Makomako Football Club, being secretary, and delegate to the Bush Rugby Union last season. The members of the Club tendered a smoke concert to Mr Larsen in the Makomako Hall last evening.



It appears that Constance Hill went teaching at Meanee School in the Hawkes Bay before returning to the Wellington Education Board and spending 1 year at Island Bay school  
Richard Larson went to teach at the Okato School south of New Plymouth on the coastal road to Opunake

## 1913-1915

1913	30	Makomako	Pinhey	Ellen G	C3	Female	£180	\$27,000	£25.00
1914	27	Makomako	Pinhey	Ellen G	C2	Female	£190	\$27,202	£25.00
1915	25	Makomako	Pinhey	Ellen G	C2	Female	£200	\$26,790	£25.00

The £25.00 means that a house wasn't provided

11<sup>th</sup> January 1913 A social and dance was held at Makomako on Wednesday evening, as a send-off to Mr R. Larsen, who has been master of the school there for the past three years, and who is about to take up another appointment at a school near New Plymouth. There was a very large attendance from all parts of the district. Mr A. Eddie, who presided, alluded to Mr Larsen 's energy as a member of the Makomako Hall Committee, and the many valuable services ho had rendered the Committee. On "behalf of Mr Larsen 's numerous friends Mr Eddie presented Mr Larsen with a case. Mr Larsen, who has been secretary to the Makomako Football Club, was entertained at a smoke concert by the club the other night and presented with a case of pipes. Mr Larsen has also been a delegate to the Bush Rugby Union and a member of the committee of the Bush Boxing Association. \_

29<sup>th</sup> January 1913 Wellington Education Board Resignation Mr R C Larsen on January 31st

12<sup>th</sup> March 1913 Miss E Pinkey [sic] appointed sole teacher

28<sup>th</sup> May 1913 Comparing school rolls in 1900 with those of 1912 Makomako 38-30. Nireaha 29-63

30<sup>th</sup> May 1913 At Makomako on Tuesday, Miss Elsie Tait, third daughter of the late Mr Christopher Tait, was married to Mr Richard Larsen, now of Okato, Taranaki. She was attended by three sisters as bridesmaids. The bridegroom was attended by Mr William Tait as groomsman. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. M. Bawden Harris at the residence of the bride's mother. Mr and Mrs Larsen subsequently left on their honeymoon trip by the southern express, and after visiting Mr Larson's relatives.in the Wairarapa Valley, they will proceed to their future homo at Okato.

29<sup>th</sup> October 1913 Wellington Education Board Makomako (new conveniences), W. F. Sayers, £42

30<sup>th</sup> June 1914 Wellington Education Board The Rev. Mr. Richards enquired as to the sale of the old Makomako School building. It was decided not to sell it, as it was pointed out that these old buildings often came in very useful for other purposes.

7<sup>th</sup> July 1914 lad named Sowry, son of Mr Sowry, a Makomako settler, fractured his leg while playing football at the Makomako school a few days ago. He was brought into the Pahiatua Hospital for treatment. The lad has been singularly unfortunate, having previously sustained fractures either of the leg or arm.

10<sup>th</sup> July 1914 A slight case of diphtheria at Ballance has been reported to the Health' authorities. The epidemic seems to be travelling in a circuit. There have also been outbreaks at Hukanui, Makomako, and Pahiatua.

11<sup>th</sup> September 1914 Funds for ambulance equipment Makomako children 18 shillings

8<sup>th</sup> March 1915 Belgian relief fund Makomako additional Makomako school concert 9 shillings

28<sup>th</sup> April 1915 Leave for Military service Miss Pinhey Makomako two weeks to 19th April [There were a number of other women teachers given leave]

6<sup>th</sup> July 1915 Hospital Ship fund Makomako School £2

### 1916-1917

1917	20	Makomako	Gibbes	Eva Mrs	Sole		£126	\$14,122
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28<sup>th</sup> January 1916 National Scholarships sole charge schools Doris M Tait 2<sup>nd</sup> with 426 marks qualified as above 50% of all entrants

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1918 Mr H. F. Green, secretary of the Wairarapa Hospital Board, yesterday received a communication from the Education Board, asking that the schools at Mangahao and Makomako be disinfected, in view of the ease of infantile paralysis at Ballance. The two schools have been closed till Monday next.

