

Manakau

1888	25	Manakau	Bethune	Finlay		Male	£ 165.00	
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5th May 1887 Wellington Education Board Mr Finlay Bethune appointed assistant at Carterton School

27th April 1887 Assistant at Carterton, Mr F. V. Bethune, late of Timaru ; salary .£160

8th September 1887 Otaki Letter Mr. Anderson, blacksmith, has removed to the new township of Manakau. and started a sawmill there. Mr. Tompsitt has also removed to the same place and opened a general store.

13th October 1887 This Day. Mr. A. Moore, a teacher at Carterton School, was lying dead this morning at 9 o'clock with a rifle by his side, newly discharged. He is supposed to have committed suicide. He was 19 years of age and was generally respected throughout the district. The unfortunate young man who committed suicide this morning had a most promising career before him. The weapon used for the fatal act was a short carbine used by the Cadet corps attached to the school, of which the deceased was lieutenant. Various rumours are in circulation as to the motive for the rash act, and from what I can gather it is a case of unrequited love. He left the following note on his desk, unaddressed : — " Pardon me, and forget I ever lived. Good-bye." He must have placed the muzzle of the carbine in his mouth, as both jaws were broken, and the roof of his head was blown away, his brains lying bespattered over the schoolroom floor. He was quite cheerful at breakfast this morning and discussed the previous night's Parliamentary news with great animation. Mr. Bethune, another teacher at the school, was the first to find the body, his attention being attracted through finding his classroom door locked. The children were promptly sent home by Mr. Samuel, the head master, who is prostrated with grief at the sad occurrence. The inquest will be held to-morrow at Mr. Hodgin's Royal Oak Hotel. Wellington Education Board

In 1883 Finlay Bethune was an assistant in the Geraldine School South Canterbury Finlay Bethune was in 1884 at Masterton School In 1885 he was at Pleasant Valley in the Geraldine area. In 1886 not teaching in a state school in NZ . 1887 at Carterton. 1888 in Manakau. By 1896 he was head of Johnsonville until at least 1917. By 1919 he was at Newtown School as head. He was not teaching for the Wellington Education Board in 1919

1891/3144	Mary McBride	Dunlop	Finlay	Bethune
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1921/7221	Bethune	Finlay	59Y
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Bethune	Mary McBride	90Y
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There are no children registered to this family

Mr. Finlay Bethune, Headmaster of the Johnsonville Public School, is a Scotchman, born in 1862, who came with his parents to Lyttelton when only two years old. He was educated in Geraldine, where he became a pupil teacher at fifteen, gaining his first certificate three years

later. Mr. Bethune was after-wards assistant master at the Temuka High School, and at the Masterton Public School, and was promoted in 1885 to the position of headmaster of Pleasant Valley School, where he remained two years. After a year at Carterton he was appointed to Manakau in 1888, where he remained till 1896, when he was transferred to Johnsonville. In 1891 Mr. Bethune was married to a daughter of Mr. N. Dunlop, of Geraldine.

29th August 1888 The Board of Education made the following transfers this morning :— Mr. Charles Harper, from Featherston to Te Whiti, and Mr. Finlay Bethune, from Carterton to Manukau . Both transfers are subject to the approval of the committees.

2nd November 1888 Wellington Education Board Permission was given to Mr N. A. Anderson to clear trees from several of the Board's sections at Manakau, on the condition that he did the work thoroughly.

20th December 1888 Wellington Education Board Petitions from settlers that new school districts should be declared at Mangaone, Manakau, Otaki and Paikakariki, were, acceded to

27th December 1921 News of the sudden death on Christmas Day of Mr. Finlay Bethune, headmaster of the Newtown School, will be received with profound regret, for he was one of the most popular, as well as one of the most capable, teachers in the service of the Wellington Education Board. The late Mr Bethune. who was 59 years of age, was born at Skye, and came out to New Zealand with his parents when a boy. He was educated at Geraldine and. entered the teaching profession at an early age. He was appointed headmaster at the Pleasant Valley School, Geraldine, and on coming to the North Island he taught at Manakau, Carterton, and Masterton before being appointed headmaster of the Johnsonville School. He was at Johnsonville for 24 years and was held in high esteem by the residents. He entered fully into the life of the community and was one of the most popular figures in it. He was appointed to the Newtown School on the resignation of Mr. Parkinson, and during the short time he had charge he won the ' respect and esteem of the staff, parents, and scholars.- He was a most experienced master, keenly interested in the sporting activities of the schools. Not long after the "breaking-up" ceremony at Newtown he was attacked by pneumonia, and his sudden death came as a severe blow to his relatives and friends.

During the war the late Mr. Bethune held the rank of major, and his ability as an organiser was used by the 'Defence authorities in connection with the embarkation of troops. He was a prominent Mason, having been a Past Master of the craft.

The funeral will take place at Johnsonville at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

1889

1889	52	Manakau	Bethune	Finlay		Male	£ 205.00
1889	52	Manakau	Howan	Ellen J		Assistant Female	£ 60.00

1866/15201	Howan	Ellen Jane	Jane	Samuel
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Ellen J Howan taught at the Kaiwhata School from 1886 to 1888 as a sole teacher before coming to Manakau. Kaiwhata: 1884-1894 The Kaiwhata Road leads out to Riversdale, through Homewood, just after Te Wharau on the Road to White Rock about 50 Kilometres from Masterton

FROM Manakau she went as sole teacher at Kereru School in Levin until 1894

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

20th February 1889 Ellen J Howan passed her teaching examination for Class E

23rd March 1889 The Board of Education have ordered the transfer of Miss Howan from Kaiwhata to Manukau, where she will act as assistant,

30th May 1889 Wellington Education Board An application was made by the Manakau Committee for additional accommodation and a teachers residence. The matter was referred to the Inspector to report on

21st June 1889 Mr Lee, Inspector of Schools, examined the Manakau school on the 13th inst., with the following results : In Standard 1., 15 were presented, all of whom passed ; in Standard II., 4 were presented, all of whom passed ; in Standard III., out of 4 presented, 2 passed ; in Standard IV., out of 8 presented, 7 passed ; in Standard V., 4 were presented, all of whom passed ; in Standard VI., only 1 was presented, who successfully passed. The percentage of passes was 77.

27th June 1889 Wellington Education Board Mr Thomas Kennedy applied to be allowed to fence some land at Manakau belonging to the Board. Permission granted on the understanding that he would remove the fence if called upon.

19th July 1889 Manakau news included The -head master of the state school, Mr Bethune is away a months' leave of absence, on account of ill health

1st August 1889 Wellington Education Board It was decided that the Board's architect should prepare a plan of the additions required for the Manakau School.

6th September 1889 Sickness seems prevalent at Manakau, Railway Company's line; as our correspondent informs us that the school committee is considering the advisability of closing the school on account of the sickness amongst the children

24th September 1889 The school at Manakau is growing, and the Wellington Education Board are calling for tenders for the erection of an additional class room.

26th September 1889 Wellington Education Board Authority was given to the Manakau Committee to rent a temporary building at £2 per month while the school is being repaired..... A tender was accepted for making additions to the Manakau School, but the amount of the successful tenderer will not be made public until the tender is signed.

4th October 1889 It is always a source of trouble to the Education Boards to know how to carry on school when repairs are needed to the building belonging to them, and the repairs and additions to the Manakau school is only a further instance. The Board were lucky enough to get the native house close by, at a reasonable rent, and though some might object to their children having to go to a pah, yet it is far better than closing the school for two

month.....The contract for the erection of a new class room to the Manakau school, and the lining of the existing building, has been secured by a Wellington firm.

17th October 1889 Mr T. Turnbull calls for tenders for erection of residences at Manakau, Shannon, and Levin. [Mr Turnbull was Wellington Education Board architect]

31st October 1889 Wellington Education Board he question of erecting a fence at Manakau were in the architect's hands.....Tenders for the erection of teachers' residences at Dalefield, Mangatainoko, Shannon, Levin, Mangaone, and Manakau, were considered, and the lowest tender in each case was accepted.

7th November 1889 Manakau— W, G. - Austin, £137 Is accepted. Tender for school residence. [£137 equivalent to \$27,477.53 in March 2020. Small houses!] Later notice offer not accepted

8th November 1889 The Wellington Education Board has found a way to solve the difficulty of finding funds to erect teachers residence*. They, and Manakau is an instance, erect a cheap four roomed cottage, and deduct £20 a year from the teacher's salary, as rent It would pay the Board to build a township if they could let all other buildings at equivalent rents. However teachers' mustn't grumble.....The addition to the Manakau school is progressing favourably and should be finished this month.

10th December 1889 The Manakau school children gave a concert in the native building in that township last week Which passed off most satisfactorily. Some adult performers lent their assistance. The proceeds amounted| to £11 which will be reserved for a prize fund for the school. A correspondent writes most highly of the entertainment and complements both the head-master and Miss Howan on their efforts.

10th December 1889 Ellen J Howan passed freehand and Geometry in the Second Grade art examinations held by the Wellington Education Board Finlay Bethune passed Freehand

13th December 1889 The Manakau School Committee have decided to let their school for dances at a small charge. Thursday next will be celebrated by the Manakau School children by a picnic in Mr Bevan's paddocks.

18th December 1889 The question of fencing at Manakau was deferred pending a visit by the architect

1890

1890	60	Manakau	Bethune	Finlay		Male	£205.00
1890	60	Manakau	Howan	Ellen J		Assistant Female	£60.00

25th April 1890 [Just because] THE EDITOR OF THE NEW ZEALAND MAIL. Sir, — Please allow me through your columns to complain of what I consider a nuisance on the railway between Palmerston and Wellington. Being a passenger lately, I and the other occupants of the carriage were annoyed by the fact that about twenty school children were put in at, I think, a place called Levin, and they travelled to Manakau, and during the time they were in the carriage it was just like Bedlam let loose, and through their incessant jabber it was simply impossible to hear oneself speak. Why don't the Company find a special carriage for these children, and not impose such an infliction on people who are unfortunate enough not to be able to afford to travel first class? Another complaint is against the young collisions passengers by this train are treated to in the shape of jerks, enough to almost knock

one down. If the Company do not wish to appear some of these days as defendants in some action for damages, let them see to this.— I am, etc., Facts.

16th May 1890 Arrangements are being made for a concert, to be held in Manakau, the object being to raise more money for the purchase of an organ. This will be placed in the school-house and be used at the serviced held by the different denominations that use that building.

11th July 1890 The teachers of the Manakau State School are to be congratulated at the result of the Inspector's examination last week. Out of forty-nine children who were presented, one was excepted, forty-six passed and two failed. The percentage is 95.7. Last Friday, prizes were distributed, and every child received something. [Straight after the inspection children were promoted if they passed the inspector's examination. So there was no end of year movement of children to new classes]

25th September 1890 Wellington Education Board Manakau: Fencing granted

10th October 1890 First Grade Art Examination Manakau F stands for freehand, M for Model, G for Geometry and b for scale: Manakau— E. and R. Bevan, f J. A. Fraser, f and g (good) ; N Haughton, f ; — Isaac, f (good) ; J. Whiley, f, g (good) ; E. Whiley, f and g; H. Brewer, g; M. F. Haughton, g (good) ; F. W. Haughton, g (excellent) ; I. Tantrum, g.

