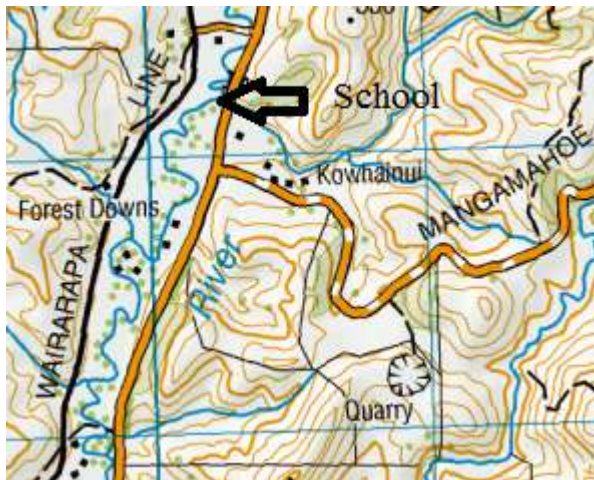


Mangamahoe: 1896-1934 When the railway line was being pushed from Masterton to Eketahuna Mangamahoe was a railway town with a camp being set up there. This was the terminal for passengers. 27 Kilometres North on Opaki Kaipororo Road



Mangamahoe was a township with streets laid out and was for a time the terminus of the railway line until it reached Eketahuna. There was also a toll gate at Mangamahoe. Railway arrived here in 1887 Mangamahoe was the Post Office, station and telegram office for the district North of Mauriceville including Hastwell

1888

31 Oct 1888 clearing of the school site at Mangamahoe was deferred till next winter. PP

1892

29 June 1892 The application from Mangamahoe for an aided school was granted PP

1893

20th March 1893 Eighty-five schools are now in operation in the Wellington Education Board's district, including four .now ones which were opened during the year 1892 at Newman, Makakahi, Mangamahoe, and Kaituna PP

11th April 1893 Mr. Fleming, one of the Education Board's School Inspectors, left this morning to inspect the Board schools at Eketahuna, Newman, Mangaonoe, Alfredton, Hastwell, and Mangamahoe PP

7th April 1894 The Mangamahoe school treat took place of Thursday last, between 40 and 60 children, beside parents and friends, being present at a very pleasant gathering. The usual games were indulged in, and in the evening a social and dance followed, dancing being kept up till early morning. Every credit is due to the committee for their capable management of the affair. PP

1894

29th August 1894 Mr J E Stewart resigned as Teacher Mangamahoe School PP

30th August 1894 Mrs Larson was appointed sewing teacher at Mangamahoe PP

31 Oct 1894 School at Mangamahoe (*Building*) 400 pounds is an urgent necessity' . Owing to want of funds, applications for grants

from the Mangamahoe, Taita, and Thorndon Committees were declined PP

28th November 1894 It was decided to ask the Mangamahoe Committee to hold an enquiry into the work done in the local school PP

1895

27th Feb 1895 Friction between the Chairman of the Mangamahoe School Committee and Mr Leete, head teacher, was referred to the Chairman of the Board to deal with PP

25th March 1895 The Chairman was empowered to purchase a school site at Ponatahi if the Inspector reports favourably, and also to arrange for a temporary schoolroom at Mangamahoe PP

24th April 1895 Mr James Leete resigned PP

24th April 1895 At Mangamahoe, last Monday a meeting was held in the schoolroom for the election of the School Committee for the coming year, The Chair was taken by Mr Heckler, who has been Chairman of the Committee for the past year.

The result of the voting was as follows

Tildesley, E 16

Haynes, C 15

Larsen, H 15

Youngsen J 15

Whiting, J 14

Heckler, J. F, 4

McGruddy. W, 2

There being five vacancies, the first five in the list were elected. After the Chairman had congratulated the members on the result, and a few remarks had been exchanged, the meeting broke up PP

4th June 1895 Mr J G Bee's appointment confirmed at Wellington Education Board meeting PP

4th June 1895 MANGAMAHOE.

[From a Correspondent.) On May evening last our little township was the scene of a very pleasant meeting called together and presided over by Mrs Charles Blewett the wife of one of our most esteemed settlers. Mrs Blewett invited Mr Jas, Leete, who is leaving for England, and a number of his fellow teachers and friends, together with a few of the settlers, to partake of a very recherché supper and tea and to wish him bon voyage. The repast was in Mrs Blewett's finest style and was done ample justice to, a very merry evening being spent. Song and toasts abounded, interrupted with speeches grave and gay,

Mr Leete, in responding, warmly thanked the hostess for her kindness and hospitality, and his other friends for their many kind wishes, He had the honour, he said, of being the first Schoolmaster at Mangamahoe, and if every one that followed fared as well as he had done they would be fortunate indeed.

It is understood that the School children are also to make a present to Mr Leete before leaving the district. The parents all feel that in the loss of Mr Leete they are losing a good kind teacher for their children, and one and all unite in wishing him a pleasant voyage home, and many and prosperous years.

Mr Kay, a very old friend of Mr Leete, occupied the Chair, and through his efforts and those of the other guests, the evening played most successful.

During the evening Mr Kay presented to Mr Leete a very handsome leather writing-desk and a very curious silver-mounted Australian bean match box, on behalf of the children and Settlers PP

6th June 1895 [to the editor.] The correspondent re Mr Leete's farewell supper at Mangamahoe on May 31st, is evidently labouring under a delusion, as the supper was provided and friends invited by the parents of children attending the school, assisted by Mesdames Blewett and Larson. The writing desk and matchbox were presented to Mr Leete by Mr Kay, on behalf of the subscribers.—I am, etc., Parent PP

31 July 1895 A petition for a new school at Mangamahoe was referred to the Chairman and Mr. McCardle. PP

25th March 1895 Head Teacher, Mangamahoe School ; attendance 29 ; no residence. Salary, £100. PP

15th July John G Bee Takes charge. 26 Children present out of roll of 33

7th August Received from Wellington Education Board an hand bell

8th August Received from Wellington Education Board 1 blackboard 1 modulator

5th September Weather very stormy. The school visited this afternoon by Mr Rjounson, chairman of the School Committee

9th October School visited today by Messrs Blair and Fraser of the Education Board to examine the piece of land for which it is proposed to exchange the Education Reserve which is low lying to be suitable for a school to be built thereon. Exchange approved.

31st October School supplied by the School Committee with the following requisites, Ink, 2 boxes slate pencils, ½ dozen lead pencils, and 1 dozen penholders

31st October 1895 Wellington Education Board to agree to request from Mangamahoe that the local school site be exchanged for a more suitable section PP

1st November Holiday for the Wairarapa Show

11th November Prince of Wales Birthday observed today.

6th December Very poor attendance during the week over 10 scholars absent daily

19th December School closed at Midday for the Christmas Vacation

1896

27th January School reopened

31st January Poor attendance of boys all this week.

7th February Attendance of boys still unsatisfactory

21st Received from Wellington Education Board the log book left here by Mr Leete

27th February Thomas Moorcock entered today

9th March Received from the Committee a supply of exam paper, foolscap, blotting paper and chalk

19th March Attendance very unsatisfactory

23rd March Removed William Rowe's name from roll as he is not coming until after the winter, the distance being too great

4th, 5th Mary School examined by Mr T R Fleming, all the children (32) being present. The following passed

Standard 5: Edward Rowe

Standard 4: Ephraim Tildesley, Jane Rowe, Oliver Heckler

Standard 3: James Ginnane, Robert Rjounson, William Heckler, Edith Tildesley, Kate Salter, Emily Salter, Lucy Whiting

Standard 2: Larcombe Heckler, Edward Whiting, Michael Ginnane, Fred Tildesley, Kate Salter, Emily Salter, Lucy Whiting

Standard 1: Michael McGruddy, Ellen McGruddy, Gladys Heckler

6th May Inspector's holiday

11th May Very poor attendance of boys

18th May Pass certificates given to those successful in the exam

The inspectors report included

The general work of the school has improved very much since Mr Bee took charge, more especially in arithmetic and writing.

2nd June Very small attendance of boys owing to their being kept at home to help their parents

14th August 1896 There were 8 applicants for the teaching position PP

25th Sept 1896 Miss Batt has been appointed to take charge of the Mangamahoe School on the 1st of October PP

1st October Gave over charge of the school to Miss Batt (*Sarah Elizabeth*) together with registers and furniture belonging to the school'

23 names on roll 18 children present Entered upon my duties today. S Batt

19th October Admitted 3 children from the Mauriceville East School

11th November School closed on Friday 6th for Carterton Show

3rd Nov 1896 Akatarawa (Upper Hntt) State School has been opened, Mr. E. L. Ingpen, late of Mangamahoe, having been appointed master PP

9th November for Prince of Wales birthday.

27th November Received from Wellington Education Board work for object lessons and kindergarten work

3rd December received a tuning fork from the committee

11th December Removed the name of Jane Rowe from the school register. The family have all removed to Parkville, Eketahuna

1897

25th January School opened Attendance 21

26th January Mary McGruddy removed from school by her mother.

Reason given was that she (the mother) was afraid of diphtheria

Admitted three children

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

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

1st February Caned R Sinclair and H Smith for cruelty to birds

4th February 1897 J. Stewart v Edward L. Ingpen. —Claim on judgment for £8. Mr Pownall appeared for judgment creditor. Debtor admitted that the amount claimed had been incurred for board and lodging while in charge of Mangamahoe School. He was now in charge of a Government aided school and earned £5 a month, He had a wife and two children living in Wellington. Debtor asked to explain that he had not been in a position to pay anything on the claim. He had incurred the debt for board under the impression that the

Education Board would pay his board allowance as well as the minimum salary.

To Mr Pownall: He thought he might be able to pay 15 shillings per month. An order was made for payment of the amount by monthly instalments of 15s.PP

19th February Received from School Committee 1 bottle of blackboard renovator and a stock of blank papers for examinations

2nd April School examined by Mr Fleming 16 children passed

30th April Average for month 27

22nd May 1897 The Mangamahoe School Committee had a new four hundred gallon galvanised tank, blown from a stand (upon which it had only been placed a few hours), and dashed to pieces PP

25th May Yesterday being Queen's birthday was observed as a public holiday. Committee gave the children a treat and held social at night.

7th June Notice re the proposed holiday in connection with the Queen's Record Reign Celebrations

7th June Inspectors report included

Class	Present	Passed
Standard 5	2	2
Standard 4	4	3
Standard 3	8	6
Standard 2	5	5
Standard 1	3	2
Primers	10	

This school is in a low condition, having been under a temporary master who seems to have done little work of any value. Miss Batt who was appointed mistress last year took over a weak school, but she has made fair progress during the time she has been in charge

10th June received material from Committee to make two roller towels for the use of the children

18th June Closed school for three weeks. One week in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the usual two weeks winter vacation.

21st July First load of timber for new school put on ground today.

26th July 2nd load of timber on Saturday. Work as usual Attendance good weather fine.

31st August Average for month = 31

10th September Last load of timber for new school arrived today

20th September New School building started.

19th November School to be closed for week by request of the committee. Reasons- to allow paint to be well dry.

3rd December New cupboard from Wellington Education Board

14th December Caned H Stewart and M McGruddy for bad behaviour

[Mangamahoe](#), a farming district in the Wairarapa North County, is eighty-seven miles from Wellington, from which city it is reached by rail. Education for the rising generation is provided by a public school, at which the average attendance is about twenty-five. Mails for Mangamahoe close at Wellington daily at 6.45 a.m., arriving at Mangamahoe at 12.50 p.m. The return mail closes daily at 1.50 p.m., arriving at Wellington at 7.50 p.m.

