

Makuri

Makuri: (1893-Present) Makuri School is in a thriving sheep farming area with a very strong small town culture. On the road between Pahiatua and Pongaroa at the the Western foothills of the Puketoi Range

1893

1893		Makuri	Not yet Open
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27th January 1893 web letter was also received from Mr J. D. Climie, suggesting Unit the Makuri School site should be cleared. The board decided that the work should be done if Mr Climie will supervise it.

27th October 1893 Wellington Education Board Makuri public meeting forwarded a resolution asking for a grant towards the erection of a hall, there being no public meeting place there. The building could, they pointed out, be utilised afterwards as a school. Dr Newman thought that this was one of the places at which a school would shortly be necessary, and though they could not assist towards building a hall they could write and find out what number of children there were of school age in the vicinity. This was ordered to be done.

1894

28th February 1894 The Makuri Valley is about 20 miles in length, and the township of Makuri is situated about twelve miles from the mouth of the Valley,

5th March 1894 The Wellington Education Board are treating the Makuri people very badly in regard to education matters, in refusing capitation to the school which has been started there. We are assured that the school is carried on in accordance with the Board's regulations, and that the teacher is therefore entitled to the Board's capitation. As Mr McCardle holds a seat on the Board, we hope he will endeavor to see justice done in the matter.

14th September 1894 A police station has been opened at Makuri, and District Constable Murphy has been placed in charge.

29th November 1894 Wellington Education Board It was decided to accede to the request of Miss H. E. Thompson (Paikakariki) and Miss Mary Hawkins (**Makuri**) to be transferred to city schools as soon as vacancies occurred.

[Note I can find no other reference to a Wellington Education Board school at Makuri in 1894. Nor of a Mary Hawkins being a teacher for the Wellington Education Board. However there was a May Hawkins pupil teacher at Makara School who was transferred to a Wellington school in 1895]

1895

1895	7	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£60	\$10,870
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25th February 1895 The settlers at Makuri are talking of a public meeting to ask. for a school.'

27th March 1895 On the motion of Mr. McCardle ,the Chairman and himself were appointed to report on an application for a school at Makuri.

25th April 1895 Wellington Education Board ho Board refused to grant an application by Mr H. W. Ibbotson for use of the school site at Makuri, as the site will be required by the Board shortly.’

26th June 1895 A well-attended meeting of settlers was held at Makuri on Monday evening to consider the question of asking the Education Board to establish a school in the township. Mr McCardle, member of the Board, attended and fully explained the policy of the Board in respect to country schools, It was resolved that the Board he asked to build a school at Makuri on land reserved for that purpose, and in the meantime to open an aided school, It was also decided to ask the Board to have the School Reserve cleared of timber at once. It was stated that there is sufficient timber on the ground to erect a building suitable to the requirements of the township, which can be sawn by hand more cheaply than the mills can deliver it, A vote of thanks to Mr McCardle for coming so far to assist his fellow settlers was unanimously earned and also to the Chairman, Mr Dunning.

The provisional committee met Mr McCardle the following morning and inspected the school ground—which is one of the best sites in the township for the purpose —also the cottage of Mr Murphy, which is offered as a temporary school-house. It is expected that there will be an attendance of about thirty children next summer, but the impassable state of the unmetalled roads and tracks will prevent many from attending during the winter months

27th June 1895 Wellington Education Board It was decided to pay the rent of a building at Makuri for school purposes. The question of clearing the site of the proposed now school was held over

29th July 1895 The Chairman of the School Committee, has received several applications for the post of teacher to the Makuri School

14th September 1895 The new school for Makuri is promised by the Chairman of the Education Board to be erected by Xmas, meanwhile the weather and the manufacturing-, of the school furniture, delay the opening of the temporary school in Mr Murphy's cottage.

23rd October 1895 . Miss Florence Marryatt, late of Dunedin, has been placed in charge of the aided school at Makuri.

30th October 1895 Miss Marryatt, the teacher for the new school at Makuri, arrived at Makuri on Thursday evening. The school was opened on Monday morning with an attendance of over twenty.

20th November 1895 There are 21 children on the roll of the new school at Makuri, and the Committee expect to have the number increased to 80 after the New Year holidays

[The 7 in the return for the year is the average attendance which does not compare with the number of children on the roll]

27th November 1895 Wellington Education Board failing to supply certain articles of furniture for the new school at Makuri, the Committee decided on holding a social to raise funds to purchase those articles, and the affair came off as aforesaid. Mrs Dunning and Miss Marryatt, the teacher, arranged a splendid programme, and everything passed off without a hitch. In addition to the local talent, Mr and Mrs Grant, of Woodville, figured rather prominently in the programme. Mrs Howe and Miss Marryatt sang a duet, the Misses Winter and Dick sung songs, and other ladies, whose names our representative did not secure, also

contributed pleasing items, The Makuri gentlemen vied with each other in making the social the success it was and sang many good songs. Special mention must be made of Mr Milne's recitation, "The dream of Eugene Aram," which was given in splendid style. The music for the dancing was supplied by Mr and Mrs Grant, Mr Kelsey, and another gentleman. The sum of £8 2s 6d was taken at the door, and fully about 150 persons were present. Mr Harrison and Mr Dunning proposed the necessary votes of thanks, and everybody was sorry when 12 o'clock arrived.

