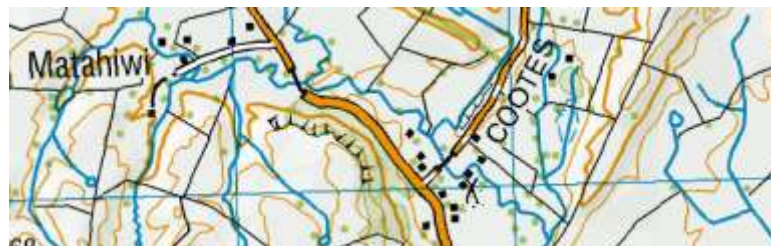


**Matahiwi:** 1898-1981 10 Kilometres East from Masterton along the Matahiwi Road until Cootes Road. Second School was on this corner.



### Matahiwi

1898 299 square foot Section 38 Waipoua S D

Area 2 acres 2 roods 2 perches

1912 Removed original

523 square feet as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 1951

Garage of 160 square feet added

31<sup>st</sup> May 1912 Transfer from Mr J S F Holmes of sections 6 and 7 Waipoua Block and being part of lot 13 on the plan as Number 324

20<sup>th</sup> March 1969 *First such notice I have seen*

Notice to Wairarapa Catchment Board from Wellington Education Board Water for drinking off roof and a bore is used for the toilets

Discharge into a septic tank

New Building erected 1912

### 1898

29<sup>th</sup> September 1898 Subject to no objection being raised by the Masterton committee as to certain boundaries, it was decided to grant aid towards the school at Matahiwi. PP

1941/18167	Sinclair	Donald Edward	William 79Y
1899/9836	Sinclair	Tristram Charles	Esca Martha Donald William Edward

7<sup>th</sup> November Donald Sinclair opened the school with 11 pupils on the roll

9<sup>th</sup> November School closed. Prince of Wales Birthday

14<sup>th</sup> November Admitted 2 scholars making 17 on the roll

15<sup>th</sup> November received per the Daniells 1 dual desk, 2 new black boards

23<sup>rd</sup> November Very close- Ventilation bad

28<sup>th</sup> November Received Map of The World, Map of New Zealand, Globe, Abacus Reading cards, Box of chalk

2<sup>nd</sup> December Standards 4 and 5 backward in both History and Geography

Week ending December 9<sup>th</sup> very wet

14<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Christmas holidays

### 1899

Inspector Fleming reports

The schoolroom is large enough for 36 children. Another window at the side or at the end would be advisable, as the light is not

sufficient at present. Water should be obtained for the children either by means of a tank or a well. And some gravel should be put around the schoolroom. When the room is lined, it might be advisable to leave out the ceiling to allow of better ventilation. A few pegs might be put in the porch.

The examination today was for the purpose of classification only I passed the following, though none were very strong, but with the hope that they might be worked up to the next standard during the year

Violet Brown Standard 5

Alethea Dixon Standard 4

Sedgley Bannister and Apres? Bannister Standard 2

Prideaux Dixon, Percy Welch, Woodleigh Bannister, Gladys

Nicholson and May Harper Standard 1

With the class subjects I would advise grouping.

The Upper standards (4, 5, 6) may be grouped in History and Geography, the Standard 4 programme will be sufficient

Object lessons preparatory to science to be taken (Chemistry) may be given to the whole school (Rick's book is a satisfactory text book.) The young chemists may be used as a reader in the upper classes, but the lessons should be experimental as possible, and should be given to Upper Classes in addition to object lessons. Mr Macdonald's Book (drill) may be used for both girls and boys, but exercises unsuitable for girls may be left out.

The school is fairly well appointed at present. Three more desks and an easel can be obtained (The largest size). An order for chemicals will be sent to the office immediately. A clock and a

bell have already been ordered. A cupboard is required, an order will be sent to the Secretary

The report will be entered in the log book when received

T R Fleming

24<sup>th</sup> January School re-opened.

25<sup>th</sup> January Refused Thomas Ellers admittance, instructed by the chairman Mr Harper to do so

22<sup>nd</sup> February School closed on account of Masterton Show

24<sup>th</sup> February Received from Wellington Education Board small box of models

Average roll 15

4<sup>th</sup> March Received drawing cards for standards III, IV, V

28<sup>th</sup> March Examination Day 17 attending

2<sup>nd</sup> May received the following material 4 Dual Desks (Largest size), Cupboard, Easel. The Committee metalled around the school and carted firewood

19<sup>th</sup> May School closed for day to allow children to attend school picnic

Inspector's report for school examined on March 28<sup>th</sup> 1899

Standard	Presented	Present	Passed
7	-	-	-
6	-	-	-
5	1	1	1
4	1	1	1
3	-	-	-
2	2	2	2
1	5	5	5
Primers	9	-	-

	18	9	9
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Note on passes in Standards. In Standard 1 and Standard 2 were some children considerably over standard age, who were passed on to a high standard to give them a chance of Passing Standard 2 and 3 at the next examination

This school was opened by Mr Sinclair towards the end of last year. The room is capable of holding 36 children. It is not yet lined. I understand that arrangements have been made to put in another window as the one at present is not sufficient. Two offices have been erected and about three quarters of an acre fenced. An entry was made in the log book putting out the work for the coming year

Signed T R Fleming

Signed E Harper Chairman

28<sup>th</sup> May School closed Queens Birthday

20<sup>th</sup> June Miss Smithson resigned the sewing class

27<sup>th</sup> June Very wet. Received bell from Wellington Education Board

30<sup>th</sup> June Closed for winter holidays Received clock from Wellington Education Board Monthly average 15.0 Total attendance for quarter Average 16.6

17<sup>th</sup> July School opened after winter holidays

11<sup>th</sup> August Average for week 18.4 Mr Bakewell visited for inspection

10<sup>th</sup> August Received a few chemicals

Received from Education board Maps of British Isles, Europe. Standard 4 scale drawing cards

21<sup>st</sup> August Full roll number attended

11<sup>th</sup> September Received new board in place of the old board it having been forwarded by mistake elsewhere

Inspector's report received included

- a) Mr Sinclair teacher
- b) Roll 21 Present 20
- c) Forms for timetables can be obtained from Board's office. The analysis is to be carefully filled in
- d) The recess for play should be taken in the morning only
- e) The infants may be let out half an hour earlier morning and afternoon
- f) Copy books show that writing is receiving careful attention
- g) Pattern reading must be a prominent feature of all reading lessons particularly in the lower standards
- h) Only two subjects in drawing need to be taken in one year
- i) The building is satisfactory in regards to accommodation but the lighting arrangements are not good in spite of the new window that has just been put in.
- j) The two blackboards are to be returned to the contractor to be repaired. They should also be well sandpapered
- k) F H Bakewell and Ed Harper Chairman

16<sup>th</sup> October Admitted 3 new scholars

9<sup>th</sup> November School closed. Prince of Wales Birthday. Two maps of South Africa came

6<sup>th</sup> December Election holiday

14<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Christmas Holidays. Thomas Elers attendance bad, only attending on 18 occasions during the quarter

## 1900

25<sup>th</sup> January School opened after holidays

2<sup>nd</sup> February Weekly average 20. Two scholars kept at home on account of whooping cough

8<sup>th</sup> February School closed to allow the children to attend the Patriotic Fair

14<sup>th</sup> February Wet day, Whooping cough prevalent attendance low in consequence

15<sup>th</sup> February Mr Harper as visiting member of committee called today

21<sup>st</sup> February School closed on show day

1<sup>st</sup> March Examined Standard 3, 4, 5, and 6

2<sup>nd</sup> March Examined Infant readers, Standard I, II

7<sup>th</sup> March School examined by Mr Fleming

8<sup>th</sup> March Inspector's Holiday

9<sup>th</sup> March Mr Seddon's Holiday taken today by Mr Fleming's authority

Inspectors Report 7<sup>th</sup> March Inspection Included

- a) Presented 23, Present 15, Passed 12
- b) Standard 6 Candidate was weak in arithmetic last year. Weak in some subjects, satisfactory in others
- c) Singing Not Taught
- d) Needlework not taught
- e) Drill and exercise. A little given on fine days
- f) The lower classes have made good progress during the year. The pass subjects have been well taught and in some of the class subjects the work has been of fairly satisfactory nature

g) T R Fleming and E Harper (School Committee)

7<sup>th</sup> March The following children passed the undermentioned standards

Alethea Dixon Standard 5,

Sedgley Bannister and Agnes Bannister Standard 3

Percy Welch, Prideaux Dixon, May Harper, Woodleigh Bannister Standard 2

Ida Welch, Doris Harper, Ethel Elers, Tangi Elers and Lizzie McCarralish Standard 1

6<sup>th</sup> April School Picnic

11<sup>th</sup> May weekly average 17.2

15<sup>th</sup> May 5 in attendance

21<sup>st</sup> May Holiday Relief of Mafeking

21<sup>st</sup> July School opened after the winter vacation admitted a new scholar

17<sup>th</sup> August Weekly Average 22.3 Fine weather during the week!

24<sup>th</sup> August Admitted two pupils during the week Average for week 23.6

20<sup>th</sup> September Drawing Examination held. Mr Smith acting as supervisor (*Organised by Wellington Education Board*)

1<sup>st</sup> October Good work has been done by a number of scholars Viz Alethea Dixon, Sedgley Bannister, Percy Welch, Woodleigh Bannister, Ida Welch, Doris Harper, Iris Smith, Kathleen Dixon also by all lower classes

5<sup>th</sup> October Very wet average for the week 17.5

9<sup>th</sup> October Visited the school this morning. Found things in good order and the work proceeding in a satisfactory manner. F H Bakewell M A

25<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Sinclair commenced duty today as sewing mistress

30<sup>th</sup> October School not opened too wet and rough

9<sup>th</sup> November School closed Prince of Wales birthday

21<sup>st</sup> December School closed for summer holidays Average 21, 6

Inspectors report written up after 21<sup>st</sup> December note included

- a) Mr Sinclair Roll 25 Present 22
- b) Analysis of Timetable to be made up
- c) Time given to arithmetic could be reduced
- d) Composition should occupy a more prominent position on the time table
- e) I would advise the teacher to take the class and do more manual subjects in the afternoon
- f) More blackboard demonstration is recommended also more oral work in grammar
- g) The children should be encouraged to speak up and to give their answers more in the form of complete sentences
- h) As the chemical apparatus has not arrived Physiology may be taken as the science subjects for this year
- i) The window without a blind on, should be procured without delay
- j) Signed F H Bakewell and E Harper chairman of School Committee

## 1901

23<sup>rd</sup> January School opened today

31<sup>st</sup> January Highest attendance (a record) viz 28

11<sup>th</sup> February received a letter from Mr J Welch objecting to his children learning history

11<sup>th</sup> February School closed on the occasion of the visit of the Imperial Troops

25<sup>th</sup> February Received 1 dual desk

22<sup>nd</sup> March Mr Lee examined the school today

28<sup>th</sup> March Examination Holiday

29<sup>th</sup> March The following children past (sic) the following examinations

Percy Welch, Sedgely Bannister, Thomas Elers Standard 4

Prideaux Dixon, Mary Harper, Woodleigh Bannister, Ida Welch Standard 3

Doris Harper, Ethel Elers, Tangi Elers, Elizabeth McCandlish Standard 2

Iris Smith, Kathleen Dixon, Jean McCandlish Standard 1

26<sup>th</sup> April Weekly average 22.7 Mr Welch carting metal and firewood

20<sup>th</sup> May School closed for midwinter holidays owing to the outbreak of diphtheria

10<sup>th</sup> June School opened today. The children living on the North Side of the boundary gate attending

14<sup>th</sup> June Weekly average 10.2 Low on account of diphtheria scare

17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> School closed on account of the Duke and Duchess of York's visit to New Zealand

20<sup>th</sup> June School not opened today owing to the bad weather. No children attending

21<sup>st</sup> June Open school today two children attending

17<sup>th</sup> July Today being Arbor Day, the school remained closed

23<sup>rd</sup> July Thomas Elers came to school today after being absent for three weeks

Ethel Elers came to school today after being absent 13 consecutive days

30<sup>th</sup> July Owing to an attack of influenza I was unable to open the school

2<sup>nd</sup> September Admitted 3 new scholars

Inspectors Report for 22<sup>nd</sup> March entered in log included

- a) Roll 28, 11 primers. 17 Present Passed 14
- b) Standard 1 and 2 good
- c) Standard 3, 4, 6 Reading and numeration below requirements. Other work fair. Writing well taught
- d) Drill and exercise Inferior
- e) Needlework satisfactory
- f) With a large part of the school fair progress has been made during the past year
- g) Robert Lee and E Harper

November Flogged Frederick Budd for indecent exposure

November Mr Fleming called today

December Closed school for the summer holidays

Inspection Report for 26<sup>th</sup> November included

- a) Roll 34 Present 29 Mr D Sinclair
- b) The timetable has been slightly departed from, as some children to whom the master wished to give a certain lesson had been absent on a previous occasion
- c) Several admissions during the year have increased the number of classes actively employed

d) The greatest difficulty Mr Sinclair has is keeping a number of classes actively employed. He is earnest and hardworking and is improving in his work

e) The order and discipline were good

f) Cleanliness etc satisfactory. One office has no door

## 1902

20<sup>th</sup> January School opened after Summer vacation. 11 attending

23<sup>rd</sup> January School closed today Anniversary day

28<sup>th</sup> February Weekly average 31.2 School closed 26<sup>th</sup> no children attending

24<sup>th</sup> March Commenced school examination

28<sup>th</sup> March Weekly Average 26. School closed today for Easter Holidays. Sedgley Bannister having been away for the whole quarter, so in consequence his name has been struck off the roll

7<sup>th</sup> April Mr Fleming examined the school

8<sup>th</sup> April Inspector's Holiday

9<sup>th</sup> April School Picnic

5<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May. School closed owing to an operation on one of my eyes

13<sup>th</sup> June 5 scholars left. Wet day weekly average 23.7

Mr Riley called Today (*Art adviser*)

Began paper folding

Weekly average 16.0 Weather very wet and cold during the week.

Pridaux Dixon attendance very irregular and unpunctual often coming at 11.00

Inspectors report 7<sup>th</sup> April included

- a) Roll 35. Present 32, 18 presented in the standards. Passed 14
  - b) Arithmetic improved
  - c) Geography Good Standard 4 very good
  - d) Drawing Freehand, satisfactory
  - e) Grammar, Moderate
  - f) Recitation fair
  - g) Science Object lessons Agricultural Knowledge Fair
  - h) Drill and exercise, clubs begun
  - i) I recommend the upper standards be grouped for such subjects as history and geography.
  - j) Mr Sinclair's work shows improvement on that of previous years
  - k) A strenuous effort should be made to improve the average attendance
- l) Signed T R Fleming. E Harper Chairman of Committee
- 7<sup>th</sup> November Influenza Prevalent
- 14<sup>th</sup> November Closed the school on the 10<sup>th</sup>, King's Birthday
- 19<sup>th</sup> December School closed for summer vacation

## 1903

25<sup>th</sup> January Weather wet School opened today

5<sup>th</sup> February School closed. Bank contest (*Band?*)

27<sup>th</sup> February Picnic held today

6<sup>th</sup> March School closed today owing to sickness in my family

26<sup>th</sup> March Mr Bakewell conducted the annual examination

The following students passed

Percy Welch, May Hutchings Standard 6

Ida Welch, May Harper, Agnes Bannister, Woodleigh Bannister, Alice Hutchings, Standard 5

Doris Harper Standard 4

Iris Smith, Kathleen Dixon, (William Hutchings in English only) Standard 3

Isabel Dixon, Coral Smith, Standard 2

Edward Harper, Gwenny Harper, Hazel Smith, Edna Bannister, Standard 1

10<sup>th</sup> April School closed from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April for Easter Holidays

17<sup>th</sup> April Dismissed the school at 2 O'clock to enable the pupils to attend the distribution of Sunday School Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> May Weekly average 31.2. Commenced the monthly examination which I intend to continue throughout the year, Results very satisfactory in all standards, especially in standard 6, in geography and arithmetic.

