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Note: Google Maps has Mangapakeha on the Masterton side of the turnoff to Riversdale closer to the Rewanui Forest Park, but the school was definitely much closer to Tinui about where marked

Penton

30th June 1897 The Inspector was instructed to report as to the requirement for rebuilding the aided School at Penton, which had been burnt down. 30 June 1897 PP

26th January 1898 It was decided to establish an aided school at Penton, in the Mangapakeha district, where there were 18 children of school age and seven under school age PP

1st March 1898 Plans for Mangapakeha School may also "be seen at the residence of Mr. McLeay Penton, Mangapakeha PP

23rd February 1898 The Chairman was authorised to open tenders for schools at (Te) Wharau, Te Ore Ore, and Penton, to accept the lowest tender PP

8th May 1901 Teacher is required for the Aided School at Penton, near Masterton. Salary £30, and residence Applications to be sent to Mr. J. McLeay, Penton via Masterton PP

(It is clear that Penton School and Mangapakeha School are interchangeable terms)

Mangapakeha: 1898-1962 This school always struggled for pupils. When the building was first erected the locals continued their school elsewhere. There were problems with teachers appointed by locals. Situated 34 Kilometres from Masterton. The building is used at the Cobblestones Museum in Greytown

Mangapakeha

1895- 1900

15th October An aided school is being established at the Mangapakeha junction

30th January 1895 Mr Donald Sinclair was appointed to the charge of the Mangapakeha aided school

31st January The aided school at Mangapakeha is to be opened next Monday. There were 35 applicants for the position of Master

5th March 1895 Mr Fleming to inspect the Mangapakeha School on 19th March

1st August 1895 A grant of 50 pound was made to the cost of re erecting the Mangapakeha School provided the land is conveyed to the Board

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14th December 1895 Gilbert McCandish hotel-keeper of Mangapakeha has filed a declaration of insolvency

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22nd March 1898 Mangapakeha Tender accepted for school, C E Daniells 173 pounds

17th July 1898 The Chairman of Wellington Education Board stated that in consequence of a local difference of opinion regarding the site, he had stopped the erection of the school at Mangapakeha

2nd March 1899. Inspector to visit Mangapakeha on the 22nd March

17th May 1899 Country authorities will learn with satisfaction that the Education Board has despatched its carpenter to make repairs, etc., at the following schools : — Featherston, Carterton, Matarawa, Te Ore Ore, Kaiwairangi, Fernridge, Mauriceville, Eketahuna, Alfredton, Pahiatua, Mangatainoka, Hastwell, Hukanui, Hinemoa, Waihakeke, Whakataki, and Mangapakeha.

1900

31st March Report in Auckland Herald complaining of Mangapakeha receiving a grant for 4 pupils with a grant of 250 pounds with most redtape uniformity: quoting report to parliament

Inspectors Report September 19th 1900

Teacher Miss Calder Roll 6 Number Present 6

The school is held in a room in a private residence. The accommodation is as satisfactory as circumstances will permit

Standard	Present	Passed
4	1	1
3	2	2
2	1	1
Primers	2	

Other subjects Geography Satisfactory, Drawing fair, Grammar Fair, History Satisfactorily taught, Recitation very fair

13th December 1900 The Chief Inspector was authorised to confer with the Commissioner of Crown Lands with the view of procuring a school site on the Langdale estate, to which it is proposed to remove the present school at Mangapakeha .

(Following research by Gareth Winter Wairarapa Archivist it was determined that Mr McLeay farmed and leased the block directly attached to the Masterton side of the Mangapakeha School site. this makes the decision to not use the newly erected school strange. There is more to this story than is available to me

At sometime this school was known by the name Penton School.)

The McLeay Children were

1886	McLeay	Donald	Esther	John
				John
1889	McLeay	Dugald Rofs	Esther	Hay
1890	McLeay	Esther Sutherland	Esther	John
1891	McLeay	Roderick	Esther	John
1892	McLeay	Annie Robertson	Esther	John

1894	McLeay	Ross Hay	Esther	John
<u>1895</u>	McLeay	Sheila Barod	Esther	John
1897	McLeay	Eain McKenzie	Esther	John

1901

Inspectors report March 2nd 1901

Miss Calder, Teacher

The children in Standard 5, 4 and 2 all passed into their classes on September last year The progress made since has been satisfactory
Roll 7

List of notes in 1901 log book

Work very irregular owing to absence of boys for sheep work from October 24th to November 16th

School broke up 20th December 1900 Reopened Jan 29th 1901

Began school in the house. Need map of NZ and drawing cards also workbooks

6th February 1901 Writing must improve

8th February Drill and Saluting

11th February. Compositions Better

The children of this school were examined in September 1900

Name	Passed
Donald Mcleay	Standard 4
Annie Mcleay	Absent
Essie Mcleay	Standard 3
Dugald Mcleay	Standard 3
Roy Mcleay	Standard 2

T R Fleming Then went on to list subjects to be taught.

Standard 3	Long Division by more than 1 number
Standard 4	Weight and measure reduction
Standard 5	Fractions
Standard 5	Grammar to pronouns and nouns. Kind of nouns
Standard 4	To parse a noun fully definitions (sic) of cases
Standard 3	Parts of speech and definitions
All	Geography of NZ
Standard 5	Europe
Standard 4 & 5	Dates of Kings and leading sovereigns etc

The progress made since has been satisfactory but the children have not been long enough in their present standards to justify their examination at this period of work. T R Fleming
31st January 1901 M Calder 22pounds 10 shillings, This included an increase of 7 pound 10 . (One pound in 1901 is equivalent of \$155.51 in 2012)

14th June School closed for midwinter holiday

1902

Teacher Miss Huggins

Inspectors Report

Roll 7

The building erected near the 23rd mile post from Masterton is not yet occupied

Mr Mcleay (In whose house the present school is held) informed me that as another settler with a family was coming to the district he would make an effort too see that the school was opened

The Whareama School is on the other side of the first Langdale Estate is also closed because accommodation cannot be found for the teacher

I recommend that the Secretary of the Wellington Education Board communicate with the settlers of the district informing them of the terms to which a grant is made to aided schools and asking them to make arrangements to open these schools as soon as possible

Signed T R Fleming

Miss Huggins has been in charge 8 months. The work generally was satisfactory.

8th September 1902. School opened in the schoolhouse with an attendance of 12. Alice Lambert, teacher

School was closed from 10th October to 24th October owing to illness
Take again the case of the erection of the Pahaua and Mangapakeha schoolhouses — substantial, fully-equipped buildings, erected two years ago or more — one of which has never been used, and the other only for short periods of time. From a defence of his job by Robert Lee Inspector 31 August 1901 PP

He had nothing to do with the' site of the Mangapakeha School. The Chairman — The residents selected the site of that school. All interested were in favour of it, | Mr. Buchanan, referring to Mr. Hogg's remarks, recorded his protest against Mr. Hogg's manner, as Chairman of the meeting. Teachers' Salaries Commission, towards Mr. Lee Rebuttal of Mr Lees claim 28th November 1901

11th February 1902 Sections in the Mangapakeha and Rewa Survey Districts and the township of Langdale, in the Wellington Land District, have been permanently reserved as public school sites. PP

1903

5th March 1903 Teacher Miss Lambert. Roll 14 Present 13

Inspectors report

Miss Lambert has not been in charge for long. She is recommended to pay particular attention to spelling, writing and arithmetic.

All classes may be grouped for science and history

Order and discipline etc good

Manners and general behaviour, good.

The school is now being held in the building which was erected some years ago

I would like to see some attempt should be made at improving the grounds.

As the school has been reopened only five months the teacher has been unable to cover a great deal of ground both in pass subjects and in class subjects. Spelling and writing require special treatment

29th June 1903 School closed for mid winter holidays until 6th July

31st September School closed. Miss Lambert Left

9th September School reopened with an attendance of 12. Teacher, Annie Cowin.

15th September Kenneth Groves and Eva Groves admitted

19th October Mr Mcleay member of School Committee visited School. "No comments made."

9th November Holiday Kings Birthday

10th November Holiday Weather

Last weeks in December irregular work elder boys absent.

18th December School closed for Midsummer holidays

1904

25th January School reopened Roll 10

22nd March 1904

Donald Mcleay Passed Standard 6
 Evaline Groves, Kenneth Groves passed 5th Standard
 Roderick Mcleay, Flora Udy, Myra Udy passed 4th Standard
 Ross Mcleay passed 2nd standard
 25th March 6th Standard commenced decimals. 5th, Fractions. 3rd,
 Long Division. 1st continued in multiplication and addition
 20th April 1st Standard commenced drawing squares, oblongs etc
 9th August Six Standard girls doing flannel and calico patching. Fifth
 Standard making garment. 1st Standard Hemming Towels
 8th September. Applied to School Committee for, thermometer,
 barometer, weather gauge and compass. Wellington Education Board
 state not necessary.
 21st September. School closed, weather bad
 30th September One pupil withdrawn to attend Masterton High
 School
 12th to 15th October School closed weather bad.

1905

16th January School opened Three present
 23rd January Holiday Anniversary for Wellington City
 30th January Harry, Stanley, Allen and Joseph admitted
 1st February 6th Standard Mensuration. (Methods of maths
 measurements)
 18th February Show week broken attendance
 14th March Dugald McLeay, Esther McLeay passed 6th Standard.
 15th March The first picnic of the two schools, Langdale (*Whareama*)
 and Mangapakeha was held in a paddock kindly lent by Mr
 Schofield. It being a fine day, the children enjoyed their races for
 books and toys. The success of the picnic was mainly due to Miss
 Chapman, and Mr J. Douglas. WTPP
 18th May RAMBLES TO THE EAST AND NORTH-EAST OF
 MASTERTON.

{By a Travelling Correspondent)

In the previous account of my wanderings I omitted to mention that
 all the principal homesteads from Brancepeth to Whareama and are
 now connected with Masterton by telephone. The lines were erected
 by the Messrs Jackson Bros, .at the settlers own expense—the cost
 being some £12 per mile.

THE LANGDALE CLOSE SETTLEMENT. Retracing my steps
 from Homewood, I next visited the Langdale Settlement. Just near
 the foot of the Blairlogie Hill, and to the north side of the road, the
 first home of a Crown tenant comes in view—that of Mr N. McKay.
 He is in occupation of one of the largest areas of hill land in the
 block, a piece of country which was well grassed when taken up
 consequently, with the exception of building and fencing, but
 improvement was necessary. The next holding is that of Mr A.
 McKay, who has a somewhat rougher section, and upon which he has
 done a good deal of scrub clearing and grassing, in addition to
 erecting a dwelling-house, around which he has planted a number of
 trees and shrubs. Passing down the road, and- crossing the
 Mangapokia creek, at Birkett's, the State School is seen, with quite a
 number of settlers' residences on either side of the road, being those
 of Messrs White, Jackson, Neilsen (since sold out), Oliver, Maxwell,
 and Fellingham. All these farmers are comfortably housed, and are
 making substantial improvements in the cultivation of portions of
 their land for rape and turnips, and most have planted fruit and other
 trees. The Langdale township has not arrived at even the stage of
 having its streets formed, and the only building would seem to be the
 public school. Passing Mr Fellingham's, with its blacksmith's shop,
 the old homestead, buried in a mass of well-grown plantations, is
 reached. This is occupied by Mi- Ryder, who has a fine block of land
 adjacent. The next holding is Mr G. Street. This gentleman, I am
 sorry to say, had the misfortune to have his brick-house almost
 completely demolished by the earthquake last year. He is just now
 completing a wooden structure for his home. Here, for the

convenience of the settlers, is the post office box. Close at hand, at what is known as the Manager's House, resides Mr D. Bennett, who has also the benefit of having one of the oldest plantations in the district to serve as firewood, etc. Mr Bennett has some nice flat land, and, like others, has put the plough to work.

The wants of this particular portion of the settlement are the bridging of the Mangapakeha Creek, and the completion of the metal to the junction of the Masterton- Te Nui-road.

Leaving the Langdale homestead and ascending the hill, Mr H. Cowin's property comes in sight. His dwelling is some way off the public road and as a consequence the proprietor has had to go to some expense to form a connection for wheel traffic- He has made a good show of improvements by ploughing and planting. Arriving at the top of the road a view of the lower portion of the Mangapakeha Valley and the rich flats on the lea side of the Whareama River are seen. Close at hand is Mr Lennie's section and here also good improvements have been carried out. Next in order is Mr Taplin's, at the junction of the roads. Apparently there is no one resident on this section a present. Travelling up the valley of the Mangapakeha at the junction of the main road with the Black Hill track, is Mr Carmen's home. He has some rich flat land which is being considerably improved. Close at hand, but not forming part of the Crown Settlement, are the properties of Messrs A. Speedy and J. Schofield, both progressive settlers, who are alive to making their holdings productive. Mr N. McRae's section is next reached. Here is a nice homestead situated on high ground, and commanding a good view of the valley. In addition to the house, substantial outbuildings have been erected, and some planting done. Adjacent, and under the shadow of the aipos, is Mr Douglas holding, comprising a good deal of steep, but with all healthy sheep country. His next neighbour is Mr McLeay. This gentleman has erected a very comfortable residence, with a good orchard close at hand. Here also there is a quantity of steep country, but the flats along the creek side are remarkably rich.

In the vicinity is the State school, a neat building situated close to the main road. The next settlers are Messrs P. Paulsen and J. Cameron, both of whom are making substantial improvements. There are a number of other settlers who own portions of what was once the Langdale Run it Is., Messrs Cameron Bros., of Oka; J. Groves, of Bush Grove; A. Speedy, J. Schofield and F. Groves, but these gentlemen acquired the land prior to purchase by the Crown.

The impression that one gathers is that the settlement, as a whole, is an unqualified success, and that the settlers are making substantial progress, and that the Crown made an excellent bargain in having purchased and cut up the estate. I did not anticipate the Land Commission's examination of Crown tenants, by asking their views on the leasehold v. freehold tenure, but learned that their principal grievance was the restrictions imposed as to cropping. On almost all the holdings, agriculture is going hand in hand with stock-breeding, and it is quite essential to the well-being of the farmers that they be allowed to crop these lands with rape, turnips and oats, without the undue interference of State officials, who may have no practical experience of working lands. The settlers require, in order to make the most profit off their holdings, to be able to fatten their lambs and older sheep, and to this end it is necessary that crops should be grown, and it is one of the strong points in favour of Langdale that each occupier, almost without exception, has a proportion of arable land well adapted for the purpose.

The settlers seem quite alive to their own interests, and have recently, in combination with others, formed a branch of the Farmers' Union. One of the principal drawbacks the farmers have to contend with is the want of fencing timber and fuel, but this want is gradually being overcome by planting. Fencing posts cost from £7 to £8 per 100 (for totara), which have to be carted from Masterton or Taueru. At one homestead, so short was the supply of firewood that coal was being used. With the present high prices ruling for sheep and wool, the settlers are not likely to turn their attentions to other sources of

making an income; but it would be unwise of them to lose sight of the necessity- of dairying in the near future. [to .be continued.]

WTPP

18th -19th May School closed for bad weather

19th June School Closed bad weather, river flooded

6th June. McLeay Member School Committee visited School

16th October. Holiday Trafalgar Day

23rd October J Tennant Inspector. Visited school and found 9 children present. As Miss Cowin leaves at the end of the month I made some suggestion about leaving full programme re work done.

26th , 27th 28th School Closed weather, river

31st October School closed awaiting new teacher

MANGAPAKEHA SCHOOL DISTRICT— Bounded on "the north by the Whakaporo and Mangapakeha Stream to the intersection with the Whareama river, on the south by the Taueru School District/on the East by the Whareama River, on the west by the Bideford School District 1905

Miss A Cowan Resigned 29 September 1905 WTPP

Advertisement in Evening Post ST (Sole Teacher) Mangapakeha average roll 9. 56 pounds (\$8,856.52 in March 2012 terms) PP

6th November Mr H H Dyer takes charge

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11th October Mangapakeha ST 75 pound and 10 pound HA 11 October 1905 PP

14th November 1905 Miss Ethel Gibbie has been appointed mistress of the State School at Mangapakeha WTPP

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1906

30th January. Two new pupils, the Toogood's

4th February River in flood, no school

9th March Inspectors Holiday

Report of Inspector Visit 8th March 1906

Mr Dyer Sole Teacher Roll 12

Mr Dyer has given most of his time to the essential subjects as the school was closed for some time after Miss Cowin left

The general work was fair

The outside offices (*Toilets*) are badly situated, one behind the other, instead of being in separate parts of the playground.

The grass is long and unless a path is made to the offices the children will still have problems.

Two certificates of proficiency were granted to Dougal McLeay Standard 7 and Roderick McLeay Standard 6. Average age 15 years 10 Months

Standard	Boys	Girls	Age Years	Months
Standard 7	1		17	
Standard 6	1		14	9
Standard 4	2		12	
Standard 2	2	2	8	10
Primers	3	1	6	9

T R Fleming Inspector

24th May Holiday Empire Day

5th June Prince of Wales Birthday

18th to 21st Holiday in respect to late Premier

There is a long list of books sent by Mr Fleming for basic teaching scripts. The presumption being that there were few books for children to use.

1st June 1906 Mangapakeha, Wellington Education Board giving £7 towards shed, committee contributing £8 WTPP

13 July 1906 Job Advertisement Mangapakeha Sole Teacher 72 pound (*\$11,694.57 in March 1912*) and 10 pound (*\$1,559.28*) HA (*Housing Allowance paid when there is no residence*) PP

25th July Arbor Day Holiday

31st July Give up charge of this school H H Dyer

1st August Take charge. Miss M Finey

.4th October Roy McLeay, Harry Paulsen, Ross McLeay, Stanley Paulsen and Eain Mcleay rushed from the school without permission and when ordered back to his seat Stanley Paulsen jumped through the window

5th October Sent home Roy McLeay, Harry Paulsen, Ross McLeay, Stanley Paulsen and Eain McLeay to be thrashed by their fathers for bad conduct in the school.

9th November King's Birthday Holiday.

21st November Visited school today without notice only 5 present. I had not much opportunity of forming any opinions. as the condition of the school. The exceptionally bad attendance is due, I understand to an epidemic of influenza. Inspector Fleming

1907

12th March 1907 Inspectors Report included
Teacher Miss M Finey started 1st August 1906

Standard 7 ,1 boy Average age 15.9

Standard 5 ,2 boys Average 13 years 4 months

Standard 3, 2 Boys 1 Girl Average 10 years 9 months

Primers,... 3 Boys a Girl average 7 years 8 months

Reading was generally fluent and spelling was good, but the written work rather carelessly done and arithmetic was weak. T R Fleming
The children in Standard 5 and Standard 3 were not yet fit for promotion

The work in arithmetic was very weak

Reading was fluent but the enunciation of the children was very weak
As Miss Finey is leaving Mangapakeha, the incoming teacher should set out a programme of work for the year

The discipline has not been strong, but any teacher appointed to a school of this kind should receive the assistance of the parents and School Committee in the effort to carry out the work of this school.