29th November 1895 At the Wellington Education Board on Wednesday the Makuri School Committee suggested a change in the proposed school site. It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the chairman and Mr McCardle.

1896

1896	15	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£70	\$12,613
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20th February 1896 Mr T R Fleming, Inspector gave a report on Makuri School as well as other aided schools

16th April 1896 Inspector Lee will inspect the school on 8th May

2nd May 1896 It is a matter for surprise that the Education Board do not erect a good school at Makuri, one of the most promising settlements east of Pahiatua. . There are a considerable number of settlers at this little centre, but they are prohibited from introducing their families through the absence of educational facilities. Surely a body that can tumble lots of money into a School of Arts in Wellington, might spare a few pounds for the children of the settlers in the backwoods!

17th June 1896 A promenade concert and dance, in aid of the Makuri School funds, will be held in Mr Dunning's woolshed, Makuri, on Friday evening, Juno 26th

26th August 1896 Wellington Education Board Plans were laid on the table for the new school at Makuri, and for additions at Hastwell and Levin. Tenders were authorised to be called for the work.

7th October 1896 The plans and specifications for the new school building have been sent up by the Education Board, and it is expected that the building will be completed before Christmas

28th October 1896 Wellington Education Board and it was resolved that fresh tenders should be called for for the Makuri school.

21st November 1896 enders are invited for the erection of schools at Opaki Railway Station, Miki Miki, Kaiparoro and Makuri by the Wellington Education Board.

1897

1897	14	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£70	\$12,487
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21st January 1897 enders have been accepted as follows for Education Board work New school at Makuri, Godfrey and Son (Pahiatua), £90

27th January 1897 Wellington Education Board Mr. McCardle waxed wroth over the smallness of the amount (£90) set aside for a school at Makuri. This sum, he contended, was quite insufficient to meet the requirements of the district and was not equal to what he had

been authorised to promise. He also complained regarding the action taken in connection with the Mangamahoe school reserve, which, he asserted, had caused unnecessary delay in the erection of the school. The Chairman said the Board did its best with the money at its command; and regarding the Mangamahoe school, he declined to build a school upon a site the title for which they had not obtained. Mr. McCardle said he had been improperly ignored in these matters, and he would sooner resign than act upon a committee upon which he was ignored. Several members expressed the opinion that no discourtesy was intended towards Mr. McCardle. The Chairman concurred in this. Mr. McCardle said he had done his duty faithfully and honestly in this matter. The Chairman — There is no doubt of that. Mr. McCardle — Yes; but I am blamed by the local people. The matter then dropped.

1st February 1897 MR. McCardle AND THE WELLINGTON EDUCATION BOARD.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir — I fully endorse the contention of Mr. W. W. McCardle, as reported in the Post, as to the neglectful and unfair treatment meted out by the Wellington Education Board in regard to the public school at Makuri. This is an illustration of how the funds are fuddled away, and the laws of health are neglected by the Board. Some two years ago a school was promised. The Inspector had his attention then drawn by me to the rough slab and primitive outbuildings and promised immediate attention. Nothing has as yet been done in either case, and I am removing my children elsewhere to avoid danger. The Board is paying 6s per week for a small two-roomed cottage to act as a school. This means, say, £16 per year as rent. The cost of a proper new school would be, say, £200 (the Board is erecting a shed at £90). Interest on the £200 at 6 per cent, means £10, as against £16, and a well-ventilated building, and not a death-trap, would be had. The same shameful waste of public money goes on all round, as the various idle Education Board reserves can testify. These stop settlement, the principal cause of their not selling being the insane conditions of the 21 years leases, which do not give as compensation the cost of felling and grassing the land at the expiration of the lease. Meanwhile, large sums of money are spent by the Commissioners on boundary and dividing fences, which is money absolutely unproductive to them, and would have been better employed in erecting decent and much-wanted schools. - I am, &c, Ex-Chairman.

26th February 1897 The school building is well on its way towards completion. Mr Godfrey, the contractor, is pushing on the work very rapidly and hopes to be finished in the course of a fortnight. I believe the school will be opened with a fitting ceremony.

15th March 1897 The school was examined by Mr Fleming the Education Board's inspector on Wednesday the 4th inst. The children were all successful in passing and Mr Fleming expressed himself highly pleased with the working of the school

Mr Fleming made himself a general favourite with all whom he came in contact with in his brief stay here

The "shed" I cannot dignify it with the name of a building- which has been erected by the Wellington Education Board for the purposes of a school in Makuri has been completed. I cannot begin to describe the aforesaid shed. Suffice to say that it more nearly resembles a wash house than anything I can think of. Why the Board should insult our pretty little valley by placing in it such an unsightly erection is beyond my power to say. They spend £90 beside sending numerous inspectors, architects and other officials to report on a plan will not be adequate for the accommodation of the children and the parents who should have a say in the matter have to submit

31st March 1897 An entertainment was held in Mr Dunning's woolshed on Friday evening in aid of the School funds. There was a poor attendance, owing to laxity on the School Committee's behalf.