5<sup>th</sup> June School closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> June Prince of Wales birthday.

23<sup>rd</sup> June Very wet, no attendance in the afternoon

20<sup>th</sup> July School opened today after winter vacation. Admitted 4 new scholars. 1 left leaving 34 on the roll

14<sup>th</sup> August Very wet. Only 3 pupils attending Average for week 27.5

31<sup>st</sup> September School closed in afternoon. I was too unwell to keep the school open

Inspector's report of 30<sup>th</sup> March entered.

- a) Roll 33 including 14 infants
- b) 18 presented 16 passed

- c) Instruction of Primers Good
- d) Mr Sinclair is commended for his results. The work in all standards is distinguished by neatness in writing and arrangement
- e) Signed F H Bakewell and E Harper Chairman

3<sup>rd</sup> November Six pupils left owing to disturbances on their way home

9<sup>th</sup> November School closed for King's birthday

30<sup>th</sup> November One pupil left today leaving 26 on the roll

7<sup>th</sup> December the Truant officer called this afternoon

18<sup>th</sup> December Weekly Average 24. School closed for summer vacation

Inspector's report of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1903 included

- a) Roll 34 Present 27
- b) Classes Standard 7 to Primers
- c) The timetable should show the full distribution of the week's time
- d) The lock on the door should be repaired
- e) Considerable improvements in the way of draining the school grounds have been made by the committee
- f) Signed F H Bakewell and E Harper

## 1904

25<sup>th</sup> January School opened today

29<sup>th</sup> January Weekly average 18.4 L and J Dixon compelled to remain away owing to measles in the family

17<sup>th</sup> February School closed "Show Day"

23<sup>rd</sup> February Mr Easthope (*Truancy Officer*) called. He expressed great pleasure at the good attendance for the present month. I have to thank him for increased attendance

26<sup>th</sup> February I have closed the school to allow me to complete my arrangements for removal to Alfredton. Two days holiday has been allowed by the Committee

Sewing average 16. Miss Rockell's position of sewing mistress terminates today

Donald Sinclair

*24<sup>th</sup> March 1904 The Wellington Education Board accepts Mr Sinclair's Resignation from Alfredton. Donald and His wife Martha moved up to the area around Whakatane and both taught in many Native Schools in the area. They were teaching at Tikitiki in 1929*

1<sup>st</sup> March Miss A Mousely starts. *This position was a straight swap with Mr Sinclair for Alfredton and Matahiwi*

I took charge at Matahiwi School. 26 children present

9<sup>th</sup> March Agriculture: "The Soil"

15<sup>th</sup> March Agriculture "Recapitulation"

22<sup>nd</sup> March Recapitulation in agriculture

28<sup>th</sup> March Object lesson on Camel

31<sup>st</sup> March Report sent into School Committee

School dismissed for Easter Vacation to resume on 11<sup>th</sup> April

6<sup>th</sup> April Very wet days and consequently a poor attendance

15<sup>th</sup> April Notes from T R Fleming to Miss Mousely written into the log

Listed books that could be used in Geography both teacher texts and student readers



### Readers in History

A reading book will satisfy the programme in history but the lessons should aimed at teaching the their rights and duties as citizens of the Empire

A few lessons might be given on the plant life of the neighbourhood, on health and these combined with the Object Lessons in Geography will satisfy the science programme

The quarterly register has not been entered up correctly, but the totals are generally correct

Suggested time per subject per week (Not necessarily to be closely followed)

English (Including, recitation, reading, Writing, Spelling, Composition etc) 10 hours

Arithmetic 5 hours

Singing 1 Hour

Drill 1 hour

This leaves 4 ½ hours for needlework, Geography, Object Lessons etc.

For Geography and History can be counted in the time given to English

Attention also has to be paid to clauses 48, 49 and 50 of the syllabus

The great interest taken in the school is shown by the improvements effected in the school property.

Signed T R Fleming

25<sup>th</sup> April Annual Election of School Committee

E Harper (Chairman and Secretary), W J Welch, A Snodgrass, J Smith, E Dixon, E M Bannister, J Bannister

24<sup>th</sup> May School closed Empire Day

3<sup>rd</sup> June Prince of Wales Birthday. School closed

10<sup>th</sup> June Weekly average attendance 17.6. Roll number reduced (Owing to parents leaving the district) to 19

13<sup>th</sup> June Mr Easthope called to enquire about attendance which omitting wet days, was satisfactory

Inspector's report of April 11<sup>th</sup> included

- a) Roll 26 Including 4 Standard 6 and 10 primers
- b) Only 2 out of 4 Standard 6 pupils passed
- c) Grammar was weak
- d) Singing not taken
- e) Drill and exercises Clubs and Swedish
- f) The general work of the school was fair. Miss Mousely took charge a few weeks ago replacing Mr Sinclair who was transferred to Alfredton
- g) The great interest by the committee in the school is shown by the improvements effected in the school property
- h) T R Fleming per A Mousley

15<sup>th</sup> June School closed in afternoon. I was too unwell to keep the school open

18<sup>th</sup> July School resumed after the midwinter holidays: 14 children present

4<sup>th</sup> August Heavy snow fall and consequent floods:

5<sup>th</sup> August No children came. I waited till 10. And then left

18<sup>th</sup> August Very wet day. No children came

31<sup>st</sup> August Report sent into Committee

1<sup>st</sup> September Object lesson on plant life of neighbourhood

22<sup>nd</sup> September Owing to sickness the school was not opened

30<sup>th</sup> September The school was examined, it being the end of the second quarter since the inspector's annual examination

7<sup>th</sup> October Weekly average attendance 18 (17.6)

13<sup>th</sup> October The great storm: Country in a state of flood: no children came to school

17<sup>th</sup> October Mr Easthope visited the school

20<sup>th</sup> October Mr Bakewell visited the school

9<sup>th</sup> November Holiday: King's Birthday. Flag Hoisted and anthem sang

30<sup>th</sup> November Two children only have not attended a sufficient number of times, Doris Harper and Leo Dixon

Inspector's Report of 20<sup>th</sup> October included

- a) Standard 6 to primers
- b) Roll 19 present 16
- c) Classes are making satisfactory progress. Suitable programmes of work have been drawn up
- d) It would be more satisfactory if arrangements could be made by Miss Mousley to lodge in the vicinity of the school
- e) Shelter shed is a great convenience and considerable improvements have been done to the grounds, but latrine accommodation is still inadequate
- f) F H Bakewell Inspector

1<sup>st</sup> December Owing to wet weather, sickness is very prevalent and in consequence the attendance is poor

16<sup>th</sup> December Quarterly examination completed (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) Returns sent in, and school dismissed for the usual vacation to resume 23 January '05

Signed E Harper Chairman and A Mousley

## 1905

23<sup>rd</sup> January Holiday Anniversary day

24<sup>th</sup> January School resumed after the Christmas vacation: all children present

10<sup>th</sup> February Dismissed school at 2.15 p.m. feeling too ill to keep school open longer

10<sup>th</sup> February Weekly Average attendance 18.4. Last entry by Annie Mousley

27<sup>th</sup> February Mr T Porritt started ex *Head Teacher at Greytown* as Reverend T Porritt and then Featherston School

The school has been closed since the 10<sup>th</sup> owing to the illness of the teacher Miss Mousley. Mr T Porritt (relieving Teacher) took temporary charge this morning

10<sup>th</sup> March Attendance good Average 19 Roll 20

13<sup>th</sup> March Mr Easthope, truant officer, visited the school this morning and found every child on the roll present. He has no fault to find with the attendance at this school

17<sup>th</sup> March Examined all classes and prepared schedules for inspector who will pay his annual visit on or about 20<sup>th</sup> inst

24<sup>th</sup> March Mr F H Bakewell M A wrote in the log

Owing to Miss Mousley's illness the school was closed for some time. She is still away on sick leave. Mr Porritt being in temporary charge. The examination was held therefore in somewhat adverse circumstances. Arithmetic is weak and Reading should improve,

more particularly in enunciation and pronunciation. Several children say “moight” for might and “Loife” for life etc  
Some of the class work will be examined again at the inspection visit when Miss Mousely will most likely have returned to her duties

31<sup>st</sup> March Average attendance for quarter 6 boys and 12 girls  
School will be closed on Monday next for examination holiday

27<sup>th</sup> April The following gentlemen have been elected to serve on the School Committee for the ensuing year viz- Edward Harper (Chairman and Secretary), William James Welch, John Smith, Alexander Snodgrass and Edward Dixon

28<sup>th</sup> April Received from Secretary of Education Board copy of circular 15/05 relating to Public School Holidays

1. The Christmas holidays shall extend over 6 weeks beginning on the Monday before Christmas
2. The last week in May and the first in September shall be observed as holidays, thus dividing the year into three terms
3. The following may be observed as holidays- Good Friday. Easter Monday and Tuesday. Empire Day, Labour Day, Kings Birthday, Prince of Wales Birthday, Inspector’s Holiday and Arbor day
4. On the approval of the School Committee of a district there may be granted one holiday annually on account of any local show or exhibition and one on account of the School Picnic
5. In country districts where the distribution of holidays mentioned in sections 1 and 2 is unsuitable too local

circumstances the committee may- but only with previous arrangement with the Board- close the school at such times as will best suit the particular circumstances of the school and district, provided the total holidays granted be not more than those granted to other schools

6<sup>th</sup> May Annual Report of March 24<sup>th</sup> Inspection

Teacher Mr T Porritt

Standard	Boys	Girls	Present	Average Years	Months
6	-	1	1	12	1
5	-	2	2	12	3
4	1	2	3	11	9
3	1	3	4	10	1
2	1	-	1	9	11
1	3	2	5	8	10
Primers	3	2	5	7	4

Owing to the illness of Miss Mousely and the consequent closing of the school the work since the beginning of the year has been considerable interfered with. Had it not been for this I think the school would have done well

Arithmetic was weak also Geography. Spelling was not good in Standard 3

Otherwise the work was generally satisfactory

Some elementary Scale and Geometrical drawing should be taught in addition to Freehand

12<sup>th</sup> May Mr E Bannister having removed from the District, two children Edna Bannister and Leslie Warner have been withdrawn from school. Average attendance for week 18

19<sup>th</sup> May During the last three days the weather has been very wet. Attendance less than half. Two children have been admitted this week Ruth Manihera and Evelyn Snodgrass

Mr Harper chairman of the School Committee distributed prizes to the children on the results of the annual examination

School closed until the 29<sup>th</sup> inst for term holidays

1<sup>st</sup> June Very wet only 4 children present

2<sup>nd</sup> June School Committee per chairman have provided 1 dozen compasses, 1 Dozen Rulers, 1 Dozen pair of set squares, 1 Dozen drawing pencils and 1 box pens

5<sup>th</sup> June School Closed Prince of Wales Birthday

9<sup>th</sup> June Owing to very stormy weather there was no attendance yesterday

The attendance today (wet) was 8 at am and 6 pm less than half

16<sup>th</sup> June Thursday and Friday very wet, only 15 present each day

26<sup>th</sup> June Examined all classes. General progress since last exam satisfactory. Ed Harper not yet fit for Standard 4. Recently admitted children are very backward

30<sup>th</sup> June Six children left and six were admitted during the quarter, leaving the roll as before 20

Received 1 pair Blackboard Compasses from Wellington Education Board. Set squares will be forwarded later on.

7<sup>th</sup> July Received from chairman School Committee 2 small bottles of ink, and box of slate pencils

12<sup>th</sup> July Arbor Day The very worst time of the year for planting trees, therefore the holiday was not observed here

21<sup>st</sup> July School closed this afternoon to enable the teacher to attend to important business. Weekly Average 19

27<sup>th</sup> July Secretary Wellington Education Board sent notice that Miss Woodward, the newly appointed teacher will take up her duties on 1<sup>st</sup> August

1<sup>st</sup> August Elizabeth Woodward Commenced duties this morning. *She was teaching at Mount Cook Infants in Wellington before coming to Matahiwi.* The school was closed yesterday as Mr Porritt left the district in the morning. Admitted eight children this morning bringing the roll number up to thirty

8<sup>th</sup> August Received from Whitcombe and Tombs a large set of squares

11<sup>th</sup> August Another wet week. Only one day very bad and the attendance was 24. It is never under half. The average for the week is 24

18<sup>th</sup> August The weather has been very cold and wet. The children all seem anxious not to miss a day. The average for the week is 25 Have completed a new timetable and tested it. Cannot give science or brushwork lessons as the materials have not yet arrived

25<sup>th</sup> August Today is a very fine day and there are only 16 present. Of these I do not know of one who is sick.

28<sup>th</sup> August Received word that a modulator had been ordered for the school

30<sup>th</sup> August Received a small modulator

11<sup>th</sup> September Commenced work this morning after the week's vacation. The attendance is only 24

12<sup>th</sup> September Received a reading sheet and a packet of paper for paper cutting

16<sup>th</sup> September Only one day, Friday being fine, the week's average is only 23. Four children are away on holiday

18<sup>th</sup> September Very wet Attendance 13. I have great difficulty in keeping the boys and girls each to their own playground. I have been waiting for the materials for brushwork for six weeks, though I was told a fortnight ago that they would be ordered and sent at once. They had been overlooked.

19<sup>th</sup> September Very wet day. Roads flooded, only seven present. Had no dinner hour closed at 2 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> September Storm from the South: only 6 present: Worked during the dinner hour and closed at 2 p m

26<sup>th</sup> September Received material for brushwork and paper folding

4<sup>th</sup> October Started brushwork. Saw Mr Harper yesterday. They are willing to provide poles as clubs are too difficult for the whole school

Arranged to keep Labour Day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> instead of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> October First fine week in two months. Average for week 27

12<sup>th</sup> October Visited by Mr Bakewell. Recommended a simpler course of Nature Study, an extra set of readers for standard 1 and II and less time for arithmetic in the upper standards

19<sup>th</sup> October received notice to keep a holiday tomorrow

20<sup>th</sup> October received a letter from the Board asking for the names for the Truant Officer

3<sup>rd</sup> November Average for the week 27. Eight children are leaving shortly

10<sup>th</sup> November Very wet day, only 5 present. Average for the week 21. Gave the first quarterly exam, this week Quite unsatisfactory

17<sup>th</sup> November The Budds are leaving the district

22<sup>nd</sup> November Very wet day 16 present. Am closing early on account of not feeling well

7<sup>th</sup> December Closed yesterday on account of elections. Wet today and only 19 present

12<sup>th</sup> December Very hot weather 16 present yesterday and 10 absent, out of which only one was sick

## 1906

29<sup>th</sup> January Reopened today. Only 18 present. Received inspection report

9<sup>th</sup> February Very (wet) weather since return to school. Average 19. Twenty has been the highest attendance since school reopened Doris Harper has left to stay at home. Henry Liddington has left to assist milking. He has not passed Standard 4 but is over 14 years of age. Eli Eastwood has gone to the Masterton School. He leaves here early in the morning with the milk cart and does not get back till too late for school

12<sup>th</sup> February The school was scrubbed out on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. Wet today attendance 13

Inspectors Notes for visit on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1905 included

- a) Miss Elizabeth Woodward
- b) Roll 31 Present 25
- c) This school has been unfortunate in matter of changes of teachers. I have recommended the present teacher to pay most attention to essential subjects such as English and Arithmetic till the next annual visit

d) I gave a short lesson on nature Study and was satisfied with the treatment that the subject was receiving

e) Arithmetic should not take up more than five hours of the timetable

f) The outside offices are more or less of a temporary nature. As soon as the Board's funds permit new ones will be erected

g) F H Bakewell E Harper Chairman

23<sup>rd</sup> February Closed one day for the show. Received notice that the examination will be held on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> March Today on account of the Floral Fete only 7 children arrived. Two of these were to go home at dinnertime. On this account I took a half holiday

18<sup>th</sup> March The inspector arrived unexpectedly

20<sup>th</sup> March Kept the Inspectors holiday yesterday

30<sup>th</sup> March Average for week 18. Committee sent a load of wood

11<sup>th</sup> April Closed for Easter, taking one day extra in place of a picnic holiday

20<sup>th</sup> April Received word that a rain gauge, barometer and compass has been sent by the Board

26<sup>th</sup> April Received the rain gauge, barometer tube, thermometer and compass ordered. Received from the Chairman the examination Report

1<sup>st</sup> May I sent the names of the Liddington's into the truant officer

11<sup>th</sup> May Very wet, week average 19. The children nearly all come if possible in wet weather. This makes the attendance always over half and the average low when the weather is bad.

