

Maranui/ Lyall Bay

Maranui School renamed Lyall Bay School Between December 1917 and December 1919

Pre 1909

22nd January 1908 The board contemplates establishing a school at Maranui, Lyell [Sic] Bay

14th March 1908 Cabinet has voted £2000 for the erection of a school at Maranui, South Kilbirnie

16th March 1908 grant for .£2300 was passed for at school building at Edendale, in the Mount Roskill district, Auckland, and £2000 was authorised for a school of four classrooms at Maranui. The nearest school to the latter, at Kilbirnie, is overcrowded, and over two hundred and fifty children will probably be placed on the rolls as soon as the fresh accommodation is provided.

27th March 1909 Maranui—It was intimated by the Department "-that a grant of £2000 for the new school at Maranui was available. It was pointed out by the Board's Secretary (Mr. G.L. Stewart), that this sum 'was not sufficient to cover the estimated cost of the building.' It; was resolved, to' proceed with the work .as, far as the. money-would go, the Chairman (Mr. Aitken) remarking that they must cut their coat .according to their cloth.

28th April 1908 Kilbirnie School Committee report included: The' efforts of the committee to have a school erected to serve South Kilbirnie and Maranui had at last been crowned with success. The Minister for Education, the Education Board, and the member for the district were each approached in turn, and after many negotiations Mr. Harry Crawford's, offer of half an acre free of cost was accepted, an additional 1 ½ acres purchased, and the amount necessary to -build 'the school authorised by the Government. Plans were being prepared, and it was hoped that long before this: time next year the school -would be in full working order.

23rd July 1908 In his speech in the House last night Mr. Barber referred to the increase of population in South Wellington. Three additional schools were required in the electorate. In Maranui a school was sadly needed ; last year there were 150 children in that district of school ago who were not attending any school. Schools -were also required at Mitcheltown and Vogeltown. Sir Joseph Ward : "Has the Education Board made a request for these schools?" Mr. Barber : "A request was made for one school at Brooklyn, and a school for Maranui was authorised last year, but the foundation stone has not yet been laid."

1st August 1908 The Education Board has accepted the tender of Messrs. Hickey and Sullivan for the grading and draining of the Maranui school site. ,

28th August 1908 It would no' doubt be possible, when the time arrived for the staffing of the now schools at Petone, Maranui, and Lansdowne, to find, in the inevitable changes which would result in the staffs of a number of schools, certain positions for the ladies and gentlemen who would shortly be faced with the loss of their present positions

23rd September 1908 Tenders for works have been accepted by the Wellington Education Board, as follow : Maranui, erection of school, Messrs. Sykes and Harwood

6th October 1908 Tenders have been accepted by the Wellington Education Board as follows : Fencing at Maranui, Saxon Harwood

1909

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The £40.00 in the far right column means that the Headmaster is not provided with a residence.

Alexander C Blake started for the Wellington Education Board as an assistant at Mt Cook Boys' in 1900 and was there until 1906. He was Headmaster at Mount Cook at December 1906. In 1907 and 1908 he was assistant master at Te Aro. And from 1909 to at least 1923 he was headmaster of Maranui/Lyall Bay school

28th December 1942 MR A. C. BLAKE ON, Dec. 26. The death has occurred of Mr A. C. Blake, who between 1880 and 1928 taught at the Sydenham School, the Waimate High School, the Timaru Main School, and at several Wellington schools, including Lyall Bay, of which he was headmaster for 19 years. After his retirement he was for 12 years a member of the Wellington Education Board, and for five years a member of the Victoria College Council. He was born in India in 1862, and was educated at the Otago Boys' High School and at Canterbury College

Lawrence H Arcus In 1901 Lawrence Arcus was a pupil teacher at Dalefield and then a further two years at Mt Cook Boys'. In 1904 he was an assistant master at Mt Cook Boys'. From 1905 to 1908 he was at Petone DHS Before coming to Maranui in 1909 until at Least 1921. In 1921 to at least 1923 he was headmaster of Ohau School north of Levin.

Florence G Roberts Started her career as a Pupil teacher in 1894 and was there until 1896. Still a pupil teacher she was at Kaiwara until 1901. From 1902 to 1904 she was at Kaiwarra as an assistant. In 1906 she was at Terrace School in the secondary Department until 1908 She was then at least 1923 at Maranui Lyall Bay as Infant Mistress.

17th October 1936 A short, impressive service in memory of the late Miss F. G. Roberts was held yesterday afternoon' at the Lyall Bay School. The Revs. Tooley and Orange officiated at the ceremony, where the hymn "Abide With Me" was sung by the assembled gathering of pupils, staff, and friends. The appropriate passage of scripture taken from , St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians, Chapter 13, was read by the Rev. G. J. Orange, and was followed by prayers offered by the Rev, Tooley. The headmaster (Mr. A. B. Charters), in paying tribute to the late Miss Roberts, said: "Her epitaph is written In the fruits of her labours in moulding the characters of the thousands of boys and girls who were privileged to have passed through her hands during her 22 years of faithful service at the Lyall Bay School." ' After the benediction had been pronounced the children were dismissed for the remainder of the day.

1936/24235	Roberts	Florence Grace Maud	58Y
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Mary Scott There were 3 Mary Scott's teaching for the Wellington Education Board at various times. This is the probable story based on service dates. 1909 to 1911 Maranui. 1912 to 1914 Newtown. 1915-1917 Te Aro. 1919 Kilbirnie 1921 Mount Cook Boys' and 1923 Miramar South.

Lena M MacKellar Only certainty of teaching for Wellington Education Board is 1909 and 1910 at Maranui

1913/6278	Lena Mary	Mackellar	Edgar Selwyn	Hope
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1938/20125	Hope	Lena Mary	52Y
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25th June 1938 MRS. E. S. HOPE. The death of Mrs. E. S. Hope, formerly Miss Lena MacKellar, occurred at the Richmond Hospital, near Nelson, on Thursday.

Mrs. Hope was one of the seventeen students of Victoria University College whom their fellow-students honoured by electing them to life membership of their students' association. This distinction was conferred on Miss MacKellar in 1910, her "record of service" showing that during the years 1904-08 she was prominently associated with many phases of college activity. She was vice-president of the students' association in 1907 and was a member of its executive in 1906 and 1908 Besides being the honorary secretary and treasurer of the women's hockey club, she played as a member of the -first eleven for five years and •was captain for two years. She also represented Victoria University College against Auckland University College in 1908. She gained Wellington representative honours in 1906 and 1908. For five years she was an enthusiastic member of the glee club. The tennis club's records show her as a regular playing member for five years and a university tournament representative for four, besides being a member of the club's executive.

Mrs. Hope, who was formerly a school teacher, is survived by her husband, Mr. E. S. Hope, of Deep Bay, French Pass, three daughters, and two sons. Among the wreaths sent for the funeral, which took place today, was one inscribed as follows:—"From contemporary students at Victoria University College in proud remembrance of one who radiated happiness at their Alma Mater and whose work and play were a source of pleasure and inspiration to all."

In a letter written this week a woman graduate of Victoria University College, who was at one time a member of the staff, stated: "In my first year at Victoria University College Miss MacKellar was my hero. Howl admired at a respectful distance her straight figure, boyish frankness, generous smile, as well as her sports ability and popularity. One could never have imagined her being stricken with untimely death. Even now I rebel at the thought."

5th January 1909 On Tuesday, 26th January, a meeting of householders of the Maranui school district will be held in O'Donnell's Hall, South Kilbirnie, for the purpose of electing a school committee.

29th January 1909 Maranui's new school has been completed and handed over to the Education Board.

2nd February 1909 Mr. A. Erskine, first assistant at the Terrace school, is in temporary charge of the new school at Maranui.

2nd February 1909 The new school at Maranui was amongst those opened and judging by the number . of children enrolled, it will meet a great necessity. The school was not established without a fight, the struggle lasting about three years. The fact that 184 children" were admitted yesterday shows that the school was urgently required. It is situated on Tainui

terrace, just below the Queen's Drive, and is designed for the accommodation, of children from South Kilbirnie and Maranui. The absence of a school in the past was a great hardship on the residents, the scholars being distributed over the Kilbirnie, Clyde quay, Newtown and other schools.

5th February 1909 About one hundred and fifty Maranui householders assembled last night in their new school for the purpose of electing a first School Committee. Great interest was taken in the election, and the proceedings at the meeting were conducted in a lively spirit Mr. H. A. Huggins, who had been requested by the Education Board to attend and indicate the procedure for such 'elections, occupied the chair. He congratulated the householders on the success which had attended their agitation for a new school.

Seven members were required for the committee, and as the nominations received were double this number, a ballot was taken, with the following result : G. E. Smith 89, H. Lamberg 67, W. H. Morrah 65, S. Williams 65, J. Dillon 63, A. J. Ibbetson 63, J. W. Easson 60. These were declared elected, the votes for the other seven being as follow : A. A. Gellatly 54, A. B. Clater 48, J. F. Froude 36, J. W. Harrison 32, W. Robertson 62, M. Burke 21, St. G. Dowsing 15. The new committee then met, and elected Mr. W. H. Morrah chairman, and Mr. J. Dillon secretary.

13th February 1909 Miss F Roberts B A appointed assistant Mistress... At a special meeting of the Maranui school Committee, held last evening, to consider further the appointment of a headmaster for the new school, it was decided, by , six votes to one, to recommend Mr. A. C. Blake (first assistant at To Aro School), ono of the selected candidates, to the board for appointment. Mr. Blake, who has been selected from a list of forty applicants, is a teacher of experience, and a successful record (' C certificate'). He entered the profession as a pupil-teacher at Sydenham, Christchurch in 1880, became fourth assistant master there in 1884, and third the following year. In 1887 he was appointed first assistant at Waimate District High School, and first at Timaru Mam School in 1889. In 1899 he came to Wellington as first assistant at Mount Cook Boys' School and was acting headmaster there during 1906 He was then transferred to Te Aro School where he has been for the last eighteen months, having been in charge of the school for six months of that period. As a teacher he has been very favourably reported upon by the inspectors, securing high percentages in his results, and obtaining to his credit a large number of scholarship winners under his tuition.

13th February 1909 Mr. A. C. Blake (first assistant at Te Aro School) was recommended, at a special meeting of the Maranui School j Committee last night, to the Education Board for appointment to the position of headmaster of the new school at Maranui. Mr. Blake, who has been selected from a list of forty applicants, has had a successful record as a teacher.

16th February 1909 A .householder of Maranui has .asked that :the election of. The Maranui School Committee be declared invalid .on account of certain printed matter, containing the names of seven candidates, being circulated at the meeting. ;At an emergency meeting of the. Education Board yesterday it was decided that sufficient reason was not shown for the invalidation of the election

26th February 1909 Mr. A. C. Blake, the newly-appointed headmaster of the Maranui School, has entered upon his duties.

10th March 1909, Miss Roberts and Miss M Scott appointed assistant at Maranui

26th March 1909 Wellington Education Board: The matter of adjusting the accommodation at the Maranui School, certain rooms of which were overcrowded, while others had spare accommodation, was left in the hands of the chairman and the inspectors to deal with.

27th March 1909 Mr L Arcus appointed Male Assistant

27th April 1909 School Committee MARANUI. Chairman, Mr. W. Morrah; secretary, Mr. W. L. Robertson ; committee, Messrs. A. C. Clater, F. Lambert, J. W. Harrison, A. J. Ibbotson, G. Frew, F. Williams, and J. W. Easson.

1st May 1909 At a meeting of the Te Aro School Committee, it was decided to send to Mr. A. C. Blake, who was recently appointed to the headmastership of the Maranui School, a letter testifying to the good work done by him during the period of his service in the Te Aro ; School. The letter says that the new position Mr. Blake occupies is one he well deserves and adds •. — "We wrote on 5th October, 1907, on all your good qualities, and it would only be going over the same ground to write more. We wish you every success for the future and trust your school will rise to be one of the foremost in the city."

1st May 1909 Tenders Let by Wellington Education Board: Maranui, new porch,

17th May 1909 Maranui assistant mistress Miss L Mackellar

25th June 1909 Wellington Education Board: application for increased accommodation at the new school at Maranui, which is rapidly becoming overcrowded, was received. The board's senior inspector (Mr. T. R. Fleming) explained that the whole question of the educational necessities of Kilbirnie and Miramar required consideration. Miramar would require a separate school in the not-distant future. The original plan for the Maranui School provided for additions to the main building. The board decided that application be made to the Department for a grant for two additional classrooms.

3rd July 1909 The special prize offered by the Industrial Association to the scholars attending the 'Maranui School for the best essay on cabinet making, the subject chosen by the school, was won by William Millar, and three special prizes were given by Mr. Collie, of Newtown, and won by Doris Robertson (piano stool), Erica Matthews (flower stand), and Mabel Smith (framed mirror). These prizes were presented to the scholars yesterday by Mr. Blake, the headmaster.

30th July 1909 Repairs authorised Wellington Education Board Maranui damage by storm water.

30th July 1909 The chairman reported that the new Maranui school was filled to overflowing, and Kilbirnie school was also well filled, so that it would soon be necessary to look out for fresh accommodation in that neighbourhood..... It was decided to make application to the department for grants for an extra room at, Crofton, an 8 ft extension of a room at Khandallah and for the renting of temporary premises, at Maranui.

7th August 1909 A most successful progressive euchre party and dance was held last evening in the Maranui School, its object being to raise funds to enable the ladies to purchase material to furnish the stalls of the coming bazaar. The committee consisted of Mesdames Morrah, Robertson, Frow, Easson, Carman, Matthews, H. Lamberg, and Raynor. Despite the bad weather about one hundred residents of the district assembled, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, much credit being due to the committee for the way in which they worked to make the entertainment a success. Thanks were also given Miss A. Cope, who kindly volunteered her services as pianist during the evening. A large number, entered for the euchre tournament,

for which four handsome trophies were presented. Among the ladies Miss A. Cope tied with Mrs. Miller, with eight games each. After playing off Miss Cope won first prize, Mrs. Miller thus obtaining second. Among the gentlemen four tied for first place, Mr. S. L. Hall eventually securing first honours, and Mr. Garnham, second. The prizes were then presented by Mr. W. H. Morrah. After the tournament, supper was served, and the entertainment terminated about midnight. Arrangements for the bazaar to be held at an early date are in excellent hands, and good results are expected

6th September 1909 The imminence the Maranui school bazaar set young brains to work planning out means for the raising of funds, A local professor desired some frogs for observation purposes, and all the boys of Maranui heard about it. When the information had spread, it was not long before the schoolmaster was unable to distinguish between the croak of frogs and the croaking of boys, and it is even recorded that boys were chidden for disturbances the frogs were causing. The boys did not know the extent of the professor's requirements and believed that the more frogs that gentleman received the better he would be pleased. So a deputation waited on him and unloaded one hundred specimens, much to his surprise. Half a dozen would possibly have satisfied his desire, but understanding boys, and being aware of the reason for their labour of love, he took the whole consignment at a price per dozen. So the fund was increased by nineteen shillings, which is an interesting indication of the value of a little-sought commodity.

1st October 1909 Wellington Education Board The Education Department notified that temporary accommodation at 'Maranui had been authorised.

7th October 1909 Mrs. J. P. Luke yesterday opened the school bazaar and art union to raise funds for the Maranui School. It is held in O'Donnell's Hall, prettily decorated with red and white draperies, and the rows of attractive stalls, laden with pretty things. A Christmas tree will offer many temptations to indulgent parents, and varied amusements -take place every afternoon and evening. The Maranui Social Club Minstrel Troupe gave an entertainment last night and the drill and the songs of the children were- much enjoyed. The bazaar closes on Friday when the art union is to be drawn. Twelve handsome oil paintings are among the prizes.

8th October 1909 MARANUI SCHOOL BAZAAR. The Maranui School bazaar and art union, which, was opened in O'Donnell's Hall by Mr. J. P. Luke on Wednesday, was again in full swing yesterday afternoon and evening. The hall was prettily decorated, and good business was done at the various stalls. The concert which was contributed by pupils and other helpers, was much appreciated. An outstanding feature of the entertainment was the cantata by children of Standards I. and II., entitled "The Rolling Tear." The bazaar will be open this afternoon from 3 o'clock to 5, and will be concluded this evening, when the art union will be drawn.

22nd October 1909 Parliament: Mr. Luke intimated that he will ask the Minister of Education if he will favourably consider the application of the Wellington Board for funds for the enlargement of the Maranui School.

27th November 1909 Wellington Education Board: orders let: Maranui fixing water' service, McGregor and Jamieson.

9th December 1909 Rifle Shooting at Trentham Cadets: the Public Schools winners were Private Rabe (Maranui), Maranui had 6 attend the shooting competition.

18th December 1909 Mr. L. H. Arcus, first assistant master, Maranui, has received a testimonial of the esteem of his fellow-teachers on the occasion of his approaching marriage

18th December 1909 On Thursday morning, before closing the Maranui School for the holidays, Mr. W. H. 'Morrah, chairman, of the -School Committee, presented ,to successful scholars. their prizes and certificates:, William Millar, ,dux of the school, received a gold, medal, presented by Mr. Crengel. A prize for the head girl of the school—a special prize given by, Mr. Morrah— was; received by Florence Palmer.In the afternoon the senior pupils had an enjoyable break-up ; following an' a creditable programme of pianoforte solos, recitations and parlour games. Mr. L. H. Arcus, first assistant of the school, received a presentation from the teaching staff with 'their good wishes as a token of "esteem on the occasion of his marriage.

20th December 1909 At the. closing of Maranui School on Thursday, the prizes were presented by Mr. W. H. Morrah. William Miller, dux, was presented with a gold medal, and the special prize for the head girl in the school, presented by Mr. W. H. Morrah, was awarded to Florence Palmer. The following certificates were awarded : — Proficiency — William Miller, Swinford Jones, Arthur Reade, Duke Ballam, Gladys Sorensen, Florence Palmer, Gladys Gray, Agnes Goodsell, Georgiana Justice, Doris Robertson, and Ellen Lang. Competency— Harold Bell, Mary Stanford, and Kate Tasker. Attendance — First-class, Erica Matthews, Elsie Ridge, Walter Brown, Frvink Gillespie; second-class, Mary Stanford, Ernest Lamberg, Ellen Stewart, Marjorie Easson, Arthur Ridge, Robert McCaust, Charles Ross, Florence Stewart, May Donnelly, Gordon Lewis, Rex Matthews, and Aileen Sorensen

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28th January 1910 Wellington Education Board: That the library subsidy of £2 10s for Maranui be approved.....Despite representations to the department of the urgent necessity of two more rooms at Maranui, the department has taken no action. Further representations are to be made

24th February 1910 Education Board: Maranui, addition, £800

26th April 1910 The Maranui School committee worked hard for the school during the last twelve months, and no less a sum than £172 12s 7d was collected from concerts and bazaars organised to -raise funds for school improvements. Grants amounted to £80 10s, total receipts amounting to £253 2s 7d. Extensive improvements were made to the grounds, materials for football and cricket clubs were purchased, a library was established, and electric light installed in the school. The committee concluded its year's operations with a credit balance of £31 7s 8d. Mr W. H. Morrah, who gave up considerable time to the duties chairmanship. could not be induced to stand again, the following committee being elected Messrs J. W. Easson (chairman), W. Millar (secretary), A. J. Ibbotson, D. Carman-, C. J. Phillips, W. S. Bruce, L. Matthews, W. Martin, and L. Rayner.

1st June 1910 Wellington Education Board: Maranui (funds).—That the statement of the late chairman be forwarded to the committee.

9th June 1910 , A euchre party and dance, promoted by the Maranui School Committee, was held in the schoolroom last evening, its object being to raise funds in aid of the school. It proved a great success. The committee comprised the following : — Messrs. Easson, Millar, Carman, Matthews, Phillips. Ibbotson. Bruce, Rayner, and Martin. A large number competed for the euchre tournament, the following being the prize-winners : — Ladies, first prize Mrs Carradts, booby prize Mrs. Oxenham ; gentlemen's honours Mr. Maetzig, gentleman's booby prize Mr. Morrah. After supper Mr. J. W. Easson presented the prizes, the remainder of the evening being devoted to dancing, interspersed with musical items, the following contributing : — Mr. Hoyland, Mr. George Wilson (encored), Mr. L. Hale, and Mr. A. Mason. Thanks were accorded Miss McBain, Miss Pope, Mrs. Rayner, Mrs. Lambert, and Miss Smith, who kindly assisted at the piano during the evening. Mr. Carman acted as M.C., and it is the intention of the committee to hold an entertainment of this kind at regular intervals.

17th June 1910 WANTED, Cleaner, for Maranui School. Full particulars at Easson's, Ltd., Timber Yards, Maranui.

29th June 1910 Maranui, additions, McLean and Son

31st August 1910 Leave of absence granted to Miss Mackellar Maranui.

24th November 1910 The: entertainment given by the pupils of the Maranui School in O'Donnell's Hall, Kilbirnie, last evening, proved a distinct success. The hall was crowded, and many were unable to find seating accommodation. The" first item comprised a character song, entitled "The Chinamen," and proved' very interesting, each singer being arrayed in typical Chinese costume. An illustrated song, entitled "Won't You Come to My Tea Party?" was exceptionally good. The Maori haka provided, some merriment. A very creditable^ item was the "Little Mothers," given "by the infant girls, each little one wearing nurse's attire and carrying a doll. The infant boys, as "Little Niggers," were also good. The main feature of the evening was an operetta, entitled "Playmates," in which the children acted their various parts admirably. Much credit is due to the teachers for the way in which they have trained the children. The entertainment will be repeated-this evening.

15th December 1910 The breaking-up and prize-giving ceremony at the Maranui State School furnished an opportunity also for the opening of the miniature rifle range. There was a large attendance of parents and visitors, among whom were Messrs. W. Allan (member of the Education Board), J. P. Luke, M.P., and Captain Stevens (chief staff-officer, representing Major McDonald, of the cadet force). Messrs. Easson (chairman of committee) and Luke addressed the children, praising the work of the headmaster (Mr. A. C. Blake) and his staff. A concert programme given by the pupils was highly appreciated. The certificates and prizes were presented by Mr. Easson, as follow: — Proficiency Certificates. — Duke Ballam, Harold Bell, George Durrant, Sidney Hammond, Julius Lamberg,' Trevor Rayner, Edith Ambridge, Nellie Lang, Elsie MacDonald; Erica Matthews, Evelyn Moxley, Gladys Sorensen, Malva Sowry, Elsie Smith.