1st November 1890 Manakau A very successful exertainment was held in the Native hall on Wednesday night in aid of the public school library. The children sang several choruses and action songs which, judging from the applause given, were highly appreciated as the best local talent, performers came from Otaki and Levin. A leading feature was the Swedish drill by the boys, under the drill instructor, M. de Mey, [Wellington Education Board touring Physical Training Instructor] who afterwards went through a number of difficult club exercises, which were watched with great interest, for he is very clever with them. Everything went off splendidly and about £9 10/---was taken, 'he Education Board has accepted tenders for the school fence which is very much needed, by those riding to school, so the work will be started at once. [£9 in November 1890 = \$1872.38 in June 2020 value]

29th November 1890 Round about Manakau there are 1500 acres [about 607 Hectares] of bush down, ready to burn

12th December 1890 For some distance after leaving Otaki the train runs through bush country, with here and there cleared portions, which have been sown down to grass, the cattle and sheep having an abundance of feed. At Manakau station there are already a number of houses, a public school, sawmill, store, &c. Between Manakau and Ohau, the next stopping place, the line continues principally through bush land, with large areas cleared, grassed, and stocked.

23rd December 1890 Last Thursday the children attending the Manakau school had a picnic in Mr Bevan's paddock. Dinner and tea had however to be served in the school house on account of the rain. During the day presents of toys were given. The donkey race created very much amusement, the elder boys carry a small boy as jockey and after much hard work, the " horse arriving first had the fun of seeing his rider, the jockey, get the prize. The Manakau residents deserve great praise for the way they, contributed to -the picnic, and after paying' all expenses they had the sum of eleven shillings in hand. The school broke up on Friday for the usual five week's holiday.

1891

1891	57	Manakau	Bethune	Finlay		Male	£ 195.00
1891	57	Manakau	Cundy	Kate		Assistant Female	£ 60.00

Kate Cundy was a Pupil Teacher at Featherston from 1886 to 1889 before teaching at Manakau

19th February 1891 An Assistant Teacher is required for the Manakau School. Salary, £60 per annum

26th March 1891 Wellington Education Board Miss Cundy was temporarily appointed pupil teacher at Manakau.....Grants for repairs, &0., were made as follows ; - Masterton, £3 ; Manakau, £6 10s ;

10th April 1891 Up Manakau way great preparations are being made against licencing clay. Two hotels are being built, one of which is to be of considerable dimensions. As the district has declared in favour of an increase in publicans' licenses, there should be no obstacle in the way of getting them licensed. To say the least of it, one house is an absolute necessity at Manakau, want of accommodation there having been felt for a long lime. Whether there is at present room for two there time will show. They have a blacksmith's shop and two stores. If they get a pub they will next want a church, then a lock-up, at least that is the general rise of townships. [Included because I didn't realise the word pub was an old term]

24th June 1891 Wellington Education Board The Manakau Committee applied for £15 for a shelter shed and £7 for fencing The, matter was deferred until the Board shall have received their annual grant.

28th August 1891 A petition is in course of preparation by the residents of Manakau praying the postal and telegraph authorities to establish a telephone bureau in the township. Over 60 signatures have already been obtained, and it is confidently hoped that the request will be granted. The need of some communication is badly felt in Manakau, there being no telegraph or telephone nearer than Otaki, a distance of seven miles.

14th November 1891 First Grade Drawing Examination Manakau.— Elizabeth Akenson, H. Bird, B. Bevan, E. Bevin, W. D. Bennett, E. H. Lamb, E. J. Wilson

1892

1892	61	Manakau	Bethune	Finlay		Male	£195.00
1892	61	Manakau	Cundy	Kate		Assistant Female	£ 60.00

16th March 1892 On Monday morning the Chairman of the Wellington Education Board (Mr J. R. Blair) accompanied by Mr F. H. Fraser and Mr Dorset (Secretary to the Board), paid a visit to the Levin School and had a consultation with the local Committee on school subjects generally. They subsequently paid a visit to the Manakau School, with a similar object.

30th March 1892 Wellington Education Board Grants were made towards the erection of shelter sheds at Manakau and. Paraparaumu

18th June 1892 The Hon. Mr. Seddon addressed n, large meeting of settlers in the Manakau Schoolhouse last evening. He returned to town by the mid-day train to-day

26th October 1892 First Grade Drawing Exams 4487 papers worked: Passed Manakau.— E. Akenson, M. E. Carkeck (excellent), M. Dunlop, G. F. Hill, N. Hill, T. Houghton, D. W. Hurley, F. Richard, E. Saint.

27th October 1892 We congratulate Mr Bethune, the master of the Manakau School, on the immense alteration he has effected in the appearance of the laud attached to his house. A very short time ago the section was all fallen bush, and now every stump has been extracted, and a very nice lawn appears instead. There is also a good kitchen garden at the back of the house.

1st November 1892 At Manakau we were pleased to see that Mr Bethune had got his lads to stump and dig up a plot of ground in front of the school house, for a lawn tennis ground for the girls. Kapai, as the Maoris would say.

1st December 1892 The resignation of Kate Cundy, from the Manakau, was received and accepted.

1893

1893	72	Manakau	Bethune	Finlay		Head Master	£205.00
1893	73	Manakau	Farmar	Mary		Assistant Female	£70.00

In 1892 Mary Farmar was teaching as a pupil teacher in Blenheim for the Marlborough Education Board. Mary taught at Manakau to 1896 and then in 1897 she was at Johnsonville School where Finlay Bethune had become Head master in 1894.

17th January 1893 ASSISTANT TEACHER, Manakau School. Salary, .£70

25th January 1893 Wellington Education Board For the position of assistant teacher at Manakau there were seven applications. One of the applicants was chosen, and it was decided to consult the local Committee on the subject.

24th February 1893 Wellington Education Board the Manakau Committee wrote recommending Kate Hollis as assistant teacher in place of Miss Nelson, appointed by the board. The vacancy was ordered to be advertised. Kate Nelson was head teacher of Newman school [Between Pahiatua and Eketahuna] at the time.

16th March 1893 Position readvertised

8th April 1893 Miss Mary Farmar, formerly of the Blenheim School and latterly of Petone, has been appointed first assistant of the Manukau School on the Manawatu line. In 1905 Mary Farmar was teaching at the Havelock School in Marlborough

26th October 1893 First Grade Drawing examination Manakau had 17 sit and 10 passed [This was a good result Shannon had 16-7 Pahiatua 22-9

14th December 1893 Wellington Education Board A sum of £5 was voted for clearing the Manakau school ground.

1894

1894	91	Manakau	Bethune	Finlay		Head Master	£205.00
1894	91	Manakau	Farmar	Mary		Assistant Female	£80.00
1894	91	Manakau	Bennett	William		Male Pupil teacher	£25.00

William Bennett had a long career with the Wellington Education Board. 1894-1899 Pupil Teacher Manakau. 1900 Pupil Teacher Taita. 1901 Pupil Teacher Taita. 1903-1907 Sole Teacher Bideford {Northeast of Masterton} 1908 1914 Head Master Reikiorangi, 1915 Head Master Tawa Flat. 1917-1921 Head of Tawa School. 1923 when my records cease Assistant at Newtown School.

31st January 1894 Wellington Education Board A dispute with regard to the control of the Manukau grounds came before the Board, and it was decided that in all such cases the Inspector should act with the local Chairmen. A dispute with regard to the control of the Manukau grounds came before the Board, and it was decided that in all such cases the Inspector should act with the local Chairmen.

7th February 1894 Manukau, 6th February. The Manukau School Committee resigned as a body last night, in protest against the decision of the Wellington Education Board in a matter of difference of opinion between the Committee and the head master of the school. It appears that last September the master complained of the horses of the scholars being put into the school paddock and causing the feed for his own horses to run short ; and the Committee on enquiring found that four of the children came from beyond the Waikawa river, and consequently rode in each day to school. The master claimed that a certain part of the reserve had been made into a playground for the children, and that the remainder had been kept for his own use. The Committee insisted that the children had a right to put their horses in the paddock, and the master's reply on this point was that it could only be done with his permission. The Committee then, appealed to the Education Board, and quoted the Act as to the powers of a Committee. The Board's reply, read yesterday evening, stated that after due consideration it had decided that the control and custody of the school property were in the hands of the master. The result of this reply was that all the members of the Committee here forwarded their resignations to the Board.

28th February 1894 Wellington Education Board The resignations of the Manukau, Ohau, and Kilbirnie School Committees were received. Strained relations between the Committee and the teacher at the school in regard to the disposal of the school ground was the cause of the Manukau Committee's action, while the Ohau Committee resigned because the Board had not provided a better site for the school. The Kilbirnie Committee were dissatisfied with the Board's appointment of the head teacher. It was decided to reply to the Manukau and Kilbirnie Committees that they would continue to hold office until the School Committee elections, which take place next month

25th April 1894 Wellington Education Board A petition was received for a school at Kuku, near Manukau. The Chairman said there were two schools within two miles of the place, and the Ohau school was shortly to be enlarged and improved. The Board decided that it could not accede to the request, on the ground that there was already ample school accommodation in the district

5th May 1894 Wellington Education Board inspector will inspect Manukau on 6th and 7th June

30th May 1894 Wellington Education Board A letter was read from the Chairman of the Manukau Committee, denying that the Committee had resigned, and stating that he and his colleagues approved of the master's action regarding the schoolground.

27th June 1894 he claims of Kuku, a small settlement situated between Manukau and Ohau, for a school, were brought before the Education Board to-day by Mr. F. Bradey, who suggested that the Board should vote a sum of £10 to assist the settlers, who would build the school themselves. There were about 20 children, European and native, in the settlement, who at present had to tramp a long distance along bad roads, and across the railway bridge, to

reach the nearest school. The Board resolved to await a requisition from the settlers before taking any action.

16th October 1894 Last night a lad aged 13 years, named Peter Hughes, was admitted to the Hospital for treatment for a fracture of the right thigh, resulting from his being thrown while at play with some schoolfellows at Manukau. The boy is progressing favourably

13th December 1894 Burglars at Manukau Mr. Bethune's house was broken into last night - whilst the household were away at a concert. The thief or thieves went thoroughly through the house, breaking open every box. They took £15 in money and about .£30 worth of jewellery. They also entered the back premises of Mr. Haughton's store, but only took a despatch-box containing correspondence. The police have been communicated with And ate enquiring into the matter.

24th December 1894 James Studdon and Joseph Mason, who were recently arrested at Feilding, were brought up at the Otaki Magistrate's Court on Saturday, before Mr. Simcox, J.P., and charged with having broken into the residence of Mr. F. Bethune, Schoolmaster, Manukau, and stolen jewellery of the value of .£40, and £14 in money. Inspector Pender prosecuted, and the evidence showed that the jewellery was packed in a bag and forwarded by the accused by train to the Napier station, "to be called for." It was called for by Detective GantleyThey were committed for trial.

1895

1895	75	Manakau	Bethune	Finlay		Head Master	£205.00
1895	75	Manakau	Farmar	Mary		Assistant Female	£80.00
1895	75	Manakau	Bennett	William		Male Pupil teacher	£25.00

5th March 1895 Joseph Mason and James Studdon were charged with having, on December 12th, broken into the dwelling-house of F. Bethune, at Manakau, and stolen therefrom £4L in money, a quantity of clothing and jewellery; with having at the same time and place stolen a quantity of jewellery and wearing apparel, the property of Mary Bethune j also on December 11th, at Otaki, stolen a quantity of clothing, &c., the property of John Wilkes. Both the accused pleaded guilty to all the counts of the indictment.

19th March 1895 Property at Manakau must have been depreciated by the remarks of Counsel at at the Licensing meeting. "Manakau was at a standstill, the roads were finished, and the sawmills closed but one." [And the school roll was dropping too]

1896

1896	63	Manakau	Foster	William		Head Master	£ 205.00	
1896	63	Manakau	Farmar	Mary		Assistant Female	£ 80.00	
1896	63	Manakau	Bennett	William D		Male Pupil teacher	£ 28.10	

12th February 1896 W D Bennett passed his first year pupil teacher examination.