18<sup>th</sup> May The present average 19 roll 23. The present committee is Edward Walker Harper, Secretary and Chairman William James Welch, Alexander Graham Snodgrass, John Smith Edward Dixon The committee have agreed to change the week's holiday to the next week

8<sup>th</sup> June Resumed school on Tuesday. Have been allowed to use the Public School History instead of a classic

Annual inspection report received included

- a) Miss Woodward in charge since August
- b) Standard 6 average age 13
- c) Standard 5 11 years 8 months  
Standard 4 12 0  
Standard 3 ---  
Standard 2 9.7  
Standard 1 7 11  
Primers 5 9
- d) A change of teacher has affected the work of the school.
- e) The attendance is not good
- f) It is in the interest of the school that the teacher to live in the vicinity if possible
- g) One certificate of competency age 12 years 10 months
- h) Arithmetic Weak In some cases more than a Standard below English
- i) Singing Fair Begun by Miss Woodward
- j) Brushwork begun by Miss Woodward
- k) Needlework, a new programme of work commenced
- l) Efficiency of the school fair
- m) Signed F H Fleming and E Harper

15<sup>th</sup> June Weather bad Today it is snowing and only 14 are present which pulls the attendance down. Iris Smith the top girl has left to go into service

24<sup>th</sup> June Reopened after week's closing, taking an extra day on account of the death of Mr Dixon, a member of the School Committee. Started the first quarters examination

29<sup>th</sup> June Quarterly examination fairly satisfactory Standard VI weak in arithmetic Amos and Leslie Liddington failed altogether

10<sup>th</sup> July Average for last week 16 only. Today is so exceptionally stormy as I can neither hear the children speak or they can I. Close at 2 pm. Amos Liddington being over 14 years of age is staying away altogether

13<sup>th</sup> July Received from Education Secretary memoranda to the effect that "To entitle a candidate to a Standard VII certificate he must have received satisfactory instruction in at least 3 of the additional subjects in addition to the advanced work in Arithmetic, English etc as indicated in the syllabus"

Also that Arbor Day will be observed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month

20<sup>th</sup> July A very wet week, only one fine day. Two children have come to stay for a short time belonging to the Nireaha School

27<sup>th</sup> July Sent in name of Liddington's to the Truant Officer.

15<sup>th</sup> May Average for week 17. A report of scarlet fever is keeping one away

16<sup>th</sup> May Scarlet fever having broken out among the Liddingtons they and the Eastwoods will be away some weeks. Today 14 present

31<sup>st</sup> August Closing today for September vacation present 7. Average 17

11<sup>th</sup> September Reopened yesterday with attendance 16. Weather wet and cold. Received two framed pictures also two natural history plates. The ground for garden plots was prepared during vacation and the tools sent from the Education Board

19<sup>th</sup> September Average for week is 16. Lateness is a trouble. One child seriously ill

12<sup>th</sup> October Closed one day for Labour Day

26<sup>th</sup> October Much sickness. Family of Snodgrass all away sick. Masterton Show interferes with attendance

22<sup>nd</sup> November Visited the school today without notice. 18 children present out of 22 on the roll. Found classes at quite satisfactory work

F H Bakewell MA

Brush drawing and garden work specially commended

27<sup>th</sup> November Admitted Harold Rich

30<sup>th</sup> November Received set of beakers

7<sup>th</sup> December Arranged for a trip to Wellington next week

16<sup>th</sup> December School went on a trip to Wellington last Thursday. 3 pupils entered for the junior free place in the D H S

20<sup>th</sup> December School garden visited and highly commended

## 1907

8<sup>th</sup> February Average for week 19.6

11<sup>th</sup> February SCHOOL CHILDREN'S GARDEN PLOTS.

A. and P. Association's Competition

Matahiwi Scholars Awarded. Both Prizes

At the meeting of the General Committee of the Masterton A. and P. Association, on Saturday, the result of the School children's garden-plot competition in connection with the Show was announced. The judges were Messrs F. C. Lewis and James McGregor, who reported that the competition had been a very interesting one indeed. Eight schools had entered, and all had acquitted themselves creditably. Matahiwi scholars had succeeded in annexing both the prizes awarded by the Association, but the judges thought that, in view of the larger amount of work which had been accomplished by Ihuraua and Hukanui schools, some recognition should be made of their efforts.

The following schools had entered : —Matahiwi (five plots), Hukanui (five plots), Ihuraua (ten plots), Dreyerton (four plots), Kaipororo (one plot), Mauriceville West (seven plots), Taueru (four plots), and Hamua (six plots).

The values of the prizes were 15s first and 10s second, and were awarded for general appearance of plots, straightness of rows, freedom from weeds, condition of soil, quality and quantity of vegetables. Adverse circumstances (poorness of soil, absence of water and exposed situation) were taken into consideration by the judges in allotting marks. Matahiwi plot No. 2 was first, and plot No. 4 .second. In plot No. 2. 37 points were awarded for neatness and cultivation, 24 for quality of vegetables, 25 for condition of tools, and nil for adverse circumstances; total, 86 In the second prize plot, 40 points were given for neatness and cultivation, 23 for quality of vegetables, 25 for condition of tools, and nil for adverse circumstances ; total, 88.

The judges were; accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their services, the judging having involved a considerable amount of travelling, and taken some little time to complete.

Messrs Lewis and McGregor, in returning thanks, stated that the value of the competition was inestimable, and they would willingly do, as much again as they had done in view of this fact. . In discussing the judges' recommendation re recognition of the - work of Ihuraua and Hukanui schools, the Chairman thought that it would probably be best to let the matter stand over, and next year better encouragement could be offered.

Several other members thought that the wishes of the judges should be given effect to, and a subscription taken up in the room resulted in 22s being collected, which was awarded as follows: — Hukanui : Plot 5, 72 marks, 7s; plot J , .70 marks, is. Ihuraua: Plot 8, 45 points, 7s; plot 4, (>5)« points, 4s. ;

The Masterton school plots are not included in this competition, being judged by themselves. The results will probably be available this week.

Contract Matahiwi School Painting F Harding 20pound 1 shilling and 4pence

15<sup>th</sup> February Average 21.7 Roll 25. New boy from Masterton very backward. Closed Wednesday for show, school gained First Prizes for Best Garden, sweet peas, carrots and parsnips. Attendance of the school is improving especially on wet days

Inspector's report of November 22<sup>nd</sup> included

a) Miss Woodward Roll 21 present 18



- b) The school in under conscientious control. Very good work is being done in brush drawing, which is being correlated with the Nature Study.
- c) Made recommendations with regard to the treatment of Geography A and B. In the former Miss Woodward may take atmosphere, seasons, phases of the moon and for the latter New Zealand climate, products, chief towns, other colonies in outline and trade routes

1<sup>st</sup> March One boy likely to be ill a long time.

8<sup>th</sup> March Held Picnic

10<sup>th</sup> March Another boy ill with a broken arm

22<sup>nd</sup> March Average 21 Opened only 8 times. Monday only 3 present. Tuesday the road was impassable. I came half way from town but was unable to proceed.

19<sup>th</sup> April Average 19, Roll 27

26<sup>th</sup> April Examination over. Sixth did very well. The boys of the school are not up to average attainment on standard III and IV

The new committee is as follows

Secretary and Chairman Mr E W Harper

Mr William James Welch, Alexander Graham Snodgrass, John Smith, and Samuel Henry Liddington

3<sup>rd</sup> May Very wet week Road Flooded and I was away one day not being well and the weather dreadful. Roll 27

Received notice from the Board that the holidays always commence upon the last Monday of May and the First Monday in September 16<sup>th</sup> May Received a visit from Mr Davies

(Agricultural Instructor) He advised the sharpening of tools and wished to see the ground filled

17<sup>th</sup> May Received notice from the Board that The Wellington Education Board has decided to pay for letters on strictly official business transmitted to the Board by the Chairman and Secretaries of School Committee and Head Teachers of Public Schools

23<sup>rd</sup> May The school is closing today for the Final Term holiday. The prizes are to be given out

7<sup>th</sup> June Some were under the impression that the school was closed as no appointment had been heard of

21<sup>st</sup> June Between wet and frost, weather is the worst felt for years

25<sup>th</sup> June Annual report for 22<sup>nd</sup> April received included

Class	Boys	Girls	Age Years	Months
6		3	13	3
5		2	12	
4	2		13	1
3	3	3	11	9
2	1	1	9	2
1	2	1	9	9
Primers	7	2	6	6

- a) Miss Woodward
- b) Standard 3 Girls Very Good
- c) In spite of the prevalence of sickness in the district and a low average attendance, Miss Woodward, by earnest and concentrated work has materially raised the standard of the efficiency of the school

- d) The chairman and other members of the committee have taken great interest in the work of the school and have given valuable assistance to Miss Woodward, in the formation of an excellent garden
- e) The school garden gained first and second prizes, for garden plots, and also three first prizes in the Masterton Show
- f) Certificates of proficiency 3 Average age 13 years and 3 months
- g) Reading satisfactory Enunciation should be more distinct
- h) Recitation More attention should be given to comprehension
- i) Physical Instruction Clubs, Poles, Breathing exercises satisfactory
- j) Moral Health treatment approved
- k) T R Fleming

28<sup>th</sup> June Mr. F. Mothes, who left Petone yesterday to take up the position of sole teacher at Matahiwi School, received presentations before leaving from the Petone School staff for whom Mr. Home acted as spokesman and from the sixth standard pupils, on whose behalf Mr. Bedingfield expressed the regret felt at the departure of Mr. Mothes, who is an "old boy" of the Petone School

1<sup>st</sup> July Mr F Mothes took charge of Matahiwi school today.in place of Miss E Woodward who has returned to Wellington (*Mitcheltown School*). The weather was fine and there were 23 present out of 28 on the roll

4<sup>th</sup> July Weather fine again. Boys still late in the morning

9<sup>th</sup> July Weather still bad. Received map of Matahiwi School District from Education Board to be hung up in the room

10<sup>th</sup> July Weather much better. Two more boys left

24<sup>th</sup> July School closed today it being Arbor Day

20<sup>th</sup> July Received supply of plasticene and boards sent up by Education Board

1<sup>st</sup> August School closed this afternoon, teacher ill

7<sup>th</sup> August Chief inspector Mr Fleming visited the school today without notice

27<sup>th</sup> September School closed today Dominion Day

27<sup>th</sup> September Teacher away with influenza

2<sup>nd</sup> October School closed on account of fearful weather

3<sup>rd</sup> October Quarterly exams being held today and tomorrow

4<sup>th</sup> October Weekly average 18.2. The bad weather all this last week has been the cause of the low attendance. On Wednesday the school was closed on account of the fearful rain

7<sup>th</sup> October Received supply of pictures from the publishers of the school journal

Inspection report by T R Fleming of 7<sup>th</sup> August included.

- a) Present 21 Roll 25
- b) Teacher Mr F W Mothes
- c) Mr Mothes took charge on July 1<sup>st</sup> I discussed a scheme of work for the year and made suggestions regarding it and the timetable
- d) The children were under good control and the work was proceeding satisfactorily
- e) An order was given for some school requisites

- f) Mr Mothes attends the Saturday Class at Masterton for instruction in elementary agriculture
- g) The garden accommodation is to be enlarged. I understand that the committee intends to repair the fireplace.

11<sup>th</sup> October Weather very rough One boy and six girls present in the morning

4<sup>th</sup> November Received Circular from Wellington Education Board re “epidemics and reduced attendance

11<sup>th</sup> November Holiday- Kings Birthday

12<sup>th</sup> November Holiday for Labour Day which the school did not have in October

20<sup>th</sup> November Mr W C Davies visited school garden today

2<sup>nd</sup> December received circular on annual promotion of scholars from Education Board

10<sup>th</sup> December Weekly average 21.8 All scholars successful in exams

19<sup>th</sup> December School closes today for Christmas Vacation  
Quarterly average 20

## 1908

10<sup>th</sup> February Reopened school today. Good attendance. School was not opened on February 3<sup>rd</sup> on account of Mr Mothes attending Agriculture Class at Greytown

14<sup>th</sup> February Three children have left during this week Viz Isobel, Leo and Clifford Dixon. Admitted Valentine Taplin

19<sup>th</sup> February Holiday. Show Day. The school gained 1<sup>st</sup> prizes for sweet peas, carrots, and potatoes and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for cabbage, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize for best all round garden

21<sup>st</sup> February Weather has been fair all week. Mr W C Davies, Agricultural Instructor, visited the school today, and expressed his satisfaction at the way in which the garden had been worked during the year. He was especially pleased with the exhibits at the show and congratulated the school on its gaining 2 first prizes and 1 second prize

28<sup>th</sup> February Holiday School Picnic. The annual picnic and prize giving of the Matahiwi School was held at the Matahiwi Boundary Bush. The weather was fine and a most enjoyable time was spent by all

9<sup>th</sup> March Received notice that Annual visit of Inspection will be held on or about 10<sup>th</sup> April

19<sup>th</sup> March Exceptionally bad weather today. Only 8 scholars present

10<sup>th</sup> April Mr Fleming visited the school today and held his annual examination. Was very pleased with work of the school

21<sup>st</sup> June received Barometer tube and mercury from Education Board. Also from G L Stewart Secretary copy of Education Act amendment and supplement to N Z Gazette

29<sup>th</sup> June School broke up today Received circular re Deep Breathing

8<sup>th</sup> June Holiday for Empire Day May 24<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> June Reopened School Today

Review Of Inspection on 10<sup>th</sup> April

Class	Boy	Girl	Age Years	Months
6	1	2	13	3
5	2	2	13	0
4	2		13	0
3	1	1	10	3
2	2	2	9	1
Primers	6	3	6	7

- a) Mr Mothes
- b) Reading Satisfactory improvement in enunciation
- c) Physical Instruction Frearm and Breathing Exercises taken daily
- d) Everything else satisfactory
- e) Nature Study and elementary science. Plant life- good. Some very good practical work has been done in the gardens. At the Masterton show in February the school won three 1<sup>st</sup> prizes, one 2<sup>nd</sup> and also took third prize for best garden
- f) Brushwork and modelling are also taught
- g) Mr Mothes will consult the committee re the teaching of needlework
- h) T R Fleming

22<sup>nd</sup> July Holiday for Arbor Day saved for future occasion

Matahiwi School Committee for 1908 is as follows. Chairman E W Harper, Messers Snodgrass, Smith, Maxwell and Ashwood

5<sup>th</sup> October Mr Fleming visited the school today

3<sup>rd</sup> November School excursion to Wellington today. On 28<sup>th</sup> October Mr Davies visited school and expressed himself highly pleased with the work of the children In the garden

20<sup>th</sup> December The Masterton A and P Association Judges visited school garden We gained 1st prize for best all round garden and 3rd prize for best plots

No on roll 19

## 1909

8<sup>th</sup> February School reopened after Christmas vacation

16<sup>th</sup> February Masterton show day. The school gained 7 First prizes, 3 seconds, and 1 third for garden produce

3<sup>rd</sup> March Horticultural Show School gained first prize for collection of vegetables and second for best writing (Gwen Harper)

5<sup>th</sup> March School Picnic

15<sup>th</sup> March teacher away for 1 week.