Competency Certificate. — Langley Braddock.

First-class Attendance. — "Frederick Braddock, Melva Sowry, Nellie Lang, Jessie ' Lang, Erica Matthews, Ruxton Matthews, Sidney Hammond, Julius Lamberg, Ernest Lamberg,

Randall Callister, Alexander Pope, Frank Reade, William Solomon, Myrtle Eraser, . Robert Goode, Roy Ibbotson. • Second-class Certificates. — : Dorothy Reade, Iris ; Potter, Emily "Craig, Fred Nicholson, George Lang, Gordon Lewis. Chamber of Commerce Prizes. — Composition, Gladys Sorenson; arithmetic (100 per cent/), Nellie Lang ; writing, Elsie MacDonald.

15th December 1910 The Maranui School miniature rifle range was opened yesterday afternoon by Mr. W. Allan, member of the Education Board. There were also present Mr. J. P. Luke, M.P., Mr. Stevens, chief staff-officer (representing Major McDonald), members of the school committee, and a number of ladies. The chairman of the school committee, Mr. J. W. Easson, expressed gratitude to the trustees of the Crawford Estate for their kindness in providing a suitable site for the range. Mr. W. Allan expressed a wish that the boys would be as successful in shooting as they had been in football, they having won the junior championship 'this year with an unbeaten record. After firing the first shot. Mr. Allan, amidst cheers, declared the range open. Mr. Luke then addressed those present on the subject of defence and said that rifle shooting required two qualities that all require in the work of life — observation and judgment. After the ceremony all adjourned to the school to be entertained by the pupils at a concert, and afternoon tea.

16th December 1910 In our report of the breaking-up ceremony at Maranui School the names were omitted of three recipients of proficiency certificates : — Gladys Nicholson, Elsie Ridge and Doris Robertson. The dux of the- school, Gladys Sorensen, received a gold medal, presented by Mr. Crengel, of Newtown, the school stationer. A committee of ladies, Mesdames Matthews, Robertson, and Sendall, nominated by the school committee, inspected the sewing of the girls, reporting that it was very good all round and specially mentioning Gladys Nicholson, Melva Sowry, and Marjorie Baker (St. VI.), Lilian Whitaker, and Eva Collyer ,(St. III.), Dorothy Smith, and Clara Stevenson (St. II.).

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Muriel B Gibb started teaching for the Wellington Education Board at Te Horo south of Otaki in 1910. 1911 at Maranui. 1913 Petone West. 1914 Sole charge at Pori [Between Pahiatua and Pongaroa] 1915 Maranui [Registered As Mary] 1917 Maranui as Muriel B 1919 Lyall Bay

Fanny Chatwin was a pupil teacher in 1911 and 1912 at Maranui. Then in 1914 and 1915 she was at Pahautanui followed by at least 1917 to 1919 she was at Kilbirnie

1st February 1911 Fanny Chatwin appointed a pupil teacher at Maranui

4th February 1911 The Wellington Education Board , invites tenders for the erection of concrete retaining works at Maranui,

23rd February 1911 Four tram-cars were commissioned to carry the Maranui scholars to their annual picnic at Wonderland yesterday, when a very enjoyable outing resulted. The members

of the School Committee and the secretary had a busy time. A lengthy programme of sports was gone through, and prizes were awarded the winners of the various events. The boys' championship resulted as follows : — J. Olsen 1, L. Walker, 2. C. Stevenson 3. The girls' championship race resulted—Elsie Macdonald 1, Rose George 2. There were eighteen entries for a married ladies' race — a very spirited event — and seven prizes were awarded. Boys and girls' swimming events have still to be decided, as well as a boys' shooting match.

13th April 1911 A request; was received -from Mr. H. Power, in which it was stated that Mr. Blake (master of the Maranui School) wished the association to present a ball to the school. About a dozen boys at the school were playing "soccer." It was resolved that Mr. Blake be written to and asked if there was to be a team at the school this season.

25th April 1911 Over sixty householders attended the meeting at Maranui. The report stated that during the year the committee wiped off debts amounting to £30 by means of "socials," and £300 was collected, a great deal of which had been spent in improving the school property. There is a balance in hand of £52 14s. The election of the committee for the coming year resulted as follows : Messrs. J. Matthews, T. Fathers, W. Millar, F. Just, J. Gellatly (chairman), W. S. Bedford, D. Carman, and W. S. Brace (secretary).

6th May 1911 The following pupils of the Maranui School have gained swimming certificates F. Gooch (2100 yds.), [2100 yards = 1.92 Kilometres] T. Raynor (2000 yds), L. Walker (2000 yds.), C. Stevenson. (1900 yds.), AV. Solomon (1000 yds.), A. Sendall (1000 yds.), W. Price (1000 yds.), C. Walker (450 yds.), D. Algar (350 yds.), A. McKay (300 yds.), L. Lovell (250 yds.); Maida Aitken (800 yds.), Jessie Aiken (450 yds.), Rose George (400 yards)

27th May 1911 A euchre party and dance promoted by the Maranui School Committee was, held in- the school room. last evening. The committee consisted of Messrs. Gallatly, Battle, Fathers, Bedford, Millar, Carman," Just, Matthews, and Bruce. Despite the unpleasant weather a large number assembled, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs.. Turnbull won the ladies prize; the gentlemen's prize was won by Mr. S. L. Hill, and the booby prizes by Miss Cook and Mr. Fathers. . Supper was served and the remainder of the evening devoted to dancing, interspersed with musical items, . the- following contributing r Mrs. Haines (encored) accompanied by Miss McBean; Messrs. Just, Walter Andrews, and A. Riley. Mr. A. Barnard played the accompaniments, and Mr. D. Carman acted as M.C.

28th July 1911 Wellington City Council had supplied Maranui School with 92 trees

26th September 1911 Wellington Education Board: That teachers tables be authorised for Worsler Bay (four-drawer), Kilbirnie, and Maranui (eight-drawer) :

15th December 1911 The prize. giving ceremony in connection with the Maranui School took place this week. During the course of the proceedings a musical and elocutionary programme was given. Proficiency certificates., were gained by John Bollons, Langley Braddock, William-Gentry, Frank Gowland, Oscar Lamberg, Fred. Nicholson, Norman Seambary, Marjorie Baker, . Norman Blake, Doris Easson , Rose George, Elsie Macdonald, Erica Matthews, and Myrtle Whisker. Competency certificates were gained by Douglas Algar, Cyril Ibbotson,' Raleigh Tonks, and Iris Potter.

First-class attendance certificates were gained by 31 pupils who were never once absent during the year:—Oscar Lamberg, Eric Matthews, Norrie Bell, Alfred McKay, Alfred Sendall, William Solomon, Frank Stone, Lorna Easson, William Gentry, Harold Gentry, Amy

Gentry, William Price, Edward Hughes, Keith Pattie, Horace Ward, John Whisker, Jessie Aiken, Alice Baker, Mavis Leo, Alex Dalgleish, 'William Sirmox, Florence Doig, Florence McGregor, Gladys Brattle, Rosina. Brattle,' Charles Aiken, James Hughes, Annie Lang, and William Gooch. In addition to a certificate all these received a prize given by the School Committee.

Second-class attendance certificates were gained by 25 pupils who were absent not more than five half-days:—Langley Braddock, Elsie Macdonald, George Lang, Leslie Lovell, Maud Hammond, Allan Blake, Percy Carter, Rex Matthews, Harry Townsley, Eva Collyer, Ettie Lamberg, James Innes, Owen Robinson, William Sendall, William Elton, Neil Norris, Connie Lister, Gladys Page, May' Solomon, Robert Hollis, George Goodsell , Gladys Hedges, George McInniss, Ivy Garrett, and Ormund Wormer.

The dux of the school—Erica Matthews received a gold medal, presented by Mr. Crengel, stationer, Newtown. Doris Easson, second to dux, received a special prize from Mr. Gellatly, chairman of the School Committee, as her work was of exceptional merit.

Special prizes for good figures were offered by Mr. Braid, a member of the School Committee. Elsie Macdonald secured the first prize and John Bollons the second. The sewing report by a committee of ladies was a favourable one, and specially mentioned the work of Marjorie Baker, Elsie Macdonald, Maud Hammond, Myrtle Fraser. Ruth James, Lorna Easson, Doris Whisker, Stella Floyd, Florrie Dobson, Amy Gentry, Jessie Aiken, Gladys Page and Eileen Carson.

In presenting 14 swimming certificates the chairman of the School Committee remarked that the Maranui 'School held last season's record for distance swimming. Certificates of merit . were won by Frank Gooch, Trevor Rayner, Leslie Walker, and Claude Stevenson. Certificates for proficiency in swimming were gained by William Price, William Solomon, William Sendall, Douglas Algar, Alfred McKay, Leslie Lovell, Maida Aiken, Jessie Aiken, and Rose George.

During the Inst football season the school had three .in the representative Rugby team, After presenting the prizes the chairman of the School Committee stated that the school had gone up a grade and was entitled to on additional teacher. He then asked parents present to adjourn to the tennis court which had been provided for the children by the efforts of last year's and this year's school committers who. were heartily cheered by the children. After the court was formally opened for play all present partook of refreshments provided by the children and the School Committee.

1912

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1912	305	Maranui	Hind	Florence M	C4	Assistant Female	£90.00	
1912	305	Maranui	Chatwin	Fanny		FP4	£55.00	

Mrs Katherine N Heighway Nee Katherine N Armit had a long career before marriage, 1907 to 1901 at Newtown Catherine spelt with a C. 1902 Te Whiti, 1903 Te Horo 1904 Kaitawa. 1905-1911 at Petone DHS and finally after marriage a year at Maranui.

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Had one child

1914/6978	Heighway	Arthur George	Katherine Napier
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Hilda W Webb started her career at Clyde Quay school as a pupil teacher she then had two years at Training College and returned to the Clyde Quay School as an assistant in 1909-1910. She then had 1911 at the Normal/Model school . By 1912 she was at Maranui and was there until about 1918 when she was at Eastern Hutt School as Infant Mistress until at least 1923.

Florence M Hind started as a Pupil teacher at Newtown DHS in 1907 to 1909. She then went to training college for 2 years. From 1912 to 1919 she was at Maranui/Lyall Bay and in 1921 to at least 1923 was teaching at the Normal School in Wellington. [A normal school was one attached to a Training College]

18th January 1912 The following pupils have qualified by examination for junior free places [At a secondary School] included Maranui Students: J T Bollens, Doris M Easson, W G Gentry of Maranui School

30th January 1912 Wellington Education approves Maranui Storeroom be erected.

30th January 1912 Maranui Miss L Mackellar's resignation accepted.

7th February 1912 Wellington Education Board: To avoid confusion the salary of the position must be definitely stated on the form of application, especially where more than one vacancy exists in the same school, viz., Mitchelltown, Maranui, Epuni, and Johnsonville: Maranui Assistant £135 to £150: Assistant £120 to £150: Assistant £90 to £105. [3 different positions]

9th February 1920 Miss Scott, who has _been assistant at Maranui School since it' opened, has been appointed to the staff of the Newtown School

5th March 1912 Part of an advertisement: KILBIRNIE BEACH SKATING RINK. MARANUI SCHOOL BENEFIT. WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH. The Management of the Skating Rink' has kindly devoted WEDNESDAY EVENING AS A BENEFIT NIGHT for the Funds of the MARANUI SCHOOL. As a special concession to the School Committee, who are soiling the tickets, admission (including skates) has been reduced to One Shilling to ticket holders.

6th March 1912 The takings at the Kilbirnie Beach Skating Rink to-night are to be devoted to the funds of the Maranui Public School. Special concessions are to be made to ticket-holders— skates being provided free. In. addition to the pleasure and humour of skating — enjoyed by experts and beginners alike— Professor Keegan, fancy skater, assisted by Miss Marjorie Keegan, a clever child skater, will give exhibitions of skill in fancy skating.

11th March 1912 Appointment Maranui Assistant Mistress Miss K Armit. Maranui assistant master Mr H T M Fathers; Maranui assistant mistress Miss F Hind [At December 1912 no Mr Fathers was teaching for any NZ State Primary School]

19th March 1912 Yesterday afternoon a very pleasing ceremony took place at the residence of Mrs J. W. Easson, South Kilbirnie, when Miss Scott, who has for some time been on the

staff of the Maranui School, was presented with a handsome gold bangle and brooch from her pupils and friends, by whom she is held in high esteem. The presentation was made by Miss Doris Baker. During the afternoon tea was served and a pleasant time spent by the children and parents- Miss Scott has accepted a position on the staff of the Newtown School.

23rd April 1912 A fair' attendance of householders assembled at, the Maranui School.' The' balance-sheet showed a credit of £10 7s 9d. The committee- started last year with a credit balance of £46 4s 1d, of which £37 odd had previously been allotted for a tennis, count and material and improvements to the school grounds. These works were completed during the year, and several others are at present under consideration. The receipts for the year totalled £168 14s 6d and expenditure £158 '6s 9d. Three new teachers were appointed during the year, one being necessary on account of the increase in the average attendance. There are. 350 pupils now on the rolls. Entertainments were held during the year to raise funds, thanks being due to Mr. J. Matson (proprietor Kilbirnie Rink), Captain Stevens, Miss Roberts, and the Maranui Social Club for their support- in connection with these objects. All the entertainments were-successfully carried out. The committee had been ably assisted by the teaching staff in every way. The- chief inspector reported the discipline and tone of the school' as " Good," and the work as progressing favourably.

Mr. J. D. Avery attended, and arrangements were made for a first aid class to be formed for parents and senior scholars, under the direction of Dr. de La tour.

The new committee comprises Messrs. D. Caiman (chairman), F. R. Just (secretary), A. Gellatly, J. Matthews, W. S. Bedford, W. H. Nash, W. A. Millar, H. D. Baker, and W. Gentry
9th May 1912 Maranui school entered a team in eh Association Football [Soccer] championship

29th May 1912 Wellington Education Board approved Maranui. new grate for classroom, half cost fencing;

22nd June 1912 MARANUI SCHOOL. TO THE RESIDENTS OF MARANUI. OWING to MONDAY NEXT being Prince of .Wales's Birthday, the Maranui Public School will NOT BE OPEN

5th August 1912 Mr, W. W. Rowntree, headmaster the Worser Bay School, writes a lot with reference to a statement publish a week or two ago to the effect that resident of Miramar, who was charge in the Magistrate's Court with have failed to send his children to school, explained that he had kept them at home on account of the bad weather. The resident complained of the distance the children had to travel to the Miramar School, and also of the way children were treated at schools in the city wet weather. During the dinner hour no matter whether it was raining or no they were locked out of the schools I the masters. To that, Mr. Rowntree says: "There is no school known Miramar, and the Maranui School was meant. The children of Miramar, as a rule, attend the Worser Bay School where they are always allowed inside during wet weather.

16th August 1912 As the result of a recent Court case and some correspondence published iv the papers, an impression has been gained that the Maranui School is closed during luncheon hour, to the discomfort of the children in wet weather. Mr. D. Carman (chairman of the committee) and Mr. Baker (secretary) have asked us to contradict this suggestion. The school, they state, is always open and everything in done- to study the welfare of the children .

29th August 1912 A successful progressive euchre party and dance, promoted by the Maranui School Committee, was held in Kilbirnie Hall last evening. The proceeds of the evening are to be devoted to the school funds. The committee comprised Messrs. Millar, Gallatly, Bedford, Matthews, Baker, McGregor, and Carman. There were numerous entries for the euchre drive, and some exciting finishes took place, more especially on the part of the ladies, Mesdames Ogden, Bloomfield, and Townsley playing off in the final. Mrs. Townsley eventually won. Mr. F. Lamberg secured the gentleman's trophy. The prizes were presented by Mr. W. Millar. The chairman (Mr. D. Carman) in a brief speech thanked those present for their patronage, special thanks being accorded the donor of the trophies. The remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing, Mrs. Nickerson supplying the music. The committee also thanked Messrs. Scoullar and Co., Who lent the furniture for the occasion. An operetta entitled "Cinderella" is being rehearsed by the school children and promises to be a success when it is produced at an early date.

10th September 1912 Wellington Education Board Maranui— Assistant, £120 to £135

13th September 1912 The concert given in aid of the Maranui School funds at the Kilbirnie Hall last evening was a success. The programme was an interesting one, all the performers— the school children — acquitting themselves creditably. The success to a large extent was due to the efforts of the school staff (Mr. Blake, headmaster, in particular), and also to those who had helped the children in their various parts. Items during the first half of the programme were rendered as follow :— Action song, "At the Seaside," Standard I. ; nursery rhymes, infants ; physical "drill, cadets ; coon dance, Standard II. girls ; Chin Chin Chinaman, Standard II. boys ; flower ballet, Standard IV. girls ; Maori haka, junior boys; comic song, Lionel Jones. An operetta entitled " Cinderella," occupied the second part. The singing of the children, in which 230 voices took part. Was Very pleasing, especially that of Miss Myrtle Boutell (Cinderella). The cast of 'characters Was :— Cinderella, Myrtle Boutell ; the Baron, Douglas Algar; the Bareness Rona Shute ; the Prince, Fred Gentry: Marinella, Stella Floyd; Dolabella,- Minnie McMillen; herald, Victor McDonald ; trumpeter, Gordon Lewis ; fairies (with their troupe), Mavis .Lee and Millie McMillan ; and minuet girls, huntsmen, and speculators. On behalf of the committee, Mr. D. Carman (chairman), thanked those present for their support, and also Messrs. Hamilton and Perry for the loan of Maori mats, etc.. Mr. S. L. Hall for placards, and Church of Christ for seating accommodation. This evening the performance will be repeated.

14th September 1912 The pupils of the Maranui School repeated their entertainment in the Kilbirnie Hall last night before another large audience. As in the first night's programme, the children acquitted themselves admirably. The operetta. "Cinderella" was again successful. The committee desires to thank the parents who have gone to so much trouble and expense in dressing the children for the occasion : also to the public for the excellent patronage, the attendance on the opening night being a record for the hall. The general result promise* financially to be a great help to the committee in carrying out much-needed works to the school.

17th September 1912 Mr. Thomas McGregor died suddenly at his residence, Tavistock-road, Maranui, at an early hour this morning, aged 51. Deceased was head salesman in Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Stains boot department, a member of the Maranui School Committee, and an elder of the Kilbirnie Presbyterian Church. Only last evening he attended a meeting of

the Maranui School Committee. He suffered from a weak heart, and it is surmised that last night's severe thunderstorm may have affected him. A widow and ten children, the youngest of whom is four years of age, survive him.

24th September 1912 Advantage was taken of the fact, that yesterday was Dominion Day to hoist the New Zealand Ensign on the new flagpole at the Maranui School. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Carman, wife of the chairman of the School Committee. The cadets saluted the flag, and cheers were given for the King, and the National Anthem was sung by the children. The headmaster gave a short address on loyalty, on what the flag represents, and on the significance of the term "Dominion. The flagpole—a very good one—was at one time a mast of the yacht, Waitangi, and was erected by Mr. Binder, to the order of the School Committee. It stands in the centre of the school garden, 44ft. clear of the ground, and supplies the school with the necessary means of celebrating public occasions. The flag was presented by the Education Department, and efforts were now being made to secure a Union Jack and a black and white flag, the school colours. Mr. W. Millar, a member of the School Committee, gave a substantial donation towards the purchase of the flagpole; and this was by a contribution from another member of the School Committee, Mr. W. H. Nash. Cheers were given for these two donors, for Mrs. Carman, and for the School Committee, who completed the work.

25th September 1912 Wellington Education Board Mr H T M Fathers resigned as assistant at Maranui

8th October 1912 Miss H M Webb appointed assistant at Maranui

29th October 1912 Wellington Education Board granted as library subsidy Maranui £2 10s Maranui subsidy Half cost of fence and hose.

12th November 1912 MARANUI SCHOOL-Additions to Closets [Toilets] etc, New Drainage, etc.

21st December 1912 MARANUI SCHOOL. The school year came to a close on Wednesday night, with the repetition of a concert programme given a few months ago. Another large audience at the Kilbirnie Hall showed great appreciation of the efforts of the children, the items rendered were nursery-rhymes for infants, various dances by girls, physical exercises by cadets, a Maori haka in full costume by a dozen boys, comic songs by Lionel Jones (a favourite with the audience), and an operetta, "Cinderella. In the last item special mention should be made of Myrtle Boutell as Cinderella, whose singing was the most pleasing feature of the entertainment. The object of the concert was to raise funds for the sports of the school. During an interval, the chairman of the School Committee presented school certificates and medals as follows:

Dux of school, William Gentry (gold medal), presented by Mr Crangel; proficiency, Douglas Algar, Nome Bell, Thomas Bollons, William Gentry, Oscar Lamberg, Ernest Bamberg, George Lang, Leslie Lovell, Allan Macdonald, Stuart McGregor, Henry Meade, Fred Nicholson, Arthur Ridge, Alfred Sendall, William Solomon, Raleigh Tonks, Maida Aiken, Norman Blake, Rose George, Maude Hammond, Minnie McMillan, Iris Potter, and Lily Raven.

Competency certificates.—Lorna Mason and Gifford Blake.

First-class attendance.—W. Gentry, Pi Gentry, Amy Gentry, H. Gentry, G. Lang, Q. Bollons, R. Matthews, A. Ridge, A. Macdonald, Annie Macdonald, Maude Hammond, L. Lovell. -O

Robinson J. Innes,- J. Whisker. W. Matthews, G. Lewis, Marion Lewis. C. Butterworth, Olive Taylor, and Brenda Meade.

Second-class.—Harry Townsley, Eva Collyer, Maida Aiken, Iris Potter. Ettie Lamberg, Jessie Gooch. .Amelia McMillan, Connie Lister, Jessie Lang, W. Craig, L. Eagles, P. Eagles, C. Jennings, G. Jennings, Ettie Carrick. Hinemoa Bollons, and Dorothy Smith.

Football medals (presented by Mr Webster).—Gordon Lewis (back), Alfred Sendall (forward).