19th March 1896 The Manakau school picnic is always looked upon as. one of the pleasant fixtures of the year. Great pains are taken to make it a pleasant outing for young and old, and it was this year if possible more successful than usual. The day was beautifully fine and the population turned out in a body to have a good day's amusement. The picnic was held in Mr

Brown's paddock, and all day long the various games usual at picnics were indulged in by the "big, young people," while the smaller fry were kept busy running races, etc., for prizes. There 'was a plentiful supply of tea and eatables for young and old. The fun was kept going till darkness made it necessary to disperse. Hearty cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Bethune and the teachers. Some of the more energetic wound up with a dance in the hail.At the school picnic a little girl about three years of age fell off a seat and broke her arm. Dr Mason, of Otaki, set the injured limb, and did all that was possible for the little patient.

15th May 1896 Mr T R Fleming will inspect Manakau School on the 25th and 26th May

25th June 1896 Wellington Education Board Arrangements for electing school commissioners for Manakau and Mungaroa were left in the hands of the chairman. [This meant that a committee could not be formed after two attempts]

3rd August 1896 The appointment of Mr F. Bethune, present headmaster of the Manakau School, to the Johnsonville School has been accepted by the committee of the latter school.

8th September 1896 The committees of the various schools concerned have concurred in the Education Board's selection of Mr. J. C. Webb, B.A., at present head master of the Kaiwairua School, as first assistant of the Thorndon School ; of Mr. W. Foster, at present at Paraparaumu, as head-master of the Manakau School

1st October 1896 Mr O'Brien presented to the head teacher, Mr Foster, a handsome marble clock, which had been subscribed for by the scholars and residents of the district. Mr Foster is leaving Paraparaumu shortly to take charge of the Manakau School.

5th November 1896 Wellington Education Board It was decided to direct Mr Foster to enter on his duties at Manakau immediately.'

26th November 1896 Wellington Education Board Leave of absence was granted to Miss May [Mary] Farnar, of Manakau School,

[It does not appear that Mr Bethune had a farewell from Manakau]

1897

1897	73	Manakau	Foster	William	D1	Head Master	£205.00
1897	73	Manakau	Banks	Ada F	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00
1897	73	Manakau	Bennett	William D		Male Pupil teacher	£38.00

2nd February 1897 The Johnsonville School Committee have confirmed the appointment by the Board of Miss Farmer, of the Manakau School, to the Johnsonville school in place of Miss Tabor, who has resigned.

23rd February 1897 William D Bennett passed the 3rd Year Pupil Teacher examination

25th February 1897 Wellington Education Board repairs at Manakau approved

20th July 1897 Wellington Education Board advertises for an assistant master at Manakau

27th July Wellington Education Board 3 Applicants for assistant position at Manakau

29th July 1897 Wellington Education Board School Commissioners were appointed at Kaiwarra, Manakau and Paikakariki, where committees had not been elected. Messrs W. Corner, C. Joseph and E. Smyth were appointed at Kaiwarra, Messrs J. Carroll and J. Aitken at Manakau and Messrs C. Gibson and A. Alsop at Paikakariki.

10th August 1897 Miss Ada L. Banka, at present in charge of the Flaxton school, [No record of a Flaxton school in Marlborough} Marlborough, to be assistant at Manakau;

15th December 1916 Mr. W. H. L. Foster, at present headmaster of the Petone District High School has been appointed to succeed Mr. W. T. Grundy as headmaster of the Clyde Quay School. It is understood Mr. Foster was selected by the board from about thirty applications. Mr. Foster, who is among the best known educationists in the district, holds a Class B1 certificate, and is a master who has obtained good results wherever he has been in charge. He worked himself up through all grades in the Canterbury and Wellington districts, had country experience at Paraparaumu and Manakau, and was afterwards an assistant master at the Clyde Quay School when it was in its infancy. He was later appointed headmaster of the Mitchelltown School, from there was promoted to the Mount Cook Boys' School and has been for the past six years master of the Petone District High School. Mr. Foster is the chairman of the Headmasters' Association in Wellington and was for some years secretary of the New Zealand Education Institute.

1898

1898	66	Manakau	Everton	Frederick C	C2`	Head Master	£205.00
1898	66	Manakau	Banks	Ada F	D3	Assistant Female	£80.00
1898	66	Manakau	Bennett	William D		Male Pupil teacher	£45.00

21st April 1898 Inspector Fleming to inspect Manakau on 25th and 26th May

28th April 1898 At the annual meeting of householders at Manakau the following were elected a school committee for the ensuing year : —Messrs C. Nees, G. Hanlon, J. Carroll (chairman), P. B. Anderson, G. Munro, W. A. Milne, R. Bevan.'

29th June 1898 Applications for repairs to the shelter sheds at the State schools Manakau and Tokomaru, damaged by the gale of last week, will come before the Education Board at its meeting this afternoon.

27th July 1898 Wellington Education Board approved of Mr. J. McPhail (first assistant at Clyde Quay) and Mr. W. Foster (head master at Manakau) exchanging positions

19th August 1898 The Education Board invites applications for vacant teacherships at the Manakau, Mangamaire, and Roseneath schools

30th August 1898 The Education Board has received 23 applications for the head teachership of the Manakau school,

8th September 1898 Mr John McPhail resigned the head teachership of the Manakau School, and Miss Frances Chatwin her position at Nireaha. [Mr McPhail didn't teach for the Wellington Education Board again. He served 3 years at Clyde Quay

3rd October 1898 The Taratahi School Committee has approved of the Education Board's selection of Miss Mulville as teacher. Miss Mulville, who had been relieving at Manakau, left Wellington this morning for Taratahi.

8th September 1898 Mr. Everton, who has for a considerable time been second assistant teacher in the Thorndon School, has been appointed headmaster of the school at Manakau, Manawatu district.

Frederick Everton started at Thorndon School in 1894 as an Assistant Master. He was at Manukau from 1899 to 1902 and then at Featherston School also as headmaster until at least 1917. [While the researcher's father was a pupil there]

1899

1899	47	Manakau	Everton	Frederick C	C1	Head Master	£215.00
1899	47	Manakau	Bennett	William D		Male Pupil teacher	£45.00
1899	47	Manakau	Bevan	Ellen		Sewing	£ 5.00

19th May 1899 Mr Fleming will inspect Manakau on May 29th and 30th

7th September 1899 Wellington Education Board approves repairs at Manakau

22nd December 1899 R Verry finished 4th in the Class D (for schools with less than 100 pupils) in the scholarship examinations. The first three were awarded a scholarship.

1900

1900	48	Manakau	Everton	Frederick C	C1	Head Master	£215.00
1900	48	Manakau	Dynan	Mary		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 32.00

1st March 1900 In a look at teachers' salaries it was found that me Everton was being paid £40 in excess. [Along with lots of others

1st March 1900 The Education Board has approved of the transfers of pupil teachers as follows:— Mr. W. D. Bennett, from Manakau to the Taita; Miss Dynan, from Ohau to Manakau . In 1901 Mary Dynan was at Levin as a pupil teacher to 1903. From 1904 to 1906 she was sole teacher at Marima, South West of Pahiatua. [The researcher was the last teacher at this school in 1966]

1901

1901	54	Manakau	Everton	Frederick C	C1	Head Master	£ 215.00	House
1901	54	Manakau	Rollo	Violet		Female Pupil Teacher	£ 20.00	

1st March 1901 Miss M. Dynan has, at her own request, been transferred from the Manukau to the Levin School, and Miss Violette Rollo is to fill the Manakau vacancy

7th March 1901 Miss M. Dynan pupil-teacher has been transferred from the Manakau to the Levin School, and Miss Violet Rollo is to fill the Manakau vacancy. Miss Rollo only taught for the Wellington Education Board at this appointment.

20th April 1901 Census return. European Rolls The townships give the following results :— Waikanae, 186; Otaki, 272; Manakau, 146; Levin, 629; Wereroa, 165; Horowhenua Village Settlement, 243; Shannon, 273, The Maori population of the county in 1149, therefore the combined races total up to 5804.

13th May 1901 Inspector Mr Bakewell to visit 20th May, Manakau;

1902

1902	53	Manakau	Everton	Frederick C	C1	Head Master	£215.00	House
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1902	53	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E3	Assistant Female	£85.00	
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1st January 1902 Wellington Education Board Mistress Manakau £85

5th February 1902 Wellington Education Board Manakau Rebecca Fellingham Current Salary £50. Colonial Salary £85.

27th February 1902 Wellington Education Board Repairs Manakau £19 10S

4th March 1902 V Rollo Manakau to Mount Cook Boys Resigned 25th September from Mount Cook Wellington School

18th June 1902 To-day the people of Manakau are uniting in a demonstration to celebrate the declaration of peace, the Coronation and the unfurling of the New Zealand flag at the school. Mr W. H. Field, M.H.R., is to take a leading part in the ceremonies.

19th June 1902 The demonstration at Manakau this afternoon proved a great success, there being a large attendance. Mr Field, M.H.R., unfurled the flag at the school ground, and addressed the gathering. An apology was received for the absence of the Hon J. Carroll. Mr Davies, chairman of the County-Council, also spoke. The children sang the National Anthem and "Rule, Britannia." After the ceremony, the children and all comers were feasted. Last night a concert and dance were held to wind up the proceedings, which also served as peace and Coronation celebrations.

26th June 1902 Wellington Education Board Acting on the report of the clerk of works works at Manakau £12 8s

1903

1903	53	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£168.15	House
1903	53	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E3	Mistress	£85.00	

Alexander McBain started as a pupil Teacher in 1884 at Te Aro Infant's School From 1885 to 1888 he was Pupil Teacher at Te Aro School. He was at Te Aro as an Assistant Master from 1889 to 1894. In 1895 he was at Te Horo School until 1902. He then came to Manakau School until 1915 when he was appointed as first Head Master of Eastern Hutt School where he was still Headmaster in 1923 when my records end

Rebecca Fellingham started teaching in 1896 at Kaiwairua School [Halfway between Featherston and Martinborough] as a Pupil Teacher. She was in 1900 at Kaitawa 7 Kilometres East of Pahiatua and 1901 at Featherston school Before coming to Manakau until 1914. In 1915 she was at Wadestown School where she was until at least 1919 Her sisters Marjorie also taught for the Wellington Education Board from 1894 until at least 1919.

16th January 1903 Mr F. C. Everton, of the Manakau School, has been promoted to succeed Mr Porritt in the charge of the Featherston School.

25th January 1903 Mr A. McBain schoolmaster at Te Hero for some time, has been transferred to Manakau. and on Friday night he was entertained by the residents of Te Horo and presented with a silver mounted travelling-bag and a pair of field glasses.