One shelter shed has been erected. It will be sufficient for the boys and as there are only two girls the schoolroom may be used by them in wet weather.

The offices are placed close together instead of being in separate parts of the ground. Two pans are required

14th March Holiday for school picnic

15th March Inspector's Holiday

18th March. No attendance because of heavy rain

19th March No school because of heavy flood

22nd March M Finey Resigned PP

28th March Give up charge of the school M Finey

28th March 1907 Gladstone Notes Miss O. MacFarlane, our assistant school mistress, intends leaving next week for a. trip to Sydney. She will be relieved by Miss M. Finey, of Mangapakeha WTPP

8th April P J McNamara Took charge 5 Boys and 3 girls
The children are slow in getting the books required for their respective standards

23rd April The water basin in the porch is in great need of repair. The water leaks onto the floor when the children use the tap.

3rd May The children did not yet get the books they require as a result of which our work is greatly handicapped

23rd May We begun our term holiday today. Tomorrow is Empire Day. The water basin repaired.

4th June Got a globe for the school

12th June. I called the attention of the School Committee to the state of the school grounds. A gravel yard is urgently requested for drill exercise. The School Committee promised to do the same but they seem to have forgotten their promises.

14th June 1907 Advertisement Sole Teacher Required salary 56 pound and 10 pound Housing Allowance PP

12th July Mr Buchannan and the clerk of works were here today to inspect the creek and see what is best to be done to prevent the schoolhouse from being taken away by the creek

29th July Owing to a contagious disease known as chicken pox, being now prevalent in this district, Mr Toogood in his capacity as chairman of this School Committee has ordered me to close down the school for an interval of two weeks from July 29th to 9th August
There will be no term holidays in September on account of the school being closed for a fortnight in August

20th August Very heavy rain today, consequently no attendance

26th August Started agriculture today with Standards 3, 5, and 7

30th August Received today 2 spades, one hoe, one rake for use in school garden (that is to be)

16th September Got a set of dumbbells today
Boys completed digging garden today and we are now awaiting the weather to get fine before putting the seed in

13th September Another very rainy day. Creek too high for the children to cross- No attendance

19th September. A very fine day. We spent the afternoon in the garden preparing the ground for seeds. The children worked very willingly and are taking a great interest in the garden. We hope to be able to get in the remainder of our seeds tomorrow afternoon

27th September. Held the examination this week
Something ought to be done to prevent the birds coming into the school.

Took the children this afternoon to Mr McLeay's bush- saw some native birds etc. Got a choice selection of ferns

We observe Labour Day on Friday 8th November

15th November. The inspector visited the school today. Some very welcome rain fell last night. We put in some time in the garden this afternoon, weeding and hoeing.

H Paulsen and Rosie McLeay were caned for leaving school grounds without permission'

Got magazines and illustrated papers today from the Wellington Branch of Victoria League. They were to be returned to the school when read.

6th December. Our school garden is now in good order for inspection. We trust the Tinui Horticulture Society will send round their inspector before the closing of school for the summer holidays

16th December. We are very sorry that school garden was not inspected before the holidays

1908

3rd February School reopened today. The inspector had been to see our school garden during the holidays and we were successful in getting first prize for individual plots (vegetable) and 2nd in the all round competition.

15th February Received today two pairs of blackboard Set Squares and Blackboard compass.

27th February I promoted the four children in the primers/Standard 1 and they are now following the 2nd standard programme.

Lucy Jones is the only one that failed to improve her status in the 3rd Standard. Rosie McLeay remains another year in Standard 5 unless the inspector thinks otherwise.

As I am about to sever my connection with this school I would advise the incoming teacher to pay particular attention to the writing in the school. The drawing also is not what ought to be. You will find that Lucy Jones and Charlie Toogood are very weak all round and will take up a considerable amount of your time as well as test your patience.

12th March. Alice Dougherty. Reopened school this morning. Mr McLeay was present. Nine Boys and three Girls attended, the full attendance. The school has been closed since February 28th 08 when the former teacher resigned.

13th March Mr Fleming held the annual examination. A number of children promoted

19th March. A very wet morning, only 3 children present. The grass needs cutting on the path leading to the offices, as it is very inconvenient for the children in the wet weather.

19th March 1908 On Thursday a serious accident happened in the Mangapakeha to one of Mr Paul Paulson's young sons. The children were going home from school One child was riding, and the boy, walking behind the horse, struck it with a stick. The horse lashed out, kicking the lad on the head, and inflicting other injuries by which he was rendered unconscious. Mrs J. Toogood carried the child home, and rendered first aid . He was afterwards sent into Masterton WTPP

21st March. A very wet windy morning No children attended

26th March Another very wet day, dismissed the school an hour earlier because the river was rising quickly.

30th March. The annual picnic was held on Saturday in Mr Scholfield's paddock. The weather was again fine.

3rd April . Commenced work in the garden, digging, weeding etc.

6th April Last Saturday I had the school scrubbed out, the paint on the walls cleaned, windows cleaned, and school furniture also cleaned. The children are inclined to treat the school property very roughly, and need to be taught to take a pride in the appearance of their school. Though the weather is very bad today there is a good attendance

23rd April Received today a thermometer and rain gauge for use in the school

Over the Easter Vacation the School Committee have had the paths and the sheds metalled. There is a full attendance today, the first since March 12th

Inspectors Report included

A Dougherty

Miss Dougherty took charge the day before my visit as Mr McNamara had resigned and had left the school.

Last Year (before Mr McNamara took charge) the children had all failed to obtain promotion. I examined the school again and reclassified the children to enable the work for 1908 to be set out.

It was evident that a material improvement had been made in some branches of the work under Mr McNamara.

One office has been removed to another position but another pan is required.

5th May Writes our Lansdowne correspondent :An accident of a painful nature happened a few days ago. It appears that the children attending the Mangapakeha School were boiling water in a treacle tin, with the lid shut close. When at boiling point, Miss Dougherty the teacher, was in the act of lifting the tin, when it burst, and Miss Dougherty was severely scalded in the face and upper part of her body. It will be some time before she is able to be about again. Dr Dawson, of Te Nui, is attending her WTPP

5th May School has been closed since Tuesday as Miss Dougherty has met with an accident. Miss J A Freeman Relieving Teacher. WTPP

2nd June. Observed Monday 1st June as Prince of Wales Holiday.

6th July. C E Orr Commenced duty as Sole Teacher in this school Children orderly, attentive and anxious to please (on the whole) two girls inclined to dawdle in their work

8th August, School cleaned out, desks scrubbed

25th August Excursion and picnic at Cameron's Bush, weather fine, ground dry, children to write composition on scenery, native birds, ferns etc.

2nd September Pupils put in seeds this afternoon, planted peas, beans, carrots, turnips, onions, beet, parsnips. The girls planted flower seeds. Wallflower, convolvulus, nasturtiums, marigolds and poppies

30th September. Rain for September 1 ¹/₅ inches.

3rd November Reopened school today with full attendance. 4 boys and 3 girls. Admitted 5 boys making the roll 12.

The school has been closed since 16th October 1908 when the former teacher (Miss Orr) resigned. Signed Miss J A Freeman Relieving Teacher.

6th November. Took children out twenty minutes gardening.

10th November Had school cleaned on Saturday

17th November School closed for general election

27th November Finished examining children. The work on the whole is below the Standard. Probably due to so many changes of teacher. Since summer vacation 1908 there has been 4 changes of teacher

4th December. School windows need attention. Three of them will not open from the top. The piping leading from the basin in the porch is blocked.

9th December Have been requested by the committee to accept the position of this school as Sole Teacher permanently

Inspectors report Included

Roll 15. 9 Boys 6 Girls

During the latter part of last year (1907) the school was in an unsatisfactory condition, little classwork was done and the children were consequently backwards in all subjects, more especially, composition, writing and arithmetic. Miss Freeman took charge in November and at once improved the discipline and tone.

The room is somewhat dingy in appearance and would be improved by a few pictures

The map of N Z requires a roller, and one of the windows a blind

The grass in the school ground is too long, left thus it becomes dangerous for fire in the Autumn and in the winter it wets the children's feet and clothes.

The gardens should be put in order and the grounds generally improved.

T R Fleming.

1909

2nd February Reopened school after summer vacation entered three girls making roll number 15

During the holidays the windows, fireplace and basin in porch were repaired

11th March. Inspector visited today

Promoted 8 children

Failed 4 children

14th April Reopened school attendance poor. 2 families not returned from the holidays

4th May Three Schofield's absent suffering from a contagious skin disease (ringworm)

16th May Allan Paulsen returned today after five weeks absence due to an accident

24th May Today, Empire Day, to be observed on Monday June 7th, following term week. The above arrangement if for "coach" convenience.

16th November Inspectors Report

Roll 12

Organisation Satisfactory

The teaching is mainly individual and the children are making satisfactory progress

The School Committee has fenced part of the grounds for a school garden

The grass in the back paddock is too long.

Miss Freeman is making progress

16th December School closed for summer vacation

1910

24th February 1914 School Reopened Roll 7 Boys and 4 girls

Miss Freeman who is ill has leave of Absence. Lois Feist. Relieving Teacher

16th March Inspector examined school

Roll 11

Miss Feist in temporary charge

Physical Instruction. Lessons on deep breathing given regularly

Good work has been done in the garden but during the time that the school was closed the plots became overgrown with grass and weeds

The school was in very unsatisfactory condition when Miss Freeman took charge some twelve months ago

The school has been closed since the Christmas Holidays until opened by Miss Feist a fortnight ago

Taking these matters into consideration I should judge Miss Freeman to have done very commendable work

Miss Feist is with committees approval giving holidays on the 30th and 31st so that she can leave before Easter instead of staying in the place to teach on two last days of March. The family where she is lodging is leaving home for Easter. Miss Freeman is to take charge on 1st April

2nd May Took charge of school after three months leave of absence owing to ill health. J A Freeman

9th May Received word on Saturday of the King's Death. addressed the children Felt the loss of the flag which the school has been promised

12th May Did not observe Tuesday 11th as a holiday of national mourning as we did not receive word until Wednesday. Will therefore hold the extra day at the time of the funeral.

18th March Closing school Thursday and Friday (19th and 20th) as holidays of national mourning the King's Funeral being held on Friday.

27 April 1910 Leave of absence given to Miss J Freeman

27th May. Closed school for term holidays

17th June. Heavy snowstorm- attendance 4

7th July River in Flood. Attendance 3

8th July. With Chairman's permission school closed today instead of Arbor day on July 20th

13th July Very Heavy rain River in Flood, consequently small attendance 2

13th September. Reopened School Tuesday taking Monday as Labour Day- The arrangement to suit coaching

Inspector Bakewell paid us a surprise visit

13th September. Withdrew the Paulsen Family 5- leaving roll number 6

26th September Observed as a holiday (Dominion Day)

1911

13th February Reopened school today after a fortnight extension owing to illness of teacher

10th March With Chairman's consent closed school for Tinui School Picnic

15th March Inspectors Report

Roll 5

The general condition of the school is very satisfactory much of the written work being good

31st March Annual Combined Picnic Mangapakeha and Whareama

20th April Reopened School after Easter Vacation, no pupils, 3 had not returned from Masterton. We took Wednesday to suit coaching(*Catching a coach*) but are forfeiting next odd holiday

11th May Very wet day River flooded, consequently no attendance (Same on 18th)

16th June Closed school for two weeks- term week and an extra week for coronation

18th July Lizzie and Charles Toogood absent- suffering from measles

19th July Charles Toogood returning to school, the Doctor having stated that Lizzie's illness is not measles. Lizzie is still absent suffering from a slight skin irritation.

1st September. As I am severing my connection with this school I advise the incoming teacher to pay particular attention to the writing especially to Standard 4 boy. I think the children are well fit for their respective standards although their Geography and History still require much attention.

18th September J Beart Foss Teacher, 4 girls 1 boy present

26th September Dominion Day Did not close school as holidays have been fairly frequent

3rd October. Took children to river bed for Physical Geography lesson. Think children should have text books for both branches of geography

October Took children out to Mr Douglas's paddock for a practical lesson in the relative sizes of the Acre, square pole, chain, pole, yard etc and measures of length using flags and a chain measure

October Communication from the board Secretary to the effect that the school is to be reduce to Grade 0

Inspectors Report

Mr Foss has been teaching on satisfactory lines. The pupils will be fit for promotion at the end of the year.

1912

8th January. Reopened School

26th January Closed on January 26th to attend training college as arranged by Wellington Education Board and committee.

26th February Reopened with 7 children

12th March. Inspectors Report. Mr Foss who was recently appointed to take charge gives promise of conducting this small school satisfactorily.

2nd April School closed till after Easter, Teacher ill on Doctor's advice as unfit for duty

16th April Reopened School

4th June reopened School 8 pupils present

During the holidays Mr Toogood thoroughly cleaned out the tank and repaired a bad leak in the water socket.

29th July During the last three weeks the heavy rain and consequent floods have had a marked effect on the attendance On 7 out of 11

days there was no attendance at the school But a full days lessons were given to three scholars in Mr Carman's house

31st July Arbor Day was not observed on 17th July for above reason, but today was taken up with Arbor observances. The children were taken to Mr Grove's bush and two or three hours were spent in collecting shrubs and ferns. These we took back with us, planting about 25 around school (Matipo various kinds)

1913

3rd February School reopened 8 children in attendance,

14th March School picnic held on Langdale Domain

4th April Inspectors report

Roll 8 Satisfactory to good

I was favourably impressed with the condition of this little school. Mr Foss is very enthusiastic and it is a matter for regret that the roll number has fallen so low.

21st and 22nd April School closed Teacher and 4 older children join the Wairarapa School excursion to see H M S New Zealand in Wellington Harbour.

21st April 1913 The two school excursion trains which left for Wellington this morning in connection with the visit of H.M.S. New Zealand, were crowded with children, parents and teachers. The first, which left at 6.30 o'clock, carried the Masterton, Tinui and Fernridge school children, and the second train convoyed the children from the Lansdowne and other schools between Hukanui and Masterton.- The following passengers were booked by the first train: —Masterton - District High School, 20 teachers, 412 scholars, 6 committee-men, 160 parents and guardians; Fernridge, scholars and adults, 45; Tinui

and Mangapakeha , 20; St. Patrick's scholars and adults, 120; total, 785. WTPP

30th April 1913 Mangapakeha Messrs J. A. Toogood (chairman), J. A. Groves, E. J. Carlen, A. H. Attack, Clarence Schofield. School Committee Elected WTPP

20TH May School book prizes were presented to the 8 scholars on the roll. The chairman Mr Toogood made the presentation

9th June School reopened after holiday. 7 boys and 1 girl present

16th June received from School Committee one standard microscope as school property.

7th July 1913 Mr J B Foss Appointed to Levin

5th August. That the committee accept the Board's nomination for Teacher

That the chairman write to Sir W C Buchannan thanking him for the assistance he gave us in regard to the school

28th August Finished at Mangapakeha School J Beart Foss

12th August Miss G Worboys appointed PP

8th September Took charge of this school G Worboys Total Roll 9

9th September. Children seem attentive and well behaved. They work well but the Primer classes are very backward.

17th October Inspectors report

Miss Worboys Roll 9

I tested the pupils in the most essential subjects and found the school to be in a very satisfactory state

8th December. Heavy rain, Whooping cough, No school

17th December Closed the school . one day early as most of the children have whooping cough and the weather is bad.

1914

3rd February 8 children present. 3 Standard 6 children have left

5th February No School, Teacher Sick

16th February School Committee E Carman, A Attack, C Schofield, J A Toogood

That Mr Attack see Mr Douglas about getting some firewood out of the creek

That the chairman procure the requisites for the school

20th February Received from School Committee several new things- waste paper basket etc

26th February Only 2 children came to school today so only stayed until playtime and dismissed them.

25th February Inspectors Report

Miss Worboys. Roll 8 I found the children working in an orderly manner on my arrival

Attendance 95% last year

3rd March Mr Dineen from Wellington Education Board and the Clerk of Works were here today. Mr Dineen gives very little hope of the school remaining open for long. The outside of the school is going to be painted

5th March This school combined with the Whareama School had their annual picnic at the Langdale Domain. The children all enjoyed themselves and had a dance in the hall at night

6th March. Whareama School had a holiday after picnic but these children were supposed to come to school- wet weather, however, stopped any attendance

8th April Breaking up Easter today for coach convenience and not commencing again until Thursday for the same reason

16th April School started 5 on roll

24th April Received from Wellington Education Board Model Map of New Zealand

27th April admitted Effie Tuckett and Blanche Tuckett from Tinui. Roll 8

7th May It was left to Mr Atack to make arrangements for repairing school paddock

That a dictionary be purchased for the school

8th May Breaking up today for 3 weeks. A fortnight for Drill and a week's vacation. This week we have been having term examination. Muriel Hancock is far below Standard 6 requirements especially in written work. Blanche Tuckett is very backward but is delicate. The rest I consider are making satisfactory headway. Standard 2 and 4 have been using the Old British Readers but as both books are thoroughly mastered now we shall use the Pacific Readers.

25th June Write thanking Mr for carting the metal for the school grounds.

30th June. My charge of this school expires today but as no relieving teacher is available am to remain until the middle of July.

9th July That the committee accepts the Board's nomination of Miss M Moore as teacher of Mangapakeha School

It was left to the chairman to arrange the cleaning of the school

14th July. Took the children up on Mr Douglas's hills. Took particular notice of the creek and how it has worn the banks away

Tomorrow is Arbor Day and Miss Moore is expected to take charge on Thursday.

29th July Giving up charge again. Miss Moore sailed for Sydney so a fresh appointment has to be made. Thursday and Friday the

committee have given me off but Thursday has been counted as a school day as we have made up 5 extra hours this week

16th December Correspondence from the Education Board re training uncertificated teachers and advising that Miss G K Langdon be allowed a months leave for training.

1915

11th January G H Langdon Reopened this school today. 4 children in attendance, two boys and two girls. The school has been closed since the end of July 1914 when the former teacher resigned.

29th January With chairman's permission we are taking a half holiday today in place of January 22nd Close school today for four weeks, to attend training college as arranged by Wellington Education Board and School Committee

2nd March Opened School Today

15th March. Mr Fleming made surprise visit. 4 children present

This school has been closed since the end of July last. It was reopened for three weeks in January to allow Miss Langdon to attend school at the training college during the month. It was closed again on 2nd March.

26th March Heavy rain No school

7th April Opened school today 2 present. Two Carmen children not returned from Masterton

10th May Maisie Garratt and James Garratt roll number 6

10th May Householders meeting

Showed a credit balance of £14-18-4

New Committee E Carman, T Halloran W Garratt, C Schofield and H G Groves.

That the chairmen write to the Education Board for information on Teachers Salary and what deficiency if any had to be made good.

It was left in the chairman's hands to arrange for fixing, fasteners for gates etc.