*DEATHS. MOTHES.—On the 15th March, 1969, at Britannia Street, Petone, Alfred Richard Nathaniel, dearly beloved son of Richard and Katie Mothes aged 17 years. Dearly beloved and deeply regretted.*

Inspection report for 5<sup>th</sup> October included

- a) Mr Mothes
- b) Roll 20, 16 present
- c) Work was proceeding satisfactory under good discipline. All the children were well employed.

- d) In the afternoon some practical work was done in the garden
- e) It is pleasing to note the interest taken in the work of the school by the Committee
- f) T R Fleming

Inspection report for 9<sup>th</sup> March included

- a) Roll 16, present 12
- b) The roll number has decreased from 24 in the March Quarter of last year
- c) The methods are mainly individual. The children were all well employed
- d) In the upper standards reading was generally good
- e) Some suggestions were made to render the reading of the lower classes more fluent
- f) The discipline is good and the quality of instruction satisfactory
- g) Great interest is taken in the working of the school by the committee
- h) I recommend to the Board to subsidise any monies that may be offered for the purchase of apparatus etc
- i) A microscope, a balance, a chain rule and some library books would add to the equipment
- j) Otherwise the school for its size is well appointed.
- k) Very good practical work has been done in the garden
- l) The school took six first prizes and two seconds for flowers and vegetables at the Masterton A and P Show in February

- m) Also took the first prize for the best school garden and second and third prizes for best school plots
- n) At the Horticultural Show took first prize for a collection of vegetables and second for writing.
- o) Mr Mothes and the children are to be commended for such an excellent result
- p) T R Fleming

20<sup>th</sup> May 1909 VOICE OF A SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Announcement is now made that Wellington Education Board has appointed Mr. F. Mothes as assistant, teacher in Petone School. Some feeling is evinced by the committee at the method followed by the board in regard to this appointment. There were four applicants, for the position, and: the names, placed' in order', of merit, were sent on by the board. The Committee found that: the credentials, of only one applicant: were submitted to them. and. passed a resolution .(previously. published) with regard, to the matter. A member of the. School Committee told 'The Dominion' reporter that. their desire, was to deal fairly with-the applicants, and act m the best interests 'of the .school. There had. boon occasions when the second or third on the list submitted. By the board .had- been chosen by the, committee and they expected to be allowed, as in .those, cases, ..to assist in .the final selection. In the present instance however particulars had been sent in . regard to one. man only, and: in a later letter, when the credentials of, the other, three were asked y for it was merely stated that two. had only a partial certificate, and of the fourth the board had no direct, knowledge. As a matter of, fact; one, of the rejected applications came .from a young man, who, like Mr.; Mothes was trained at

Petone School. "He was an intelligent scholar; and; later served, as a pupil teacher in the local school,, giving satisfaction. He. has had longer experience 'than Mr. Mothes, but has only a partial certificate (through failure in singing). This applicant is at present Sole .teacher in a country school and, at .the –recent examinations, his two pupils in Standard, VI.-gained proficiency certificates with 75 per cent, and one, pupil in Standard' VII gained a Junior National Scholarship. These facts were not placed before the committee, who: were simply told that because Mr. Mothes had done such good work at Matahiwi the inspectors recommended him as the most suitable person for the position. The committee were not biased in any way, but acted as they did simply to endeavour to: deal with the applications justly, giving every man. duo. consideration

1<sup>st</sup> July L Robinson teaching I took temporary charge of Matahiwi School today. Roll number 10. Present 8. *It appears that Frederick Mothes went back to Petone and studied at Victoria University and taught at Petone Technical School*

26<sup>th</sup> July Received notification from Secretary Wellington Education Board that Miss Messenger will take charge on 1<sup>st</sup> of August

1889/8606 Messenger	Ernestine Rhoda Gay	Amelia	James Robert
1969/43254 Messenger	Ernestine Gay	Rhoda	80Y

2<sup>nd</sup> August Presumably Miss Messenger. School not opened on account of heavy floods making roads impassable

3<sup>rd</sup> August Took charge of Matahiwi School E R G Messenger Roll 10 Present 8

3<sup>rd</sup> September School broke up today for term vacation Roll 8. Received circular on rifle ranges

27<sup>th</sup> September Received prints of New Zealand Flora

4<sup>th</sup> October Mr Fleming visited he school today- Annual visit

13<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day holiday reserved for further occasion

20<sup>th</sup> October 4 children left Roll 7

29<sup>th</sup> October Received Mr Flemings report today

The report included

- a) Classes Standard 6, 4, 3 ,2, P
- b) Miss Messenger Roll 11 Present 11
- c) Mr Mothes was promoted to Assistantship in Petone
- d) A relieving teacher was in charge for a month
- e) Miss Messenger took over the school in August
- f) The programme of work drawn up by Mr Mothes was generally satisfactory and the examination books showed the satisfactory work had been done under his tuition
- g) Needlework has been begun by Miss Messenger.
- h) Good work has been done in Nature Study and gardening. That the practical work in the garden has been excellent is shown by the number of prizes obtained at the Masterton Show.
- i) At the beginning of the year the roll was 19. It is now reduced to 11 and the teaching is mainly individual

j) Miss Messenger gives promise of conducting this little school satisfactorily  
10<sup>th</sup> November Epidemic of Hooping (sic) Cough only 1 child present  
27<sup>th</sup> November Commenced annual examination  
16<sup>th</sup> December School closed for summer vacation

## 1910

31<sup>st</sup> January Visited school but found it necessary on account of attendance to close school till Thursday  
3<sup>rd</sup> February Reopened school this morning. Admitted 4 Roll 11 Present 8  
16<sup>th</sup> February School closed Show Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> March Received annual report Department of Agriculture 1909  
10<sup>th</sup> March School Picnic held in Mr Hakaras (McCara?) bush Akura Road  
11<sup>th</sup> March Mr Bakewell (inspector) visited school without notice  
25<sup>th</sup> April school closed Teacher ill  
10<sup>th</sup> May School closed Proclamation day- King George V  
8<sup>th</sup> July School closed for Labour Day  
18<sup>th</sup> August School closed bad weather  
17<sup>th</sup> October School closed teacher ill  
14<sup>th</sup> October Inspectors annual visit  
11<sup>th</sup> March Inspectors Report Included  
a) Miss Messenger  
b) Roll 10

c) An intelligent scheme of work has been drawn up for 1910; Suggested some modifications in the programme in Grammar and Geography  
d) Exercise books are in good order and indicate careful supervision on the part of the teacher  
e) The English of all standards was good and with the exception of some weakness in Standard 2 and Standard 1 Arithmetic the remainder of pass subjects were very satisfactory.  
f) The school is under good control  
g) F H Bakewell  
27<sup>th</sup> October Closed for Carterton Show  
18<sup>th</sup> November Closed for school excursion to Wellington  
15<sup>th</sup> December Closed for Christmas vacation  
Issued the following certificates  
Proficiency certificate- Daisy Gardner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class Attendance certificate. Langley Smith – 2 half days  
Flora Smith- I half day  
George Clifford 1 ½ day  
Been Clifford 1 ½ days  
Helen Clifford and Lizzie 1

## 1911

30<sup>th</sup> January reopened school this morning Roll 19  
15<sup>th</sup> February closed school for Show Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> February School Picnic  
10<sup>th</sup> March Mr Tennant visited school today without notice

24<sup>th</sup> March. School closed, teacher illness  
Measles are at present prevalent in the district

21<sup>st</sup> April School closed- bad weather  
Inspection Report 10<sup>th</sup> March included

- a) Miss Messenger
- b) Roll 21 Present 17
- c) All school records carefully kept
- d) The attendance so far this year has averaged 90%
- e) Allocation of time approved except that arithmetic occupies too much time
- f) The building is an old one though for the small number in attendance it appears to be quite satisfactory
- g) The schoolroom and premises generally are clean and tidy
- h) Miss Messenger and her pupils continue to maintain a most credible school garden
- i) J S Tennant

28<sup>th</sup> May School closed by Committee in respect of A Holme's death

22<sup>nd</sup> May- 2<sup>nd</sup> June School closed for term holidays on account of my illness

3<sup>rd</sup> July Resumed work signed E Messenger

10<sup>th</sup> July School closed on account of bad weather

30<sup>th</sup> August 1 September Absent through illness. School conducted by Miss Rose

1<sup>st</sup> September Closed school for term holiday. Reopened September 12<sup>th</sup>

18<sup>th</sup> October Inspector's annual examination, Mr Grundy

23<sup>rd</sup> October Labour Day

27<sup>th</sup> November Opened examination papers and proceeded with examination

29<sup>th</sup> November School closed- bad weather

3<sup>rd</sup> December Circular of Union Steam Ships reduced fares etc

7<sup>th</sup> December Closed for polling day. The schoolhouse used as a polling booth for Matahiwi

Inspectors report of October 10<sup>th</sup> included

- a) Roll 18 present 15
- b) Standard 7 1
- c) Drill too wet to be taken
- d) The school is efficiently taught and is in a very good order
- e) A very satisfactory years work has been done
- f) W Grundy

12<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for Christmas vacation. The following received attendance certificates 1<sup>st</sup> G Clifford, 2<sup>nd</sup> L Clifford, B Clifford

## 1912

29<sup>th</sup> January Reopened School Roll 17

8<sup>th</sup> February Closed for picnic

21<sup>st</sup> February Closed for Masterton A and P show

4<sup>th</sup> April Mr Fleming visited school without notice

22<sup>nd</sup> April A meeting of householders was held at the school. The following Committee was elected

Chairman E Harper

Committee J Maxwell, W Boyd, G Clifford, S Tankersley



29<sup>th</sup> May It was decided to approve of proposal for the removal of the School at Matahiwi. PP

29<sup>th</sup> May Wellington Education Board to Department of Education Re land purchase included

- a) We had to buy quickly as other land around the site had already been purchased
- b) Three acres at £23
- c) The property was purchased in April as Mr Holmes was leaving for England
- d) The board has agreed to move immediately into the cottage which was offered to it
- e) It was necessary to re-establish the school in a property nearer the school population
- f) The school has occupied the current school for 13 years rent free. It contributed £10 to the construction, supplied, tank, sheds and closets
- g) The building was enlarged at the cost of the Station Owners
- h) The Board painted it in 1908

		Land	From School	Children	Age
William Boyd	Farmer	131 acres	1 1/4 M	Mary Colin Peggie	9 5 3

				Noeline	-
W G Chappell	Farmer	61 1/2	1 1/4	Mabel Agnes	11 11
James Clarke	Farmer	253 1/2	3/4	Ellen Leah Nat	10 7 -
S Tankersley	Farmer	72	1/4	Norman Hazel Edna	11 9 4
H A Bygum	Sheep Farmer		1 1/2	Gwen Nora Bert	7 6 4
James Maxwell	Shepherd		1/2	Ivy Robert	8 6
George Smith	Station Hand		1/2	Doris Lulu Majorie Edward	11 8 6 13
D D Byrnes	Ploughman		2	Majorie William Percy Leslie	7 6 5 3
George Clifford	Farm hand		2	Lizzie George	2 11

				Nell	10
				Ben	8
Edward Harper	Station Manager		2	Nell	8

20<sup>th</sup> May School at South East Corner of Matahiwi small farm settlement

Fernridge 6 1/2 miles Masterton 6 1/2 miles Opaki 7 miles

The new site is

- a) About 1 1/2 miles from old site
- b) Further away from Masterton and more towards the centre of the Matahiwi Estate
- c) The site itself is high and dry
- d) The school building is built of Totara and is very sound, but has structural defects in arrangement and lighting which would probably prove difficult and expensive to remedy

18<sup>th</sup> May Another letter to Ministry

- a) The present school is to be converted into a dwelling for one of the station hands
- b) The man at present has to walk 2 1/2 miles from where he is presently living

24<sup>th</sup> June Closed for Prince of Wales Birthday

1<sup>st</sup> July Removed to temporary premises

Inspectors Report of 3<sup>rd</sup> April included

- a) Roll 18 present 18
- b) There is every probability of the roll number increasing to 25 shortly
- c) Work was proceeding satisfactorily under good discipline
- d) Good progress has been made since the beginning of the year
- e) Owing to the expected removal of the school the School Committee suggested that the outdoors work in the garden need not be begun this year
- f) This school has always been noted for the excellence of its garden
- g) Site Inspected the selected site and found it to be very suitable in every respect
- h) The School Committee and especially Mr Harper the Chairman has always taken great interest in the work of the school, and has on many occasions given very material assistance to the teacher in charge.
- i) T R Fleming

23<sup>rd</sup> August £500 put aside for new school

28<sup>th</sup> August The Department notified that a grant of £200 for the erection of a school at Matahiwi had been approved *This probably means the Wellington Education Board was going to subsidise from existing funds the other £300*

17<sup>th</sup> October Mr Fleming visited the school and conducted the Annual Examination

21<sup>st</sup> October Inspectors holiday

10<sup>th</sup> December Closed for summer holidays

Lily Lumley and Norman Tankersley received proficiency certificates

Attendance George, Lizzie, Helen Ben Clifford received 1<sup>st</sup> Class attendance

For the Standard classes one failure is recorded for Standard 3 and in Standard IV one failure in arithmetic

Inspectors report for 16<sup>th</sup> October includes

- a) Miss Messenger
- b) Roll 21 Present 21
- c) Nature Study Garden work in abeyance owing to removal of school
- d) The disadvantages under which this school has been conducted for some time are well known to the Board and to the Committee.
- e) These however will be removed when the new building now in course of erection, is completed.
- f) The general management of the school is of a very satisfactory character

## 1913

3<sup>rd</sup> February Reopened school Roll 26 Took procession of new school building

13<sup>th</sup> February Closed for school picnic

19<sup>th</sup> February Closed for A and P Show

21<sup>st</sup> April Excursion to Wellington to visit H M S New Zealand

25<sup>th</sup> April Inspection Visit F G A Stuckley

28<sup>th</sup> April School Committee elected as follows

Chairman and Secretary S Tankersley

Committee W Boyd, J Maxwell, W Fisher, S Clarkson

Inspectors report 25<sup>th</sup> April F G A Stuckey

- a) Primers to Standard 7
- b) Miss Messenger
- c) Roll 23 present 22
- d) The teacher has held the first term examination and the pupils work shows that good progress has been made with the years work
- e) Last year the average attendance was only 86% of the average roll
- f) The buildings are new and in excellent order; Suggestions were made with respect to the laying out of the grounds

31<sup>st</sup> May 1913 SUBDIVISION NEAR MASTERTON.