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1898

Building of 444 square feet Section 4 Area 2 roods Perches 31 Gn1894

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Sold 1935

Purchased on the 26th May 1897 under the Public Reserve Act
 School was on corner of Mahoe Street and Miro Street Mangamahoe
 Sold for £100 less expenses of 10/- to Gladys Heckler Spinster
 Equivalent Metric Area is 2808 square meters`

Residence Erected 1910

Section 17 and 18 Area 2 acres 2 rood 12 perches

G1887 Page 335 residence was purchased 1910 but erected in 1899

Children conveyed to Mauriceville on school closing

28th January received 8 new desks this week.

4th February Attendance low, children cutting grass seed.

18th February Seven children left this week owing to removal of families.

11th March Received easel from Masterton

1st April School excursion to Palmerston North

6th April 1898 HASTWELL NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent). Monday. On Friday the Hastwell, Mangamahoe, and Kaipororo school children went on an excursion to Palmerston North, and had a very enjoyable time. The train left Mangamahoe at 7,30 and after a pleasant journey the excursionists arrived at Palmerston about 11 o'clock. People went to the stations about two hours before the starting of the train. Ono lady arrived at Mangamahoe at five a.m. The credit the success of the excursion is .duo to Mrs Reehal, the lady member of the Hastwell School Committee, A word of thanks is due to Mr Dempsey, headmaster of the Hastwell school, for the able manner in which he kept order among the children in the train. The Chairman of the Mangamahoe Committee was most agreeable and took good care of the children under his control, The excursionists were welcomed by some of the

Palmerston officials and escorted to the Show Ground, where refreshments were generously provided, The train started on the return journey at five minutes past five; the excursionists tired, but happy PP

7th April The committee have been clearing the playground and making paths

21st April Caned F Tildesley for bad behaviour during dinner time.

6th June Received pencils and soap from Committee

Inspectors report

Class	Present	Passed
Standard 5	4	3
Standard 4	5	3
Standard 3	9	6
Standard 2	1	1
Standard 1	6	6
Primers	8	

Much of the work is very satisfactory but he writing and drawing should improve throughout the school. Miss Batt is in charge.

The new schoolroom is very suitable but it would have been better if the porch had been on the opposite side owing to the prevailing wind.

3rd August Committee have been draining, planting and clearing the playground

8th August. Carpenter started the porch today

24th August Caned William Smith for disobedience

30th August Sixteen present out of thirty five. Influenza prevalent

25th September Removed one name from roll. Child left district owing to death of her mother.

19th October Cooking Class for big girls at Mauriceville East School,
5 attended

1st Dec 1898 Miss L Batt resigned PP

2nd December Press of work on farms is keeping several boys away

6th December 1898 Head Teacher Roll Mangamahoe Average Roll 29
Salary £110 PP

1899

7th Jan 1899 Miss Collins approved PP

24th January reopened school Present 18 girls 6 boys, big boys busy
grass seed cutting

25th January The school building and furniture have been rather
roughly handled during the holidays. The varnish and paint have been
scratched and the pictures either doubled or carelessly rolled thus
cracking the varnish on them.

Average for week very low. Grass seed cutting

31st January Handed over charge of school to Miss Collins (Florence
B)

1st February I entered on my duties Present 18 girls 14 boys. Upper
girls absent at cooking class

3rd February William Smith has left the district. Three boys away
grass cutting

13th February Senior Boys away grass cutting as weather is fine.

16th February caned William Heckler and Ronald Sinclair for playing
truant. Gave each 3 strokes on each hand

23rd February Holiday yesterday for Masterton show

1st March Bush Fires are making it very unpleasant. Several children
away getting in sheep.

6th March 4 Boys away getting in sheep.

10th March All school present 34

17th March Two boys away mustering sheep

20th March Two boys still away mustering sheep. Received notice
from Chairman of Committee to issue circulars re a school excursion
to Napier

24th March Upper boys away dipping sheep.

29th March Boys still mustering and dipping sheep

11th April *F H Bakewell M A wrote in his atrocious handwriting.*

I find this school is not in altogether a satisfactory condition. In the
absence of the previous teacher I am unable to find any excuse for
this. Miss Collins is making strong efforts to bring the school into
line again' She has authority to group all the standards for History
and Geography, until the more important subjects Reading, Writing,
Spelling etc are in a more satisfactory condition. Drawing does not
appear to have been systematically taught in any standard. I would
recommend the teacher to attempt nothing but freehand for the
coming year. Satisfactory progress in this one subject will be deemed
a "pass" at the next examination

12th April Began work with new classes.

18th April Issued pass cards. Received from committee a set of
reading and arithmetic books

Inspectors report included passes

Standard 6 Edith Tildesley

Standard 5 Alick Johnson, Alice McLauchlan

Standard 4, Larcombe Heckler

Standard 3 Michael McGruddy, Ronald Sinclair, Gladys Heckler

Standard 2 George Salter, Violet Heayns, Mary McGruddy

Standard 1 Charles Youngson, Emily Heayns, May Petersen, Lena Petersen

Miss Collins who has been in charge barely two months is both capable and energetic and I have every confidence in her being able to work a complete change in the present unsatisfactory state of things

In view of the extremely backward state of the school I have recommended that all standards be grouped for both history and geography

5th May Girls fairly started on new sewing this afternoon

11th May Measles epidemic has broken out

12th May School picnic should have taken place today but postponed on account of bad weather

15th May School picnic held today

16th May No children attended today; as measles are so prevalent. Chairman received a telegram from Mr Dorset (*Wellington Education Board*) stating the school was to be kept open for children well enough to attend

17th May Opened school morning and afternoon but no children attended either times

18th May Have attended school all day but no children have been present

19th May The chairman of the School Committee has closed the school as no children have been present all the week, owing to the prevalence of measles.

23rd May 1899 Masterton. This Day. Owing to prevalence of measles at Mangamahoe recently the School Committee desired permission from the Education Board to close the school till the epidemic was over, but the request was refused, and the school ordered to be kept

open. The settlers thereupon decided not to send their children to school, and during the past week there has not been a single attendance. Despite this, the teacher has been kept at the school PP 12th June I opened school this afternoon after its being closed for three weeks

16th June Attendance is not yet good; bad weather has set in which will not improve it.

21st June The children belonging to the Petersen family, 3, have left, as a new school is to be opened in the Baker Block (*Dreyer's Rock*) nearer to where they live

3rd July Continuing work as usual a school was closed for three weeks because of measles.

10th July Attendance still low, Snow fell rather heavily.

14th July Average 24 this week

19th July School closed for Arbor Day

19th July Inspectors Report Mr F Bakewell M A included

- a) Miss Collins teacher
- b) 28/33 in attendance.
- c) Too much time given to arithmetic
- d) I found the school in excellent working order- the children all busy and evidently interested in their work.
- e) Miss Collins is bright and energetic in her manner without being fussy.
- f) I gave a lesson in analysis to the upper standards and examined all copy and exercise books. I was very pleased with all that I saw.
- g) Cleanliness very satisfactory inside and out

20th July Caned Mary McGruddy for disobedience (4 strokes)

8th August Caned William Heckler and Edward Whiting for disobedience. 2 strokes each
 Accidentally let the school globe fall and it cracked
 9th August Caned Ellen McGruddy and Kate Salter. 2 strokes each
 23rd August Caned Michael McGruddy (4 strokes)
 6th September Drawing exam held today. Presented 19 candidates for freehand
 26th September Attendance for the last two days poor owing to children being kept at home to muster sheep. Received physiology charts from Wellington Education Board
 2nd October Received clubs for girls from School Committee.
 4th October 6 girls began the course of cooking lessons at Mauriceville
 10th October Attendance bad. Boys kept at home to muster sheep
 11th October Upper girls attended cooking class at Mauriceville
 13th October Average attendance this week low. Boys away mustering sheep. Weather being stormy kept girls away.
 20th October Average for week better 30
 3rd November Attendance good 37 present
 9th November Prince of Wales birthday
 10th November Holiday given by School Committee
 13th November Opened school this afternoon (*Presumably because of train timetable*) Received pair of blackboard compasses and box of cardboard coins from School Committee
 1st December Punished Larcombe Heckler and Michael McGruddy
 8th December Average for week 33
 11th December Punished Charles Heayns
 14th December Closed school for midsummer holidays

1900

23rd January Reopened school this morning Wet day attendance only 15/39
 24th January Attendance still poor, as the children are helping at home with grass cutting.
 8th February School closed because of Patriotic fair being held in Masterton
 21st February Attendance poor today as a number of the boys have gone to the Masterton Show
 26th Feb 1900 Three children of Mr. Hans Larsen, of Mangamahoe, storekeeper, .aged 5, 4, and 3 years, were poisoned by drinking some strychnine solution, prepared for poisoning sparrows. It had been kept on a shelf for some time past. Fortunately, prompt action was taken, and the children are now out of danger. PP
 28th February Received two pictures from Wellington Education Board (Lord Nelson and Windsor Castle). Half holiday this afternoon on reading the Premier's message. In honour of Cronje's surrender
 2nd March. School picnic today.
 12th March Only 8 boys present. The upper boys are away to help muster sheep.
 20th March Bigger children are being kept away to help with the work occasioned by Bush Fires
 21st March Holiday today as the school is to be used for the election of the licensing committee
 23rd March. Full attendance today 41
 29th March Examined school today from Standard 1 to Standard 5 inclusive according to new regulations
 30th March Punished four boys for behaviour in the playground

3rd April Mr Fleming examined today the following children passed
Standard 7 Edith Tildesley, James Sandford
Standard 6 Edward Whiting, Alick Johnson, Alice McLauchlan,
Nellie Sandford
Standard 5 Edward Whiting, Fed Tildesley, Emily Salter, Mabel
Smith, Lucy Whiting, Emily Youngson Standard 4 H James
McLauchlan, Gladys Heckler, Violet Sandford,
Standard 3 George Salter, Lydia Tildesley
Standard 2: Charles Youngson, May Whiting, Myrtle McLauchlan,
and Emily Heayns
Standard 1 Elsa Heckler
7th April Received from School Committee a window pole.
*(Classrooms had high double windows and you needed a pole to
close and latch the top windows, at South Featherston windows were
nearly two metres from the floor to top of a high wall)*
18th April Inspectors report included
This school was in a backward condition when Miss Collins took
charge. She is to be commended for the improvement effected in the
general work of the school especially in the class subjects.
T R Fleming
23rd April Received pass cards and certificates from Wellington
Education Board today. Also a text book on paper folding.
3rd May Girls started their sewing for the year today.
14th May Received clay, boards and tools from Wellington Education
Board
16th May Began clay modelling today. Distributed cooking
certificates.
21st May Holiday given by Premier in honour of relief of Mafeking

29th May Only 7 boys present. Rest kept at home to help with sheep
work.
4th June. Holiday for the abandonment of Pretoria
6th August Punished Edward Whiting severely for insubordination
7th August Attendance this morning, 37 best this quarter. Edward
Whiting apologised for his behaviour yesterday and so was allowed
to take his place again.
17th August Mr Bakewell's report included
A well managed busy little school. Miss Collins is very thorough in
her methods no time being wasted in the giving out or changing of
lessons. I was well satisfied with what I saw.
27th August Only 24 present. This is owing chiefly to the prevalence
of very bad colds.
2nd October Punished Violet Sandford and Ellen McGruddy (4
strokes each) for unmannerly behaviour during the dinner hour.
11th October Holiday for Demonstration Day
12th October Received wires and corks from Wellington Education
Board for kindergarten work
18th October Received Drawing Examination Schedule and
certificates. Seventeen candidates passed. Three being marked
excellent, three good and eleven pass
12th November Holiday given by School Committee as a drawing
exam holiday
26th November Several children absent on account of sheep work.

