

1923

3rd July Reported for duty today R C Drummond

5th S3 is a very large class and has suffered from frequent changes of teachers. Have broken it up into two divisions and have placed it under the charge of Miss Bradbury assisted by Miss Evans Pupil Teacher

12th Miss Innes Assistant Teacher away this afternoon

16th Punished a boy Lewis Francis for taking money out of a teacher's cloak

19th Miss Blackburn drill instructress visited the school today

25th Miss Taylor away this morning and yesterday urgent private business

27th Wrote to Sec Education Board forwarding names of children absent during second quarter ending 30th June on account of measles

30th July Miss Huston Dental nurse examining children in P4 with a view to their dental treatment

3rd August Miss Taylor away today suffering from influenza

7th August Schools closed this afternoon for term holidays. Have closed earlier because of epidemic

29th Resumed work after term holidays. Miss Smith assistant Miss Innes, Miss Ralph, Miss Evans & Mr Welch not at school. The last four are sitting for examinations

6th September Medical Nurse Miss Wallace visited the school today

20th School closed yesterday afternoon. Governor's visit and NSW V Wairarapa Football match

21st Miss Bradbury away from school today

24th School closed today. Dominion Day

25th Miss Bradbury away from school today. Influenza

26th-29th Annual examination visit by Inspector Burns and Blackie

1st October Inspector's holiday

2nd October Miss Cocker away from school today

5th October Mr Bowman was away from school today and yesterday

12th I was away from school this morning and yesterday

5th November Proficiency examination held today

14th Miss Smith was absent on 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th hay Fever

29th Completed examination of the school

5th December School closed today on account of Bazaar

6th Gross return from Bazaar £125

10th With permission of chairman of committee 200 chairs were lent to Mr Hall Headmaster of Solway School

20th School closed for summer vacation

1924

5th February School resumed work after the summer vacation. Miss O'Donnell reported for duty as Pupil Teacher

20th School closed Masterton Show

22nd Reorganise classes

10th March Punished a boy Franks for insubordination 2 smacks

Miss Calwell temporary assistant reported for duty today. Miss Maxwell is to act as a probationer instead of a pupil teacher

26th March Dr Barclay and miss Blackburn visited school Examined children and formed a corrective class

4th April Average for quarter 513
 23rd School reopened after the Easter Holidays. Mr Goldsman absent in the morning
 28th School inspected by Mr Brock and Mr McKenzie
 5th May School closed today Visit of Naval contingent
 3rd June School closed King's Birthday
 24th June Mr Bradbury away from school today
 29th Miss Smith away from school today. Sickness
 8th August Miss Iorns away today. Sickness
 9th to 22nd Term examinations held
 9th September Resumed work after term holidays Mr Bowman promoted to Wellington. No relieving teacher has come to take Mr Bowman's place
 15th Miss Curtis relieving teacher reported for duty today. Annual inspection of school by Mr Curtis and Mr Cowles
 7th and 8th Miss Bradbury away from school on October 7th and 8th owing to critical illness of her mother
 21st Miss Curtis away this afternoon on account of sickness
 31st Miss Hiddlestone away this afternoon Influenza
 3rd November Miss Hiddlestone away today
 11th November Miss Smith away today Hay Fever
 25th Annual Proficiency exam held today
 21st November Miss Smith away today Hay Fever
 4th Dez Annual Bazaar Held today. Gross Takings (*Not listed*)
 19th School closed for Christmas vacation

1925

23rd to 27th Teacher's refresher course held under the direction of Mr Burns and Mr Irwin
 2nd – 6th March All teachers reported for duty Time employed during the week in discussing and preparing schemes of work
 16th March Staff engaged in correcting homework set for children, daily meeting to discuss various school subjects, planning and preparing work for the coming year
 1st April Miss Smith away this afternoon. Unwell
 15th April School resumed work today
INVESTIGATE WHY SCHOOL WAS CLOSED. Infantile paralysis?
 24th- 28th Miss Curtis away because of illness
 1st May Miss Cotter reported for duty today
 6th May Miss Curtiss reported for duty today
 25th Miss Bradbury away from school today. Unwell
 15th Inspectors Burns, Irwin, McKenzie visited school today
 11th (*Order as in log*) School closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of William Massey Premier of New Zealand
 14th May School closed today Funeral of Mr Massey
 3rd June King's Birthday
 29th Miss Grant away from school today . Unwell
 1st July Miss Williamson & Miss Payne reported for duty today
 2nd 3rd Miss Bradbury away from school
 13th Miss Williamson and Miss Hiddlestone away- both ill, (July 14th- 16th Inspector's examination)
 5th August Mr Goldsman away from school today

1st September School resumed work after term holidays
5th October A boy named Gilbert Orr on Sunday October 4th, 1925 heroically rescued a little girl from drowning in the Waipoua River
9th His excellency the Governor General Sir Charles Fergusson visited the school today
15th Miss Harvey away from school today owing to illness
Note As from this date I will not record teachers away unless there is more information listed
5th November Mr Birkett relieving teacher left for Kaitoke
6th November Mrs A Iorns reported for duty as relieving teacher
7th December Proficiency examination
18th School closed for Christmas Holidays

1926

1st February School reopened after Christmas Holiday Mr G R Stunell reported for duty. Miss Beckett reported as relieving teacher and Miss Hunn and Mr Williams as probationers. Miss Hiddlestone away on sick leave
2nd Miss Bell reported as Probationer
17th February School closed for Masterton A&P show
1st March Mrs Iorns reported today as relieving Teacher. Miss Iorn's Infant Mistress is away on 6 months leave of absence
16th March Greig ran into motor car- bicycle broken & Greig cut about the head
28th April School inspection Mr G Blackie, Mr J Boden
1st July Miss Williamson away today Attending Teachers Appeal Board
9th July Miss Williamson still away. Mr Taylor superintendent of singing visited school today
28th July Miss Curtis finished the day's work and leaves for Canada tomorrow Exchanging with a Canadian teacher
30th July Miss Hiddleston transferred to Petone Miss Hunn Probationer away today
2nd August Mr Kennedy reported for duty today . Relieving in place of Miss Hiddleston. Mr Ross reported for duty in the afternoon Relieving in place of Miss Curtis
12th 13th School examined today by Blackie and Mr Borden
6th September Work resumed after term holidays. Miss Payne teacher from Canada reported for duty
5th October Hon Mr Wright Minister of Education visited the school this morning and presented Gilbert Orr with the Royal Humane Society's Medal for rescuing a little girl Ina Wallace from drowning in the Waipoua River on October 4th 1925
21st October Miss Cocker's last day at Masterton Central
25th October Labour Day School closed
26th October Mr Hill reported today as relieving teacher
28th October Wairarapa Show today school closed

1927

1st February School resumed work after the Christmas Vacation. Miss McFadden reported for duty as Probationary Assistant. Miss K Dickson probationer reported for duty
31st March Miss Payne transferred to Wellington
20th June Mr Kennedy away (Quincy) Miss Halpin relieving
12th September Resumed work after school holidays Miss Halpin relieving teacher reported for duty today

16th October Mr Bakewell visiting today. *Mr Bakewell started teaching in Marlborough, then came to Masterton for 4 years before teaching at Thorndon School. He was headmaster of Greytown school 1896- 1898 then became a school inspector*

16th December School closed for Christmas Holidays

1928

1st February Resumed work after the Christmas Vacation. Miss Buckley, Mr Cormack probationers reported for duty. Mr Blaine Probationer-assistant reported for duty. Miss Grant away on sick leave

15th February Miss Grant reported for duty

5th March Miss Anderson relieving teacher reported for duty

21st May Resumed work after term holidays Miss Harvey additional teacher reported for duty

4th September Mr J Clemett reported for duty

1929

4th February School reopened after Christmas Vacation

Miss Mannell Miss Russell reported for duty

Miss Buckley SA Mr Edwards PA reported for duty

3rd April Miss Anderson relieving teacher reported for duty

29th May 3 magnifying glasses not forwarded also 6 push hoes

21st October School inspected by Inspectors McIlwraith, Burns and Watson

28th School closed for Labour Day

31st School closed Carterton Show

29th November School inspected by Drill Instructors Miss Blackburn and Mr Hamilton

13th December Combined school sports

1930

3rd February School reopened after term holidays. Miss McLogan, Mr Hunter reported for duty also Miss Ackerman

5th Miss Cambourne & Miss Buckley reported for duty as probationers

17th February Mr McLennan & Miss Williamson reported for duty (Probationer)

19th February School closed Masterton show

27th March Truant Inspector visited school today

4th April Clerk of works accompanied by McDonald visited the school today

27th May Punished a S5 boy Lloyd Benton for insolence. 4 smacks with the strap

4th June Punished a Standard 6 boy Parsonson for disobedience. 4 smacks with the strap

5th June Again had to punish Parsonson for disobedience. 4 strokes with the cane

10th June School visited by Dr McIlwraith, Mr Burns, Mr Stubbs Inspector

10th July Mr Brockett Agricultural Instructor visited school today

11th July Mr Cree and Miss Blackburn visited school today (PE)

22nd September School reopened after term holidays Miss M Donald relieving teacher reported for duty

3rd October Examination visit by Inspectors Burns and Stubbs

6th October A boy Raymond Fenwick dislocated his wrist

1931

2nd February School reopened Mrs McLogan away on account of sickness

Miss Mulvey and Miss Reynolds reported for duty as assistant probationers

2nd March Mrs McLagan reported for duty

1932

1st February School resumed after Summer Vacation

Miss D C Peterson & Miss K J Dickson reported for duty as relieving teachers

6th May School closed for Term Holidays. Mr Goldeman? Appointed headmaster Terrace School Wellington

23rd May Miss E Whitta reported as relieving teacher and Miss D Mulvey as additional assistant. Miss Calwell as assistant in place of Miss Rayne

4th July Messrs Partridge, Stubbs & Watson inspected school today

5th September Reopened school Mr McFeely reported for duty

12th October Mr F C Brockett Agricultural Inspector visited the school today and is coming again tomorrow

17th October Someone entered the Masterton Central School between Friday 14th October and Monday 17th October and took the following articles 2 boxes of nibs, 2 boxes of drawing pins, 20 lead pencils, 1 whistle, and a number of rubbers. I have reported the matter to the Sergeant of Police

5th December Proficiency Examination

16th December School closed for Christmas Vacation

End Of Mr Drummond's Position as Head Master. Above is the log of Mr Drummond.

1933

Mr E G Coddington is Head Master (*From Aramaho Wanganui*)

1st February School opened today in my charge first time. The staff has a few changes. Miss Mulvey (extra) has been withdrawn and Miss Cocker replaces Miss Bradbury

I admitted 26 children yesterday and a further 20 today Most of the newcomers are in the standard class

A prefect and monitorial system has been inaugurated and promises to work well

Notice has been received re Technical Classes and Swimming

A meeting of staff was held in the afternoon and a number of matters were discussed including-prefects, monitors, duty days, library, drill squads, sewing, science, gardens

10th February Supplies of Stationery to hand, checked and distributed. Only science books missing.