Land-seekers will be gratified to learn of the important subdivision of the well-known Mungaraupu Estate, Matahiwi, into six small farms, since an unusual opportunity is afforded of securing valuable small holdings at reasonable prices and on the easiest possible terms. There is no district in the Wairarapa that has sprung into such prominence as a dairying and agricultural centre in so short a time as Matahiwi, which is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the soil and general farming conditions. During the last twelve months over 300 cows have been introduced, a new cheese factory and school built, and numerous houses and buildings erected. "Mangaraupu" is within a mile of

the school and factory by level road, and. is only seven miles from Masterton. Dairymen, sheep and agricultural farmers, and stock-dealers, will find a long felt want satisfied in the quality of country, price and terms of this subdivision. Messrs W. B. Chennells and Co., of Masterton, have been entrusted with the sale, and will be pleased to accompany buyers over the property and give every-information concerning the sections. Further particulars may be seen in our advertising columns. PP

30<sup>th</sup> June Commenced my duties here today with a roll number of 24. Attendance 23. J A Freeman. *Jessica A from assistant at Te Ore Ore*

16<sup>th</sup> July Arbor Day is not being observed today as the Committee wish to have the ground ploughed before the planting of trees

Ploughing commenced today

24<sup>th</sup> July This afternoon observed as "Arbor Day" The committeemen and the boys planted the hedge

22<sup>nd</sup> September Owing to the nearness of our annual examination and to the lateness of receiving the notice re the celebrating of Dominion Day today I have- with the chairman's consent postponed the holiday until 6<sup>th</sup> October (First Monday after the examination)

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October Observed as holidays- Dominion Day and Inspector's Holiday

11<sup>th</sup> October Application for a school house

27<sup>th</sup> October School closed Labour Day

28<sup>th</sup> October Attendance 12 owing to Scarlet Fever scare. Two children Edna Tankersley and Robert Maxwell are suffering from the above disease and have been removed to the hospital

The school has been thoroughly disinfected by the Health Officer  
29<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show

30<sup>th</sup> October No attendance owing to Scarlet Fever scare- Another family effected making 3 families in all

12<sup>th</sup> November Very wet No school owing to teacher getting wt through and having to return to Masterton

Inspectors Report 20<sup>th</sup> September 1913 A B Charters

- a) Teacher Miss Freeman
- b) Roll 31 Present 29
- c) 11 in Primers
- d) Miss Freeman has been in charge of this school for three months and the pupils are making satisfactory progress under her direction

## 1914

Inspectors Report 14<sup>th</sup> February A B Charters

- a) Teacher Miss J Freeman
- b) Roll 34, 22 Present
- c) The poor attendance on the day was due to heavy southerly wind and rain. Usually very satisfactory
- d) Buildings and grounds well kept. The hedge trees planted by the School Committee are making good progress
- e) The visit was paid without notice. I found the work proceeding satisfactorily and under good discipline

25<sup>th</sup> March School house to built for £450

Inspectors Report A B Charters 15<sup>th</sup> September 1914

- a) Roll 32 Including 10 Juniors

- b) Arithmetic Very Fair. All other subjects good or above
- c) A beginning has been made in Elementary Agriculture with Mr Cumming's assistance
- d) There is a commendable improvement in the oral work of this school, but the arithmetic which was weak last year still requires careful attention

18<sup>th</sup> June With chairman's consent closed school for Town carnival

9<sup>th</sup> July Teacher absent 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> owing to a severe attack of influenza

16<sup>th</sup> July Hazel and Edna Tankersley obliged to stay away from school for 10 days owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever in their house.

24<sup>th</sup> August This afternoon observed as Arbour Day. The chairman of Committee and boys moved the trees over to the new boundary

15<sup>th</sup> September Mr Charters paid the annual Inspectors visit today  
Inspectors Report of 15<sup>th</sup> September included

- a) Roll 32 Present 30
- b) Miss Freeman
- c) Elementary Science. A beginning has been made in elementary agriculture with Mr Cummings assistance
- d) There is a commendable improvement in the oral work of this school, but the arithmetic which was weak last year, still requires careful attention
- e) A B Charters

21<sup>st</sup> September School closed till 25<sup>th</sup> term holiday

28<sup>th</sup> September Dominion Day

29<sup>th</sup> September School closed for Inspectors Holiday

26<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day

29<sup>th</sup> October Carterton Show

10<sup>th</sup> November School closed for general election

## 1915

Examination report included

- a) Roll 28 Present 27
- b) Miss Freeman
- c) Arithmetic Standard 4 good. Standard 3 moderate, Standard 1 Satisfactory
- d) Recommendations were made with regard to the treatment of oral subjects.
- e) The written work is commended in accuracy and neatness
- f) F H Bakewell

4<sup>th</sup> May 1915 Matahiwi School Committee —Messrs 8. Tankersley (chairman), J. Maxwell, A. Taggart, J. Stempa, V. Richards.  
WTPP

25<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Labour Day

17<sup>th</sup> December School closed for summer vacation

17<sup>th</sup> December MATAHIWI SCHOOL

AN ENJOYABLE CONCERT,

A very enjoyable entertainment was given in the Matahiwi woolshed last evening by the pupils of the Matahiwi School The various items were delightfully given by the children, and reflected great credit upon the teacher, Miss Freeman, at whose hands, they had received careful training. During the evening Mr E. Holmes presented the school prizes won during the year, and on

behalf of the pupils he also presented Miss Freeman with a handsome silver vase as a token of the esteem in which the teacher is held by the children and their parents. During the evening the following programme was gone through:—"Scots Wha Ha'e" and "We'll Play the Tune," Class; monologue, "Grandma's Photograph Album," Dorothy Boielle; action song, juniors; recitation, "A Little Girl's Sorrow," Eita Taggart; "New Recruits," boys; dialogue, "Callers, ,, Edna Tankersiey and Frances Simpson; song, "My Treasure," Nell Harper; monologue, "A Morning Ride," B. Benbow; action song, "Some Folks," girls; duet, "The Two Dolls," Nell Harper and Leah Clarke; dialogue, "Pat's Letter, 'Topsy Clarke and Dorothy Boielle. The second part of the entertainment consisted of a comedietta, the various parts being ably sustained by the following children: —"Mrs Manycares," Fiona Benbow; "Lottie" and "Fussie" (her children), Nell Harper and Leah Clarke; "Laura Languish," Nell Clifford; "Barbara Bike," Maud Boielle; "Priscilla Prim," Topsy Clarke; "Clara Clever," Ivy Maxwell; "Vera Vain," Ella Adams; "Gertrude Gush," Hazel Tankersley; "Susan Slatern" (a maid of all work), Dorothy Boielle. WTPP

## 1916

Inspectors report of 18<sup>th</sup> May included

- a) Miss J A Freeman
- b) 24 on roll 24 present
- c) The results of the first term examination held by Miss Freeman justify the promotion made at the end of the year
- d) Attendance Very Good practically 100 % last quarter

- e) The programmes in use are suitable. Where these do not go into details record of the work done will be kept.
- f) Handwork, Modelling and Brushwork will be correlated with Nature Study, Geography and drawing
- g) Provision will be made for instruction in Temperance, the lessons to be based mainly on the wall sheets issued and on the articles in the School Journal
- h) Signed F C A Stuckey
- i) 18<sup>th</sup> May 1916

9<sup>th</sup> October School closed this morning (half day)- with committee's consent- in order to permit Miss Freeman to farewell her brother who is leaving N Z with the 17<sup>th</sup> reinforcements

26<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show

27<sup>th</sup> October Observed as Labour Day

Inspectors Report 1916 October 11<sup>th</sup> included

- a) Miss Freeman
- b) Roll 24 present 22
- c) Geography and History very satisfactory
- d) Physical Instruction Conducted under direction of Physical Instructors
- e) The school is very carefully conducted by Miss Freeman
- f) I found the senior pupils very responsive in the class work
- g) Very satisfactory progress is being made
- h) F G A Stuckey Inspector

9<sup>th</sup> December 1916 Matahiwi School

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with the Matahiwi School took place last evening in the Matahiwi

woolshed, which had been decorated for the occasion. The various items were well received, and showed that the children had been carefully trained. The items were as follow: —Song, "See-saw, Class dialogue, "Three Little Mothers, , Edna Tankersley, Frances Simpson and Lily Shute; recitation, "Baby's Letter to Uncle," Isla McKenzie; song, "Grow, Little Mushroom, Grow," Neil Harper; monologue, "Peter's Pearly," Robert Maxwell; action song, "Gipsy Caravan," girls; duet, ".Japanese Love- Song," Hazel Tankersley, Agnes Simpson; recitation, "Happy Farmer," Ben Clifford; song, "A .busy Morning," Frances Simpson; dialogue, "Giving Aunt Jane a Shock," Ivy Maxwell, L. Clarke, H. Tankersley, Nell Harper; dancing steps, girls; song, "Chatterbox," Edna Tankersley; monologue, "Aspiring Dishwasher, , ' Rona Benbow; duet, "Little Irish Girl," Nell Harper, D. Boielle; dialogue, "Larry Goes to a Dinner Party," Dorothy Boielle and Agnes Simpson; songs, "Grand Old Flag" and "The Tin Soldier," class.

A comedietta entitled "Under Distinguished Patronage," was ably interpreted by the following characters: — Miss Poplin (a dressmaker in Slow- Cum-in-the-Marsh), Rona Benbow; Vera, Madge. Sybil, Edith, Isabel (her apprentices), Dorothy Boielle, Hazel Tankersley, Rita Taggart, Ivy Maxwell, Leah Clarke; Countess of Earledale Nell Harper;' Clements (the Countess's maid), Connie Wilton; Jane (maid of all work at Miss Poplin's), Agnes Simpson. •

During the evening presentations were made on behalf of the pupils to Miss Freeman (teacher), and Miss Freda Redman (accompanist).

The list of prizes, which were distributed by Mr K. C. Holmes, was us follows — Proficiency: Rona Benbow (dux), Hazel Tankersley, Benjamin Clifford, Dorothy Boielle, Agnes Simpson. Standard 5: Ivy Maxwell, Nell Harper, Leah Clarke, Rita Taggart. Standard 4: James Archibald, Robert Maxwell, Thomas Snell.

Standard 3: Lily Shute, Constance 'Wilton,, Wilfred Taggart. Standard 2: Linda Archibald, Edna Tankersley, Frances Simpson. Standard 1: Ivy Shute, Isabel McKenzie.

Primer 2: Jack Taggart, Lexie Wilton, Dolphie Boielle.

Primer 1: Isla McKenzie, Mamie Wilton, Leslie Archibald, Edward Benbow, Maxwell Jones.

Sewing Prizes. —Standard 6: Agnes Simpson. Standard 5: Ivy Maxwell. Standard 4 Constance Wilton.

Standard 2: Linda Archibald. Juniors: Lexie Wilton.

Attendance prizes and certificates (a prize for each of those who have not missed one half-day during the year; certificates only for those who have been absent, but not for more than 5 half days).— Prize and certificate: Dorothy Boielle, Benjamin Clifford, Wilfred Taggart, Frances Simpson, Adolphus Boielle. Certificates only: Lily Shute, Robert Maxwell, Jack Taggart

Special prizes.—Silver medal presented by Miss Freeman for highest number of marks gained at term tests held during the year: .Rona Benbow. Three prizes for essay writing for Standards 6, 5 and 4 downwards —Standard (Rona Benbow (presented by Miss Freeman). Standard 5: Ivy Maxwell (presented by Mrs Benbow). Standard 4: Robert Maxwell (presented by Mrs Benbow).

Two prizes, one for the girl who has shown the most improvement during the year, and one for the. boy who has shown the most improvement (presented by Mrs Boielle): Dorothy Boielle, Thomas Snell.

Prize for arithmetic (presented by Mr Maxwell): Rona Benbow. Prize for best-kept "observation note-book" (presented by Miss Freeman): Ivy Maxwell.

Spelling prize: Robert Maxwell. Spelling prize for juniors (presented by Mrs Tankersley): Edna Tankersley.

Mental arithmetic (presented by Mrs Stempa) : Rona Benbow. Special attendance prize: Benjamin Clifford. (This boy has just

gained his proficiency certificate, and is about to leave school. He has been attending this school for nearly seven years, and during that time has missed only three half-days, and these were owing to sickness).

Prize for the best-behaved boy in and out of school, i.e., general conduct in the playground, going home from school, etc.: Thomas Snell (presented by Mrs Stempa). WTPP

## 1917

30<sup>th</sup> January Reopened school after summer vacation with a roll of 17 having closed with 28

Inspectors Report of May 15<sup>th</sup> included

- a) Miss J A Freeman
- b) Roll 18 Present 18
- c) On the day of my visit the term examination was being held. The tests that were being set out were very good and suitable to the progress made in the year's work
- d) Attendance 95 % last year
- e) Miss Freeman has prepared very good schemes for the year
- f) Where they do not fully meet the requirements of the syllabus they will be supplemented by suitable entries in the weekly work book
- g) The instruction of the pupils is very satisfactory
- h) F G A Stuckey

6<sup>th</sup> August Severest earthquake experienced for many, many years

School house chimneys and school chimneys damaged to such an extent that each had to be pulled down

25<sup>th</sup> July Inspectors report included

- a) Miss Freeman
- b) Roll 17 Present 16
- c) Arithmetic (Written) satisfactory. More attention will be given to mental arithmetic
- d) Health and temperance Satisfactory
- e) Miss Freeman manages her school with zeal and skill
- f) There is every evidence of well applied industry
- g) The pupils are making very satisfactory progress
- h) F G A Stuckey

## 1918

22<sup>nd</sup> July Terrific snowstorm- school closed

23<sup>rd</sup> July ground still covered in snow – present

29<sup>th</sup> July Owing to seeing my brother off to the war and being overtaken by severe weather I did not open school until 11 am

J A Freeman

Inspectors report 24<sup>th</sup> April dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July

- a) Teacher Miss Freeman
- b) Roll 22
- c) Very good programmes have been prepared and the instruction based on them is sound and intelligent.
- d) Buildings in good order



- e) The Committee is carrying out some improvements to the grounds
- f) The school is well supplied with material and equipment
- g) F G S Stuckey Inspector

## 1919

1<sup>st</sup> August Mr Cummings visited the school and instructed boys in art of trenching

Inspectors report 16<sup>th</sup> April and 25<sup>th</sup> July 1919 included

- a) Miss Freeman
- b) Roll 20
- c) Satisfactory progress is being made throughout
- d) Attendance excellent nearly 100% for last year
- e) Programmes in use are suitable. Some notes were left for next year's schemes in which my suggestions will be embodied
- f) A few of the pupils are unresponsive
- g) Arithmetic . very satisfactory on the whole but two pupils are somewhat weak. Standard 6 pupils were good
- h) There is a good working spirit in the school. The pupils are orderly and well behaved
- i) A memorandum of requirements, repairs necessary etc was sent to the Secretary after my first visit
- j) F G A Stuckey

## 1920

Inspectors Report 15<sup>th</sup> September A N Burns

- a) Roll 13
- b) Miss J A Freeman
- c) Attendance generally very good but recently affected by epidemics
- d) Work book is lacking in detail The work is not as good as usual as Miss Freeman has been absent on sick leave for 3 months

## 1921

25<sup>th</sup> April Closed School Anzac day

3<sup>rd</sup> June Closed School King's Birthday

20<sup>th</sup> June Closed School Inspector's Holiday

20<sup>th</sup> July Closed School Wairarapa, South Africa Football game

5<sup>th</sup> August Very severe storm and flood. School closed.