1901

1st February Average for week 29/39

11th February Holiday on the occasion of the Imperial Troops visiting Masterton

26th February Attendance effected by the Masterton Show.

11th March Attendance of girls poor Kept to help at home.

18th March Received from Wellington Education Board a set of tin models

1st April Inspection by Mr Lee today.

6th May Received from Wellington Education Board Maps of North America and Asia. Also box of beads, sticks and joints

24th May Holiday for Victoria Day

3rd June Inspectors report included.

- a) Miss Collins
 - b) 28/36 in attendance
 - c) Teaching intelligent and clear in speech. Although some of the children are difficult to break of a drawl in their speech
 - d) Reading is well taught
 - e) Miss Collins exercises a good personal influence over her pupils. She is bright and pleasant in dealing with the pupils
 - f) Offices (*Toilets*) need attention
 - g) Playground might be improved by better formation
 - h) I took a class in reading, and was satisfied considerable attention had been paid to subject matter.
 - i) Also the exercise books showed careful work
- Robert Lee

14th June Presented medals (Souvenirs of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall) to the children

17th July Holiday for Arbor day

20th August Eleven girls present this morning. Low attendance caused by slight attack of measles being prevalent

21st August Had to send two children home who returned to school having just had measles and in whose house others still have them

20th September Several children still absent with influenza or measles.

28th October Measles still prevalent, but attendance has improved.

15th November Holiday for Palmerston Show

33rd December There are now two families away with measles and one with scarlet fever.

11th December Fear of Scarlet Fever infection keeping some away.

1902

27th January reopened attendance 32

26th February Holiday for Masterton Show

28th February Hold annual examination today. Handed keys of school to chairman of School Committee as I am removed

3rd March Took charge of school today, replacing Miss Collins who has been transferred to Wellington (*Haitaitai School*) There were present 15 boys and 18 girls out of a roll number 37. George A Jones

10th March Full attendance of girls today. Boys stacked wood in the playground.

17th March T R Fleming Inspector made a note Mr Jones and I have talked over the question of the outside offices. He will make some suggestions to the committee. The entrance to the girl's offices should not be through the shelter sheds.

7th April Weather wet and cold. Attendance only 28. Owing to a ceremony in connection with the Anglican Church children were dismissed in the afternoon after making required attendance.

14th April Cold wintry morning but bright. Owing to the funeral of Alice McLauchlan a late scholar of this school the attendance of girls is very poor, their being only 9 out of 19

1902/3029 McLauchlan Alice Mary 15Y

16th April T R Fleming quotes This school has been satisfactorily conducted by Miss Collins. Mr Jones from Mangatainoka took charge on the 1st March

17th April 1902 Mr G A Jones from Mangatainoka to Mangamahoe PP

28th April Annual Meeting of householders was held and School Committee Messrs E Tildesley (Chairman), C Heayns, J F Heckler, A McLauchlan, C Weston, S Dawson and H Larsen

9th May Attendance of boys was poor this week owing to work at home among sheep.

14th May No playtime, short interval for lunch. Took advantage of fine spell and dismissed school at 3 p.m.

20th May 1902 NOTES FROM MANGAMAHOE.

(From an Occasional Correspondent The weather here last week was extremely cold, and rain fell in torrents, the low-lying parts of the roads having been several feet under water, preventing a great number of children from attending school. Two slight shocks of earthquakes was felt here at about 11 p.m. on Friday last. Another wedding is, I learn, to take; place not far from here, very shortly. It is hoped that the remaining bachelors of this district will soon follow this example, as the number on our school rolls are decreasing rapidly every year.

A return ball was given by the ladies of Hastwell, on Friday last, who spared no time or expense in making it a great success. the Hall was most beautifully decorated with ferns and evergreens. A wash-board and scrubbing-brush attracted great attention, being hung in among the decorations to prove that it was a spinster's ball. PP

26th May. No improvement in the weather and no improvement in the attendance. Committee meeting tonight at which I shall present my first monthly report. No meeting held

2nd June In honour of the proclamation of peace with the Boers the school was granted a half holiday,

4th June School opened today after Prince Of Wales birthday as a holiday.

19th June Received a letter from Mrs Salter complaining that May Whiting and Charlie Heayns had used disgraceful language in the hearing of other children Made enquiries after school and the charge against the former were proven. Shall get cooperation of parents in suppressing this evil. Heayns was absent

20th June. Charles Heayns was present and questioned in regard to above charge; other children were questioned and I am satisfied that the complaint wasn't substantiated. Presented to children the Souvenir cards (Coronation sent by Education Department) and dismissed school until 14th July

7th August 1902 MANGAMAHOE NOTES. (From an Occasional Correspondent), The severe frosts we have experienced this winter seem to have kept our little community very much to their own firesides, and, to say the least, things have been a bit dull this season. Mr C. Heayns, secretary and treasurer of our School Committee, has sold his farm to Mr J. F. Heckler, and is going dairy farming near Palmerston. He was always the right man in the right place in any

movement for the advancement of the district. In future "we shall meet but we shall miss him." PP

8th August School closed in honour of Coronation of King Edward VII on 9th August 1902

12th August. School visited by Mr Riley Director of Technical School who examined drawing books. Mr Riley suggested I should apply to the Department for recognition for the freehand design class and for a paper mounting class he advised.

8th September Removed from roll Reggie Hercock, who is leaving with his parents to settle in Hukanui

12th September During the week 6 loads of limestone were delivered in the playground

19th September During the week Mr Tildesley spread the limestone over the bad portions of the approaches to the door

25th September Received today a bottle of ink, a box of pens and a box of chalk.

9th October School dismissed at 3 pm to allow children to attend opening of church. Taken off roll 5 Heayns's

10th October holiday for Labour Day

24th October Shearing started thus reducing attendance of boys.

10th November Holiday for King Edwards VII's birthday

14th November Holiday for Palmerston Show.

1903

26th January Reopened school after mid summer vacation. Weather very stormy and attendance under half.

6th February The fear of whooping cough is I am afraid keeping away some of the children

10th February Punished Ellen McGruddy for disobedience

18th February Closed school on account of Masterton Show

24th February A complaint was made by Mr Ohlson. I made enquiries and found that on Friday last nine of the girls while calling for the mail at dinner time, each took an apple, the property of Ohlson. I have awarded punishment to the offenders and sent intimation to their parents and also to Mr Ohlson.

14th March 1904 The departure from Mangamahoe of Mr Jones, who has been promoted to the charge of the Kaitawa School, will leave a gap not easily filled. During the short time that Mr Jones has been amongst us, he has thrown himself heart and soul into all local affairs. He has officiated as lay reader at the newly erected Anglican Church, while his talent as an elocutionist has caused him to be much in request. PP

20th March. School examination. Only one did not pass. Gladys Heckler and Violet Sandford passed Standard 7

27th March. Examination holiday school picnic held today, glorious weather and splendid muster of children and parents.

8th April Mr Bakewell's report included

The children appear to be very nervous and depressed in their manner of reading and oral answering. Otherwise I was very pleased with their work. Mr Jones is working on thoroughly sound lines and his methods generally are commended

27th April Mr E Tildesley signs the log

26th May Empire Day

3rd June Prince of Wale's birthday.

7th August Received from Wellington Education Board a packet of seeds. Sewing class started today.

11th September Weeks average 23; punished William McGruddy for interference with Ivan Weston on his way to dinner. Mr Barton gave a interesting chat on “good task” which I trust will improve the character of the children

19th December Received Inspectors report

- a) Roll 28 present 20
- b) The approaches to the outside offices require gravelling and a hole should be dug under the down pipe of the boy’s urinal
- c) A portion of the school grounds has been fenced off and dug for garden plots.
- d) The efforts of teacher are greatly marred by the irregular attendance of many of the scholars. This is most disheartening to Mr Jones and I trust the committee will do all in their power to remedy this evil

1904

29th January End of first week. Attendance average of 22 out of 30 on the roll. This is owing principally to the absence of two families out of the district

17th February Holiday in honour of Masterton Show

22nd March 1904 Mr Jones to Kaitawa PP

25th March T R Fleming writes Mr Jones will make an inventory of the school property (A copy has already been sent to the Board) and he will hand over the keys to the chairman. The registers records will also be left in good order, for the information of eh incoming teacher. Mr Jones has conducted the work of this school satisfactorily since he took charge two years ago. The school is well appointed. The approaches to the offices should be gravelled. The tap of the tank

requires attention. With these exceptions the property is in a satisfactory order.

29th March Closed quarter today handed over school property, keys and records to the chairman of School Committee

6th April Took charge of school today replacing Mr Jones who has been transferred to Kaitawa. Kathleen Campbell

15th April Am very disappointed to find that the attendance at this school is rapidly decreasing.

20th April The annual school picnic was held.

22nd April The school clock was returned by the Wellington Education Board after having been repaired. Two loads of gravel were spread in the school playground, but more is still required. Roll No 21

5th May Inspectors report included.

a) Roll 29

b) Mr Jones has been promoted to Kaitawa School. He has proved himself to be a conscientious teacher and the quality of the instruction given by him has been satisfactory

c) The truant officer (Mr Wise) has visited the school once this year, but the attendance was then good as the examination was approaching.

d) An effort should be made to establish a school library

12th May The school tank is nearly dry

13th May Tank is full of water as heavy rain has fallen during the night.

4th August Heavy snow storm yesterday and today. The ground is covered to the depth of 4 or 5 inches.

Only 8 children present

5th August Received from the School Committee 10 lbs of plasticene

9th August A severe earthquake took place at 10.25 this morning

23rd September A school concert was supposed to be held tonight to raise funds for a library, but it had to be postponed on account of the rain.

26th September The concert which was postponed took place last Friday night. The children who took part acquitted themselves creditably. A sum of £2- 18 was obtained

7th October Attendance during the week very irregular as children have been kept away to muster sheep

14th October Only 5 children present this morning. The storm still does not show any sign of abating, and the roads are blocked.

22nd November A school library was opened today. It contains 50 books and a book was lent to each child from Standard 1 -6 (inclusive)

24th November The children went out of school at 2 p.m. today to see a wedding in the church opposite the school. They returned to school as soon as the ceremony was over and the time was made up after school hours.

25th November The school tank was emptied and cleaned today.

1905

24th January Only 14 present

Received from committee 1 bowl and 2 towels. The playground has been very much improved during the holidays by the grass being cut.

2nd February Took children out of doors for an hour this afternoon for Nature Study,

16th February Masterton Show closed school.

23rd February The Annual School Picnic will be held tomorrow when the children will journey to the Manawatu Gorge

23rd June received from the School Committee 12 pairs of clubs
Inspectors report included.

Class	Boy	Girls	Average Age	
			Years	Months
6		1	14	5
5	2	4	12	11
4		2	11	8
3	3	1	9	10
2	3	1	9	10
1	3	6	10	10
Primers	3	6	6	6

- a) Teacher Miss Campbell
- b) The general condition of the school was most satisfactory and reflects greatly on the teacher
- c) Standard 6 Certificate of competency 1

21st July Seven pupils withdrawn during week: Six having left the district and one required at home.

24th July A very interesting and instructive lecture was given in the school on "A trip Through the United States" by Mr Murray from the Opaki School. Mr Murray kindly gave half the money obtained towards school funds.

Received from Committee brushwork materials.

21st August A school concert took place last Thursday night and the sum of £4-5 was realised. As soon as the Board provides a cupboard this is to be spent on buying books for the library.