3rd September Received from committee broom, mop, pencils and copy books

28th October. Received from committee chalk and ink

23rd November Inspectors report included

Roll 6

Satisfactory Progress has been made in the general work of the school The reading and recitation of the children were of a very satisfactory character.

Miss Langdon remains in school during dinner time

As there are only a few gardening tools these might be kept in the porch and the offices put in order. The gate also is in need of repair

This little school is well supplied with readers

30th November The inspectors report was read. Members expressed their satisfaction at the progress of the children attending the school.

That steps be taken to insure the school

That Miss Langdon be granted leave to attend training college in Wellington during February

1916

10th January School reopened

25th January Letter from Tinui Committee inviting committee, parents and children to their annual picnic. That the children be granted a holiday so as to attend the picnic.

It was left to Mr Carman to arrange the cutting of grass round the school

It was left to the chairman to insure the school if possible.

27th January By committees consent school closed for Tinui School Picnic, very wet, picnic not held

28th January School closed again so Miss Langdon to attend Training College

16th March. Maisie Garratt has been absent for five weeks she is needed at home as her mother is ill.

27th March. Maisie Garratt returned to school

12th April Received from chairman of School Committee Drawing Books, blotting paper, nibs and plasticene

17th April Closed school today for Easter and May Holidays combined Held school today as notice was received too late on Friday to close school

3rd May Received a new lawnmower today from School Committee

8th May Harry Lysaght and Eric Lysaght enrolled

17th May Correspondence from Wellington Education Board notifying closing of schools from April 17th to May 1st inclusive to disinfect schools. (*Poliomyelitis*)

The teacher Miss G K Langdon notified the committee that her salary would be £20 short at end of year and also claiming £5 house allowance, making a deficiency of £25 (*\$ 3218 in September 2011 terms*)

19th May Very wet, no school

29th May Very wet only 2 children present only stayed until dinner time as creek was rising

Harry Lysaght, left returned to Masterton

1st June. Maisie Garratt returned after 5 weeks absence

21st June James Garratt has been absent for 6 weeks – away from home

13th July M and J Garratt absent- sickness (Chicken Pox) Children collected over £ 15 for Belgian Children

7th August Admitted Erik Falk Roll 7

12th September Alex Stephen admitted roll 8. School reopened

18th October Admitted Eric Falk and Eric Lysaght admitted and Irene Falk. Roll 10

31st October Mr Fleming paid a visit to the school. All pupils except for Maisie Garratt are ready for promotion at the end of the year.

3rd November Irene Falk left returned to Masterton

14th December. School closed for holidays Maisie and James Garratt left this week- leaving the district

1917

20th February Reopened school today after summer holidays and three weeks extra leave on account of measles

Only 1 pupil present

Kathleen and John O'Halloran left during holidays. Roll Now 4

21st February School closed for Masterton Show

23rd February Only One family. Carman family have not yet returned to school.

28 March 1917 Miss Langdon resigned PP

30th April [Householders meeting. The inspectors report of progress of the school for past year was satisfactory](#)

5th April G H Langdon finished today

8th May [Correspondence from Wellington Education Board enclosing application from Miss A M Beetham for position of teacher at Mangapakeha.](#)

As the committee had already recommended Miss A Schofield for the position it was decided to reply to the Board strongly urging Miss Schofield's claim to the position and pointing out the difficulty of procuring suitable lodgings for an outside teacher.

5th June. E A Schofield took charge. Roll 8. 5 admitted

15th June. With Board's permission gave two desks to Whareama School

9th July Received from Chairman of School Committee slate-pencils, disinfectant powder

16th July Only one child present so dismissed him at 10.30

24th July 2 Duckett children been absent since July 9th. Left district to stay with relation during mother's illness

25th July Attendance been low for 3 weeks on account of bad colds

6th August Heavy Earthquake during night of August 5th consequently no attendance today

7th August Two Duckett children returned today but Doris is absent now (Mother ill)

8th August. Alex Stephens attendance has been very irregular on account of river

27th August Chairman of School Committee has had fireplace attended to

25th October Mr Stuckey, school inspector paid a visit all the pupils present and ready for promotion at the end of the year

Report included.

I have instructed Miss Schofield in the proper method of keeping certain records

Fair progress is being made in the class subjects Miss Schofield took charge of this her first school and has made a very satisfactory beginning. I recommend she attend next summer school for teachers
12th November Admitted Elsie Duckett- Roll 9

1918

5th February Roll 5 boys and 3 girls

9th February Tinui School Picnic held at Castlepoint and this school invited

7th March Alec Stephens met with slight accident. Unable to attend school

11th March Alec Stephen returned to school after an absence of two weeks

11th March Entered Margaret and Maude Stafford from an Auckland School. They are expecting to stay in the district for 2 months.

13th March Roll 4 boys and 9 girls

25th April Closed school for the afternoon Anzac Day

24th May Observed as Empire Day. Word from Wellington Education Board stating that this holiday was to be taken on Monday May 27th But the letter did not reach me till too late so it was taken on the 24th May

17th July Eric Lysaght absent since June 6th, Parent away and obliged to take child with her. During this time she took ill and is unable to return so child is attending a school in town'

22nd July. Snow storm and roads covered in it. No school

7th October Holiday in honour of British victories 24th October. Wet no attendance. Waited at school till 10.30 and then went home again

21st 22nd October. No school, teacher ill influenza

1st November Inspectors report

Roll 6

Progress very satisfactory

Suitable programmes are in use and the pupils are carefully instructed by Miss Schofield

The pupils are well behaved and the school and premises are in good order

13th, 14th 15th November No school Peace celebrations

1919

4th February Reopened School Nellie and Alec Stephens left the district, leaving roll of 4

28th February With chairman's permission closed school for peoples day at Masterton Show

28th February Holiday for Langdale and this School's picnic. A book to be given to each child who passed

1st April Roll 3

2nd April Eric Lysaght absent. Suffering from appendicitis

10th April School holiday. School used as polling booth

20th May Roll 6 boys and 1 girl

9th June Correspondence from Wellington Education Board re supplying children with hot drinks for lunch. As Mangapakeha School had done this for some years no action was taken

The chairman was instructed to procure two sacks of coke for firing if possible

21st July Observed as children's day of Peace Celebrations

26th September School closed today to allow children of Standard 3 upwards to attend a lecture on the war given by Lieutenant Charters,

teacher and chairman took 5 children to Masterton to hear lecture. Wellington Education Board allowed half days holiday for this purpose but this did not give children enough time to be in town by 2.00 so committee gave whole day as holiday.

6th November Mr Stuckley held annual examination. All children ready for promotion

Inspector's Report

Roll 7

School very satisfactory

Physical Instruction Daily Exercises

This school is kept very neat and clean.

11th November Armistice Day. Holiday given by School Committee All the children in Tinui County taken to Castlepoint where a picnic and sports were held

18th November. School closed for four days (Death of Teacher's Father)

28th November Clara Belliss been absent from school since 11th November owing to chicken pox.

1920

1st March (*Often huge gaps between meetings minuted.*)
Correspondence from Wellington Education Board re Grade 0 Schools and advising that no appointment of a teacher had been made for Mangapakeha School

Mr J Douglas and E Carman were appointed to wait on Miss Schofield and ask her to apply for position of Mistress of School for another year.

15th March Reopened school today. Entered Kathleen Groves and Douglas Carman

13th April Kathleen Groves absent from 22nd March In hospital with a broken arm.

5th, 6th, 7th May School closed for 3 days. Visit of the Prince of Wales. Children from Standard 3 and above were taken to Masterton to be present at reception

1st June. Kathleen Groves returned to school today after absence of 8 weeks (Broken Arm)

18th June. With Education Board and School Committee permission taking today as holiday to attend my brother's wedding. This day has been made up as not hearing till it was too late, we did not take the special holiday (May 14th) given by the Prince of Wales

5th July Entered Una Schofield. Roll 6 boys and 4 girls

7th September Marjory and Alice Leeming started

8th October Received from Whareama School Four desks

20th October. All children promoted by Inspector Cowles. Clara Bellis gained proficiency. Notes included

No library is available

The results showed the evidence of painstaking work.

5th November Two Leeming Children been absent for five weeks so taking their names off the roll. No means of attending was reason given for their absence

1921

14th February Ida E Anderson opened school with 4 children . Three more expected next week

30th March. Another pupil Una Schofield returned to school

1st April I walked to school, but feeling too ill to teach returned home in the mail car at 9.45

5th April Douglas Carman absent as Eric Lysaght left without him. The attendance of the Carman's is irregular and for unsatisfactory reasons

6th April Dug up one of the diamond beds in the front. Will dig up the others later on and plant out the bulbs that were in the shed

The hedge in the front of the school needs cutting but I suppose I will have to do it myself

I have taken down the maps and pictures and when possible will replace them with pictures of greater artistic value. The maps were rotting on the walls. Were dirty and ugly and in a bad position.

The pictures are most uninteresting and very dingy

The school clock needs mending, as when my watch breaks down. I have to guess the time.

11th April Have received notice that my "services are urgently required in Hamua" and this school is to be an aided school.

Have therefore decided not to cut the hedge or to dig up any more beds. The bed nearest the gate is planted with bulbs and there are a few in the small bed by the fence

15th April Pulled up carnation plants and put in a few cuttings all one colour pink.

Have put up a picture of Red Riding Hood drawn by myself instead of getting one from town as had intended. The children find it very interesting and so do I, but from another point of view.

Tidied up school and garden as much as possible as I am expecting a wire, hourly telling me to go to Hinemoa.

There is no firewood yet and the mornings are very cold.

Mr Cumming visited the school this morning. He suggested that the Standard 6 should keep a nature study book with a page for observations and one for questions. Younger children to be encouraged to answer questions. Nature Study to be taken every day
18th April .Last Meeting 1st March 1913. Householders meeting credit balance of £22-16-8

Correspondence notifying the transfer of Miss Anderson and appointment of Miss Buchanan to Mangapakeha School if the settlers provide free board and lodgings

That the Mangapakeha protest against the Wellington Education Board claiming free board and lodgings for teacher of school. Salary paid by Board is sufficient to allow for teacher paying her own board as committee have secured first class board for teacher @ 15/- per week,

Further it is understood there are several grade 0 schools in Wellington Education District where this rule is not enforced.

School Committee W French, W Eustace, E Carman, A Atack, and H G Groves.

22nd April That the chairman place £15 of the credit balance at the Post Office savings bank.

It was left to Mr Atack to arrange for scrubbing out of the school.

19th April. Give up charge of this school today. I would suggest that the next teacher empty and clean the tank when it rains as the water is very stale. Carbon paper and a hyloplate blackboard have been ordered

Ida E Anderson

1922

3rd April Roie M Ridgley. Teacher School reopened after being closed for a year. Roll Number 5

25th April Anzac Day school closed

22nd May Last meeting 18th April 1921.

30th May. School tank emptied and cleaned.

Drawing books, plasticene, pencils, crayons, paper folding and bottle of ink supplied to school

Eric Lysaght absent since 24th July- Scarlet Fever. School disinfected

26th June Director of Ed to Wellington Education Board That the school was closed from 30th April 1921 until 1st April this year.. In

all cases where a school has been reopened (Except when closed for a want of a teacher) The Department will be glad of the Board will forward form G-2 as far as applicable. This allows for the Department to complete its records and at the same time make the necessary provision for the teacher's salary

Form G2 included

No of Families	5
No of School age Children	6
No of these children on any other roll	0
Means of travelling by rail	0
Tinui 4 1/2 miles away	22 Roll
Whareama 6 Miles	23
Taueru 13 Miles (No Awatoitoi?)	
Size of Classroom	22' X 18'
Corridor	17' x 7'

Latrines Boys 1 seat and Urinal	
Girls 2 Seats	
Shelter Shed	1
Schoolroom erected 1898	

27th June That the School Committee pay £2 for the sweeping and dusting of the school.

A general discussion followed re payment of teacher's board, payment was divided as follows. H G Groves £10. Mr G Taylor, H R Cornish and K Groves £6-13-4 each subject to approval of Mr K Groves

7th December Election Day (School polling booth)

1923

1st February Langdale Sports

2nd February School reopened Roll no 8

27th March Standard 6 pupil gained proficiency

30th April Balance Sheet of £29-5-11

That the path round the school be concreted.

Mr Carman offered to Board the teacher for the £26 per year which was divided as follows. H G Groves £12, K Groves £8 and H B Cornish £6

11th May. During holidays concrete paths put down

31st July- 3rd August. School closed Influenza outbreak.

8th October- 19th October School closed. Teacher absent.

1924

6th February School reopens

29th February Day register was last marked by Miss Ridgley

10th March I. Maxwell commenced duty. Bad weather 1 pupil attended so closed school

22nd September Attendance Officers Visit. Told me that the Munro children were entitled to 2/6d a week for each horse as the distance they came was 5 miles,

1925

15th April School reopened after the Christmas holidays. Closed up to date on account of an epidemic of infantile paralysis throughout the Dominion. Roll Number 4

22nd and 23rd April School closed Two days to attend my brother's wedding.

12th and 14th May Holiday on account of death and funeral Mr Massey, Prime Minister.

19th June Finished up today been transferred.

23rd July Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department Owing to difficulties between the school correspondent and the Teacher of Mangapakeha Aided School the latter was transferred to another position. The inspectors recommend that no further teacher should be sent to Mangapakeha and that the Children should join the Department's Correspondence Course. In the circumstances the Board will be pleased to learn whether it is possible for the children concerned to be enrolled at the present time.

Note on bottom to Minister. The correspondence numbers are at the limit of 500 which you have prescribed. May we add the above pupils?

Yes at bottom dated 9th Sept

4th August Started school today after children being 6 weeks without a teacher. Roll No 3 No name of teacher

14th August Broke up for two weeks holiday while I attended Teachers Examinations.

3rd September. Mr Moss and Mr Powell from Wellington Education Board came and inspected school for removal

3rd September. School not going to be removed after all.

9th September. Influenza prevalent today. Only two at school. Closed school early

14th September Letter from L. Mills Head Teacher of Correspondence School to Director of Education

- a) There are 4 children to be enrolled (From Mangapakeha)
- b) Minister has authorised only 1 pupil to be added
- c) If we give precedence to those not on waiting list will we not be breaking faith with those parents who have been told we are taking in order they are received.
- d) Mr Mills to put others in urgent list to be sent to Minister

9th October. Teacher absent to attend dentist today. Taken instead of Labour Day

14th October. Only 2 pupils attended. Half Day

1926

11th January Letter from H G Groves, Commissioner of Mangapakeha to Sir James Parr. Minister of Education

Included

- a) The school was closed on the 26th June and the Wellington Education Board was quite within its rights in demanding that the school funds be handed over to them
- b) The demand for the handing over of funds was made some time before the closing of the school
- c) The closing of this school was most uncalled for and unjust to the children of the district
- d) There are 6 children at this school and to provide for their education the parents have had to find a teacher at their own expense
- e) The Wellington Education Board decided not to open the school at their December meeting
- f) We have made it quite clear that we are prepared to make up a teacher's salary over and above the capitation for Grade O schools
- g) We read in the papers of the Hon Minister of Education on behalf of struggling country schools. The treatment measured out to this school is hardly in accord with the Hon Ministers declared policies
- h) All we ask that the teacher who has been in charge for the past 5 months at our expense be appointed to the school

i) Thanking you for an impartial decision

1st February Opened Roll number 6

3rd February Further letter to Minister from Mr Groves. I have not received a reply

P S The Maungaraki School has started with 8 on the roll

4th February Blunt note from Ministers Secretary to the Director of Education The Minister directs that a reply to the letter of the 5th January be drafted for his signature today and asks for an explanation of the delay in dealing with the communication.

Letter from Secretary to Minister

- a) The letter had been attached to letter sent to Correspondence School
- b) The settlers have themselves selected and employed an inexperienced girl as teacher. She is acting partly as teacher and partly as help to Mrs Groves
- c) The previous teacher appointed by the Board was well qualified but would not remain as she refused to assist Mrs Groves in her Housework
- d) There are so many qualified teachers even for Grade O schools that the Board state they could not possibly consider the appointment of the inexperienced girl
- e) You approved the admission of four children from this school to the correspondence classes. Mr Groves, however

in a letter to the board commends "The Correspondence Classes and all connected with them to Hades"

- f) The Board is quite prepared to open the school provided first the Committee hands over the school funds and secondly that the teacher is selected by the Board.

15th February Letter from H Graves to Minister included

- a) Teacher is Miss McDonald. In charge for the last 5 months and to carry on until Next August where she hopes to obtain the Grade D certificate next august
b) The matter of the funds for this school will receive urgent consideration

1st March. Letter from Minister to Wellington Education Board . That the Wellington Education Board is in control of the disestablishment of a school and he can't interfere

Mr Burns Inspector wants me to go to Lansdowne one day to see how infant classes are conducted. I shall go first opportunity which offers.

19th April Peter Balfour returned to school today after an absence of 4 weeks owing to his parents being away on holiday.

22nd April Miss Blackburn drill instructor came today and took children for drill.

14th May Broke up for term holidays today. Cleaned up school and windows.

6th June. Jean Groves has developed whooping cough so will be away from school for 6 or 7 weeks

1927

15th February **New teacher** No name. Roll 6

7th and 8th March. Holiday in honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York.

22nd March Inspector Blackie's report

The work of the school is suitably organised- sound methods are in use. And the pupils are making very satisfactory progress.

Order and discipline very good.

Building and grounds are in good order.

2nd May last recorded 1923.

Those present elected themselves a committee for the ensuing year and recommended to the Wellington Education Board to nominate Mr I Balfour as the fifth member of the committee,

Present A Atack, Wynton French, H G Groves, I Douglas

10th June. Received word that Peter Balfour has infantile paralysis and Donald Haggett has the mumps

25th July Mr H G Groves was elected Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

A letter was read from the School Committee notifying the appointment of Mr Smith as Sole Teacher of the school. A letter of protest against the appointment of Mr Smith was drafted and signed by those present, asking that a female teacher be appointed to the school as it was impossible to secure board for a male teacher.

3rd October. F B Nutting started roll 12

The children seem bright with exception but most of them are old for their class

16th November Mr Brockett agriculture adviser visited school gave lesson on pollination.

1928

1st February School reopened roll 10

23rd April A letter was read from the Wellington Education Board declining to hand over school funds held by them but offering to make a special grant for any urgent work

That application be made for a grant towards the cost of erecting a shelter shed for the Teachers Car.

25th April School closed for Anzac day Combined service held at Tinui

1st May Dental Nurse visited school and examined teeth

4th May Posted parents requests for teeth to be stopped (*filled*) to dental nurse)

24th April received medical chest from School Committee

9th August Peter Balfour has commenced school for an hour per day- he is suffering from paralysis

9th July From WEB that the Wellington Education Board had made a special grant of £9-19-6 for erection of a shelter shed.

19th September. Colds very prevalent. Lois O'Hara has eye blight- sent her home.