Attendance very poor all week on this account

Inspectors report of 16<sup>th</sup> June included

- a) Teacher Miss G H Langdon
- b) Roll 15
- c) Standard 7 Roll 3
- d) The children are responsive and the school is in good condition
- e) Alfred Cowles Inspectors

## 1922

15<sup>th</sup> February Closed school Masterton Show  
March Nurse Buckley visited school  
6<sup>th</sup> April Mr Cummings visited the school  
2<sup>nd</sup> August Physical Drill instructor visited the school  
12<sup>th</sup> September L H Edwards I began my duties at Matahiwi today  
Owing to the wet day there were only 5 pupils present  
25<sup>th</sup> September Closed school for Dominion Day  
27<sup>th</sup> October Received letter from Secretary of Board to say I could close school on 27<sup>th</sup> October instead of 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
26<sup>th</sup> October Carterton A and P Show  
Prizes gained at Show  
Drawing Maxwell Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard 4  
Nathaniel Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard 3  
Writing Vernon Whiteman 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard 1  
Marjorie Bemrose 3<sup>rd</sup> Standard 1  
25<sup>th</sup> November Received from Carterton A and P show the sum of 10/- prize money  
7<sup>th</sup> December Election Day  
15<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for summer vacation

## 1923

1<sup>st</sup> February Opened School 4 pupils present. Marjorie and Dick Bemrose have not come back to school  
5<sup>th</sup> February Admitted Ivy Bemrose. Marjorie and Dick have come back to school. Roll number is now 7  
21<sup>st</sup> February Closed school for Masterton Show

23<sup>rd</sup> March School picnic held  
9<sup>th</sup> April very boisterous day No school held  
20<sup>th</sup> April Received from Wellington Education Board 1 box coloured chalk, 1 box white chalk, papers for paper folding, 3 lbs plasticene.  
25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day  
30<sup>th</sup> April Meeting of Householders held  
Chairman and Secretary J Whiteman  
Committee J Maxwell, W Jones, A Taggart, J Clarke  
Inspectors report for 6<sup>th</sup> April included

- a) Teacher Miss Edwards
- b) Schemed well constructed
- c) Working spirit Good
- d) Preparation of work careful
- e) Alfred Cowles

10<sup>th</sup> May Received word from Education Board that I am to attend the class for Agriculture and Hygiene held in Masterton from May 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>  
11<sup>th</sup> May Closed school for May holiday  
5<sup>th</sup> June Opened school after term holidays Roll 7  
12<sup>th</sup> June Dorothy Harris admitted- Standard 6 Now on roll 8  
14<sup>th</sup> June Inspector Cowles visited  
15<sup>th</sup> June Received garments from Ladies Auxiliary of Navy League for children to make  
2<sup>nd</sup> July Inspector's holiday  
10<sup>th</sup> August Sent in the sewing to Miss Sellar for Navy League  
8<sup>th</sup> August Mr D B Hopkirk Physical Instructor visited school  
13<sup>th</sup> August Received report from Mr Hopkirk (Good)

13<sup>th</sup> August Received letter from Miss Sellar, Navy league thanking the girls for the sewing done by them, for the Navy League

11<sup>th</sup> September Dorothy Harris (Standard 6) has left this district and is attending Fernridge School Roll number now 7

17<sup>th</sup> September Admitted Colin Scott. He is 8 years old but has not been to school before on account of having weak eyes

24<sup>th</sup> September Dominion Day

18<sup>th</sup> October Mr Brockett visited the school. Brought seeds for the school garden

22<sup>nd</sup> October School closed for Labour Day

Inspectors Report for 14<sup>th</sup> June included

- a) Miss Edwards
- b) Roll 8 Present 8
- c) This school is under good control. The work of the pupils is highly satisfactory
- d) Order discipline and tone good
- e) Buildings etc in very good order
- f) Ample provision is made for the comfort of the children
- g) The infant classes are very well taught
- h) Nature study very good
- i) Alfred Cowles

25<sup>th</sup> October Carterton P and A Show

Out of 8 entries we gained 10 prizes

Standard 2 Writing Marjorie Bemrose 1<sup>st</sup>. Vernon Whiteman 2<sup>nd</sup>

‘Standard 1 drawing Richard Bemrose two second prizes

Standard 2 Drawing Marjorie Bemrose one 1<sup>st</sup> prize

Vernon Whiteman Two 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes

Standard 4 drawing Nathaniel Clarke 3<sup>rd</sup> prize

Standard 5 drawing Maxwell Jones 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

Standard 2 Sewing Marjorie Bemrose 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

20<sup>th</sup> November Received £1 8 shillings prize money for P and A society won by children at Carterton show

26<sup>th</sup> November Admitted Stewart and Leslie Pauling aged 7 and 5 respectively Roll now 10

## 1924

Reopened school roll 8

19<sup>th</sup> February Received 4 lbs plasticene, 2 pairs scissors and 2 packets of paper for paper folding

20<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for Masterton Show

5<sup>th</sup> March Gained 1<sup>st</sup> prize for cabbages and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for beetroot at the Horticultural Show Masterton

7<sup>th</sup> March School Picnic

3<sup>rd</sup> April Children bought a set of quoits to use at school

3<sup>rd</sup> April Mr Hopkirk visited the school, scheme of Physical instruction for 1924. Tables 1 -21 each tale to be taken for two weeks

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day

30<sup>th</sup> April Inspector McKenzie visited the school

3<sup>rd</sup> may Visit to Wellington to see battleships Hood and Repulse

3<sup>rd</sup> May Received the following report from Mr Mckenzie

- a) Teacher Miss L H Edwards

- b) The school is well conducted. The teacher shows a pleasing interest in her work and gives her pupils an all round education
  - c) The entries in the Admission and Examination registers should be completed and the time table should be amended as suggested
  - d) N R McKenzie
- 5<sup>th</sup> May Meeting of householders. The School Committee is J W Whiteman (Chairman) J Maxwell, W Jones, W Bemrose, A Scott
- 26<sup>th</sup> May Opened school after term holidays only 6 children present as two have not returned from their holidays
- 28<sup>th</sup> May Admitted new pupil Keith Whiteman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June King's Birthday
- 9<sup>th</sup> July Observed as Arbor Day. Dug up young trees in the bush-matipo, lace bark, panax, and planted them in school playground and garden. Also planted one macrocarpa
- 18<sup>th</sup> July Three children have now left the district Roll number is now 6
- 25<sup>th</sup> July The attendance which is usually so good has been poor for the last two weeks on account of the children having bad colds
- 8<sup>th</sup> August Mr Brockett visited the school, brought seeds and a watering can
- 11<sup>th</sup> August Admitted two new pupils, Norman and Neville Woodley
- 11<sup>th</sup> August Dr Bakewell and Nurse Wallace visited the school
- 9<sup>th</sup> September Opened school admitted 3 new scholars, Dorothy Evans, Daphne Taggart and Kenneth Woodley. Roll now 11.

Present today 9 as Ivy Bemrose has not yet recovered from whooping cough and Colin Scott is sick

19<sup>th</sup> September Mr Direen (Truant Officer) visited the school

22<sup>nd</sup> September Full attendance today 11 children

23<sup>rd</sup> September The following children gained prizes in the British and Colonial Industries Writing Competition.

Standard 2 Richard Bemrose 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, medal value 7.6d

Standard 3 and 4 Marjorie Bemrose 4<sup>th</sup> prize, book

Standard 5 to 7 Maxwell Jones 6<sup>th</sup> prize book

3<sup>rd</sup> October Inspectors annual visit – Mr Burns

13<sup>th</sup> October Allan Amundsen admitted. Roll now 12

18<sup>th</sup> October Received letter from the Secretary of Education Board agreeing to the suggestion of observing Show Day as a holiday and opening school on the following Saturday

27<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day

30<sup>th</sup> October The prizes won at the P and A Show Carterton were as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Sewing Marjorie Bemrose

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Sewing Ivy Bemrose

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Knitting Marjorie Bemrose

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Collection of grasses Maxwell Jones

Nathaniel Clarke, Marjorie Bemrose and Ivy Bemrose very highly commended for drawing

1<sup>st</sup> November School opened on Saturday in lieu of the show day. Weather very wet, rivers flooded 9 children out of 12 present

5<sup>th</sup> December Holiday for primary school sports

Inspectors Report 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1924 A N Burns

a) Miss Leila Edwards

- b) Roll 11
- c) Order etc Very Good
- d) The general efficiency of the teaching is very good
- e) Room and grounds neat and clean
- f) Good methods are in use and work is thoroughly prepared by the teacher
- g) Pupils show a good working spirit
- h) Needlework and writing are commended
- i) Miss Edwards is commended for her good work

19<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for summer vacation

## 1925

20<sup>th</sup> February Received notice from Secretary of Wellington Education Board that the position of the school has been raised to grade 1 from 1<sup>st</sup> February

4<sup>th</sup> March School still closed on account of infantile paralysis

I returned to prepare schemes of work and to get things ready for when school reopens

17<sup>th</sup> March Visited the parents and arranged the children's sessions by correspondence

24<sup>th</sup> March Received word from the Board that teachers are to be on duty for the full school day.

27<sup>th</sup> March This week I have been around to the respective houses and given the children school work to do.

15<sup>th</sup> April Reopened School Roll numbers 11

1<sup>st</sup> May Committee held a working bee at the school repairing fences and clipping the hedges

4<sup>th</sup> May Meeting of Householders

Chairman A Scott

Committee W Jones, A Taggart, S Evans, J Maxwell, W Woodley

11<sup>th</sup> May School closed for the afternoon on account of the death of Prime Minister Hon. W J Massey

13<sup>th</sup> May School closed for the Prime Minister's funeral

16<sup>th</sup> May Annual School Picnic

18<sup>th</sup> May Admitted 2 new pupils Kennedy and Norman Carswell

19<sup>th</sup> May 3 pupils withdrawn Marjorie, Dick and Ivy Bemrose

20<sup>th</sup> May Mr W Bemrose gave up the tenancy of the schoolhouse

26<sup>th</sup> May Mr R Miller agreed to rent the schoolhouse

1<sup>st</sup> June Admitted William Miller. Roll now 11

29<sup>th</sup> June Admitted Sydney Tremaine

20<sup>th</sup> July Sydney Tremaine left today

During June the Chairman sent 4 loads of gravel for the yard and playground

Inspectors Report 12<sup>th</sup> May Miss L H Edwards.

- a) Roll 11
- b) Order, tone and discipline very good
- c) The time given to history requires to be increased, otherwise satisfactory
- d) Miss L H Edwards is a conscientious and capable teacher and the children work under happy conditions
- e) The teacher has evidently greatly benefited from the Refresher Course at Masterton and has prepared a large amount of infant material during the epidemic period

f) A demonstration writing lesson given  
 g) J Wyn Irwin Inspector

20<sup>th</sup> July Plumbers put new tank to the school house and fixed up the tanks

24<sup>th</sup> July Annual examination by Inspector Burns  
 Received from Ed Board 6 sheets of graph paper

29<sup>th</sup> July School closed owing to teacher being ill

31<sup>st</sup> July Teacher entered Masterton Hospital with septic throat  
 Received word from Ed Board that I had been granted leave of absence from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> August

Reopened school after term holidays 9 children present 11 on roll

3<sup>rd</sup> September Received globe

7<sup>th</sup> September Received word that Norman Woodley had gone to Masterton Hospital suffering from rheumatism Only 4 children present

19<sup>th</sup> September Neville Woodley entered hospital

11<sup>th</sup> September Health officer visited the school, also the homes of the children who were absent from school

19<sup>th</sup> October 8 children present Roll number 11. Kenneth and Norman Carswell in hospital having tonsils removed  
 Dorothy Evans taken to hospital suspected diphtheria

20<sup>th</sup> October School closed on account of Diphtheria scare. No children came to school

21<sup>st</sup> October Mr Milne Health Officer fumigated the school

23<sup>rd</sup> October received word that Dorothy Evans has passed away

Inspectors Report 22<sup>nd</sup> July included

a) Organisation and management very good  
 b) The general efficiency of the teaching is good

c) New methods have successfully been introduced this year  
 d) Commendable work is done in gardening and Nature Study  
 e) Miss Edwards shows keen interest in her work and gives adequate attention to all branches

f) The Standard 6 pupil is below requirements in arithmetic and reading. He does not show much interest in History and Geography,

g) The standard 4 pupil admitted this year is backward in most subjects, arithmetic excepted.

h) Primer classes are being educated on right lines

i) Most of the pupils have been less than a year in the school and some of them lack a good foundation in their work

j) Miss Edwards work in the circumstances has been very successful.

k) A N Burns

25<sup>th</sup> October Mr Macgregor, Health officer visited the school

26<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Labour Day

27<sup>th</sup> October School scrubbed with disinfectant

27<sup>th</sup> October School opened 7 present

29<sup>th</sup> October School closed Carterton A and P show

30<sup>th</sup> October Owing to sickness and death of one scholar on October 23<sup>rd</sup> the average attendance for the week is only 6.3

3<sup>rd</sup> November Mr Brockett brought potatoes for the school garden

4<sup>th</sup> November School closed, Election Day

9<sup>th</sup> November Kennedy Carswell returned to school today he has been away 3 weeks after having his tonsils removed.  
 Norman Carswell after being absent for 10 weeks through sickness returned today

2<sup>nd</sup> December Bill Miller has left the district, roll number is now 9\  
30<sup>th</sup> November Colin Scott is ill with whooping cough  
26<sup>th</sup> November Won first prize for collection of grasses at Masterton Flower Show  
18<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for summer vacation

## 1926

1<sup>st</sup> February Opened school today, only 4 children present admitted Stanley Evans  
One family of 3 children left during holidays Roll number is now 7  
10<sup>th</sup> February Admitted Dorothy Field roll now 8  
16<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for Masterton And P show  
Received 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£ 2) for a collection of vegetables from school garden  
18<sup>th</sup> March School picnic held  
20<sup>th</sup> March The following won prizes in the British and Colonial Industries Writing Competition  
Kennedy Carswell Gold Medal value £1-1  
Norman Carswell 1<sup>st</sup> 5 dozen bottles of cordial  
Allan Amundsen 2<sup>nd</sup> book value 3/6d  
Kennedy Carswell 5<sup>th</sup> Book value 5/-  
27<sup>th</sup> March received a new tank for the school  
27<sup>th</sup> April Inspection Report of A N Burns held on 27<sup>th</sup> April  
a) Teacher Miss L H Edwards  
b) Roll 8 present 8

- c) The work is well organised
- d) The Standard 6 boy is showing more interest in his work
- e) The children should be required to write more carefully
- f) Much interest is taken in Nature Study,. Good collection of grasses and weeds have been made and it is intended now to devote attention to the native plants
- g) I showed method of using memorising of phrase to improve phrasing in reading and to take the place of dictation and transcription

3<sup>rd</sup> May Meeting of householders

New Committee

Chairman A Scott

Committee J Maxwell, W Jones, S Evans, O Amundsen

29<sup>th</sup> May Committee held a Working Bee at the school. They clipped the hedges, fixed the wire netting around the tennis court, put load of gravel by the school door and a load of good soil in the flower bed

31<sup>st</sup> May Opened school after Term Holidays' Admitted Frank and Henry Ellison

July Chairman put in a new pane of glass in school window

16<sup>th</sup> August Inspector Burns held annual examination Standard 6 pupil did not gain proficiency so he left school the next day

6<sup>th</sup> September Opened school after term holidays. One child absent on account of measles in the house

During the holidays the school and outbuildings were thoroughly scrubbed and disinfected

The chairman mended the fence, cleaned the spouting, and let the water out of the tank.