12th October. The Committee have provided a fresh supply of firewood for the school.

23rd October. The school was closed last Friday for Trafalgar Day.

26th October 1905 NOTES FROM MANGAMAHOE.

{Special to Daily Times.)

A very successful entertainment was held here in the school-room on Thursday night, by the members of the Social Club. In spite of the wet weather, there was a full house. The programme, which was a long and varied one, was as follows : —Piano duet, Miss Campbell and Miss Chamberlain ; song with chorus, " Old Cronies," Mr Larson ; recitation, "The Enchanted Shirt," Mrs Larsen ; song in character, " Katie's Letter," Miss Whiting; vocal quartet, " Profundo Basso," Mrs Larsen, Miss Whiting, Mr Larson and Mr Whiting ; piano duet, Misses Campbell and Fletcher ; comic dialogue, " A Minister in Difficulties," Miss and Master Whiting ; vocal duet, " The Gate of the West," Mr and Mrs Larsen ; song, Miss Campbell; piano solo, Miss Tildesley ; recitation, "Number One," Miss Sandford ; song in character, "Caller Herrin'," Mrs Larsen ; comic duet, " Very Suspicious," Miss Campbell and Mr Larson ; comic dialogue, "In a Railway Carriage," Messrs F. Tildesley, and J. Sandford and Miss Sandford ; song, " Sons of the Sea," Master W. Hunt ; duet (piano and violin), Mr and Master Hunt ; vocal quartet, "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," Misses Campbell and Fletcher, Mr and Mrs Larsen ; Irish jig in character, Miss Sandford. The programme was concluded with a laughable farce, a " Breach of Promise Case," by eighteen performers. The plaintiff was a young lady from Mangamahoe, and the defendant a young gentleman from Cross Creek. All the performers were well disguised. After the concert, the

school was cleared for dancing, which was kept up till the early hours of the morning. PP

27th October The Truant inspector visited the school yesterday. Removed Maud Welch's name from roll as she has been absent four months with illness.

17th November Received from the Agriculture Department some leaflets which I applied for in order that the children might be able to classify the different grasses in the district

1906

29th January Last year's attendance was below 80% below the district's average

1st February The sum of £4-5-6 has been spent on library books

9th February Received from Wellington Education Board a map of the World

26th February This school was closed from the 12th February till today owing to the illness of Miss Campbell. As she is still unable to attend I have been put in charge by the Board as a relieving teacher. Clara Stuart Larsen

5th March Resumed work today K Campbell

6th March Received from Wellington Education Board 1 Cupboard, 1 blackboard, 1 map and 1 bell

13th March Started school museum

2nd April There is a prospect of this number (roll) being still further diminished, and at present there are no young children of school age in the district to take the place of those who are leaving.

1st May Received from Wellington Education Board 1 thermometer, 1 barometer tube and mercury and 1 rain gauge.

4th June Yesterday observed as holiday for Prince of Wales Birthday.

12th June The news of Mr Seddon's death which reached here last evening caused a shock throughout the community. A deep sympathy is felt for the family and friends of the deceased statesmen.

As a mark of respect Mr Larsen, member of the School Committee in absence of the chairman authorised the closing of the school from playtime.

22nd June School has been closed for the last four days by the Wellington Education Board on account of the funeral of the late Premier

24th July Commenced teaching Standard 7 Algebra.

23rd August The Truant inspector visited the school today. He expressed himself as being very dissatisfied with the way in which some of the children were attending. He urged upon them the necessity of attending more regularly.

29th August As the children are giving a concert tonight to raise funds for enlarging the library, the committee gave permission for the school to be closed an hour earlier than usual.

30th August The concert which was held last night was highly successful, a sum of £4 was raised

I took the children outside from 2 to 3 for nature Study

1st September 1906 MANGAMAHOE SCHOOL CONCERT.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

The Mangamahoe School Concert, held on Wednesday evening, was a decided success from every point of view. The programme submitted was of a varied character. Every item was thoroughly appreciated. Miss Campbell was accorded a hearty Vote of thanks for the able manner in which she had trained the children taking part in the concert. The following was the programme.—Prologue, Annie

Welch; violin solo with piano obligato, "The Harp That Once , " Mr and Master W. Hunt; dialogue, "Taking the Census," Isa Welch, Samuel Dawson, Harold, Wilfie and Vic Larson; recitation, Little Girl's Worth," Ada Whiting; song, "Mother Told Me So," School Children; recitation, "The Bottom of the Class," Leslie Wink; dialogue, "A Shopkeeper's Trials," Samuel and Mary Dawson; action song, Infant Glass; recitation, "Sale Now On," Isa Welch; pianoforte duet, "Qui Vive," Misses Alice and Jessie Campbell reading, "Whimsicalities," Raymond Ticehurst; dialogue, "Doctor Killumkwick," Wilfie and Vic. Larsen, Leslie Wink, May Tildesley, Raymond Ticehurst, Mab and Evie Heckler; recitation, "In Disgrace" Annie Welch ; pianoforte duet, "The Prince Imperial," Sam and Mary Dawson; recitation, "The Boyless Town," Wilfred Larsen; dialogue, "Finding a Name for Dolly," Evie Heckler and Daisy Sandford; recitation, "The Inventor's Wife," Walter Hunt; song, "Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bow-Wow," School Children; recitation, "The Two Kittens," Eileen Nation; reading, "Mr Spoopendyke Hears burglars , " Leslie Wink; recitation "The Monkey's Little Joke," Vic. Larsen; song, "Killaloe," Walter Hunt; recitation, "His Pedigree," Daisy Sandford ; Dialogue, "The Amateur Photographer," Harold and Wilfie Larsen, R. Ticehurst, W. Salter, M. Dawson and A. Welch; recitation, "Busybody Joe," Rupert Larsen; club drill, Samuel Dawson; recitation. Infant Class; song, "Beautiful Flowers," School Children; recitation, "Praying and Working," Evie Heckler; dialogue, "Bridget's Investment," Eliza and Tom Salter, Mab Heckler, Raymond Ticehurst, Vic. Larsen; recitation, "Visitors" Willie Salter; recitation, "Now or Then," Harold Larsen; pianoforte duet, "Il Corricolo," Misses Alice and Jessie Campbell; dialogue, "Advertising for a Servant," Isa Welch, May and Lizzie Tildesley, Eliza Salter;

recitation, "Baby's Asleep," Raymond Ticehurst; song, "Forty Years," Mr Larsen; "Nigger Bits," Tom Salter and Wilfred Larson; epilogue, Mary Dawson.. PP

10th September 57 new books placed in the library today. As the cupboard provided by the Board last year is too small the books have to be arranged in two rows one behind the other.

21st September Attendance has improved since the visit of the Truant Officer last month.

16th October Three pictures and two charts were framed by the School Committee and hung in the classroom.

5th November The school was closed last Friday for the Palmerston Show rather than being closed on Labour day.

5th December The truant officer visited the school today.

The Chairman School Committee gave me permission to take school in earlier and dismiss at 2.25 p.m. as I wished to catch the mail train

20th December received from Wellington Education Board the N Z ensign

1907

4th February Reopened school today 19/23 present.

15th February As two children are away at the Exhibition they are absent from school.

11th March The Annual School picnic which was held at the Manawatu Gorge was a thorough success. The day was beautifully fine and all present enjoyed the outing.

14th March The two children who have been away from school for the last six weeks attending the exhibition (*In Christchurch*) returned today.

22nd March Owing to a leak the school tank is empty.

15th April Mr Tennant examined the school and all passed except one boy who was admitted to the school in February.

22nd April Harold Larsen was removed to Masterton School. The reason given being that his parents wished him to obtain a scholarship. As I offered to work him for a scholarship I failed to see the necessity for his removal

26th April New Class readers (British Empire) obtained for the children

26th April 1907 That a lease of half an acre at a peppercorn rental be granted to the Mangamahoe Committee, with the right of renewal PP

2nd May As several of the children were damp and there is a difficulty in crossing the slips on the road, I allowed the children only half an hour at dinner time and dismissed them at 2.30

9th May The Committee obtained a set of new class readers for the school

First copy of "School Journal" forwarded by Wellington Education Board

13th May Two children who have been away in Wellington for the past two months returned to school today

23rd May School closed for Empire Day, Weeks' Vacation and Prince of Wales Birthday

4th June reopened school today

7th June Inspectors Visit of 15th April received 7th June included

- a) Miss Campbell Head teacher
- b) Standard 6. 2 Girls Average age 14 years 7 months
- c) Standard 5 ,average age 12.1
- d) Standard 4, 11.7
- e) Standard 3, 10.9

f) Standard 2, 9.2
 g) Standard 1, 7.11
 h) Primers 6.5
 i) Total Roll 22
 j) Certificate of proficiency 1 Certificate of Competency 1

21st June Received from Wellington Education Board map of district
 11th July A fresh supply of firewood was delivered today
 24th July We took advantage of Arbor day and spent a couple of hours in digging over and putting fresh earth in the school garden.
 21st August Inspector paid a surprise visit. His notes included The playsheds however were wet and muddy and should be gravelled or preferably floored.
 If it is decided to floor the sheds it might be advisable to have the work done while the new hall is being built
 26th August A very successful concert was given by the children in the new hall in order to raise funds to enlarge the school library. A sum of over £5.00 was realised
 11th September Owing to teacher's illness the school was closed on September 9th and 10th. Resumed work this morning. Attendance low as many of the children are suffering from colds
 13th September The chairman kindly permitted me to shorten the playhour and dismiss school earlier this week in order to home by the mail train as I did not wish to be out in the night air.
 17th September. 64 new books were placed in the library today making a total of 240. The smallness of the cupboard causes great inconvenience
 27th September. Yesterday Dominion Day was observed as a holiday
 4th October Roll now 27

8th October The shelter sheds have been greatly improved by being floored.
 9th October As two families have measles only 17 children were present today.
 11th October Weather very stormy only 9 present
 18th October A flagstaff was erected yesterday
 31st October Took children outdoors yesterday for an hour for Nature Study.
 4th November As holidays were not observed for Arbor or Labour Days the school was closed on Friday for the Palmerston Show
 8th November In honour of the King's Birthday tomorrow (Saturday) The children hoisted and saluted the flag and I gave them a short address on their duties to the Empire
 26th April 1907 That a lease of half an acre at a peppercorn rental be granted to the Mangamahoe Committee, with the right of renewal PP
 29th November The chairman permitted me to take school in earlier yesterday and dismiss school at 2.30 so that I could catch the mail train.
 25th November 1907 Mangamahoe School. P Clayton repairs and painting £18.10.0 PP
 3rd December. The painting of the school commenced today
 10th December Held term exams today. The results considering all the children except William McGruddy have only been 7 months in their standards was very satisfactory. All the children will be promoted to their new standards after the holidays
 Henry Eagle who entered here 3 months failed to fulfil the requirements of Standard 1. Standards 6 and 7 will be examined at the Inspector's visit in March or April

1908

21 January 1908 The position is extremely serious at Mangamahoe. There is a mass of flames round the place and the church is threatened. Settlers are all busy protecting their homes PP

4th February Attendance this morning most unsatisfactory

14th February Weather fine. The attendance during the week has very much improved. The children are now working hard in their new classes

18th February On account of the Masterton Show there was a low attendance today.

20th February Yesterday was observed as a holiday for the Masterton A and P Societies Show

21st February The truant officer visited the school today

4th March The Health officer visited the school today.