The children were moved into the new schoolhouse on Monday last. The sooner the contractor gets to work on the lining the better

31st March 1897 Wellington Education Board A residence allowance of 5s was granted to the teacher at Coonor, and the question of teacher's accommodation at Makuri was left in the hands of the Chairman

22nd April 1897 Wairere Notes Miss Milner, of Christchurch, but now residing at Makuri, has been appointed to the charge of our new school, and will, within a few days, take up her duties as teacher,

28th April 1897 here was a large attendance at the meeting of householders in Makuri on Monday evening, and the following committee was elected Messrs Dunning, McCool Cotter, Lang, and Malmanche. Mr Dunning was elected chairman.

26th May 1897 Wellington Education Board A vote of £9 was granted for clearing a school site at Makuri.

25th August 1897 Wellington Education Board On the recommendation of Mr. McCardle a vote of £18 was made towards the cost of fencing and clearing the Makuri school ground, the Committee having undertaken to find the balance

1898

1898	19	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£80	\$13,704
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23rd February 1898 Wellington Education Board It was resolved that shelter sheds be erected at Makuri

7th March 1898 Mr Fleming will be inspecting Makuri School on Monday 14th March

30th March 1898 In a long article about a Pahiatua V Makuri Tennis Match [All Male] was this: two landaus full of ladies, two buggies, several traps, and bicycles galore. The courts were in tip-top order and reflect great credit on the committee. By eleven o'clock the play began, at half-past twelve luncheon, then play again until half-past five. And then the visitors began to yoke up for the return journey, one and all expressing regret that the day was over, Mesdames Stewart, Dunning, Tucker and Miss Marriott [The Teacher] dispensed afternoon tea and cakes during 'the afternoon, these ladies being most indefatigable in looking after the visitors,, -Fifty people were on the courts during the afternoon, a ' record crowd for-the bush,

18th June 1898 The bachelors are giving a dance in the Schoolroom on the 11th. Forty invitations have been issued, so wo expect a good muster

1st December 1898 Wellington Education Board. but the Board decided that it could not at present erect a residence at Makuri.

21st December 1898 Messrs Swan Bros., of Wellington, inform us that they have made all arrangements to start building a Public Hall at Makuri. The hall will be close to the Hotel and will be opened about the middle of January next, and will be let for the public convenience for all meetings, &c. As the timber ought to be on the ground this week, the building will be stared immediately,

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1899	18	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£80	\$14,195
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25th January 1899 Some very unkind things have been said about the Town Hall which is now being built at the rear of the Makuri Hotel. It certainly is not in the best position where it is, as it has the appearance of a stable or some other outbuilding

2nd February 1899 Wellington Education Board The Inspector was deputed to make inquiries as to the necessity for schools at Nikau and Mangamaire and into the circumstances surrounding Mr McCardle's request that living accommodation should be provided for the female teacher at Makuri.

3rd March 1899 Mr Bakewell 3rd Inspector for Wellington Education Board to visit Makuri on the 9th March

5th May 1900

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1900	16	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£80	\$13,909
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23rd February 1900 Mr T R Fleming will inspect the school on the 28th February 1900

1st March 1900 School Teachers Salaries Miss Marryatt is paid £10 overscale last year. But as the roll has risen in February she will now be paid the same as last year

2nd March 1900 The Makuri School was examined on Tuesday, and passed a very creditable examination, there being only one failure

24th April 1900 Makuri School Committee — Messrs. Moore (Chairman), Allen (Secretary), Murphy, Newman, and Berry.

5th May 1900 No less than eight families have left Makuri recently. Such an exodus from a small township gives it a lonely, deserted appearance. The satisfactory reports of the prosperity of the Pahiatua dairying industry is the chief reason for so many leaving, and the absence of a dairy factory here. Even the hotel has changed hands, and the Redmond's who have conducted the business to the satisfaction of the settlers—which is saying a good deal for a bush hotel—are leaving. The hope is loudly expressed that the future proprietor may also conduct it in accordance with the views of the settlers. Mr Tucker, the genial postmaster, has disposed of his general merchandise business profitably, and is leaving amidst general regret. It is of great importance in a country place having a postmaster with an even temper. One, too, who will smilingly allow a belated settler to knock him up, after hours, for a mail of possibly no more importance than a circular from a rival store. Thus has Mr Tucker served the wants of settlers in this district for many years past. He will be missed, The butcher, Mr C. H. Berry is also leaving Makuri, and we wonder if a man so trusting and so believing in the good of mankind can be found to supply his place. Mr Berry invariably left his shop unlocked during his temporary absence on business bent, so that the necessity for going away steakless or chopless never arose, as there was an unwritten rule, which enabled you to enter, and serve yourself to whatever you needed, which you faithfully jotted down in the account book, left conspicuously open in a handy place with a lead pencil tied on to a bit of string attached, the only thing in the shop which the owner seemed afraid of losing

1901

1901	19	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£90	\$15,194
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22nd February 1901 Inspector Fleming will inspect the school on 8th March

27th February 1901 In another report on over payment of teachers was F Marryatt present salary £80 Overpaid by £10

2nd March 1901 The Education Board advertises for teachers for »he Woodville, Wainui, and Makuri schools. [I have no evidence that Miss Marryatt had resigned in this period I think this an error]

24th April 1901 School Committee: Makuri. — Messrs H. W. Wilson (Chairman), G. Allan (Secretary), W. Parker, T. G. Simpson, and J. D. Murphy

26th September 1901 Wellington Education Board Tenders were authorised to be called for fencing at Waione, and residence' at Makuri.