1913

1913	340	Maranui	Blake	Alexander C	B1	Head Master	£315.00	£45.00
1913	340	Maranui	Arcus	Lawrence H	D2	Assistant Master	£215.00	
1913	340	Maranui	Roberts BA	Florence G	B2	Assistant Female	£160.00	
1913	340	Maranui	Gaze	Frederick J	C4	Assistant Female	£135.00	
1913	340	Maranui	Webb	Hilda W	C3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1913	340	Maranui	Hind	Florence M	C3	Assistant Female	£95.00	
1913	340	Maranui	McDonald	Helen B		FP3	£55.00	
1913	340	Maranui	Bird	Grace E		FP1	£20.00	

Frederick J Gaze taught first for Wellington Education Board at South Wellington in 1912 and was then at Maranui/ Lyall Bay until at least 1921. In 1923 he was Headmaster at Paekakariki School with a roll of 94. In 1931 was headmaster of Norsewood School and in 1937 was appointed to Manchester Street School in Palmerston North

Helen B McDonald taught as a pupil teacher in 1913 at Maranui and at Roseneath in 1914.

Grace E Bird was a probationer in 1913 at Maranui and 1914 at Newtown. After two years at training college she was back at Newtown by by 1917 and in 1921 and 1923 was an assistant Berhampore

18th April 1925 Miss Grace E. Bird, of the Thorndon Normal School staff, has received advice from London that she- has gained the. higher certificate of the National Floral Union.

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14th January 1913 Wellington Education Board Maranui— Assistant Master. £135 to £150

16th January 1913 Master William Gentry, who topped the list, of successful Wellington candidates for junior scholarships is a pupil of the Maranui School, of which Mr. Blake is headmaster

29th January 1913 Wellington Education Board: Miss K N Armit resigned as from January 31st 1913

29th January 1913 New appointment Probationer Maranui Miss Grace E Bird. Pupil teachers Maranui Helen B McDonald

10th February 1913 At a meeting of the Maranui School Committee, -Mr. Fred Gaze, of South Wellington School, was selected as second male assistant. The "head master reported that during the holidays new drainage had been installed at the school, by the Education Board, and that swimming 'classes for both boys and girls had been formed, several teachers at the school, 'acting as instructors. Considerable additions have been made to * the school library, which now contain?' a creditable selection of books. The committee heartily

Congratulated the leaching staff of the school' on the excellent , results of last year's school work.

11th February 1913 Wellington Education Board Mr F gaze appointed assistant master.

29th March Wellington Education Board: Maranui, accordion doors, £32;

16th April 1913 Tenders Called Wellington Education Board Maranui — Movable Partition (McCabe Hangers) and Asphaltting.

29th April 1913 In a long article on Medical Inspections of Schools: extra work for teachers was this part: The substitution of physical drill for the cadet corps at the schools is, according to a report submitted to the householders at the annual meeting of the Maranui School, a departure that is hailed with satisfaction by the bulk of the teachers. Along with it has come the medical inspection of the children. Regarding this the report (the headmaster's) says : "This entails a considerable amount of work for the teachers, but the scheme has their full sympathy. How to find time to do the necessary work is puzzling us. We are not going to shirk it, however, but will loyally do our best to further the children's interests."

29th April 1913 There were about eighty residents present at the annual meeting of the Maranui Committee. The headmaster, in his annual report, stated that the number of children on the roll was 373 — an increase of 150 during the past four years. The average attendance for the year was 305. Thirty eight attendance certificates were gained by pupils last year— 21 first class and 17 second class. The headmaster goes on to say that the school has. not only increased in numbers, but it has improved in efficiency. The quality of the work done last year was ahead of that attained formerly. Apart from that which is purely educational, a great deal of good work was carried out during the year. The report and balance-sheet (the latter showing a credit balance of £6 10s 9d) were adopted. The following committee was elected : Messrs. W. Scott Bedford (chairman), 1 W. H. Nash (secretary), J. Dillon, W. A. Millar, D. Carman, A. B. Clater, G. A. Stone, J. Matthews, and F. C. Gentry

29th April 1913 "I regret to say that the Chamber of Commerce withdrew its annual offer of prizes for arithmetic, composition, and writing," says the headmaster of the Maranui school in his annual report. "That body did not consider that the purpose it had in view was being served and decided to allocate the sum usually voted to the purchase of a picture. Whatever the members of the Chamber of Commerce may think about this, they may rest assured that their annual vote of prizes was keenly contested for and highly appreciated."

12th June 1913 MARANUI SCHOOL BENEFIT. An Evening on the Skates at the Kilbirnie Rink, TO-NIGHT ! TO-NIGHT Admission Is (including Skates). Band in Attendance. Net proceeds towards Maranui School Improvement. W. H, NASH, Secretary

13th June 1913 KILBIRNIE SKATING RINK. Last night at the Kilbirnie Rink a benefit was given in aid of the Maranui School improvements. A varied programme of skating events was held, including the lancers, and the school 'committee hope to considerably augment the funds by the evening. An exhibition of clog dancing was given by Mr. Frank Andrews, Mr. Knox presiding at the piano.

10th July 1913 Arbor Day: The following trees will be supplied to the schools named if the conditions are carried out :—: — Maranui School : 7 ngaio, 4 cabbage . trees, 18 coprosmas, 1 Indian hawthorn, and 18 euonymus (two varieties).

1st August 1913 Wellington Education Board Tenders Maranui Asphaltting: Messrs Sargent abd Elton

28th October 1913 Wellington Education Board: The chief inspector (Mr. T. R. Fleming) reported that additional accommodation was required at Maranui, but it was too near to the end of the year to make any arrangements for temporary accommodation. As Maranui was likely to become a large school, he recommended that application be made for a grant for additional accommodation, and that a beginning be made with an infant department separate from the main school. The recommendation was adopted.

18th December 1913 MARANUI SCHOOL BREAK-UP. Though the Maranui school does not close until to-day for the summer vocation. the breaking-up ceremony was held in the Kilbirnie hall yesterday afternoon. The hall was crowded with parents and pupils. In the absence of the chairman of the school committee, Mr Matthews (a member of the committee) presided, and spoke in terms of high praise of the work of the school, stating that the committee were well pleased with the staff. There were also on the platform several other members of the committee.

The infants, under the direction of Miss Roberts, rendered in a pleasing manner an operetta entitled "Toyland Town." The headmaster then read the names of the pupils who had passed their standards. The certificates and prizes were presented, at the request of the committee, by Mrs A. C. Blake. Floral tributes from the pupils of the school were received by Mrs Blake, Mrs Matthews, and Miss Roberts.

A gold medal presented by Mr H. Crengel, stationer, Newtown, for the dux of the school went to Jack Gellatly, who also, with Fred Gentry, received one of the two special prizes presented by the W.C.T.U. for the best essays on "Temperance." Those who received attendance certificates (first-class) were:—Alan Bollons, Hinemoa Bollons, Thelma Crockett, Lionel Easson, David Edginton, Florence Gilmer, William Gooch, James Innes, Lavina Jennings, Grace Jennings, Charles Jennings, Mavis Lee, Constance Lister, Rixton Matthews, Amelia McMillan, Florence McGregor, Roy Purdey, James Robertson, Harry Stone, Benjamin Williamson, Hilda Waterhouse. Second-class. —Ettie Garrick, Eva Collyer, Stuart Cowie, Kathleen Critchley, George Edginton, Benjamin Edginton, William Gilmer, Lucy George, Ernest Gregson, Kenneth Johnson. Lionel Jones, Irene Lawton, Gordon Lewis, Marion Lewis, Emma Mawhiney, Victor McDonald, Ellen Robertson, Gladys Oldfield, Frank Pope-Harris, Agnes Robertson, Owen Robinson, John Stewart, Frank Stone, Ada Thompson, Jack Thompson, Edith Thompson, Harry Pownsley, Elsie Walker, Alexander Waterhouse, Frederick Williams.

The proceedings closed with the singing of Christmas carols by all the pupils of the school and with the National Anthem. Solo parts were well rendered by Walter Hayes, Stanley Oldfield, Mabel Waterhouse, and Myrtle Boutell.

1914

1914	407	Maranui	Blake	Alexander C	B1	Head Master	£325.00	£45.00
1914	407	Maranui	Arcus	Lawrence H	D2	Assistant Master	£225.00	
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1914	407	Maranui	Gaze	Frederick J	C3	Assistant Female	£145.00	
1914	407	Maranui	Webb	Hilda W	C2	Assistant Female	£130.00	
1914	407	Maranui	Hind	Florence M	B3	Assistant Female	£105.00	

1914	407	Maranui	Hargreaves	Lizzie	D3	Assistant Female	£100.00	
1914	407	Maranui	Smylie	Wilhelmina		Assistant Female	£90.00	
1914	407	Maranui	Hawley	Agnes D		Female Probationer 1	£55.00	

Lizzie Hargreaves 1914 to 1919 at Maranui/Lyall Bay. Was not teaching for Wellington Education Board in 1921 and was at the Normal School in 1923.

Wilhelmina Smylie taught at Featherston in 1910 and 1911 then was at training college in 1912 and 1913. She was at Maranui from 1914 to at least 1919 and at Paraparaumu by the December 1921. Was not teaching for Wellington Education Board in December 1923 [Resigned 20th September 1923]

Agnes D Hawley taught as a probationer at Maranui in 1914 and 1915 then went to training college. By 1919 she was at Upper Hutt and by 1921 until at least 1923 was at Island Bay

1927/4574	Agnes Dorothy	Hawley	Reginald Rolt	White
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28th January 1914 Wellington Education Board: Pupil Teacher: No appointment has been made at present to Maranui then Probationer appointed: Miss Agnes D Hawley.

25th February 1914 Wellington Education Board: Miss L Hargreaves [England] to be assistant mistress at Maranui

12th March 1914 Wellington Education Board: Maranui assistant £100 to £120

21st March 1914 Swimming is regarded as a very important subject by the teachers at the Maranui School, and during the season just over fifty scholars were successfully instructed in the natatorial art. In the final tests just held at Te Aro Baths, thirty-one children secured proficiency certificates, and seven others earned learners* certificates. The teachers (Misses Roberts and Wells, and Messrs. Arcus and Gaze) evinced great interest in their self-imposed task, and they are proud of the school's excellent record. Instances of some good performances are given. One boy swam 325 yards when he had been learning only one week, and later secured a certificate for 500 yards. The School Committee presented gold medals to the boy and girl who performed best, and these have been awarded to Jessie Aiken and Claude Walker. Following is a list of those who gained certificates :— Jessie Aiken (2630 yards). Herbert Riggs (2200 yards). Claude Walker (2200 yards) Robert Millar (760 yards), Amy Gentry ' (630 yards), Gerald Dalley (600 yards), Amelia McMillan Gentry, Max Hewison, William Adams, George Eglinton , Edward Hughes, John Whisker (each 500 yards), Lola Brewer, Grace McMillan, Sydney Milne, Victor M 'Donald (each 450 yds), Cecil Graham and Ernest Gregson (400 yards), Jessie Gooch Manu Cramond, Horace Ward, Owen Robinson (each 300 yards). Jessie Lang, Robert Meade, Lilian Beer (each 200 yards). Edwin Warcup (175 yards), Fred Sage (150 yards), Phyllis Beggs (135 yards), Alex. Gilmer(125 yards), Robert Mathews (125 yards), David Millar (100 yards), W. Sendall (100 yards).

31st March 1914 Wellington Education Board: he Department wrote, stating that it was prepared to give a grant of £5885 for the Britomart school, South Wellington, and £375 for the training of teachers, arid £577 for additions to the Maranui school. Speaking generally, the Chairman said the tendency of school construction was to have one side of the school open to the air. That, however, was a matter that would have to be considered later as far as the Maranui school was concerned. Mr. Hogg strongly supported the idea of open air schools, considering that the present system of closed-in schools had been Very . detrimental to the

health of the younger children especially, and also to the teachers. The necessity for an abundance of fresh air had never been considered. The Chairman said that at South Wellington the board was putting up a distinctly open-air class-room

1st April 1914 The Maranui school committee asked the board to add two rooms to the school, so as to provide for the growing attendance. The Government notified the board that it would make a grant of £577 towards this work. The chairman said that there were about 500 children going to this school, and the inspectors had recommended that the additional rooms should be made open air rooms.

11th April 1914 Wellington Education Board appointment: Miss W. Smylie, assistant, Maranui.

8th May 1914 Keen interest was taken in the election at Maranui School, over 120 householders being present. Mr. D. Carman presided. The report of the headmaster, Mr. Blake, showed that the attendance had increased from 373 to 450 during the year, and that the conduct of the scholars was good and favourably commented on by the board's inspector. Since the inauguration of the school five years ago, 22 scholars had passed the scholarship examination. Mr. D. Carman (chairman) in presenting his report stated that during the year a large number of improvements and additions to the school and playground had been effected. An infant's school is shortly to be erected at a cost of £600, but representations have been made to the board to have the sum increased to £1000. The work performed by the teaching staff has been sound and good, as is shown by the inspector's reports. The school has attained an enviable position in athletics, being runners-up in cricket, and third in junior football, and also doing well at tennis. Some remarkably good performances were recorded at swimming, Miss Jessie Aiken winning the Wellington School Girls' Championship, and also gaining the gold medal donated by the committee. Master Claude Walker won the Boys' Championship of the school thus holding the cup donated by Mr. Tarson and gaining a gold medal. A vote of thanks was accorded the teaching staff, also the outgoing committee, from whose combined efforts the school has no doubt maintained its proud position and made such first-class progress. The following committee was elected:— Messrs. F. G. Gentry 64, D. Carman (re-elected chairman) 64, J. Dillon 63, W. A. Millar 55, H D. Baker (secretary) 51, Rev. H. Begg 45, E. M. Minifie 42, H. A. Chapman 41, and E. W. Simmons 35.

8th May 1914 An interesting point was gathered from a statement made by the headmaster of the Kilbirnie School last evening during the discussion on school boundaries. From this it would appear that the number of children attending a School did not necessarily represent the numerical strength of children in the district, as in many instances quite a large percentage of pupils came from other districts. In the case of the Kilbirnie School, there was a roll number of 378 scholars, of whom about 140 came from Maranui, 100 from Hataitai (at present in the Kilbirnie district), about 110 from Kilbirnie, and the rest from town.

16th July 1914 Arbor Day: The committee, including Mr. B. Carmen, the chairman, and about fifty of the boys attending the Maranui State School, under Mr. Blake, the headmaster, did some good work yesterday in the school grounds. Mr. Glen, superintendent of city reserves, visited the school on Monday and gave general directions as to the best method of planting and beautifying the ground. A good deal of enthusiasm was manifested in the planting by the boys

29th July 1914 Wellington Education Board: The Government has approved Maranui (addition to site) £382

30th July 1914 Owing to the rapid progress of the Maranui school, the Education Board has for the purposes of enlarging the school and playgrounds purchased two sections facing Tainui-terrace and adjoining the school, with a frontage of 132 x 165. This will make an addition of half an acre to the grounds. The infants' school is to be built on part of the new purchase, and the committee proposes to form three tennis courts in expectation of obtaining revenue for the benefit of the school.

3rd August 1914 Mr. O. R. Bostock, honey producer, Of Hawkes Bay, who is giving lantern lectures in schools and other institutions, spoke at Maranui School last Wednesday evening. The large double room was crowded, fully 300 persons being present. The lecture proved to be very interesting, and much amusement was caused at times by slides that were shown. The school committee was so favourably impressed with the lecture from an educational point of view that it has invited Mr. Bostock to repeat the lecture in the Maranui Church Hall on Wednesday, 12th August. He will also lecture at Kilbirnie on Thursday.

28th October 1914 Wellington Education Board: In preparation for the erection of Infants' School at Maranui ; an expenditure of £180 was authorised for excavations, blinding, and fencing [Blinding definition =a layer of sand or fine gravel for filling the gaps in the surfaces of a road or pavement, as one of crushed and compacted stone]

6th November 1914 No Crackers [For Guy Fawkes] fund: Maranui £17 10s for Belgian Children Fund

14th November 1914 Many acts of self-sacrifice on the part of children in connection with "Uncle Tom's" appeal for the Belgium's were related at the conference of schoolmasters held to-day. "One of my little girls," said Mr. Blake, of the Maranui School, "brought her favourite doll and asked that it be forwarded to a Belgium girl. Now, you all know how much a girl prizes her dolls. However, I obtained the mother's permission to sell the doll, it has been sold over and over again, and has so far realised £13. And we have not finished with it yet."

26th November 1914 Wellington Education Board Maranui Assistant £110 to £120

14th December 1914 Wellington Education Board tender let Now Infants' School Maranui, grading, etc., C. W. Dickson;

17th December 1914 During the presentation of proficiency certificates at the Maranui School yesterday, the headmaster stated that during the last four years there had only been one failure in Standard VI. at that particular school. No fewer than eight ex-Marani pupils were prize-winners this year at the secondary schools. The average age of this year's Sixth Standard pupils at Maranui was thirteen years three months whereas, for the whole of the Dominion last year it was 14 years. The remarks were received with applause

17th December 1914 PRIZE DISTRIBUTION The "breaking-up" ceremony was held at the Maranui School yesterday afternoon and was largely attended by parents. The children sang patriotic songs and Christmas carols. At the request of the school committee the prizes and certificates were presented by Mrs A. C. Blake. Short addresses were delivered by the headmaster (Mr Blake) and by Mr Horace Baker secretary of the school committee. Mr H. A. Chapman, a member of the committee, generously provided prizes for all classes in the school, and Mr H. Crengel, of Newtown, gave a gold medal for the dux. Hearty cheers were

given for these donors, and the children sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." After the prize distribution refreshments were served out. The prize-list is as follows:

Standard VI. —Dux medal, Fred C. Gentry. Special prize for work practically equal to dux, Phyllis Beggs.

Standard V.—Mary Reid 1, Eileen Carson 2. E. Gregson 3.

Standard IV.—Harry Gentry 1, Annie Lithgow 3, William Adams 3.

Standard III. —Hinemoa Bollons 1, Ellen Robertson 2, Herbert Fryer 3.

Standard II. —Desmond Bollons 1, Stanley Gridley 2, Edith Marlow 3.

Standard I.—Roy Hart 1, John Tait 3, William Hollis 3. _

P4.—Geoffrey Shrimpton, Violet Thompson.

P 3 Fred Rankine, Norah Ardrey.

P2,—Betty Cavill, John McInnes.

P1.—Clarence Kite, E. Nancy Alexander.

Prizes given by Women's Christian' Temperance Union for essay on Temperance. —Victor McDonald 1, Fred Gentry 2, Annie Macdonald ,3.

Certificates for full attendance.— Standard VI.: Fred Gentry, Amy Gentry, Victor McDonald. Amelia McMillan. Standard V.: David Edginton. Standard IV.; Leslie Simmons, David Millar, Harry Gentry, William Elton Robert Hollis, Ettie Garrick, Jessie Lang, Maggie Thomson, Rose Hughes, Annie Lithgow, Grace McMillan. . , Attendance. —Doris Pavill., Standard III. Curtis Sutcliffe, George Edginton, Neville Brewer, Annie Lang, Allen Forsyth, James Hughes, Enid Sutcliffe. Eileen Warcup, Brenda Meade. Standard II.: George McInnes, Roy Purdey, Stewart Hardy, Florence Gilmer, Helen Bast, Rena Simmons, Standard I.: Francis Eagles, Evelyn Hardy, Grace Jennings, Phyllis Pavitt. P class: Brie Pope-Hams! (Total 37.)

Second- Class.—Standard VI.: Eric Lyle, Owen Robinson, Annie Macdonald, Given Beggs. Standard V Gordon Lewis, Edward Hughes, Connie Lister, Henry Dittmer. Standard IV.: Frank Pope-Harris, Violet Bowden, Winnie Matthews, Florence McGregor, Benjamin Edginton, Benjamin Williamson. Standard III.: Jack Thompson, Colin Milne. Alfred Lucas, George Alexander, Hinemoa Bollons, Richard Just, Brenda Warcup, Samuel Bowden, James Edginton. Standard II. Thomas Riley, William Grieve, Robert Craig, Desmond Bollons, George Smith, Archie- Crichton, William Gooch, Edith Marlow, Grace Garrick,-, Ada "Thompson, • Florence Baker.! .Standard L: William Hollis, Charles Jennings, James Thomson, John Riley,. Hubert Oldfield, Percy Alexander. (Total 40.)

Proficiency -Certificates. —Standard VI.,; Arthur Adams, Fred Gentry, Victor McDonald, Stanley Oldfield, Owen Robinson, Edwin Warcup, Albert' Watts, John Whisker, Doreen Baker, Phyllis Beggs, Given Boggs, Una Brewer, Nellie Cook, Amy Gentry, Marjorie Goodsell, Mary Grieve, Mavis, Lee, Annie Macdonald, Amelia McMillan.

Competency Certificates. —Gordon Blackburn, Edward Matthews, Jessie Gooch, Maisie Martin, Agnes Robertson.

The headmaster remarked, when these certificates were being given .out., that-there had been only one failure in Standard VI. during the last four years. He -also stated that no less than eight ex-Maranui, pupils were prize-winners this year at the secondary schools, and that the average age of this year's Sixth was thirteen years three months. The average age for the Dominion last year was fourteen. . . .

Swimming Certificates (distances in yards).[1 yard= 0.9144 metres]—Jessie Aiken (2630). Claude Walke, Herbert Riggs (2200), Marjory Graham (1765), Doreen Baker (1100), Robert Millar (750), Amy Gentry (630), Gerald Dailey (600), .David Edginton, Una Brewer, Amelia McMillan (550), Georg© Edginton, John. Whisker, William Adams. Max Hewison, Edward Hughes, Fred Gentry, Stanley Oldfield (500), Sydney Milne, Victor McDonald,' Lola Brewer, Grace McMillan (450), Ernest Gregson, Cecil Graham (400), Horace Ward, Mann Cramond. Jessie Gooch, Owen Robinson (300) Jessie Lang, Lilian Beer, Robert Meade (200), Edwin Warcup (175), Fred, Sage (150), Phyllis Beggs (135), Alex Gilmer, Robert Matthews 1 (125), William Sendall, David Millar (100).