6th March Mr McGruddy's cattle have been in the playground several times during the week. Besides being a source of danger to the children they have greatly damaged the shrubs

6th March 1908 Permission was given to the Mangamahoe School Committee to take gravel from a reserve on the main road PP

16th March The children accompanied by their parents journeyed to Dannevirke last Friday. They were very hospitably entertained by the Mayor Mr Rees, who showed them through the schools, library, hospital, abattoir etc. All returned home thoroughly delighted with the trip.

18th March 1908 The scholars attending the Mangamahoe and Hastwell schools formed an excursion party to Dannevirke on Friday last. On arrival at Dannevirke the scholars, teachers and friends were met by the Dannevirke School Committee, and were driven round to

the various places of interest in the town. The party returned by the evening train well pleased with their day's outing. PP

in spite of a warning from the School Committee cattle are still allowed to trespass in the school grounds.

30th March Mr Bakewell (inspector) visited the school today and held annual examination. Harold Larsen and Mab Heckler obtained proficiency certificates. Lizzie Tildesly passed standard 7

22 April 1908 Miss Campbell, of the Mangamahoe school, has been promoted to the charge of the Kaiparoro school PP

28th April The following members were elected to the School Committee last night. Mr E Tildesly, Mr W Nation, Mr W W Welch, Mr H Larsen and Mr S Dawson

27th April As I shall be leaving here on Friday next I examined the children on the work learnt in Term 1. Several were absent owing chiefly to illness.

1st May I am leaving today to take charge of the Kaiparoro School. Everything is left in order for the new teacher, Miss L Feist who is to take temporary charge

I have handed the keys to the chairman of the School Committee Mr Tildesly

4th May L Feist Started

2nd June Hoisted flag this afternoon and saluted. Cheered and sang National Anthem. Closed for holiday on 3rd in honour of the Prince of Wales

5th June received from Department 12 cards of NZ trees and flowers Sent Willie McGruddy home on the 4th. His hands were covered with sores. Explained the matter to his mother.

10th June Willie McGruddy came back today. He showed me his hands which were almost quite free of sores.

10th June 1908 Mangamahoe (near Eketahuna) — Sole Teacher, £110 and £10 h.a (*Housing allowance because no school residence*) PP

26th June 1908 Mangamahoe vacancy assistant mistress PP

29th June Gave W McGruddy 2 cuts today for spitting at and hitting one of the elder girls in the playground

6th July Mrs Jane Harrison took charge. Weather very bad. Only 19 scholars present including my two children who entered today making 29 on the roll.

7th July 1908 Miss C M McKenzie from Hastings sole teacher PP

10th July 1908 Mrs J M Harrison has been appointed sole teacher at Mangamahoe School PP

14th July Very stormy and cold. 25 present Caned five boys for disobedience- going into the girls shed when repeatedly told not to.

31st July Posted report to truant officer, two boys have not made the required number of attendances

14th August Glorious Weather Average 25 Took children out yesterday for Nature Study

14th September. Mr Feron having been moved to Eketahuna the school has lost two regular attendees in Ethel and Pretoria. Wilfred Larsen has gone to Taranaki for some weeks roll in now only 27

28th September Resumed teaching today after an absence of six school days owing to being thrown from my horse on my way to school on the 18th September. I informed the Board of my accident but received no reply

2nd October 1908 Mrs Harrison teacher at Mangamahoe School met with a painful accident last Friday being thrown from a horse and spraining her ankle. She was laid up for some days and the school was closed in consequence PP

6th November tomorrow we are having a holiday for the Palmerston Show instead of Labour Day

9th December Out of 3 boys sent up for Proficiency only one Wilfred Larsen was successful. The other two be granted competency tickets

18th December Closed for Summer Vacation. 29 on roll

Inspectors report Mr J S Tennant Included

a) The work has fallen somewhat behind owing to the changes in teachers but I feel confident that Mrs Harrison will soon make a decided improvement in the efficiency of the school

b) School and Offices (Toilets) clean and tidy

1909

23rd May The annual school picnic was held on Tuesday

27th April The following were elected to the School Committee Mr W W Welch, Mr W Nation, Mr C Pettigrew, Mr J Johnson and Mr H Larsen

25th May Reopened School today after a fortnight and two days holiday Taken on account of my Husband's Death which occurred on the 6th May

1909/2966 Harrison Anthony Hutchinson 32Y

1903/22034 Harrison *Ina Jean* Jane Margaret Anthoney Hutchinson -

1903/22035 Harrison *John Hutchinson* Jane Margaret Anthony Hutchinson -

1908/6013 Harrison *Robert Donald* Margaret Jane Anthony Hutchinson

27th May Mr Direen Truant officer visited the school today and cautioned several about their bad attendance, he also intimated his intention of summoning Henry Eagle for irregular attendance
3rd September Sent a boy home who is suffering from eczema
26th August 1909 That application be made to the department for a grant of £300 for purchase of residence at Mangamahoe. PP
1st October Mr Tennant examined the school today 23 pupils were present. William McGruddy was given his proficiency as he wished to leave school and he had been in Standard 6 for two years.

1910

31st January 25 On roll 18 present
18th February The attendance has suffered this week through the Masterton Show I received a notice from the Wellington Education Board to the effect that it had purchased Mr Costall's house for teacher's residence and that I was expected to reside in it.
24th Feb 1910 Residence purchase 300 pounds PP
16th March. Moved into the school residence today. The School Committee granted a holiday for the purpose. I find the residence very comfortable and convenient. The grounds and house were left in the best of order by Mr Costall
18th April Owing to one of the railway employees being moved to Waipawa four of our best attendee's left today. Roll now 20
20th April Mr T R Fleming inspected the school today. He included

- a) Roll 20 present 13
 - b) The trees and hedges should be trimmed and the grass should not be allowed to grow long close to the buildings. Mrs Harrison promised to draw the School Committee's attention to these matters
 - c) Teacher in school during recess
 - d) I found the children were not strong in arithmetic but the general work was of a very satisfactory character
 - e) A fire guard is required
 - f) The residence is very suitable. The Board appears to have made a good purchase It is however a little distance from the school but not so far as to be inconvenient
- 6th May Roll 20 though practically only 19 as a little boy has been taken to Masterton Hospital suffering from Rheumatic fever.
20th July Today being Arbor day we spent two hours in the school garden and clipping hedges
12th August The fire screen has arrived and fills a great need
30th September Mr Direen visited the school today, found attendance satisfactory. Interviewed Mrs Knight re her children's non attendance since coming to the district
3rd October Two Knights turned up today as the result of Mr Direen's visit.
14th October Inspector's, report included The School Committee are now making improvements to the ground They have also provided a cupboard for the library.
4th November A holiday is being taken tomorrow for Friday for Palmerston Show, instead of labour Day as the former affects the attendance and the latter does not.
11th November Shearing is spoiling the attendance.

15th December Two out of Three candidates presented for proficiency were successful and all the other scholars have been promoted

1911

31st January Two new scholars have entered and five have left
3rd February Owing to Mr Nation's projected visit to England has handed over the secretaryship of School Committee to me.

17th March Several of the children are suffering from toothache

29th March T R Fleming inspected school. Included

- a) Library now contained 240 volumes. Recommend the addition of some books recently published.
- b) Cleaning as satisfactory as arrangements will permit.
- c) Buildings- fairly satisfactory

18th October There was no school held this date as I was ill with influenza, the attendance has suffered on account of this malady

1913

8th March 1913 At a meeting this morning of the Masterton A. and P. Association's Ground Committee, it was decided, to allow the Mangamahoe school the use of the showgrounds for a picnic, on March 14th. Mr B. Rayner (chairman of the committee), stated that written authority should be given to the police to preserve order at future shows. Several instances of friction had occurred, and the police were powerless

9th April 1913 H.M.S. NEW ZEALAND.

THE SCHOOL EXCURSION

Yesterday afternoon, Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton District High School Committee, received the following communication from the Railway Department, with reference to the proposed school excursion to Wellington, in order to give school children an opportunity of visiting the battleship New Zealand: — "An excursion train for school children, teachers and committeemen only, will travel to and from Wellington on April 21st, leaving Hukanui at 6.50 a.m., Eketahuna 7.10, Mangamahoe 7.30, Mauriceville 7.46, Opaki 8.10, and Masterton 8.45, arriving at Wellington at 12.57 p.m. The train will leave Wellington at 5.21 p.m., arriving at Masterton at 9.36, Opaki 9.57, Mauriceville 10.15, Mangamahoe 10.30, Eketahuna 10.50, and Hukanui 11.5.

Holiday excursion tickets will be issued to members of the public, to be available by ordinary trains only.

Adults, other than teachers and committee men, will not be allowed to travel by excursion train.

The Department estimates that the approximate number of children, teachers and committeemen travelling by the excursion train will be as follows: —Masterton and Opaki, children 600 (teachers and committeemen not given); Mauriceville, children, 27, teachers and senior scholars 2, committeemen 7; Mangamahoe, 20, 2, 7; Eketahuna, 60, 12, 20; Hukanui, children 10, teachers and senior scholars 2. "

Though Mr G. R. Sykes, MP., communicated with the Manager of the railways last Saturday morning, placing before him the views of the local school committee in connection with allowing parents to travel by the same train as the children, and was informed that the matter would receive attention, and he would be promptly communicated with, he has not yet obtained an answer from the

railway authorities. The communication which Mr Brown has received does not mention anything about parents and children being allowed to travel by the same train—in fact the letter states emphatically that adults, other than teachers and committeemen, cannot travel by the excursion train. Apparently the request of the School Committee is being ignored.

In conversation with a Daily Times reporter this morning, Mr R. Brown, chairman of the Masterton School Committee, stated that in the school excursion time-table no reference was made as to children coming from such schools as Fernridge, Mangapakeha and Taueru. He had received communications from masters of outlying schools asking for information in regard to the excursion, but he was unable to supply the particulars desired, as the Department had not stated whether these schools were included in the list given. Mr Brown considered that the railway authorities had been very lax in the matter, and that if something more definite was not forthcoming a state of chaos would exist on excursion PP.

10th October Roll 12 The Needlework is commended. Up to this time only inspectors reports with little information are recorded.

1914

6th May Mr Stephenson agricultural instructor visited the school this morning and gave a very interesting and instructive discourse on Nature Study, which was much enjoyed by the children he has promised to visit the school in connection with this subject as our grounds etc are not at all suitable for agricultural experiments

2nd July 1914 Eighteen settlers from the West Mauriceville, Mangamahoe, Kopuaranga and Rangitumau districts, are joining the

Masterton-Mangamahoe Telephone Association, and will soon be connected up with the Masterton exchange. The membership of the Association will then number 42.

22nd Sept Miss Blackburn Inspecting instructor Physical Branch visited the school and inspected the drill

9th October Inspectors Report included

- a) Roll 14
- b) A satisfactory years work has been done.

1915

30th March I visited the school and found it closed for the annual picnic

14th September L M Bradford took charge. Nine boys and 4 girls on roll

8th October Inspection Report F H Bakewell reported

- a) Roll 13 teacher Miss Laura M Bradford
- b) Miss Bradford will give special attention to the spelling and arithmetic of some of the candidates. In other subjects satisfactory work was done

26th November 1915 Donation Mangamahoe school children (Belgian babies milk fund £0-10-6 PP

1916

5th May. On account of the prevalence of infantile paralysis the 1st term holidays was taken in conjunction with the Easter Holidays. School closing on the 14th April and Opening 2nd May

30th August 1916 The chairman of the Mangamahoe School Committee asked that the road giving access to the school reserve be opened and made fit for the children to get their horses in and out.

3rd November Miss Bradford is managing this school with highly satisfactory results.