26th September. Received card warning children about detonators

8th October. The Groves children away with eye blight

12th October School closed for half a day for church bazaar

31st October. A very wet day- Only 7 present 4.4 inches (*111 mm*) of rain have fallen since 9.15 Yesterday

1st November A very wet day Only 3 present. They are catching a car home at lunchtime, so school will be closed

2nd November. Very wet slips on the road both ways- No children at school

1929

4th February School reopened 17 present Evelyn and Olwyn Owen have mumps

15th March Week closed with full attendance of 20 pupils

19th March. Peter Balfour is to be absent this week visiting a Doctor in Wellington for his leg

22nd April That the old committee be re-elected. W French, H G Groves. Douglas, I Balfour and A Atack (That was all the business)

7 Present

That the concrete path be extended around the school.

It was left in the chairman's hands to make arrangements for carrying out the concrete work

25th April School closed for Anzac Day Children made wreathes, combined service held at Tinui

15th May School closed due to floods no children present

16th May Slips on the road only four present

5th August Desks arrived at school

26th September List of school property

3	Spades		1	trowel	
1	Fork		1	Broom	
1	Rake		1	Hearth Brush	
1	Hoe		1	Scrubbing Brush	
1	Axe		2	Easels	
1	Mower		2	Blackboards	
1	Hand fork		1	Kettle	
1	Shovel		2	Chairs	

1	Stool		1	Fire Screen	
1	Medicine Chair		1	Form	
1	Clock		1	Broken Globe	
1	Tea Towel		2	Hand Towels	

27th September I gave up my duties here today F B Nutting, **Frances Barker Nutting**

1st October J W Peters Commenced duties this morning Peter Balfour to be absent for a week for his leg

23rd October From Miss F B Nutting thanking the committee for their good wishes for her success in her new sphere of duties.

From Wellington Education Board advising the appointment of Mr H J Parker to the position of teacher at Mangapakeha

That the committee approve of the Boards appointment

2nd November received word that Hazel O'Hara has appendicitis

22nd November Gave up duties here today. J W Peters

25th November L J Hiskens relieving.

20th December Closed School for Christmas Holidays. My relieving duty here terminates today.

1930

3rd February. H J Parker

4th February Had grass surrounding school scythed by committee member

12th February Miss V Coutts a resident in the district appointed by the Wellington Education Board as sewing instructress

21st February New lawn mower purchased by School Committee brought to school

7th March That the chairman's action in approving Miss V Coutts as sewing mistress be confirmed. Only business.

12th March 1930 School closed on Monday and Tuesday on account of my visit to the Wellington Education Board's office

28th April Messers Atack, Balfour, J Douglas, Wynton H French, H Groves, N Groves, Merideth Owen (*No Miss or Mrs*) and S O'Hara.

Correspondence pointing out that the Wellington Education Board covered all school buildings. That the insurance of the school be cancelled if possible.

Correspondence from Wellington Education Board advising Mr Parker has been transferred to Waiwhetu School and the appointment of Miss Knapp

28th April Mr A Atack be elected chairman. Mr Groves be elected Treasurer

29th April Miss M E Knapp appointed Sole Teacher PP

9th May School closed for first term. Gave up my duties here today

26th May M E Knapp started with 17 on the roll. Some of the children are attending the Dental Clinic today and tomorrow.

26th May Received memorandum re retardation in schools

16th June Received circular from Wellington Education Board re Swimming, Damage to Telephones etc

29th July. School was closed on Monday 28th owing to heavy fall of snow by the authority of the chairman of the School Committee

13th August That the committee having £5-10-0 promised as subscriptions towards a gramophone, the School Committee apply for a subsidy towards same.

Mr Groves has promised 30/- towards the start of a school library

That the School Committee take steps to concrete strips in front of school

8th September During the holidays the School Committee has put down a large section of concrete for drill and games etc.

28th September Received for school use a Columbia Portable Gramophone which was subscribed for by the people of the district.

Also received a set of Playway records. The gift of Mr W A French Chairman of the School Committee

28th October Received 34 books for a beginning in our school library. The subscription for these books was a gift from Mr H Groves

29th October Received 2 packets of Pinus radiata and Eucalyptus eugeniodides from the State Forest Department for experimental purposes

1931

2nd February Roll 21 five new pupils admitted

16th February Miss Groves a teacher from the Earthquake Area in Napier attended at this school to give what assistance she could. She is to remain here until further notice of the Board

20th February. Miss Groves left today to resume her duties in Napier

25th May During the holidays the School Committee have levelled the lawns around the school and have cut down a large willow tree overshadowing the playground. Roll Now 25.

12th June. School closed to allow me to attend a physical culture class in Masterton conducted by Mr Coll and Miss Blackburn

19th September. Received two desks from Tinui, a number 2 and a number 3

6th October That the chairman be instructed to write to the Wellington Education Board re ventilation.

27th October That the Chairman write to the Wellington Education Board asking Miss Knapp be allowed to stay on as a Grade 2 teacher. It was also thought advisable to contact our representative Col. T McDonald of the matter.

12th November. Daniell's carpenters were at the school putting in a new window on the West side of the school, the cords and locks of the other windows were also renewed and a large board was fitted in the roof

13th November. The carpenters finished here today. Received a new hyloplate portable blackboard 3 foot x 3 foot from the Wellington Education Board. (*3 Feet is approximately 1 meter*)

2nd December Election Day. School Closed. School was used as a polling booth

15th December School closes today for the Christmas vacation. Each child receives a book as a gift. Eric and Daisy Groves received their proficiency certificates

1932

1st February Roll 25. Daisy and Eric Groves and Desmond Meredith having left

8th April The result of the ballot for members of the School Committee , T Groves, A Atack, J Douglas, A Owen and W French being elected .

18th April That the chairman's action in raising the sanitary remuneration from £3 to £4 be adopted. (sic)

13th June School closed owing to the illness of the teacher

14th June School reopened today with relieving teacher F E Halley with the assistance of the chairman of the School Committee Mr French. 22 children present

19th June John Grove's progress card received from Auckland

27th June Seating accommodation in the shed for the children was commenced and completed by Mr W French today.

12th July Intimation was received yesterday that my relieving duty at this school would be extended to 26th July

21st July Rev. Abbott is in attendance each Thursday afternoon to give the bible lesson

26th July F E Halley left the school

27th July Resumed teaching today after six weeks leave for operation. M Knapp

3rd October The inspectors report was read and was considered very satisfactory and showed credit to the teacher.

13th October Some of the contents of the medicine chest were replenished. The new items were Vaseline, zinc plaster, iodine, sal volatile, and aspro, and two new bandages

13th October A man was sent by the committee to dig over experimental plot on the 6th. The carrot seed was planted on the 7th

21st October The work of digging a drain along road fence and repairing the fences around the school grounds was finished today

25th October A pictorial map of New Zealand was purchased for the school by the committee

1933

1st February Roll 24. Coie O'Hara has obtained her proficiency and is doing Standard 7 work

6th February School was closed by School Committee for the Tinui Sports as the Saturday before was wet.

24th April 5 Present 5 Elected as School Committee

1st May. John Groves is absent from school with chicken pox

5th June. D E Petersen Commenced duties as relieving teacher

4th September Resumed teaching today after 3 months sick leave. M Knapp

25th October. That the chairman's action in purchasing tools and handwork material be endorsed

That the inspector's report was read and considered very satisfactory and showed great credit to the teacher in maintaining the grade of the school.

1934

5th February Roll 25. Coie O'Hara has left school. Peter Balfour has gone to Nelson College and Peggy Fenwick is remaining at school doing correspondence work and also Nancy O'Hara.

15th February. New blinds have been received for the classroom

13th April Four small mats were received from Wellington Education Board for use by the primers.

18th April That the chairman's action in getting materials for oiling the school floor, also grubbing parsnips and cutting firewood be endorsed.

That the chairman be instructed to get the pine trees topped, also parsnips grubbed and write to Wellington Education Board re insurance on men topping trees.

That the chairmen get a new cupboard made.

30th April That same five members be elected School Committee. Only ones present.

6th June That Mr C Hay be nominated as East Coast representative as Dental Clinic representative.

That the chairman be instructed to arrange about new grounds for gardens.

16th July That the Mangapakeha School find its own quota in regards to Dental Clinic Subs.

20th July. This has been a week of excepted half days owing to the prevalence of influenza. (*If the roll was below a set figure for the day, the teacher could close the school at lunch time. This was not counted in the average roll*)

26th July. The School Committee has employed men to top the pine trees and move a fence to make a new agricultural plot. The plot was dug over by one of the men.

19th September School was closed on Monday and Tuesday to allow me to attend a drill refresher course in Drill and Drawing held in Masterton

1935

5th February Roll 24. Shirley Atack is doing correspondence work and Peggy French is continuing her course here also.

2nd March The combined schools picnic was held at Castlepoint. We were successful in securing the shield again

6th April School was closed today for King's Jubilee

10th April This afternoon the grant for the King's Jubilee is spent in giving each child an orange, an apple, some mints and sweets. Games and competitions were taken during the last hour of school.

1st May Letter from Wellington Education Board to Department. Includes

- a) Asks for grant of 18 Pound for Boys Conveniences
- b) Inspector health
 - I. Complaints have been received for males
 - II. One pan privy which is used for all purposes with the result that it is continually in a dirty condition
 - III. That a concrete slab urinal be built
 - IV. That all pan privies be provided with self closing lids to exclude flies

22nd May Though the school was supposed to in 1898 have a urinal none was supplied so the Wellington Education Board would build one

16th December Received news that three pupils John Groves, Phyllis Groves and Erena Meredith have all passed their proficiency examination

19th December School closed today. Each child receives a book, the gift of Mr H Groves

1936

3rd February School reopened today. There are six children absent who are unable to reach school on account of damaged bridges and high rivers.

Mary Asplet is still in hospital and as she is likely to be absent for some time and has been removed from the roll

5th February Today is Eric Grove's funeral. He was a pupil at this school 1924-1931. A wreath has been sent from the teacher, pupils and members of the School Committee

6th February Erena Meredith is continuing at this school for this term.

He is doing Form 3 work

3rd March School Committee closed the school today for the Tinui Horse Sports

12th April I strapped J Groves today for wilfully breaking up Jack Asplet's bicycle pump and then being untruthful about his misdeed.

4th May T Groves, J Douglas, A Atack, I McKay and W French elected School Committee

That the outgoing committee's action re metalling be confirmed.

25th May School There are only six pupils present, the others being absent with whooping cough.

10th August. Received a map of Ceylon

11th December School closed today for Christmas Holidays owing to the Infantile Paralysis Epidemic. Five children Nancy Balfour, Francis French, Ngaire Atack, Olwyn Owen and Jack Asplet received their proficiency certificates. All children received a book the gift of Mr H Groves.

1937

During the holidays the school has been painted on the outside and the committee has gravelled the path from the road into the shed

30th March That the committee accept Miss Knapp's resignation with regret.

That the chairman try and secure board for the incoming teacher

That the chairman be instructed to communicate with the Department of health and suggest that the Department supply an apple a day for each child, instead of milk as it is not feasible to supply milk to this school

28th April That the School Committee accept Mr D L Jackson the boards nomination and failing that we would suggest Mr C E Wisely

12th May. School has been closed owing to infantile paralysis since April 19th. The children have been doing the lessons from papers at home.

I relinquish my duties here today . M E Knapp

24th May C E Wisely Started today Roll 25

1st June Mrs McKay commenced sewing instruction today

16th July School closed for coming week. Education Conference

15th December. Mr Hector Awatoitoi Sole Teacher visited the school this afternoon

1938

1st February Roll 26

21st March School Sports (Combined Sports) held at Castlepoint on Saturday 19th

30th March. That the committee purchase Miss Knapp's bookcase for the school.

Miss Knapp's offer of a bookcase was withdrawn as she wanted it at her new school

That the chairman's action in engaging Mrs McKay as sewing mistress be confirmed.

That the sanitary expenses be raised to £4

That the chairman communicate with the Board re concreting playing area. School Committee to find £40

That the chairman send plans of proposed shelter shed, tool shed and wood shed combined be sent to the Board

2nd May Attending Householders Meeting: I McKay, N Groves, J Douglas, A Atack, H Groves, A Owen, C Wisely and W French

That the old committee was re-elected

That the chairman be instructed to procure the necessary materials to concrete pathways to side gate and Lavatory's

That the chairman be instructed to engage the necessary labour to clean school during holidays 25/- for the job

That a vote of thanks be passed to Miss C Bellis for making a wreath for the school on Anzac day.

29th June. Miss Lowry Infant Adviser visited the school today

15th July Application for new shelter shed.

Fuel 10' x 8' . Shelter Shed 18'x10'. Tools 10' x 6' All joined as one
A small shed is at present at school and is used for fuel and saddles as well as a shelter shed.

18th September. Mr R Barton Awa Toi Toi (sic) Sole Teacher visited the school for today.

23rd September Combined School Arts and Craft Display at Tinui

1939

1st February Roll 25

11th February That our representatives be instructed to adhere to the old rules of the sports association as far as the prize money is concerned

That the chairman be instructed to get the drains opened up as soon as the ground is fit

14th February That after hearing the delegates report on the association meeting re prize money to fall in with the wishes of the association, but hope that the position will be reviewed at the next general meeting.

16th March. Combined school swimming afternoon at Whareama

7th March That material can be procured so that a door can be put on the garage so as a to keep the tools in there rather than in the school porch

That I Mackay and A Atack be appointed a committee to run the calf club.

21st April That Mr A G Wallis be paid £196. 5. 0 for shed

16th August Modified plan for shed One Space 16' x 9' Cost £87.10

25th October. Mr Wisely's resignation was accepted with regret. The chairman on behalf of the School Committee thanked Mr Wisely for his diligent work in and out of the school.

The School Committee accepted the Board's nomination of Miss Hunter in succession to Mr Wisely

31st October. C E Wisely finished

2nd November O H Rasmussen Relieving

30th November Doctor and Nurse examined children today

21st December The School Committee accepted the Wellington Education Board's nomination of Mr Cowell in Lieu of Miss Hunter who turned the position down.

The Committee would like to know why the Wellington Education Board has put the school down in grade, as the grading of Mr Cowell is very much the same as Mr Wisely's

I understand the school has to be down in attendance for two terms before it is regraded

1940

6th February Roll 20 D A Cowell

21st March That the chairman's action in recommending Miss Atack as needlework mistress be confirmed.

That a working bee be held at Mr Atack's to get winter supply of firewood for school on Wednesday 27th

28th 29th March. School closed on these two days as a token of respect to the Prime Minister, Mr Savage who died early on Wednesday morning March 27th 1940

21st April The old committee was re-elected as only the required number of householders were present.

School Committee Following. The full committee, Noted: The teacher was also present.

2nd September. Teacher also present. Full committee

That the chairman enquire into the cost of a flagpole and flag.

1941

3rd February Roll 26

7th March D A Cowell finished at Mangapakeha

7th March That the chairman proceed with procuring and erection of a flagpole

That the committee accept Mr Cowell's resignation with regret.

11th March M Shankland started as relieving teacher

28th March That the committee accept the appointment of Miss K Farrell

26th May K G Farrell Started today

8th September. School reopened today Only 11 present owing to an epidemic of mumps

12th September. A Flagstaff was erected at the school today

12th September That the chairman's action in getting fireplace and sash cord attended to be confirmed. Also posts be procured for repairing fences.

8th October. Miss Craig, District Nurse visited today.

15th October. A visit by Manual Training Instructor visited today who took a woodwork class with senior boys.

21st October. Doctor Mulholland and Nurse Craig visited the school today and examined some of the children

17th November. School closed from 9.45 a.m. owing to sudden illness of the teacher

24th November School closed owing to accident to teacher.

11th December. J R McCreary Commenced duties as relieving teacher after school being closed for eight days

18th December Distributed books supplied to each child by the School Committee and closed school for the Christmas Holidays.

1942

No Name Teacher School reopened Roll 20 Four pupils left for Wairarapa College and two have left owing to petrol restrictions

16th March Apples in school commenced today. For the first time

20th April That the chairman be instructed to enquire into insurance of school equipment for £50

That the retiring committee be re-elected as there were no others present.

27th June Severe earthquake shook during the night causing chimney to be broken. The morning was spent in cleaning bricks etc. from the school room

29th June. Visit to school by Mr Deavoll Secretary of Wellington Education Board , Mr Donald, Board Member and Mr Drummond who examined the building after the earthquake

16th July School closed today owing to severe weather conditions. The fireplace has not been fixed yet.

17th July. A stove has been delivered to the school to replace the fire. This has not been erected. Temperature in the room at 9.00 a.m. averaged 34^o Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius)

22nd July The stove was erected in the centre of the classroom

3rd August The Hawkes Bay Education Board visited the school to demolish the chimney.

30th August School reopened for third term Roll number 18. Received one tin of weed killer from Wellington Education Board

7th November That we take no action re letter from Tenui (sic)

School Committee letter re proposal of school picnic and pony sports

That Mr R Bannister be asked to judge the lambs and calves on the 17th November

18th November. Mr A Brown visited the school today and gave the children instruction in woodwork.

9th December. School closed today owing to special leave granted by the Wellington Education Board

1943

23rd January That we agree that Mr Jas Andrews proposal re boarding teacher at Langdale so as to bring the children from there to the Mangapakeha School

1st February Veronica Mary Tier Started as teacher

22nd February That this committee approve the appointment of Mrs Tier as sole teacher.

That Mrs Tier's report for February be received

That A Atack and acting chairman try to arrange board for the teacher.

24th February Owing to the accidental death of the Chairman's Son Donald French, old pupil of the school has been closed for two days February 22nd and February 23rd

16th March Apples in school distribution began today.

1st April Mrs Tolhurst of the Junior Red Cross Movement addressed the school today.

10th September School closed to celebrate Italian surrender. This was a general school holiday

18th November. The calf and lamb club competition was held today. Mr Horsburgh was judge. A sale of work for the Junior Red Cross was also held

9th December. Mr Brown woodwork supervisor visited the school today

1944

1st February Roll number 12. Of the 4 children who have left 2 are doing correspondence school lessons, 1 has gone to Solway College and 1 to Wairarapa College

5th February That the committee recommend that Mrs Tier be allowed to procure another position straight away instead of having to wait for the two Decembers allowance and that we can procure board for single female teacher

That Mrs Tier procure the necessary materials required by her.

The chairman was instructed to procure a pane of glass and sash cord

7th February School closed today because of special leave for the teacher

16th February The school was closed for the Wairarapa show

10th March Some of the smaller children have developed sores and will remain at home to prevent spread of infection

20th March. Over the weekend School Committee members opened and cleaned the drain, raised the tank stand and added a trap, into which both basin and overflow pipes drain. This is a big improvement

25th April School closed for Anzac Day. Children placed a wreath on the memorial at Tinui.