23rd December 1914 Miss A Gilpin appointed assistant

1915

1915	489	Maranui	Blake	Alexander C	B1	Head Master	£370.00	£50.00
1915	489	Maranui	Arcus	Lawrence H	D2	Assistant Master	£280.00	
1915	489	Maranui	Roberts BA	Florence G	B1	Assistant Female	£190.00	
1915	489	Maranui	Gaze	Frederick J	C3	Assistant Master	£190.00	
1915	489	Maranui	Webb	Hilda W	C2	Assistant Female	£150.00	
1915	489	Maranui	Hind	Florence M	B3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1915	489	Maranui	Hargreaves	Lizzie	D3	Assistant Female	£120.00	
1915	489	Maranui	Smylie	Wilhelmina	D5	Assistant Female	£110.00	
1915	489	Maranui	Gilpin	Annie		Assistant Female	£110.00	
1915	489	Maranui	Gibb	Mary		Assistant Female	£110.00	
1915	489	Maranui	Hawley	Agnes D		Female Probationer 2	£60.00	

Miss Annie Gilpin was a pupil teacher in 1911 and 1912 at South Wellington. She was at training college in 1913 and 1914. She was at Maranui/Lyall Bay until at least 1919. She then was at Seatoun from at least 1921 to 1923 when my records end.

3rd April 1928 A pleasant party, organised by Mesdames Yeaman and T. Bedford, was given by the ex-pupils of the Seatoun School on Saturday evening, as a farewell to Miss A. Gilpin, who has been on the staff for a number of years. After a happy little speech by the headmaster (Mr. Anderson), Miss Gilpin was presented with a beautiful picture, an autograph book, and a handsome basket of flowers and fruit,

5th March 1915 The Maranui School Committee put /forward a request for the issue of special school concession tickets to benefit children living about Rongotai Terrace, beyond the City boundary. On the recommendation of the Tramways Committee, the request was refused.

22nd April 1915 A meeting to further the interests of the Richmond Free Kindergarten Union was held in the Maranui Church Hall last night and was very largely attended. Mr Blake, master of the Maranui school, presided, and spoke with appreciation of the work of the kindergarten as shown by the children when they come up to the State school.....

28th April 1915 Wellington Education Board: Additions to the school at Maranui are to be undertaken, a grant amounting to £650 for that purpose having been received from the department.

3rd May 1915 Nominations for Maranui School Committee: Rev. H. Beggs, A. C. W/* Brailsford, J. Christie, W. Dobson, H. Fairclough, F C. Gentry, A. 'A. Gallatly, S. L. Hall, R.

T. Hollis, A. H. S Lucas, E. F. Meaker, F. Milne, E. M. Minifie, H. Oldfield, H. R. Page, and J. A. Sullivan.

4th May 1915 The annual meeting of Maranui householders was held last night, Mr. D. Carman presiding. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £30 5s. 6d. The chairman's report stated that the school was started in 1909, with 184 scholars, while the roll now carried. . 523. To make provision for the heavy increase an additional half-acre was secured; on which' a new infant school had been erected. More room was urgently required, and the Government had been approached for a further grant. In the intermediate grade cricket championship, the school had tied with Kilbirnie. In tennis two scholars reached the semi-final, while in swimming Claud Walker won the Tarson's Cup, Sydney Milne the committee's gold medal, and Jessie Gooch a gold medal for the girls' swimming championship. During the year in the' standards 253 scholars obtained passes of a total of 276 presented, and 12 passed the examination for scholarships and free places. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman, the secretary of the outgoing committee, and the staff. The' election of the committee resulted as follows:—Rev. Hugh Beggs (chairman), Messrs. J. Christie (secretary), A. Gellatly, F. C. Gentry, S. L. Hall, R. T. Hollis, E. F. Meaker, H. R. Page, and J. Sullivan. Mr. Brailsford, who tied for ninth place, withdrew.

31st May 1919 Donations to Military Hospital Guild Maranui- School children, 1 dozen eye bandages, 3 dozen handkerchiefs, 9 face flannels

30th June 1915 Wellington Education Board: Maranui Erection f partition: Gravel Infant School: Electric Light.

15th July 1915 Wellington Education Board Maranui— Assistant. £110 to £120

23rd July 1915 Wellington Hospital Board: 101 disinfections were carried out, including three whole houses, Mount Cook Boys' School, Mount Cook Infants' School, two classrooms at Maranui School,

1st September 1915 Wellington Education Board : Approved Maranui half cost dividing fence. Declined: retaining wall on Tainui Street.

12th November 1915 Donations to Uncle Tom Fund donation instead of buying crackers etc on Guy Fawkes Day: Maranui school £18 4s 3d

17th December 1915 Since the outbreak of the war the pupils of the Maranui School have contributed £66 in cash for patriotic purposes, and, with the help of parents and teachers, have forwarded 300 articles for soldiers' wear. One hundred and thirty pupils gained attendance certificates, as against seventy-seven the preceding year.

Owen Robinson was dux of the school and received a gold medal. Eileen Carson, a few marks behind, received a special prize from Mr. Gellatly, a member of the School Committee. Mr. F. J. Gaze, assistant master, who is about to be married, received yesterday a presentation from the teaching staff and his class, with their good wishes. The Rev. Mr. Beggs, chairman of the committee, distributed the certificates as follow : —

Attendance Certificates :—First-class— Standard VI. : D. Edginton, E. Lyle, O. Robinson, W. Sunnex, Constance Lister. Standard V. : L. Easson, W. Elton, H. Gentry, J. Williamson, Esther Carrick, Gladys Cook, Grace McMillan, Florence McGregor, Florence Sunnex. Standard IV.: J. Boyd, B. Edginton, G. Edginton, C. Graham, J. Hughes. H. Hodgkinson, A. Lucas, E. Ward, Elsie Fairclough, Annie Lang, Ellen Robertson. Standard III.: S. Bowden, S. Hardy, J. Sythes, G. McInnes , O. Dormer. R. Craig, G. . Smith, Helen East, Ruby Mines,

Rena Simmons, Ruby Clout. Standard II. : N. Gellatly, W. Gooch, W. Grieve, L. Kite, J. Matthews, S. Perkin, J. Townson, K. Webster, Evelyn Hardy, Adelaide Raven, Isobel Raxworthy, Doris Sawtell. Standard I. : D. Aldridge, J. Gentry, R. Hogg, W. Craig, Muriel Milroy, "Robina Williamson. Preparatory—W. Dormer, E. Harris, A. Meiers, R. Hazelwood, Frances Hazelwood, Florence Hazelwood, Pearl Crichton. Total—64.

Second Class.—Standard VI. : H. Ward, Eileen Carson, Mary Martin. Standard V. : E.. Ardrey, K. Johnson, W. Weaker, S. Milne, F. Pope-Harris. Annie Lithgow, Edith Thompson, Hilda Waterhouse, Jessie Lang. Standard IV. : N. Brewer, C. Milne, L. Potter, L. Matthews, A. Urwin, Lily Dobson, Hinemoa Bollons, Hazel Hodgkinson, Irene Lawton, Mamie Little. Standard III. :A. Crichton, P. Alexander, P. Ward D Bollons, W. Pearce, A. Hodgkinson J. Edginton, A. Meynell, Grace Carrick, Edith Marlow, Gladys Lovell, Muriel Carson, Mary Hollis, Lucy George Elsie Baker. Standard II. : L Bowden J Dalley. J' Fryer' H- Mawhinney, E M Lachlan, C. Minifie. J. Grant, Ella Biel, Isobel Lithgow, Githa Richardson, Ada Thompson. Standard 1 G McKenzie, Jean Laurenson, Isabel M Gregor, Jessie McQueen, Aileen Philips Preparatory: C. Boyd, J. McInnes, A. Ardrey, F. Hunt, G. Laurenson, G. Cunninghame, E. Urwin, Doris Gooch, Jean Taylor, Jessie Lean Phyllis McWhannell Ethel Tamplin, , "Lizzie McLintock, Amy Lord, Nellie Johnson, Maggie Heyworth. Total—69. R McGregor C Armstrong, N. Lambert J. Williamson (100); A. Lucas, K Pattle, Agnes Robertson (200) G Blake H Ward (250); B- (300) ;E. Gregson, O.. Robinson, C Sutcliffe (400) D Millar- Doris Paul (450) C Milne, S" Hodgkinson (500) D. Edginton (550); L. Brewer, S. Milne G Alexander (600) Esther Carrick (650) C graham, G Edginton (700) G Dalley (800) Grace McMillan, Jessie Lang (1000) R Millar, Jessie Gooch, M Hewison (1200) 20th December 1915 A recruiting office has been opened at Newtown, under the immediate control of Mr. L. H. Arcus, of the Maranui School.

1916-1917

1917	593	Maranui	Blake	Alexander C	B-12	Head	£410.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Arcus	Lawrence H	D-54	Assistant	£310.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Gaze	Frederick J	C-65	Assistant	£250.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Roberts BA	Florence G	B-49	Assistant	£230.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Hind	Florence M	B-67	Assistant	£190.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Webb	Hilda M	C-69	Assistant	£190.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Hargreaves	Lizzie	D-78	Assistant	£150.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Smylie	Wilhelmina	D-99	Assistant	£130.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Gilpin	Ann S	D-98	Assistant	£120.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Gibb	Muriel B		Assistant	£110.00	
1917	593	Maranui	McDonald	Jane C	C	Assistant	£110.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Nielsen	Engelhardt R B		Probationer 2	£60.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Beggs	Vera E R		PT3	£55.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Nutsford	Hazel		PT4	£55.00	
1917	593	Maranui	Blake	Norma R		Probationer 1	£35.00	

Note: From 1915 teacher lists were only published every 2nd year

Jane C McDonald only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Maranui/Lyall Bay in 1917 and 1919

Engelhardt R B Nielsen only was registered as teaching in 1917 at Maranui as a probationer
Vera E B Beggs taught at Maranui in 1917, then went to training college and in 1921 was at Clyde Quay. Obtained a B A in 1920

1928/3005	Vera Elizabeth Rose Beggs	Arthur Henry	Yvory
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Hazel Nutsford only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Maranui

Norma R Blake only taught for the Wellington Education Board at Maranui

21st January 1916 Since the breakfast hour on Wednesday the majority of the residents of Lyall Bay (or Maranui) —together with many other people, I have' yet to learn the reason for having two names for this centre of population---have been without a regular supply of water.

1st March 1916 Wellington Education Board The application 'tor a retaining -wall at Maranui was declined for the time being.

18th March 1916 Wellington Education Board MARANUI SCHOOL—Asphalt around Infants' School: Plans and specifications may be seen at the Education Board Office

7th April 1916 [1000 Yards = 914.4 metres] Swimming proficiency certificates have been gained by the following pupils of the Maranui School, who have covered the distances mentioned :—Jessie Lang and Annie Lithgow, 1900 yds; Grace McMillan and' Sheila Neilson, 1710; Charles Watkins, 1300; Cecil Graham,' 1250; George Edginton. and Harold Couzens, 1200; Sidney Milne, 1100; Lola Brewer, 1055; Gordon Blake, Neil Lambert, Ben Edginton, Jack Thompson, 1000; Alfred Wicks, 720; James Edginton, 700; Thomas McLeod, 600; Esther Carson, 525; Rita Dayes, Bessie Ogden. David Millar, and John Bell, .500; Leslie Bell, Richard Just, Roy Tonks, 400. Leonard Lamberg, 300; Irene Lawton Florence McGregor, Gladys Oldfield 285; Lionel Easson Cook, George Woodward, James Hughes, Sidney Hodgkinson, Percy Alexander 200; Ronald McGregor, Arthur Stone, 150; Eric Ardrey, Alfred Lucas, Mona Dayes, George Goodsell, Harry Gentry, Herbert Fryer, 100. The following pupils of Mr. W. Lev/is had qualified, for their proficiency certificates : —A. Cudby, W. Cudbv, N. Reid, D. Harley, I. Welch, J. Marsh, and C. Worboys. A. Cudby, who has put up some splendid performances in long-distance swimming, is the brother of the younger Cudby who won a 50 yards race recently. In less than three weeks after learning to swim he swam 600 yds, the following morning 750 yds, and the same evening 1000 yds. Three days afterwards he swam three-quarters of a mile. Valuable assistance was rendered Mr. Lewis by Scoutmaster F. E. Godfrey by safeguarding the boys until they were able to swim the distances by themselves., At Thorndon Mr. Lewis has this season taught 54 boys to swim —a splendid record.

14th April 1916 The following have been nominated for election to the Maranui School Committee:—Messrs. A. W. Brailsford, J. Christie, P. G. Easson, F. J. Evans, A. A. Gellatly, F. C. Gentry, C. M. Jenkins, D. H. Jenkins, S. Milne, J. Leuchars, S. G. Lovell, H. E. Moston, H. J. H. Ockenden, H. R. Page, A. Sando. 'The sitting members are: Messrs. Brailsford, Christie. Gellatly, Gentry, and Page

18th April 1916 The meeting of the householders of Maranui was presided over by the Rev. H. Begg. The annual report was adopted. Good progress has been made during the year, as

shown by the headmaster's report. . The number of children at present on the roll is over 560, and is steadily increasing, extra accommodation having had to be provided during the past year. Receipts for the year totalled £147, expenditure £134 5s 7d, leaving a credit balance of £12 14s 5d. Owing largely, to the extraordinary conditions occasioned by the war, the committee had not during the year attempted any extensive new works, but had been content, so far as lay within its functions, to preserve the school .buildings and grounds in the excellent condition in which their predecessors left them. Several improvements had, however, been effected by the Education Board at the instance of the committee. '

In connection. with the health of the children, the committee expressed its appreciation of the . interest taken by the teachers in the sport of the children. Especially gratifying was the work done in connection with the school swimming classes, conducted during the summer months by the teachers for boys and girls. During the year the committee had been obliged to exercise strict economy, to enable it to carry on its work. It acknowledged with thanks the receipt of contributions from the teachers of amounts aggregating £11 14s, as also the response of the local public to an appeal for funds, the sum of £7 13s 6d having been collected or voluntarily contributed. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Blake (headmaster), and a resolution expressing confidence in the whole staff was unanimously carried..

The following nine were elected members of the committee for the ensuing year : —Alex. A. Gellatly (26 votes), Henry Robert Page (29 votes), Frederick Chas. Gentry (27 votes), Percy George Easson (25 votes), Alfred W. Bradford (24 votes), James Christie (23 votes), Frederick J. Evans (20 votes), Henry E. Moston (20 votes), S. G. Lovell (16 votes). Mr. Gellatly was elected chairman and Mr. Christie secretary.

3rd June 1916 Maranui School, Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P. In his address to the pupils of the Maranui School, pointed out that Great Britain was the Motherland und New Zealand was one of her sons. In her time of trouble all her sons had rallied to her assistance. This was true patriotism. After the arar was Over, Germany would pursue a commercial war against the British Empire. If wo were loyal to the Empire we would not purchase goods made in enemy countries. If wo did, our foes would with our money build up armaments and further wars would result.

17th June 1916 At a meeting of Maranui residents, held in the local schoolroom last evening, it - was decided to. organise a-big bazaar in -which - the school - committee, assisted by the teaching staff and parents' of children attending - the school,, will take part. The bazaar-is to be held on the last ' day of August, and first day of September, in the Maranui schoolroom, the proceeds to be devoted to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund, and to the improvement, of the school grounds.

3rd July 1916 The Ladies' Committee of the produce stall of the Maranui School Bazaar, which takes place shortly, gave a musical afternoon on Saturday, and a large number of visitors and friends attended. Mrs. Page was the. organiser and hostess. The room was prettily decorated, under the superintendence of Mrs. Campbell, Coromandel Street, Mrs. J., P. Luke opened the proceedings. The chairman of the School Committee (Mr. Gellatly) welcomed Mrs. Luke, who was presented with a bouquet by Miss Kathleen Critchley. The headmaster,. Mr. Blake explained the objects of the gathering. Musical items and recitations were contributed by Mesdames Crossley, Fauvel, Culford Bell, Lewis, Phythian, Galloway, Misses

Clater, Esson, Boutell, Mr. Lazlett Exton. The piano., was kindly lent .the Bristol Piano Company, and the furniture by Messrs. Veitch and Allan

7th July 1916 The committee of the Produce Stall gave a pleasant afternoon last Saturday in the infant schoolroom, Maranui, in connection with the Maranui School and Patriotic Bazaar to be held shortly. Mrs Luke was present and was presented with a bouquet by Miss ' Kathleen Critchley. Mr. Blake, headmaster, explained the object of the bazaar to be held, and Mrs. Luke spoke of the work that was being done for the New Zealand wounded soldiers. Mesdames J. Paul and Page were joint secretaries, and with a strong committee helped to make the afternoon a success. The musical portion of the entertainment was provided by the following performers: — Mesdames Galloway, Phythann, Culford Bell, s Fauvel, Crossley, Misses Eason, Boutell, Clater, and Mr. Lazlett Exton. The piano was kindly lent by the Bristol.

10th July 1916 St Johns Ambulance Committee acknowledges Maranui School, 17 diet cloths, 7 balaclavas, 51 treasure bags, 1 notebook;

26th July 1916 Wellington Education Board approves a new wall at Maranui £90

14th August 1916 There is a hum and stir in the Lyall Bay air that presages a momentous happening. At the month end there will occur an event which should be worth witnessing—to wit, a monster bazaar. The Maranui School is to be utilised, and nearly everyone in the Bay district is lending a helping hand to make the gathering a huge success, because the proceeds are to be partly devoted to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund and partly to the improvement of the school grounds. The teaching staff and scholars, assisted by the School Committee and friends are the promoters, and already quite a large and varied assortment of useful goods have been prepared for sale at the many stalls. Amusements, side shows, guessing competitions, and such like, are to be features of the programme, and it is hoped that all who desire to aid a good .cause will make a note of the event.

31st August 1916 The Maranui Public School has since 1914 collected for patriotic purposes over £130 in cash, and during the last two months have been busily engaged, scholars and teachers, with the assistance of Lyall Bay residents, in preparing for a bazaar, which, by notice in another column, is announced to take place at the school to-day and tomorrow. The opening ceremony will be performed by the Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister-of Education, at 2.30 p.m. to-day, and thereafter the bazaar will be open to the public till 10.30 p.m., and again on Friday from 3 o'clock till the same hour. The programme gives promise of a successful gathering,' as, quite apart from a very varied assortment of useful goods for sale, there are amusements of several kinds, including maypole and gavotte dancing, pianoforte selections, songs by senior scholars, .and concerts by children at 7.30 and by adults at 9.30 each evening. A shooting gallery and several side-shows are other features, and refreshments, including meat teas, are to be provided. Half the proceeds are for the Wounded Soldiers' Fund and half for schoolground improvements

1st September 1916 For many weeks now the scholars and teachers of the Maranui Public school, with the aid of residents round about, have been working in regard to a big bazaar, the proceeds of which are to go partly to the Wounded Soldiers' fund and partly for schoolgrounds improvements. Yesterday afternoon the opening ceremony in connection with this bazaar took place in the infant school adjoining the main building the Minister of Education, the Hon. J. A. Hanan, performing that duty. Flags fluttering outside indicated that

something foreign to the routine of school life -was taking place and in. the school itself this impression was confirmed by the sight \of decorated rooms and corridors, in which were displayed numbers of stalls laden with all sorts of attractive things—edible, utilitarian, or decorative, and" sometimes all three.

Mr. Hanan, who was accompanied by Mrs. Hanan, was 1 accommodated upon a dais in one of the class-rooms, and also occupying seats there were the Mayoress (Mrs. J. P. Luke), the Hon. J. G. Aitken, the Hon. Mr. Gilbert Carson, Mr. Gellatly (the chairman of the school committee), Mrs - Gellatly, Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P., and Mrs. Wright, Mr. Blake (headmaster of the Maranui School) and Mrs. Blake. Mrs. Hanan was presented with a beautiful bouquet of violets, maidenhair fern, and cineraria's, by little Myrtle Hall. Mr. Gellatly introduced the different speakers, the first one being the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, chairman of the Wellington Education Board. In the course of his remarks, Mr. spoke of the phenomenal growth of the district, and of the difficulty of keeping pace with that growth in the matter of school requirements. It was possible that to meet with this growth a side-school would have to be established.

Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P., thought the patriotic spirit which was displayed by the teachers, scholars, and those' assisting was very commendable, and that such efforts were indeed needed. For these men who-had gone away to fight lor their country, and those who were left behind, 100 much could not be done. Irrespective of all that h Government and the patriotic societies were doing for the soldiers and sailors and their dependants there was still room for local efforts. He hoped that the bazaar would, meat with great success.

The Minister of Education, the Hon. T . A. Hanan, spoke of the necessity for proper school grounds and equipment for the physical and mental development of children attending school. After the war was over wo would have to face the industrial and commercial war which was surely following, and to meet it with any success wo would have to see-to it that our children were now being educated in ways that would enable them to co.no with the intense competition that would prevail, and the altered conditions of industrial and ' commercial life. He referred to one of the Continental nations that even provided schools for cabmen, for chimneysweeps, and other workers ; in which they were trained to the highest point of efficiency iii their own particular work. And so it was in every branch practically of the national life of these people he spoke of. The. Hon. Gilbert Carson, M.L.C., and Mr.. Blake also made brief speeches. Mr. Carson was for some years chairman of the Wanganui Education Board and has always taken a keen interest in educational matters.

The visitors were afterwards entertained at afternoon tea in one of the classrooms which had been converted into a. tea-room. Afterwards a tour of the different stalls was made, much admiration being expressed for the excellence of the goods which wore displayed upon them, and also for their-decorative setting, which had been carried out by Mr. Dodderell. The following were in charge:—Work Stall (plain and fancy): Mesdames Aldridge (Hon. secretary), Mines Hon, treasurer), Dormer, Drew, Driller, Gentry, McKenzie , Meaker, and Morrah. Produce Stall: Mesdames Page (Hon, secretary), Stone (hon. treasurer), Campbell, Critchley, Easson, Howitt, Leuchars, Price and Sando. Parcel Stall (mysterious): Mesdames Robertson (hon. secretary), Carman, Garrick, McLeod, Sandham, Sturrock, and Webster. Old Girls' Stall: Misses D. Robertson (hon. 'secretary), M. Blake, E. Carson, N. Cook, H. Flett, A.' Gentry, M. Goodsell, M. Hammond, .J. Jones, E. Matthews, M. Martin, A. McMillan, S.