1902-1905

1902	23	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£96	\$15,828
1903	31	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£96	\$15,906
1904	35	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M		Female	£136	\$22,520
1905	33	Makuri	Marryatt	Florence M	D2	Female	£140	\$22,141

16th June 1902 The road to Makuri is in a fearful state. The bridges are washed away and heavy slips will block wheel traffic for three weeks to come.

The County Engineer and Government Inspector are energetically striving to cope with the difficulty. Other roads in the district are equally as bad as the Makuri. It is impossible to tell the cost of repairing yet; and it is also impossible for the County Council to find the money necessary. There is no bread at Makuri and but little flour, communication having been cut off since Thursday. The rivers subsided yesterday and the weather this morning is fine.

26th March 1902 Inspector's Report The work done on examination day was most creditable to Miss Marryatt who has had the usual irregular attendance to contend with. Writing has greatly improved, and the the school generally is in a very satisfactory condition.

27th April 1903 The presentation of prizes at the Makuri School on Friday was a most successful function. The past year has been a most progressive one in school matters, there being now 37 pupils on the roll. Out of these there was only one partial failure

29th April 1903 School Committee Makuri. — Messrs. W. .K. C. Tylee (Chairman), G.. Allen (Secretary), J. D. Murphy, W.. Parker, T. G. Simpson

10th June 1903 At the Woodville Tennis Club Ball was Miss Marryatt (Makuri) wore a very handsome pale green brocade, trimmed with lace and pink roses.

14th November 1903 In a long piece on Makuri was: The school building is overcrowded and Miss Marryatt, the mistress, has. had to refuse new scholars

20th January 1904 Mrs J. Grant, accompanied by her sister, Miss Marryatt, of Makuri school, and her son, Mr Milton Grant, of Napier main school, left for a holiday in Dunedin.

3rd February 1904 Arcadian simplicity is yet to be found. The "Pahiatua Herald" records that there was no overseer or supervisor engaged to see to the work of erecting the new Town Hall at Makuri. The contractor, Mr Montgomery, was told the amount of money available, and the committee trusted to his honesty to make a good job of it. The contractor completed his work be everybody's satisfaction.

26th FEBRUARY 1904 Wellington Education Board The Inspector advises Education Board That urgent accommodation is needed at Makuri [Along with 7 others]

31st July 1905 On Saturday Mr John Grant received the distressing news of the death of Mrs E. Marryatt, of Dunedin, mother of Mrs Grant, of Miss Marryatt, of Makuri, and of Mr V. Marryatt, of The Examiner staff [Woodville Newspaper]. The deceased lady had been ill for some time, and Mrs Grant and her brother and sister have been in Dunedin for the last three weeks waiting for the end, which came at ten on Saturday morning. Mrs Marryatt had been in the colony for over 40 years, having come from Victoria in the early sixties, and passed lire whole of her New Zealand life in Otago.

20th September 1905 Wellington Education Board Miss F. Marriott, of Makuri, to Matarawa;

11th October 1905 Mss Mary Scott, of the Terrace End School, Palmerston North, has been transferred to Makuri.

18th December 1905 Prior to severing her connection with the Makuri School, Miss Marryatt was presented with a substantial cheque as a recognition of the appreciation of her services by both the School Committee and the parent*. A deputation of the Committee waited on Miss Marryatt on Thursday evening, and the presentation was made by Mr W. E. C. Tylee, who expressed the regret felt by the residents of Makuri at the departure of the teacher and their good wishes for her future welfare. Miss Marryatt suitably replied

Florence M Marryatt was at Opaki from 1906 and was teaching at the Sole charge school until at least 1921. [There is only Florence M Marryatt shown in the register of Deaths at being born in 1901 when this Florence Mary Marryatt was already teaching.]

In 1894 F M Marryatt was teaching at a Sole Charge school called Round Hill [Area called The Bruce] with a roll of 18 The 2 years before that she was not teaching in NZ state schools. Her last registered electoral enrolment was in 1919. So she either left NZ or Married or Changed the spelling of her surname to say Marriott

1906-1910

1906	34	Makuri	Wilson	Mary H	D1	Female	£160	\$24,866
1907	31	Makuri	Wilson	Mary H	D1	Female	£160	\$25,083
1908	36	Makuri	Wilson	Mary H	D1	Female	£160	\$25,083
1909	31	Makuri	Wilson	Mary H	D1	Head Female	£185	\$29,398
1909	31	Makuri	Mallabar	Sophia		Assistant Female	£90	\$14,302
1910	30	Makuri	Wilson	Mary H	D1	Female	£190	\$25,083

14th March 1906 Head Teacher at Opaki: Miss Florence Marryatt at present in charge of Makuri [Reading my Matarawa notes Miss Marryatt was never expected to go to Matarawa as above]

29th March 1906 Miss Halley who has had charge of the Opaki School, since Mr Murray resigned, is to relieve Miss Marryatt, at Makuri.