Entries in admission registers (Showing Promotions) now made. This has been neglected and needed much attention

Circulars No 1 & 2 received. Organization School posted. Destination of leavers (Annual Return No 4) sent in 9/2/33. Organization now working smoothly. Attendance splendid

17th February School closed on Wednesday for the show Received letter on school; population and absentees. Reorganized Library. In spare time I am reorganising the museum

22nd Gave J Lee 4 for swearing at a girl on the way home

Fire Drill (Emergency drill) held today 23rd Time 60 seconds (A Little slow)

27th Received schedule of salaries today, Cheques issued 25th

5th March Miss Calwell away whole week. I took her class. Silvester had a fit and doctor called. Held trial sports today (Wednesday)

Received rulings re admissions and also copy of school boundaries

Meeting of staff on Tuesday (14th) further considered a Fancy Dress Social

Four members of the Board and the Architect visited the school on Thursday

Miss Calwell absent a further week find it a tremendous disadvantage to be tied to one class continuously

20th March Miss Calwell absent a third week. School closed for combined sports on Friday 24th

27th Miss Calwell returned to duty on Monday. Miss Armstrong commenced leave of absence on Thursday Morning, she will not return until the end of the year

7th April Miss Bright commenced duty as relieving teacher in place of Miss Armstrong. All is well in train for the Fancy Dress Social on Wednesday 15th inst.

10th April Grading marks received

A splendidly successful Fancy Dress Social – was held- in the Town Hall last night. There were present at least 700 adults and children and the dancing, behaviour and finances were all above my expectations

Newspaper article headed Children's Night attached in log

Museum in School Praised by authority Attached in log

28th April The term examination has been held this week. The marking shows a very fair to good quality of work some excellent. There is promise of much good work by the end of the year

Mr Brockett visited the school but was called away in regard to search for missing trampers

5th May Exams completed and weaknesses clear. In general work highly satisfactory

Emergency drill on 4th (60 Sec)

Forwarded reports on "Boarded Out" children, term attendance return and reports on relieving assistants

Collected and sent to Board £4-3 – 4 ½ for health camp. Handed to Mr Williams £3-12-6 for dental clinic

School closed today for term holidays. Received report from Mr Brockett

26th May During holidays the school won the challenge shield at the competitions for the best

Juvenile Show under 14 years. Masterton Central 165 points, Northland (Wellington) 160 points

A team beat West at basket ball 30-8 B Team lost to Solway 7-13. (*Researcher's Notes, This was probably referring to Netball which up to the 1960's was called Outdoor Basketball, played with 9 players and a court divided into three even sectors and three players from each team only allowed in each third*)

2nd June Games Basketball A V St Patricks 10-14

B V St Patricks 9-1

Rugby B V Solway 6-0

A V West 51-0

A girl from Lansdowne School was caught writing an obscene wall on Girl's outside office. The matter was reported to the H M at Lansdowne. The mother came and protested her child's innocence but the evidence was overwhelming

Sylvester a boy of Standard 6 who has for some time been subject to a form of fit has today had two of these turns, He has been sent home with a note. These turns are very worrying (See entry 8th March)

Sport for week

Boys A beat Lansdowne 24-6

B Beat St Patrick's 6-0

Girls A Beat Lansdowne 17-13

B beat West 20-15

16th June Mr Brockett (Agriculture Supervisor) spent Monday and Tuesday at the school. He reports that teaching is on sound lines and results Good. Classes bright and responsive

Boys A V Tech Coll 28-3

B V West 6-0

Girls A V St Patrick's 19-17

B V Lansdowne 20-1

25th Boys A V West 52-0

B V Solway 14-0

Girls A V West 27-7

B V St Matthews 20-3

30th A school song has been prepared- printed. It is being sold to provide for expenses of free lunch,
About six sacks of vegetables have been sent to Salvation Army

Boys A V Lansdowne 19-5

B V Tech Coll 0-8

Girls A V Lansdowne 24-23

B V Whatman

P4 has been examined during the week. Work highly satis.

7th July Inspector McCaskill, Watson, Stubbs and Partridge spent Monday and Tuesday at school and left well pleased after an enjoyable visit

This week I commenced taking Standard 5 girls for Arithmetic

Boys A V Tech Coll 8-14

B V Solway 0-6

Girls A B V Te Ore Ore

14th Boys A V did not play. West withdrawn

B V St Patricks 0-0

Girls A V West 38-5

B V Solway 5-12

21st A wretched week and a wretched finish. All games postponed= the "Rec" was under water

25th July On Monday Girls A beat St Patricks 24-23

Friday Girls A beat Lansdowne 19-17

B beat West 26-19

Boys B beat Hadlow 3-0

15th August I gave Murray 6 on seat for not reaching home till 6 pm and lying to his parents about being kept here. I had mother's consent

15th August By Winning the game against Lansdowne 29-15 Central A team secures the Basketball Senior Championships

A bicycle minus a front wheel was found in Dixon Street had brought to me this morning. The police have been informed

Miss Valentine of the Special Class Division came to school to test children this morning. She recommends 11 for special class

Sent £2-1-0 to Board for Health Camp

Six Boys presented with "caps" for rugby at School

Basketball Girls Photo in Log Beth Dixon, Una Selby, Beryl Allen, Nora Hanson, Effie Hilton, Doreen Brett, Bonny Mason, Ivy Johnston (Captain), Dot Walker and Phyliss Thornton

4th September

	Played	Won	Lost
Central	12	10	2

St Pats	12	9	3
Lansdowne	12	5	7
West	12	0	0

Live Geography Enterprising Methods at Central School. A long article about writing to other towns in the world

15th September Photos of Masterton Central Children visiting Wellington to Visit Warship "Australia"

25th September Statistics relation to dinner scheme (Salvation Army)

Number of Days 50. Average attendance 22.7 Highest attendance 27 Number of meals 1137

Total Cost including appliances £5-5-4

Average cost per meal 1 shilling 11 pence

Cocoa Club-

Number of weeks 12 Number of cups 2897 Average per week 241, Average per day 49, Highest attendance 86. Lowest attendance 23.

Amount Collected £4-6-10 ½ Cost £ 2-19-10 Profit £1-7-0 ½ Cost per cup ¼ d (Quarter of a penny)

22nd September On Monday a party of about 170 pupils journeyed to Wellington to visit H M A S Australia

13th October Dr Anderson and Nurse McLean have been at the school from Friday 6th to Thursday 12th both inclusive

17th Yesterday sent notes to West and Lansdowne schools on riding cycles through school gates

Received Defects List from Dr Andersons

27th School closed Monday for Labour Day and on Thursday for Carterton Show (3 seconds)

A most popular Boy and most popular girl competition has been inaugurated and is being carried out enthusiastically to raise funds for Dental Clinic

5th November The examination for "extra" subjects for Standard 6 proficiency was held on 1st, The two classes did some very good work

The "most popular" campaign is proceeding very enthusiastically. There seems to be a likelihood of at least £45 being raised

27th September letter from Captain of HMAS Australia thanking the school for flowers sent to them

10th November Messrs McDonald and Donald of Education Board as well as Mr Hylton and he Architect visited and inspected the school on Thursday 2nd November

The Dental Clinic campaign closed on the 7th and resulted

Boys J Kearns 8.031 R Harrison 7194, H Golder 1916

Girls B Marks 6210, D Brown 1841, D Walker 1778

The total amount raised was £56-5-10. The expenses were 17/10 leaving a balance of £55-8-0 to hand over

Individual Rooms contributed as follows

Teacher	£		£
Mr McFeely	12/13/1	Miss O'Donnell	'11/5/8
Mr Kennedy	10/8/2	Miss Cocker	4'/12/9
Miss Stewart	4/1/6 1/2	Miss Hopkins	3/14/1
Miss Kerins	3/2/4 1/2	Mr Duffin	2/3/7
Miss Calwell	1/16/9	Mr McLagan	1/13/5 1/2
Miss Iorns	0/14/4		

Article Help for the Dental Clinic attached

17th November A commencement has been made on the work of the final examination. Estimates for Standard 6 are prepared. Miss Hopkins was absent on Thursday

24th November Form II Proficiency was held on Friday and the results were particularly good They were 62 Proficiency, 9 Competency, 4 Failed out of 75

The percentages were 95% passed 82% Proficiency Compared with two previous years this shows improvement (1932 75%, 1931 69%)

Miss Stewart absent on Friday to interview the Minister of Education

2nd December An outbreak of measles has set back the attendance very badly/ The examinations are now completed and schedules are in preparation. Mrs McKenzie returned to duty on Friday 1st December

7th December I had to punish J Millward for cutting a boy's arm badly with a knife. He was given six bending over and 4 on the hands with the strap

Trouble over fighting was settled this morning. The boys Douglas and Good were concerned

Dux of School Gladys Bubbers

Proximo accessit Omar Neilson

A delightful concert was given in the Opera House on Tuesday 12th instant. Every Item was splendidly acted and went with vim. A very large and appreciative audience was present

School closed on Friday after a trying but successful year

1934

5th February School reopened on 5th February. New enrolments 55 and roll just two less than first week of last year Miss Stewart absent as result of motor accident. Two additional assistants

The Lab is being prepared for special class for retardates. Teacher is expected on 1st March

The back porches have both been painted

Organisation schedules (with alterations have been sent

[Article on Masterton Central School Pupils Entertainment in Opera House attached](#)

Extremely changeable weather spoiling attendance. Roll well up on last year. Visit of architect and two members of the Board (Messrs Jackson and Donald)

Swimming Sports resuscitated and held on Thursday afternoon

2nd March Tested Standard 1 to Form II mentally today

Radio receiving set installed by Mr Ansell (2ZD)

6th March Today an inaugural ceremony was held in connection with the radio set. Mr Nicol, Deputy Chairman, performed the ceremony and Standards 3 to 6 listened in to the first educational broadcast from 2YA

The broadcast was very successful and was fully reported by Mr Michael editor of the Wairarapa Age

5th March Bible classes commenced. There were three ministers. Combine school swimming sports held. Central 3rd

28th March A splendid Fancy Dress Folk Dance was held in the Municipal Hall last night. Although the evening was a little wet a fine gathering took place and a very happy evening was spent. The financial result was also most satisfactory

[3 Newspaper cuttings](#)

[Central School Annual Swimming Sports](#)

[New Radio Set at Central School](#)

[Central School Fancy Dress party in full detail](#)

25th May School reopened on Monday 21st. A number of new pupils were enrolled. Miss Wallis commenced duty as Infant Mistress and Miss Stewart returned to duty after being absent for some time

1st June Work proceeding smoothly. Roll numbers well up

Miss Russell sent relieving to Whatman School today to include drill, dancing, music, and elocution

25th June It is proposed to have a competition meeting at the school at about the end of the term and a programme has been drawn up today to include drill, dancing, music, and elocution. Practices are taking place

Messrs McCaskill, Watson, Partridge & Stubbs were at the school on Monday and Tuesday the rooms obtained were most satisfactory

15th July Our boys won 7 aside trophy in annual Rugby seven aside tourney'

Miss Walden absent observing for 2 days at Newtown School Special Class (Thursday and Friday