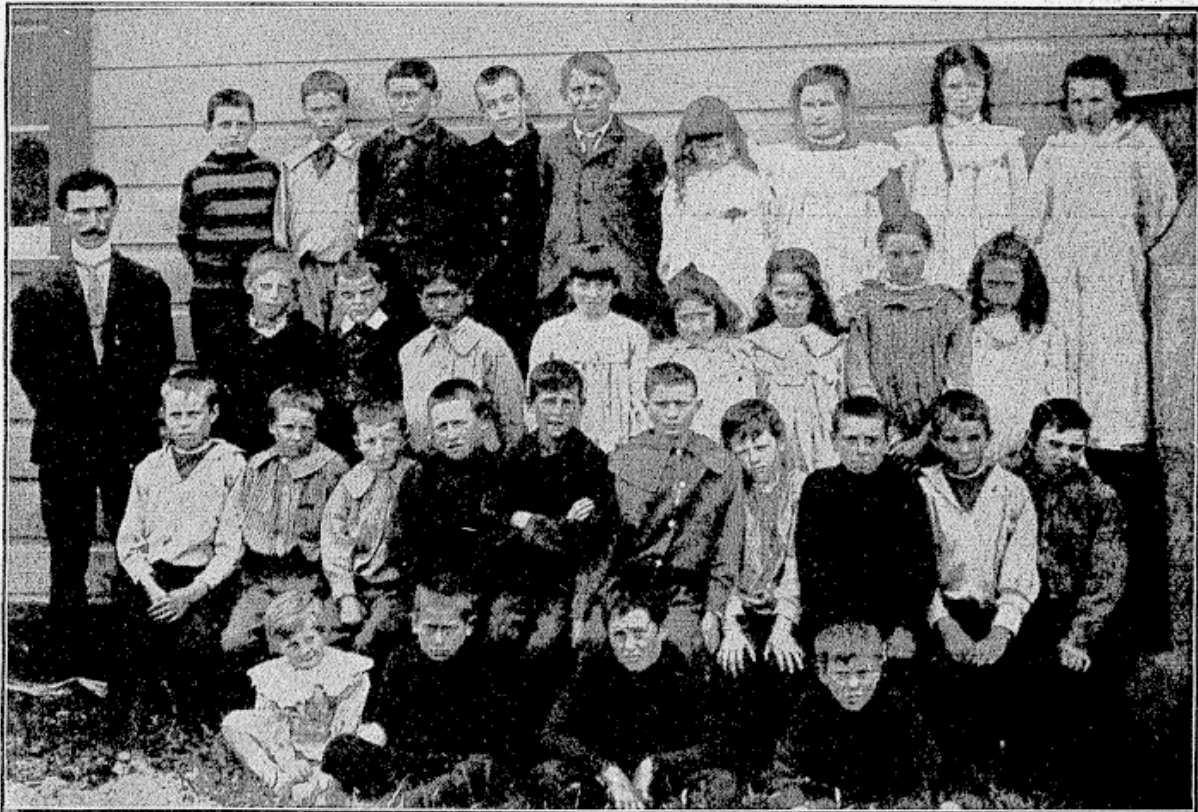
30th October 1903 Wellington Education Board could not see its way to make extensions to the Manakau Teacher's residence

1904

1904	55	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£168.15	House
1904	55	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E3	Mistress	£ 85.00	



The Junior Division Manakau School 29th June 1904 N Z Mail



29th June 1904 The Upper Division Manakau State School N Z Mail

1905

1905	82	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£171.50	House
1905	82	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E3	Mistress	£85.00	

27th January 1906 Wellington Education Board The clerk of works to report on application for painting Manakau

24th February 1905 Wellington Education Board Manakau for Panting. £5 10s

25th February 1905 Additions and alterations Manakau D Nees £27

27th April 1905 School Committee J. Carroll, (chairman and secretary), D. Nees (treasurer), J. Boulton. G. Newton, C. Eden, G. Silbery, J. George.

1906

1906	98	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£ 215.50	House
1906	98	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E2	Assistant Female	£ 100.00	
1906	98	Manakau	Lee	Mary E		FP1	£ 45.00	

Mary E Lee taught as a Pupil Teacher at Manukau until 1910. Then spent 1 year at Hamua. Halfway between Eketahuna and Pahiatua on the main road

1912/4882	Mary Ellen	Lee	Frederick Thornhill	Nicholson
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25th April 1906 School Committee . Manakau.— Messrs. I. Carroll (chairman), D. Nees (treasurer), C. Eden, A. Gardiner, C Judd, F. Mantan, G. Newson

1st June 1906 Wellington Education Board £2 Manakau. Residence repairs

29th June 1906 Wellington Education Board An application was made from Manakau for the enlargement of the school. It was. decided to apply for a grant to carry out the necessary work [Application to Education Department]

12th September 1906 Horowhenua County Council: From the committees of the Manakau, Shannon, and Tokomaru schools, accepting the Council's offer of £2 as prizes for the children of the schools for collecting small birds' eggs.

1907

1907	96	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£225.00	House
1907	96	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1907	96	Manakau	Lee	Mary E		FP1	£45.00	

12th February 1907 Tenders called by Wellington Education Board for painting and additions at Manakau

2nd March 1907 The Manakau Town Hall is now being used for numerous things, viz., a school (the usual structure now undergoing additions), a library, a bank, a hairdressing saloon, and a saddler's shop. [A fire destroyed a number of buildings in Manukau]

20th March 1907 Among those likely to seek nomination on the Manakau School Committee will be one or two ladies, who express themselves dissatisfied with the present working of the school

26th April 1907 Wellington Education Board Temporary Latrines Manukau £1 4s

30th August 1907 Wellington Education Board The secretary will apply to the Government for a grant for two extra rooms at the residence at Manakau

19th December 1907 Mr McBain is listed as Captain of the Rahui [Otaki] Cricket Club

1908

1908	91	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£225.00	House
1908	91	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E2	Assistant Female	£105.00	
1908	91	Manakau	Lee	Mary E		FP2	£50.00	

8th January 1908 The prizes, won by the scholars attending the Manakau school have been presented by Mr. McBain.

20th February 1908 The Manakau school children were yesterday holding their annual picnic, at Paekakariki. The party numbered between 100 and 150, including several adults

9th April 1908 Levin Horticultural Show DECORATIVE. Points Prize for Spring and Autumn Shows : Mrs McBain, Manakau.

24th April 1908 In the selection of the combined Horowhenua and Manawatu teams, Mr J. Manning, of Palmerston, will act with Mr McBain of Manakau. The Horowhenua Union has asked the Manawatu Rugby Union for a trial match between the rep. teams of the two Unions to determine the relative merits of players

29th April 1908 Wellington Education Board School residences: Wellington's share of the annual allocation, will enable a new residence to be provided at Horoeaka, and additions made to the Manakau building.

29th April 1908 School Committee Manakau. — Messrs. Carroll (chairman) and secretary),; Nees, Bolton, Eden, Newson, Hanlon, Winge.

20th May 1908 At a progressive euchre party held in aid of the Manakau School funds, no less than 56 took part in the play. Mrs. McBain was successful in winning the ladies' prize, and Mr. Reidy the gentleman's trophy. Musical items also helped to pass an enjoyable evening. Another similar function will be held at an early date.

29th May 1908 Wellington Education Board Manakau School Residence.—The Department wrote stating that the grant for the school residence at Manakau would be limited to £150.

22nd August 1908 The-euchre ,party in connection with the Manakau.- State' School was postponed on. Wednesday on account of the boisterous weather.

1909

1909	85	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£230.00	House
1909	85	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E2	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1909	85	Manakau	Lee	Mary E		FP3	£55.00	

28th April 1909 School Committee Manakau — Messrs. Carroll (chairman and secretary), Hanlon, Heady, Newson, Winge, Morgan, and Andrew.

29th May 1909 The Misses Fellingham, of Mahutara [Actually teacher at Kahautara [Now Kahautara]] South of Featherston] and Manakau, have left on a trip to Auckland and Rotorua, via the Main Trunk Line.

1910

1910	93	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£235.00	House
1910	93	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E2	Assistant Female	£115.00	
1910	93	Manakau	Lee	Mary E		FP4	£60.00	

Suddenly newspapers are publishing more news on Manakau as the Horowhenua Chronicle has started up. There was previously a Manakau Chronicle published but not saved at Papers Past which would have carried more Manakau School news.\

26th April 1910 Manakau. The following committee was elected last night Messrs G. Hanlon (chairman), G. Newson (secretary), F. Burnell. T Redy, S. Morgan, G. Silbury A. "Winge. There was a. large attendance of householders, and keen interest was shown in the proceedings.

7th May 1910 Our Manakau correspondent writes that Manakau school is to give a concert about the last week in June. .All the children are rehearsing, and the committee is looking forward to giving the public an evening's real entertainment.

8th June 1910 The Manakau school committee intend to bold an entertainment shortly, in aid of the school funds.

29th June 1910 Tenders accepted by Wellington Education Board included L Arcus Manakau £17 5s

4th July 1910 Three residents of Manakau appeared before Messrs. A. H. Rollo and F. C. Jones, J.P.s, at Otaki on Saturday, charged with unlawfully disturbing the school concert held at Manakau last Friday week. The men, John Eden, Angus McCulloch and Alfred Richardson, pleaded guilty. A further charge, that of using obscene language, was laid against Eden, to which he pleaded guilty. McCulloch was fined 30s, with costs 14s 5d, Richardson a similar amount, with costs 18s 2d ; and Eden 30s, and costs 14s 5d in the first case, and £2 and costs 9 shillings for using obscene language, in default 14 days' imprisonment. He was given till Monday afternoon (to-day) to pay the fine. For default of payment Richardson would be sentenced to seven days' imprisonment. McCulloch paid his fine into court.

31st August 1910 Wellington Education Board granted leave of absence to Miss Fellingham Manakau and Miss Fellingham Kahutara.

1911

1911	92	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£240.00	House
1911	92	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E2	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1911	92	Manakau	Bevan	Marie E		FP2	£35.00	

28th February 1911 Mr Manning is in charge of the public school at Manakau during the temporary absence of Mr McBain who has been in poor health lately

7th March 1911 Measles have broken out in Manakau, but every, precaution is being taken to suppress the outbreak.

1st April 1911 Hamua School: Miss Chatwin, from South Wellington .School, has been relieving-assistant for the past' two months. She will be replaced by Miss Lee, of Manakau School, who has been appointed to the position.

4th April 1911 Manakau is being affected by an . epidemic of measles, practically every household having one or more victims,

20th July 1911 The master of the Manakau school, Mr A. McBain, received word on Saturday morning of the death, at. of his mother, who died at the ripe old age of 86. The deceased lady was a sister of the late Mr W. Hutchison, formerly M.H.R, for Dunedin, and Mayor of Wellington for several terms. Within the last three years Mr McBain has lost his father, mother, and two brothers.

28th August 1911 Mr. A. McBain, head teacher at the 'Manakau School, is again indisposed with a long standing leg complaint, and it is more than probable that he will, be obliged to undergo an operation

20th December 1911 Miss M Bevan resigns from Manukau School.

1912

1912	86	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£240.00	House
1912	86	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E2	Assistant Female	£125.00	
1912	86	Manakau	Jensen	Emma H	D4	Assistant Female	£95.00	

In 1910 and 1911 Emma Jensen was at Mauriceville West school in Northern Wairarapa Then taught until 1915 at Manakau

19th November 1917 A well-attended wedding took place at Manakau on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr Frank Winter, son of Mrs Winter, of Manakau, was married by the Rev. G. F- Petrie, M.A., to Miss Emma Jensen, only daughter of Mrs N. A. Anderson, of Manakau. The church was prettily decorated: for the occasion, a lovely floral bell being a pleasing feature.

1st January 1912 Miss Fellingham and her sister (Kahutara) are visiting Dannevirke.

9th February 1912 The Manakau School Committee has decided to hold their annual picnic at Paekakariki on February 21 They will journey thither by an early morning train £1

28th February 1912 Wellington Education Board Library Subsidy Manakau

23rd July 1912 On Saturday afternoon members of the Manakau School Committee, assisted by the headmaster, planted a hedge of about 300 shrubs along the southern and western boundary fences. The planting was in pursuance of the Arbor Day idea. Owing- to the destruction by fire of the hall at Manakau, the concert arranged by the school teachers for funds ,to lay down tennis courts, has been postponed. Should a new hall be erected at an early date, the committee will book the opening. night for their entertainment. The hall which was burned down was, twenty years ago, opened with a school concert—so in this case, history may repeat itself.

20th August 1912 The Manakau State school has been closed on account of an outbreak of scarlet fever. Every precaution is being taken to prevent its spread.

31st August 1912 The Manakau school, after being closed for some time on account of scarlet fever, has been reopened.

1913

1913	91	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£240.00	House
1913	91	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E2	Assistant Female	£130.00	
1913	91	Manakau	Jensen	Emma H	D4	Assistant Female	£100.00	

1st February 1913 Mrs. and Master McBain returned to ' Manakau this week, after spending a holiday at Auckland.