Neilson, I. Potter, E. Stone. Bag Stall: Mesdames Jacobsen (hon. secretary), Hewson, Moran, sen., Mowtell, and Ward. Jumble Stall: Mesdames Brailsford (hon. secretary), Cavell, Evans, Josephs, Whitehead and Willoughby. Sweets and Flower Stall: The lady teachers, Misses Gibb, Gilpin, Hargreaves, Hind, Roberts, Symlie and Webb, assisted by senior girls. Shooting Range, Side-shows, etc.; Messrs. Lovell, McLachlan and others. Refreshment Room: Mesdames Kennedy (hon; secretary), Arcus, Bell, Blake, Gaze, and Gellatly.

In the evening two concerts had been arranged, the first one beginning at half past seven, and the other at half past nine. The first programme was as follows:—"The Toy Duet," Laura Beggs, Sydney Perkin and chorus "The French Bonnet," Mona Dayes and Robert Craig; Gavotte, Senior Girls; Cantata, "Soot and the Fairies," Junior Children. In the second programme the following contributed items:—Musical Monologue, Leith Riddell; Musical Monologue, Miss Griffiths; Recitation (humorous), Fergus Reeves; Recitation, Miss Greening; Musical Monologue, Mr. Colin Trim (pupil of Mr. and Mrs. Culford Bell).

The hon. secretary of the bazaar committee was Mr. H. R. Page, and Mr. F. J. Evans was hon. treasurer. Miss F. G. Roberts was chairwoman of the Ladies' Committee, Mr. A. A. Gellatly being chairman of the Men's Committee. The bazaar will be continued this afternoon and evening. Already over £200 has been raised at the bazaar.

2nd September 1916 The Maranui School -Bazaar, which concluded yesterday, resulted in over £330 being raised for the Wounded Soldiers' Fund and for improvements to the school grounds.

9th September 1916 At a special meeting of the Maranui School Committee on Thursday evening, a presentation of a wristlet watch and -case was made by- the chairman of the committee to Mr. F. Gaze, one of the teachers, who has enlisted and leaves shortly for the camp at Palmerston.

10th October 1916 Maranui —Assistant Master (during war), £190 to £220

26th October 1916 Wellington Education Board The chairman stated that the department had granted a rent, allowance of. 15s per week in connection with the Maranui school. [Most likely hire of a hall for extra accommodation]

31st October 1916 The secretary of the Wellington War Relief Society acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £160 from the committee of the Maranui School, same being half the proceeds of a bazaar organised and carried out by the residents of Lyall Bay and Maranui.

30th November 1916 Mr C. W. Perrin, appointed pupil, teacher, Maranui; [I could find no record of this teacher]

16th December 1916 MARANUI ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES. Standard VI.—Eric Ardrey, Harry Gentry, Ronald McGregor, Wilfred Meaker, Sydney Milne, Alex. Robertson, Leslie Simmons, Esther Carrick, Emily Craig, Jessie Lang, Constance Lister, Annie Lithgow, Winifred Matthews, Florence McGregor, Grace McMillan, Gladys Oldfield, Bessie Ogden, Thelma Page, and Edith Thompson.

Standard V.—Martin Benfell, Gordon Blake, James Boyd, Lionel Easson, George Edginton, Ben Edginton, James Hughes, Richard Just, Geoffrey Maddock, Colin Milne, Archie Morris, Leslie Potter, Leslie Smaller, Gladys Cook, Isabel Howitt, Annie Lang, Irene Lawton, and Lizzie Howat.

Standard IV.—Samuel Bowden, Robert Craig, Harold Couzens, Ormond Dormer, Russell Evans, James Edginton, Stewart Hardy, William Pearce, Boy Purdey, George Smith;

Mornington Smyth, Jack Thompson, Frank Waterhouse, Florence Baker, Ruby Mines, Agnes McClintock, Phyllis Robertson, and Rena Simmons.

Standard III.—Lionel Bowden, Lionel Cavell, William Corley, William Gooch, William Grieve, Aubrey James, John Matthews, Bertie Oldfield, Sidney Perkin, John Stewart, John Townson, Keith Webster, Ella Biel, Beryl Fairway, Evelyn Hardy, Jean Laurenson, Isabel Lithgow, Ngaire Malcolm, Isobel-Raxworthy, Doris Sawtell, and Ada Thompson.

Standard II.—Edward Biel, Clarence Boyd, William Craig, William Dormer, John Gentry, George McKenzie, Cecil Minifie, Vernon Rankine, North Ardrey, Ivy Chetter, Elsie Carson, Edith Lang, Muriel Milroy, Lena Taylor, Eileen Wallis, and Robina Williamson.

Standard I.—Ashley Ardrey, Graeme Laurenson, Douglas Laurenson, William Millar, John McInnes, Tan Nicolson, Kathleen Butterworth, Gladys Dayes, Doris Gooch, Ruby Hall, Lizzie McClintock, Mavis McWhannell, Elsie Mines, Evelyn Robinson, Phyllis Wallis, and Ruby Waring.

Preparatory.—Leonard Bailey, Eric Boyd, Hugh Currie, Raymond Hazelwood, James Lyon, Arthur Meiers, Francis Hazelwood, Marjory Snow, Jean Taylor, Ernest Gentry, Steel McKenzie, Mollie Dormer, Desmond Martin, and Thomas Perkins."

Total, 122. Fourteen others missed their certificate by one attendance.

Dux of School.—Wilfred Meaker, who has attended no other school but Maranui Winner of gold medal, presented by Mr. Crengel.

Winners of shooting prizes, presented by Mr. McLachlan.—Alexander Robertson, Gordon Blake, and Archibald Morris.

Proficiency Certificates—Eric Ardrey, Fred Biel, Harry Gentry, William Jackson, Kenneth Johnson, Wilfred Meaker, Sydney Milne, Alex. Robertson, Leslie Simmons, Wilfred Smith, John Williamson, Lilian Beer, Dorothy Lightfoot, Constance Lister, Annie Lithgow, Winifred Matthews, Florence McGregor, Grace McMillan, Thelma Page, and Hilda Waterhouse.

2nd February 1917 Wellington Education Board: The Department wrote stating that it had authorised a grant of £600 for an addition to the Maranui School,

21st February 1917 SEPARATE Tenders for the following . Works at MARANUI SCHOOL will be received at the Education Board Office up to Noon of Tuesday, the 27th February:— , . -Additions to School . Erection of Concrete Urinal, etc.: Construction of Concrete Retaining Wall, 'Tainui-terrace. .

16th March 1917 Proficiency swimming certificates have been gained by the following pupils of the; Maranui schools, the distances in yards being given in parentheses:— Yvonne Sinclair (2025 yds), Gertrude Austin and Helen East (1800), Leone Sutton (1530), George Alexander (1500), Gordon Blake, Harold Couzens, and George Edginton (1200), Benjamin Edginton/ Colin Milne (1100), Neil Lambert, John Thompson, Lionel Eason, and James Hughes (1000), Cecil Graham (1250), Annie Lang (720), James Edginton (700), Nelson Sutton (650), Alfred Lucas; (600), Archibald; Morris (650), Maurice Isherwood (550), Irene Lawton and Lily Whisker (540), John Bell, Neville Brewer, Leonard Lamberg , and Ronald McGregor (500), Muriel Carson, Lucy George, Richard Just, and George Goodsell (450); Roy Wake, Leslie Bell, and Kenneth Isherwood (400), Thelma Tasker (360), Geoffrey Jarman, and Ormond Dormer (350), William McEwen, Reginald Smith, Edgar Ward, and William Gooch (300),...Isabel Howitt (270), Herbert Fryer and James Butterworth (250), Mornington Smyth,

Percy Watts, Bertram Oldfield, John Townson, William McInnes, and Francis Sullivan (200), Dorothy Smith, Doris Poole, Percy Ward, and George Smith (150), Adelaide Raven, Rene Simmons, Isabel'-Lithgow, Dorothy Wahlers, Phyllis Robertson, Elsie Nicholson, Nathaniel Benfell, James Boyd, John Telford, and Leslie Smaller (100).

26th April 1917 At the Maranui School, the headmaster (Mr. A. C. Blake) addressed the scholars, detailing Fully the incidents connected with the lauding, naming those responsible for the conduct of the operations and giving a vivid picture of the' memorable events connected with the great undertaking. In order to better fix the historic events in the scholars' minds each was asked to write an essay on the subject and pass it on to the class teacher

1st May 1917 he meeting of householders of Maranui was fairly well attended, Mr. A. Gellatly presiding. The attendance at the school during the year had increased from 560 to 650. As a result of this extra accommodation bad to be provided, but still more was required. The school for the first time was fully staffed, having a total of fifteen teachers. Satisfaction was expressed with the good work of the teachers, as evidenced by the reports of the visiting inspectors. At the end of the financial year the receipts showed a sum of £503 16s and expenditure £314 4s. The actual credit balance was now £23 13s 9d. Patriotic lectures had been 'given, and a branch of the Navy League had been formed, and the school library had been well supplied with books from the Newtown Public Library. The most prominent feature of the year's work was the bazaar organised by the teachers, committee, and residents. As a result the. sum of £318 15s was raised, of which £160 was paid to the Wellington War Relief Association. A large amount of patriotic work had been and was still being carried out by the scholars, over £250 having been raised. All classes of sport had been well fostered. . Attendance certificates to the number of 122 had been gained. On Arbor Day over 200 trees were planted. Votes of thanks were accorded the outgoing committee, the teaching staff, and the retiring chairman and secretary. The following committee was elected: — Messrs. A. Brailsford, P. J. Easson, A. P Whitehead, E. Cavell, S. Gambrill, A Sando. F. J. Evans, J. Leuchars, S. Milne. Mr. Evans was elected chairman and Mr. Cavell secretary.

16th June 1917 Maranui assistant: Miss J C McDonald

4th September 1917 Recent contributions to the Mayoress' Christmas Pudding Fund, the monthly parcels, and the Christmas parcels funds arc acknowledged from the following:— Maranui School, .£2 9s. 9d.

1st November 1917 W Wellington Education Board: Surgeon-General Henderson wrote granting leave to Messrs. Tremewan (Shannon) and Gaze (Maranui), of the hospital ship Marama's staff. It was reported that these teachers had resumed their duties.

19th December 1917 Public Schools tennis Tournament Boys' Singles (final). —Couzens (Maranui—1916 champion) beat Graham (Maranui) by 30 points to IS; and In the Exhibition Singles, which closed the day's play, ' Couzens, ; after ' a well-contested game, beat McPhee (Terrace) by 30 points to 25. Boys' Doubles (final). Couzens and Graham (Maranui) beat Donovan- and Jenkins (Clyde quay) by 30 to 27.

20th December 1917 The Minister of Finance sent to schools supplies of a special form for the use of children who wished to assist in providing money for war purposes. The forms have sixteen spaces, each intended to be occupied by a shilling stamp. The child saves enough to buy a shilling stamp, places it in one of the spaces, and continues the process until the form is filled. Then the Post Office will exchange the completed form for a £1 War

Certificate. It was announced, at the annual gathering in connection with the Maranui School yesterday that the children had taken up no fewer than 126 of these forms.

20th December 1917 MARANUI, The closing ceremony for the Christmas - vacation took the form of a series of children's concerts—the first for the pupils, the second for parents. At the latter function the chairman of the School Committee (Mr F. Evans) presented medals and certificates as follow.

Dux of School—Gordon Blake, winner of gold medal presented by a friend of the school. Swimming Championship— Harold Couzens, winner of gold medal presented by N.Z.A.S.A. Proficiency Certificates—Standard VI ; Gordon Blake, John Boyd, Martin Benfell, Nat. Benfell, John Bell, Lionel Easson, Benjamin Edginton, Herbert Fryer, George Goodsell, Cecil Graham, Alfred Lucas, Ronald McGregor, Kenneth Millar, Archibald Morns, Thomas Newlands, Leslie Smaller, Francis Sullivan, Nelson Sutton, Edgar Ward, Benjamin Williamson, Kathleen Critchley, Irma Hare, Annie Lang, Irene Lawton, Isabel MacIver, Lily Whisker, Winifred Salter, Yvonne Sinclair, Dorothy Smith, Irma Olsen

Competency Certificates. -Standard VI: Neville Brewer, George Edginton, Walter Hollings, Neil Lambert, Colm Milne, Esma Mawhinney, Ellen Robertson, Thelma Tasker, Neville Brewer, ana George Edginton were awarded Endorsed Certificates," with special merit in handwork and the elementary science, entitling them to Free Places at the Technical School.

Attendance Certificates.—Standard VI: Gordon Blake, James Boyd, Neville Brewer, Lionel Easson, Ben. Edginton, George Edginton Herbert Goodsell, Alfred Lucas, Ronald McGregor , Kenneth Millar, Archibald Morris, Nelson Sutton, Annie Lang. Isabel MacIver, Dorothy Smith, Lily Whisker.

Standard V: Harold. Cousins, Mornington Smyth, Leslie Potter Ormand Dormer, James Gilbert, Roy Purdey, Jack Telford, Bertram Pringle, McInnes , Samuel Bowden, Robert Craig, Agnes McClintock, Phyllis Robertson, Florence Baker, Edith Marlow, Helen East, Leonie Sutton. .

Standard IV: Lionel Bowden, Ernest Chadwick, William Corley William Grieve, Ralph Hogg, Neil Hutchings, William Johnson, Edgar M Lachlan, John Townson, Ella Biel, Thelma Crockett, Beryl Fairway, Isobel Lithgow, Doris Sawtell.

Standard III: Norman Abethardt, Edward Biel, Clarence Boyd, Frank Brewer, Horace Cairns, William Dormer, Joseph Gilbert, Andrew MacIver, George McKenzie, Vernon Rankine, Lisle Tonks, Keith. Webster, Norah Ardrey, Freda Baker, Rona Brewer, Ethel Crockett, Gladys Hall, Edith Lang, Isobel Gregor, Githa Richardson, Robina Williamson.

Standard II: Ashley Ardrey, Frank Costin, Harold Edmonds, David Lyon, Arthur Meier, William Millar, John McInnes , Ian Nicolson, Maurice 0 Kane, Dudley Perkin, Lawrence Roberts, Reginald Scott, George Scott, .Ewart Emus, Ruby' Hall, Nellie Johnstone, Lizzie McClintock, Mavis McWhannel, Muriel 'McLachlan, Thelma Neilson, Lena Taylor, Ethel Tamplin, Gladys Meier.

Standard I: Victor Hutching, James Lyon, Edward Harlow, Mary Dormer, Frances Hazlewood, Elsie Nielson.

Preparatory Classes: Gladys Cook, John Levestam, Pearl Hazlewood, Joseph Bennett, Grace Stanford, James Lochhead , Rene Oughton, Oswald Death, Frank McInnes—a total of 107 who have not been absent more than two days and a half.

1918-1919

1919	645	Lyall Bay	Blake	Alexander C	B-9	Head	£485.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Arcus	Lawrence H	D-49	Assistant	£390.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Gaze	Frederick J	C-62	Assistant	£335.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Roberts BA	Florence G	B-47	Assistant	£310.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Hind	Florence M	B-63	Assistant	£265.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Webb	Hilda M	B-65	Assistant	£265.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Hargreaves	Lizzie	D-75	Assistant	£230.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Smylie	Wilhelmina	D-94	Assistant	£195.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Gilpin	Ann S	C-94	Assistant	£175.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	McDonald	Jane C	C-99	Assistant	£165.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Leitch	Louise	C-98	Assistant	£165.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Martin	Rachel (i)	D-100	Assistant	£165.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Moon	Mary E Mrs	Lic	Assistant	£150.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Gibb	Muriel B		Assistant	£140.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Gray	Ethel		PT2	£100.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Wilson	John		Probationer 2	£100.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Diaper	Sydney H		Probationer 1	£90.00
1919	645	Lyall Bay	Beggs	Phyllis		Probationer 1	£65.00

Louise Leitch taught at Mt Cook Infants in 1914 and 1915 as a probationer and then at Lyall Bay as an assistant in 1919 Appointed to Avoca School West of Fairlie in South Canterbury in 1920.

Rachel Martin (1) taught at Marima [Southwest of Pahiatua]as sole teacher in 1917 in 1919 at Lyall Bay and at Kakariki across the river from Marima in 1921

Mrs Mary E Moon only taught under her married name in 1919 at Lyall Bay for the Wellington Education Board

Ethel Gray taught as a pupil teacher at Kilbirnie in 1917 and at Lyall Bay in 1919

John Wilson only taught the Wellington Education Board at Lyall Bay

Sydney H Diaper taught as a pupil teacher at Lyall Bay in 1919 and 1921.

Phyllis Beggs only taught the Wellington Education Board at Lyall Bay

2nd March 1918 A school concert with an attractive programme by Maranui school children with assistance from local adult talent is advertised to-day. Two evening performances are to be given, and large attendances are hoped for.

7th March 1918 A very large attendance greeted the first night programme at the Maranui School concert, in Kilbirnie Hall, last evening. The various items on the programme were well received, those by the pupils of the school showing very careful and thorough training. The programme (included the following items: —Part songs by girls and boys, character songs by pupils of Standards I and 111 and infant girls; recitations by Jack Telford and Thelma Perkis: elocution item by Mrs. Culford Bell's pupils; physical drill by senior girls; and a cantata, "Beauty and the Beast," by the senior scholars. The adult items included musical monologue by Miss Stevens, humorous song by Mr. Albert Russell, bass solo by Mr. Rupert Meates, musical monologue by Mr. Norman E. Aitken, song by Miss Mavis Phillips, and modern magic by Mr. A. Allan. Miss McDonald and Mr. H. C. W. Blick were the

accompanists. The proceeds are for the Maranui School funds, and an even more attractive programme is promised for tomorrow evening.

11th March 1918 The second evening concert last week by the Maranui school children and friends was very largely attended. The first part of the programme was the same as on the opening night, all the items by the children being heartily applauded. Great credit is due to the teachers responsible for the training given to the children.— The second part was contributed to by well-known adult entertainers. Songs were given by Messrs. W. Thompson and Len. Barnes, and Misses Eva Smith and Ruby Scott. Mr. Oswin recited, the Waiata Party rendered a pleasing quartet, and Mr. W. W. Crawford gave an elocutionary item. Recalls were frequent. The accompanists were Miss McDonald and Mr. Frank Thomas. As a result of the two concerts the school funds will benefit to the extent of £24.

21st March 1918 Wellington Education Board appointed Miss L Leitch to Maranui

25th March 1918 During the, 1917-18 season the following boys and girls attending the Maranui School have qualified for swimming certificates: — Girls.—Proficiency certificates: Muriel Carson (1530 yds), Mona Davies (1530---yds), Grace Carrick (1250 yds), Edie Lang (1000 yds), Mildred East (1000 yds), Phyllis Robertson (630 yds), Isabel Young (450 yds), Laura Beggs (400 yds), Doris Poole (315 yds), Edith Marlow (315 yds), Isabel Howitt (360 yds), Doris Sawtell (360 yds), Mona Milne (360 yds), Joyce Carman (360 yds), Elsie Carson (360 yds), Thelma Parfitt- (300 yds), Bernice Anderson (270 yds), Nettie Elder (270 yds), Winnie Woodward (270 yds), Ellen Robertson (270 yds), Alma Clegg (250 yds), Adelaide Raven (250 yds), Ruby Mines (250 yds), Rona Brewer (250 yds), Elsie Baker (250 yds), Edna Foothead (250 yds), Evelyn Hardy (200 yds), Isabel Lithgow (250 yds), Ada Thompson (270 yds).

Learners. —Beryl Fairway (200 yds), C Dwyer (100 yds), Elsie Nicholson (135 yds), Thelma Perkis (100 yds), C; Hollings (100 yds). .

Boys.—Proficiency J. Sullivan (600 yds), K. Isherwood (600 yds), H. Couzens (500 yds), C. Milne (500 yds), J. Edginton 500 yds > O. Dorman (500 yds), L. Tonks (500 yds), C.' Jenkins (500 yds), -W. Grieve 500 yds , L. Bell (500 yds), M. Gellatly (500 yds), M. Smyth (500 yds), J. Townson (400 yds), P. Ward (400 yds), J. .Butterworth (350 yds), W. Hollings (300 yds), S. Ambrose (300 yds), L. Potter (500 yds), R. Purdy (300 yds), S. Watts (300 yds), J. Pringle (250 yds), A. James (225 yds). Learners.—F. Williams (100 yds), L. Cavell (100 yds), F. Lamberg (100 yds), G. Smith (100 yds), S. Hardy (100 yds), J. Telford (100 yds), J. Charters (100 yds), ' J". Jenkins (100 yds), B. Oldfield (100 yds).

18th April 1918 Wellington Education Board It was notified that a Government grant of £750 had been authorised' for additions to the Maranui School.

18th April 1918 Wellington Education Board Maranui assistant appointed Miss R Martin

22nd APRIL 1918 The following have been nominated for election to the Maranui School Committee:—Messrs. F. J. Evans, S. Gambrill, .J. Leuchars, A. Sando, A. Whitehead (all members of the present committee), N. L. Aitken, S. Chisholm. J'. 1., Hollin.se, J. H. Ryder, V. H. Smyth. — Butt, — Croskery, — Hansen,—McClymont . — Roberts, — Wells. There are sixteen nominations for a committee of nine, and a keen contest is expected. .During the past year much important work has been done, and the retiring committee can show a good record.