1917

30th January D Fairbrother reopened this school today in “relief” charge. Attendance 11 Roll 16

2nd February Received from Wellington Education Board 1 dozen cardboard knives

Average attendance 12. One name being withdrawn from roll as child is now attending Eketahuna School

2nd Feb 1917 Resignation Miss Bradford

12th February Mr Powell visited me this morning re the alterations to school residence

27th February The annual school picnic was held on Saturday

28th February My period of relieving work ceased today D Fairbrother

5th March Helen Wilson? Opened school today A W is in relief charge

13th March Received from Wellington Education Board two bottles of Cloy one broken

11th April R M Martin opened the school in relief charge Roll 15

30th April R M Martin finished

2nd May Annie Howell took charge. As the trains were not running, I could not get here yesterday.

8th May I find the pupils very backward in their work all through the school Two children Ida and Howard Nation were working with Standard 1 although the quality of their work was not up to that of a P class. I have put them back to work with class P

9th May Have not yet met the chairman of the School Committee Sent him a note today requesting him to call as there are several matters I wish to discuss with him

14th May Last week was the highest average attendance this quarter 16.6/17 Today is a very wet and stormy day and the attendance is 13. 6 girls and 7 Boys. I intend to give the school a short interval for dinner and finish early

21st May There is no chalk or foolscap in the school nor any nibs- As I cannot obtain an interview with the chairman of the School Committee I have decided not to wait for permission but sent to Eketahuna for the material I require for the proper working of the school and send the bill to the School Committee

28th May Have received permission from the chairman to order anything that is wanted for the school. Have ordered chalk, nibs and foolscap.

11th June Only 7 children present today as the weather is very wet and stormy- Closed school early.

12th June Still very wet- only 4 present. Closed at noon.

13th June No attendance today on account of the weather

14th June Full attendance today

15th June removed Norman Nation’s name from the roll as the family are leaving the district

30th June I discovered several mistakes in the ages column in daily register. So I shall revise the entire list from the admission register

2nd July. Very wet day but attendance good 13/15 Willie and Albert Nation are away helping their father get a horse out of a creek.

27th July Weather still very wet and cold. All the Nations ill and consequently the attendance suffers. Julia O'Dowd is leaving this school and going to attend Convent School at Masterton

8th August The school firewood is nearly finished

24th August Mr McGovern Chairman of School Committee brought 1³/₄ cords of firewood to the school today. At the request of one of the members of the School Committee I have allowed Frank Welch and Willie Nation to mend the fence in the horse paddock during school time as no outside labour is available

11th September School was closed yesterday as the teacher's little boy was ill with a throat complaint and the Doctor thought might develop into Diphtheria. However he is better now so school opened this morning with a poor attendance of only 3 boys and 3 girls. Closed school today and sent word to all the others that we commenced today

17th September As my little boy was not well enough to be left on Wednesday last stayed at home with him and sent my niece to keep school open for the week. I commenced school again this morning.

3rd October Mr Stuckey visited school this morning 11 present

8th October Removed Willie Nation's name from the roll today. Roll 13

17th October The weather is very fine and bright consequently the attendance keeps up. Today Jack and Nita Larsen left for a month as they are going away with their mother. They will attend one of the Palmerton North Schools while they are away.

16th November The girl Kathleen O'Dowd aged 5 was entered today making a roll of 14

20th December School broke up today Yesterday the annual school picnic was held in the school as the weather was wet.

1918

5th February Attendance 9 Mattie and Joan Kennedy have not yet returned from a holiday in Christchurch. I have sent in my resignation to take effect on April 1st

15th February The work has been greatly hindered owing to lack of books. Today however they have all arrived so there will be no more delay

18th February The Kennedy's have returned from their holiday

6th March 1918 Solo Teachership, £110 to £140 and house — Mangamahoe, PP

14th March I have been requested by the Wellington Education Board to remain here another month

21st March Yesterday this place was so full of smoke from the bush fires at Raetihi that no school was held all day. Today only 4 attended and school closed early.

9th April Jack Larsen had the misfortune to break his arm during the holidays and is in Masterton hospital

17th April Considerable annoyance has been caused by Mr W McGruddy interfering with the children at playtime. Today his nephew Jack Braddock was very slightly injured playing football and his uncle must needs run over to the school and threaten dire punishment to the (alleged) offenders. As Jack is seven years old and well able to take care of himself this sort of thing is quite unnecessary and only causes friction. The other children are uniformly kind to Jack

23rd April At the householders meeting A Paget (Chairman) R Tricker (Secretary) U Nation, J Whiting and P Kennedy were elected to the School Committee

It was decided to call for tenders for cleaning as the School Committee is well in funds.

29th April Received a wire from the Board this morning asking me to continue for another fortnight

30th April At the School Committee meeting last night a list of things required for the school was submitted viz an enamel bowl and mug, door mat, shovel and brush and materials for cleaning the school. As only 5 children attended today school closed early.

17th May Mr Pye has been present the last two days watching the work of the school. Today I left early and left him in charge. A Howell

17th May Ernest G Pye Started. I have been attending school since Wednesday Morning for observation purposes.

Mrs Howell left me in charge after the first lesson on Friday Morning The school furniture, blackboards, books etc are in good order.

Mrs Howell has handed over the keys of the school

23rd May Received a Memorandum from the Wellington Education Board to the effect that Empire Day and King's Birthday are to be combined and observed as a public holiday on Monday 3rd June

In connection with this event no celebrations are to take place

Also a circular re the Mayoress (Wellington) Christmas Pudding and Cake Fund

28th May last night a Presbyterian church service was held in the schoolroom

3rd June Flag Hoisted Holiday

10th June Doormat arrived today and is now in use

I have forwarded Mrs Howell's Cheque today £6-2-6

11th June received from School Committee ½ gross of slate pencils.

28th June Tim O'Dowd has the measles I have sent Pat and Kathleen home

After the children were sent home Mrs O'Dowd came to the school to say that Tim has not had the measles Tim attended school in the afternoon and his appearance was normal

5th July Received a box of white and one of coloured chalk, I have asked the chairman of the School Committee to enclose a corner of the playground for a garden for the children

10th July 13 shillings was forwarded to Wellington for the Mayoress Xmas pudding fund last week

17th July One of the Nation family has been here with the information that Albert and Ida Nation are improving in health and will shortly return to school

My proposition to the School Committee to enclose a plot of ground for a garden was not accepted

10th July Mrs Nation called today to say that Albert and Ida Nation were sufficiently recovered to start school on Monday next

The Doctor says that Howard Nation is not fit to attend school yet

19th July A heavy snow storm today 4 scholars present

22nd July One scholar came to school

23rd July No scholars came to school

27th September Tim, Pat and Kathleen O'Dowd leave the district on Monday next

2nd October The chairman gave the school children a half holiday today because of the Bulgarian Surrender

The flag was raised. The children saluted and gave three cheers in honour of the occasion

3rd October Miss Blackburn attended school this morning, giving the children drill for 45 minutes.

21st October I have received a Jones Spelling list from Mr. Stuckey which I passed onto Mauriceville School

8th November Peace declared. The children sang Rule Britannia and God Save our King saluted the flag and cheered

12th November Peace officially declared. The children are having to the end of the week as a holiday

1919

4th February School reopened with 11 on the roll

3rd March. Another new scholar from Fairview Timaru. Roll now 14

14th March 4 of the Nation Children finished today. They are leaving the district

31st March Received from Wellington Education Board a book of railway passes for travelling to and from Masterton to attend Teacher Training Class

14th April Mr Brockett the Agricultural Instructor paid a short visit this morning. He addressed the children for a short time

Jack Braddock was punished today for throwing bricks at the girls WC He received five hard stripes across the hand in front of the class

14th May From the School Committee One quart bottle of blue black ink

30th May One of the children Nita Larsen entered the Masterton Hospital yesterday to be treated for diphtheria I got into communication with the Masterton health officer to see if it was necessary to take any precautions with the children attending school. He said as long as the children appear to be in normal health there

was none to be taken, except to watch for the diphtheria symptoms e.g. chill, paleness, white tongue and sore throat

A health officer called at the school to ask that extra precautions be taken with the cleaning of the school

31st May The school floor was washed and disinfected. Nita Larsen's desk was washed and disinfected.

30th June News that Peace treaty was officially signed came through at 11.10 The children were dismissed after singing patriotic songs having the rest of the day as a holiday

1st July The piano belonging to the Mangamahoe Social Club has been kindly lent to the school for use

4th July Received tubes of Dental Cream for distribution among the children

10th July Nita Larsen returned to school today

14th July From the School Committee 1 box white chalk, 1 box slate pencils, 6 small packets of coloured chalk, 24 sheets of blotting paper 1 writing pad.

22nd July The flag has been flying during the peace celebrations. The children were to attend the celebrations in Masterton but the weather proved too inclement for the outing. The proclamation was read to the children

24th July A holiday for Arbor day

26th August 17 scholars present

15th October The children attended the church this morning to see a wedding ceremony

20th October The ceremony of unveiling the Mangamahoe School Roll of Honour took place today in the presence of about 40 residents and the school children

Mr Sykes MP was present In speaking of the war Mr Sykes paid a tribute to the N Z Soldiers for the excellent work performed by them on many fronts. Mr Sykes then unveiled the Roll of Honour

The ladies of the district decorated the school and provided afternoon tea

The singing of the National Anthem brought the impressive ceremony to a close

The school flag was flying in honour of those whose names are on the roll of honour

3rd November The annual school picnic was held in Mr Mackenzie's paddock

6th November received 7 lbs of plasticene from Wellington Education Board

8th November The school house property was in danger from bush fires for two nights. Messrs Kennedy, Green, Duckett and Riddick came on to assist me in protecting the house

A heavy shower of rain falling on both occasions in the early hours of the morning lessened the danger considerably. The house remained untouched during the fires.

11th November We observed the two minutes silence today in honour of our dead soldiers.

4th December Mr Laughton the attendance inspector called today

8th December I closed school today at 2.15 as I am feeling rather weak

11th December The school has been closed for three days. I have been suffering from boils, neuralgia, sleeplessness and feel weak.

1920

17th February school opened today

21st February The school is being painted

15th March Ida Nation started school today. She has been ill in Masterton Hospital for some time, being operated on for the removal of her appendix

22nd March The Kennedy family have left the district. They are temporarily staying in Christchurch. Mattie, Joan and Patricia attended last on Friday last

23rd March I wrote to Mr Nation today drawing his attention to the state of Ida's eyes, requesting he would have them tested as soon as possible

1st April I exempted Ida Nation from drill for one month

7th March Spectacles have been procured for Ida Nation

21st April Jack Braddock was taken away from school this morning at playtime by his aunt, Miss McGruddy. No request was made by Miss McGruddy. I wrote requesting an apology

22nd April Received an apology from Miss McGruddy

22nd April From today onwards I am taking lunch at the school so that I may supervise the children during the interval between morning and afternoon school

6th May School closed for the Prince's Visit

1st June 4 dusters, 2 tea towels, 1 bottle gum

13th June From School Committee one iron kettle for school use

16th July Received a letter from Mrs Loader today

She complained that her boy Arnold had had a lump in his stomach whilst at drill (on the 13th inst) and so had been unable to attend

school for one day. Also he went home on Wednesday with a broken tooth

My Reply

Dear Mrs Loader

I received your note this morning and sorry to learn that Arnold had been hurt

How he was hurt while drilling I cannot understand for the children always drill in extended order

I think that it is only fair to the boys to mention that Arnold is a wrestler and a boxer and play of the kind is indulged the boys are rough with each other

Arnold is proving himself a good boy at school. It would greatly help me in my work if at the time he is hurt he would tell me at once so that matters could be regulated immediately

E Pye

26th November Mr Anderson the Organising teacher arrived this morning

29th November Dr Patterson inspected the children for defective teeth and eyesight

One boy requires attention to his teeth

9th December received in good order 3 sheets of hydroplate 6 foot by 3 foot

1921

2nd February B Anderson organising teacher visited

4th February John and Jessie Hancox had a severe fall from their horse while on their way home from school on Monday afternoon

7th February Wrote to Mr Hancox stating my regret at the accident

10th February John Hancox has the mumps

1st March received letter from Mr G Larsen

Sent following reply I was not aware that Fred had requested permission to leave the room and am sorry he wet his pants

1st March 1 pair of household scales with weights arrived today

Oscar Larsen's Letter read

Would you kindly allow my children to go out of school when they ask your permission.