1st May School Committee J Douglas, I McKay, W French, H Groves and A Atack

That the chairman interview the sanitary inspector re putting down bores

3rd May. Children have been going to the dental clinic this week

22nd May A O'Donovan started relieving here. Fourteen on the roll

29th May That the Wellington Education Board nomination of Miss Wainwright be accepted

That the School Committee purchase some toilet paper

3rd July. M W Wainwright commenced duties today

4th September That the committee accept the board's nomination of Mr Galloway

It was decided to make the calf club open Calves not to be acceptable if born before 1st August

5th September Opened with roll of 14. During the holidays one of the School Committee members has ploughed up the ground preparatory to our preparing the soil for this year's crop of maize. The chairman today brought down the flag which was bought for the school by Mr Groves

11th September. The Blackboard and easel ordered last term from the Wellington Education Board by the School Committee has now arrived. This will ease the problem of Blackboard space. Also received from Wellington Education Board a supply of handwork materials., plasticene and clay

15th September. Wellington Education Board sent today another blackboard 6 foot x 3 foot to be screwed to the wall

18th September. Mr French came today and put up the Blackboard. He also put in three new floorboards, replacing three that were rotten

19th October Mr Maloney, the Agriculture Inspector was here today. He showed the children how to set out seed beds. With his help the boys have made a bin for the compost heap

23rd October That 10/- be voted for calf club group judging day.

31st October. Mr French came this afternoon and worked up our garden. We shall plant the corn tomorrow.

23rd November at the Calf and Lamb day a sale of work raised £20 (\$1561.51 dollars in September 2011)

15th December Phyllis Atack is leaving school today. She is to have another year in Form 2 at the convent

1945

5th February Roll 16

23rd March received first batch of 20 books loaned to the school by the country library Department.

10th April Apples in school distribution began today

26th April A Man came out from Daniells today to put in a new porcelain wash basin in the porch. This will be a great improvement on the old basin which leaked badly

18th April School Committee had a working bee today. They cut down the 2 willow trees and put in a new floorboard in the school. The patch of ground outside the school was dug and levelled off preparatory to planting grass seed.

1st May Alan Laing is absent from school this week, being a scarlet fever contact case. Alic Foreman is also away with chicken pox.

4th May School closed today a day early on account of fighting having ceased in Italy.

22nd May Roll 16. Foreman children absent with chicken pox. Joan Douglas is also absent. She has a twitching nerve in her face.

27th June 6 tennis balls and 1 basketball arrived today from Wellington Education Board

4th July Man from Wellington Education Board came to clean the school tank.

2nd August Received today the country library the 2nd consignment of 20 books. Returned first batch today

10th August Full dress rehearsal of concert held at Tinui Hall. Concert to be held tomorrow night in aid of Junior Red Cross

Concert was an unqualified success. The sum of £34 was raised for JRC purposes

15th August. The war in Japan is over so the school will be closed for school holidays two days earlier than usual.

3rd September. Peter Groves has left to attend Carterton School. Ian Horsburgh is to attend Lansdowne School for as long as his brother Keith is in Masterton Hospital.

15th September. The grass seed was planted in the patch of ground outside the school today. The lawnmower has been sent into town today to be set and sharpened.

16th October. The lawnmower has not been returned and the grass is very long indeed. Today Ian Douglas came and scythed it.

18th October. Received today from the Wellington Education Board picture maps of the British Empire.

Several children have been absent this week with the particular form of influenza which seems to be prevalent at present

[23rd October That we join in with Tinui for Xmas tree celebrations.](#)

[That the chairman's action in disposing of pine trees be confirmed .](#)

[Last meeting on 4th September 1944](#)

15th November School closed today as teacher had to go to the doctor for an xray

27th November Alec Foreman went to hospital today with Appendicitis

11th December Mr Brown woodwork instructor showed the boys how to do dovetail joints

18th December Mr Tye came to school today to judge the school garden plots and to present the prizes for the Native Bird Project which the children have been doing this term

1946

4th February David, Owen and Joan Douglas are to do correspondence for a year. Nancy Thompson is starting at St Bride's Convent. Keith and Ian Horsbough are still on holiday.

The timber men are at working at school today cutting down trees round the school. The school grounds are most untidy with the litter from the trees. The fence had to be cut to allow the lorries to pass through and Douglas's cows and sheep have had free access to school grounds, with the result that the garden and lawns are ruined.

8th February The logmen are finished today

11th February Wellington Education Board have sent 35 feet of timber for woodwork.

Started taking the children swimming today at Foreman's pool We have been granted a permit for 20 gallons of petrol for conveying the children to and from the pool. Mrs Bennett, Mr Douglas, Mr French, Mr Atack, Mrs Laing are to take turns in taking the children in their trucks and cars to the pool

19th February David McKay fell off his horse yesterday and hurt his arm. He is a town awaiting for x rays and treatment from the doctor.

28th February After some discussion it was proposed that a meeting of parents of the children attending the school be called for Thursday 31st to discuss finding board for teacher

1st March. This afternoon children went swimming in the Ica Pool to try for their certificates. The following pupils were successful

David Owen	100 yards
Lawrence Atack	50 yards
Joan Douglas	
Elva McKay	25 yards

John Thomson	
Alic Foreman	

12th March Everyone is back at school The Horsbough's having returned from their holiday at the weekend

18th March The attendance of the Horsbough's is irregular and for unsatisfactory reasons

30th April Elected H Groves, C Horsbough, Jaz Bennett, J McKay, Mrs J Bennett. A Atack being defeated in school committee election That bores had been put down and were a great success

That the chairman contact Mr Jones, wood contractor about removing firewood.

4th May Whareama and Mangapakeha Schools combined held a concert in the Tinui Hall today. The proceeds are to be donated to Red Cross Funds. The sum of £26-14-0 was raised £3-0-0 will be used in expenses

6th May. The School Committee had a working bee at school today to cut up winter wood supply

27th May School started today. The Horseburgh twins are now back at school today.

27th May. That the Secretary write to the Board explaining our school transport complaints and asking that their officers investigate same That the chairman write to the Wellington Education Board re an interview with the Architect about certain schoolroom improvements That the teacher be authorised to purchase shrubs not exceeding £3.00

Also 3 pictures for school room not exceeding £3 in value

That the retiring committeemen W H French, Jas Douglas and A Atack to be placed on record and the Secretary notify them to that effect.

19th June The Langdale and Awatoitoi school teachers were here today. They were sent by the inspectors to collect infant material

11th June Two loads of metal delivered to school today. Boys have spread metal down the front path.

1st July Judith and Alan Laing away today. Owing to flood waters being especially high they cannot get out past the swingbridge

29th July Attendance for the past week has been most erratic owing to the fact that there has been a serious outbreak of influenza in the district

31st July 1st and 2nd August .School closed on account of children with 'flu

14th August That the Rotary clubs offer to conduct the senior pupils over places of interest in Masterton be accepted.

That the Secretary notify the chairman Tinui School Committee of our cooperation in end of year "Breaking Up" ceremonies.

That a basketball game between Homewood and a Combined Tinui Mangapakeha team be approved provided the game is played at "Langdale"

20th August Pupils of Standard 3-6 went to town this afternoon as the guests of Masterton Rotary Club. They went to several of the business premises in Masterton The younger pupils remained home for the day.

22nd August Working Bee at school. Committee planting lawsonianas to replace pine trees!

12th September Working Bee at school. School Committee putting fence round vegetable garden

15th September Alan Laing has now returned to school

25th September Beverley Bennett has mumps. Jocelyn and Wendy being contacts are away also

7th October – 12th October School closed for a week. Standard 2-6 children in the city. Went to see some of the chief industries

During this time the younger children in the Primers and Standard 1 have been given correspondence lessons

Wendy and Jocelyn Bennett have now developed the mumps.

18th October. Received 9 puffin picture books on loan from the Wellington Education Board

19th October That the fat lamb judging and sale of work be held at school on 22nd November

That the combined school sports association be revived. That Jas Bennett and chairman attend and act as delegates to a meeting to held at Tinui. School Teacher Ex Officio

That the Secretary write and obtain further information regarding I Galloway's appointment as teacher

After discussion the school teacher was authorised to obtain the following for school use.

1 Mop, 1 hard Broom, 5 Dozen exercise books, drawing and blotting paper.

16th November. Chairman came to school today to put up spouting along the tank stand Member of the Wellington Education Board and The Board Architect here today inspecting the porch

22nd November Mr Roach Member of the Education Department called at school today. The four desks in the shed are to be returned to the Wellington Education Board.

21st November Mrs Tolhurst of the Junior Red Cross, Mr and Mrs Norman Lee of the Wairarapa hospital board visited school today. Mr Lee presented the children with the Lady Myer's Gong which they won for their Red Cross Folio last term

25th November Transport took four desks from shed today. They have been forwarded to Wellington

9th December After considerable discussion regarding I Galloway's appointment the Secretary was instructed to write to the Wellington Education Board expressing regret that the appointment could not be finalised before the Commencement of the 1st Term 1947

That a working bee be held during the holidays and clear up Tree Tops etc.

16th December. The District Nurse visited today and gave all the children a partial examination

18th December. Tinui and Mangapakeha having their Xmas Tree at Tinui Hall tonight

1947

3rd February roll 13. Elva McKay has left to go to Wairarapa College
The Horsburgh Children are to go to Whareama School this year

Joan Taplin admitted today

4th February School Committee had a working bee tonight to cut grass around the school

6th February Dug crop of potatoes from school garden. Crop a very heavy one with potatoes of a good size

14th February Standard 3-6 children taken to Lower Hutt today to visit General Motors (Upper Hutt) and Griffin biscuit factory

Lawrence Atack leaving today to go to Hadlow

28th February That the school Children be paid £23 per year for cleaning and sweeping and that their parents be asked to allow the children to donate £17 back to the schools special account.

That the chairman approach Mr Atack re painting school.

17th March Mr Atack down at school today. He put in new boards by the basin to replace the rotten wood.

8th March. Combined School Sports held today at Castlepoint today (Saturday)

24th April Children going to dental clinic this week. 3 of the primers have teeth requiring much attention and their attendance at the clinic is required daily next week

6th May. Rotary trip to Masterton again

8th May That a tennis court or playing field be laid down in Bitumen.

That the Education Boards offer of £60 towards the cost be accepted
That the chairman arrange with a contractor to inspect, and submit plans and specifications.

That the Trustees of the Mangapakeha Tennis Club (In Liquidation) be invited to meet the committee and contractor at the school on a day to be arranged.

26th May During the holidays the Chairman replaced 3 broken windows in the school

26th May Chairman reported on proposed tennis court or laying area.
That the Chairman and Treasurer be authorised to sign agreement with contractor for laying down playing area.

That Mr W French's offer to plough Horse Paddock and Leave sown in grass within two years be accepted

That the Boards appointment of Miss Wainwright as Sole Teacher be accepted.

27th May. Mrs Bennett member of the School Committee came to school today and transplanted the roses and shrubs near the school in readiness for the contractor to put down the playground.

12th June. New lawnmower arrived at school today.

20th June. The attendance of the Siemonek Children is most irregular owing to the fact that their father's car is under repair.

23rd June Laurie Carruthers from Castlepoint School started school today. There is no teacher at Castlepoint at the moment, so Laurie will be at Mangapakeha till the new teacher arrives

26th June. Another pupil started from Castlepoint

30th June No school today. Flooding and slips have marooned several pupils for the time being

22nd July. Mr Hood traffic inspector visited school this morning to give children a talk on road safety

25th July Wellington Education Board sent up 5 more books for the library

4th August 3 pupils from Castlepoint have returned to Castlepoint Alic Foreman has been absent for 6 weeks now with ear trouble. He is doing correspondence work

18th August No school today. Some heavy rain caused slips on road.

8th September. During School Holidays work has been started on the new playground

11th September That £25 be paid to tar seal path from road to school gate

That a culvert be put in drain and gateway erected giving direct access from road to horse paddock and that Mr Groves offer to make pipes be accepted with thanks.

That the chairman write to the Board re Teachers Bus fares.

1st October. 3 painters arrived at school today to start painting

5th November painters finished today

19th November School being used as polling booth for local elections

28th November All schools in North Island to be shut for infantile paralysis epidemic

Christmas Presents here have been posted as the Tree has been cancelled. David McKay has obtained his proficiency leaving certificate.

1948

February Until further notice all schools are to carry on teaching by means of correspondence. I shall visit each pupil once a week to see that work is being done and to encourage younger pupils to listen to radio lessons

12th February Meeting of teachers from 5 nearby schools held at Mangapakeha School today. Mr Bringans, School Inspector, discussed correspondence work. Teacher from Kelburn Model 1 School gave a most useful and informative talk on the timetable for a country school.

20th February That a meeting be called immediately forming a Mangapakeha School Tennis Club.

That the teachers request for a primus be granted

1st March School reopened today with a roll of 12

8th March. Rex Foreman has been ordered to bed for 6 weeks by the doctor. He will be given correspondence work

23rd March Balancing rail came today from Christies

31st March. School Committee has purchased a new Primus for the school

27th April That the Sole Teacher's, Miss M Wainwright resignation be accepted

That Miss M Wainwright's letter of appreciation to the committee be received

That the Secretary be instructed to purchase one tin or bucket for the school.

The Secretary to collect £1 being bus fare for teacher (3/4d per parent) That afternoon tea at school be arranged for Tuesday 4th at 2.30 pm to farewell teacher

3rd May Elected Mrs Jean Bennett, H J Groves, R Squire, J McKay Jas Bennett to School Committee

7th May M (Or L) Wainwright relinquished duties here today

24th May. D M Heckler commenced relieving duties today. 12 pupils on roll

27th May The School Committee had a working squad here this afternoon. They tidied the grounds, cut the hedges, and dug the vegetable plot. Also repaired several broken pieces of apparatus

2nd June Great interest taken by the children in the removal of a willow stump on ground adjoining the school. Two bulldozers were at work

1st June That the Board's nomination of M W Wilson as Sole Teacher be accepted

That willow tree near tennis court be removed at not more than £3

Mr Groves offer of a copy of Early Castlepoint was accepted with many thanks!

4th June Mr H Groves presented the book about Castlepoint Centenary to the school

23rd June That the Boards appointment of Mr B Fox be accepted.

That Major and Goodings (Masterton Solicitors) letter re G Elsmor be received and forwarded to the Wellington Education Board and the School Committee accept responsibility for trip and expenses re pipes for tennis court fence. The Secretary to advise Major and Gooding accordingly.

The Secretary to arrange with Mr A Atack to erect a bookshelf

30th June. Mr Washer came today and cleaned out the tank

1st July Education Board Architect Mr Phillips visited the school today with Public Works Engineer to inspect Asphalt Tennis Court

26th July Only one pupil present today owing to incessant heavy rain for over a week and high rivers and also prevalence of 'flu in the district

4th August. Roll of Manila Paper (*Brown*) and box of powder paint from the Wellington Education Board today. This will greatly assist the children's art work.

6th August. The new rain gauge and measuring cylinder arrived from Wellington late yesterday

17th August With the consent of the Wellington Education Board and in company with Tinui School Ten pupils and myself paid a visit to some of the Business premises in Masterton. A most interesting afternoon was spent by car drivers, pupils and teachers in inspecting Plastics NZ Ltd. The Central School Museum (Here Mr Coddington showed the children through the school when they saw some of the different classes at school)

The Wairarapa Times Age. Here the 3 pm edition of the daily paper was just being completed

Messrs C E Daniells Timber Mill and Joinery Factory.

Masterton Hosiery Mills

A very tired and happy crowd of children returned to Mangapakeha after Ice Creams and Apples about 7 O'clock.

20th August D M Heckler Relinquished duties today

6th September B M Fox Took up duties today

Visited Wellington Education Board asking for more easel type blackboards and was told no unless approved by the inspector or the Board Surveyor

Mr Drummond made a note of leaking windows on the NW side of the building and some defective boards (Borer Infective)

Received library books from Wellington Education Board

Copy of the Education Act 1914

Copy of the Bylaws of the Wellington Education Board

School opened with a roll of 15 but only 4 were present. The rest being absent due to whooping cough and sundry other reasons

15th September. Received today 4 number 6 brushes and one box of coloured chalks

16th September Head Teacher requested to obtain particulars of projector as submitted by Board and report back to next meeting.

That Head Teacher obtain a quote for N Z Ensign and Union Jack

That Chairman and Treasurers action in consulting Mr McKenzie Lawyer re G Elsmore claim for balance of contract monies be endorsed.

That Mr Fox, teacher, procure books to the value of £5 for end of year presentations

21st September. Members of the School Committee had a working party at school today. Earth around the young trees was loosened up and the one lawn remaining to be done was scythed. (The remainder were cut by the children earlier)

The big paddock is to be ploughed and sowed in grass next week

Two Kowhais, two flowering currants, one lasiandra, and others were planted in the school today

28th September That the adjournment of Elsmore's action be opposed and suggest adjournment until next sitting of court.

12th October. Received today supplement for catalogue of filmstrips.

15th October. Library index cards arrived., supply of cardboard,

19th October A start was made on ploughing the paddock before sowing of seed in preparation for handing it back to the school.

Carrot seeds planted

22nd October. A working party of the Tennis Club arrived at school today to patch up the tennis court

5th November The following seeds were planted in the school gardens
Onion, Siberian Wallflower, Iceland Poppy, Pinus Radiata, Eucalyptus Marcarthuri, Copressus Lawsonia

10th November Today for the first time all the pupils were here

6th December. New syllabus in Nature Study arrived today

13th December That a filmstrip projector be procured subject to £ for £ subsidy by the Wellington Education Board at a cost of 18 pound in all

That one yard of "Mangapakeha" metal be procured for path to lavatories

That the chairman make arrangement for cutting of school lawns at a cost of 7/6 per mow.

That trellis work suggested by school inspector in front of girls lavatory be left to the teacher to approach Wellington Education Board and report back to next meeting

That tennis club be allowed use of School Room only on gaining permission from School Committee

Secretary to arrange a water tank at school as soon as possible after closing of school.

14th December At the School Committee meeting last night it was decided to acquire a filmstrip projector;, to make inquiries about erecting some trellis work in front of the girls lavatory; To cover the

path to the boy's lavatory with metal and to hire someone to keep the lawns and gardens tidy during the holidays
 Alic Foreman receives his primary school certificate

1949

1st February Roll 14 Alic Forman has left for Wairarapa College.
 During the holiday members of the School Committee and residents of the district erected a new water tank and a wire netting fence around the playing field.

16th February 10 Desk blackboards arrived. Batteries for the filmstrip projector have arrived.

23rd Feb. School inspected by Boracure (NZ) Ltd. A report is to be sent to the Wellington Education Board and a quote for attending the extinction of borer bug.

25th February The filmstrip projector arrived today

Roll Number is now 15

4th March One tumbling mats arrived today, Combined Sports and Picnic is to be held at Castlepoint tomorrow (Saturday)

8th March The Kiwi Borer Cure Co. Began work at school today by treating all the out-houses. The classroom and porch will be done on Friday

9th March School closed for referendum.