28th September 1906 Wellington Education Board defers adding an extra window at Makuri

3rd October 1906 Wellington Education Board declined erection of Patent W.C. £16 to £18 [W.C. = water closet a polite name for a toilet with a water flush and septic tank]

Mary H Wilson started teaching for the Wellington Education Board as a pupil teacher at Mangatainoka in 1889 as a pupil teacher. She taught there until 1896. There was a gap of her working for Wellington Education Board until 1899 when she was teaching at Nikau School, West of Mangamaire until 1902. From 1903 until 1905 she taught at Ngaturi and finished teaching for the Wellington Education Board when she left at the end of 1910

22nd March 1910 Wellington Education Board decided to put a grate in the residence

27th March 1907 The Wellington Education Board has received a grant of £120 for the purpose of the enlargement of the school residence at Makuri.

15th April 1907 Makuri school is closed on account of whooping-cough being prevalent among the pupils

6th May 1907 The new Post Office at Makuri was opened on Friday last. The Makuri School is closed owing to an epidemic of whooping cough. The roads between Makuri and Pongaroa are completely blocked both for horse and vehicular traffic.

20th June 1908 The Pongaroa School Committee has returned to the Education Board the copy of the Ten Commandments which had been presented to it in common with other schools, and the Makuri School Committee has asked that the Decalogue be removed from the walls of the school. The Board will no doubt be pleased to receive the copies, as there is a demand for more from the larger schools.

[Webster's definition of Decalogue: In the Biblical book of Exodus, the original **Decalogue**, or **Ten Commandments**, was handed to Moses by God atop Mount Sinai. ... They include commands to honor God, the Sabbath day, and one's parents, and bans on worshipping images, swearing, murder, adultery, theft, lying about others, and envying what others have.]

11th September 1908 Mother Mary Joseph Aubert gratefully acknowledges the receipt of £13, the result of a bazaar organised by two little girls in Makuri and says a bed will be placed in the home called "The Makuri Bed.

31st October 1908 Miss Wilson has been granted 1 month's leave by Education Board
Sophia Mallabar Started teaching for Wellington Education Board at Kilbirnie in 1904 and ended in 1908 when she came to Makuri as an assistant for 1909, she then went on to be an assistant at Kaitawa till 1913 and then back to Wellington at South Wellington School. In 1917 she was at Island Bay and was there until at least 1919 when she ceased teaching for Wellington Education Board. Little is published the name is in use in Mauriceville and Masterton but I can find no mention of a Sophia

25th June 1909 Wellington Education Board New front fence at Makuri

28th July 1910 Residents of Makuri have complained to the Education Board that a notice has been erected on the school ground there, to the effect that the ground can be used for grazing, at a charge of Is per hundred sheep. The total area of the ground is half an acre. The notice says that the key may be had next door—the school building. The residents claim that the ground should be kept for grazing the children's horses, and that the teacher should have something else to do but look after drovers. The secretary of the Education Board will write to the School Committee on the matter, which was described by one member of the Board on Tuesday as a "scandal."

31st August 1910 In reference to a complaint which had been made in regard to the school reserve at Makuri being used for grazing stock, explanation was received from the School Committee, and it was decided that no further action be taken.

26th October 1910 Miss M. H, Wilson, solo teacher at Makuri, and Mr, .E. Y; Campbell in charge of the Waione School, have resigned their appointments

15th December 1910 Mr. F. J- Beechey, who is now engaged in relieving work, has been appointed sole teacher at Makuri, and Mr. J. Davidson, of Parkvale, head teacher at Dalefield.

1911-1914

1911	27	Makuri	Beechey	Frederick J	C4	Master	£150	\$23,723	
1912	28	Makuri	Beechey	Frederick J	C3	Master	£155	\$23,771	
1913	25	Makuri	Jenkins	Charles G	Lic	Master	£152	\$22,800	Provided
1914	24	Makuri	Jenkins	Charles G	Lic	Master	£161	\$23,058	Provided

Provided means a residence is provided for the teacher

Frederick Beechey taught for the Wellington Education Board in 1902 and 1903 as a pupil teacher at Mt Cook Boys' in Wellington. Then at Makuri and in 1914 and 1915 at South Wellington School In 1908 resigned from teaching for the Wanganui Education Board at Ohutu

Lieut F J Beechey of Clareville was killed in the War. His death recorded on 8th August 1918 aged 34

27th April 1911 MAKURI.— Messrs J. McCarthy ; (chairman), W. J. Taylor (secretary), J. Allen, H. McCool and W. Parker.

27th September 1911 Wellington Education Board As to Makuri, the board could not see its way to make retrospective grants on account of books or moneys donated in the past.

5th January 1912 Mr Beechey headmaster at the Makuri school, is paying a visit to Carterton and Masterton.

17th January 1912 Scholarship results Junior Board and Junior National Schools with less than a roll of 36

1st Daisy Taylor Makuri 556 marks (2nd was 58 marks behind. Daisy would have been 4th in the schools 35-200 class and in the top 10 of the over 200 pupils range)

13th March 1912 Mr F H. Bakewell, Inspector of Schools, remarked that he had travelled on the night coach between Makuri and Pongaroa a number of times, and it was always with a feeling of uneasiness.

24th April 1912 School Committee Makuri. —Messrs J Allen chairman;, Murcott, Murphy. Polglase. Parker, and Allen.