Mr Maxwell presented a lawn mower to the school which when repaired was almost as good as new. The repairs cost £1.5

13<sup>th</sup> September received a packet of Aoto Paper Modelling Cards

17<sup>th</sup> September Received 6 packets of flower seeds

25<sup>th</sup> September Allan Amundsen in Masterton Hospital operated on for appendicitis

5<sup>th</sup> October Mr Brockett Agricultural Instructor visited he school. He brought mangold seeds and 2lb superphosphate and 2lbs bone dust

10<sup>th</sup> October Sold 4d worth of seed potatoes to Mr Clifford

25<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day, School Closed

3<sup>rd</sup> November Nurse Wallis and Dr visited the school today

Inspectors Report A N Burns 16<sup>th</sup> August

- a) Miss Edwards Personal Grading 195
- b) Roll 10
- c) Gardening work is commended
- d) The general efficiency of the teaching is good The younger particularly have made good progress
- e) Attendance very good except for one family living two miles from the school

19<sup>th</sup> November Received prize money from Secretary A and P Show Carterton. Allan Amundsen won a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for drawing, Colin Scott a third and Norman Carswell very highly commended

14<sup>th</sup> December Committee held a working bee at the school and clipped the hedges

## 1927

1<sup>st</sup> February Reopened school roll number 8

16<sup>th</sup> February Closed school for Masterton Show. Every child attended the show and we won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for a collection of vegetables and flowers

7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> March Holidays for visit of Duke and Duchess

21<sup>st</sup> March Very wet day. Flooded rivers. No school

6<sup>th</sup> April Admitted James Ellison roll number now 9

21<sup>st</sup> April Opened school after Easter holidays Every child present

4<sup>th</sup> May Meeting of householders A Scott Chairman, J Maxwell, W Jones, R Field, S Evans

24<sup>th</sup> May Opened school after term holiday. One child absent with measles

6<sup>th</sup> June Admitted a new pupil Joan Evans. Roll number is now 10

9<sup>th</sup> June Inspector Cowles visited the school

12<sup>th</sup> June Received the following from Inspector Cowles

No comment necessary. Everything is going on very well

Alfred Cowles Inspector

12<sup>th</sup> June Received word that the children gained the following prizes in the British and Colonial Industries writing competition

Dorothy Field Standard 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Daphne Taggart Standard 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

Jean Swanson Standard 1 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Allan Amundsen Standard 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize

4<sup>th</sup> July Received rain gauge and supplementary readers.

28<sup>th</sup> July Mr R Darroch visited the school and spoke to the children on the Navy League

5<sup>th</sup> August Inspector Blackie held examination



19<sup>th</sup> August sent away the sewing which the girls did for the Navy League

12<sup>th</sup> September Reopened school One new pupil Alfie Larsen admitted

30<sup>th</sup> September Alfred Larsen attended school for one week, but is now in Masterton Hospital with eczema

15<sup>th</sup> September Mr Brockett brought manure for the garden

Inspectors Report W G Blackie 5<sup>th</sup> August 1927 included

- a) Miss Freeman Grading 189
- b) Roll 10 present 10
- c) There is one pupil in Standard 3 who will need to improve very considerably to gain promotion at the end of the year.
- d) The pupils of Standard 1 and primers are making good progress. The general standard of work in Standard 3 and 4 is fair
- e) Buildings and grounds are in good order, and are well cared for, the committee working well in conjunction with the teacher to effect improvements

30<sup>th</sup> October Frank Ellison got two first prizes at Carterton Show Drawing and knitting

23<sup>rd</sup> November We gained 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for a collection of flowers grown in the school garden and the Masterton Flower Show

27<sup>th</sup> November Daphne Taggart entered Masterton Hospital for Kidney Trouble

30<sup>th</sup> November Mumps broken out in school, 6 children absent

7<sup>th</sup> December School closed for children to attend Industrial Exhibition

12<sup>th</sup> December Combined Primary School Sports on Park oval

13<sup>th</sup> December Only 1 pupil at school

14<sup>th</sup> December Three pupils at school

15<sup>th</sup> December Two pupils at school

16<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for summer vacation

## 1928

1<sup>st</sup> February reopened roll 11

15<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton Show. 10 children from this school went to the show.

We entered a collection of vegetable and flowers from the school garden and won first prize

7<sup>th</sup> March meeting of School Committee to arrange about the annual picnic and sports

12<sup>th</sup> March admitted 4 new pupils, Florence, Phoebe, Lilian and Edward Colban. Roll number now 15

25<sup>th</sup> March Received £2 prize money from Masterton Show

30<sup>th</sup> March Edward Colban has been absent for two weeks with mumps

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day. Mr Scott and Mr Evans took the children and teacher to the service held in the Masterton Park

26<sup>th</sup> April Mr Scott brought the Dental Nurse out to the school and she examined the teeth of the children in the infant classes

9<sup>th</sup> May Inspector Watson visited the school

28<sup>th</sup> My Opened school 14 children present. Frank Ellison in hospital suffering from rheumatism

1<sup>st</sup> June The family of Colbans (4 children) left the school today

4<sup>th</sup> June Holiday for King's Birthday  
7<sup>th</sup> June Mr Helm representing Johnson and Son bookseller Dunedin visited the school today and I ordered some reading books to be bought with the £2 we won at the Masterton Show, that is if the Committee approves  
7<sup>th</sup> June Mr Brockett visited the school and took a collection of weeds to send down to the Winter Show Wellington  
6<sup>th</sup> June received word that Frank Ellison had won a 1<sup>st</sup> prize for writing value 10/6 and Dorothy Field a 4<sup>th</sup> prize, value 2/6d for writing in the British and Colonies Industries Competition  
23<sup>rd</sup> June Received word that my parents were very ill so I closed the school and went home. School closed for 4 days  
17<sup>th</sup> July School Committee held a working bee at the school, they clipped the hedges and started laying the concrete  
New Pupil Laurence Wilkins, he is in Standard 6 but very backward for his class  
19<sup>th</sup> July Committee working at the school  
21<sup>st</sup> July A dance held at the school to raise funds for the dental clinic  
2<sup>nd</sup> August Committee improving the playground  
Received library books from Johnston and Co Dunedin  
4<sup>th</sup> August Roll 14  
21<sup>st</sup> August Received parcel of flower and vegetable seeds from Mr Brockett  
5<sup>th</sup> September Received 8 continuous readers and a bundle of raffia  
6<sup>th</sup> September Committee decided to ask the parents of Norman Carswell to remove him from the school

7<sup>th</sup> September Norman Carswell left  
11<sup>th</sup> September Nurse Bellamy from Dental Clinic visited the school  
8<sup>th</sup> September Received from Board £2-7-3 subsidy Paid for library books £4.10  
15<sup>th</sup> October Inspector Watson visited the school  
Inspectors Report 13<sup>th</sup> October H C N Watson

- a) Miss L H Edwards Grading 177
- b) Roll 13
- c) This school is well managed. The tone is very good, the teaching is thorough, attendance is very good, building is very clean
- d) Grounds are in very good order. The School Committee have made a great improvements by laying concrete for the assembly and to both doors.

25<sup>th</sup> October Closed school for Carterton Show  
Colin Scott 1<sup>st</sup> prize for collection of seeds  
Stanley Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> prize  
Allan Amundsen 1<sup>st</sup> Prize collection of leaves  
Frank Ellison 2<sup>nd</sup> prize  
Frank Ellison 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for drawing  
30<sup>th</sup> October Very wet day only 6 children present owing to influenza and bad weather  
14<sup>th</sup> November School closed Election Day  
28<sup>th</sup> November gained 1<sup>st</sup> prize at Horticultural Show for a collection of vegetables grown on school grounds and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for collection of flowers

## 1929

4<sup>th</sup> February Opened school after summer vacation Nita Prince admitted. Roll 13

13<sup>th</sup> February Admitted Heather Wilson. Roll number 14

20<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for Masterton A& P show Every child attended the show

The school gained first prize for a collection of flowers and vegetables

6<sup>th</sup> April Annual Picnic and Sports

9<sup>th</sup> April Received £2 prize money from A & P Show

22<sup>nd</sup> April Annual meeting of Householders; The following committee were pointed

A Scott Chairman and Secretary

J Maxwell, F Clarke, R Field, E Wilson

10<sup>th</sup> May Sent £6-10 to Secretary of the Board for a Gramophone.

June Clerk of works visited the school and looked through the residence

Mr Yates mended the roof and bath also put two new tanks at the residence

10<sup>th</sup> June Colin Scott is absent because his little brother has chicken pox

24<sup>th</sup> June Colin Scott still away, he has developed chicken pox

1<sup>st</sup> July Children taken to the dental clinic Jim Ellison, David Ellison, Nita Prince, and Isobel Jones

15<sup>th</sup> July School closed on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> because teacher had influenza

17<sup>th</sup> July Opened school 6 present

18<sup>th</sup> July Opened school 2 present

19<sup>th</sup> July Opened School no child present owing to influenza

5<sup>th</sup> August School closed for term holidays because teacher's mother was dangerously ill

20<sup>th</sup> August Received gramophone and 7 records from Wellington Education Board

23<sup>rd</sup> August Committee clipped the hedges and put metal by the gate

19<sup>th</sup> September Mr Darroch and several members of the navy league visited the school and Mr Darroch presented the school with a Union Jack, every child is a member of the league

27<sup>th</sup> September The chief inspector visited the school

Inspectors Report Jas W McIlraith Senior Inspector of Schools

a) Miss L H Edwards Personal Grading No 177

b) Roll 11

c) Here is a pleasantly conducted little school of good working spirit

d) Work has reached a good level

e) The grounds are among the most delightful in Wellington

f) There is a good library, well used.

30<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show

Collection of Leaves 1<sup>st</sup> Colin Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Field, 3<sup>rd</sup> Daphne Taggart

Collection of Weeds 1<sup>st</sup> Allan Amundsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Harry Ellison

Collection of Grasses 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Ellison

Standard 1 Sewing 2<sup>nd</sup> Nita Prince

Knitting Standard 2 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Ellison

Drawing Standard 1 3<sup>rd</sup> jim Ellison

Writing Standard 4 3<sup>rd</sup> Allan Amundsen

25<sup>th</sup> November Received cheque of 37/- from A & P Society  
5<sup>th</sup> December Mr Brockett visited the school but we were down at the river having a geography lesson  
20<sup>th</sup> December Closed School

## 1930

3<sup>rd</sup> February Reopened school, 11 on roll  
19<sup>th</sup> February Masterton Show Every pupil attended. Received 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for a collection of flowers and vegetables  
17<sup>th</sup> March Received manure 8 lbs and 2 lbs of lupins for the school garden  
12<sup>th</sup> March Won first prize for cabbages at Masterton Flower Show. One cabbage weighed 14 lbs and the other 9 ½  
18<sup>th</sup> March Jack Clarke admitted  
28<sup>th</sup> March Dorothy Field left as parents have left district  
17<sup>th</sup> April Closed school for Easter. Allan Amundsen left  
9<sup>th</sup> July Closed on Wednesday Afternoon 9<sup>th</sup> July and all day 10<sup>th</sup> July on account of Sir Joseph Ward's Death  
11<sup>th</sup> July Sent collection of N Z Timbers to the Winter Show in Wellington  
28<sup>th</sup> July Very heavy snowstorm. 4 children present  
29<sup>th</sup> July Isobel Jones has left the district. Roll 9  
25<sup>th</sup> July Received a new map of Europe  
26<sup>th</sup> September Received £1 subsidy from Ed Board for Library books

30<sup>th</sup> October School closed for A & P Show at Carterton 7 out of 9 pupils attended the show  
Collection of Grasses Matahiwi School 1<sup>st</sup>  
31<sup>st</sup> School closed for picnic and sports  
Inspectors Report 26<sup>th</sup> November 1930

- a) Miss L Edwards
- b) Roll 10
- c) The school is efficiently managed
- d) The children are working earnestly and the general quality of the work is very good
- e) Handwork, folk dancing, gardening and Nature Study collections are worthy of special mention

## 1931

2<sup>nd</sup> February Reopened School, 9 pupils present  
18<sup>th</sup> February School closed for A & P Show. Received 1<sup>st</sup> prize for collection of vegetables and flowers at the above show  
11<sup>th</sup> March Received a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for vegetables at Horticultural Show  
27<sup>th</sup> March Inspector Burns visited the school  
14<sup>th</sup> April Neil Reid left the school as he has shifted to Masterton  
6<sup>th</sup> May Received from Ed Board receipt for 3/- children's contribution to Earthquake Fund  
27<sup>th</sup> April Meeting of householders A Scott chairman, J Maxwell, E Wilson, F Clarke and H Amundsen  
11<sup>th</sup> June School closed in the afternoon for teacher to attend refresher course in drill, at the Lansdowne School

12<sup>th</sup> June Received pamphlet on Onion Growing  
24<sup>th</sup> July Mr Darroch visited the school and spoke to the children on “Empire Trading”. He also presented a bust of lord Nelson to the school. All the children are members of the Navy league and have been for the last 3 years  
24<sup>th</sup> July Received 3 packets of onion seed for the school garden  
31<sup>st</sup> July Mr A N Burns held annual examination

Inspectors Report A N Burns 31<sup>st</sup> July

- a) Miss L Edwards
- b) Roll 9
- c) The general quality of work reaches a high level
- d) Methods of teaching are progressive
- e) Gardening, practical and ornamental is a commendable feature of the school

9<sup>th</sup> September Mr Drew started papering the schoolhouse

10<sup>th</sup> September Completed papering

12<sup>th</sup> September The bricklayer fixed sitting room fireplace

17<sup>th</sup> September Teacher ill influenza and jaundice absent for 4 days

26<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Labour Day

29<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton A & P Show

Collection of grasses Matahiwi School 1<sup>st</sup>, David Ellison 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jim Ellison 3<sup>rd</sup>

Collection of weeds Daphne Taggart 1<sup>st</sup>

Sewing Standard 2 Heather Wilson 1<sup>st</sup> Standard 5 D Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup>

Drawing Standard 3 Jim Ellison 2<sup>nd</sup>

Standard 2 David Ellison 2<sup>nd</sup>

30<sup>th</sup> October School closed in lieu of picnic which we held on a Saturday

21<sup>st</sup> November received cheque for 35/- prize money from Carterton show

2<sup>nd</sup> December Election Day

18<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for summer vacation

## 1932

1<sup>st</sup> February Resumed school. Admitted one new pupil Roll 13

17<sup>th</sup> February Closed school for Masterton A & P Show

February Mr Pickering mended leak in roof of schoolhouse, and spouting of school and schoolhouse

14<sup>th</sup> March Mr Wise repaired lock of window, door locks and put glass in lavatory window

17<sup>th</sup> March Inspector Partridge visited the school

18<sup>th</sup> March Same School Committee returned

29<sup>th</sup> April First of a series of dances held in the school

27<sup>th</sup> May Closed school to attend Physical Instruction Class

27<sup>th</sup> June Two pupils present, the others have dreadful coughs and colds.