A **referendum on gambling** was held in New Zealand on 9 March 1949. Voters were asked whether off-course betting on horse races should be allowed. It was approved, with 68% in favour. Voter turnout was 54.3%. [\[1\]Results](#)

Choice	Votes	%
For	424,219	68.0

Against	199,406	32.0
Invalid/blank votes	-	
Total	623,625	100

11th March Head Teacher Fox reported having obtained filmstrip projector

Riggs Ltd tender of £12/15/6 for trellis in front of lavatories forwarded to the Wellington Education Board

That sandpit and horizontal bars costs be obtained and the Board's subsidy be approved.

That Secretary write to Mr French thanking him for his donation of timber etc towards playing area protection fence.

16th March Mr Horsfall, Traffic Inspector visited the school today

Two new pairs of grass shears arrived

The Kiwi Borer Co concluded operations here yesterday. Much time has been spent on emptying the room of books and pictures. We have now to put everything back in order. The spray used is most potent and has a detrimental effect on plants and weeds around buildings that were treated.

22nd March A supply of art materials arrived today. 1 roll of brown paper, newsprint, 8 rolls of yellow paper, 20 crayons, paints, pastels, 14 tins of poster paint, brushes.

23rd March. Today we made the trip to town to see the locally performed pantomime, "Mother Goose". This was excellent performance which held the children enraptured.

Before the performance the children went to Central School and sat in their corresponding classes and later we were shown a Nature Study film (Toads, Frogs and Salamanders)

Much interest was shown when the children were allowed to use the microphone and loudspeaker. A visit to the school museum concluded the visit

24th March. Hailed the passing grader today and asked him to clear the driveway, a most satisfactory piece of work!

30th March The Filmstrip projector is now in working order and first film will be shown today. The lamp which was damaged in transit has been replaced- the makers disclaim responsibility for replacing it since it was inspected by an officer of the Wellington Education Board before being sent here.

The vegetable garden has now been almost levelled off and has been sown with oats and lupin. The Siberian Wallflower plantlings have now been transferred from the experimental plot.

Practical use of Rootone is being studied by treating seeds and fuchsia cuttings before planting.

29th April Miss Wilson school nurse visited the school today. It would appear from the log book that no doctor has visited the school since 1941

26th May There was a working bee at school today to make the sandpit. The grader was here levelling off the school paddock

3rd June Parent's Day began today when Mr and Mrs Innes visited the school in the morning to see the children at work.

15th July The bricks surrounding the small lawn near the main gate have been taken away to form a path to boys lavatory.

21st July The trellis fence for the girl's lavatory has been erected

27th July Mr Savage spent an afternoon at school cutting the lawn.

Two Dozen Abelia shrubs and six ornamental shrubs ordered by the Wellington Education Board arrived today.

1st August Arbor day Four Kowhai Trees Planted

8th August Due to heavy rainfall and swollen creeks only three children were present today.

9th August School closed Flood water over road prevented children and teacher from attending.

17th August Miss Wilson School Nurse visited and showed the film Harry Healthy and Sammy Sickly

6th September A 6ft cupboard from the Wellington Education Board arrived today. Five new flowering shrubs arrived

14th September That secretary write to J R Donovan our dental clinic representative suggesting that children have two visits to clinic yearly and that such treatment required be finished on one day whenever possible.

That the Whareama's teachers suggestion in holding a combined school's concert be declined.

That wood and cook supplies be left to the Secretary to arrange

27th September That Board's letter requesting that the committee find a further £50 for completion of playing area be received and that the School Committee find £25 subject to the tennis club finding £25

15th November Mr Bellis of Lower Hutt began relaying of tennis court.

9th December That presentation of school prizes be left to the Head Teacher

That the teacher be granted 10/- to cover cost of postage on Filmstrips etc.

That chairman be given authority to have chimney place removed

1950

1st February Roll of 12

During the holidays the woodwork from the old chimney and the fireplace was removed.

3rd February Received from Wellington Education Board 1 wall map showing twenty eight embroidery stitches.

9th February School closed 10th February teacher attending army medical examination

20th February School Closed 13th February to 17th February teacher attending Army Refresher Course

2nd March The Castlepoint School paid a visit today for combined Social Studies, Music, Sport and Arithmetic. Mr Stewart commenced the day with a combined service of religious instruction.

2nd March That the committee's appreciation for her services as sewing instructress be forwarded to Miss M Douglas

That repairs to chimney and roof be left to Mr Squire (School Committee member) to arrange

That Rev Stewart be granted the use of the school projector subject to him accepting full responsibility.

That arrangements regarding school sports be left to Mr Bennetts to deal with

That the chairman arrange to have hedges cut and lawns tidied up

Also attend to repairs to Asphalt paths.

That Secretary write to Wellington Education Board recording disapproval of the school being closed during the absence of the sole teacher.

10th March School closes today for one week Teacher attending Army Refresher Course Work set for children to do at home

29th March Today we went to town for the combined country schools' sports at South Park. This meeting replaces the East Coast Combined School's Sports' Meeting for this year.

1st May New Teacher The Biennial School Committee elections. Mrs F Bennett, Messers I A McKay, J S Bennett, W Savage and H G Groves. Mr Groves has been a member for the last 42 years

1st May [Householders meeting That the PO Savings bank account be moved to the BNZ](#)

[The matter of purchasing a lawnmower for the school was held over to next meeting](#)

2nd May The piece of ground between the play shed and the tool shed has been cleared of long grass and will be planted with different types of arctotis so that the grass will be kept down.

Over 30 different types of exotic shrubs and trees are now to be found here.

16th May That Head Teacher's letter be received. The matter of a new lawnmower be held over to the next meeting. The chairman to get a quote for a handmower. And Secretary make enquiries from Wellington Education Board for a subsidy on a motor mower.

22nd May Roll Boys 2 Girls 9

19th June Visits to school by Miss Milligan School Nurse re visit to Health Camp by Joan and June Siemonek in August.

Mr Bennett Agriculture Instructor re formation of the six neighbouring schools re formation of a local group of the Calf and Lamb Association. The teachers of the six neighbouring schools decided it would be unwise to form a group here in view of the local people's attitudes to calf and lamb club and previous unsuccessful efforts at cooperative ventures.

8th July The school interior has now been finished, A few display boards would be a great benefit now.

11th July 3 books of Books 1-4 of the Janet and John Reading Books arrived today.

13th July The temperature at school at 8.30 am was 24 degrees Fahrenheit - 4.44 degrees Celsius

20th July That School Committee purchase one new Hand mower
Purchase price of mower to be obtained by chairman. Secretary to arrange subsidy.

Mr Savage offered to take car to exhibition with children

9th October Bulldozers and carryalls are at work alongside the school straightening the road. Each time a bulldozer goes past the school the building quivers as in an earthquake and it is impossible to be heard..

16th October last Thursday a trip to Tinui was made in order to have folk dancing at the Tinui Hall with Tinui School Miss R Johnston provided the accompaniment. Folk dancing will be held fortnightly now until the end of the term

Calf and Lamb Day this year will be held in conjunction with Tinui School. The programme will include Folk Dancing, singing, choral recitation, pet parade, cooking and floral competitions.

27th October Visit to Wellington to visit Industrial Exhibition by all children in Standard classes.

13th November School Lavatory for boys burned to ground on Saturday 11th November

15th December Folk Dancing Practice held in preparation of Brak Up in Tinui.

2 prizes awarded by Mangapakeha Tennis Club to most improved players

The break up ceremony will be held in the Tinui Hall with Tinui School, Folk Dancing, singing, games were held.

1951

5th February Roll 12

Beverley Bennett has left to go to boarding school.

12th February One desk Maximum height 27 inches lent to Whareama School

15th February That Miss A Atack be appointed sewing mistress.
Head Teacher to enquire about charter of human rights, supposed to be sent to teacher July 10th 1950 by Wellington Education Board
That children be taken to "Bushgrove" swimming pool on afternoon to be arranged.

That Head Teacher obtain a key from King and Henry duplicate key for school door.

That vicar's arrangement for religious instruction be approved. That is 3 half hours monthly

That Mr Douglas be given the right to graze the horse paddock subject to school requiring it.

That complaint received from F E Siemonek be received.

16th February Received from Wellington Education Board 1 loom and 4 rolls of wool, bookbinding materials and equipment, four boxes of white chalk

12th March. Workbench for woodwork now completed in tool shed
Two New shelves erected in porch to carry batteries. (*Power come to Mangapakeha in about 1953*)

17th April The Siemonek children have left this school today to attend Awatoitoi

1st May 1951. Mr Whithall Senior Inspector came to school today in connection with the leaving of the Siemoneks

21st May. Received from Wellington Education Board one sickle, and craftwork material.

2nd July School Committee meeting decided to buy Infant Reading books and apparatus, books for school library

3rd July That one blind for school porch and books as recommended by Head Teacher be approved

That filmstrips as per list supplied by teacher to the aggregate of £1 be purchased.

Members were elected as delegates to the East Coast Group of Calf and lamb association.

Purchase of bookshelves, repairing of one window, repairing chimney and arrange for primus stove be left for teacher and Secretary Roll Number 9

9th August There will be no school tomorrow as teacher has been granted leave to attend a weekend camp for army training

24th May Received from Wellington Education Board 10 books for library, globe of world, music records etc. New bookcase to be built, wood supplied by Mr McKay labour by teacher Mr L Nation

A parcel of gifts for immigrant children at Pahiatua Camp has been collected by the Junior Red Cross Circle. The money to buy the gifts was raised by selling bottles and firewood, toys made in sewing classes also included

25th July. School will be closed tomorrow-“shopping day” granted to teacher.

15th August School to be scrubbed clean today

16th August School to be oiled today. New bookcase almost finished and set up

5th September Folk Dancing in place of Phys Ed will start again this year next week at Tinui Hall

20th September The new boys lavatory, which arrived here some time in May and has not yet been erected, was blown over by the fierce gale we are having here today. The chimney is swaying about in the wind and is depositing layers of dust all over the school room.

1st October David Hickey admitted from Awatoitoi

18th October School savings bank started at this school total

19th October One pound five shillings collected by children for Health Camp Appeal

31st October. School visited by Health Doctor, all children examined

5th December. Received material from Wellington Education Board including a copy of Royal Tour booklet 1927. 24 years late

10th- 13th December. While teacher is on leave for military training the children will be taught swimming in Masterton by a Mrs McCabe from Wellington

1952

4th February Harvey Paulsen and Rosemary Groves have both left this school. Jocelyn Bennett will be attending this school while doing Post Primary Correspondence work

7th February School closed death of King George the sixth

22nd February Whole school and Tinui went into Masterton for swimming instruction in the Learners Pool at Central School. Central School Museum was inspected while we are here.

Lunch was had at Central School and then the whole party went to the Park Oval to practice races for the sports day

23rd February That the School Committee purchase a 12 volt radio receiving set as quoted by Wellington Education Board at £23

That Wellington Education Board be approached regarding the renewing of road and school paddock fence.

Miss Attack's resignation as sewing mistress was received with regret. 22nd May That the resignation of Mr B Fox as sole teacher be received. And Secretary write to Mr Fox expressing regret at his resignation and thank him for his cooperation with the School Committee and his keen interest in eh school generally.

That arrangements for boarding etc incoming teacher be left to the chairman.

25th 26th February Two More trips to town for swimming. 9.30 – 10.30 East School 11.00- 3.00 at Masterton Park. All the children participated

5th March Joan, Gloria, June and May Siemonek readmitted to this school today after a period of attendance at Awatoitoi School. Julie Siemonek admitted today.

17th March. St Patrick's Day Peter, Paul, Anne, Denyse, Hilary and Kevin O'Reilly admitted today from Lower Hutt

18th March School closed for conference of teachers from Taueru, Awatoitoi, Whareama, Mangapakeha, Tinui and Castlepoint schools with an inspector at Tinui School

25th March Wellington Education Board confirmed Mrs Siemonek's appointment as Needlework Instructress

2nd April Old Manuka Fence pulled down and replaced with a four wire fence. Manuka is to be threaded between the wires later.

9th May Roll 11 girls, 8 boys, and 1 Correspondence School pupil

B M Fox Last Day

2nd July I have only just discovered log book. J Steward?. The school was closed for the first week as there was no teacher. The

correspondence pupil, Jocelyn Bennett has not attended this term.

Taken off roll

8th September Householders meeting Discussion on board available for teacher. That Board be found for teacher as following. Mr J Bennett for 1 month, Mrs Tocker, O'Reilly and O'Hara to supply board for the remainder of term.

That the following recommendation be made to School Committee That Christmas Tree party for children of eh district be held in local schoolroom.

12th September C S Holdaway Relieving. Started here 8th September. 3rd October. From 1st October I have been appointed sole teacher in this school

20th October That a donation for £10 be made to Tinui Districts schools swimming baths

4th November That a meeting of parents be called on he 18th November to discuss and arrange a Christmas party for children.

That the Secretary write or interview Wellington Education Board regarding the installation of Electric Power in schoolroom.

1953

2nd February Roll 12. Elizabeth Balfour started.

6th March Very wet weather Garden has suffered from water

24th March Visit of Health inspector to inspect sanitary condition of school.

30th March Country school sports held today. We had a moderately successful day having gained one first in heats and two seconds Very fine day.

9th April Visit to school from District Health Officer who made a form regarding conditions in the school

21st April Householders meeting. W Laing, P W Balfour, C D Carman B M McLennan, J A McKay elected

That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr H G Groves who has left the district, thanking him for his work on the School Committee over the last 45 years,

27th April That Secretary apply to Wellington Education Board for subsidy on radio and electric hot water jug.

That Mrs M Hickey be sewing and needlework instructress be recommended to the Board

That E Carman approach Mrs D Schofield re boarding teacher as from the 25th May 1953 to 21st August 1953

That the next meeting be held on 25th May at 8 pm and a meeting be held at 2 monthly intervals. And that 2 members of the committee confer with the teacher at the school monthly

25th May That the chairman's action in ordering one dozen coronation medals be confirmed,

That teacher notify committee of arrangements re pupil's attending Coronation Films.

Teacher be instructed to report back to next committee meeting on a magazine suitable for children.

28th May. Miss M Hickey commenced duties as sewing instructress

12th June Owing to heavy rain and slips on the road, no children were able to attend school so school was closed.

30th June School went to see Coronation Film. All enjoyed it very much

9th July Medical Inspection for Military Training. Teacher absent

27th July That School Committee subscribe to "Junior Digest" for one year

Teacher report

- a) Attendance at school excellent
- b) Desks need painting

That teacher be authorised to purchase paint and brush and bottle of turpentine.

Visiting Committeemen's report

- a) Asphalt playing area requires patching
- b) Netting around same needs repairing
- c) 1 lock for toolshed repairs
- d) 1 rain gauge
- e) Paths to Boys lavatory need attention
- f) Down pipe needs replacing

That the foregoing work be attended to and the necessary equipment be purchased.

That the area behind lavatories be planted in lawsonia and benthamii (Type of cypress)

That the children be levied for cocoa and sugar unless a note be received from their parents requesting that their children not be supplied with cocoa and sugar.

Arrangements for January 15th Royal Visit be left to teacher to organise.

7th September. One Portable Toilet Cost 51 pounds-10-7d To replace fire damaged one

28th September That a Calf and Lamb day, Xmas tree and afternoon tea be held on 11th December at 1 pm

The matter of Board for teacher be left to Mr Carman to arrange.

1st December That Secretary write to Castlepoint County Council that 14 children will be attending the Lansdowne School on the Occasion of the Queen's visit.

Teacher Reports

- a) The he had purchased books from Whitcombe and Tombs
- b) Teacher authorised to purchase one hair broom
- c) Teacher to construct 1 water jug tray for primers use
- d) The collecting of children by School Committee attending Lansdowne School on the occasion of the Queens Visit to be arranged on the 11th December

18th December. School closed Roll 4 Boys 8 Girls

1954

2nd March 1954 That the Secretary write to Castlepoint County Council thanking them for their donation towards expenses of children attending the Royal Visit

That chairman's actions in purchasing an Electric Radiator be endorsed.

That Miss J Douglas's application as needlework instructress be accepted

That Teacher C Holdaway arrange for children to attend Anzac Day service at Tinui and to arrange for a wreath to be made by the children

The teacher authorised to close the school for the children to attend the showing of the picture "Royal New Zealand Journey"

That the committee purchase material for the making of "rompers" and parents requested to make same. Such "Rompers" to remain property of the school and parents may purchase same if desired.

That playshed be renovated and concrete floor put down in same.

That the following items be purchased for school

A Wheelbarrow, 1 wire brush, 1 feather duster, get cartons for "block Box". One load of sand be obtained, lawnmower sharpened and set, Batteries for projector be charged.

17th March School went to see "Royal New Zealand Journey"

22nd March. Miss Kitchingham has been posted here for four weeks to observe problems of Sole Charge and to take over class while I attend a refresher course for a week

9th April Attended refresher course at Aero club It was a worthwhile course. Miss Kitchingham who was in charge during my absence had no trouble at all.

4th May teacher report

- a) Wellington Education Board attending to clean out school tanks
- b) 2 pupils left, C and M Burgess
- c) Head Teacher thanked School Committee for LOA to attend refresher courses
- d) That working bee be held to concrete playshed floor.

24th May School reopened today for 2nd term Due to the Burgess's leaving roll number son reopening are 3 boys and 7 girls

25th May Admitted Noel McLennan. He is not five yet so is not counted on the roll

5th July Mr Holdaway sole Teacher also present

That 20 Benthamii trees be purchased to replace those that died

That a shopping day be permitted one day per month providing that no shopping day be granted when the school has a statutory holiday in any one month

The report of the Health Nurse received. That One Basin and dish mop be purchased.

At the next meeting Mr Balfour to report back about cost of paper towels.

Teacher reported that the school lock be repaired.. Spouting chimney flashing and tank overflow needs attention. Secretary authorised to have same attended to.

That School Film projector is being converted from 12 volt to 230 volt power supply.

That appointment of a visiting committee be held over till next committee meeting.

16th August That the Mangapakeha School Committee sign petition as presented by District Health Nurse for a mobile dental clinic in Tinui.

Chairman and Committee attending a meeting at Langdale to discuss a combined sports meeting.

That insurance policy to cover transport of children to be organised sports provided trucks and cars included in cover of £2000 at a premium of £2-10-0

That the sum of £25-0-0 be granted towards the cost of timber and materials for a children's' playhouse. Plans to be submitted to committee for approval.

Mr W Laing tendered his resignation as chairman which was received. (Continued on School Committee)

Mr C Holdaway resignation from Friday 1st October be received

That Secretary purchase 6 rolls of toilet paper.

That a meeting of those wishing to hold a calf and lamb be called Secretary to find out cost of a telephone and methods of payment etc

1st October I relinquish my duties at this school today.

12th October. School reopened after being closed from the 1st October.

D Sutton relieving teacher

26th November School closed half a day. Opening of Tinui Hall

7th December

That Mr Carman interview Mr Masters (Wellington Education Board member) regarding erection of teachers residence.

That Secretary seek ways and means of topdressing school tarsealed playing area.

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1st February Roll of 11. A G Adams new teacher.

2nd Feb The teacher Mr Adams was welcomed by the chairman.