Miss E Calwell absent on Monday and Tuesday

Miss A Pragnell absent on Thursday

19th July I had to punish Downing (S2) for making an improper suggestion suggestion to Valmiki Price. He admitted the act (4 cuts)

Policeman called re Bosson (?) and a missing bicycle. No satisfactory explanation was forthcoming

27th July Basketball (*Netball*) team A won Wairarapa Tourney

5th August Mr Duffin away on Monday and whole week. Sickness, Have taken Reading, Drawing and Essay for examination

10th August On 8th August Messrs Forsyth, Jackson, Donald of Education Board visited school accompanied by the architect

On 9th visiting committee of School Committee visited school. On same day official representing the POSB inaugurated a savings bank scheme at school. Nearly £4 banked

17th August A very successful concert was held in the assembly hall last night resulting in a net gain of

The hall was packed to the doors. During the evening Rugby Rep Caps were presented to Patrick, Harrison, Dale, Lee, Reeves

The senior rugby 15 won the Wairarapa Championship by Defeating Featherston D H 11-0

Beale, Peterson, Bostock and Clement travel to Napier as soccer reps

5th September School resumed with good influx and full staff

10th September Mr McFeely has applied for a month's eave of absence with possible extension. Mr Winter will relieve as from the 12th

Mr Winter reported for Duty on Wednesday afternoon

Newspaper Article Bright Entertainment. Pupils of Central School

21st September School was closed for a refresher course on Monday and Tuesday The subjects of instruction were Art, Physical Training, The Instructors were Messrs Don and Reid

28th September Miss O'Donnell was absent 2 days on account of the death of her brother

5th October On Monday (1st October) a terrific hurricane swept Wairarapa A good deal of damage to property resulted. The school had 12 sheets of iron removed from roof, 3 windows broken, a bicycle shed shifted bodily about 20 yards and most fences flattened. Such children as arrived were kept until the storm abated and then sent home. The school was closed in the afternoon. Three teachers (Misses Allen and O'Donnell and Mr Kennedy) were unable to get to school

Dr Anderson commenced annual medical examinations today

19th October Work progressing steadily. Mr McFeely still away School to close on Monday for Labour Day. Received list of notified defects from nurse. Sent 22 shillings to Edwin Payne Amenity Fund Hikurangi

2nd November The first part of the Standard 6 Proficiency examination was held on Wednesday 30th October. The papers were on the whole very well done

Mr McFeely returned to duty and Mr Winter went to West school on Wednesday

9th November Paid £15-5-0 to Dental Clinic Committee (Mr Madden)

Messrs Hilton and Powell were at the school this morning and discussed repairs

Mr Lyttle rang to complain of Miss O'Donnell's treatment of Graeme. He accused her of using a ruler to strike him on the hands. I got Miss O'Donnell to express her regret over the phone and I pointed out to Miss O'Donnell the unwisdom of her actions. There will probably be no recurrence

12th November A pound note was picked up by a P (*Primer*) boy changed into silver and distributed among his friends. 19/- was recovered and the discovery advertised. The money was claimed by a young lad named Brian Lloyd of Masterton Opaki Road

21st November Arrangements have been made of an informal gathering to allow the old Pupils of Mr Grundy, who is now in Masterton for a few days to meet him and have a chat over old times. Mr Grundy opened the school in 1882

The gathering to do honour to Mr Grundy took place on Friday afternoon. A large number (about 60) of his old pupils were present and a most delightful period was spent. Incidentally a photo was taken of all the Headmasters this school has ever had (Messrs Grundy, Jackson, Drummond and Coddington) and another of Mr Grundy among his old pupils

[An article Mr W T Grundy Meeting of Old Pupils on Friday](#)

[Then a whole two pages of articles](#)

[Including Photos of 4 Headmasters and gathering of well wishers](#)

30th November Doyle was given 6 bending over for throwing Butler off his bicycle and damaging his arm

Boys of Rongotai College Choir sang 4 items in the assembly hall this afternoon

Proficiency results Passed 66, Competency 7, Failed 3

7th December Exams completed and schedules ready to forward on Monday

14th December Today we shall give first performance of the operetta the "Enchanted Village" This will be repeated on Monday

118 Attendance certificates has been carried. Dux of School Phyllis Fenton

Monday Concert repeated to capacity house. Total proceeds £21-4-3

[Concert reports included](#)

18th December School break up held in this afternoon. A pleasant and happy time spent. Proficiency and Competency certificates presented by Mr Nicol

This ends an eventful year full of pleasures and pain and sound progress "Keep a Coming"

E G Coddington

1935

5th February School reopened today. The enrolment was normal with maybe a few more than usual
Word received to work half days only Time 9.00 to 10.30 and 10.45 to 12.30

Miss Rimmer replaced Miss Pragnall and Miss Harvey replaced Miss Stewart

22nd February Swimming Sports (school) held on Monday 18th. The school champions were Senior Boy- E Reeves, Junior Boy B McHattie

Senior Girl J Wylie Junior Girl C? Hendry. The champion house was Grey House

1st March Headmaster absent two days (Monday and Tuesday) with influenza

Combined swimming sports indefinitely postponed

Combined athletic sports fixed for March 22nd

Tow complaints about Miss O'Donnell's wrong treatment of pupils this week (Harcombe Too severe and Clark wrong Language) There does not appear to be anything really wrong. Mis O'Donnell may be perhaps a little insistent about good work but many of the children like her. I think Mrs Clark is looking for faults

11th March Mr Clark again complains of Freda's head being unclean & although she is in another room other children are blamed. I examined the Heads of Miss Calwell's class and found them exceptionally clean. There seems to be no doubt that the child is not being infected at school
Miss Croker was absent 3 days owing to death of her father

15th March At Meeting of Committee last night Mr Williams was elected to replace Mr Williams (resigned)

21st March Messrs Rich, Jones, Jamieson commenced religious instruction this morning

25th March On Friday last the combined Primary Schools Sports was held at Queen's park. Central once again won the Senior Championship. The sports were well contested and pleasantly run. All events were well contested and the points well distributed

Report on sports included

29th March Mr Brockett spent 3 days at school in connection with science work

Miss Walden relinquished work today and was given a small token from staff as a mark of appreciation

5th April Dr Anderson visited school and medically examined Standard 6 and Primers (New Entrants) on Wednesday and Thursday for the clinic should be over

8th April The Folk Dance Festival in aid of Dental Clinic Funds was a pronounced success. The amount available £80

Newspaper report on Folk Dancing included

Photo of Fair held at Wairarapa High School on Saturday Afternoon in aid of Dental Clinic Funds

16th April The children of Standard 4,5 & 6 were able today to listen in to the swearing in ceremony of Lord Galloway our new Governor General. This is one advantage of having a school radio set

On Saturday 20th our midgets defeated Lansdowne 12-3 (Presumably at Rugby)

On Saturday 27th Soccer 6 aside team beat West D 17-0 and in semi-final beat Whatman 3-1. They will play final at park oval on Saturday next

10th May Examination was completed early in the week

On Monday school was closed for the King's Jubilee. Owing to inclement weather the school was unable to take a prominent par that had been allotted to it.

Sent to Board £3 collected for Health Camp

Mr Sykes M P was at school and addressed pupils for Jubilee Celebration today

31st May School reopened on 27th Influx of pupils not so good. Roll 540 + 18

Game Results Rugby Senior V High School 21-3.

Soccer V Whatman 2-0 . Basketball (B1) V Lansdowne 39-0. (B2) V West 34-4

School closed for 3rd for King's Birthday

Minister for Education Hon. S G Smith to visit school tomorrow

5th June The Hon the Minister of Education visited the school this morning and spoke in very complimentary terms of the school tone and discipline. He was accompanied by his Worship the Mayor (Mr T Jordan), Mr G Sykes (M P) Messrs Donald (Education Board), Dunderdale SERS? Club) and Nicol (School Committee). The children were granted a half holiday at discretion of Headmaster and School Committee

11th June ½ holiday Friday

Mr W Nicol has been elected a member of the Wellington Education Board vice Mr Williams (Deceased) Mr Nicol is amber of our School Committee

Games V Lansdowne Soccer 3-3, Rugby B 10-0, Basketball A 22-2, Basketball B2 34-6,
Basketball B1 V West 43-5, Soccer V West B 8-0
Rugby A V High School B 13-3

7 wins

Miss Allen operated on for appendicitis on Friday

18th June Miss Bishop commenced duty as relieving teacher today

[Article on Milk for Children](#)

28th June Four inspectors spent Monday and Tuesday at the school No teacher was classified below Good. The chief weaknesses are a lack of uniformity of style in writing and enunciation in speech

16th July General report received- school classified Very Good right throughout

9th August Arbor Day held today and a number of trees planted along back fence for shelter from Southerly winds. Whole school assembled

[Article on Arbor Day included](#)

16th August Exam held during the week Most of the work has reached a high standard. The weaknesses are

Standard 4 arithmetic (Only satisfactory). Form II Boys writing

James Wishart burned by being pushed into a fire burning in the school ground. Dale Standard 6 was the offender. The Boy was sent home

20th August (Basketball) By Beating St Patrick's today Central A win the A Grade championship without having been defeated

B2 beat B1 and thus they tie for Junior Championship honour

9th September During the holidays the Wairarapa representative Rugby Team won the banner of the Quadrangular tournament. The positions are given in the attached cuttings

[Report on Rugby Tournaments](#)

[2 reports on Concert of Empire attached](#)

27th September We held our most successful concert to date last night and the night before The performances were very well given and went very smoothly. The finances were particularly good. The Gross takings were £13-4-6. The expenses were very light and £29 will be available for sports gear etc.

4th October Report on 5yr and 6yr class sent to Dr Beechy

1st November School closed on Monday FOR Labour Day and on Thursday for Cn Show.

Examination for Form II Proficiency in History, Geography and Science on Wednesday 30th and on Drawing 1st November .Work very well done

11th November Report of Agriculture Supervisor received. Concludes as follows

Work throughout school is particularly well done. The head teacher is close touch with the class work and his good influence is evident. F C Brockett

14th November Mr McCaskill held proficiency exam today. He accredited 33 Out of a class of 60 there were 57 Proficiency and 3 competency

[Article on Window Display by school children at W F C A](#)

29th November School closed on Wednesday for use as polling booth at General Election. Labour was reelected by a big majority

Special test for dux of our school resulted in Jean McLagan securing the honour with J Wylie and B Gaskin as runners up 600, 596, 596/ 700

6th December Annual examinations held during week. The results had been very pleasing- especially in lower section. Standard 4 was not particularly strong in composition and arithmetic

A display of school work has ben put into W F C A window and is attracting much attraction

19th December School closed today with a breaking up ceremony in Assembly Hall. Certificates were presented by Mr Nicol and Mr Jackson addressed the children

The Dux was Jean McLagan There were about 140 certificates. At morning interval presentations were made by Mr Coddington on behalf of the staff to Mrs McKenzie and to Miss Evans both of whom have resigned their positions and are giving up teaching. The staff through Miss Wallace presented Mr Coddington with a gift to mark their appreciation of his work and his attitude towards them

[End of Year Prize lists attached](#)

1936

7th February School reopened on the 3rd. There was a very large enrolment owing to admission of five year olds

Staff Changes Mrs Leitch replaces temporarily MR McFeely Miss Taylor new G1 Miss Horreman new special class teacher. Sunday's storm has prevented the return of special families

14th February Committee met last night. Made templates for Miss Wallis Proposals for modernising school considered- also for removal of special class

24th School swimming sports held yesterday. The results are given in the cutting herewith.