You have refused on more than one occasion to allow my son Fred permission and he has wet his pants

This occurred again today and I would like it to be the last time, as you, like the rest of us have to obey the call of nature, so why make a child do what you are unable to do yourself.

4th March Second reply to Mr Larsen

I now recollect Fred asking permission to leave the room

It was directly after playtime, two minutes at the outside, for I was just about to start a lesson and Fred interrupted to ask leave.

Perhaps a few words from you would help Fred to attend to himself at playtime. At reasonable intervals after this (his mother told me of the necessity of his case) I shall be pleased to allow him out,

7th March John and Jessie Hancox commenced school again

16th M Jack Larsen has several times deceived me Wishing to make sure of my conclusions concerning him, some few weeks ago I watched him and he twice after asking leave just before school broke up did not use the urinal. I cautioned the boy

21st March Nita has a doctors leave to stay home for 6 months

11th May School Committee have provided firewood for the winter

31st May Received for the school house one 12 Gallon Methuen Boiler

20th July School closed for the Day. Visit of South African players to Masterton (Rugby)

11th August Letter to the Minister of Education Sir I have to report that George A Loader, aged 9 years, residing at Mangamahoe with his parents is (in my opinion) a feeble minded child

19th August The children salute the flag twice a week

26th September School closed for Dominion day

1st November Closed school at 10.30 Had to take to Masterton hospital a case of urgent sickness.

15th November Teacher ill Miss ... took the school

1922

7th February Roll 18

22nd March Subscribed to oath of allegiance in front of School Committee

10th July Herbert Duckett received two hand stripes for being insubordinate

Was assaulted by Mr Duckett on my way home from school yesterday

School closed today. Teacher too ill, Visited Masterton to lay the case before Mr Grundy, Mr Grundy had just left for Wellington

24th July School closed from 20th to end of week Teacher recovering from collapse

31st July Was too weak to continue teaching

22nd August School closed 4th August holidays

30th August School closed to allow me to travel to Masterton by train at 2.30

16th October Took charge of school M Orr

10th November the school has not been cleaned for two weeks and is in a very duty condition

13th November E Pye to charge again

18th November School closed teacher ill

20th Herbert Willie, Harold and Leo Duckett have left school

1923

1st February School opened roll 19

It has not been swept out

The new horse paddock at the school house is ready for the horses they have been paddocked today

16th February W M Harding Took charge. Mr Pye has resigned

13th March The school windows were extremely dirty were washed on the inside today

16th March Had to close school because of an extremely sore throat

19th March Ian Tomlin left today to attend Mauriceville

21st March Mrs Helen Vanderpump appointed Grade 206 7 years service Present Job Sole teacher Mangamaire School

26th March Admitted Nita Larsen

28th March Outside windows cleaned today. There is a very undesirable sprit among some of the girls in this school and quarrels occur almost every day

4th April Mrs Vanderpump Commenced duty today. I found the school very untidy and unswept The teacher's desk is particularly untidy and crammed with books and papers of every description. The lavatories badly need sweeping and disinfecting. Evidently they are neglected. Schemes for 1923 have not been prepared nor has a time

table been made out since February 1921. The quarterly returns have not been made up and sent to the Board

6th April I have tested the children in the main subjects and find that the majority of them are very backward, particularly in spelling and arithmetic

13th April The girls today commenced their new sewing. They have had no fixed work and some of them have had nothing to do.

17th April Mr Brockett today visited the school. He advised me to ask the boys to bring spades and commence digging the ground for the new flower gardens, immediately

11th May I held the term examination this week. The arithmetic is extremely weak. No pupil gained 50% in standard 2,3,4,5. The average was 24% I think the fairest thing to do is to begin this year's work afresh. Although late in the year this seems the wisest course to take. I have sent out the term reports and I feel sure that the majority of the parents are ready to cooperate

15th June Gordon, George and Gwendoline Loader, left today. Their father has been transferred to Glenhope Nelson

29th June There is a great deal of sickness in the district. The attendance is very poor. Admitted a new pupil Joan jams from Walton

3rd July Admitted Ronald James

11th July Nita Larsen a very delicate child, has been ordered by Dr Cowie to remain away from school. Nita Larsen is suffering from cough and sores and is unfit for school

13th August Mr Cowles examined the school today. Very poor attendance on account of the influenza

14th August Joan and Ronald James have left today. They have gone to Featherston

;An unprovoked assault by a parent on the teacher of; the Mangamahoe School Mr E G Pye was the subject of a report to the Wellington Education Board by its. Executive this morning- The report that legal action had been decided but Mr Pye had. Magnanimously accepted the assailants offer to publish an apology and pay the, expenses that had arisen. In the circumstances the,. legal action, was discontinued. The; majority of, the parents of children .attending the school had forwarded a testimony to the worth of Mr. Pye The executive pointed out that such unlawful actions should be repressed by .the board with all the powers conferred on it by the law PP

17th August Closed school for holidays early n account of influenza. Admitted Clarence and Daphne Kerr

5th September Reginald and Gordon Kerr started. Role number 18

11th September Admitted Bruce and Barbara Berney

Inspectors report

- a) Roll 14, 8 present
- b) The school is under good management and control. A commendable change has been made in the attitude of the pupils in their work. Order discipline tone good
- c) Good progress has been made. Buildings etc in good order
- d) The schoolroom is clean and comfortable
- e) A complete change has been effected in the attitude of the pupils to their work
- f) The children are responsive to oral questions
- g) Written work commended
- h) A great improvement has been made in enunciation

5th October Granted one month's leave of absence

9th October Catherine Gibson began work as relieving teacher

13th October Telegram to chairman asking for lodgings for Miss Orr

17th October As it was necessary for the teacher to go to her home tonight on private business she got permission from the School Committee to close the school in time to catch the afternoon train

22nd October School closed for Labour Day

28th October received from Wellington Education Board parcel containing 3 copies of the Pygmies, Beauty and the Beast and Dick and his cat

19th November Resumed duty today. Helen P Vanderpump

7th December There is much sickness in the district. The Faulkners are absent with influenza. The Berney's are absent with eye blight

13th December received Dr Cowie's Certificate stating that Gladys Faulkner was unfit for school

1924

5th February Attendance 19

25th February Mr Brockett attended school today. Suggested putting in crop for green manure, also studying the life history of two of our common weeds

17th March School closed for one day. Teacher had severe cold

11th April The Boys today dug up plot. Maize and wheat are to be sown as green manure

15th April Received rain gauge, Thermometer and mercury for barometer from Wellington Education Board

17th April Parents present at Prize Giving today. After a few musical items and refreshments closed school for Easter Holidays

30th April School closed on April 23rd for three days this week. Teacher had septic throat

29th May School reopened. Admitted Violet and Frank Pond. They are staying with their aunt Mrs Riddick for a month

11th June As the netting is not yet around the garden the fowls have eaten the wheat, sown for green manure

15th July A meeting was held today to arrange a Children's ball in aid of school funds

18th August At the Children's Ball held on Friday night the sum of £9 was raised for school funds

19th September the garden has at last been fenced in. We have sown seeds, left by Mr Brockett in boxes

14th October Four new desks arrived today

17th October We have had great difficulty in preparing a good part of the garden for plants. The boys have used picks to remove the stones which once formed a path

Inspectors report include

- a) Mrs Vanderpump teacher
- b) Roll 19
- c) The general efficiency of teaching is very good
- d) It is noted a plot has been fenced off for gardening and the ground prepared for planting.
- e) The work in general is in a very sound condition
- f) Written work neatly set out
- g) Recitation very good
- h) The children are very well behaved and show a good spirit of work
- i) Mrs Vanderpump has greatly improved the quality of the work since she took charge

31st October Ernest Riddick is very ill His eyes are troubling him greatly

12th November Received Dr Prior's certificate saying Ernest Riddick is unfit for school

1925

18th February Mr R F Fortune appointed 2½ years experience Present Unemployed

25th March Mr J Birkby at present sole teacher at Te Whiti School appointed

1st April J S A Birkby commenced duty

15th April School reopened Denise Birkby admitted

11th May School ceased at 11.00 out of respect to late Right Honourable Mr W F Massey

14th May School closed Late Prime Minister's Funeral

15th May Ernest Riddick readmitted. Potassium iodine tablets received

22nd August Inspectors report

- a) Roll 13 present 12
- b) The general efficiency of teaching is very good
- c) The children are bright and are making good progress.
- d) The endeavour to improve the grounds and give the children a practical knowledge of agriculture is commendable
- e) The sewing is well taught
- f) A shingle path from the gate to the school is urgently required
- g) J Wyn Irwin

29th October received Red Cross cabinet

5th November proficiency exam held at Hastwell. Gladys Faulkner Proficiency Gordon Kerr competency

11th November Armistice day observed

19th November received homework exercise books presented by Masterton shopkeepers

9th December Held Education Department's attainment Test

18th December prize distribution held in afternoon

1926

1st February roll 14

10th May Received barometer tube and mercury

21st October School medical officer visited the school

3rd December positive inspection report received from W Bogden inspector

17th December Jack Berney proficiency

1927

1st February Roll 12

7th 8th March school closed for visit of Duke and Duchess of York to NZ

14th October Inspector's report included

- a) Mr Birkby
- b) Roll 17 present 17
- c) Order discipline and tone very good
- d) The teaching is very efficient
- e) The pupils have made very good progress, are well mannered and show a fine working spirit

- f) The schoolroom is made as attractive as possible.
- g) The grounds are in good order
- h) Alfred Cowles

16th December Attendance Kathleen Faulkner, Denise Birkby, James Faulkner

Proficiency Kathleen Faulkner, Loraine Berney

1928

1st February Roll 15

20th February Forward Progress cards. Greytown (Berney 3) Eketahuna Faulkner 1

11th April J Faulkner to Waitakere School

26th April Anzac day celebrated at school

22nd May E Riddick to Hastwell School

1st June Ceased duty today Have taken progress cards of Denise and Gladys with me

5th June Kathleen E Bishop commenced duties this morning as relieving teacher

The roll is 9 with 9 present

8th June Readmitted two primers Eunice Riddick and Mabel Grant

29th June Kathleen Bishop ceased duties

2nd July Winifred Downes commenced duty

16th August Visit of Mr Cree Drill instructor

26th October Report of Mr Cree received. Very good Miss Downes is doing some very fine work with these children. They are very responsive in fact at times inclined to overdo things

Tighten up the discipline now and again or you will lose some of the benefits of your good work Marching and games especially those

done to music are excellent. One or two weak postures require special attention

29th October Householders meeting held in school to arrange breaking up function. Decided to hold a concert, Christmas Tree and Dance on Friday December 14th. Committee of ladies and gentlemen to carry out details.