23rd April 1918 About 70 householders attended the meeting at Maranui last evening, Mr. Evans presiding. The report showed that the total number of scholars was 696, the average attendance last quarter being 638. Various works had been carried out during the year, and the committee wished to acknowledge the reasonableness with which the board and its officers had met the requirements of the school. At the beginning of the year the sum of £150 was in hand to be spent in improvements and additions to the grounds. An additional £54 9s 9d had since been received, and, with subsidies, the total amount was £408 19s 6d. The total expenditure to date was approximately £150, leaving £258 9s 6d still available for works in hand, etc. Donations had been received from parents "which enabled a new piano to be purchased. An additional classroom is to be added to the main building. The receipts for the year totalled £513 9s 1d and expenditure £334 9s M. The girl scholars of the higher standards had been taught swimming, and instruction in life-saving will be undertaken, next year. Tennis and basketball had also been taught. Boys' sports had not been neglected six baseball matches were won out of seven. The cricket team was leading for the schools' championship. At tennis Harold Couzens won the public schools' singles championship, and Harold and Cecil Graham the doubles championship. Third place had been gained in the life-saving competition organised by the Royal Life-saving Society. A large amount of patriotic work had been done by the scholars, the amount of money raised being £323 since the outbreak of the War, of which £27 was for Dr. Barnardo's Homes. War bonds to the amount of £100 had also been taken up by the children; £163 had been raised by school concerts. A vote of thanks was accorded the teaching staff, also Mr. Cavell, the retiring secretary, and the outgoing committee. The following committee was elected for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Evans 51 (chairman), Whitehead 47, Sando 45, Gambrill 44, Roberto 41, Chisholm 40 (secretary), Leuchars 40, Aitken 38, Croskery 37.

23rd April 1918 To show to what extent the residents of Maranui have helped themselves, the head master, Mr. A. C. Blake, at the householders' meeting last night, stated that since the opening of the school in 1909 a total of £750 for school purposes had been raised and £323 for patriotic purpose.

24th April 1918 Mr. F. H. Smyth, of Crawford-road, Kilbirnie, writes to The Post to state that he did not withdraw his name from the list of candidates at the Maranui School Committee election. The withdrawal, he asserts, was made without his consent.

25th April 1918 With reference to a paragraph in last night's Post regarding Mr. H. Smyth's candidature for election to the Maranui School Committee, the chairman explains that on being informed that Mr. Smyth was ineligible for nomination, not being a resident of the district, and that Mr. Smyth had agreed to withdraw, he made the announcement.

25th April 1918 Major Waite, D.S.O., addressed the children of Maranui School, and gave a most interesting account of the landing at Gallipoli. Some days ago the scholars were addressed by Colonel J. G. Hughes, D.S.O., on the subject of the Navy League, and as a result 84 of them joined the league.

19th June 1918 Wellington Education Board: The Maranui School Committee's request to change the name to Lyall Bay School was granted

23rd July 1918 At a meeting of the Lyall Bay School Committee last evening the following resolution was passed:—"This committee endorses the efforts of the Wellington Teachers'

Institute to obtain better conditions for their profession, and is of" opinion that increased salaries

are 'urgently necessary. The committee will support any movement for the improvement of the inducements now offered to possible entrants in the teaching profession."

4th October 1918 The children of the Fifth and Sixth Standards at the Maranui School conducted a mock election yesterday, under the supervision of the teachers. On the previous day the pupils were told that the election would be held, and that it was hoped they would show they were able to vote intelligently. Much interest in the event was displayed by the children, who proved that they were by no means ignorant on electioneering matters. The names on the voting papers were those of the candidates for Wellington Central. There were one hundred on the electoral roll, and the votes were cast as follow:—Mack, 62; .Hildreth, 22; Fraser, 11; Garmson, 3; Atmore, 1; Tanner, 1.

3rd December 1918 Lyall Bay School will be open between 9 a.m. and 11 am on Monday next, when all library, .books and. sports material should' D 6 and all school books removed,

5th June 1919 Navy league Matters ; Mr. Keesing, chairman of the Education Committee, announced that it had been decided to present New Zealand ensigns to all schools which enrolled 100 members this year. He also reported that a successful lantern lecture on the work of the Navy in the great war had been given in Maranui School, and he praised the children and parents of Lyall Bay district for their great interest in naval matters.

4th November 1919: Labour candidate for Wellington East seat: At Maranui the average size of the classes was 68, and one of ,the 'corridors was used as a classroom. The Government, and not the Education Board, was to blame. Education as the present day was costing 31s 7d per head, and to that another 9s could very easily be added without the people feeling the pinch.

8th November 1919 In the afternoon some boys from the Maranui School set fire to the gorse hedge opposite the school in Queen's drive, and this necessitated the services of the brigade.

9th December 1918 At the Lyall Bay School assembly this morning the following pupils will receive certificates :—

Proficiency, Standard VI—Leslie Bell, Ivo Bertram, James Butterworth, Robert Craig, Ormond Dormer; Stewart Hardy, Walter Hollings, Charles Jenkins, Frederick Lamberg, Howard Levien, George McInnes, 'Colin Milne, Bertram Pringle, Archibald Sando, George Smith, Mornington Smyth, Percy Ward, Frederick Williams, Gertrude Austin, Olive Beere, Kathleen Brailsford, Muriel Carson, Helen East, Iris Eggers, Olive Gray, Constance Hollings, Elsie Nicholson, Doris Poole, Phyllis Robertson, and Leonie Sutton. (The last-named is dux of the school.)

Endorsed Competency (entitling the holder to a Free Place at the Technical School)—James Edginton, James Gilbert, Alexander Marten, Leslie Potter, Grace Carrick, Constance Clater, Lucy George, and Margaret Little.

Competency-Jack Charters, Russell Evans, Prank Waterhouse, and Jack Telford.

Attendance (not more than five times absent).

Standard VI—L. Bel], R. Craig, O. Dormer, R. Evans, W. Hollings, C. Jenkins, G. McInnes, C. Milne, L. Potter, B. Pringle, A. Sando, M. . Smyth, G. Carrick, I. Eggers, O. G, P. Robertson, L. Sutton.

Standard V-S. Ambrose, H. Bailey, L. Bowden, W. Corley, C. Flett, A. James, J. Jeffries. E. McLachlan, H. Oldfield, J. Townsend, E. Biel, R. Clout, B. Fairway, E. Hardy, I. Lithgow, V. Millar, D. Robertson, D. Sawtell, R. Simmons, it. Toomer.

Standard IV-C. Bailey, C. Boyd, F. Brewer, H. Cairns, W. Dormer, A. MacIver, R. McKean, G. McKenzie, V. Rankine, K. Webster, E. Clay, M. East, T. Eggers, L. Everitt, E. Lang, G. Richardson, M. Williams.

Standard III—N. Aberhardt, L. Beere, F. Costin, W. Craig, H. Edmonds, E. Harris, F. Hunt, IR. James, D. Laurenson, J. McInnes, W. Millar, R. Perry, M. O'Kane, L. Roberts, G. Dawson, C. Elder, R. Emery, W. Jones, A. Lord, L. McClintock, M. McLachlan, E. Milnes, Z. O'Kane, G. Parfitt, R. Reid, I. Somes, L. Taylor. H. Walker.

Standard II-E. Boyd, H. Currie, P. Edmonds, R. Hazelwood, G. Jeffries, E. Marlow, I. McFarlane, D. Toomer, A. Williams, E. Waby, E. Butler, U. Garbes, F. Hazelwood, M. Irvine, E. Nelson, B. Pirie, J. Taylor, E. Watts, E. Williams

Standard I-A. Leitch, J. McKeen, P. Outhwaite, E. Tudor, W. Wells, E. Dyer, G. Cook, B. Currie, P. Haslam, 'A. Moore, P. Raven, M. Tonks.

Infant Department--J. Alexander, J. Bennett, W. Flack, B. Hardy, J. Lohead, W. MacIver, S. Richardson, N. Suridge, A. Williams,. J. Wilson, M. Hall, O. Hall, P. Hazelwood, G. Stanford. L. Clay, E. Hollings, J. Kelly, W. McClintock. S. Perry, It. Robertson, G. Crockett, M. McFarlane, A. Hewson, R. Jeffries, R. Moore, N. Hazelwood.

15th April 1919 The meeting of the Lyall Bay Committee was largely attended, and the report stated that the progress of the school had been well maintained. It paid a tribute to the work of the headmaster (Mr. C. Blake) and staff. It was slated that a high standard of efficiency existed in the school. Cash in hand for improvements to the school grounds at the end of the year was .£16:1, and it was estimated that this would shortly be increased to J200. A large amount of improvement in the grounds had already been made, but the plans had not yet been completely carried out. The northern playground had been levelled, and it is to be asphalted and two tennis courts laid out, and there is to be an entrance to the school from the western side. Special votes of thanks were passed to residents of the district and to Mr. and Mrs. Culford Bell for assisting in raising money for grounds improvements and sports fund. The large, amount raised for patriotic and relief funds was mentioned. The headmaster reported on all branches of the school's activities during the year. The report made good reading and showed a creditable standard of achievement all round. Later in the evening the roll of honour board, carrying 41. names, was produced. Those present tendered their appreciation of_ the services of the ex-scholars who had given their lives for the Empire's cause by a silent motion—all standing. It was resolved that the time had arrived for the standardisation of school books, and 'when all such books and requisites should he supplied free.

The election of the new committee resulted as follows:—Messrs. A. W. Croskery,' F. .T. Evans, W. E. Flack, C. Foster, V. Hansen, F. G-. Hazelwood, C, Kite, F. Raven, and W. Wells

15th April 1919 It is highly desirable, and, indeed, necessary, that a fair proportion of our teachers should be men," stated Mr. A. C. Blake at the Lyall Bay school last evening. Whilst women are freely entering the profession, it is difficult, he *said*, to induce the right type of men to become teachers, the reason being that more remunerative callings are at their

disposal. The vote of £400,000 for school buildings was quite inadequate, nor would the slight increase in salaries attract the best and most desirable candidates for the teaching profession.

27th April 1920 The attendance at the Maranui School was reduced yesterday by the fact that 22 pupils in Standard III. as well as the teacher, were 'Apparently one child in this standard had been attending school while suffering from influenza, and the rest of the pupils in the class had contracted infection: this illustrated the rapidity with which influenza spread.

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18th May 1920 Mr A. W. Croskery (Lyll Bay) School Committee) said that our school grounds, were , bare and unattractive, and so were the school buildings in which so. many spout the best their lives. The school desks! were instruments of torture and must cause some deformity. Most of our schools were shockingly overcrowded. It was provided that every child should have 12 feet of air space, hut the provision was not given effect to. . The playground of a school to which, he referred was the public street.

20th May 1920 INQUIRY INTO ELECTION TO BE HELD. Consideration was given by the Education Board at its meeting yesterday to a protest received from a number of house, holders regarding the election of. the Lyall Bay School Committee. The chairman of the board (Mr. T. Forsyth) reported that there were several grounds for the petition. It was alleged that the chairman of the old committee had refused the meeting the right of nominating a chairman for the meeting and had taken the chair himself. Another allegation was that the ballot papers provided by the old committee were handed out indiscriminately by various persons and not by the chairman, who, under the provisions of the Act should attend to this matter himself. Some persons were reported to have received more than one ballot paper. The board deputed the executive to deal with the matter and to arrange for a second meeting of householders if, in its judgment, the first election should be declared void. The inquiry will be held at the board's office on Friday evening, each side to be allowed to send three representatives. .

25th June 1920 The Education Board has fixed the date of the election necessary as a result of the protest against the. irregular proceedings on April-28th Lyall Bay, for June 30, at the Maranui Church Hall. The unusual happening ' has caused keen interest to be evinced in the suburban district, and there is every probability that the capacity of the hall will be severely taxed on the occasion. The meeting is for householders only, and only voters are entitled to be present. The qualifications are—(1) The voter must fee a parent (wherever resident) of a scholar attending the school (both parents may vote); or (2)e or she must be paying rent of a house (not rooms) in the school district; or (3) He or she must be a ratepayer residing in the said district. Op[»sing the Labour ticket is the following non-political party:—Mesdames "Glover and S. Moran, Brigadier W. J. Hoare, Messrs. ,J. M. Bertram, T. M. , F. J. Evans, E. Palliser, J. H. Ryder ,and A. Sando.

1st July 1920 Great public interest was manifested among residents of Lyall Bay last, night in the election of a, school committee, the previous election at the end of-April having been

declared by the Education Board, after inquiry, null and void. The Church Hall was packed—some time before the meeting was timed to commence, and, printed tickets of candidates — the official Labour ticket, and the non-political ticket—were distributed to householders as they entered. Between three and four hundred were inside, and a number outside the doors. The members returned at the last election—declared void—were Messrs. D. L. Cragg, A. W. Croskery, W. Flack, J. Gilbert, . F Hazlewood, C. Kite, T. W. Haven, W. Sadd,: and W. Wells—the Labour ticket solid. The non-political candidates on the ticket were: Mrs.- R. Glover, .Mrs. S. Moran, Brigadier W. J. Hoare ""(S.A:), and Messrs. J. M. Bertram, T. M.-Donovan, P. J. Evans, E. Palliser, J. H. Ryder, and A. Sando. Messrs J. J. Clark (member) and G. L. Stewart (secretary) represented the Education Board.

At the request of Mr. Croskery, who opened the meeting, Mr. Clark took the chair while the .meeting elected a chairman. Two nominations were received— Messrs.. A. W. Croskery (nominated and seconded by Messrs. Laurenson and Crawford respectively) and A. Gellatly(nominated and seconded by Messrs. Sando and Evans). Mr. W. Newton, Conciliation Commissioner, was also proposed, but declined to stand. A show of hands was taken between Messrs.' Croskery and Gellatly, but the chairman pro. tern, expressed himself unable to decide. Mr. Clark himself was asked to continue but declined.' As there were now some four hundred people in the. hall the difficulty of .taking a ballot was thought too great," and four scrutineers were appointed to walk through the hall counting hands for each candidate. 'Mr. Clark impressed on the meeting the fact that only householders were entitled to vote. The question was raised as to boundaries, and: there; was some dispute.as to the eastern boundary. Mr. Stewart explained the qualifications of a voter. After the scrutineers had counted this votes, the chairman declared Mr. Gellatly. elected, the voting being: Gellatly, 229; Croskery, 208.

Mr. Gellatly, on taking the chair, remarked that in view of the possibility of abuse, it might be desirable that some provision should be made by legislation for some sort of secret ballot system.

The method of recording the votes of so large-an assembly was dismissed with some warmth, and Mr. Croskery threatened to protest against the election if the proposal that; voters must -write- their qualifications on. paper was decided on. It was sufficient, he contended, if would- -be voters answered the- inquiries of the scrutineers.

Finally, slips were handed round on which voters were requested ' to write their names and addresses. The chairman explained that these papers: "Name" — and "Address" — had been printed by arrangement with the Education Board

Voting then- commenced shortly after 9' o'clock. The method was that' householders came up after filling in their name and address" ticket, and on presenting it at the platform, received a ballot paper, which they duly' entered and dropped in the ballot box, filing out by the back door of the' hall, the front door being closed until voting finished. This was at 9.40 p.m., over four hundred people voting, so that the method was generally declared a. success. The entrance door was then reopened, and all who wished to stay came in again. About half went home. Counting was a long process, and at 10.40 p.m. the floor was cleared and dancing commenced. Mr. R. Leslie Jones officiating at the piano. Interspersed in. the programme were vocal and instrumental items, including an excellent selection on the zylophone.

At 11.48 p.m. the result was announced as follows:—Ryder 269, Palliser 266 Sando 265, Evans 263, Hoare 261. Bertram 259, Mrs. Moran 256, Mrs. Glover Raven 244. These were declared elected.

The unsuccessful candidates were:--Donovan .and Cragg 234, Croskery 231, Hazelwood 230, Wells 221, Gilbert 215, Flack 212, Kite and Sadd 205 ,

1st July 1920 While the election of the committee for the Lyall Bay School was at its height last night like electric light was turned out, and a rowdy time ensued for a few minutes

22nd July 1920: Miss E M Isles appointed pupil teacher at Lyall Bay

6th October 1920 The Education Committee reported having visited Lyall Bay School and presented pictures of the Prince of Wales to the scholars. Seatoun was being visited that afternoon

11th November 1920 A benefit performance in aid of the Lyall Bay School improvement fund was given in the Seaside Picture Hall, Lyall Bay, last ,night, before a crowded audience. A number of local amateur artists, Messrs. Paul Latham, Verdi McKenzie, L. W. Hanlon, Mrs. Kerr, Miss Gwen Sheppard, and Misses Dorothy Tossman. Ngaire Green, and Laurence Searle; assisted. A drama, "Man and Beast," a story of the African jungle, concluded the programme. To-morrow night another benefit performance in aid of the school funds will be given..

17th November 1920 Miss L Leith resigns from Lyall Bay School

18th November 1920 The Lyall Bay School Committee has inaugurated a novel idea in the form of an egg day. Each scholar is to take one or more eggs to the school on November 21) and these eggs will be forwarded to the Children's Hospital for the patients, The annual school picnic is fixed for Thursday

4th December 1920 The annual picnic of the Lyall Bay School took place on Thursday, at Seatoun Park, and was in every way successful*. About 700 scholars and their parents were transported by special trams to the picnic grounds, where, under the guidance of all the teaching staff, and with the assistance of the members of the committee, a lengthy; programme of sports events was gone through. A large marquee was erected, and two substantial meals worn supplied therefrom to each scholar. The results of the races are as follow:—

Girls' Events.—Champion of school Phyllis Haswell.

75yds. championship: Phyllis Haswell, 1 ; Mildred East, 2.

100 yds. championship: Mildred East, 1 Phyllis Haswell. 2.

220 yds. championship: Phillis Haswell t; Mildred East, 2.

Handicap Races (flat).—Under 9: Mary Paton 1; Mary Biddle, 2. Under 11 Myrtle Hall, 1; Kathleen . Sullivan, 2. . Under 13: Marg. Davison, 1; Phyllis Wallis. 2. Over 13: Mildred East. 1; Phyllis Haswell, 2.

Skipping.—Under 9: Ruby Gray, 1 Louis Taylor. 2. under 11: Eileen Allan, 1; Dorothy Bell, 2.

Three-legged Race.—Under 13: Dorothy Bell and Dorothy Carson, 1; Molly Barlow and Ena Izett, 2. Over 13: Alma Clegg and Ada Thompson. 1.

Old Girls' Race —Helen East, 1; Addie Raven, 2. , Relay Race—Standard VI team (Phyllis Haswell, Mildred East, Nita Eggers, Edie Lang), 1..

Consolation Race.—Carrissie Waddell. Lena George, 2.

Boys' Events.-"-School champion, Harry Hands; runner-up, Eric Thurkettle.

100 yds. championship—K. Thurkettle, 1; "H.; Hands, 2; W; Sullivan, 2

220 yds. championship—H. Hands, 1; M, Boyes. 2; E. .Thurkettle. 3.

440 yds. championship—C. McLeod, 1: E. Aitchison. 2; M. Boyes; 3.

50 yds. (under 9 years)—McKinley, 1; ?, McKenzie. 2.

75yds. (under 11 years)—D. Dustin, 1 W. Dustin, 2.

100 yds. 'under 13 years)—B. Shepherd .1; K. Paul, 2.

100 yds. (over 13 years)—N. Aberhart, I K. Webster, 2.

Sack. Race—Marlow, 1; McKenzie, 2.

Boot Race—E. Aitchison, 1; D Dustin .2. • ,

Blindfold, Pick-a-back—G. McKenzie and Marlow, I;'H. Hands and Sunridge, 2.

Consolation (under 11 years)—Dalley, 1; Gowans 2.

Consolation (over 11 years)—W. Aitchison, 1; W. Sullivan, 2.

Relay Race—Standard VI team, 1; Standard V Team, 2.

During the afternoon the prizes won were distributed by Mr, K. A. Wright, M.P., a member of the Education Board

7th December 1920 An entertainment, in aid of the Lyall Bay School Improvement Fund, will be held in the Seaside Picture Theatre, Lyall Bay, on Wednesday next. The first part of the programme will consist of selected concert items by the following well-known amateur artists : Misses Milford (2), Flaws, Brammell, and Messrs. V. and E. Carruthers, Maynall, Hart, Ward, and Eric Blake. The second part will consist of a 6000 ft drama,, "The Bandbox," a picturisation of Louis Vance's well-known book..

17th December 1920 , The following is the list of proficiency 'certificate winners in the Lyall Bay School:— Lionel Bowden. Colin Bailey, Percy Bertram, Mowbray Boyes, Edward Bloomfield, Kenneth Clarke, William Corley, Keith Cohgreve, William "Dormer, Roy Donovan,' Horace Cairns, Raymond Hill, Carl Haigh, Francis Hunt, Cyril Mawhinney, Andrew MacIver , George McKenzie, -Sydney Perkin, Vernon Rankine, Herbert Shepherdson, Gilbert Smith, Eric Thurkettle, Edward Williams, Keith Webster, Elsie. Carson; Hilda Carson (dux), Elsie Clay, Mildred East, Tanita- Eggers, Evelyn Green, Phyllis Haswell, Gladys Hall, Edith: Lang, Jean Laurenson,"- Muriel Milroy, Ida Nicholson, Phyllis 'Smith, Benice Anderson, Riwia Chorley, Lovdy Chisholm.

Competency certificates were won by Kenneth Wade, Eric Tudor, Iris Hollings, Hazel McPherson, Ada Thompson* Eileen Wallis, Robina Williamson

23rd December 1920 Children's hospital report included: Advice was also received that the Lyall Bay School children collected 760 eggs on "Egg Day" for the Children's Wards of the Wellington Hospital;

1920-1921

1921	707	Lyall Bay	Blake	Alexander C	B	Head	£540.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Robertson	Charles	B	Assistant	£430.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Gaze	Frederick J	C	Assistant	£390.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Tracey	Helen M		Reliever	£370.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Roberts BA	Florence G	B	Infant Mistress	£360.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Woodward	Elizabeth	D	Assistant	£350.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Gooder	Hazel N	D	Assistant	£270.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Stitt	Annie B	C	Assistant	£230.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Johnson	Marguerite M	C	Assistant	£210.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Wilson	Ella C	B	Assistant	£200.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Lynn	Delight M	C	Assistant	£200.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Warner	Grace	D	Assistant	£200.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Peters	Christina C	C	Assistant	£190.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	McAteer	Margaret V	C	Assistant	£190.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Reith	Violet H	D	Assistant	£190.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Robinson	Arthur C		Probationer 2	£125.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Crowe	Bridget		PT2	£120.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Diaper	Sidney		Probationer 1	£100.00
1921	707	Lyall Bay	Grenside	Edna M		PT2	£90.00

Charles Robertson started teaching in 1910 as an assistant master in 1910 at the Terrace School. From 1912 to 1919 he was at the Normal School. Then in 1921 was at Lyall Bay as First Assistant and was still there in 1923.