[Swimming Sports results attached](#)

25th Library Books issued 24,25,26 February

[Article on extending radio to classrooms attached](#)

12th March Trevor Major won Primary Schools swimming championship on Saturday last
School will close for Combined Schools Sports (Athletic) tomorrow

[Inter School Sports](#)

16th March The town school's championship was won handsomely by Central at the writing on Friday

15th March

21st March Handwork material received today

27th March Mr McCaskill was at school on Thursday 26th and inspected special class The work for show 7 packages went on Thursday morning

On Wednesday Rooms 7 and 8 listened in to a broadcast of the election of Speaker H of R House of representatives) and on Thursday the speech of the throne

Grading marks received 30th March 1936. All member treated satisfactorily

Leslie Torrance, Trevor Flaws, Fred Sexton, Donald Anstis and Lee Pointon were reported to me for breaking glass in the Memorial Park Grandstand. The matter was passed on to the president of the Rugby Union (Mr Lamb)

Chapman played Truant yesterday and feeling that a straight talk about where he was heading would probably be of more value than a hiding. I took the risk

27th April The Anzac Day ceremony was held at school on Saturday 25th at 9.30 a.m. Doctor N H Prior MC was the speaker

Exams begin today. Essays taken last week

[Report of School Anzac Ceremony](#)

1st May Examinations have been completed and the children have in the main done well. One of two weaknesses will require attention

5th May The School Committee elections were held last night. Though there were three nominations short, six names were sent into the Board for selection

The nucleus of a parent's association was formed a committee of 15 householders appointed to go into the matter

[Report on formation of Parent's Association attached](#)

25th May School reopened after term holidays. Few additional entries. Roll 600. One class in Assembly Hall

2nd June Meeting of Parent's Ass made full arrangements for Children's funny dress party on the 5th June. All details arranged

Messrs Frater, Dixon and Newman have been appointed to the School Committee

8th June The party arranged by Parent's Association was highly successful. Although only 3d and 6d (*Threepence and sixpence. There were 12 pennies in a shilling*)

Report on Party attached

11th June On the 9th June B Thorburn had a fall whilst skipping in the playground. As there seem to be complications developing I have reported to Board

20th June A very pleasant Fancy Dress Party was held by the school in the Municipal Hall last night. The attendance was not great but a good profit resulted. Cold weather, special pictures, a high school concert (2 nights) and a church concert all mitigates against a big gathering. The evening however was a most enjoyable one.

25th June Last Night Mr Rawling's informed me that John Colban had behaved immorally on the way home on Monday afternoon (Exposure) I propose to ask his father to interview me with regard to the action to prevent a recurrence

The interview took place and on amicable arrangement was arrived at

3rd July Miss Harvey was absent 2 days on account of a brother's wedding

The caretaker Mr Holtham has been absent for two weeks with a poisoned hand

17th July Mr Jackson reported finding a light on in school at 12.00 midnight last night and a key in the door. The matter has ben reported to het Committee

22nd July Messrs McCaskill, Watson, Partridge and Stubbs visited and examined the school yesterday and the day before. They all reported the work was very pleasing with much of it excellent

31st July Inspector's report received. School classified V G indeed

1st August I have lent Mr Jackson (Member of the Education Board) the two earliest admission registers and the earliest Log Book as well as the earliest diary on his assurance that I am covered by him for doing so.

21st August By Defeating Greytown (Southern Champions) 22-8 Central has won the Wairarapa rugby championship for 3 years in succession

Horne, Eagles, O Rayner, Lee, McNab and Upston were selected for Rugby "Reps" to go to Wellington. Kilmister and Hornbill go to Napier as "Soccer" reps

The Sum of £3-4-6 has been collected for Health Camp

B Basketball team defeated all opponents and thus become B grade champions

7th September Circular Letters from the Board have been sent to J Shaw's and J R Hancock's parents on change of school to Lansdowne

Mr Dyer, chairman of the Board visited school today

29th September The school was burglarously entered last night and the office forced. No money was taken from the office but about 3/7 disappeared from the rooms. The police have been informed

2nd October Figures supplied to Board for grading of school next year. Main Roll 603 Special Class 16 Total 618 (Average 4 weeks)

This should place school in 7c class instead of 7b

Newspaper cutting of school concert

9th October On Wed and Thurs nights a very successful pupils concert held

15th October At committee meeting yesterday authority was given to use the tennis courts up to four thirty on school days. Headed notepaper was authorised

30th October Examination for Geography, History, Science and Drawing (Form II Proficiency) held on Thursday and Friday 20th & 30th Oct. On whole work well done
Notice that main exam will be held on 26th November has been received
18th November Dr Anderson and Miss Valentine were at the school today for examination of special class
24th November Messrs McCaskill and Watson held Form II the result being proficiency 67, competency 8, Failed 1
25th November Messrs Nicol, Jackson, Donald, Col McDonald members of the Board and Mr Powell Building Inspectors were at school today
30th November Report on special class for retardates received.
Very good progress reported
Dux of School Bernard Knowles
Proxima Accessit Percy Braggins
15th December The sake of work on Saturday cleared £52 profit
School was closed on Monday 14th December for the birthday and proclamation of H M George VI
Owing to an outbreak of infantile paralysis in Otago the minister ordered the closing of all schools this morning

1937

12th February Owing to epidemic mentioned above teachers will not resume duties until 22nd February and schools will reopen on 1st March
26th February During week teachers have been busy on rolls, schemes, mural decoration and preparation of Material. Two full staff meetings have been held
On Monday 1st March the whole school was visited by the Minister of Education Hon P Fraser. He was accompanied by the Director of Education Mr Lambourne, Dr Guy H Scholefield, Mr J Robertson MP and several ladies. A very well prepared morning tea was partaken of and the minister went round the school and spoke to the pupils. He authorized the closing of the school for the afternoon to allow teachers to be present at the laying of the foundation stone of the Wairarapa College
[Special Class. Benefits not Understood newspaper article](#)
2nd April Work proceeding satisfactorily. The discipline seems to have suffered as result of the long vacation and some tightening up has been necessary
16th April The work is now proceeding normally and discipline has markedly improved. So far Masterton has escaped the epidemic of poliomyelitis and it is hoped will continue to do so. For the schools to close again would mean the undoing of what has so far been achieved with great effort
[School Football Representations to Rugby Union. Free passes for teachers](#)
22nd April By order of the minister schools closed on Monday 19th April. Arrangements were immediately made for correspondence work. I was deputed to arrange daily assignments of work in both local papers and three broadcast talks each day at 1.45 from 2ZD Masterton This system is now working fairly satisfactorily
12th May Schools closed for term holidays. To reopen if all well on 24th May
24th May School reopened today for second term
27th May I regret to report the death of Norman Fulton in hospital from a throat complaint. He was 12 years of age and in Form II
[Funeral Notice for above attached](#)
28th May A staff meeting on 25th discussed Arithmetic; Projects' Oral Expression; Breadth of information; Handwork; Research; Examination Date

2nd June Sum of £6-11-0 collected for George V Memorial Fund (Health Camps) and sent to Education Board

8th June Staff meeting to discuss B > B Special arrangements made for improving play and giving greater scope

14th June Staff Meeting (Males) to discuss Rugby

18th June Staff Meeting (Whole) to discuss circular re Home and School, Arts and Craft Competition
I have asked for an inquiry into the question of cleaning the school

1st July A chimney fire occurred this morning in Room 4. The fire brigade was summoned and dealt with it

12th July Inventory of furniture sent in today

16th July Organisation Schedules sent

Report on Carter and Sayer went to Child Welfare

6th August A number of cases of mild diptheria are affecting attendance because contacts have to stay away also

Mr Thorby was absent on Friday 30th July to attend appeal court (Grading)

Dr Anderson and Nurse Hodgetts visited the school this morning and inspected the children of the special class. No notices were sent to parents The B17 cards were taken away

12th August Inspectors McCaskill Stubbs and Johnston spent three days in the school (ending today)
They seemed particularly well pleased with all the work much of which received high praise

In the Rugby Game between Carterton and Central yesterday early in the game Ralph Stewart broke his arm. This will be reported to the Board As a result of the upset the boys lost the game

19th August G Blake, J Golder, J Courley, F Mannering, M McLean, M Shute and E Welch went to rugby tournament at Wanganui today

School closed for term holiday

6th September School reopened

Miss Horneman Special class is to go to Nottingham on exchange at end of year. This exchange was offered by the Department

Miss Calwell has applied for and secured leave to go to England at the beginning of March next year

9th September Mr Kennedy and Miss Cooper were absent from Midday 8th to Midday 9th to attend drama festival at Hawera

Two pages of articles covering the opening of Masterton East School which opened for children 20th September 1937

6th October In the early hours of this morning Mr Jackson's house was gutted by fire. Mrs Jackson was badly burned and is not expected to recover

7th October As a result of her injuries Mrs Jackson (one term infant mistress of this school) died yesterday evening

8th October The school from Standard 2- Standard 6 lined both sides of Chapel Street for the Funeral Procession of Mrs Jackson. The children stood at the salute and were perfectly steady

25th October A mouth organ band has been started and is now making excellent progress

School was closed for Labour Day today

Mr Duffin was absent last week on account of sickness of children (Quarantine)

Miss Horneman was absent on Monday 18th Tuesday Morning (19th) for wedding of relation

29th October Staff meeting at play time to discuss Inspector's Annual report to Education Board and general matters

2nd November Special class visited by Miss Valentine

The welfare officer visited the school today chiefly on account of Ella Avery

16th November Miss Valentine's report received

Report to Welfare Department on Ella Avery

Mr Hesse Chief Agric Supervisor called yesterday to inspect lost school grounds Promised supplies of tools, to pay cost of preparing initial garden plots. Will supply barrow and watering cans and will a hose. Will also supply barrow and watering can to main school

25th November Staff discussion on swimming

Notice of Arts and Craft exhibition put in paper

[Article as above](#)

Tonight the mouth organ band will perform at the Presbyterian Sunday School Concert. 1st

Appearance

5th December A very fine display of the work of T C (*Training College*) students and some primary schools was displayed in the hall (Central School) on Tuesday Afternoon and evening

The chairman of the Education Board and the Secretary and some members were present

14th December Sale of work held on Saturday produced approx. £45

Miss Horreman left for England on midday of December 3rd

Miss Taylor left for Australia on Midday of December 14th

Headmaster absent December 15th On day

“Swimming Week” (last week) resulted in 58 children learning to swim (From this school) This was brought about by the loan of the High School Bath's. Assistance of senior High School pupils and the excellent organizing of classes for learners. A fine cooperative effort

17th December Yesterday the P classes had a very happy Xmas Party

Last night Form II (A and B) had a social evening and presented their teachers Miss Cosker and Mr Thorby with gifts. Each class presented the Headmaster with a gift. A very happy evening was held

School closed for year

E G Coddington

[Article on School pupil Nanette Broom saving a women swimming in the Ruamahunga River](#)

1938

1st February School reopened this morning Miss Taylor and Miss Greene (Exchange Teacher) were not present

Miss Taylor had permission to return a day late. There is no word about Miss Greene

New Teachers are Miss Bliss (1) Mr Bishop (1) Mr Lane (P), Misses Russell and Bellis (P) Miss Goodall has been transferred to the High School. Mr Duffin has secured a new position and his place to be refilled. The influx of new entrants has been rather low and this applies to the total at for both schools

17th February School closed on Wednesday for Masterton Show

1st March Combined school sports held on Friday 25th No championship points allotted

Miss Calwell went on 9 months leave of absence yesterday and was the recipient of a small gift from the staff

72 dozen readers continuous readers received today and allotted to classes

4th March The Annual Swimming Sports were held in the Municipal Baths yesterday. The weather was beautiful and the programme was run through smoothly and quickly.