Roll Number 11, 5 Boys 6 Girls

That the following goods are needed.

First Aid equipment, toilet requisites, tools require repair

Miss J Douglas be approached to carry on with position of sewing instructress

14th February Visit of Mr Arnold (Anglican Vicar) to discuss period of religious instruction. Time suggested Monday 10.45 as from Next Monday

16th February School closed for school shopping day. Peter McLennan left

1st March Visit of Wellington Education Board works committee who met School Committee to discuss Resealing of playing area and drive, painting of exterior of school, play shed, new infant blackboards, Pinex display board, fixing of stove chimney

10th March. Used corporal punishment for first time. Child 215 pupil whacked 3 times for attempting to absent himself without permission from afternoon school !!!!

15th March 2 new enrolments' Murray children from Komako (Near Ashurst)

25th March. Plumber called to see about chimney. Said he would be back on his way from Tinui School

23rd May Margaret Kjestrup started school Went back to Masterton 27th September.

25th April That the changeover of the 16 volt projector to 250 volt be left to Secretary to arrange

That Secretary write to Wellington Education Board regarding promised subsidy on shed also painting of school

Teachers request for £5 petty cash to purchase oddments for use of children.

That 1 ½ dozen cups be purchased for school use.

That 2 cases of apples, 1 tin of assorted biscuits, 2 bottles of cordial 9lb sugar 1lb of tea be purchased for sports day.

Teachers Report

- a) Visited Wellington Education Board 21st March. Obtained 3 pairs of scissors, ordered plasticene, mats, girls equipment, Boys breakdown toys.
- b) Reading Grant £5 of books to be ordered by June 30th
- c) Old school records dating back 1898 handed to Wellington Education Board for safe keeping.
- d) Combined school sports to held Mangapakeha May 3rd
- e) Carpenters erected new infants boards, display boards
- f) Dental Nurse to inspect preschool children teeth

The following recommendation to Householders Meeting. That an effort be made to obtain a school house.

That a meeting of Parents be called at least once a term for general discussion with School Committee and teacher.

2nd May Householders meeting. J McKay, C E Carman, B McLennan J Tocker and P Balfour

Following meeting

That the Secretary write to Wellington Education Board re further application for a teachers residence

That the cleaning of the school and oiling the floor was left in the hands of Mr J A McKay

17th June Opening of new Tinui Telephone Exchange at 2 .15 p m

4th July That the School Committee meet the board member in connection with the proposed school residence.

That the Secretary write to the East Coast Combined School Sports Fund (Defunct) approves of the transfer of finance to the Whareama School for the purchase of sports equipment for the combined school sports days.

Teachers Report

- a) Teacher has made some alterations to furniture built, cupboards etc
- b) New Furniture (Table and Chairs) in place of desks have arrived. Old desks to be made into forms for outside use.

15th July Visit of District Nurse to give letters to certain children.

25th July. School closed I attended a refresher course at Tinui in written expression

2nd August Mr Burgess, Organising teacher at Mangapakeha while I was at Tinui.

5th August Because it was wet on 3rd we planted 30 trees to replace the ones in the plantation which had not grown

15th August. Admitted Fraser McLennan. Visit of Mrs L E Johnston to test hearing of children (2 children have defective hearing)

12th September. Admitted Pauline Stott. (Murray Family?)

21st October. Flag flown for Trafalgar Day.

26th October Mr Oldfield called to quote for drive and tennis court.

7th November to 11th November Mrs Balfour taking school (5 infants, 1 Standard 1 1Std 2) while 6 children with me on trip to Muritai School Eastbourne

7th November That the Secretary write to Wellington Education Board re subsidy on electric urn if nothing was heard of our application within one week.

That the Karori Cubs be granted permission to use the school during the holidays.

The teacher was granted £5 to spend on prizes and it was decided to hold a parents meeting on 17th November to arrange Christmas Party.

21st November Mr Myers County Councils Obnoxious weeds officer, called this morning and asked if the broom bush growing up the driveway could be removed. Duly Done!

30th November. Visit of A M Matheson and Mr Wyatt Physical Education Branch to teach children the Holgar Neilson method of life saving.

1st December. Day at Castlepoint. Nature study in the morning. Sports in the afternoon. Visit to lighthouse for children over Standard 4. 6 schools present.

9th December. School visited Tinui School so that I could see Miss Macalister (Ex infant adviser- West Coast) in action in the infant room. Castlepoint School there too. A very successful day.

12th December The committee's appreciation of the teachers (Mr Adams) efforts in taking the older children to Wellington for a week was carried unanimously.

That the committee's appreciation of handwork teacher (Miss J Douglas) for her good work over the year to be placed on record. The Secretary was instructed to write to her.

Re Fencing. A letter written to Wellington Education Board asking them to consider paying the cost of erection of the fence if the School Committee supplied the necessary materials.

14th December. Annual Calf and Lamb day and Xmas Tree this afternoon at 1.30 pm There were 22 plus adults present.

16th December. School closed for Christmas Holidays. Roll 13,. Gloria Siemonek leaves for Wairarapa College

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1st February Roll 14. 7 Boys T Girls

Alan Carmen is at present on correspondence Two new pupils Jane Elizabeth Dillon and Judith Mary Dillon

15th February Whole school went to Riversdale for two days swimming instruction. Phys Ed staff up from Wellington

19th March. Miss J Wilson taking class (Section T Student) at Mangapakeha for 4 weeks I am at an in-service training course in arithmetic and social studies.

1st May that a reasonably priced motor lawn mower be purchased provided subsidy.

That a duplicator and infant books be purchased. Left to teacher to arrange

7th April Working Bee at school Hedge around front and right side of school removed. This brings playshed etc within immediate environment of the school. Fence also to be repaired.

12th April Mr Barnett (Nature Study Branch) commented on the improvement in response to his questions etc since his last visit.

23rd April Sent pupil 222 home at 9.30 as she would not come to blackboard to do her work. Told her not to come back till she could learn to cooperate and not be disobedient. This business has been effecting the whole school since I've been here and I think pupil 222 is behind it all. Rest of the school settled down and worked well when she had gone. Primers and Standards All played happily in the paddock at lunchtime and intervals for the first time in 15 Months!

24th April Pupil 222 returned. Not much improvement.

25th April School closed for Anzac Day Observance (41st) Wreath made at school at 8.30am. Service at Tinui at 2.15 pm

21st May. During the holidays the chimney was finally fixed. Called first on 25th March 1955 (14 Months previously)

24th May. Sent May and June Siemonek home at 1.35 for sheer disobedience, I've had enough. Will write to WEB and School Committee notifying them of the two girls' suspension.

Mr Siemonek called at 2 pm and we discussed the position

30th May Visit (unofficial) of Miss Stevens? Child Welfare Division re Complaint from Mrs Siemonek (I had also been told on 25-5-56 by Mr Burgess (Visiting Teacher) that Mrs Siemonek had rung Mr Shrimpton (Head Teacher Wairarapa College) claiming June was 14 and asking if she could be enrolled at College. June is 13 on 7th June 1956

27th June. School closed Football (Rugby) and Basketball (Netball) tournament in Masterton

4th July Mr R Patchett (Victoria University College) came to test some children in Reading and IQ (Wellington Education Board's approval)

9th July That a Fordiograph duplicator be purchased total cost £32-10 After considerable discussion it was moved that the Chairman and Teacher approach the senior inspector to discuss the school problem (*Unspecified*)

It was decided to hold a working bee for the purpose of tree planting and fencing. Also that a motor mower demonstration be arranged for one of these days, to enable the School Committee to decide which make to purchase

10th July Received 100 Phobolium billiardieri and other plants.

13th July Working Bee to repair fences and plant hedges (7 Here)

18th July 3 Wire fence around tennis court

20th July. Shopping Day. Mr McLennan School Committee Chairman and I went to Wellington to see Senior Inspector.

26th July The chairman reported on his and the teachers meeting with the senior inspector.

1st August. Mr Carmen came to discuss Tim's report. Result Tim and Alan go to Awatoitoi

3rd August. Mr Carmen saw Mr Whitwell senior inspector in Wellington yesterday Alan and Tim back at school.

3rd September That the following be purchased

- a) Tennis Net Winder
- b) 3 lbs Buick Lime- Lavatory's
- c) 1 only doll- Infants up to 30/-

5th September. Visit of Miss Stevens and Mr Gormsly? from child welfare. Received Masport RotoCut Motor Mower

18th September Admitted Julie Balfour.

26th November. Shopping Day. Took filmstrip projector to Wellington to National Film Library. No good. Their opinion is a new one should be purchased

29th November That the chairman contact Oldfields re resealing granted last May

That the Secretary write to Wellington Education Board re a fire extinguisher for the school

The Sole Teacher Mr Adams thanked the School Committee for its assistance over the past year.

14th December. Annual Pet Day and Christmas Tree held this afternoon at 1 pm. Weather doubtful after heavy rain Transferred from school to Marangai woolshed. Judges

Animals Mr I Douglas

Flowers Miss J Douglas

Cooking Mrs Atack

Handwork Mrs Carman

Gardens 13th December Mr I Mackay

Children entertained with a concert for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour

Books presented by Mr Atack

Presents scattered around outside

Miss Douglas thanked for her services as sewing mistress for past two years.

18th December June Siemonek going to Wairarapa College. Other Siemonek children leaving for Masterton

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4th February Roll 12

None of the promised maintenance work has been done over holidays. i.e. Painting, resealing court reforming drive,

7th February Playing area resealed 3 layers. Chips, fine metal, sand. Job done by Oldfield's Asphalt Masterton

19th February Two days swimming instruction at Riversdale.

1st March. Shopping Day. (I attended Karori School Centenary)

15th March The chairman thanked Mr Tocher who is leaving the district for his help on the committee

21st March. Tochers left for Martinborough Roll 9

22nd March Painter finished painting school. Girls lavatories still to be repaired

25th March Mr B Armstrong came and repaired back of girls lavatories. (Painted different shades of cream)

15th April Householders meeting. 4 present Mr McLennan, Mr Balfour, Mr Mackay and Mr Dillon. Mr Carman apologised . All elected to School Committee

At the meeting the following recommendations were made

a) That they go into having a telephone installed in the school

b) That the dead trees adjacent to the Girls Lavatory be removed

30th April Sports Afternoon Football and Basketball for standards. Primers games and dances. Very successful

10th May Roll closed. I go on 6 months Leave of Absence as from 27th.

School washed out and cleaned

27th May W O J Walker Relieving Teacher Roll 9

30th May That application be made for a telephone be installed in the school . The Secretary to write to the Wellington Education Board

That he following be purchased

a) Padlock for toolshed

- b) 1 lb Cocoa
- c) 3 lb Sugar
- d) One hearth brush
- e) One axe handle

That the cost of linoleum for the school floor be gone into.

That an application to the Wellington Education Board for a subsidy on new Aldis 500 watt filmstrip projector cost £36-10-0 less £6-5-0 made n value of present converted NO 5 model

13th June Received from Health Department and sent out to parents, consent forms for anti poliomyelitis vaccinations

17th June Received from Board Duplicate of order for teachers table

25th July Cheryl Schofield ex Tinui School started.

29th July P and T (*Post and Telegraph department*) installed telephone in school

5th August The chairman reported that a recent complaint from a parent had been rectified

That the purchase of linoleum for the floor be deferred until next meeting

12th August. John, Joan and Ross Landon Lane ex Blenheim

14th August. Received new filmstrip projector from Visual Supplies, Auckland

14th August Mr McLennan delivered load of firewood.

23rd August School closed for holidays two days early owing to my being in bed with 'flu

30th September 11 children received injections of anti poliomyelitis Vaccine at Tinui

7th October That two School Committee members visit the school during the month between committee meetings and carry out work that may be required

4th November 10 children received 2nd dose of vaccine

5th November Mr Graeme Ayson took group and individual photographs of pupils

16th November Admitted Ruth McLennan

21st November. Demonstration of Holgar Neilsen method of resuscitations by Miss Pemberton and Miss Romans. Mr McLennan and Mr Balfour spent the morning cutting the grass and clearing the drive.

26th November Terrific gale in district last night. Tree blown down in school paddock and both basketball poles blown down and broken.

2nd December School used as a polling booth for general election on Saturday 30th November

2nd December That the Secretary write to the superintendant of police inviting an officer to address the pupils during the next school year.

The chairman thanked Mr Walker, relieving teacher for what he had done for the school

4th December. School visited by health inspector to examine toilet facilities and report on durability of septic tank.

13th December Sent in requisition for art and craft materials. Was leaving it for etc for permanent teacher, but as he is not now returning until next year, thought I had better get it in and hope that my selection meets with his approval

20th December W O J Walker finished today.

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3rd February A G Adams now returned, Roll 12. Dillon twins to be going to ST Matthews

7th February School closed in honour of Queens Mother (Queen Elizabeth) visit to Wellington.

10th February The teacher Mr A Adams back after his trip to a Scout Jamboree in England

19th February 20th February Swimming instruction at Castlepoint. P E advisers from Wellington

20th March Visit of Mr Doyle, Traffic Inspector to talk to children about road safety and show films

11th April Pre School (6) and 3 school children received injections at Tinui

25th April Anzac Day School closed. Flag flown. Children took part in Tinui ceremony. Elizabeth Balfour made a wreath

7th May Visit in late afternoon of Mr Simmonds and Mr Dickson Wellington Education Board to look over school buildings.

9th May. School closed. Cleaned and washed out school

26th May. Roll 15. Philip Landon- Home and Brian and Fay Bayliss.

4th June That the committee goes on with proposed return visit of pupils from the Eastbourne School in first week of December.

That the Secretary write to the Secretary of Tinui Vestry asking the vicar could make a set time and day each week for Religious Instruction in Mangapakeha School

After some discussion on consolidation That formal application be made to Wellington Education Board for discussion on consolidation on Tinui for this school

6th June Oldfields here to put a load of metal and a load of crusher dust on the drive. Reforming of drive (Applied for 2 years)

27th June Visit of District Nurse. Fay Bayliss to go to the Health Camp

1st July McLennan children back to school after having English Measles. All other families seem to be infected now

7th July This meeting was called by the School Committee to get some idea of the Householders feelings in regard to the Mangapakeha School consolidating on Tinui

a) 22 Householders present also Mr Deavoll Wellington Education Board Secretary

b) Mr Deavoll spoke and gave a general outline of the procedure required for consolidation

c) It was found that a vote could not be taken at this meeting because

I. The schools boundaries as defined by the Wellington Education Board was not known

II. The meeting had not been advertised

d) It was agreed to hold another meeting at a later date

8th July A “public” meeting (arranged by telephone) of residents in the district was held at 8.99 pm last night to discuss the question of consolidation on Tinui School by this school. The Secretary Manager of the Wellington Education Board. Mr Deavoll was present with Mr Wilton the ward member. There were 25 people present including 3 committee members of Awatoitoi school. No decision was made but it was decided to call a further public meeting and advertise it in the papers. The School Committee is to arrange the dates.

9th July School began at 9.30 after I’d picked up children Bus went to town 5 past 1. Took children home. Bus returned 5 past 4

15th July Funeral of Mr Atack who died last Saturday night (12th July 1958) The school sent a spray made by the children this morning.

17th July Plumber called to measure up playshed for spouting and size of tap for porch. Said it would be a month before the job is done.

Also received 50 Phebalium Billiardier trees for replacing those which have died

6th August Meeting held at 8pm in the school to “finalise” the question of consolidation on Tinui School. There were 34 people present. After much discussion a vote was taken. This was 17 for and 10 against. 7 People were not entitled to vote. Votes of those householders will be collected in writing. Mr Wilton Ward Member was in attendance. Some concerns over the school boundaries was expressed.

Extraordinary meeting of Householders.

The chairman Mr McLennan welcomed Mr Wilton the ward member and thanked him for his help

- a) There were 29 Householders present
- b) Six others from outside the school boundaries
- c) That this meeting of Householders of the Mangapakeha school district favours consolidation on Tinui School
- d) Two outside householders appointed as scrutineers
- e) Vote 17 to 10
- f) Seven further votes received from Householders unable to attend 6 were for and 1 against
- g) Listing of all attendees are listed in meetings

Note from Inspector. If consolidation is not approved and the present school remains, some attention could be given to the sanitary conveniences (The old pan type, Long Drop)

School's 1 room built 1898 396 sq feet Site 3 acres. Tank water supply

School Committee A McLennan, P Balfour, R A Dillon, J A McKay, E D Carman

A G Adams Headmaster

6th August 22nd August Mr Barker Works Department Wellington Education Board to meet School Committee members re maintenance work etc. Meeting of School Committee to be held next Tuesday 26th August re consolidation of school

School to be used next Wednesday 27th August as a polling booth by Masterton County Council

11th August That the whole school committee attend when Mr Barker supervisor of works attends

The teacher Mr Adams was thanked for conveying children recently when the bus school failed

That the Secretary write to Wellington Education Board re recent meeting

- a) That of those who voted against consolidation with the exception of one householder have not had children attending the school for the past 8 years and should not have children at the school for the next five years
- b) With the exception of one all parents are in favour of amalgamation
- c) The one above is a farm worker who has been in the district 12 months

26th August That an application be made for the Wellington Education Board to receive a deputation from the school for further discussion on amalgamation

3rd September Letter to Wellington Education Board from Peter Balfour Secretary School Committee

Included

- a) 27 Householders attended the next meeting. Plus 6 others from outside district
- b) Moved that this meeting favours consolidation on Tinui School Carried 17 to 10
- c) Of those who voted against amalgamation with the exception of one have not had children attending for the past 8 years and should not have children at the school for the next 5 years
- d) Again with the exception of one all current parents are in favour of amalgamation
- e) That the one person against is a farm labourer who has been in the district only 12 months
- f) That if both sides can put their case to the Board then the matter will be accepted by both parties

8th September. School reopened roll 15. Karen and Esther Williams have left Mrs Atack's

11th September Visit of Mr Barker and Assistant Architect Wellington Education Board Mr Bussell to photograph school and measure up for remodelling and new lavatories

29th September Tank apparently cleaned over the weekend. New sand for sandpit

18th September Telegram to Mr McLennan Phone 402 Tinui. Chairman and Secretary will meet you at Board Office 12.30
 Tuesday 28th October. Reply if not convenient

30th September. Readmitted Karen and Esther Williams again. Roll 17
 Visit of Miss Anderson, speech therapist, Masterton Central School

6th October Roslyn Schofield admitted Roll 18

6th October It was agreed to hold Guy Fawkes celebrations in the school grounds and to extend an invitation to the Tinui and Whareama Schools. Also to correspondence school pupils

30th October Further meeting of householders about consolidation 8 pm. Mr Deavoll was present. Mr Wilton Board member too. Chairman Whareama School Committee Mr Kerse to observe. A further vote was taken and the issue was lost 38 were present Vote resulted 19 for 10 against

5th November. Bonfire held here in school paddock in the gully. Guys parade 7 pm. Judging 7.30 pm. Mr and Mrs Dashfield (vicar) and Mr O'Hara. Very successful

1st December. School Committee meeting 8pm. 3 present

1st December That insurance cover be taken with the NZ Insurance for the transport of Mangapakeha School Children to organised school functions in private cars for £5000

Pet day arrangements were discussed.