26th June 1912 Wellington Education Board Makuri repairs shed etc, £5

29th January 1913 Wellington Education Board Makuri, grant for. asphaltting (half cost), up to £10

12th April 1913 Mr C. Jenkins, of Waione, has been appointed sole teacher at Makuri,

14th May 1913 Mr J. F. Beechey, headmaster of the Makuri school, who is severing his connection with the institution, was on Friday presented by the pupils with a shaving stand suitably inscribed.

In 1914 Frederick Beechey was teaching at South Wellington school

20th August 1918 The "Pahiatua Herald" states that Lieut. P. M. Beechey, killed in action, was formerly headmaster of Makuri school. He exerted considerable influence for good on the rising generation, by whom he was greatly liked, and he was highly esteemed for his exemplary character. He was a keen sport, an enthusiastic angler, and an excellent rifleman.

27th August 1913 Wellington Education Board Draught sashes Makuri authorised

24th February 1914 The Education Board, at its meeting this afternoon, officially declared against the principle of allowing its property to be used for Sunday sports. The matter came under discussion as the result of an application for the use of the tennis courts at the Makuri school on Sundays. "The question is," said the Chairman (Mr. R. Lee), "whether we give sanction to something which might offend the feelings of other people." Personally, he did not think the request should be granted. It was pointed out by a member of the board that a church was only a few yards away from the tennis court, and if the use of the grounds was allowed it would mean that religious service would be going on inside while tennis was being played outside. The board unanimously decided to follow the example of the Victoria College Council and not to accede to the request.

24th November 1914 Relief of Overseas Poor. Donated from funds of Makuri School Children's Ball per Mr P Banks £3

1915-1917

1915	26	Makuri	McLandress M A	Isabella	B2	F	£180	\$24,111	Provided
1917	25	Makuri	Parsons	May A	Sole	D-95	£140	\$15,691	

Charles G Jenkins taught at Tauherenikau school for one year and didn't teach again for the Wellington Education Board

Isabella McLandress taught at Masterton DHS from 1906-1909 and at Greytown DHS in 1910. From 1911 to 1914 she taught at Levin DHS before coming to Makuri, By 1917 she was at Berhampore School in Wellington

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Isabella McLandress was born in 1866, the daughter of John McLandress, a bootmaker who ran the Dundee Boot and Shoe Warehouse on Princes Street, Dunedin. Most young women of Isabella's class had little chance of a university education. However, in 1885 she won the Scott Scholarship, which entitled her to receive 20 pounds a year for three years towards the costs of her higher education. She received her B.A. degree in 1889. Her father was declared bankrupt the same year, but she continued studying and in 1890 she was awarded an M.A. with Third Class Honours in Chemistry from the University of Otago. During the 1890s she taught in Dunedin, but after her father's sudden death in 1896 she left home to work in the North Island. On 15 June 1900 she was appointed first assistant at the Napier Girls High School, and in 1901 she became headmistress of the Waipawa District High School. In 1905 she was the sole teacher at Makairo School, but by 1906 she was 'female second-assistant' at Masterton District High School, where she also passed a First Aid Examination with high marks. Sadly, the new century held tragedy as well as adventure for Isabella. In 1908 her older sister Jessie died at the age of 43, and in 1918 her brother John's body was found in Auckland Harbour, a suspected suicide. [1] Some time after her brother's death, Isabella moved to Australia. By 1933, she was living in Auburn, NSW, and apparently still teaching. She remained in Australia until she died on March 8, 1939.

31st March 1915 Wellington Education Board Makuri, paint roof school and residence

26th May 1915 Wellington Education Board Health in Schools it was decided to forward to the Department a request from Makuri for the extension of medical inspection to smaller schools.

16th February 1917 Miss M A Parsons appointed to Makuri Sole Teacher from the Training College

May Parsons (AKA Mary) Parsons Taught at Masterton in 1912,1913, then was at Levin as a substitute teacher while the teacher was serving in the war, She then was in 1915 and 1916 at Training College before finishing her teaching service at Makuri

1920/4803	May Alice Parsons	James Anderson	Moore
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A wedding of much local interest took place at St. Mark's Church.. Mangatainoka, on Monday, March 1st. The contracting parties were Mr J. A. Moore, son of Mr and /Mrs W. Moore, of Makuri, to May Alice, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Parsons, of Kohinui. The bride, who was given away by her father,-wore a pretty frock of white crepe de chine, with veil and orange blossoms. The two bridesmaids were Miss Eveline Parsons and Miss Mattie Gilpin, who. wore dainty white frocks and leghorn hats, each carrying pretty bouquets.

19th April 1918 In common with private firms, the Wellington Education Board finds great difficulty in obtaining labour to perform repair works at school buildings. At- Makuri, the chimneys were thrown down by the last earthquake, like several other schools, but it is impossible to get necessary repairs effected. Mr Powell, the Board's clerk of works, is now in the district'.

11th June 1918 Soldiers Pudding Fund Makuri School £1 1s

1919-1923

1919	28	Makuri	Parsons	May A	Sole	C-82	£220	\$19,875	
1921	26	Makuri	Stuart	Mabel Mrs	Sole	E	£280	\$24,105	
1923	19	Makuri	Ullmer	Frederica	Sole	C-163	£213	\$19,577	

19th February 1920 Miss M A Parsons resigns as Sole Teacher

10th March 1920 Mrs Dryden, assistant teacher at the Mauriceville West School, who has been appointed sole teacher at Makuri, left yesterday to take up her new duties.