[Full Results listed in newspaper cutting](#)

21st The school was burglariously entered on Friday night last. The office door was forcibly opened and cupboards and drawers ransacked but there being no money available nothing was taken Later enquiry shows about 1/- was taken from Miss Allan's room. The police have been notified

23rd March First Drum and Trumpet practise yesterday evening under Mr Young and Osborne

24th March I called a meeting of Masterton teachers (which was held in the school last night)]to discuss the question of Physical Education and sport. The following resolution was sent on to the Board. That this meeting of Masterton Teachers approves the principle of devoting half an hour per week (in addition to the physical drill period) to general outdoor activities”

1st April Mrs Stewart completed her month’s relieving on March 31st

As Mr Tamblyn hadn’t arrived I took his work on Friday April 1st

7th April A highly successful Fancy Dress Party was held at the school last night. Both hall and infant room were packed and there was little room to operate. Nevertheless the function was most enjoyable and was financially successful also. The newly equipped and formed drum and trumpet band made a first appearance

Newspaper article of above function

School bugle band cutting

26th April Anzac Day was commemorated on Friday by a short ceremony in the hall

Addresses by H M on sacrifice

Recitation in Unison Standard 6 (Room 7) The soldier

Recitation in Unions Standard 6 (Room 8) For the Fallen

Whole school repeated verse. “They shall not grow old”

Song God Defend NZ

Verse recitation “Land of our Birth”

Salute

National Anthem

A wreath was placed on the War Memorial

3rd May A very enthusiastic Householder’s meeting was held in the school last night. The election of the School Committee resulted in the 7 old members who stood being returned together with the Two East School nominees. This is just as it should be.

Afterwards the old Committee of the Parents’ Association was reelected together with Mrs Shaw Messrs Max Nicol, and Emerson who filled the three vacancies. This will make a splendid committee School Committee

Mr Nicole 45, Mr Colwell 41, Mr Braggins 41, Mr Dixon 41, Mr Newman 40. Mr Beecroft 36, Mr Wesley 33, Mr Cole 33, Mr Gibbs 31

Not Elected Mr Shaw 29, Mr Cretney 25

Parents Committee

President G Beecroft

Secretary P Shaw

Treasurer E G Coddington (*Headmaster*)

Committee Mesdames Nicol, Beecroft, Braggins, Shaw and Coddington

Messrs Nicol, Max Nicol, Dixon, Stains, Bradley, Emerson, Butler and Kennedy

During the two years we have raised the sum of £160

Ploughing Sowing etc School Grounds	£	42.00	
Drum and Trumpet Band Instruments	£	60.00	
Library Books (£30 of books	£	15.00	Subsidised by Board
Part cost of 8 speaker radio	£	15.00	
Crockery	£	7.00	
Urn, Trays etc	£	2.10.0	

6th May Inspectors McCaskill and Partridge here today

School broke up Roll 508, Special Class 18, Infant School 76 Total 602 Average attendance 543.7

Sent to Health Camp Fund £4-12-6

25th May School reopened this morning Miss E Coleman replaced Miss Greene in Special Class

26th May Mr Lane was absent on Wednesday – a boil

5th June Mrs Boocock Supervisor of Sewing (Manual and Technical Branch Ed Department) visited school today and inspected the work being done in sewing and handwork from Primers to Standard

6 She expressed herself as delighted with what she

One page carefully cut out of Log

nine writing prizes were received FROM Broderick and Colonial Industrious

[Articles on Nine Speaker radio in use and Bugle and Drum Band](#)

Nurse Hodges tested eyesight on Friday 17th

7th July MR Tamblyn absent today with sore throat

The examination (1st) has now been completed and various tasks completed

12th July Two cases of measles are known of in main school and two at East

22nd July Miss Taylor absent whole week- bad eyes. Leave for a further week applied for

25th July Miss Allen absent- for whole week making two teachers absent Mr Lane utilized

Miss Goodall bought from East Side as attendance there is well below 50% (27 out of 76)

Miss Cocker left for Australia last Friday and Miss Messenger commenced duty in her place on Monday (Today)

1st May Wrote to Mrs Richter re son's truancy

Misses Allan and Taylor back today

2nd August There having been a complaint about the girls' lavatories being unfit for use being made by Mrs Barnes to a member of the committee and to the Sanitary Inspector I invited the committee man, the lady and the S I to inspect them. They all declared that they were particularly clean and tidy, far better than I expected was the comment of the S I

5th August An impressive Arbor Day ceremony was observed today. The standards planted a row of 24 Lombardy Poplars and the P classes the Olearia as a hedge

The band lead the parade round the ground

[Paper report on Arbor Day](#)

11th August On Monday to Thursday Messrs McCaskill, Stubbs, Partridge and Johnston visited and inspected the school. They appeared to be well satisfied with the progress being made and with the soundness of the instruction

On Wednesday Mr McCaskill and Mr Johnston visited the East Side School

Davey, Golder, McNichol and Trilford selected for Primary Schools Rugby Tournament

19th August All returns (3 term attendances, Boarding, Absence, Open Hours) sent in

5th September School reopened there were absent Miss Coker, Miss Allan and Miss Gunn

9th September Miss Gunn took over duties on Tuesday Afternoon

Miss Cocker resumed on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Tamblyn went home on Wednesday afternoon

Today has been exceedingly wet

12th September Two under 5 children were declined admission this morning

19th September The role declared on Friday was 523+16+81 (Main-special-side). This for grading

Mr Fisher of the Schools Post Office Savings Bank came today and addressed the children

[Article on Assistance for Chinese Orphans](#)

4th October Mr Grundy first Head master of this school died during last night. He passed away peacefully in his sleep

5th October For Mr Grundy's funeral the children of Standard 3, 4, 5, and 6 lined both sides off Queen Street from Russell Street to the end of the recreation ground

27th October I have made arrangements with Mr McGregor (Traffic Inspector) re lecture children on rules of the road and traffic dangers and to cooperate with me in devising simple duties for senior pupils in connection with the control of crossing of younger children

28th October School Closed on Monday (Labour Day)

Thursday Carterton A and P Show

Tomorrow sale of work at East Side, The band has been practising to assist

31st October Band did very well at East School. Mr McLagan away with measles

9th November Mr Lane absent on account of an operation on his leg. Mrs Stewart obtained as relieving teacher

10th November During this morning Mr McGregor (Borough Inspector) lectured and demonstrated road safety rules using a specially taped out road intersection and silent policemen

17th November Mr Brockett has been here 2 ½ days and Mr Hesse one day The latter to discuss Arts and Craft with me and ladies of the W D F U (*Women's Division of Farmer's Union*)

21st November A very successful display of work was held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday. Much comment on the general excellence was passed

[Article on Craft Show attached](#)

30th November Mr Stewart Ceased duty

2nd December Examination completed and returns and records being prepared

A very successful concert was held in the Assembly hall on the 14th and 15th. Financially too it was a huge success

[Numerous articles on concert and evening social](#)

16th December Break up ceremony as above held in assembly hall. Mr Nicol made presentations

1939

1st February School reopened today with a good enrolment

New Teachers Mr Clift (1st Assistant), Miss Whyte (Assistant) Miss Davies and Mr Ihaka (Probationers), Miss Russell and Miss M Payne (Supernumerary)

17th February Mr Clift was absent on Monday and Thursday

Swimming sports held on Thursday School closed on Wednesday for A and P Shows

[Swimming Sports Article attached](#)

23rd February An egg drive in aid of the Health Camp resulted in 26 dozen and 8 eggs plus 8/1 ½ cash

24th February Our Marching teams secured three thirds

Points scored in athletics Central 80, St Pats 48, West 45, Lansdowne 39, Whatman 37, Te Ore Ore 21

5th March Combined swimming sports on Tuesday. Based on championship points (5, 3, and 1)

Central Scored 67 out of a total possible of 124 leaving 57 for the other four schools

10th March Last Night the Committee authorised the installing of eight manual telephones which had been offered free by the P T (*Post and Telegraph*). *Mr Butler has offered to install them*

I have been authorized to purchase handwork material as required as well as certificates for swimming beginners

25th March Mr Stringer from Traffic Department gave illustrated lectures on Road safety Ruled to Standard 1 to Standard 6 (In 2 groups in Masonic Hall today

30th March Staff Meeting re games

6th April Yesterday afternoon whilst playing rounders with Mr Bishop Ted Billington collided with another boy and damaged his teeth. Other wise he seemed all right

20th April Mr Stubbs visited the school yesterday and saw the work of Mr Ihaka and Miss Davis- the former at east and he latter here

27th April Roy Martin apologised to Mr Bishop and took 4 cuts for insubordination

5th May School closed for term holidays

On 4th a highly successful Fancy Dress Party held

22nd May School reopened for second term- an unexpected influx of 25 new pupils

Very successful fortnightly dances are being held by Parents Association with object of providing visual apparatus

Cutting on Children's party

9th June A deputation comprising Myself and Messrs Jones and Berry waited on the Trust Lands Trust to obtain funds for the combined library and for sports promotion. We were granted for library £50 and for sports £10

16th June Preparations are now in hand for half yearly exam. Questions are prepared and some of the work will be taken next week

The new games programme for Fridays is working very well and is likely to produce excellent results

30th June It was reported to me this morning that Ronald Cole had broken his arm whilst playing at East School. I held an enquiry and have reported to the Board. The matter seems an unfortunate but hardly avoidable accident

The examination of all classes including the Side school is now completed. Weaknesses have been noted for further actions

7th July The chimney in Miss Cockers room caught fire today. I attempted to put it out with the extinguisher on the wall but it was insufficient and I obtained the services of the fire brigade

17th July Dr Mullholland called in and tested some of the eyes. It was just a passing call
Mr Bishop was absent all week

25th July On two days this week heavy snow has fallen. The fall yesterday was said to be the heaviest since 1918. School was closed in the afternoon on account of the exceptional conditions

I have been informed that Mr Tamblin and Miss Taylor will both be absent next Wednesday because of the Appeal Court sittings

Miss Taylor absent on 26th

31st July Dr Mullholland commenced examining school (Medically) today

2nd August Mr Tamblin and Miss Taylor absent to attend Appeal Court today

9th August Yesterday and today a really splendid combined display of arts and craft was held in the Town Hall. There were 32 schools represented