15<sup>th</sup> June 1916 Miss E Pinhey resigns she had been appointed to Pahautanui

18<sup>th</sup> July 1916 At a public gathering at Mako Mako, a few nights, ago, Miss Pinhey, the school-teacher, who has received an appointment to Pahautanui, was presented with a silver tea and coffee service by the School Committee and residents of the district. The presentation was made by Mr Groves, chairman of the Committee, who referred in glowing terms, to the excellent qualities of the teacher. Miss Pinhey was also presented by the scholars of the school with a silver serviette ring. Miss Pinhey is a daughter of 'Mr N. A. Pinhey. Of Wangaehu, Masterton, and received her early education at the Masterton District High School.

24<sup>th</sup> April 1919 The wedding took place at Wellington yesterday" of Miss Nellie Pinhey, eldest daughter of Mr N. A. Pinhey, of Wangaehu Masterton, to Mr Roy Mulhern, of Pahautanui. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Lane.

I could find no mention of a Mrs E Gibbes apart from her listing in the list of Teachers in New Zealand

### 1918-1919

1919	21	Makomako	Gould	Cecilia M	Sole	D-97	£195	\$17,616
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20<sup>th</sup> March 1918 Miss C R Phillips Sole Teacher Makomako

24<sup>th</sup> December 1918 James Corkhill, chairman of the Makomako School Committee, was charged with assaulting Miss Katherine Richards Phillips, teacher of the school, by hitting her a violent blow on the face. The defendant, who did not appear, was represented by Mr. Tinney, who stated that Corkhill pleaded guilty to striking Miss Phillips, who had aggravated him by strapping one of his children. In her evidence, Miss Phillips stated that she had always had trouble with Corkhill, as his children were hard to manage, and she had to use a strap on them. On 13th\* November she

had to go to Corkhill's house for some sheep dip to disinfect the school. Mrs. Corkhill saw her come up to the house, and one of the children went for its father He said : "What's this you are saying about me" and also used-abusive and obscene language and gave her a violent blow with his left hand. She had to come in to see the doctor, and her eye was blackened and bloodshot. The defendant was convicted and fined £5 and costs, or in default two months' imprisonment with hard labour In commenting on the case, the Magistrate said that he could scarcely conceive how a man holding the position of chairman of a school committee, thereby showing that he must be considered of some standing in the district, could be guilty of such conduct as striking a woman

1921/9478	Cecilia Marguerita	Gould Laurence Egbert	Hocquard
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The Hocquard family farmed in the Pelorus Sound and she taught at the Saratago school in 1921 to at least 1923

*Cecilia Hocquard taught later at Opaki School and South Featherston in the Wairarapa. She had one son Kevin Egbert*

### 1920-1921

1921	11	Makomako	Reidy	James	Reliever		£200	\$17,218
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19<sup>th</sup> March 1920 Wellington Education Board Makomako Overhaul W E Greaves

27<sup>th</sup> January 1921 Miss C M Gould second teacher Makomako resigns

16<sup>th</sup> March 1921 Miss T M Miller appointed

19<sup>th</sup> October 1921 I Miller resigns

### 1922-1923

1923	15	Makomako	Aston	Aubrey E	Reliever	C-193	£185	\$17,003	
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No records

In 1907 and 1908 Aubrey Aston taught at Coonoor in 1909 he was at Hinemoa and in 1923 he was relieving at Makomako

### Post 1923

4<sup>th</sup> April 1929 Mr H A Henderson appointed ST at Makomako

24<sup>th</sup> June 1930 Mr F A Graham appointed ST Makomako

21<sup>st</sup> October 1936 In marked contrast to conditions in the slump period, when many teachers were out, of work, there is an apparent shortage in this profession, since the Wellington Education Board is unable to send a relieving teacher to the Makomako School, where nineteen children are at present without ' a teacher.