Elizabeth Woodward was a pupil teacher in 1898 at Clyde Quay. Then at Mount Cook Girls'. In 1902 she was at Pongaroa West of Pahiatua. 1903-1904 at Mount Cook Infants'. 1905 to 1906 at Matahiwi. West of Masterton. 1907 to 1913 Mitchelltown. 1914 to 1919 Te Aro/ Mitchelltown. 1921 at Lyall Bay and by 1923 was at Newtown School

Helen M Tracey only taught under this name for the Wellington Board at Lyall Bay

Hazel N Gooder taught from 1909 to 1913 as a Pupil Teacher at the Terrace School. In 1914 and 1915 she was at Levin DHS. 1917 at Berhampore and by 1919 was at Tokomaru north of Levin. In 1921 was at Lyall Bay. In 1924 was on the ship Tahiti from San Francisco.

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Delight M Lynn only taught in 1921 as an assistant for the EB

Grace Warner In 1919 Grace Warner was sole teacher at Te Whiti just out of Masterton and in 1921 and 1923 was at Lyall Bay School

Christina C Peters taught as a probationer at Carterton in 1917. Was at training College in 1919. Lyall Bay in 1921 and back in the Wairarapa at Dalefield in 1923.

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4th February 1920 Navy League has a membership of 120 at Lyall Bay School

20th February 1920 Miss R Martin assistant Lyall Bay resigns.

13th March 1920 Favoured with ideal weather, the Lyall Bay School picnic was held at Karori Park on Thursday. About 800 children were present, and a large number of parents. The function was the first held for nine years, and credit is due to the committee responsible for its promotion. Excellent work was also done by a committee of ladies in charge of the refreshments. A large and varied programme of sports was held, the following being the results—, School Championship : M. Boyes 1, G. Smith 2. School . Championship (girls) : Phyllis Haswell 1, Mildred East 2. Standard VI. (boys) : O. Smith 1, H. Shepherdson 2, E. Williams 3. Standard VI. (girls) : K. Carson 1, A. Thompson 2, E. Green 3. Standard V. (boys) Race 1 : L. Stewart 1, h. Morrah 2, W. Millar 3. Race 2 : J. Daniel 1, D. Aitchison 2, 3 T. Aitchison 3. Standard V. (girls). Race 1 : P. Wallis 1, I. McGregor 2. L. Chisholm 3. Race' 2 : S. Taylor 1, P. Smith 2, F. Baker 3. Standard IV. (boys) : H. Hands 1, S. Woods 2, E. Erwin 3. Standard IV. (girls), Race 1 : I. Dawe 1, D. Carson 2, L. Sturrock. 3. Race 2: G. Taylor 1, L. George 2, D. Cayless 3. Race 3: C. Morris 1, G. Meier 2, D.. Boulton 3. Standard 111. (boys), Race 1 : W. Dustin 1, E. McKinley 2, R. Hazlewood 3. Race 2 : W. Sullivan 1. D. Dustin 2, S. McKenzie 3. Standard III. (girls), Race 1 : Jean Williamson 1, M. Wilkie 2, C. Sullivan 3. ; Race' 2: B. Webster I, M. Barlow 2, C. Waddell 3. Standard 11. (boys), Race 1 : A. Joseph 1, J. O'Brien 2, C. Porter 3. Race 2: P.. Dalton 1, D. Burns 2 B. Laviti 3. Race 3 : —. Dally 1, B. Hardie 2, E. Tudor 3. Standard 11. (girls), Race 1 : M. Hall 1, M, Blake 2, B. Currie 3. Race 2 : E. Richards 1. E. Flett 2, E. Barringer 3, Race 3: K. Sullivan .1, M. Waterhouse 2, M. Craig 3. Standard I. (boys), Race 1 : J. Kay 1, W. McClintock 2, I. Hewitt 3.' Race 2:' E. Matthews 1, F. Thompson 2, J. Sullivan. 3. Standard I. (girls), Race 1 : I. Nicol 1, A. O'Brien 2, D. Howe 3. Race 2 : I. Allen 1, Olga Etz 2, L. Butler 3. Half Mile Walk : S. Wood 1, H. Hands 2, W. Barlow 3, Boot Race : F. Aitchison 1, R. McKenzie 2, A. Croskery 3. Blind Fold Race : J. Soames 1, C Waddell 2. Old Boys' Race : H. -Bailey 1, S. Watts 2. Mothers' Race 1 : Mrs. Ward 1, Mrs. Taylor 2. Mrs. Brennan 3. Mothers' Race 2 : Mrs. Waddell 1, Mrs. Stone 2, Mrs. Warburton 3. Teachers' Race : Miss Begg 1, Miss Halliwell 2, Miss Donald 3. Relay Race : M. Boyes, P. Wallis, E. Urwin, G. Williamson 1. Old Girls' Race : Miss Raven 1, Miss Beale 2, Miss Carson 3.

23rd April 1920 Credit for the extension of the playground at the Lyall Bay School is generously attributed by the present committee to its predecessors, The restricted playing area was apparent 'to the-1917-18 and 1918-19 committees,* and their persistent efforts and representations caused the Education Board to resolve in February, 1919; before the present committee took office, to purchase the section. The negotiations were protracted, however, and the actual purchase was i only recently completed; In fairness to the earlier committees, says the committee's report, it is felt that their credit due should be given to their efforts.

29th April 1920 As anticipated the meeting of householders at Lyall Bay proved the largest yet held. About 500 were present. Seventeen nominations were received/ and a "Labour" ticket was opposed by an alleged "non-political" ticket. The meeting at times became uproarious. The annual report stated that a vigorous campaign had been entered on in regard to more playing areas, and increased classrooms. In this respect an adjoining section been purchased. -'With regard to increased accommodation, the matter had been held over pending the official visit to the school of the Minister for Education. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £47 12s 9d on the year's working. Funds in hand at present amount to £265 11s 9d. It was ultimately resolved to adopt the report, subject to a certain section being deleted. The headmaster's report showed the quarterly average to be 650, 627, 631, and 661. The number on the roll was 706. Sports had been well fostered. The tennis team tied with the Hutt District High School, thus holding the cup for six months. The cricket team were successful in winning the championship. It was resolved to place on record the excellent work done by the teachers during the year. The election resulted in the return of the Labour ticket, the following being elected,—D L. Cragg 170, F. Raven 163, W. Flack 161, J. Hazelwood 160 W Wells 159, J. Gilbert 155, A. W. Croskery 155, W. Sadd 148, C. Kite 147. Mr. Croskery was elected chairman, and Mr. Raven secretary.

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27th May 1920 Association Football: A team, from Lyall Bay School; was entered in the schools competition, and a ball was granted to the school

1st June 1920: Wellington Education Board: At a special meeting of the Education Board yesterday afternoon, the following report of the Executive Committee regarding the Lyall Bay School Committee election was adopted:— " In accordance with the resolution of the board the executive, on 21st May, formally inquired into the conduct of the annual meeting of householders held in the Lyall Bay School on 28th April. The inquiry was attended by Messrs. Forsyth, Field, Wright, Shand, and Clark, representing the Education Board's

executive; Messrs. Croskery, Gilbert, Raven, Wells, and another, representing the Lyall Bay School Committee; Messrs. Gellatly, Donovan, and Palliser, representing the petitioners' The conduct of the meeting generally, and the various points raised by. the petitioners, were thoroughly inquired into., In view of all the circumstances, the executive, is of opinion that the election of the present committee should be declared null and void, and that another meeting of householders should be held as early as possible for the purpose of electing a fresh^ committee." . .The board fixed the date for the second meeting of householders as 24th June.

25th June 1920 At a special meeting of the Education Board yesterday afternoon, the following report of the Executive Committee regarding the Lyall Bay School Committee election was adopted:— " In accordance with the resolution of the board the' executive, on 21st May, formally inquired into the conduct of the annual meeting of householders held in the Lyall Bay School on 28th April. The inquiry was attended by Messrs. Forsyth, Field, Wright, Shand, and Clark, representing the Education Board's executive; Messrs. Croskery, Gilbert, Raven, Wells, and another, representing the Lyall Bay School Committee; Messrs. Gellatly, Donovan, and Palliser, representing the petitioners' The conduct of the meeting generally, and the various points raised by. the petitioners, were thoroughly inquired into., In view of all the circumstances, the executive, is of opinion that the election of the present committee should be declared null and void, and that another meeting of householders should be held as early as possible for the purpose of electing a fresh^ committee." . .

30th June 1920 Mr. W. H. Sadd, secretary of the Lyall Bay branch of the New Zealand Labour Party, writes to the editor, stating that, prior to the election of the committee for Lyall Bay School on 28th April, there was circulated by the "so called non-political ticket" a pamphlet, which was -intended to expose the short-, comings of the .retiring committee, eight of whom were members of the- local branch of the New Zealand Labour Party. This pamphlet, he affirms, contained misstatements, and placed eight reputable citizens in a false position. That this was the opinion of the majority of the householders present od the night of the election was proved by the voting., which placed nine Labour candidates at the head of the poll. The Education Board, after -inquiring into a petition to upset the election, decided that "in view of the whole of the circumstances the election be declared null and. void," thereby allowing fourteen people to upset the wish of from one hundred and forty-seven to one hundred and sixty others, who had voted, not for politics, "but' for the "advancement of the school The political aspect of the question- is described by the writer as bogey, as "the Labour ticket stands for the betterment of education in general, and to uphold that section of the party's constitution dealing with same."

30th June 1920 Keen interest is being displayed by local resident in the school committee election to take place' to-night at Lyall Bay, the previous election having been declared null and void by the Education Board on inquiry into certain irregularities reported. It is anticipated that accommodation at * the Church Hail will be severely taxed, and' householders only and voters will have a right to b<s present.

1st July 1920 [While the election of the committee for the Lyall Bay School was 5 at its height last night the electric light was turned out, and Rowdy time ensued for a few minutes.

5th July 1920 The difficulties of the purely direct democratic method of electing school committees were well represented at the householders' meeting at Lyall Bay on Wednesday

evening last. The numbers present probably constitute a record for such an occasion, and the voting, both for the chairman to preside at the meeting and for the committee itself afterwards, showed the interest taken in the election. The Chairman quite rightly raised the question, of the method of recording the votes of nearly five hundred householders and parents, and, had it not been for the adoption of a singularly opportune proposal by one of the Labour candidates that voters should file past the ballot-box and out of the rear of the hall, the front door being kept closed until all had voted, confusion and irregularities might have arisen, which would not only have prolonged the election through the night, but might even have rendered necessary another election. This whole system of School committee elections as at present prescribed in the Act lays itself open to grave abuse. Under the stress of political partisanship, which more than anything else accounted for the extraordinary gathering at Lyall Bay, it is possible for a meeting to be "packed," and the nature of the meeting place is seldom so convenient as was the hall on that occasion for getting the business through. Moreover, it is not possible at every election to have the Secretary and a member of the Education Board present to see fair play. While there is something attractive in the homely democracy of a householders' meeting directly electing its representatives to look after the welfare of the local school, it is manifestly desirable that there should be some improvement in the machinery. For one thing, statements of qualification to vote might be prepared beforehand on printed forms of the "name-and-address" kind. These might constitute the only right of admission to a meeting. Then, some provision might be made for mothers and other householders who cannot attend. For the rest, one may trust to the good sense of citizens in carrying out a useful office of democracy. It is for the Legislature to remedy the defects on the mechanical side.

1st July 1920 Great public interest was manifested among residents of Lyall Bay last night in the election of a school committee, the previous election at the end of April having been declared by the Education Board, after inquiry, null and void. The Church Hall was packed—some time before the meeting was timed to commence, and, printed tickets of candidates—the official Labour ticket, and the non-political ticket—were distributed to householders as they entered. Between three and four hundred were inside, and a number outside the doors. The members returned at the last election—declared void—were Messrs. D. L. Cragg, A. W. Croskery, W. Flack, J. Gilbert, F. Hazlewood, C. Kite, T. W. Haven, W. Sado, and W. Wells—the Labour ticket solid. The non-political candidates on the ticket were: Mrs. R. Glover, Mrs. B. Moran, Brigadier W. J. Hoare (S.A.), and Messrs. J. M. Bertram, T. M. Donovan, P. J. Evans, E. Palliser, J. H. Ryder, and A. Sando. Messrs. J. J. Clark (member) and G. L. Stewart (secretary) represented the Education Board. At the request of Mr. Croskery, who opened the meeting, Mr. Clark took the chair while the meeting elected a chairman. Two nominations were received—Messrs. A. W. Croskery (nominated and seconded by Messrs. Laurensen and Crawford respectively) and A. Gellatly (nominated and seconded by Messrs. Sando and Evans). Mr. W. Newton, Conciliation Commissioner, was also proposed, but declined to stand. A show of hands was taken between Messrs. Croskery and Gellatly, but the chairman pro. tern, expressed himself unable to decide. Mr. Clark himself was asked to continue but declined. As there were now some four hundred people in the hall the difficulty of taking a ballot was thought too great," and four scrutineers were appointed to walk through the hall counting hands for each candidate. Mr. Clark impressed on the

meeting the fact! that only householders were entitled to vote. The question was raised as to boundaries, and: there; was some dispute.as to the eastern boundary. Mr. Stewart explained the qualifications 'of a voter. After the scrutineers had counted this votes, the chairman declared Mr. Gellatly. elected, the voting being: Gellatly, 229; Croskery, 206.

Mr. Gellatly, on taking the chair, remarked that in view of the possibility of abuse, it might be desirable that some provision should be made by legislation for some sort of secret ballot system.

The method of recording the votes of so large-an assembly was dismissed with some warmth, and Mr. Croskery threatened to protest against the election if the proposal that; voters must - write- their qualifications on. paper was decided on. It was sufficient, he contended, if would-be voters answered the- inquiries of the scrutineers.

Finally, slips were handed round on which voters were requested ' to write their 'names and addresses. The chairman explained that these papers: "Name" — and "Address" — had been printed by arrangement with the Education Board

Voting then- commenced shortly after 9' o'clock. The method was that' house-' holders came up after filling in their "name and address ticket, and, on presenting it at the platform, received a ballot paper, which they duly' entered and dropped in the ballot box filing out by the back door of the' hall, the front door being closed until voting finished. This was at 9.40 p.m., over four hundred people voting, so that the method was generally declared a. success. The entrance door was then reopened, and all who wished to stay came in again. 'About half went home. Counting was a long process, and at 10.40 p.m. the floor was cleared and dancing commenced. Mr. R. Leslie Jones officiating; at 'the piano. Interspersed in. the programme were vocal and instrumental items, including an excellent selection on the zylophone.

At 11.'48 p.m. the result was announced as follows:—Ryder 269, Palliser 266 Sando 265, Evans 263, Hoare 261. Bertram 259, Mrs. Moran 256, Mrs. Glover 255, Raven 244. These were declared elected.

The unsuccessful candidates were:--Donovan .and Cragg 234, Croskery 231, Hade-wood 230, Wells 221, Gilbert 215, Flack 212, Kite and Sadd 205 ,
22nd July 1920 Miss E M Gray pupil teacher resigns.

21st October 1920 Miss J C McDonald assistant Lyall Bay resigned.

8th November 1920 Concerts and picture entertainments in aid of the Lyall Bay School Improvement Fund will be given in the Seaside Picture Hall, Lyall Bay, on Wednesday and Friday nights. The programmes and company' in each case will be different. The pictures on Wednesday night will be "Man and Beast," displaying scenes in the wilderness of great game. .Among the artists who will provide the concert part of the entertainment will be Messrs. Paul Latham, L W. Hanlon . (elocutionist), Verdi McKenzie (vocalist), and Miss Gwen Shepherd (members of Charlie's Aunt Club), Mrs. Kerr, and Mrs. Menard's pupils, Dorothy Tossman, Laurence Searle,

18th November 1920 Miss L Leitch assistant Lyall Bay resigned

4th December 1920 PICNIC AND SPORTS. • The annual picnic of the Lyall Bay School took place on Thursday, at Seatoun Park, and was in every way successful*. About 700 scholars and their parents were transported by special trams to the picnic grounds, where, under the guidance of all the teaching staff, and with the assistance of the members of the committee, a lengthy; programme of sports events was gone through. A large marquee was

erected, and two substantial meals were supplied therefrom to each scholar. The results of the races are as follow:—

Girls' Events.—Champion of school Phyllis Haswell.

75yds, championship: Phyllis Haswell, 1; Mildred East, 2.

100 yds. championship: Mildred East, 1 Phyllis Haswell. 2.

220 yds. championship: Phyllis Haswell t; Mildred East, 2.

Handicap Races (flat).—Under 9 :Mary Payton, 1; Mary Biddle, 2. Under 11 Myrtle Hall, 1; Kathleen . Sullivan, 2: Under 13: Mary. Davison, 1; Phyllis Wallis. 2. Over 13: Mildred East. 1; Phyllis Haswell, 2.

Skipping.—Under 9: Ruby Gray, Louis Taylor. 2. Under 11: Eileen Allan, 1; Dorothy, Bell, 2.

Three-legged Race.—Under 13: Dorothy Bell and Dorothy Carson, 1; Molly Barlow and Ena Izett, 2. Over 13: Alma Clegg and Ada Thompson. 1.

Old Girls' Race —Helen East, 1; Addie Raven, 2. ,

Relay Race—Standard VI team (Phyllis Haswell, Mildred East, Nita Eggers, Edie Long), 1..

Consolation Race.—Chrissie Waddell. 1 Lena George, 2.

Boys' Event».-"-School champion, Harry Hands; runner-up, Eric Thurkettle

100 yds. championship—K. Thurkettle, 1; "H.; Hands, 2; W; Sullivan 3

220 yds. championship—H. Hands, 1; M, Boyes. 2; E. .Thurkettle. 3.

440 yds. championship—C. McLeod, 1: E. Aitchison . 2; M. Boyes; 3.

50 yds (under 9 years)—McKinley, 1; McKenzie. 2.

75yds. (under 11 years)—D. Dustin, 1 W. Dustin, 2.

100 yds. 'under 13 years)—l). Shepherdson. .1; K. Paul, 2.

100 yds. (over 13 years)—N. Aberhart, I K. Webster, 2.

Sack. Race—Marlow, 1; McKenzie, 2.

Boot' Race—E. Aitchison, 1; D Dustin, .2.

Blindfold, Pick-a-back—G. McKenzie and Marlow, I;'H. Hands and Sunridge, 2. Consolation (under 11 years)—Daley, 1; Gowans, 2.

Consolation (over 11 years)—W. Aitchison, 1; W. Sullivan, 2.

Relay Race—Standard VI team, 1; Standard V team, 2.

During the afternoon the prizes won were distributed by Mr, R. A. Wright, M.P., a member of the Education Board.

6th December 1920 concert and picture entertainments will be held at the Seaside. Picture Theatre on Wednesday and Friday next in aid of the Lyall by School Improvement Fund.

11th December 1920 Another most enjoyable and successful concert and picture entertainment, in aid of the Lyall Bay School Ground Improvement Fund, was held in the Seaside Picture Theatre last night before a crowded audience. The concert portion of the programme was given by Misses Milford, and Flaws, Mrs. Halvorsen, Dorothy Tossman , Master Winston McCarthy, Mr. Eric Blake, Mr. T. Ward, and Mr. Blight. Mr. Mayall again acted as accompanist. The members of the committee are gratified with the result of their efforts, and desire to thank Mr. Winter for his generosity in placing his theatre at the disposal of the committee

27th January 1921 Wellington Education Board Miss M Gibb resigned from Lyall Bay staff.

18th March 1921 The following pupils of the Lyall Bay School have qualified for proficiency certificates in swimming (the distances swum being given in yards): — Girls: Hilda Walker (1760), Lena Taylor (1760), Frances Hazelwood (750), Jean Taylor (580), Mary Tamplin (590), Chrissie Elder (500). Florrie Waterhouse (420), Ethel Tamplin (520), Marjory Bell (420), Nancy Sandford (420), Ethel Crocket (420), Ivy Dorr (400), Lena George (350), Chrissie Reithmuller (340), Iris Hollings (340), Margaret Davison (330), Lulu Jenkins (330), Ethel Brice (330), Mary Neville (330), Dorothy Carson (290), Mavis Rolls (250). Joyce Coburn (250), Jessie Gray (250), Chrissie Waddell (250), and Sylvia Graham (250). Boys: Fred. Aitchison (1000), William Millar (1000), Graeme Laurenson (1000), Ray Whitehead (700), Eric Harris. (600), David Lyon (400), Ronald McKenzie (400), Owen Best (350), Horace Green (350), Keith Paul (275), William Dustin (250), David Dustin' (250), James Lyon (250), Arthur Williams (250), Arthur Meier (250), and Cyril Sando (250).

Qualified for learners' certificates—at least 100 yards: Lora Parker, May Johnstone, Gladys Meier, "Vera Nicholson, Leona Sturrock, Margaret Kelly. Ruby Hall, Thelma Neilson, Lizzie McClintock, Blanche Stennett, Cecil Broomfield, David Aitchison, Albert Haswell, Gordon Hill, Leonz Meier, Arthur Jones, Edward Raven, Herbert Cambridge, Theo. Gunderson, Ray Hazelwood, Frank Peterson, Ernest Urwin James Alexander, Jack Cass, and Kenneth Wade.

1st April 1921 Miss H. M. Webb, assistant teacher at the Lyall Bay School for the past twelve years, has promoted to the position of infant mistress at the Eastern Hutt School, and assumes her new duties today. In a farewell ceremony at the Lyall Bay School yesterday Miss Webb was presented with a leather dispatch case on behalf of the members of the staff, and with a handsome fountain pen from the pupils of Standard V. and VI. Mr A. C. Blake spoke in highly commendatory terms of Miss Webb's work and remarked that she richly deserved promotion. She had taken a live interest in sports, particularly swimming, tennis and hockey, and had been a great help to the school in many ways.

12th April 1921 "When the school resumed this year," states the annual report of the Lyall Bay School Committee, "the number of scholars was found to be over 60 in excess of space allowance and staffing, and the committee immediately brought the matter of extra accommodation and an extra teacher under the board* notice. Within twenty-four 'hours' arrangements for the lease of the Church Hall were made, a day later an extra teacher arrived, and on the second day classes were working in the hall."