Article on above attached

4th August This week Miss Grocott of Wellington (Dental Department) examined 45 children of P1 or S5 as part of a project to show effect if any of the systematic life of an institution (Whatman Home) as compared with ordinary home life as far as condition of teeth is concerned

List of articles and artists whose work was sent to exhibition

4th September School reopened this morning. Miss Taylor has been removed to Wanganui East School Mr Foley will relieve. Mr Kennedy is away sick

It is recorded with regret that the Empire has declared war on Germany

15th September The inspectors- Messrs McCaskill, Stubs, Johnston, and McClure inspected the school as well as the side school on Monday and Tuesday

18th September A very successful dance was held on Saturday by pupils of F1 and F2. Though no profit was expected the sports fund actually benefitted to the extent of £1-6-2

21st September The inspector's report is to hand and speaks in terms of commendation of most of the subjects. The discipline and tone are classified as excellent

29th September Miss Whyte finished duty at the school today. She leaves to be married. Mrs ? will relieve

6th October No relieving teacher came this morning caused by Miss Whyte's absence .I have managed to secure a married women teacher for next week and or Mrs Wales Nee Muriel Russell

16th October Miss Davie absent on account of expected death of her mother

30th October Milk scheme commenced today 494 bottles to commence

13th November I admitted today a child whose admission number is 10 000. That means that 10 000 children have been admitted to this school since it was opened at the beginning of 1881

15th November Miss Horreman was away on Friday and yesterday and has now applied for a month's leave of absence on account of having undergone an operation for some internal complication

Mr Smith is relieving

A Madsen has bene withdrawn from school on account of having been in fairly serious trouble. The Judge ordered this course to be taken. He has been in the special class for several years

21st November Mrs Pauling complained of Miss Major's strapping her daughter in Standard 5. On inquiry I found that Miss Major had real cause for her action but that if she had known the circumstances she would no doubt have acted differently. We expressed regret and assured her that there would be no repetition now that the condition of the girl was known. It was felt that the mother had not acted as wisely as she could have done in advising her child as she did

28th November Miss Valentine visited the school and tested the special class as as candidates for admission to this class on the 28th and 29th November

4th December Following boys selected for cricket representatives to go to Wellington Mark Simonsen, Arthur Simonson, James Davis, Don Fly, Ken Swanson

7th December A very successful Primer concert was held this afternoon coupled with a display of school work. Quite a large number of parents attended

[2 Newspaper reports of concert attached](#)

15th December After a successful concert and a break up the school year closed today. Mr Clift will not be returning as he has been appointed to Taumarunui D H Secondary Department

1940

9th February School reopened on 6th February There was a very good pick up of new pupils and there is promise of a big roll by the end of the year

Mr Clift's position has not yet been filled. Miss Horreman is absent on sick leave. The new probationers are Misses Hooper and Renner. Mr Lane is relieving and Miss Edge (A) commenced duty

A full staff meeting on Wednesday after school discussed fully

- a) Delegates to various sports committees
- b) The arrangement of school sports meeting
- c) The Management of school swimming meeting
- d) Arrangement for revising and extending specialisation
- e) A trip to exhibition
- f) Projects
- g) Essay Work
- h) Lunch Supervision
- i) Open air activities during February

23rd February School swimming sports were held yesterday in glorious weather Boys Champion E Hollings, Girls Champion K McCormack. Champion House Wakefield

School report on Central Swimming Sports

29th February In the combined schools swimming sports today Central secured 66 points as against West 48, Lansdowne 12 and Solway 18 (These last were secured by one boy)

14th March As I did not get all consent notices' regarding the exhibition trip I obtained legal advice which was to the effect that payment of charges accounted to a request from the parent but that negligence was not covered

The Exhibition was held at Rongotai around where Wellington Airport is now situated

10th March On Thursday afternoon the combined schools paraded in the Centennial display carrying banners and led by Central School Band Much favourable comment was forthcoming

On Friday the combined schools held their sports. In the afternoon a fine procession through the town led by the Central school Band was followed by displays of folk dancing, Marching and Massed Drill. The Hon Adam Hamilton was present and addressed the children

On the Saturday the schools organized a "Fancy parade" of Fancy Dresses, decorated prams, tricycles, bicycles and pets. This was really a marvellous display and was watched as it passed through town by crowds lining the street on both sides. At the Park Free Ice Creams were distributed and 30 prizes allotted. These celebrations will live long in the memory of the children and the town
Mona Mead fell and broke a collar bone on Friday. This has been reported to the Board

Newspaper reports on combined sport meeting and Procession in Queen Street

10th March Yesterday 500 children and teachers journeyed to the Exhibition at Wellington. The weather was fine and everything went smoothly from start to finish. The children had a wonderful day and greatly enjoyed it. The train was delayed on the return and reached Masterton at 11.30 pm
27th School resumed after Easter. Death of Prime Minister occurred this morning. Assembly observed short silence with heads bowed. School ordered to be closed for 2 days. Short talk about PM in Assembly Hall today

1st April School resumed applied for swimming certificates. 5 x 880 yards, (*880 yards is half a mile, a mile was about 1680 Meters*)

7 x 440, 5 x 220, 14 x 100, 1 x 150, 11 x 50, 13 x 25, 16 across

4th April The swimming season which has been a poor one has now concluded and the position as far as children of the Standards is concerned is Form 11 95 % can swim other classes are listed but didn't compute

15th April A boy in the special class was accidentally hit in the eye with a rubber ring. The eye was cut a little. (Marryatt injured by Gavistock)

22nd April The biennial election of the School Committee and the Parent's Association Committee were held last night. The School Committee elected J E Mc V Calwell, A V Dixon, W R Nicol, C J Braggins, A Newman, A I Gibbs, J H F Cole, W L Butler, P H Shaw

Report of Meeting

25th June Mr Williams was farewelled at school today because he is to go into a NCO camp on Monday

5th July Mr O'Kane reported for relieving duty today Most of the work will be done by myself however

Nine Junior Red Cross circles and a School Red Cross Council having have been formed and are now working in the school

10th July Today the Primers (1,2 and 3) go into their newly renovated room

19th July Toady P4 goes back into room 8

Mr Kennedy was absent 1 day (24th) and Mr Bishop 1 day (26th) to attend grading appeal boards

Saluting the Flags in schools' article

1st August Arbor day was observed in school today when a ceremony was held in the recreation ground. Twelve Lime Trees were planted by the boys of Standard 6

An epidemic of colds is now being felt at the school and attendance is suffering

16th August Sent Health camp fund £4-2-6

Mr Tamblyn Left

20th September I have been absent four days with Lumbago

Sum of £2 sent to mayor for relief of distressed families in London (result of air battle)

1st October I have admitted today one of the first of the evacuee children from Edinburgh. Robert James Stewart

Arrivals from Overseas

11th October Owing to death of Mr Newman a member of the school committee the monthly meeting of last night adjourned

Reorganisation of Dental Clinics

22nd October The parent's association dance on Sat raised £21 clear for London Relief Fund

New model open class infant room

5th November 1940 As a result of the children's efforts this morning and a "Guy" procession through the town the sum of £8 approx. was collected for the Provincial Patriotic Fund

2nd December On Saturday 30th November a very pleasant and successful function was held in connection with the competition of the renovation to the building

Minister of Education visit

Pages of cutting of history of school

It has been necessary to write to the Board about certain deficiencies connected with rebuilding including 22 cracked panes of glass and shades and 6 globes missing

1941

3rd February School reopened today. Miss Speirs has been appointed as Physical Education Specialist. The probationers are E C Coddington M A and Miss J Hocquard. Mr Munro is relieving vice Mr Cleland. 47 new pupils are admitted

17th February Work of school is swinging into normality now. Miss Spier is doing very satisfactory work with Phys Ed Classes

Mrs Bennett (Super) has gone to relieve at Whatman School for 2 days

School will be closed for day tomorrow on account of P and A Show at Solway

About 6000 bottles have been collected for the Queen Carnival for Patriotic Funds

Between £9 and £10 has been raised by the sale of lapel ribbons for Patriotic Funds

21st February School closed on Wednesday for Show

Sale of produce held on Friday in Town Hall by all schools

Swimming sports held on Thursday

Athletic Sports 1st March

Results of sports

5th March Messrs Irwin, Johnston and O'Connor visited school today and saw Probationary, relieving and supernumerary teachers

18th March Mr Williams left to take up army duties for the duration

19th Mr O'Kane reported for relieving duties

25th March Over 200 swimming certificates have been issued to pupils of the school this season and in addition 10 Lifesaving certificates were issued

29th March Mr Munn left to take up duty at Kato

1st April I took over duties of Hon Secretary to the School Committee today

9th April Heaters were used for the first time today Apples distributed yesterday for first time
42 children enrolled in Barnardos Helpers League

25th April School closed for ANZAC Day A ceremony held at school yesterday and each room prepared a wreath for soldier's memorial

A preliminary try out was given the recently prepared emergency precautions scheme

9th May School closed for May holidays £3-7-6 to Health Camp

26th May School reopened Mumps Prevalent Miss Horreman absent with mumps. Mrs Bennett at Whatman

19th June Yesterday I sent Noeline Brown (Boarded with Mr Berney) home I had reason to believe she had mumps. This morning she was back at school so Miss Wallis took her home in her car with a note explaining that I believed she had mumps and even if there was only suspicion of mumps she should be kept away until suspicion was removed. She was immediately returned to school. I rang up the district nurse and the welfare officer who came to the school and supported my suspicion of mumps. The W C the child away to handle the case at her discretion

1st July Mr Brockett is spending his third day at school

The half yearly survey of class work has been completed and results entered up

Summaries are being prepared

2nd July Mr O'Kane today went to Whareama for 10 days. Mrs Haywood was substituted. Mrs Howard takes special class. Miss Horreman assists with Standard 6

Mr Ball (Senior Inspector Education Department) visited the school this morning and looked around. He spent an hour in the special class

14th July The four inspectors spent Thursday and Friday at school. Mr Kennedy is absent on account of his Father's sickness

16th July Mrs McLagan is absent today on account of sickness

17th July Mrs Wales is relieving in place of Mrs McLagan who will be away to the 25th

21st July An emergency precautions evacuation was practised today

Inspector's report arrived. It states that the school continues to perform a valuable educational service.