1898/4795	Violet Hermina	Carte	Alexander	McBain
1900/12624	McBain	Hector Elliott	Violet Hermina	Alexander
1905/20998	McBain	Violet Lillian Louise	Violet Hermina	Alexander
1908/8676	McBain	Mavis Alexa	Violet Hermina	Alexander
1909/18553	McBain	Gordon Phillip	Violet Hermina	Alexander

2nd February 1913 Shannon School Treat included the children from the Manakau school joined the Shannon party and left the train at Paekakariki for their picnic.

11th March 1913 Miss Maisie Carter, sister to Mrs McBain, of Manakau, has returned to Australia to resume her engagement with the J. C. Williamson management. {marriage surname appears to be wrong]

20th April 1913 Wellington Education Board The Masterton and Manakau schools committees thanked the board for attention that had been devoted to teachers and children visiting H.M.S. New Zealand. It was decided to place on record the work of the secretary (Mr G. L. Stewart) and the teachers in connection with the visit of [children to the warship.

30th April Manakau. —At the meeting of the Manakau householders, held in Manakau on Monday last, the following householders were elected to act as a school committee for the following year: Messrs. F. Burnell, G. Newson, G. Bilberry, S. Morgan, H. George, C. Nees, and W. Kirkley. Mr F Burnell was elected chairman and Mr Newson secretary

5th May 1913 Manakau Public School Following is the report of the headmaster concerning the Manakau public school during the year 1912-13 ".I beg to present my annual report on your school. "Just a year ago wo had 103 scholars on the roll; to-day there are 106--so we have held our own.

During the past year or so the number of children attending country schools has decreased, and a return of much interest to us will be presented at the next meeting of our Education Board bearing on this loss in country schools. Under the circumstances, we are fortunate in keeping up our number. Many changes have taken place in the year. Since last April 41 scholars have left, and 44 have been admitted. The proportion of Maori and half-caste scholars shows a slight decrease. "Visits by an Inspector were made on the following dates:— May 17th, September 9th, and April 7th. Full reports of these visits are in your records and will be read at the annual meeting of householders. Several visits have been made to the school by the truant officer, but in this respect matters are satisfactory.

"At the beginning of this year classes were re-arranged, and a little more put upon the lady assistants, and that much has been taken off my shoulders. Miss Fellingham takes 38 children in infant., classes and Standard 1., Miss Jensen 33 in Standard II. and 111., while I have 35 in Standards IV., V., and VI., and this is a fair division Of labour. I desire to again place on record my warm appreciation of the work done by the lady teachers. It would be hard to find smoother working in any school, and all my efforts for the good of the school are ably seconded by the two lady assistants. In their own section of the school they are doing good work and have been commended by the Inspector.

"Our annual concert was a great success, and, thanks to the combined efforts of committee. teachers, parents. and scholars, we have attained our object in securing tennis courts. "At the end of the year a liberal supply of prizes was voted by the committee, but I hope the question of attendance prizes will be re-introduced, and some workable scheme be hit upon. Our visit to H.M'.S. New Zealand was a most enjoyable one. Fifty -one scholars, three teachers, and six members of the committee went- to "Wellington The adults had a fairly easy task, as the children were well behaved.

"! desire to thank my committee for all its assistance in our work. At all times I have received help and encouragement, and this is a big factor in the successful "working of a school.— Yours faithfully, A. McBain . Headmaster."

2nd July 1913 Miss Fellingham, assistant teacher at the Manakau School, has been obliged to relinquish duties for three months, on account of ill-health. '

6th November 1913 A lad named To Huni met with an accident at the Manakau School on Tuesday through a detonator, which he pricked with the point of a compass, exploding. Two fingers were blown off, and a third injured, while a nasty hole was made in his leg. First aid

was rendered by Nurse Inglis, who happened to be on a visit from Wellington, after which the lad was sent to the Otaki Hospital.

6th November 1913 Another report NZ Times: An accident of a very painful nature but one which will doubtless act as a warning to others, occurred boy, Willie To Hiwi, of Kuku, while in attendance at the Manakau school on Monday. Just before 3 O clock in Miss Jensen's room, there was a loud report, and fearing the seriousness of the affair, Mr McBain, headmaster, was summoned. The lad, it appears, had become possessed or a detonator, and was pricking it with the point of a compass when it exploded, with the result that it blew his thumb and forefinger off, and injured the next, besides causing a nasty Injury to hi a leg. He was taken to Mr McBain's residence, where Nurse Inglis, who happened to be on a visit to Manakau, rendered first aid. doing much to relieve the little sufferer. The lad's parents were quickly summoned, and he was shortly afterwards removed by train to the hospital, Mr McBain and Miss Jensen accompanying him. Latest reports show- the boy to be doing well. The incident naturally upset the usual even tenor of the school, .and it is little 'short of miraculous that the lad next to the injured boy was not also a sufferer.

10th December 1913 The Manakau School Committee met on Thursday evening 1 to discuss what form the children's prizes should take

19th December 1913 The public school broke up on Thursday afternoon. All the afternoon was occupied with the presentation of prizes and the stripping of a Christmas tree.

22nd December 1913 Mr Andrew's prizes for the best boy and girl tennis player were presented on Thursday, with the public, school prizes. Master Ewart Bevan and Miss Rita Nees were the worthy winners. "Sonny" Sibbrey was presented with a medal for being the best boy (in attendance and behaviour) on the roll of the Manakau school.

24th December 1913 Mr Bevan gave all the public school children free passes to the pictures.

1914

1914	99	Manakau	McBain	Alexander	D1	Head Master	£240.00	House
1914	99	Manakau	Fellingham	Rebecca	E2	Assistant Female	£140.00	
1914	99	Manakau	Jensen	Emma H	D3	Assistant Female	£110.00	

9th January 1914 Mr and Mrs McBain are spending a holiday at Island Bay.

13th January 1914 Mr McBain and Mr and Mrs Andrew are leaving very shortly for the Auckland Exhibition.

21st January 1914 Horowhenua Notes Mr A. McBain. headmaster of the Manakau school, who is holidaymaking in Wellington- paid a flying visit to the district yesterday.

28th January 1914 Wellington Education Board made a grant for small works

2nd February 1914 Mr A. McBain, headmaster of the Manakau school, has received the appointment of headmaster of the Eastern Hutt School, which the Education Board has decided to raise from the status of a semi-infant school to that of a full school covering all the standards. [He didn't start until February 1915]

9th February 1914 Mr McBain is leaving shortly to take up his duties at the Lower Hutt State School. He is to be congratulated on his promotion, but at the same time Manakau will feel his departure keenly. No better .sport ever lived here. A public meeting is to be held in the

school on Wednesday evening to form a committee for a farewell function. The State School picnic will be held on Friday, the 20th inst., in Manakau.

3rd March 1914 At a meeting of the Manakau school committee on Friday evening four applications were received for the position of headmaster to the school, rendered vacant by the promotion of Mr McBain. One, with very high qualifications, was chosen, but before publishing the name, it has to be submitted to the Education Board for approval.

5th March 1914 Mr William Tullibardine Murray, of the Pongaroa Public School, is to be appointed headmaster of the school here, vice Mr McBain, who has secured the headmastership of the Lower Hutt school. The farewell "social" to Mr and Mrs McBain is to be held on Wednesday evening, the 11th, not the 10th as previously stated.

9th March 1914 Manakau residents are making complete arrangements for the social gathering to be held next Wednesday by way of send-off to Mr and Mrs McBain, who are moving to Wellington, where Mr McBain has received a well-deserved promotion. Admission to the social is free, and everybody will be welcomed.

12th March 1914 [Mr A N Burns was headmaster of the Hutt DHS and King's Road side school at the end of 1914]. Mrs. A. McBain, who shortly leaves Manakau to take up residence at the Lower Hutt. was entertained by her Levin friends at an "at home" on Tuesday. During the afternoon Mrs. McBain sang, while Miss Pauline Brown -recited.

12th March 1914 The Manukau public hall was crowded last night by visitors from Te Horo to the south, Levin on the north, to take part in the farewell to Mr A. McBain. During the eleven years that he has been at Manakau Mr McBain has made many friends and last night's gathering was easily a record for Manakau. The proceedings opened with a high-class concert programme comprising the following items: Recitation. Miss Nina Gleeson ; song. Miss Kathleen Stratton; haka by the schoolchildren; recitation. "Napoleon's Tomb," Mr B. Brown : song, "Kathleen Mavourneen," Miss Hurley; song "Off to Philadelphia," Mr H. Andrew; recitation "The land of Splendid Silence," Miss Carle; song. "Father O'Flynn," Mr Kirk: recitation "The Pudding," Miss P. Brown (encored); song "All that is lovely," Mrs D'Ath, (encore, "Tosti's Good-bye"): recitation "The Pantomime," Miss Carle (encored); song, "The Cows are in the Clover," Miss "Robinson : song, "The Gipsy's Warning-." Mrs L. Atkins: Shakespearian dialogue, Mr B. Brown and Miss P. Brown (encore, "Falstaff" given by Mr B. Brown; duet, "Life's Dream is O'er," Mr and Mrs McBain (encored). Several speeches were made. -

Mr H. Andrew said that when the news first came to Manakau that Mr McBain was leaving them, it was suggested that some should do this and some should do that, but finally all had combined in arranging the present proceedings. When he had mentioned to Mr McBain that he might give an item on the programme of the "send-off" Mr McBain said he hoped they were, not going to make a fuss about his leaving. This was characteristic, he would have slipped quietly away from Manakau without any publicity whatever. Tie (Mr Andrew) spoke' on behalf the Tennis Club. and into the formation and working of the club Mr McBain had put a great deal of enthusiasm and largely helped to make it the success it now is. He was a clean sport and had done his uttermost to push the club along. The members of the club wished to thank Mr and Mrs McBain for their great assistance: they would miss them very much and wished them every success in their new sphere. They knew that- wherever Mr McBain went he would always play the game.

Mr L. Atkins said that he could assert without any hesitation that never in the history of Manakau had there been such a gathering as the present one, and they were all friends who had come to- say farewell to Mr and Mrs McBain. Manakau was going to suffer because of their departure. Mr McBain had been identified with-district cricket and both as an opponent and as a club mate he was always fair. They would have fond recollection of many an enjoyable game in which he had taken part. He also took a great interest- in other than sports bodies, and five years ago when the Manakau Debating" Society was first started he was one of those most enthusiastic in its formation, thanks to his untiring efforts it was now expanding" and well established. They had all realised Mr McBain's goodness of heart and his willingness to assist them in every possible way. His kindly lectures and advice had left impressions that the hand of time would fail to eras, and although. he was leaving Manakau the Mr McBain of the past would be seen reflected in the hopes of the young men of the future.. Because it meant promotion they were glad to see him go and on behalf of the Manakau Debating Society he wished Mr McBain "God-speed."

Mr Burnell, on- behalf of the School Committee said he was sorry at Mr McBain's departure. He had worked in complete harmony with the Committee. Mrs McBain would be missed by all. On behalf of the people of the district he had much pleasure in presenting him with a purse of sovereigns.

Mr "Winiata, for the Levin Football Club, thanked the committee who had the affair in hand for giving them a chance to take part in the present proceedings. McBain and himself were very old friends. The district was losing a good man who would be very hard to replace and the Hai Mai Football Club and the Whenua "Rugby Union would suffer. He hoped that some day he would return and call upon all his old friends. On behalf -if the Levin Football Club and its supporters he had much pleasure in presenting Mr McBain with a very handsome tea and coffee service. Mr McBain responded feelingly and in well-chosen terms. A full report on his remarks will appear in to-morrow's issue.