30th October Mr Darroch Navy League addressed children on the subject of his visit

1929

4th February William Cheetham started Roll 13

4th March Dental Nurse examined children to attend clinic

8th June Working Bee School Committee to work on hedges paths

2nd August Noel and Earl Perry left

12th August Dulcie Smith admitted.

10th September During holidays the interior of school has been painted. Cupboards varnished

27th November Visit of Dr Collier, examined all children

19th December Annual School Christmas held in the hall

Up To Proofing

1930

3rd February Roll 15. Admitted 3 new infants

Patricia McGruddy, Kevin Braddock and Philip Evans

4th February Admitted Kenneth Tildesley

10th March Admitted Ralph Cheetham Roll 17

29 April 1930 Miss E Jones appointed Sole Teacher PP
31st March Winifred Downes Finishes
1st April E R Clark relieving teacher
17th April 5 children have left the school this week The Riddick Children and Dulcie Smith
18th April 1930 Letter to Miss Jones
a) Congratulated on appointment to Mangamahoe
b) Mrs O'Neill is still in occupation
c) Need to contact Mr Stewart Secretary Wellington Education Board to find out how many days grace Mrs O'Neill be given to vacate schoolhouse
9th May E R Clark finished
12th May 1930 Letter to Mr Stewart from Mangamahoe School Committee
a) Mrs O'Neill still in residence
b) Mrs O'Neill had told Secretary that she would have to have written notice to vacate the school house.
26th May New Teacher E L M Jones
27th May Mr Stubbs Calls Today. Finds children very backwards
13th June Miss Blackburn Drill instructress called, Children did not respond well Advised me to give practically primer work in drill
11th July Resumed school today after being closed for two days on account of Sir Joseph Ward's death
14th July Mr Brockett called today. Garden unsatisfactory
17th March As the school was used last night as a send off for Mr Tomlin and most of the children were out late they were given an extra hour this morning. They are all tired, so I will just keep them busy today and take the solid work tomorrow
24th March Roll now 20

30th March 1932 Several children away owing to the death of their relations Mr and Mrs Corrigan. The parents were shot by their son
2nd May Forwarded Edith Veale's card to the Department today
6th May Alice and Eva Larsen moving to Hastwell Roll 18
23rd May Two more children left Bernadine Corrigan probably only temporarily. Ken Tildesley to be under a man teacher at Hastwell
12th July Mr Darroch of the Navy League called and spoke to children about buying British goods
15th August Prepared floor for oiling. Also scrubbed desks after scrapping ink off with glass. Desks are to be varnished
16th August School Committee meeting last night. I asked for firewood, to have the glass put in the school window and to have the front door and paths done in concrete either by the committeemen or by government subsidy
5th September All children who were away with whooping cough have returned
A page has been carefully cut from log book

1933

1st February Mr Gardiner has obtained employment in Wellington so that his children Tom and Jim have left
Pat Corrigan who received competency last year and the McGruddy Children (3) and Kevin Braddick have also left. This leaves only 8 on the roll Of these two more are likely to leave as one parent is being moved to another district soon and I intend to leave as soon as I get a new position
6th February Another family leaving the district for Hawkes Bay As there are only 5 children on the roll the school is to become Grade 0

if the School Committee will guarantee board for the school. Otherwise I suppose it will close. Anyway I do not need to worry as I will be transferred,

9th February On account of getting wet feet yesterday and having no wood at school for a fire, I was not well enough to come to school

10th February Though I do not feel much better I came to school today

13th February During the school holidays the following repairs to the school were effected. Boys shed refloored, outhouses repaired, new spouting and roof.

14th February Les and Ron Veale left today as their father a railway employee is being transferred to Whakatu Napier. Roll number now 6

7th March As the dirty state of the school has worried me ever since I came back I wrote today to the School Committee complaining about it. It could not have been scrubbed during the holidays and it is not even properly swept each night now.

14th March Mr Donald and Mr Nicholson and Mr Powell came up from the Board and we had a meeting with the settlers. Result satisfactory for me as I will most likely get a transfer now. It will be next to impossible to get another school as bad as this, so I should have a little spell of overdue happiness. I expect I will need sick leave to recover some of my nervous strength before beginning a fresh place. I feel quite washed out, though there were little sparks of humour in the meeting The settlers as usual told lies which I was able to prove in some cases. Nothing really fresh in the way of information but merely the old pin pricking and hate, together with hypocritical expressions of goodwill towards me.

1st May Mr McCaskill, chief inspector called. He found everything good except the setting out of the arithmetic, It was encouraging to

find somebody thinks I am not an absolute failure, after all the trouble I have had.

5th May One child Keith Jones taken off register today. Roll now 5

22nd May Two Children Ralph and Bill Cheetham have left as their parents wanted them to begin their new school with the new term Roll now 3 two only temporary

22nd May letter from Mr McGruddy to Wellington Education Board In reply to your letter I must inform you that the following children will be attending Mangamahoe School after Miss Jones Leaves the school

Gleeson 4 children, Hood 1, McGruddy 3., Grant 2, Braddick 1
Total 11

Followed with a petition of parents agree to keep children at school

25th May I notice that the ashes are being thrown beside the shed again. It is no good writing to the chairman about it as he simply ignores school correspondence

30th May I relinquish duties today E L M Jones

1934

July 26th Letter from Mr McGruddy asking to reopen the school A guarantee of 11 children with three untenanted houses in the district

We received a promise from the board that if we could guarantee numbers we could start as a Grade 1 school

The buildings are deteriorating badly

1st August Requesting list of names

July 31st List of 11 promised to attend signed

16th August final reply

That Mr McGruddy be informed that in view of the fact that the children are receiving adequate education at other schools by satisfactory conveyance the Board sees no reason why the Mangamahoe School should be reopened at the present time but the matter will be revisited when the three houses untenanted are occupied by families

1892	17	Mangamahoe	Leete	James		Master
1893	20	Mangamahoe	Leete	James		Master
1894	23	Mangamahoe	Leete	James		Master
1894	23	Mangamahoe	Larsen	Clara		Sewing
1895	29	Mangamahoe	Bee	John G		Master
1895	29	Mangamahoe	Whiting	Emily		Sewing
1896	21	Mangamahoe	Batt	Sarah Elizabeth		Female
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1897	29	Mangamahoe	Batt	Sarah Elizabeth		Female
1898	29	Mangamahoe	Batt	Sarah Elizabeth		Female
1899	29	Mangamahoe	Collins	Florence B		Female
1900	30	Mangamahoe	Collins	Florence B		Female
1901	30	Mangamahoe	Collins	Florence B		Female
1902	28	Mangamahoe	Jones	George A		Master
1903	23	Mangamahoe	Jones	George A		Headmaster
1904	22	Mangamahoe	Campbell	Katherine		Female
1905	23	Mangamahoe	Campbell	Kathleen	D3	Female
1906	20	Mangamahoe	Campbell	Kathleen	D3	Female

1907	20	Mangamahoe	Campbell	Kathleen	D2	Female
1908	24	Mangamahoe	Harrison	J M Mrs	E2	Female
1909	23	Mangamahoe	Harrison	Jane M	E2	Female
1910	18	Mangamahoe	Harrison	Jane M	E2	Female
1911	16	Mangamahoe	Harrison	Jane M	E2	Female
1912	10	Mangamahoe	Harrison	Jane M Mrs	E2	Female
1913	11	Mangamahoe	Harrison	Jane M	E2	Female
1914	12	Mangamahoe	Harrison	Jane M Mrs	E2	Female
1915	12	Mangamahoe	Bradford	Laura		Female
1917	13	Mangamahoe	Howell	Annie M Mrs	Sole	E
1919	12	Mangamahoe	Pye	Ernest G	Sole	
1921	17	Mangamahoe	Pye	Ernest G	Sole	
1923	16	Mangamahoe	Vanderpump	Helena P Mrs	Sole	D-200

Geography: British Isles, their colonies and dependencies, chief towns, manufacture etc. Use of maps. The Earth The forces at work, changing its surface

History Standard 3 to Standard 7. 1688 The evolution, James struggle to regain his throne. War of the Spanish Succession. Treaty of Utrecht. Union of Scottish and English Parliament, Jacobite Rebellion, South Sea Bubble.

Walpole's Administration. England as a colonising nation. Seven Year's War⁴

Physiology and Health The air we breathe, Flow to ensure Good Health, Impure air and ventilation. Germs.

The skeleton, joints and muscles, The foot, The circulation organ from leaves flowers and other objects.

Drawing. Geometry, Freehand designing from leaves flowers and other objects. Also copies from sheets

Handwork. Plasticine Modelling and Brushwork designs

Scheme of work book Mangamahoe School Classes Std 5, 6 and 7

This gives a guide to subjects taught

English. Reading, Spelling, and dictation from Std 6 Empire Readers and School Journal. Analysis, Paraphrasing, Punctuation and combining of sentences. Corrections and Essay writing and business letters. Recitation of the "Seven Ages Of Man and the Councils of Polonius

Arithmetic: Decimals, metric system, compound proportions, simple and compound interest

Singing Songs

Drill Breathing and Swedish Exercises and Clubs

By 1917

Curriculum Changes

Geography.

Standard 7 Outline of British Empire, Reading Our Empire Overseas. Causes of the rise and importance of the British Empire Its size and most of its leading ports and inland towns. Productions, industries and trade.

Other countries of the world with a few of their more important towns

Glaciers and the work of ice, the sea and its work, winds and currents, coastlines, climate Earths Motions Latitude and longitude.

How to reckon time. Equinoxes and solstices, the inclinations of the earth axis to its orbit, length of day

The zones, seasons, trade winds, monsoons. Vegetable and animal life of the different zones. Chief trading routes

Standard 3 and 4 New Zealand Mountain and Rivers, plains, lakes, capes, towns, products and industries

States of Australia with their capitals. Very brief outline of the British Empire. Points of direction, When shadows are shortest and why

Phases of the moon, tides (diagrams to show)

Clouds the different kinds how informed etc.

Rivers and the work they do.

Shape and motion of the earth.

History Reading Highroads of History Book

The battle pf Bannockburn

Crecy and Calais Taken

The Black Prince

Wat Tyler's Rebellion(Compare with strikes in these days)

Agincourt Siege of Orleans Joan of Arc

(Calais only French possession left to England)

Agincourt. Siege of Orleans Joan of Arc

War of Roses (Civil War) St Albans Wakefield Barnet (The Kingmaker)

The little Princes Bosworth

Age of Discovery (Christopher Columbus, The Carbots)

Henry 8th Defender of the faith

Loss of Calais

Mary's persecutions

Mary Queen of Scots

Defeat of Armada

Moral Instruction

Standard 2 to Primers

Morals contained in the reading lessons and often in history to be impressed on the children's minds. And occasions offer lessons on such things as Temperance, Cleanliness, Truthfulness, punctuality, regularity, tidiness, control of temper, kindness to animals, respect for the aged, sympathy for the afflicted etc,

Physiology and Health. The skeleton tendons and muscles. Trunk composed of three parts. The blood (river of life) Circulation food and Drink. Digestions (Or converting food into blood) The stomach and intestines. The lung, liver, kidney Nerves, Brain etc

Keeping the body clean outwardly by plenty of soap and water and inwardly healthy through having great regard to ventilation and well cooked plain food and light warm clothing

Singing. Modular exercises, voice training by means of different syllables such as ah oo etc

Simple songs taught by Sonic Sol- Fa notation

One song is sung every morning before the days work begun

Sewing

Standard 7 Nightdress, patching, and darning

Standard 4 White Petticoat and darning

Standard 3 Pillowcase

Physical Training Physical Exercises are taken daily