Post 1923

28th February 1924 Miss Ella M Meads Sole teacher Makuri appointed

3rd February 1930 Mr C H Meads appointed Sole Teacher

17th October 1940 A letter received from the head teacher of the Makuri School by' the Wellington Education Board yesterday stated that three children, one of 13 and the others in the primers, had been instructed by their parents, who' .were Jehovah's Witnesses, not to take part in the ceremony of saluting the flag. . One of the parents had brought a gramophone record to the school to prove to the teacher that their sect was opposed to saluting the flag. The teacher asked for a direction in what action she should take.

Mr. C. H. W. Nicholls said that it was clear that the board had no authority to enforce attendance at the ceremony as there was provision for conscientious objectors to absent themselves from Certain lessons, including history, and in its broadest sense the saluting a" the flag could be regarded as history. They might ail deplore the fact that there were people who instructed their children not to show loyalty but they could not do anything about it.

The chairman, Mr. W. V. Dyer, said that he agreed that they had no authority to enforce attendance, but he was concerned about the effect the action of such children might have on others.

The suggestion was made that children who did not attend the ceremony should be left in the classroom, and it was decided that teachers should be instructed accordingly.'

National Archives:

Buildings and Sites: Makuri 1897 320 Square Feet 1904 20 Square Feet As at 31/1/1951

Residence 1899 4 rooms Scullery and Washhouse/ 1931 Bathroom added 757 Square Feet 1957 237 Square Feet plus 112 Square Feet washhouse.

216 Square Feet Garage

Section 44 1 acre 3 rood 20 perches

Primary Schools 1907-1966

16th March 1907 Plans for additions to school residence Present Residence has 1 bedroom 12 foot x 11 ft and One Living Room with a scullery detached and to be reused. A new bedroom and living room to be built

Average attendance 19045-07: 35,33,34 with one teacher

One child over 14 attending

Ngaturi 13 miles away, Coonoor 12 miles Mangatiti 11 miles

Amount applied for £120 application approved by Inspector Fleming

In the application to the Department of Ed the Secretary of Wellington Education Board stated The present residence only consists of 2 rooms and this is clearly insufficient for the ordinary requirements of a person who holds the position of a public school teacher

In a sarcastic note by E Gibbes Secretary of the Education Department It is interesting to notice that the house which was quite good enough when the Board itself had to find the money for it is now clearly insufficient.....

In 1910 Makuri buildings it is proposed to add a bathroom and a room for £75

The only fact that the Wellington Education Board could find about Makuri was the population in 1901 which was not listed in the memo

[Note order is in the order of the File]

16th September 1903 Wellington Education Board wanted to build an extension Roll 1900 20, 1901 19 1902 23 Present average 30

Present buildings are wooden with a galvanised roof

Additional Furniture 5 Dual Desks Easel & table,

School too small for children now attending. T R Fleming

25th September 1903 Ministry of Ed state the current building is OK Accusing the Wellington Education Board of changing the size of the room from 392 to 320 square feet

14th March 1903 Report from T R Fleming inspector included

a) Miss Marryatt Present 34 Roll 37

b) The room is 20 foot x 16 foot [6.09 metres x 4.87 Metres]

- c) A factory [Presumably Dairy] has been established lately
- d) The chimney requires attention
- e) The fence and school require painting
- f) The Boy's Office [Toilet where one does your business] needs a urinal
- g) The grounds have bene improved owing to the efforts of the committee

23rd October 1903

The names of the children on the school roll are :-

	Y.	M.		Y.	M.		Y.	M.
Thos. Simpson.	6	8	Walter Thompson.	5	11	Chas. Taylor.	6	1
Ediom Parker.	7	6	Edward Coffin.	8	1	Chas. Newman.	5	6
Harold Montgomery.	6	6	Ernest Robertson.	8	8	Kelson Coffin.	11	7
Daniel McCool.	8	7	Henry Montgomery.	8	6	Percy Robertson.	9	11
Alex McCool.	9	9	Arch. Newman.	11	1	James Howden.	9	9
James Moore.	13	9	John McCool.	12	4	Wm Simpson.	12	2
James McCool.	13	8	Gwendolyn Dunning.	6	6	Myrtle Parker.	6	5
Hettie Coffin.	8	1	Annie Newman.	6	8	Amy Newman.	6	8
Agnes O'Callaghan.	6	1	May Simpson.	8	5	Hilda Howden.	8	6
Lillie Simpson.	10	2	Louise Hutchinson.	9	5	Kath. Montgomery.	11	6
Isobel Coffin.	13	0	Nellie Dunning.	10	3	Eileen O'Callaghan.	11	2
Miriam Moore.	15	5	Adeline Swan.	15	2	Ruby Howden.	13	4
Kath. O'Callaghan.	9	10	Constance Swan.	10	2	Nina Swan.	13	2
Percy Coffin.	10	3						

Total 40 | 14

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The teacher, on the 10th inst, wrote me as follows :-

"The Secretary of the School Committee has asked me to write to you giving particulars of the number of children attending school &c. The present roll-number of ~~children~~ is 44 and the average for quarter just ended is 34. The Committee instructed me some time ago to admit no more pupils until the school is enlarged. At the present time

The teacher wrote stating the present roll number is 44 and the average for the term is 34. The Committee instructed her to admit no more children There are at het moment only 3 children waiting for the school to be enlarged

There are 18 desks seating 36 children. The others are seated on forms. The desks & forms practically fill up the room leaving no floor space for class work

21st March 1904 The work is well in hand Wellington Education Board writes to Secretary of Education asking for payment of grant

Then copious notes between lands and Survey and Department on who owns what sections.