13th April 1921 The following are the nominations for the Lyall Bay School Committee Mrs R. Glover, Brigadier W. J. Hoare, R H Catherwood. Messrs J. M. Bertram, J. H Burgoyne-Thomas. F J Evans, E Palliser, W. H. Sadd, and A. Sandow. As there are only nine seats, the above are elected without a ballot.

15th December 1921 Wellington Education Board: The board resolved that, on a date to be fixed, new and amended school district boundaries be declared, after consultation with the Lyall Bay and Worsler Bay School Committees, the executive to be empowered to deal finally with the matter The changes are made in view of the establishment of a South Miramar school district.

21st December 1921 The distribution of prizes, won by pupils attending the Lyall Bay School took place yesterday afternoon. The list was as follows :—Dux of school (gold medal), Lovdy H. Chisholm; prox. ace. (Mrs. Robertson's prizes), Colin Taylor and Rewia Chorley (equal); special prize (gold medal from anonymous donor) for most marks in proficiency

examination, Colin Taylor; special prize for scholar, Standard VI., showing most progress (anonymous donor), John Little. Sports prizes (additional to Monday's distribution) —For best batting average (bat presented by Mr. H. L. Arcus), H. Hands; girls' championship (gold brooch), Jean Taylor; boys' championship (silver medal), O. Best; consolation race (trophy donated by Mr. H. Price), W. Dustin, 1 (inkstand); D. Dustin, 2. Young Helpers' League (Barnardo Homes) —Badges for three years' membership, Zealot Martin, Irene Boyd, and Melville Murray; silver knives (second award) or six years' membership, Cyril" Sando, Lovdy Chisholm, and Kathleen Rainsford. Attendance records (gold medals donated by Mesdames Whitehead and Hutcheson), A. Williams and B. Paddison. On behalf of Standard VI. scholars, Lovdy Chisholm presented a gold-mounted pen to Mr. O. Robertson, first assistant teacher, who feelingly responded.

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1923	679	Lyall Bay	Blake	Alexander C	B	Headmaster	£520.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Robertson	Charles	B	Assistant	£435.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Roberts	Florence G	B	Infant Mistress	£363.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Conway	Edith	C	Assistant	£313.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Jackson	Patrick	B	Assistant	£375.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Stevenson	Jane	C	Assistant	£303.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Stitt	Annie B	C`	Assistant	£225.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Raikes	Helen M	C	Reliever	£213.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Johnson	Marguerite M	C	Assistant	£195.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Warner	Grace	D	Assistant	£195.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	McAteer	Margaret V	B	Assistant	£195.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Wilkins	Dorothy M	C	Assistant	£185.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Reith	Violet G	D	Assistant	£185.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Wilkinson	Sylvia H	C	Assistant	£185.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Grono	Robert N	C	Assistant	£175.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Kirk	Pearl		Pupil Teacher 1	£113.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Hitchings	Lilian M		Pupil Teacher 2	£78.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Lothian	James F		Probationer 1	£118.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	McKittrick	Mary St. U		Probationer 1	£83.00
1923	679	Lyall Bay	Bucknell	Dorothy G		Probationer 2	£78.00

28th February 1922 A new school has been opened at South Miramar.

16th March 1922 D Lynn assistant Lyall Bay resigned

24th April 1922 The following is from the annual report of the Lyall Bay School Committee:—Mrs Whitehead and Mis Hutchison donated the cost of two gold medals for two boys with remarkable attendance records —'Master F. Paddison for an unbroken Seven years, and Master Williams, for over six years, without absence. Silver handled knives, forwarded by Barnardo Home Committee, were presented to Misses Lovdy, Chisholm, Kathleen Brailsford, and Master Cyril Bando and badges to Zealot Martin and Melville Murray, the first representing five years' service and the latter three years. The committee again thank the donors of the special prizes referred to. They have been heartened by the

ever-ready help given by one and all and feel sure that a school in which the parents and residents manifest such interest is bound to succeed. They ask this meeting to place on record a vote of thanks to the donors of the special prizes, with special mention of Mr Arcus and Mrs Robertson.

26th April 1922 As usual at Lyall Bay, great interest was evinced in the election of the school committee; and over 300 persons were present. Mr. A. Sando presided. The number on the roll at its highest was over 800, with an average attendance of 760. To meet the accommodation necessary, two church buildings had to be rented. Notwithstanding the restricted conditions the school had reason to be proud of its efforts in athletics. The boys won the intermediate grade cricket competition in some events at tennis the semifinal was reached, and at hockey the school was runner up. The school was third in the W.P.S.A.A.A. sports for the Blundell Cup, and won the McWhae Cup in the Boys' Institute sports. 145 pupils had been taught to swim. In Standard VI 47/55 gained proficiency certificates and 5 endorsed competency.

27th April 1922 Bible in Schools report included: A request for a plebiscite of parents of children in standards I. to VI. of Lyall Bay School on the subject of the introduction of Bible-readings in the school was received during the year (stated the committee's report). The vote was taken, 311 papers were issued, 266 were in favour, 24 against, and 21 did not reply. This was a clear indication of the wishes of a majority of the parents, but because upon inquiry it was found that the committee had been misled as to the persons by whom the voting papers were prepared, it was decided to take no further action until a further request in proper form was received from the Ministers' Association.

2nd June 1922 The community singing movement has reached Lyall Bay. At a meeting of the school committee last night it was unanimously resolved to institute a weekly community sing in the school, starting on Monday next. The main object, apart from the entertainment to be provided, is to raise money for necessary school work, for which the Education Board has no funds available

6th July 1922 At Lyall Bay School yesterday, Messrs. Butler and L. T. Watkins, on behalf of the Boys', Institute, presented the McWhae Cup to the team—O. Best, H. Hands, and K Paul—which won the recent athletic contest for public schools. A medal was also presented to each member of the winning . team. The speakers congratulated the .winners; and commented on the advantage of sports to the pupils attending schools.

15th August 1922 School Committee Association report included: The incoming correspondence included letters from the South Wellington and Lyall Bay School Committees, dilating upon the alleged arbitrary action of the school medical officer in doing certain dental work in connection with children without first holding consultations with the parents. It was felt by the committees that such high-handed action should be restrained, as, in doing dental work to children without prior permission from the parents, the medical officer, it was suggested, was exceeding her authority.....A letter from the Lyall Bay School Committee referred to the matter of the school committees being consulted before any further appointments should be made to the teaching staff. The present system of more reference was described as "farcical." The recent intimation from the Board of Education was considered to be tantamount to a declaration that the choice was irrevocable.....

17th October 1920 LYALL BAY SCHOOL AN OFFICIAL VISIT. The Minister for Education (the Hon. C. J. Parr) visited yesterday afternoon with the officers of the Education Department and the Education Board, and Mr J. J. Clark (member of the board for the district), the Lyall Bay School. At present there is overcrowding at the school, and standard II. is being accommodated in the Anglican Church Hall. The Minister's mission was to examine into the conditions on the spot and consider what should be done in the way of extensions to cope with the overcrowding.

28th October 1922 It was parents' day at Lyall Bay schools yesterday, and numerous visits were paid by parents, who were greatly interested in the way in which the educational system is being developed, and in some instances remarked upon the changes that had taken place compared with the teaching of 20 and 30 years ago. The children all seemed very happy and smiled their welcome to the parents as they passed through the classrooms.

6th November 1922 The St. Thomas's Hall, Newtown, was well filled on Saturday evening, when the scholars, under the leadership of Miss Violet Reith, gave a concert in aid of the Lyall Bay School funds. The programme was excellently varied, and the audience expressed appreciation of the items. The school choir; which gained second place in the recent competitions, rendered the choruses :. " The Harvesters,"- "Wayfarers' Night. Song," "Tune of the Open Country," "The Seaside," " Good-night, Sim," "Gipsy Chorus," "Sweet and Low," and "Land of Hope and Glory." A pianoforte duet was played by Misses Betty McKenzie and .Margaret Thompson. Recitations were given, by Misses Effie Brice, Muriel Achison, Doris Murison, and Iris Tonks.. Songs were given by Misses Daphne Beken, Emma Morris, Meg Lawrence, Dorothy Carson, and Master Jack Lawrence, and a duet by Masters Ted Gaze and Pat Foster. Dances were given by Misses Irene Wilson, Edna Miller, Madge Castle, Marjorie Haase, Essie Munro, Effie Brice, and Phyllis McMillan. Miss Reith .was heartily applauded by the audience for her excellent work and was presented with two bouquets by the scholars.

8th November 1922 Several exhibits of New Zealand mineral resources, and also Island and New Zealand phosphates were yesterday added to the school museum at Lyall Bay. The present museum is rather crowded, and another show case is required to house additional contributions.

15th November 1922 Wellington Education Board: On the recommendation of the Executive Committee it was agreed that the chairman and treasurer of the Lyall Bay School Committee be invited to furnish to the chairman and secretary of the board a financial statement of the position' in regard to ground improvement and of the committee's proposals

5th December 1922. Wellington Cricket Association: Permission was granted to the Lyall Bay School to use the Basin Reserve next Friday, should the weather tomorrow be unfavourable for the holding of sports.

11th December 1923 Lyall Bay: Proficiency Certificates.—Fred. Aitchison, David Arbuthnot, Owen Best, Charles Burke, Herbert Carton, Hugh Currie, John Fea, Harold Greenall, Theo. Gunderson,, Harry Hands, Arthur Jones, Alex. McQueen, Arthur Meier, Leonz Meier, Keith Paul, Arthur Peterson, Frank Peterson, Cyril Sando, Fred, Soufflet, Arthur Williams, Dulcie Allan, Marjory Bell, Dorothy Brighting-, Effie Brice, Dorothy Carson, Muriel Catherwood, Marjory Driller, Rubina Driller, Ivy Dorr, Amy Garner, May Johnstone, Edna Miller, Elsie Neilson, Mary Neville, Lora Parker, Jean Purdey, Mavis Rolls,

Valma Spiller, Millicent Slyfield (dux), Nancy Sandford; Leona Sturrock, Jean Taylor, Irene Winteringham

Endorsed Competency. Certificates.— Fred. Paddison, Doris Boulton, Ivy Everitt, Grace Morris, Doris Murrison.

Competency Certificates'—John McInnes, Zealot Martin, Vera Nicholson.

15th December 1922 The annual break-up concert this year was arranged by the teaching staff of Lyall Bay School as a mark of appreciation to the school committee and was held at Kilbirnie Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a crowded, audience, and many were unable to obtain admission. Items were contributed by the infant classes, senior-.infante. Standard I. Standard III. girls. Standards V. and VI., Edna Raven, Iris Tonks. Vera Milroy, Eva May, Joan Palethorpe, and Effie Brice. The second part was entirely contributed by Miss Leah Hyman, A.T.C.L. and her pupils.

The chairman of the committee (Mr A Sando) presented the proficiency, competency, and endorsed competency certificates, brooches to Millicent' Slyfield (dux) and Mary Neville (prox. access), a bat donated by Mr T. E. K. Burgess to Owen Best for highest points aggregate in school sports meeting, and three special prizes (given for essays) by the Phoenix Aerated Water Company. Cheers were given for the headmaster (Mr A. C. Blake) and the teaching staff, and a special vote of thanks to Miss Leah Hyman and Mr E. Palliser. The chairman announced a special. holiday on Friday, in recognition of the all-round excellent performance of the scholars.. The concert concluded: with the National Anthem. The' infants' break-up concert took place in the Anglican Hall yesterday afternoon. In the morning Standard V. tendered a concert and morning tea. to members of Standard VI an annual custom.

18th January 1923 Two Wellington school, teachers, who 'have been on exchange in Canada during the last twelve months, are returning in time for the opening of the primary schools,, next month.. They are Miss Aitcheson, of the Normandale School, and Miss Hargreaves, of Lyall Bay School. Miss Hargreaves .also visited England and Europe with a party of Canadian .teachers. Miss Battersby, of Wadestown School, who has also been absent 'in Canada for twelve months, will resume after the holidays. Miss E. B. Lea, infant mistress at Clyde Quay School, is exchanging with Miss F. J. Barnes, a teacher in one of the London County Council schools.

1st March 1923 More accommodation is urgently required at the Lyall Bay School, and a deputation from the committee recently waited upon the Education Board to ask ' that more classrooms be provided. The chairman of the Education Board'(Mr. T. Forsyth) stated that the board was anxious to meet the wishes of the committee in this matter, but it was unable to secure a grant from the. Department, which took up the attitude that until another school was built on a site chosen by it, additional looms should be added to Miramar School instead of Lyall Bay School. Mr. Forsyth promised that the matter should be brought before the Department again, and the urgent requirements in the way of more accommodation stressed.

19th March 1923 Lyall Bay School Merit Certificates, 880 Yards and. over-, Mabs Eversleigh' (2660 yds), Margaret Davison (2340 yds), Florrie Waterhouse '(2200 Yards), "William Flack (2125 yds),[Rest not copied too difficult to translate]

Forty-nine who could not swim a few weeks, ago ,can now swim. .

The' results of this' season's lessons in swimming have been the best yet attained by the school, for 136 have gained certificates, as; against 101 last season, and 30 have gained merit certificate^ as against 6 last season.

16th April 1923 The annual report of the Lyall Bay School Committee states that the school and grounds are in better condition today than they have been in for years past, especially in view of the curtailment of expenditure on education. Under the circumstances the year's achievements were regarded as very satisfactory. The question of extra accommodation at the school was one of considerable moment and had received the closest attention during the year. Despite everything that could be done, two standards were at present housed in outside buildings. The committee had realised that the separation of the scholars was inimical to their advancement, as it was also unfair to the headmaster and teaching staff. _ Plans had been prepared for one additional room, but until the Department announced a decision nothing more could be done.

Various items of progress are reported, also the result of examinations and sports activities.

27th April 1923 Nine nominations for the nine positions on the Lyall Bay School Committee have been received. The new committee is as follows.—Messrs. J. H. Burgayne-Thomas. B. C. Cull. F. J. Evans, S. Greenall, ~A. E. Haswell, W. H. Sadd, A. Sando,/W. F. Stone, Rev. R. H. Catherwood.

1st May 1923 The transfer of teachers was discussed at the meeting of householders at Lyall Bay last evening and was deemed to be detrimental to the welfare of the scholars, i It was resolved that the. meeting does not approve of the present system of transfer of teachers, who are attracted by increased salaries. Increases /should be given without the necessity of transfers. The Hylton scheme of teachers' salaries was regarded as a practical effort to stem the tide of teachers from school to school and was highly approved of.

1st May 1923 The attendance at the Lyall Bay meeting of householders was about fifty, Mr. A Sando presiding. The meeting placed on record its .appreciation of the work of the headmaster, Mr. A: C. Blake. The average attendance during the year was stated to have been 680, the roll total being 705. Satisfactory reports ' were made of the school's activities in scholastic attainment and on the sports fields. Various resolutions were passed in regard to extra accommodation. The School Committee for the ensuing year was elected as follows:— Messrs. 'A. Sando (chairman), J. Burgoyne-Thomas (deputy), P. J. Evans (secretary), B. C. Cull, 3. Greenall, A: E. Haswell, W. H. Sadd, W. F. Stone, and the Rev. R, H. Catherwood. The outgoing committee was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. , The following motion was passed :— "That this meeting views with alarm the delay in providing the necessary accommodation at Lyall Bay School and the continued use of two church rooms; and further approves the proposal for the extension of the school building, believing that the amount now spent in rentals would provide interest on' a capital outlay of £2500, of which about £70 could be saved annually by the Department if extra accommodation were provided."

11th May 1923 "Cabinet to-day made a grant to enable the purchase of a site for a new school at Lyall Bay," stated the Hon. C. J. Parr (Minister for Education) to a "Times" representative yesterday. "At present there is overcrowding at the Lyall Bay School, and a hall is being rented by the Education Department for the overflow attendance. A proposal has been made by the Education Board to the Government as to the purchase of a new site in a suitable locality and the erection of a new school to accommodate about 400 children. The initial

grant for the purchase of the site has been authorised, and the Education Board can now take the matter up.”

17th May 1923 Wellington Education Board: E C Wilson resigns from 4th June

7th September 1923 In the evening the children’s choirs, open only to State primary schools, was the chief item on the programme. This contest, which carries with it the Wellington Musical Trades’ Shield and a gold medal for the successful conductor, attracted seven entries. The result was as under: — Napier West School, 83 points 1 Palmerston North. Central School (hoys), 81 points 2 Lyall Bay. School, 79 points 3 Kelburn Normal School, 76 points 4 Berhampore School. 73 points ... — " South Wellington School, 73 points * Palmerston North Central School (girls), 71 points 7 “Fifth equal.

13th October 1923 Cabinet approved this morning a grant for the improvement of the accommodation at Lyall Bay School. For some time past overflow classes have been conducted in a hall in the district. The addition of two new classrooms provided for in the grant will relieve this temporary arrangement. The inadequate lavatory accommodation is also to be improved.

17th October 1923 The Kilbirnie Hall was crowded on the occasion of the Lyall Bay School Concert, held to augment the school funds. A delightful programme was contributed by a number of Wellington's leading artists, as well as by the school children. Mr. Stanley Warwick and Co. contributed a comedy, entitled "Two Families in One House," which raised a great deal of laughter. Miss Violet Reith and Mr. Alec Murray also gave much-appreciated items. The early part of the programme was devoted mainly to items by the school children, and included: "Huntsman's Chorus" and a two-part chorus, "O Hush Thee, My Baby," and "Lassies and Lads" by the senior^ choir, a chorus "When Icicles Hang" by the junior choir, a song "Lullaby" by senior primers, a song "The Three Kittens" by the infants, a piano duet by Marie Davidson and Betty McKenzie, dance duo by Edna and Marjory Raven, a dance by Ettie Bassin, recitations by Louis Clay and Muriel Aitcheson,-and songs by Betty Hewson, Irene Wilson, and Freda Bassin. The scholars presented floral tributes to Miss Reith, Miss Stitt, and Mrs. A. C. Blake and, in addition, Miss Reith was presented with a purse.. Mr. A. Sando, chairman of the school committee, announced that funds were required for the equipment- of the children's playground for which he solicited further donations'. A vote of thanks to the performers was earned by acclamation at the conclusion of the performance.

8th November 1923 The under-mentioned schools gained certificates (merit, proficiency, or learners') during the season, states the educational officer (Mr. J. H. Duffy) in his report to the Wellington Swimming Centre: — Clyde Quay, 86; Lyall Bay, 137 etcLyall Bay School has shown a very creditable performance, and every credit is due to the staff of this school for the great amount of work it has accomplished, both this season and in the past, towards furthering the interests of swimming.

8th December 1923 Attention is called to the advertisement in this issue regarding the Lyall Bay School picnic, to be held at Day's Bay -on Thursday next, weather permitting. The t.s.s Muritai will leave Miramar Wharf at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends are specially invited.

17th December 1923 The following have gained proficiency certificates in Standard VI. :— Thomas Arbuthnott, Olaf Bloomfield, S Burns, Clifford Camp, Ernest Crawford Norman Crawford. William Dustin Percy, Edmonds, Bernard French (dux of school) Thomas Hancock ' Kenneth Harrap, John Levestam, Edward Marlow, Errol Muir, John McInnes , Eric

McKinley Percy Outhwaite, Thomas Perkin Edward Raven, John Scott, Miriel Aitcheson, Catherine Bloomfield Eva Clay, Lyndall Clay, Jean Congreve Florence Davies, Annie Gold, Peggy Haslam Betty Hewson, Vera Milroy. Vera. Nicholson, May Phillips, Annie Sadler, Chrissie Waddell, Betty Webster

The following gained endorsed competency certificates :—James Lyon, Desmond Martin, James Waddell, and Doris Hallam.

The following obtained competency certificates:—David Dustin, Joyce Haslam, and Mabel Tonks

20th December 1923 The "break-up" concert in connection with the Lyall Bay School took place in the Kilbirnie Hall last evening. The hall accommodation was fully taxed, and many had to be content with standing room only. The programme, which consisted of musical and elocutionary items, etc., was submitted by pupils and ex pupils of the school and was opened | with. "Hail, Smiling Morn," by the [boys' choir, who acquitted themselves well, as also did the senior choir in "Bella of St. Michael's Tower." Evidently no little pains had been spared to train both choirs, who reflected great credit upon their tutor, Miss-V. : Reith, of the teaching staff, who, during the evening, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The dancing of Vera Milroy and Edna and Marjory Raven was most creditable, and Miss Effie Brice was, as usual, quite at home in her' elocutionary items. Recitations, also a monologue, "My Tea Shop," by Miss S. Neilson, was well rendered, as also was the pianoforte duet by Marie Davidson' and Betty McKenzie. Two tiny tots, Irene Wilson and Francis Knight, were well" received, and were accorded encores, as was also the case with a number of the adult performers. A comedietta, "The Obstructive Hat," representing a theatre party, whose view was obstructed by the offensive person who would not remove her hat, created much laughter. The second half of the programme, which was to have been given by Mrs. Menard's pupils, was dispensed with, owing to a misunderstanding in the date of the concert; but impromptu items were readily forthcoming, and were contributed by a number of the already-mentioned performers; also Miss Marie Davidson, Miss Hitchings, Mr. Lothian, Mr. ' Groano, and master's Denis Ryder, Lewis Clay. Cedric Muir, and Bay Foster. During the interval the dux medal was presented to Master Bernard French, and the cricket bat to Master W. Dustin, donated by Mr. T. E. K. Burgess. The proficiency certificates were also presented by Mr. A. Sando (chairman of the committee).' Good work had been done during the year, and it was with gratitude that the committee acknowledged the splendid and faithful work of the teaching staff, especially that of the headmaster, Mr. A. C. Blake, Miss Roberts, and Miss Reith. The concert was an undoubted success, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The accompaniments were ably played by Miss Keith. The proceeds are in aid of "the .school ground gymnastic appliances.

28th December 1923 The teachers of Lyall Bay School met last week to farewell Miss Violet Reith on the occasion of her marriage. Mr A. C. Blake, headmaster, eulogised Miss Reith's work, particularly her services in training the school choirs for the competitions and school concerts. He asked her acceptance of a handsome gift from the staff of the |school, with the best wishes of all. Miss Reith expressed her regret at leaving the school, where she and spent such a happy time, and appreciation of the friendliness -of everybody.