Special mention is made of written expression, writing and general neatness of writing out of the work

The general standard given is Very Good The Order, tone and discipline is very good indeed

22nd July I had occasion to strap 6 Standard 6 boys for marking on Blackboard before school. This was for deliberate breaking of school rules

30th July The superintendent of the Fire Brigade came this afternoon and tested the arrangements for evacuating children The 520 were out of the buildings in 1 min 5 sec

This was regarded as being an excellent performance

8th August On the evening of the 6th August Standard 3 under Mr C C Coddington M A gave a demonstration party so that various aspects of the work being done would be shown to parents and friends. The evening was a most successful one and many complimentary remarks were passed about the work, singing and verse speaking. The children also took part in folk dancing and ballroom dancing

Article on above attached

22nd August Standard 6 pupils held a social evening to farewell Mr O'Kane who will be going into the air force camp at Levin

School closed today with attendance still affected by sickness 88%

Three pounds sent to Health Camp

22nd September On Friday Mr E C Coddington M A relinquished his duties to go into camp. In the evening a party was held and presentations made by the children. During the day the staff made a presentation. The parent's Association on Saturday presented a fine wristlet watch. Mr Coddington will enter camp today He has done excellent work and has made a deep impression on all. It is to be hoped he will soon be enabled to return to teaching

E Coddington Head Master

Teacher Farewelled article

25th September The Governor General His Excellency Sir Cyril Newall visited Masterton today and a mass gathering of Primary and Secondary School pupils took place in Masterton Park. This function was most successful

His excellency granted the rest of the day and tomorrow as a holiday to celebrate the occasion

Scottish Children introduced to his excellency

2nd October I have today suspended from school both Joan Russell and Ivan Coley since I have fairly reliable information that immorality has occurred on Friday Evenings (out of school hours) The matter will be handed over to the School Committee

Later. In view of the facts that (a) the trouble took place in the evening (b) both are of leaving age, it has been decided, in order to save the parents, that these two pupils be allowed to leave without further action

3rd October Averages sent in Main 521.4 Special 17 Side 62.7. Total 601.6

These figures it is expected will result in the replacing of the teacher lost last year

Physical Education Films Shown at Central School.

13th October On Friday evening a gathering of parents and children viewed some films on Physical Education brought to Masterton by Peter Robertson of Wellington Teacher's Training College

31st October School was closed on Monday 27th October and on Thursday Afternoon 30th October for Labour Day and for Carterton Show respectively. On the morning of Thursday Mr Bringans Inspector visited the school

4th November 346 Children were taken to see the picture "One Hundred Crowded Years" The sum of £8-12-0 will be forwarded to the Wellington Provincial Patriotic Council Box 1534 Wellington to be credited to the Masterton Fund

12th November Armistice Day was observed yesterday by two minutes silence

Today the Assistant Traffic Officer lectured the school on Road Safety and demonstrated by film. Mr Beere

21st November The Borough Council has agreed to put "unauthorised" pedestrian crossings outside the school. This appears to be history making.

The children held a penny concert in aid of funds for providing presents for sick children yesterday afternoon

Unusual Comprise Article on Pedestrian Crossings

5th December I regret to hear of the death of W N Rayner (Killed inaction in North Africa). In 1933 he was captain of First XV and First XI and a primary school rep

The dux of the school for 1941 is Peggy (Margaret) Bubbers who is aged 11 years 11 months. Her marks were 543 out of 600. The Proximo accessit is C Newman

11th December Insurances renewed thus

Museum (specimens £450) (Furniture £50)

School Furniture (Piano £75) Others £70

Library Books £100, Blocks £50, Chairs £75, Radio £60

Central School Sports meet results

December School closed today for long vacation

1942

9th January Today about 60 soldiers were billeted in the school temporarily. They form part of the mobile brigade stationed in the Wairarapa (increased to 110)

2nd February School reopened today with a pickup of about 47 new pupils. Two teachers did not arrive Mrs Blackmore and Miss Rider Mr Oslands' Place to be filled by Miss Hocquard and Miss Rider's by Miss O'Neill. Miss Sewell has been appointed as Phys Ed Instructress. Misses Mulvaney and Whyte are probationary assistants

15th February Work is proceeding satisfactorily and new teachers are settling down well, Not a great deal can be done outside because of unseasonable weather

The total banked for children last year was just over £60

23rd February Athol Garard was bumped on bridge of nose by a cricket ball at lunch time.

27th February School swimming sports held today in exceptionally fine weather The results were
Champion House Seddon 77 Wakefield 70

Champion Boy L Clarke(Sen), J Bennett (Jun)

Champion Girl (B McCormack (Sen) L Nicol (Jun)

6th March The combined school swimming sports were held yesterday and by counting 5 first, 3 second, 1 third the aggregate points were Central 74, West 64 ½ Lansdowne 25 ½ St Patricks 6, Solway 1

12th March Running to assemble with school Athol Fowler leap frogged over a tennis post and fell and broke his arm near the elbow. First aid was rendered and he was sent up to Sedgley Home where he lives after telephoning that place

12th March Dick Oakley climbed a tree and in jumping down cut his foot on a glass bottle (Broken) His parents were communicated with and he was taken to Dr Hosking

25th March The combined schools' sports which were to be held today have been postponed on account of the weather

7th April School closed for Easter on 3rd to 6th inst. Reopened this morning. Misses Farris and Williamson commenced duty on 1st April. Miss Major and Miss Hocquard went to other positions. Mrs Bennett supernumerary and returning to Whatman

17th April Mr Stubbs was at the school for half day yesterday to see Miss Sewell

200 Children were taken to see the picture "Manger to Cross" yesterday

21st April At the Biennial meeting of Householders last night the following were returned unopposed for the School Committee. Messrs W R Nicol (Chair), W L Butler, P H Shaw, A I Gibbs, S E Nelson. G Silverback, G Masters, T A Russell and S C Dixon. The Head Master was again Appointed Hon Sec & Treasurer

22nd April Room 1 attended a meeting of the Borough Council yesterday evening and had the procedure explained to them by the Mayor

23rd April Mr O'Connor, inspector, was at the school yesterday afternoon and this morning. He saw the probationary assistants at work. Mrs Cleghorn of St Matthews Collegiate School addressed the pupils of Room 1 this afternoon

27th May School reopened on Monday after 2 weeks' vacation. It is estimated that at least 6lbs of ergot was collected by the children of the school

6th June On Thursday R Root resenting an imposition by W Bishop struck him on the face. I gave 6 strokes with strap and ordered an apology. This was given. I wrote his parents who also apologised to Mr Bishop.

Miss O'Neale reported loss of 10/- from her cupboard and . From information received I accused J Root . His parents substantiated this and promised repayment. As part from this an apology no action will be taken

15th June The funeral of Bruce Kilmister and two other men who were killed when a Bren carrier overturned during manoeuvres took place today. A guard of honor was formed by Standards 4,5 and 6 outside the school

25th June A severe earthquake last night caused considerable damage. The school escaped with a few minor breakages- chiefly chinaware. The chimneys of the incinerators here and at East School were broken off. Only a few children attended school

2nd July The half yearly survey was commenced on the 22nd June and the essay, drawing and reading were completed by Wednesday afternoon 24th An earthquake reoccurred on 24th but no damage was done to the building. Exams were resumed on Monday 29th and children's work completed on 30th The work seen connected with above survey was of a better standard than was expected. No average fell below 50% and much of it was of an average ranging in 60 and 70 per cent

6th July I have reported to the Board certain cracks in the old High School building and have asked for an inspection

13th July Chimneys inspector reported today 2 unsafe chimneys in Old High School building. This has been reported to Board and the Borough council has been asked to supply gas heaters. The Central authority has been suppressed

20th July No gas heaters were obtainable from the Council Two heaters not being used in the old clinic buildings have been loaned by the T L T and have been loaned by the T L T and have been installed by the gas office

24th July Four builders from the Hawkes Bay Education Board have been found accommodation at Te Ore Ore School after much trouble. A fifth man has been found board at 42 Lincoln Road These men are to carry out repairs to schools – essential repairs

23rd July Social held by Standard 6 children to raise funds for Service Club group was a very successful one and was much enjoyed by all present

Article on Social Gathering

3rd August Another severe earthquake shook the town on early hours of Sunday Morning. There appears to be no damage to school

6th August Mr McMurtrie Assistant Director of Education visited the school this morning for a short while

14th August Cocoa finishes this week

11 weeks sold 2274 @ ½ (*half penny was half a penny there were 24 half penny's in a shilling*)

Average 45 cups per day

Expenditure Milk £5-5-0 Cocoa 14/6d, Sugar 17/3d (*17 shillings and sixpence*)

Income £4-12-7 ½ Deficit £2-12-1

Parents Association are being asked to make up deficiency

15th August Boys selected to represent the district in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament J Geary, P Marryatt, T M Nicholl, S Milne, R Sayer, R Thorne

Results Wairarapa beat Horowhenua, drew with Wellington, and lost to Hutt Valley

20th August Mr Johnston and Mr O'Connor inspectors visited school to observe work of probationers and relieving teachers

7th September School reopened Miss Faris absent. Miss O'Neale left and replaced by Mrs Latham

8th September Miss Williamson given 10 days leave on account of finances having been given special leave. Miss Williamson intends to marry. Mrs Wales has consented to relieve meanwhile

18th September Mr Bishop had to go for medical examination for military service today

21st September Miss Wallis absent- no reliever

28th September Miss Wallis still absent- no reliever

1st October Mrs Wales came to relieve today. Miss Horreman absent on Wednesday and Thursday.

Returned Friday

Figures for 4 weeks

Main	Special	East	Schools
10650	360	1263	Total Attendance
20	20	20	Times Open
532.5	18	63.1	Average
		613.6	Attendance

14th October Engineers Defence Corps commenced use of school as training depot

2nd November Mr O'Connor Inspector visited on Monday end particularly to see Mr Bishop

11th November 2 minutes silence observed

13th November The old combined Dental Clinic Committee went out of existence last night as its functioning was no longer necessary owing to the establishment of separate clinics

[Article on Dental Clinics closing](#)

4th December Mr O'Conner Inspector visited the school to see Miss Cocker on Tuesday 1st December

Miss Wallis visited Island Bay School and Newtown school on Monday 30th November

Last Sunday the pupils of the school subscribed for a free tea for soldiers at the YMCA (£5)

[Article on Free Tea](#)

17th December Parents Day was held yesterday 16th December. There was a Xmas Tree, drill display, by rooms 1,2 and 5 and the work of the children was set out in the rooms. About 250 adults came and the whole was most successful, In the evening a very successful concert programme was given to a hall packed even beyond capacity £12-10-6

Dux of School Dorothy Benge

Proximo Accessit ? Dallas

[Article on Parents Day](#)

1943

5th February School reopened on 1st with good pick up. Misses Wylie and Whyte supernumeraries Miss Taylor and Sewell called and discussed Physical Education. Messrs Jones and Farrell invited to meeting after school and decision made to carry on was made. Thursday- Miss Taylor arranged programme for staff

10th February A staff meeting was held yesterday after school and questions relating to a) Phys Ed Weak. B, testing subjects and c) policy with regards to methods in all subjects were discussed fully. Mr McLagan to be absent 4 weeks 24 more merit certificates for home gardens

1st March A special parents Day was held today. The object was to put before them the work in Phys Ed. About 110 were present and the work of all from P1 to S6 was very good. Miss Taylor broadcast a commentary. Mr O'Conner Inspector was present.