13th March 1914 [Note: this was difficult to proof as it was not a good copy. There is some guesstimating in this piece]

THE FAREWELL FUNCTION. Particulars were printed in yesterday's issue of speeches made at the farewell function to Mr A. McBain of Manakau. Mr McBain's reply

:Mr McBain rising to respond. Received with hearty cheer saying he had stood on this platform saying pleasant things to others who leaving them, and while they had given of their best for the benefit of the people of the district. On these occasions he had always looked upon a speech in response as a very simple matter, but it was not so easy as it seemed.. There were so many things he would like to say that he was sure he would forget to tell them and he asked them to bear with him because they had placed him in a most uncomfortable position. It was now eleven years since he had come into the district. He was not altogether friendless when he arrived as he had met and become acquainted with people from this district in other places. The people here soon showed Mrs McBain and himself .that they wished to be on friendly terms with them and the friendship Parted then had not lessened. It made the school work easy, and when, throughout the eleven years he had spent in Manakau, he had the kindly assistance and goodwill of the people he could not possibly help making a success of his work in the school, and he hoped the children would reap great benefit from it. With such a helpful school committee as he had the pleasure to work -with, It was easy for him to carry

out his duties, and the chairman of the committee (Mr Burnell) had done everything possible to assist and made it a point of enquiring regularly if the committee could do anything further to assist him.

His connection with sport was prompted by a deep love, for it, and the fact that it had a great influence on the character of a man and the making of a nation. Nearly all he had been able to do for the sports bodies of the district he had been able to do by the assistance and sacrifice of his wife. Often he had to leave his wife and family to attend to some meeting in connection with it and his wife had never once complained. Instead she had encouraged him to go on and help the different bodies in every possible way. The thought of severing his connection with the Manakau Debating Society was one of the many that cause his deep regret at leaving the district and he hoped the members would do him the honour of sticking to it, pushing" it along,, and making the coming - winter session the best yet.

The present from the Levin Football Club and its supporters came as a complete surprise to him, and he hardly knew what to say in reply their kindness and for their handsome present. He took it as a very high, compliment indeed that the Levin footballers had acted as they did. He was leaving Manakau because he wanted a better school. When he came here first the school gave promise of having an ever increasing attendance, but this promise had not been borne out, and he saw no prospect of improvement. He thought it absolutely wicked that a teacher's salary should depend upon attendance and not on ability. They should do all in their power to try to remedy this, and when it is remedied there will be many teachers who will be in no hurry to leave their schools for other districts. The success of his work was largely due to the great assistance he always had from his two assistant teachers Miss Fellingham and Miss Jensen. He never had any occasion to enquire if the work was being done and he was extremely fortunate in having such assistance.

To all those in Manakau and to all outside Mrs McBain and himself extended their most cordial thanks and they could rest assured that they felt more gratitude than he could express. He hoped they would help his successor as they had helped him.

In conclusion he wished to say that he would consider it a slight if anyone from Manakau, Levin, or Otaki came within any reasonable distance of the Hutt and failed to call upon them in their home. He again thanked them their great and unfailing kindness to Mrs McBain and himself.

A telegram from M; F. Penn? was read stating- that he was unable to be present and joining in general regret at Mr McBain's departure. Several apologies including one from Father De ? were received for non-attendance. A hearty vote of thanks was Passed in the committee for the work done in arranging the proceedings.

The proprietors the hall were also thanked for letting hall of charge for the gathering. Mr H. Andrew was chairman.

The accompanists during the evening were Mrs Quill and Miss Stratton.

After the presentation The visitors adjourned in relays to the supper room where the piles of cakes and sandwiches rapidly melted away. In the meantime the floor was cleared for dancing and this was indulged in by a large number until it was time to fulfil the usual morning appointment with Strawberry, Topsy and Co. [Dairy Cows]

17th March 1914 Miss Maisie Carte, the well-known actress, is at present visiting her sister, Mi's. McBain , at Manakau. Miss" Rosie Carte, a well-known elocutionist, is also spending a holiday in the same township.

9th May 1914 School Committee Manakau.—Messrs. Burnell (chairman), Newson (secretary), Aitken, Atkins, Cochrane, Boulton.

7th July 1914 r A: McBain, who received notice of transfer from the 'Manakau 'to the Lower Hurt school, bias received notification that the change will take place in September.

21st December 1914 At the "breaking-up" ceremony and prize distribution of the Manakau school on Thursday the opportunity was taken to present to Miss Bellingham, who is severing her connection with the school, with tokens of esteem from both the school children and residents. 'Maud Wallace, one of the head girls, on behalf of the former, handed to Miss Fellingham a handsome gold bangle, while Mr F. Burnell (chairman of the school committee) presented, on behalf of the residents, a lovely pendant. Mr Burnell made some very pleasing remarks in reference to the recipient, which were heartily endorsed by Mr McBain (headmaster). Miss Fellingham replied with a neat speech, after which she was accorded hearty cheers. Cheers were also given for Mr and Mrs McBain , Misses Fellingham and Jensen, and for the new teachers who are yet to arrive..... Mr A. McBain , the popular headmaster of the Manakau state school was on Thursday presented, on behalf of the children attending the school, with a fountain pen. The presentation was made by Master Jack Reidy

23rd December 1914 Wellington Education Board appointments Manakau, assistants, Miss E. Jensen and Miss N. Dunning

1915

1915	97	Manakau	Murray	William T	D1	Head Master	£220.00	House
1915	97	Manakau	Jensen	Emma H	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1915	97	Manakau	Best	Sarah E		Assistant Female	£120.00	

27th January 1915 Wellington Education Board Manakau, Residence fencing, papering etc approved

9th March 1915 Manakau assistant Miss E Pigott appointed. Miss Pigott was not teaching for Wellington Education Board by December 1915. Was teaching at Longbush (Wairarapa as a substitute teacher in 1914)

31st March 1915 Wellington Education Board Manakau, painting old class rooms, draught sashes, etc.

17th April 1915 Belgian Fund Manakau School, in lieu of picnic, £12 1s 6d; proceeds social, £2 9s 6d ...Total: £14 11 0

27th July 1915 Mr. S. Duncan, of. Waikanae, wishes to acknowledge contributions of illustrated papers, magazines, games, etc., from the 'following for the camp at Waikanae:— The .school children of Manakau, Otaki, _Te Horo, Paraparaumu, Paekakariki;

1st September 1915 Wellington Education Board Tender accepted Manakau, school painting, C. Sawyer

27th October W T Murray Resigned. Became a minister of the Presbyterian church

27th October 1915 Mr "W. Murray, head teacher at Manakau for some time past, has resigned his position in order to enter the Presbyterian Home Mission Service, Mr Murray will be stationed at Hamner in the South Island, and will leave for there in the course of the next few weeks.

27th March 1923 Part of a long article in the Stratford Evening Post The disappearance on Mt. Egmont of Rev. W. T. Murray, early in February, is recalled by an appreciation being sent to those who assisted in the search by Taranaki Presbytery, which records its gratitude in the following testimony- " The Presbytery of Taranaki wishes to place on record its deep indebtedness to and high appreciation of the sterling and self-sacrificing work (lone by all those who assisted in the search for the late W. T. Murray, who lost his life on Mt. Egmont.

11th November 1915 Mr P Mickle appointed from Hamua School

1st December 1915 Miss E L Pigott assistant Manakau

20th December 1915 Mr Paul Mickle, headmaster of the Hamua School, who is leaving shortly, for Manakau, was on Thursday afternoon presented by the scholars with a' case of silver-mounted ebony hair brushes.

21st December 1915 The prize-giving in connection with the Manakau State School took place on Wednesday, when Mr D. R. Bathgate, chairman of committee, presented the prizes. There was a satisfactory attendance, and the harmony of the day was materially enhanced by some fine items 'by scholars. During the day Mr Murray (headmaster) warmly thanked the teaching staff for their assistance, the children for their diligence the school committee for valuable help, and the people generally for many kindnesses. ,

1916-1917

1917	83	Manakau	Mickle	Paul A D	C-52	Head	£240.00
1917	83	Manakau	Greig	Agnes M		Assistant	£110.00
1917	83	Manakau	Mickle	Eulalie Mrs		Assistant	£110.00

Paul Mickle started with the Wellington Education Board in 1907 as assistant master at Greytown School. In 1910 he was appointed to Hamua School and after Manakau He was at Porirua School with a roll of 86. His wife Eulalie taught at Manakau and Porirua.

1905/6201	Eulalie Louisa Ellen	Rothall	Paul Alexander Douglas	Mickle
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In 1905 Paul Mickle was sole teacher at Neudorf School for the Nelson Education Board. Miss Rothall

Of Auckland worked as a dressmaker employed by Mr W R May and was given away by Mr J Johnston. Taken from a long wedding notice 18th February 1905

1906/11058	Mickle	Pauline Constance Ellen	Eulalie Louisa Ellen	Paul	Alexander - Douglas
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1907/21418	Mickle	Eric Albert	Eulalie Louisa Ellen	Paul Douglas	Alexander
1913/11396	Mickle	Thelma Eileen Athola	Eulalie	Paul Douglas	Alexander

19th January 1916 Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Mickle, of the School House, Hamua, leave for their now homo at Manakau at the end of this week.

25th January 1916 Mr. P. A. D. Mickle and Mrs. Mickle, of Hamua, who are removing to Manakau, were entertained by the Hamua Golf Club on Monday. Mr. Mickle, who has been the secretary of the club since its inception, was presented with a handsome travelling rug.

3rd February 1916 Mrs P. A. D. Mickle, wife of the headmaster of the Manakau school if assisting as temporary teacher at the Manakau school, owing to a shortage of teachers.

19th April 1916 Miss C. M. Rains; Manakau (temporary assistant),

Agnes M Greig only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Manakau School

29th May 1917 Miss G E Cheek appointed assistant Manakau

30th May 1917 Miss G E Cheek resigns

2nd October 1917 Presentation at Manakau School. . On Friday afternoon the State school at Manakau was the scene of- a pleasant gathering of parents and scholars to bid farewell to Miss E. H. Jensen, the infant mistress, who is shortly to be married. The chairman of the committee, Mr. T. Clifford, presided, and in a short, speech presented Miss "Jensen. with a beautiful afternoon tea service on., behalf of the parents' and householders of the district, -in recognition of. her valuable services. The headmaster, Mr. Mickle, also presented Miss Jensen with a silver cake dish and- afternoon teaspoons, on behalf of the scholars of the school. In doing so Mr. Mickle referred to. Miss Jensen's faithful- 5 ½ years'- service, during -which time most strenuous and conscientious work had been put in.. Besides the. Ordinary work of the school Miss Jensen had taken charge, of the, Knitting .Guild, and superintended all the work during the last two years. Hearty good wishes were extended to Miss Jensen for her. future happiness. . Afternoon tea was dispensed by a number of ladies, and photos were taken on the lawn.

21st December 1917 The prize giving and "breaking-up" ceremony in connection with the Manakau state school was held on Wednesday afternoon, when the scholars. together with students and friends, assembled to take part. Mr. P. J. D. Mickle, headmaster, gave an interesting address, he stated that the Government has stiffened up the examination for the Sixth Standard because too many pupils had got through previously. He was told that only 50 per cent of the Wellington province had passed at the recent examination, but it was pleasing to know that Manakau school had secured 75 per cent of passes, which was well above the average, however, it was necessary for children to work harder from now on, and it would be necessary for upper standards to do some homework, or failure would stare them in the face. There should be no distraction in the school year, and parents could help considerably. He made bold to say that because England in the past had been content to allow Germany to predominate in science, they were in their present state to day. Education, he contended, should be more liberally supported, and scholarships or scientific research set up. Who knew but that they might possess a New Zealand Edison, or a Graham White? In conclusion, Mr

Mickle stated it would be to America's inventive construction of aeroplanes that would make the Central Powers roll back their legions and bring victory to our side.