A fortnight ago the sole teacher appointed to the school was granted sick leave and finished at the school on Friday of last week. When" the school reopened on Monday morning there was no relieving teacher and nothing from the board as to the likelihood of a temporary teacher being sent. In consequence the secretary of the committee (Mrs. Eising) volunteered to take charge of the children and: carry on in the meanwhile. The board was communicated with and informed the committee ' {hat no teachers were available. . . ;

The parents of the district are indignant at the attitude of the board and consider that it should at least have made a temporary appointment' of a training college student, pending a suitable arrangement, for the most important period of the year.

When the above was referred to the Education. Board it was stated that everything possible was done to find a teacher, but at the present time there was an acute shortage (owing to the influx of five year-olds) and not a single teacher was available. It was also pointed out that students could not be sent out as suggested. Mrs. Eising had had considerable experience as a teacher and had volunteered to carry on until the end of the year. Next year more teachers ; would be available for such an emergency, but at, the present time not one teacher was out of employment and therefore there was no one to send to relieve. Some education boards, it was stated, were even worse off than Wellington in respect to the shortage of teachers.

### **National Archives: Buildings and Sites: Makomako** 1901 864 Square Feet

1957 Garage added

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1923 removed residence

1957 Residence 1150 Square Feet

Section 118 Area 2 Acres 3 roads

1908 Purchased Section 55 area 2 acre

Site for Teacher's House 26<sup>th</sup> June 1956 Section 107, 108, 102 Block 6 Mangahao SD £50 deleted

### **Makomako**

Makomako Buildings 1913-1972

25th February 1913 Establishment of a new Residence

3 Bedrooms, 1 Kitchen, 1 Bathroom 6 foot by 5. 6 foot, Pantry

Timber, Iron roof, Brick chimney

Outbuildings Washhouse Woodshed , W C [Water Closet /toilet]

Total Cost £466

1910 roll 42, 1911 38, 1912 30

House allowance paid £25 [As no residence provided]

Difficult in obtaining suitable lodgings

Section 120b Block VI Mangahao Survey District

To remodel and add unused building on school site. This arrangement will provide 1 Bedroom, Living Room, Kitchen and bathroom

4th December 1923 This will be added onto the old school Roll 1920 14. 1921 11, 1922 13

School erected 1901 864 square feet

7th January 1924 The Department of Ed claim they have no knowledge of this building other than on the plan forwarded, Will you please state the date of erection and whether the building is worth repairing. Is the teacher single or married? And if married the ages and sex of any children

4th December 1931 Letter to Wellington Education Board Department According to the Department's records the school was erected in 1901 has a floorspace of 864 square feet Apparently there is more than one building on this site and I shall be glad to receive further information regarding the size of the other building and the purpose for which it is being used. Will you please supply a sketch plan

30th April 1932 Wellington Education Board replies

- A) There is is an old building on site which hasn't been used for a number of years
- B) The Wellington Education Board has no records of when this building was erected
- C) The measurements are 27 foot 6 inches x 13 foot 3 inches
- D) The Board has not a plan of the building in the office
- E) But when i next in the district I will obtain a sketch and forward it to you

1st May 1953 Makomako 8 Miles west by Motor Car from Pahiatua

Area 1 Section 118- 2A, 3 RI; G 1908 Page 1250

Area 2 Section 85 2A, O R 31 1897 Page 1342

1951 19, 1952 16, 1953 16

1 Building 864 square feet Erected 1901

28th April 1953 Installation of a septic Tank

The conditions are deplorable [Of current toilets] it is getting to a stage where parents of eh children will not allow them to be used at all The school roll has just about doubled in number