2nd March Swimming Sports held in splendid weather. All went off well. Champion House Wakefield Champion Boy T McNcHall? Girl [Empty]

5th March Mass demonstration held in Park yesterday was very successful. Today a refresher course in Phys Ed is being held in this school by Mr Smithhills Morning Tea was handled by our staff. Last night an illustrated talk was given by Mr Smithhills in the assembly hall

6th March Today Hon Arthur Nordmeyer officially opened the Dental Clinic Building Afternoon Tea was served by the Parent's Association

9th March The combined schools swimming sports was held today in the Dixon Street Baths. Had points been allotted the first three schools would have been Central 72, West 54, St Patrick's 28

Special Opening Ceremony Report

Four Starred Ensign Sung by School

15th March At the Annual Meeting NZEI (Masterton Branch) I was elected President for the ensuing year

16th March After discussion with Mother Teresa of St Patrick's about children being allowed into Local American camps I rang the Major and secured his cooperation. He promised to get in touch with the commandant to have children included

19th March Have written to CC of U S Marines camp in Memorial Park requesting that children be kept out of the camp

23rd March Red Cross Council reformed. Paid in £2-10-0 to patriotic fund

31st March Miss Wallis relinquished duty today as Infant Mistress Yesterday an afternoon tea and presentation by staff took place. Miss Whyte is to relieve

9th April A jumble sale today by Room 10, Miss Edge raised £6-17-6 a very creditable amount for one room

12th April Mrs Latham absent ½ day. Miss Goodall absent- serious illness of mother

28th April School reopened after Easter. Word received of John Root's theft of wallet and truancy from home. Rang police and welfare officer

29th April Approximately 4 cwt (1 Hundredweight = 45.3 kilograms) carrots have been given to the hospital

24th May School resumed after term holidays Mr Bishop has resigned owing to conviction for theft. Mrs Bennett will relieve. Word has been received that Lieutenant J L Williams has been awarded the Military Cross. Mr Williams is 1st assistant on the staff (Mrs McLagan Infant Mistress)

4th June Preparation in hand for survey. School will be closed on Monday (King's Birthday)

14th June Miss White absent on Friday Orders **for a) Filmstrip projector and b) spinning machine placed today**

Fundraising by school and raising Third Liberty Loan Monies

2nd July £25 worth of bonds have been bought by the children for presentation to the School Committee

The half yearly survey has been completed but not yet recorded. In general the work is highly satisfactory. The one or two rather weakest spots have been noted for further action

6th July The school lined the road to welcome Lieutenant General Sir B Freyberg this morning. Everything went off smoothly

Free Refreshments for Air Defence Unit

7th July Special return of Leavers 1942 sent in today

29th July Received Film Strip Projector

2nd August Mrs Peterson is taking a week's leave of absence on account of her husband being on final leave. Mrs Latham has lost her voice and Miss Horreman is assisting. Her special class has been distributed

6th August The following boys have been selected for the Primary Schools Rep Team. D Archibald, S Milne, T McNicholl, T Rigg, T Sayer and P Travers

16th August The 5th Defence battalion U S M C gave a party to the children of the Homes and Boarded Out children on Saturday 14th

20th August School broke up for term holidays. Miss Goodall will not be returning as she has been appointed to a position at Whakatane

6th September School commenced today. Absent Mrs Latham and Miss McLaren both with Rubella.

New Teachers Mrs Henderson, Mrs Connell, Miss O'Neill

School closed on Friday on account of Capitalisation of Italy

13th September Mrs Latham still absent and Miss McLaren back. Mrs Latham returned on the 15th
16th September Dr Mulholland spent day examining Primers and finishing immunisation
21st Mrs Latham and Mrs Connell were absent yesterday attending the Grading Special Court
27th The school was used as an electoral booth on Saturday for the general election
1st October Miss O'Neill finished duty yesterday and Miss Young commenced today in her place
20th October The Whareama School adopted spent the day with us today. Besides ordinary class
work they saw filmstrips, the museum and went to the "Times Age" building to see the printing of
the paper. Miss Blomfield also benefited by observing the teachers at work
29th October Mrs Connell was absent on the 26th and 27th on account of news of the death of her
sister

3rd November Word has been received that Ivan Thomas (S6) won the Junior Red Cross banner
competition for all New Zealand

5th November Miss Horresman is absent on account of measles she will be away two weeks from
Wednesday

Newspaper cutting on Red Cross

12th Miss Whyte (East) absent Monitors went to assist

17th The school nurse spent the day finally testing Standard 6 today

30th Mr Peterson commenced as supernumerary. Exams being conducted this week and last

6th December The examinations being completed proves Stanley Milne to be dux of the school and
Betty Barnes Proxima Accessit

Selected for representative cricket team to go to Wellington McNicholl T, Reeves R, Fulton A, Henson
B, Travers, Milne S They will be absent on Friday and will travel with Mr Kennedy (Won by Innings)

17th School broke up today for Summer Holidays. On Tuesday (14th) Form 2 held a final party where a
very pleasant time was spent by Teachers and the pupils.

Parents Day was held on Thursday with a display of pupil's work and a Xmas Tree for Primers. An
extraordinarily large number of parents and friends attended. This was a very successful function

1944

School reopened on 1st February with a good pick up of pupils. Mr Slatter (Probationary Assistant)
was absent on military service and his place was taken by Miss McLaren. Miss Hunter was a new PA
On Wed and Thurs Mr Connell was absent for private reasons

Miss Sewell reported on Thursday at Lunch time. She will attend on Mondays- Thursday for
swimming during February

Miss Lowry Infant Specialist visited school today 4/2

15th Miss Sheet (Special Classes) was at the school on 15th and 17th. School closed on the 16th
because of show at Carterton

22nd Miss Farris away on 21/2 Summer Sickness

Swimming sports held today. Champion House Massey with Seddon and Gray 2nd. Seniors Shirley
Nicol and J Sharpe. Juniors Ray Nicol and Jean Parsons

2nd March On Tuesday Messrs Stubbs and O'Connor visited school. On Wednesday Mr Hesse visited.
Mrs Latham obtained leave for 1 month and Miss McLagan is relieving

Combined school swimming sports held on Wednesday

13th March Combined Athletic Sports held Friday The school did remarkably well (127 points)

31st March Tarring and Sanding done today by council workers

6th April An exceptionally successful fancy dress party was held in the school last night. There were
hundreds in fancy dress and a large number of parents and friends present

Report on Anzac Day at School

Report on Fancy Dress party

24th April The Anzac Day ceremony was held today and the flag broken at the masthead for the first time by Mr Nicol

28th Nominations for the School Committee closed on Monday and nine were received for nine vacancies G Masters, A Tatton, S L Hibbs, S I Gibbs, P H Shaw, A E Nelson. G Bilderbeck, T A Russell, D A Barnes

22nd May School reassembled Miss Cartwright commenced duty. Mrs Tooby commenced duty

27th Mr Kennedy (Senior male assistant) was elected to Borough Council today

5th June School closed Kings Birthday. Fall of Rome

6th June Invasion of Europe

18th The sum of £13-3-6 was paid in today to the fund for relief of children in occupied countries

19th Half yearly survey commenced

26th Survey continued in English & Arithmetic

29th Miss Horneman leaves tomorrow. Miss Fitzgerald will return in her place and Miss Whyte will commence duty at East on Monday

7th July Miss Cocker absent 3 days on account of death of her mother

Miss Corbett has asked for 2 weeks sick leave

14th Miss Hodder commenced relieving on Monday 10th

Miss Cocker resumed on Wednesday 12th

24th July Miss Hodder went to Lansdowne Mrs Corbett failed to return, Mrs Perrins services secured for rest of week Application made to Board to delay Miss Cocker's appointment to Fernridge until end of year (With her approval)

28th Miss Miles visited school and spoke to children in Rooms 1 & 2 on Thursday. Mr Burton visited and advised Mrs Kain. Miss Miles and Mr Burton are vocational guidance officers

40 Native Trees and shrubs planted

18th Rooms 1,2,10 and 11 taken to see pictures of London after the bombardment from the air.
(Photographic Enlargements)

Miss Faris and Mrs Corbett finished duty here today. £5 sent for Health Camp

4th September

Article on Primary Schools Rugby Team

School reopened. Relievers Miss Fitzgerald, Miss Fleming, Mrs Bennett, Miss Petersen commenced in Special Class

List of visitors not included

27th September Drain Blockage. Big Job,

28th Applied for 1945 Stationery

29th Average roll sent 519.25 +15 (Special Class) + 65.75 (East)

Harriers Griggs placed 3rd Teams placed 2nd, 7th and 10th

25th October School closed on Monday- Labour Day. School nurse called today to say that Dr will not "do" the school this year

2nd November Yesterday I supervised work of Ashton for King's College School. He sat in my office

6th November 62 books added to Library from Trust Grant

1st December Mr Kennedy was absent on Tuesday and Wednesday Exam work completed this week.

Records and promotions in hand. Dux of School Patricia Bilderbeck

Article on end of year school events

15th December Mr Coddington was absent from school from 4th – 8th December with periostitis of leg
Mr Kennedy was absent from school from 11th – 14th December owing to child having scarlet fever

1945

9th February School reopened on Monday 5th Mrs Connell absent Mrs Wilson relieving. Miss Heenan commenced duty. Mr Beecroft and Mrs Pederson as P A'S . Trouble with drains

22nd Maris Connor has been accused of taking money (1/-) from a small girl's purse. I communicated with her mother and she informs me that the action is partly admitted and has refunded 6d /- *equals shilling, d equals pence. There were 12 pence in a shilling)*

The girls mother also says she has punished her

28th School swimming sports held on Monday. Senior Champion M Haxton, Margaret Hayward.

Junior Champs R Malmo and Ann Nicol. Combined sports held on Tuesday.

19th March Today the Learners Baths were used for the first time today by Room 4. They were much enjoyed. Other rooms will follow this week

Headmaster absent sick last week

Receipts from Navy league for 71 School members Total Sum Three pounds and eleven shillings. So subs were One shilling

20th March A concert by Standard 6 girls raised £4-5-0 for infant material today

26th March Two boys under my supervision built a double brick compost bin using own mortar today

27th Standards 3-6 went to see Phys Ed and swimming films today at the Regent

9th April Mr O'Connor visited the school today to specially see the PA's

11th April Mrs Pederson (PA) has been absent for two days and returned today. Mr Maloney spent the day at school and prepared and sowed a nursery plot (Onions)

13th April I regret to record the death of President F D Roosevelt which occurred yesterday

17th Dr Mullholland and Mr McGregor visited school today. The former for immunization and the latter for patrol drill

19th April I have seen the results of the series of tests used at Wairarapa College for Classifying the new entrants (This is by courtesy of the Principal) They show that we have every reason to be proud of our record results which are obtained in spite of large numbers and generally poor homes.

Pupils Placed in	Form 3				
	Class	Central	West	Lansdowne	Carterton
	1	15	5	6	
	2	12	3	2	
	3	14	5	4	
	4	11	8		
	5	6	10	12	6
	6	1	3		

I feel very pleased with this showing which seemed to justify the policy followed by the school

I have been informed by the Public Trustee that several exhibits have been willed to the school Museum by the late Ellen Sillars

24th Mr Maloney spent a day at the school today. An Anzac Day ceremony was held at close of school. Several wreaths have been prepared to send to the memorial

3rd May Word has been received that the German armies in Italy have unconditionally surrendered The ceremony of honouring the flag was carried out followed by a prayer of thanksgiving by Rev Silcock

4th School closed on the 4th to celebrate surrender in Italy. Term holidays begin. £8-12-6 collected for Health Camp