3rd December. Strapped Tim Carman and sent him home for sheer disobedience, defiance and cheek. Mrs Carman rang when he got home.

8th December. Polio vaccination at Tinui School.

8th December Letter to Department That the Wellington Education Board receive a delegation from Wellington Education Board asking whether the rights of the parents of the children at school outway the rights of those without children at school

Department replied that full details would be needed and then the Minister would decide

9th and 10th December Two days swimming instruction at the Tinui School baths

Tinui School baths officially opened at 1 pm by Mr F Bennett

15th December. Admitted Chantel Playle (Triangle) again Roll 19

School began at 9.45. Car Trouble!

19th December. Tim Carman and John Landon-Lane leaving to go to Wairarapa College. Chantal Playle goes back to Stratford.

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Roll 14. A G Adams still teaching

15th January Long letter to Minister Including large saving in salaries, new windows, new toilets and residence Savings totalled over 5000 pounds

9th February Director of Department Re Transport. What is the likelihood of getting a teacher driver from Mangapakeha to Tinui. Cryptic footnote No House

11th February That the chairman be authorised to deal with the condition of lavatories as he sees fit. *(Bill Hedley long time Wellington Education Board maintenance officer, told me that his first job in 1960 when he started was at Mangapakeha when the long drop toilets were full!!)*

That purchase of suitable weed killer be left to the chairman.

13th February Visit of District Nurse to examine children's eyes

Swimming at Tinui School 2.00 to 3.00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays

15th February Long letter from Mr A G Adams to Wellington Education Board asking about his own personal remarks and reopening debate on amalgamation

Included

- a) Evidently you have asked the chairman for more details
- b) Some people in the district, who seem to be better informed than I am (Or the Tinui teacher too for that matter) are broadcasting the fact that I will not be here next term
- c) This is not helping me in my work. The matter has dragged on for a number of months and is being openly discussed in front of the children which makes teacher position here quite difficult and annoying
- d) The present roll of the school is 14 with 3 to start this year. Awatoitoi School has a roll of 19. If the children were to go to Awatoitoi no one (teacher) would be affected
- e) The Mangapakeha children would travel on the daily service car as now both to and from Awatoitoi School
- f) Awatoitoi School would remain a sole charge. Tinui would remain a two teacher and no additional buildings would be needed.
- g) After the long letter. I would therefore now like to point out is the fact that I have been appointed Head teacher of Denniston School as from the 2nd term 1959 *(Robin*

Carlyon followed A Adams as sole teacher of Denniston School in 1966, he went to Ashburton)

24th February Brian Bayliss and his preschool brother went to Otaki Health Camp for 6 weeks (Noel and Fraser McLennan not allowed to go)

27th February School closed to attend Whareama School Picnic at Riversdale (Beautiful Day All present except Fay Bayliss who went to speech clinic in Masterton)

4th March Letter from Wellington Education Board amalgamation to Head Teacher It is not possible for me to forecast the result of amalgamation.

Your submission are very much appreciated. The people however wanted to consolidate on Tinui rather than Awātoitoi

1st April Whole school at Tinui for inspection of teeth at Dental Clinic. (No visit for over 12 months)

8th April Admitted Barry Charles Bayliss Roll 15

7th April That the appointment of a sewing teacher be left to the chairman and teacher

That the incoming committee purchase one ½ set of outdoor equipment and one prism for the school

10th April Mr McLennan came and cleaned out spouting and attached chimney wires

13th April Biennial Meeting of Householders at 7.30

There were 19 householders present and teacher (4 and teacher last time)

13th April Householders meeting. There was discussion on playground equipment as recommended by the School Committee

Finally that the new committee consider the purchase of playground equipment.

That the new committee push for lavatories if consolidation does not take place.

That Mr McKay's long term service to the school be placed on record.

After an election, Messers Balfour, Carman, Dillon, McLennan and Schofield elected.

Mr A G Adams then informed the meeting that he was finishing at Mangapakeha at the end of the present term,. He would take up the position of Headmaster at Denniston School in the Nelson Education Board District.

The chairman thanked Mr Adams for his 4 ¼ years service at Mangapakeha

Meeting that followed

That the chairman and Secretary be empowered to look into the purchase of playground equipment.

That the Secretary bring the state of the schools lavatories to the Wellington Education Board's attention.

It was agreed to hold discussion on the improvement of the school entrance over to the next meeting.

That Mr Schofield and Mr McLennan visit the school during May

8 Men nominated for School Committee R Balfour, B McLennan, E Dillon, E Carman and D Schofield elected

Mr I McKay resigned from the School Committee at meeting

Cease on the 8th May to go to Denniston School as Head Teacher

6th May Visit of Mr Doyle Traffic Officer Road Quiz

Householders and School Committee and parents for afternoon tea.
Big Surprise. Presentation to me. Thank you very much. Chairman checked inventories

8th May Left to go to Denniston School as head of 3 teacher school.

25th May. J M Ball relieving. Roll 15

2nd June Miss Ball welcomed to the meeting.

That the teacher be granted £6.00 for the purchase of infant equipment.

10th June Visit from Child Welfare Officer re a boy who will begin school the next day. He will stay with the Bayliss family

11th June Admitted Standard 4 boy Brian Timms. He may well be a problem

19th June Closed school for the day to attend Matahiwi Sole Charge for a day of observation. Melanie Schofield started. Roll 17

23rd June. Whole school went to Whareama for the afternoon to practice basketball and football for forthcoming tournament

15th July. Only 6 children present owing to football and basketball tournament in Masterton

6th August Brian Timms left to go back to Featherston

10th August That the Secretary's action in obtaining subsidy for Wendy House equipment be endorsed.

That the chairman prepare a roster of committee men for mowing the school lawns.

That the Wellington Education Board be written to asking for information on the consolidation issue.

It was agreed that the committee would scrub the floor during the coming holidays

That an up to date Pears Encyclopedia be purchased to replace the out of date issue on hand

8th September Letter from Secretary of School Committee asking what was happening with amalgamation as people were asking

10th September. Resumed 3 days late owing to illness of teacher

21st September. Letter from Department to Wellington Education Board Because of transport problems no decision has been made

24th September. Admitted new pupil Stewart McLennan

5th October That it be left to the chairman and Secretary to discuss the lack of decision on consolidation with the Wellington Education Board member and take the necessary action.

That the Chairman approach to local bus operator re transporting children to swimming baths at Tinui twice weekly

2nd December Letter from Wellington Education Board wanting to know where children lived and where could they be picked up from

4th December School Committee sent back a map and stating that accommodation would be available for a single teacher driver

16th December This is the ;last day of school for the year. Jean Landon Lane and Elizabeth Balfour go to college

24th December Letter from CE Beeby director of education to Wellington Education Board Wanting to know the Wellington Education Board's attitude towards amalgamating Mangapakeha and Tinui

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20th January Reply to Department. Our Transport Officer has been fully engaged in establishing Tararua and Kuranui College bus runs and hasn't had time to look at Mangapakeha transport

1st February B Sutherland Sole Teacher. Roll 16

8th February That a reply to the Leader of the Opposition Mr Holyoake be left to the Secretary.

An invitation from the Whareama school to attend their picnic was discussed and accepted.

Mr Sutherland asked if there was suitable accommodation for him to bach instead of boarding. The matter was discussed and arrangements made.

12th February Picnic at Riversdale with Whareama School

4th April The chairman reported on a visit of the Wellington Education Board's transport officer re consolidation

That the Secretary write again to Mr Holyoake re consolidation and point out there appears to be no movement.

That the teacher apply for £10-0-0 of subsidy on books

4th March a full transport report to Wellington Education Board stating that Private Bus Company by Mr Stothers should be used

23rd March Questions from Department to Wellington Education Board

- a) Unable to provide a bus for the foreseeable future
- b) Would parents like their children to be at school until 4.10 pm to be picked up?
- c) Would the parents like the old Tinui School 76 years old to be shifted onto the new site and be used?

12th April Children's hearing tested with audiometer by Mrs Thornton. Brian Bayliss and Melanie Schofield not A1

14th April Letter to School Committee from Wellington Education Board

The old school building at Tinui is in very sound order. The Board have retained ownership so that they can use it again

16th May Letter from Director of Education to Wellington Education Board

- a) That you propose moving the old building at Tinui to the new site. As we understand it, the reason for not moving the building when the new school was built was the exorbitant cost and you were able to provide a new pre-cut building cheaper.
- b) In addition your letter of 19th December 1957 The question of moving does not seem an economic proposition.

27th May. District Nurse's inspection of children Melanie Schofield and Stuart McLennan to see optician

29th May Letter from School Committee to Wellington Education Board. We have been told by Mr Stothers bus driver and caretaker at Tinui School that the schools will amalgamate at end of June. Reply The matter is still under consideration.

30th May Letter from J Macfarlane Laing. Lawyer Masterton to Wellington Education Board

I am acting for Mr Stothers Asking for an earlier start to bus run. 8 am for the Annedale children pick up rather than 8.10

Bedrock price 10/10d per mile. He could not operate the run at 10/9d per mile

8th June Considerable discussion took place on some Wellington Education Board proposals re school bus timetable in the event of consolidation

4th July Anne Bayliss enrolled

12th July Fraser McLennan restarts school after 6 months off with bovine TB

13th July. Another householders meeting regarding consolidation. Board offered renovated school and house or consolidation with Tinui with teacher driver bus stationed in Mangapakeha . If consolidation was accepted it would not take place before February 1962. Voting 21 for consolidation and 12 against. Wellington Education Board represented by assistant Secretary and transport officer, Also Mr Wilton Ward member and members of Tinui School Committee.

13th July Extraordinary Meeting of Householders

The meeting was called by the Wellington Education Board at the direction of the Minister of Education

- a) B Sutherland elected Secretary
- b) The chairman reviewed correspondence between Wellington Education Board and Mr Holyoake (*Prime Minister and local MP*) and School Committee,
- c) Assistant Secretary of Wellington Education Board spoke of :”progress if you could call it progress”. He offered consolidation on Tinui with a new classroom being built there and a department bus, teacher driven stationed in the

Mangapakeha district.. This scheme would take 18 months to put in place

- d) If the district did not support consolidation, a new toilet block for which tenders could be called just about immediately and a remodelled school and a teacher’s residence both after planning had taken place.
- e) Mr Hickey Wellington Education Board officer spoke of a bus service and pick up points, turn around points and extension of service
- f) Mr McKay spoke of the future of education in the district with special reference to secondary education and its relationship to the immediate problem
- g) The motion that this meeting favours the principal of consolidation was then moved.
- h) A secret ballot was taken 21 for and 11 against (This included several postal votes)
- i) Mr Wilton said “Now that by democratic means the majority favoured consolidation, if the minority fell in line and gave their support he could expect to receive a far better response from the board.
- j) Then another vote taken supporting a whole district support. Carried.

19th July Note for Wellington Education Board File That this meeting favours to principle of consolidation 21 by 11 at meeting That whatever decision the Minister makes the district will abide with

Representative of the Tinui School Committee attended as observers

4th August The consolidation would only take place if a new classroom was built at Tinui.. As the amalgamation is listed as taking place in 1961 does this mean that the children will go to Tinui before the new building is erected?

8th August. Letter from Wellington Education Board. Mistake in letter Consolidation to take place 1st February 1962 (Yeah Right)

8th August That the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr L Wilton thanking him for his help during his time of office as a ward member of Wellington Education Board

That the Chairman and Secretary wait on the Tinui School Committee to discuss the purchase of equipment bearing in mind that the schools are to consolidate as from 1st February 1962

30th September That the repairs to the lavatories were under way

That the teacher Brian Sutherland resigned as teacher be received with regret. He was to go teaching in Alberta Canada. (*Presumably Brian Sutherland, an excellent principal later on at Lansdowne School*)

16th August Letter from Director to Wellington Education Board

- a) That the Wellington Education Board erect a third classroom at Tinui
- b) That the Wellington Education Board proceed immediately with essential improvements to the lavatories at Mangapakeha School
- c) That a departmental bus will be used as long as the locals board a teacher driver

10th October. R Atack took up duties. Mr Sutherland sailed for Canada 11th October. Result of meeting re consolidation is that this school will amalgamate on Tinui in 1962

21st October Labourers shifted girls toilet back. 5th November A combined Mangapakeha and Whareama Schools Guy Fawkes Celebration was held on Mr Jones Property, Rata at 7pm. Parents and friends were involved and the children's guys were judged by Mr Savage. Juliet and Ian Balfour won the older children's guy competition. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

16th November School Closed Teachers Time

24th November As yet Mr McLennan has heard no word of any teacher being appointed to take over this relieving position when I relinquish my duties. If no one is appointed the school will have to be closed for the remainder of the year. That being the case the school will be opened on December 14th only to hold the pets day and Xmas tree.

26th November School used for polling booth.

12th December As he was going overseas in February Mr00 McLennan handed n his resignation form as chairman and granted LOA for the rest of the term of office.

The School Committee congratulated Mr McLennan on winning an Nuffield Scholarship and wished him a pleasant trip abroad.

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1st February O G Ball started duty. Roll 14

7th February The chairman welcomed Mr O Bell to the meeting.

21st February School closed for refresher course N Z C E R Spelling Lists.

10th April Children to make a wreath for Anzac day at School

A football and a basketball to be procured

This was the last meeting of the present School Committee

17th April Householders meeting. A function and the form it should take to be held at the end of the year

That money held in trust for the defunct Mangapakeha Tennis Club be handed to the Tinui school on the closing of Mangapakeha for the encouragement of tennis at that school

That the move for Saturday Sports be supported

The advisability of approaching the Wellington Education Board re sending next terms roll of 6 to Tinui was discussed.

6 nominations were received from for School Committee An election was held. B A McLennan, D Schofield, E Carman, R Dillon P Balfour

12th May. Note for file. Wellington Education Board

- a) Roll 13
- b) Bayliss family of 3 leaving the district. Single man taking over
- c) 3 McLennan Children are boarded out until December as father has been awarded a Nuffield Scholarship
- d) Mr Schofield was considering taking his children to Tinui by car. If so the school would be immediately closed and the teacher transferred. He was also told that if he did this the case for a school bus could not be substantiated and that parents would have to arrange private transport of children. Mr Schofield agreed in the circumstances to keep his children at Mangapakeha School

12th June Mrs D Schofield be appointed needlework

That the encyclopaedia of NZ be purchased.

5th July School attended winter sports held in Masterton. Teams made up by combining with other schools in the district (A Fine day but oh so muddy!)

21st July Visit to Business Premises in Masterton 2XB Broadcasting Station, Plastalon, The Wairarapa Times Age, N R Cunningham refrigerator manufacturer, the Fire Station and the Educational Trades Fair.

1st August. Bayliss family has left district Roll 3 Boys Girls 4

5th September That the Secretary reply to the Wellington Education Board for the transport roll for 1962

That there would be 11 children and board would be available for a teacher driver

13th September. Visit by Mr Hedley Maintenance Officer

3rd October. Last School Inspection

Last Entry in log

19th October Letter from Wellington Education Board to School Committee. How many children are eligible for bus for 1963 and 1964?

19th October Letter from Wellington Education Board to Castlepoint Mail Run Wanting to know when bus ran to Awatoitoi School

24th October That £25 from the special account be placed in trust for the maintenance of the hard tennis court at Mangapakeha

That £7 to be made available to the teacher to buy books for prizes.

That the teacher be authorised spend £22 on subsidy books for the library.

13th November Times Age Report

- a) Close at end of term
- b) 9 Pupils
- c) The first School destroyed by fire. Present School Built 1902 Wrong. The pupils were taught in the home of a Mr Mcleay of Old Te Maire
- d) Mr O Ball teacher
- e) School Committee D Schofield, P Balfour, E Carman, B McLennan, R Dillon

7th December That the Secretary write to Wellington Education Board asking if the tennis court at Mangapakeha could be used by residents of the district

That the children are to be paid 25/- each and the teacher to receive the rest of the wages grant

That the Secretary reimburse himself to extent of £12 for firewood supplied and fencing

1962

15th February Letter from Wellington Education Board to School Committee

- a) As it is necessary for the property to be retained for the pick up of children the local people should be approached to
- b) Take over the school as a hall
- c) Lease the grounds to a local farmer who would look after the buildings
- d) The telephone and electricity should be disconnected

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That Wellington Education Board be notified that Mr J Douglas who owned the adjacent property was interested in negotiating with the Wellington Education Board for the Mangapakeha school Buildings and grounds

That the £25 for the tennis court maintenance be turned down.

That the organ belonging to the residents of Mangapakeha and on the school premises be offered to the Tinui Vestry on the condition that if there is any future use for it the district have first call on it.

That £16-15-0 be donated to Tinui School for their filtration fund

11th May letter to Hutt Valley harriers stating that Mangapakeha could be available for them to purchase

21st May. Letter from School Committee to Wellington Education Board. There is absolutely no local interest in retaining the school building and site as a community hall

12th June. Wellington Education Board recommends transferring site and school to the Crown

5th October Mangapakeha School Committee thanked and told to disband

1963

Key posted to Lands and Survey from Bill Hedley 7th May 1963

12th June 1970. Letter from Castlepoint Golf Club asking is Mangapakeha school as available. The Golf Club decided to keep Whakataki School as clubhouse.

1895		Mangapakeha	Closed				
1896		Mangapakeha	Closed				
1898	4	Mangapakeha	Mason	Ada M		Female	£15
1899	6	Mangapakeha	Mason	Ada M		Female	£22
1900	6	Mangapakeha	Calders	Mabel		Female	£22
1901	7	Mangapakeha	Huggins	Ruth M		Female	£35
1902	9	Mangapakeha	Lambert	Alice G A		Female	£68
1903	13	Mangapakeha	Cowin	Annie		Female	£56
1904	13	Mangapakeha	Cowin	Annie		Female	£72
1905	10	Mangapakeha	Dyer	Henry H	C1	Master	£75
1906	11	Mangapakeha	Finey	Margaret		Female	£66
1907	11	Mangapakeha	McNamara	Pat J		Master	£72
1908	11	Mangapakeha	Freeman	Jessie		Female	£66
1909	13	Mangapakeha	Freeman	Jessie A		Female	£90
1910	8	Mangapakeha	Freeman	Jessie A		Female	£90
1911	5	Mangapakeha	Foss	James B		Master	£90
1912	7	Mangapakeha	Foss	James B		Master	£90
1913	8	Mangapakeha	Worbys	Gladys		Female	£48
1914		Mangapakeha	Closed				
1915	5	Mangapakeha	Langdon	Gladys		Female	£48
1917	6	Mangapakeha	Schofield	Edith A	Sole		£48
1919	5	Mangapakeha	Schofield	Edith A	Sole		£140
1923	6	Mangapakeha	Ridgley	Roie M	Sole		£105