11th May 1953 Department of Education wanting to know if the school would consolidate on Pahiatua

19th August 1953 Wellington Education Board replies that parents oppose consolidation

18th August 1954 Mr K Holyoake as Member of Parliament for Pahiatua Electorate writes to Minister of Education

- a) I have inspected the toilets at Makomako school and state they are in a deplorable state of disrepair and not fir for children to use
- b) Mr Beech Chairman of School Committee states the School Committee have been in contact with Education Board
- c) That has been withdrawn [An offer to build a septic Tank] as some of the school children caught a bus and attended another school
- d) School roll is 30
- e) Mr Beech states the Department of health condemned the toilets several years ago

24th August 1954 The Department now writes to the Education Board [About 2 miles away] asking them what has been happening

27th August 1954 Wellington Education Board advise tenders will be called within the next fortnight

17th September 1954 The Wellington Education Board writes to The Department The Department writes to the Minister, The Minister writes to the Office of the Member for Pahiatua , The Office writes to the Chairman of the School Committee at Makomako. [The Post Office Benefitted]

5th November 1954 Installation of Septic Tank Lavatories £779 17 6d by the Department''

15th March 1955 Letter from Minister of Education to Mr C Mills Secretary Makomako School Committee

- a) Wellington Education Board had staffing difficulties
- b) Now has been given first priority
- c) I am sorry work was not carried out last September
- d) I am sure there will be no further delay

21st March 1955 Letter from Minister of Education to Mr Holyoake MP for Pahiatua  
About a house for the teacher at Makomako. This has been listed in the Wellington Education Board list of works which is being investigated by the Department of Education to see if all works listed should be proceeded with

8th September 1955 Application for a school residence

1953 Roll 16 1954 29, 1955 33

Section 102B Block VI

Standard Teachers house plan

Teacher has written to Board stating his intention to marry and requesting a house be built

No Houses available for letting

Recommended

29th February 1956

Statement from Me Deavoll Secretary manager Wellington Education Board

- a) School area is only 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres
- b) New proposed site is Crown Land
- c) Mr G F Hoggard leases the land and he is prepared to release the area for a school house

27th June 1956 Mr Hocquard is to receive compensation of £50

11th July 1956 Department of Lands and Survey are holding up proceedings

10th October 1956 3 tenders received

25th October The Department refuses to allow the Wellington Education Board to accept the lowest tender

- a) Groundworks be deleted
- b) A shingle floor be placed in garage
- c) Access by a single gate and concrete footpath
- d) The garage placed as close to road as possible
- e) Please supply a revised price

After much to and froing the tender was reduced on the 14th February 1957 it was advised that the reductions saved £88.30 and how much time of builders, Board and Department Officials

Then still by April the Board and Department were arguing whether the garage should be closer to the road. The Wellington Education Board claimed it would be a road hazard. The Department wanted to save £s

10th December 1959 Mr Holyoake is now appealing for a tool and woodshed for the Makomako school. Wellington Education Board advise them to use the spare classroom

22nd ? 1963 Application for a new classroom included

- a) A second room will be required in the near future



b) The second building is 360 square feet which has been used as a store room for many years

13th March 1964 Mr J W Ramage has to take the school bus into Pahiatua to get petrol. Could a bus shed be provided?

The bus presently is not garaged. There are 12 pupils on it at one time on The Nikau Round

This is not overcrowded but in the future it might

Could Mrs Ramage get her licence and drive the School Bus if Mr Ramage is not available.

The Wellington Education Board offers to pay for the medical

9th June 1964 Bus Garage to be built for £496.10. [Note at this time all school buses were being run by the Department from Hunterville]

Tenders for erection of shed recalled Two tenders about £20 lighter and tons of paper extra

14th February 1965 Application for a second classroom

Roll 1961 21,23,28,33

This is a two teacher school with only one classroom

16th March 1965 A new classroom to be built

Then a few comments about drives and concrete