1918-1919

1919	84	Manakau	Mickle	Paul A D	C-51	Head	£330.00	
1919	84	Manakau	Malcolm	Marjorie		Assistant	£150.00	
1919	84	Manakau	Gunn	Isabel A		Assistant	£126.00	

23rd March 1918 The third outbreak of fire at Manakau within three weeks took place at 11 o'clock on, Thursday night at Mr Mickle's residence, the wash house at the rear of the house being destroyed. There had been no fire in the building for two weeks. The Mail says: The fact that Mr Mickle recently moved a vote of sympathy the Methodists over their loss when their church was mysteriously destroyed by fire a fortnight ago, is thought by some to be significant, seeing that prominent Methodists have been affected by all the recent outbreaks. Manakau residents are naturally gravely concerned as to these frequent outbreaks, and it seems quite certain that some dastardly incendiary is at work."

10th August 1918 Pahiatua Pars . The ex-master of the Hamua School, and now at Manakau, Mr Mickle, who has been, very ill, has been resting at Palmerston for some weeks.

30th July 1918 Mr P. A., D. >Mickle, school master at Manakau, who has been health recruiting in Palmerston, has returned home, but is still far from well. He has been incapacitated for duty for ten weeks.

17th August 1918 Arbor Day was again remembered this year at the Manakau school. The Education Board generously planted 200 trees, which were planted by the senior pupils under the direction of the Headmaster, Mr Mickle, who is still on sick leave. The English trees are mostly ash. elm. and yew. During the past three years over 600 trees have been planted in the school grounds.

9th October 1918 The Manakau School grounds—always a beauty spot, in which the local residents as well as the children, take a keen pride—are looking particularly well, and reflect great credit on the children and the headmaster (Mr Mickle), who is an enthusiast in horticulture, floriculture, and forestry.

2nd December 1918 Mr. Paul A, D. Mickle. headmaster of the Manakau School is an inmate of a private hospital, where he is to undergo an operation.

9th December 1918 Mr. P. A.-D. Mickle, headmaster of the Manakau School, who recently underwent an operation at Bowen-street Hospital, is now making rapid progress towards recovery

8th January 1919 Mr P. A. D. Mickle, who has been for several weeks in private hospital at Wellington, has returned to his home at Manakau, very much improved in health. Manakau residents are very glad to-see him progressing so favourably.

24th February 1919 It. has been decided to hold the state School picnic on Friday at Paekakariki The children are looking forward to spending a most enjoyable time.

5th March 1919 Mrs Alger (Hawera) is at present on a visit to Manakau staying with her sister, Mrs P. A. D. Mickle. The annual picnic in connection with the State school was held at Paekakariki on Friday, when two carriages were set apart for the conveyance of the children

and their guardians to the seaside. For some' years past the function has been held locally, but the residents subscribed so liberally that it was wisely decided to give the children a good outing. The trip down by the early train proved enjoyable, but once at their destination the beach was the attraction, and here the children had the time of their lives. The teachers and parents did all possible to add enjoyment to the outing, which will long remain a '-red letter day" in the minds of the youngsters. Unfortunately, however, the Government refused to grant concessions in the price of tickets—a fact freely commented on.

10th March 1919 Mrs Mickle, the energetic secretary of the local tennis club, was accorded a pleasant surprise on Saturday, when members of the club congregated to make her a well-deserved presentation. Mr Andrew, on behalf of the playing members, spoke highly of Mrs Mickle, and handed to her a valuable piece of Doulton ware, a gift that was greatly appreciated.

17th April 1919 School Committee MANAKAU. The committee elected was as follows: Messrs J. Nicholson. H. Miles, J. Blair. C. Phillips. T. Clifford.

7th July 1919 Further reports of the bright daylight meteor seen, and reported on by Mr. J. T. Ward, Wanganui, on Friday, 20th June, have been received by the Government, .Astronomer. Mr. Paul A. D. .Mickle, Manakau, states that while walking on 20th June, about 5 p.m., he observed a roundish ball of light which seemed to be making for the south from the south-western sky, and the appearance of which was identical with the description; given by Mr. Ward

30th July 1919 The Manakau School Committee has s decided to creed parallel and horizontal bars, etc., in the school ground, for the use of the school children, and Mr e Kofoed has been instructed to carry out the necessary work. The committee is to be commended on making provision for building up the physique of the boys, as such gymnastic apparatus is splendid for such a purpose. It is hoped that arrangements may be made later for members of the Manakau branch of the Y.M.C.A. to have the "" use of the gymnasium apparatus.

30th July 1930 A football club is being formed for the senior boys of the school, and presently they hope to challenge other schools for friendly contest. The Wellington Education Board some time ago promised the erection of a new class-room at the local school, but beyond the promise nothing has been done, and residents are wondering when the promise will materialise. It would also be interesting to know how much money has been granted.

18th August 1919 Manakau Tennis Club The secretary (Mrs Mickle) handed in her resignation and left the gathering. The resignation was accepted

30th August 1919 The Education Board) intends carrying out extensive improvements to the Manakau school. The central portion is to be re-built to conform' with the two wings. This will give much needed extra accommodation and improve the appearance of the building generally.

5th September 1919 Miss Windley, who has been on the staff of the Manakau school for some considerable time, has been transferred to the Te Horo school, to fill a vacancy there. Mrs Mickle is filling the vacancy at the .Manakau school temporarily.

8th September 1919 Miss Greig, assistant teacher at the Manakau school, left to-day for Tokomaru, where she has received an appointment. The Manakau headmaster (Mr Mickle) is thus handicapped through having both assistants away. Miss Windley removing to Te Horo last week. Agnes Greig only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Manakau and

Tokomaru. Ivy Windley Taught at Otaki in 1914 and 1915. Then probably went to Training College for two years to teach at Te Horo up to at least 1921

26th September 1919 A meeting of householder* (Mr T. Clifford presiding) was held at Manakau last night, when the general public were invited to attend a meeting called by the School Committee for the purpose of considering the action of the Education Board in taking two teachers from the school, and failing to replace them, on the eve of the examination. The Board was roundly condemned for its action, and a deputation, comprising Messrs ' Clifford, Blair, Nicholson, Atkins, and Andrew, was appointed to wait on Mr: Harkness, the district's representative, and ask him to ventilate the matter at the next meeting of the Board. It was generally considered that the Board had acted wrongly in the matter The Manakau school concert has been fixed for December 17th, this date being considered most suitable in view of the examination which is. to be held shortly.

1ST October 1919 Recently, at a public meeting held at Manakau, a deputation was appointed to wait on Mr C. I. Harkness (one of the district representatives on the Wellington Education Board) to the Board's action in removing two teachers shortly before the school examinations. The deputation waited on Mr Harkness at the Ohau Institute on Monday night last when the position was put clearly before Mr Harkness by various members of the deputation. It was pointed out that the Manakau school had had a most unfortunate time for some time past, owing to sickness other reasons necessitating frequent changes in the staff. The deputation felt that the Education Board might have prevented the two changes recently made, by which the school staff was disorganised close to examination time.

Mr Harkness said there was no doubt that the Manakau school had been unfortunate, and he sympathised with the deputation. He pointed out that the Board did not offer sufficient inducement to take the teachers to the. country schools—they naturally sought the better-paid schools in the larger centres, and as teachers were scarce, the country suffered considerably. Mr Harkness promised to confer with his colleague (Mr W. H. Field, M.P.) in the matter, and would do his best. The deputation heartily thanked Mr Harkness for the way he had received them, and for his offers of assistance. The deputation comprised Messrs T. Clifford (chairman), Atkins, Staples, and Andrew.

29th October 1919 Miss Gunn relieving teacher is now engaged on the staff of the Manakau School.

14th November 1919 At a meeting of the Manakau State School Committee last night Mr AV. Bevan was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr Miles. Endeavours are now to be made to organise a concert for school funds

19th November 1919 The Manakau school concert has been definitely fixed for Friday, December 12th. The training of the children will be in the hands of Mrs L. H. Atkin*, while Messrs Andrew and Trevethick will arrange other matters. The funds will be devoted towards the gymnasium and maypole.

20th November 1919 Miss M Malcom appointed assistant Manakau

20th November 1919 The principal of the Training College is to be asked by the Education Board to select students for the following positions (all assistants, with the exception of Karapoti, where a sole teacher is to be appointed) :—Brooklyn, Mt. Cook Boys', Tc Aro, Te Horo, Manakau, Kahautara, Nireaha, Waihakeke, Karapoti and Mangatainoka.

1920-1921

1921	100	Manakau	Mickle	Paul A D	C	Head	£390.00	
1921	100	Manakau	Malcolm	Marjorie	D	Assistant	£230.00	
1921	100	Manakau	Dyer	Grace A		Assistant	£180.00	

14th January 1920 Mr P A Mickle elected secretary and treasurer of the Manakau Tennis Club

21st January 1920 Miss Isabel A Gunn appointed assistant [From reliever] By 1921 Miss Gunn was at Brooklyn school and was still there in 1923.

29th January 1920 Wellington Education Board Manakau Replacement £682

9th April 1920 in Wednesday's issue -of last week there appeared a contribution conveying the impression that little or nothing was being done in this matter. I merely wish to point out that the writer must have been misinformed, as all the children at the Otaki school, whose parents desired to attend to them, have been examined and treatment completed. A second examination was made early last week, and the treatment required will be furnished in the course of a few days. Levin, Manakau, and Waikanae schools have received similar attention. Trusting you will be good enough to place these few lines before your leaders. —I am, etc., D. K. MACKENZIE. Levin, April 1920.

12th April 1920 Plans for the new classroom at Manakau School are now complete, and it is expected that tenders will be called almost immediately. The additional accommodation is badly needed.'

19th April 1920 It is expected that about 800 children will come to Palmerston on the occasion of the Prince's visit from the following schools in the Wellington education district:—Koputaroa 46, Levin District High School 290, Makerua 20, Manakau 43, Muhunoa East 8, Ohau 45, Shannon 150. Tokomaru 60, Waihanga 13, Levin Convent 40, Weraroa Farm 60.

21st April 1920 A public meeting was held at 1 Manakau last Monday evening, in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales to Otaki. Mr T. Clifford acted as chairman. A letter was read from the Chairman of the Otaki Town Board, inviting the Manakau school children to attend the welcome to the Prince of Wales on Monday, May 3rd. The matter was discussed, and Messrs Clifford, W. Bevin and H. Andrew were deputed to attend a meeting at Otaki to-night (Wednesday) to ascertain details of the arrangements in connection with the function. The meeting felt that the Manakau children should go to Otaki, provided they were assured the children would have an opportunity of seeing the Prince, and that suitable arrangements could be made as to transit. [Children went to Otaki]

30th April 1920 The householders' meeting at Manakau on Monday night was one of the biggest held at Manakau. some forty persons being present. Mr T. Clifford occupied the chair.

The balance-sheet showed a gratifying state of affairs, there being a credit balance of over £32 in hand.

The headmaster read the inspectors report, which was of a very satisfactory nature.

The secretary read the school committee's annual report, which will be published in these columns.

There were eight Nominations for the committee, viz.: Messrs, Blair, T. Clifford, Phillips, Kofoed, Horning, Duncan W. Colville, and Bathgate. A ballot resulted in the first-named five

being declared elected. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the retiring secretary and chairman for their services.

A discussion ensued with regard to the school grounds, a question being asked as to what portion of the property was set aside for recreation purposes for the children. The Chairman said a letter had been sent to the Education Board asking for information on this matter but no reply had been received as yet.

Mr Phillips said there was not sufficient room in the present playground to enable the boys to play football. Without endangering other children. He suggested that another paddock be secured to enable the boys to play football. ...'