In 1922 there was still debate over who owned what land I have not tried to follow the debate about which school sites should have been retained of sold or transferred

3rd December 1926 Contract for improvements Currently the Village supply provides the water, The Boys have 1 seat in the toilets and the Girls 2

To provide a septic tank and rebuild 3 seats and refit the 1 seat in the Teacher's residence

Average attendance 1923 19, 24 19, 1925 14,

18th December 1926 Education Department regrets that it does not have the funds to rebuild the toilets and provide a septic tank

4th November 1927 Wellington Education Board submits request again. Letter quoted that the Makuri Post Office got a septic tank for the use of one person

11th November 1927 Department again denies the work

26th March 1928 Letter from Mr E A Ransom MP for the area to the Minister of Education including the District have their one third of the cost in hand and are awaiting the Board to finish the work

2nd April 1928 As there are only 17 children attending and therefore cannot be treated as one of urgency Then some debate between Board and Department about whether they are talking about Makuri of Wainuiomata School

29th July 1930 Wellington Education Board Erection of bathroom, bath heater and washbasin at the teacher's residence for £67 13s 0d

26th August 1930 The Department makes enquiries about the school and find the roll is only 13 with five in Form II ‘

A solution is to declare Makuri a no residence school and shift the married teacher to a place with the residence, Then the question is whether to install a bath or to pay house allowance

16th September 1930 Department approved installation of a bathroom at Makuri

9th March 1931 Letter to the Minister of Education from the Makuri Women's Institute

That the attention of the Wellington Education Board be called to the existing obsolete and unhygienic sanitary arrangements at the Makuri School. These are a menace to the health of children attending the school

As a sum of money of about £35 was collected by the residents of the district some five or six years ago for the purpose of providing a septic tank [etc] we urge that in the interests of children these necessary improvements be proceeded with without delay

13th March 1931. Mr Atmore Minister of Education replies that can't make an exception for Makuri

12th August 1931 In a long long letter the Women's' Institute writes another letter to the Minister ending with could you please arrange the installation of a septic tank in the coming holidays

5th February 1942 Stating that a First Aid Detachment has been established at Makuri

Next File item is 14th December 1954 Addition of a garage at Makuri

3rd October 1960 Subsidy from Wellington Education Board for a Learner's pool at Makuri

4th October 1961 Roll is now 36 and that additional accommodation will be needed

1961 Proposal to build a new school at Makuri

- a) Current school is one room 520 square feet erected in 1897 and is now regarded as substandard
- b) Roll is now 26 but will rise to 36 in 1962
- c) It is proposed to use the new school and the old school will carry the excess of pupils

13th December 1961 Plans for building at a cost of £6740

31st July 1961 Inspector Mitchell states he has inspected the school and finds the old building unsuitable for any use

2nd February 1962 Contract let to V E Lett Pahiatua Cost £6006

11th April 1962 Proposed replacement of Residence

- a) Erected in 1899
- b) 994 square feet
- c) Foundation piles are rotten and floors out of level
- d) The kitchen is in effect a narrow passageway with back door, bathroom and dining room opening off it Cupboards are inadequate

- e) It is a small poorly planned house with rooms opening off each other
- f) It needs replacing but it is a pity that so much was spent on adding a bedroom in 1954. That is when it should have been replaced

New Classroom and swimming pool officially opened 1 classroom erected 1897 and 1 classroom erected 1962

16th December 1963 School Committee want to add a Filtermaster to the swimming pool

14th October 1964 A new site be obtained by the Education Board for a new residence and the old site be incorporated for use as a playground as space is very limited

1964 Another rom proposed and 1897 school be replaced

Last file in 1966 The new classroom has still not been built

Makuri 1966-1983

30th January 1967 Tenders called and only 1 price received for additional classroom £6657 .10

The old school building will be demolished

1967 Roll 46 Estimated 1968 47 both requiring two rooms

10th May 1967 Mr Garigan Secretary Makuri School Committee has been advised that the new building has been delayed

May 1967 Palmerston North Health Department complain about the use of eh old school as a second teacher is using it permanently The toilets are in a detached building and the children have trouble accessing them in winter Some windows are broken and weather boards defective

27th June 1967 New residence built

19th December 1967 Mr Fred Hunt approved to build new classroom

9th March 1970 Bigger motor mower approved

25th October 1983 Makuri School purchased a new Computer \$180 from The Tararua Electric Power Board with 1 16 k Ram Pack \$125 ,55 and Keyboard \$41.70. Total \$347.25 [Equivalent to \$1090 in October 2019]