It was stated Mr Inge had generously allowed the boys to use his grounds for football and had encouraged the lads in the use of the ground, but, at the same time, the children had to cross the railway line to reach the ground, and this was thought rather dangerous. Mr Inge thought they should ascertain exactly what part of the school property could be utilised for the children's recreation. The matter will be enquired into further.

The schoolmaster had offered the use of ground which he is leasing, for the benefit of the children.

The matter of the Prince's visit to Otaki was also discussed. The meeting decided that the younger Manakau children should go to Otaki, provided the arrangements for the Prince's journey were not cancelled. Mr Andrew was deputed to, confer with Mr Brandon (Otaki) with respect to the number of children who would go from Manakau.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the chairman thanked the householders for their attendance, and said it heartened the school committeemen in their work to see the parents taking an interest in the welfare of the children.

At a meeting of the new committee, Mr Clifford was re-elected chairman,

19th August 1920. Miss I Gunn resigns

28th October 1920 The Manakau School has been closed till Monday on account of the prevalence of mumps and measles.

20th November 1920 A proficiency examination for sixth standard pupils of the Ohau, Manakau, Muhunua East, Levin District High and the Roman Catholic Schools was held in the Levin School yesterday by Mr Bakewell, the senior inspector of the Wellington Education Board.[Allowed free entrance to a secondary school.]

11th December 1920. Timber was on the ground for the enlargement of the Manakau School. Wellington Education Board

22nd December 1920 PRIZE GIVING. On Thursday last the children of the Manakau school assembled in the infant classroom for the annual prize giving. There was a record attendance of parents and friends. Mr Clifford, chairman of the School Committee, presided. The report of the inspectors was read and was considered highly commendable in view of the sickness prevalent. Cheers were given for the teachers and the committee and the parents were entertained at afternoon tea on the well-kept school lawn.

The following is the list, of prize winners: Proficiency, Ted Evans (head boy), Eric Mickle, George Bathgate; endorsed competency, M Clifford; competency, Kola Bryan: attendance certificates, Nola Bryant Zena Bryant, Audrey Bryant; for best: sewing, Julia Lewis, Standard 5. Morell Duncan, 2; Standard 4, Zoe Bryant 1. Mervyn Bathgate 2; Standard 3. Audrey Bryant 1, Merle Atkin arithmetic 100 per cent). Cathie Dalzell 2; Standard 1, Lorna Scholes

All the other pupils in the class received a present as a reward for improvement. The infant classes and Standard 1 were treated to the novelty of Christmas tree, from which each child received a fitting present. dispersing the little ones sung over one or two of their songs very prettily

26th January 1921 Dr Mickle, of Christchurch, spent the week-end with his nephew, Mr P. A, D. Mickle, of Manakau.

14th February 1921 The Manakau State school picnic will take place at Paekakariki on Friday, 25th. It was arranged to hold the gathering earlier, but on account of the garden party agreed to postpone the fixture so that there would be no clash. The .committee's action is one that is appreciated. .

15th February 1921 Mr. P. A. -D. Mickle, 'head master of the Manakau State School, to-day received the sad news that his father had died at Auckland. Mr. Mickle leaves for the North to-day.

19th April 1921 School Committee MANAKAU. There was a good attendance of householders.' Mr T. Clifford being in the chair. The following committee was elected: Messrs Clifford (chairman), Blair (secretary), W. G. Bryant, Burnell and A. Hornig. The committee decided to arrange, if possible, a united service on Anzac Day, arrangements being left in the hands of Mr Wise and ladies' committee.

1922-1923

1923	110	Manakau	Anderson	Wigo	E-108	Head	£335.00	
1923	110	Manakau	Wadsworth	Bertha E	D-140	Assistant	£253.00	
1923	110	Manakau	Dyer	Grace A	D-208	Assistant	£205.00	
1923	110	Manakau	Burnell	Marie F		Probationer 1	£83.00	

Wigo Anderson started teaching in 1890 as a Pupil Teacher. From 1891 to 1896 he was Pupil Teacher at Johnsonville. He then spent from 1897 to at least 1921 at Hukanui School. On the railway line between Eketahuna and Pahiatua.

9th April 1897 The schoolhouse [The school not the residence] built at Hukanui near Pahiatua, is now ready for use. The school will begin work at once, with Mr Wigo Anderson temporarily in charge.

Bertha E Wadsworth Taught at Canvastown in Marlborough from 1917. In 1921 she was at Porirua before coming to Manakau. Marlborough was in the Wellington Education Board from 1915

In 1917 Grace A Dyer was a pupil teacher at Petone. In 1919 she was at Waingawa School Which was in 1918 the new name for the Kaituna School

Marie F Burnell was a probationer before attending Training College

25th January 1922 Mr P. A. D. Mickle and daughter, of Manakau, have returned home after a pleasant holiday spent in Christchurch

26th April 1922 School Committee MANAKAU. Keen interest was. taken in the proceedings, which resulted in Messrs Clifford (chairman), Blair (secretary), Eagle, Burnell, Bryant. Hornig, and Alf. Atkins.

4th November 1922 While school boys were skylarking in a train on their way from Otaki to Levin, a lad named Mickle, of Manakau, had his head pushed through a window, with the result that his ear was badly cut. Seven stitches had to be inserted.

24th November 1922 A bazaar was held at Manakau on Wednesday last when the teachers and pupils of the State School held a function to raise funds for Dr. Barnado's homes. The stalls were effectively arranged, and laden with vegetables, 'sweets, and fancy work, while Competitions roused great interest. Unfortunately rain fell during the day and the stalls were removed to shelter, but even this did not dampen the ardour of the members of the Young Helpers' League, who supervised affairs. As a result of the gathering over £21 was raised,

20th December 1922 The annual prize-giving ceremony in connection with the Manakau State School took place on Friday and was well attended. All present spent an enjoyable time.

2nd February 1923 A FORMER MANAKAU SCHOOLTEACHER. (Per Press Association.) Eltham, February 2. The search for William Murray, lost on Egmont since Tuesday, continues to be fruitless. North of Dawson Falls, Mr Anderson's party, of Kaponga, followed his tracks down the mountain side and then up to within a thousand feet of the summit, where a heavy storm compelled them temporarily to abandon the search. They returned exhausted after two days' efforts, finding in addition to the tracks the remains of a small fire and a piece of cord, tied to the scrub. The lost man evidently surmounted great obstacles with wonderful spirit Six parties are operating strenuously and hope to find Mr Murray today. Messrs. Murphy and Anderson were almost frozen during a storm when searching near the summit yesterday. Mr Murray was well known in this district. Some years ago he -was schoolmaster at Manakau but resigned to take up home mission work for the Presbyterian Church. He was stationed for some time at Hanmer and latterly In Taranaki. About 60 years of age, he was of strong physique, but some time ago met with an injury to the head through a fall from his bicycle.' His local friends naturally feel very much perturbed at his predicament and await news of the result of the search with anxiety for his safety and solicitude for Mrs Murray and her family in their time of trouble.

21st February 1923 Miss Malcolm, who is shortly to be married, was entertained last night at a social and dance, when a very pleasant time was spent. Mesdames Blair, Bryant, Burnell, Hornig, Smith, Stewart, and Simcox were at the head of affairs and kept things going merrily. There was a large attendance, the floor and supper were good, and the music first class.

A handkerchief tea will be accorded Miss Malcolm at the tennis courts this afternoon.

23rd February 1923 The Manakau school picnic is being held at Paekakariki to-day, and it is anticipated that the children will have the time of their lives. No less a sum than £34 was raised by a shop day towards the children's outing.

26th February 1923 When the Manakau school picnic arrived at the Paikakariki railway station in the wet one day last week, the passengers on the up train had occasion to admire the native chivalry of a Maori boy about ten years of age, who marched back and fourth among; the younger children helping them with their coats and belongings, like the gallant young gentleman that he is.

2nd March 1923 Miss Wadsworth has been appointed Infant Mistress at the Manakau school in place of Miss Malcolm, resigned

14th March 1923 Included in the passes at the University examinations appears the name of the head-master of our school Mr P. A. D. Mickle, who has passed in history and education, thus securing the first section of the degree of B.A.

Recently a gift social was held In honour of Miss M. Malcolm, Manakau's popular postmistress, [Actually Infant Mistress] daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Malcolm, of Levin, who is shortly to be married. A very capable ladies' committee, with Mrs Smith as secretary, arranged every detail with great care to ensure that the guests had an enjoyable time. The hall was beautifully decorated and the supper tables were a perfect dream,- with shaded lights overhanging. A string band from Otaki supplied excellent music for the dances. Just after supper the labour of untying the parcels began, and Miss Malcolm and her ladies-in-waiting had a strenuous and interesting occupation. Exclamations of surprise and delight were continuous as each separate parcel was unpacked. A beautiful bouquet was presented to Miss Malcolm, and Mr Mickle, headmaster of the school, made a telling speech, which was punctuated with applause. Miss Malcolm replied in a neat little speech, thanking one and all for the great kindness she had received in Manakau.

28th May 1923 Mr. P. A. D Mickle, who has been headmaster at the Manakau School for some time, has been transferred to a similar position Porirua.

25th June 1923 On Friday, June 27th, the NZ. Loan and Mercantile Agency. Company will conduct an auction sale of Mr P.D Mickle's property at Manakau. particulars are advertised in this issue.

Auction Details included:

2 good Jersey cross cows, due September

1 Jersey cross heifer, due September

1 18-month empty heifer

Household Furniture, including Wardrobes, Duchess Chests, Hallstand, Marble topped Washstand, Dining Table, Chesterfield (new), hospital bed ; also Clover Hay (in stack), Totara Posts, Fowl Netting, 60 Laying Hen

29th June 1923 A send-off was accorded Mr P A D Mickle at Manakau on Wednesday night, when he was made the recipient of a valuable presentation. Mr Mickle leaves shortly to take control of the Porirua State school.

6th July 1923 Mr. and Mrs. Mickle and family well known residents of Manakau for some years were farewelled at a gathering in the Manakau Town Hall recently. Mr Mickle has been transferred to the headmastership of Porirua School. Both were prominent church workers and received many parting gifts from admirers .

31st October 1923 At the children's ball on Friday Mr. Clifford (chairman of the school committee) took the opportunity of introducing Mr. Anderson, the new headteacher. Mr. Anderson, in reply, thanked all for their hearty reception, and apologised for the absence of Mrs. Anderson, who hoped to be able to assist in Manakau's affairs at no distant date. He liked Manakau and hoped to like it still more. (Applause). Cheers were afterwards accorded all who helped in the function, while later an announcement was made that a shop day for the picnic fund would be held in December.

28th December 1923 Manakau school broke up" on Thursday 27th inst.[Dates as published]

Proficiency certificates— Roy Cotton. Flora Leitch, Donald Leitch, Barbara Boulton, John Davis, Frank Chillyn.

Competency certificates —Madge and, Eva Atkins

Attendance certificates Marion, Bathgate, Jack Leitch, Archie Leitch V, Horning, V. Bevan.

Special merit prizes—

Standard 6 —Roy Cotton 1, F. Leitch 2. Don. Leitch 3.

Standard 5—Thelma Anderson 1. Audrey Bryant 2, Irene Sheargold 3.

Standard 3—Reg. Feilding 1, Eva Larham 2, Sadie Sheargold 3.

Standard 2—Joan Atkins 3, Norma Bathgate 2, Vernon Falloon 3.

Standard I—Monty Bregman 1, Allan Smith 2, Roy Bathgate 3.

Special prizes donated by G H. Bennett, Esq. Palmerston North— Frank Phillips and Audrey Bryant.

Several musical items were nicely rendered by the children. Ladies present handed round afternoon tea which was very acceptable.