28<sup>th</sup> June Fumigated the school by burning sulphur in it

13<sup>th</sup> July Mr Darroch visited the school and spoke to the children on Empire Trading. Presented Daphne Taggart with a Long Service badge because she had been a member of the Navy League seven years in succession. All pupils are members of the Navy League and we have had full membership for 3 years

7<sup>th</sup> September Teacher called home as father was in a critical condition

School closed from 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September Death of Mr Edwards

17<sup>th</sup> October Admitted a new pupil Leslie Gourlay Standard IV

24<sup>th</sup> October School closed Labour Day

27<sup>th</sup> October School closed for the Carterton Show instead of a sports day as picnic and sports were held on a Saturday

28<sup>th</sup> October Inspector Partridge visited the school

Prizes gained at Carterton Show

Heather Wilson 1<sup>st</sup> Sewing standard 3

Daphne Taggart Very Highly commended Sewing Standard 6

Ngaire Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup> writing Primer 4

Collection of Grasses 1<sup>st</sup> Matahiwi School 1<sup>st</sup> Heather Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> F Ellison 3<sup>rd</sup>

Collection of Weeds Daphne Taggart 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fancywork Standard 6 Frank Ellison Very Highly commended

1<sup>st</sup> November Written examinations in History, Geography, and drawing for Proficiency candidates

1<sup>st</sup> December Synchronous examination for proficiency

12<sup>th</sup> December Frank Ellison and Daphne Taggart gained their proficiency certificates

4<sup>th</sup> December Mr Scott chairman of School Committee left the district. At a committee meeting held previously Mr E Wilson was elected chairman and Mr H L Arnold a committee man to fill the vacancy

Inspectors Report. Ernest Partridge 31<sup>st</sup> October included

- a) Leila H Edwards
- b) Roll 14

c) The general efficiency of this school is very good

d) The 2 pupils in standard 6 made a very good showing

e) Order, discipline and tone are excellent, children being well mannered and pleasant to teach

f) Written work is attractively presented on the whole while oral response is bright and intelligent

## 1933

1<sup>st</sup> February Opened school. Admitted Colleen Beer Standard 4, George Beer, Standard 3 and Betty Pratt the only new entrant in the Primer class

10<sup>th</sup> February Some of the children attended the dental clinic

4<sup>th</sup> March School picnic held on a Saturday

13<sup>th</sup> March Mr F C Brockett visited the school. Took away packets of seeds which had been collected by the children

Received word that three children had won 4 prizes in the British and Colonial writing competition. Frank Ellison goods valued at 5/3d from C Smiths

David Ellison book 4/6d Daphne Taggart foods valued 5/3d room C Smiths. Frank Ellison Book Value 5/3d

24<sup>th</sup> March School closed as children took part in sports on Park Oval

13<sup>th</sup> April Betty Pratt left the district

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day Mr Wilson took teacher and 4 children to he Anzac service in Masterton. Laid a wreath on Soldier's Memorial. Wet cold day otherwise the rest of the children would have attended

22<sup>nd</sup> May Reopened School all children attended. During holidays committee had hedges clipped, piano tuned, school scrubbed and wood brought for school

21<sup>st</sup> June Two children June and Rex Simpson left the school

26<sup>th</sup> June Willie Major admitted from Whatman School

3<sup>rd</sup> July Sent sack of vegetables from school garden to Salvation Army for soup for children's dinners

11<sup>th</sup> July The architect of the Board accompanied by Colonel McDonald and Mr Donald (Board Members) visited the school and met members of the School Committee to discuss the drainage systems

25<sup>th</sup> July Received new book case for library books

31<sup>st</sup> July Sent sack of vegetables to Salvation Army for soup for children's dinners

8<sup>th</sup> August Commenced term examination, George Beer absent on account of sickness

Inspectors Report 5<sup>th</sup> July 1933 D McCaskill

- a) L H Edwards
- b) Roll 12
- a) Miss Edwards continues to direct this school with marked success
- b) The work throughout showing clearly the result of definite and thorough teaching
- c) The tone and working spirit are excellent
- d) Commendable work is done in the gardens while grounds and buildings are thoroughly supervised

22<sup>nd</sup> October Labour Day holiday taken on Carterton Show Day (Special Permission from Wellington Education Board)

26<sup>th</sup> October School children gained prizes at Carterton Show

Daphne Taggart 1<sup>st</sup> Collection of grasses 2<sup>nd</sup> collection of leaves

Ngaire Clarke 1<sup>st</sup> Sewing Standard 1

Lois Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> sewing Standard 1

Colleen Beer 2<sup>nd</sup> Sewing Standard 4 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection of leaves

George Beer 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection of Grasses

Heather Wilson 3<sup>rd</sup> Standard 4 Sewing

David Ellison 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection of weeds

Harry Ellison 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection of Grasses

Jim Ellison 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection of leaves

Jack Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup> Canvas Work

Ivon Maclean 3<sup>rd</sup> Canvas Work

3<sup>rd</sup> December Navy League visited the school Frank Ellison won his long Service Badge

20<sup>th</sup> December Closed for Summer Vacation

12 children received good attendance certificates. There were 13 people on the roll, but one had only entered school on October 1st

## 1934

5<sup>th</sup> February reopened school 13 pupils on roll but only 10 present, 3 sick with measles

5<sup>th</sup> March Big earthquake Chimneys came down

10<sup>th</sup> March School Picnic held

6<sup>th</sup> April Children attended primary school sports held at Park Oval

25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day service held in School by reverend J Davies. 44 present



24<sup>th</sup> April Mr Brockett visited the school, filled barometer and showed us how to mount it. We gave him 140 packets of seeds and we have more to packet when we receive the envelopes

Sent 5/- from school children for Health Camp

30<sup>th</sup> April Meeting of Householders. Mr E Wilson chairman and Secretary. Mr Maxwell, Mr G Beer, Mr L Arnold, and Mr H Amundsen

12<sup>th</sup> May Card party and dance held in school

22<sup>nd</sup> May School closed till 24<sup>th</sup> May on account of death of Teacher's mother

24<sup>th</sup> May Reopened school 12 pupils on roll all present

Inspectors Report 9<sup>th</sup> October 1934. Ernest Partridge

- a) Miss L H Edwards
- b) Roll 16
- c) The school continues to run very efficiently and all pupils are making pleasing progress
- d) Teaching methods are sound and are applied with a commendable degree of zeal and earnestness
- e) Judged to the capacity of the pupils the quality of work is rated as very good
- f) Pupils being very well mannered and pleasant to teach
- g) The schoolroom is kept clean and tidy while the well cared for lawns and gardens provide a very attractive environment

## 1935

5<sup>th</sup> February 16 pupils present

Closed school for 1 ½ hours on Wednesday and Thursday (*Presumably because of heat*), but after discussion with chairman of School Committee decided to hold school all day

8<sup>th</sup> February Received receipt from Wellington Education Board for 4/- subscribed for children for the Edwin Payne Fund.

14<sup>th</sup> February Received word from Wellington Education Board that school was to open from 9 until 12.30 daily

18<sup>th</sup> February Pickerings finished septic tank

25<sup>th</sup> February Resumed school fulltime

26<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for Masterton Show, all children but one attended show

12<sup>th</sup> March 4 Kelly children left the district, roll number now 12

30<sup>th</sup> March Meeting held in school to arrange social evenings for winter

29<sup>th</sup> March Sent a children's collection of grasses and native plants to Wellington for Easter Show

4<sup>th</sup> April Sent 200 packets of seed saved from school garden to Mr Brockett

27<sup>th</sup> April First of a series of euchre evenings held in the school

26<sup>th</sup> June Inspector Partridge visited the school

16<sup>th</sup> July Harry, Jim and David Ellison absent from school as an elder brother has chicken pox

21<sup>st</sup> July Members of Board visited the school

4<sup>th</sup> August Received 3 pairs of scissors from Board

9<sup>th</sup> August Observed Arbor Day, planted a rhododendron, an azalea and 6 wattle trees

16<sup>th</sup> August Nurse Hodge visited the school

Inspectors report 26<sup>th</sup> June Ernest Partridge



- a) Roll 12
- b) Leila H Edwards
- c) Under the painstaking and efficient instruction of the teacher the children of this school continue to make pleasing progress
- d) Order and discipline are very good indeed
- e) A very pleasant tone is noticeable, all pupils cooperating very willingly and happily
- f) The garden work being a feature that calls for commendation

20<sup>th</sup> August The Ellison's are back to school after measles

9<sup>th</sup> September Reopened school. 9 children present. Doris and Roy Amundsen away with whooping cough

7<sup>th</sup> September received seeds for school garden

16<sup>th</sup> September 6 pupils absent with whooping cough

23<sup>rd</sup> September 5 students present the remaining 7 have whooping cough

Received receipt for 5/- towards Health Camp

4<sup>th</sup> October Dr Anderson and Nurse Hodge visited the school

6<sup>th</sup> October All children except Joy Arnold have returned after having whooping cough

10<sup>th</sup> September Received notice that Colleen Beer and Heather have been accredited for proficiency

29<sup>th</sup> October Wet boisterous day, no school held as teacher could not come out because road is flooded

30<sup>th</sup> October Examination of Standard 6 pupils in History, Geography and Science

31<sup>st</sup> October Holiday for Carterton Show

8 children attended show and a number of prizes received

7<sup>th</sup> November Mr Darroch, Miss Sellar, Miss Vallance, Miss Cameron, Mrs Bunny and Mrs Gordon visited the school after school hours *Navy League*

The chairman and some of the parents also came. Mr Darroch gave a very interesting address on the Navy League and Empire Trading and showed some beautiful posters. Afternoon Tea provided by the parents was served. Mr Darroch presented Heather Wilson and David Ellison who have been members for 7 consecutive years with Long Service Badges

The school has had full membership for 7 consecutive years

19<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for Christmas vacation

Colleen Beer, Heather Wilson and Jim Ellison passed the proficiency exam The two girls accredited but Jim sat for his on 29<sup>th</sup> November

## 1936

February One new pupil Ernest Arnold. Roll number now 9

Colleen Beer is now attending Wairarapa High School

Heather Wilson is at Wellington Girls College

Jim Ellison has gone out to work

19<sup>th</sup> February Holiday for Masterton Show

28<sup>th</sup> February George Beer has left this school as his parents have left the district

27<sup>th</sup> February The contractor has commenced the Tennis Court

29<sup>th</sup> February School picnic held

18<sup>th</sup> March Contractors Rose and Lawton finished tennis court

Paid £1-14-8 insurance on Matahiwi Schoolhouse  
Note Manson Brothers Donation (Bequest) £193 towards Tennis Court and Sewage  
23<sup>rd</sup> March Mr T C Brockett Agricultural Instructor visited the school today. We had collected and packeted 76 packets of seeds which he took with him, leaving some more packets for us to fill  
24<sup>th</sup> March Meeting of School Committee. It was decided to open the tennis court on 4<sup>th</sup> April  
4<sup>th</sup> April The Tennis Court was opened by Colonel MacDonald (Wellington Education Board member). The enlarged photo of the Manson Brothers who left £193 to the Matahiwi School was unveiled  
With this money and a grant from Wellington Education Board the School Committee had the sewerage put in and a concrete playing area for the children. The residents subscribed money for a fence so that the people could use the playing area as a tennis court  
31<sup>st</sup> March The schoolhouse is now empty as the Arnolds have moved to Masterton  
22<sup>nd</sup> April As Elaine Maclean has gone back to Trentham the roll number is now 6  
4<sup>th</sup> May Meeting of Householders The following committee elected E Wilson Chairman and Secretary J Maxwell, H Amundsen, J Ellison F Clarke  
8<sup>th</sup> May During the holidays the chairman brought firewood to school  
25<sup>th</sup> May reopened school with roll 6, 6 present  
19<sup>th</sup> June Very wet day all pupils except David Ellison, who had to stay home because his mother was sick, were present

22<sup>nd</sup> June School wood cut up. Mr Wilson and boy chopped it while the school boys stacked it in the shed  
Ngaire and Betty Clarke, Doris, Ray and Verna Amundsen at the dental Clinic  
6<sup>th</sup> July Let Schoolhouse to Mr McRae  
Verna Amundsen commenced school today  
7<sup>th</sup> July June Lashford commenced school today Roll 8  
13<sup>th</sup> July Celebrated Arbor Day by planting 18 shrubs provided by the School Committee and several native trees which we brought from the bush  
17<sup>th</sup> August Received carrot seeds. White Belgian, Altringham, Guaerande  
7<sup>th</sup> September Reopened school, 7 children present, June Lashford in hospital  
8<sup>th</sup> September Mr Darroch (Navy League) visited school after school hours and addressed the children, also presented Jack Clarke and Ian Scott Long Service Badges  
1<sup>st</sup> September Mr Brockett brought mangle seeds and manure for children who have entered the mangle growing competition  
1<sup>st</sup> October June Lashford has come back to school  
18<sup>th</sup> October Admitted Betty Clarke Roll number 9  
29<sup>th</sup> October Holiday for P and A show Carterton. Seven pupils attended the show  
David Ellison 1<sup>st</sup> Collection of Leaves  
Jack Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup> collection of leaves  
Roy Amundsen 1<sup>st</sup> Collection of Grasses  
Doris Amundsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection of grasses  
Ngaire Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection of weeds

Lois Wilson 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection of weeds  
 Ngaire Clarke 1<sup>st</sup> Sewing  
 Lois Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> Sewing  
 Doris Amundsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Sewing 2 knitting  
 4<sup>th</sup> November Inspector Mr Partridge visited the school and granted David Ellison his proficiency  
 4<sup>th</sup> November Received word of my appointment to Newman School  
 5<sup>th</sup> November Sent in my resignation to Wellington Education Board and chairman of Matahiwi School Committee  
 6<sup>th</sup> November Received word that Colleen Beer, George Beer and Jim Ellison had won prizes in the British and Colonial writing competition  
 7<sup>th</sup> December June Lashford has left Matahiwi. Roll is now 8  
 7<sup>th</sup> December Mr A Wallis commenced painting the schoolhouse and school  
 ‘14<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for King’s Birthday  
 15<sup>th</sup> December Closed school on account of infantile paralysis in Dunedin  
 Inspectors report of 4<sup>th</sup> November 1936 included

- a) Roll 9 Present 9
- b) L H Edwards Teacher
- c) This little school continues to function very happily and efficiently, the general standard of attainment being very good.
- d) Sound methods of instruction applied with commendable thoroughness and sincerity have secured a pleasing rate of progress in all classes and the pupils display a

praiseworthy keenness and interest in their work, cooperating willing with their teacher

- e) Order tone and discipline are very good indeed
- f) The grounds are maintained in very good order and provide a very attractive setting for a happy and efficient little school

## 1937

S L Hatch took over Duties

1<sup>st</sup> March School opened after summer vacation. Opening delayed on account of Infantile Paralysis in Dunedin. Roll number to commence, 7

David Ellison is attending the Masterton Technical School

June Lashford is now at Silverstream School

30<sup>th</sup> March School Picnic Held

5<sup>th</sup> April Found a panel of window on South Side of School broken. Mr Wilson came down and said a tennis player had done it. He was making arrangements to have it fixed

7<sup>th</sup> April Window fixed

19<sup>th</sup> April School was closed on account of Infantile Paralysis and remained so until end of term

24<sup>th</sup> May Opened school after Term Holiday, 7 pupils

28<sup>th</sup> May Mr Partridge inspector visited school

Inspectors Report included

- a) Teacher S L Hatch, Uncertified

- b) Although Mr Hatch is inexperienced and untrained he is carrying on the work of the little school with a pleasing measure of success
- c) Pupils are making quite good progress, particularly in the more formal subjects
- d) In such subjects as Geography and History improved methods of presentation have been outlined for the teachers guidance
- e) The buildings and grounds are in very good order
- f) Ernest Partridge, Inspector

9<sup>th</sup> June Holiday King's Birthday

23<sup>rd</sup> June Mr Brockett came and judged the mangle plots

7<sup>th</sup> July Betty Clarke absent. Snowstorm

8<sup>th</sup> July School closed Teacher granted leave to attend his grandmother's Funeral

18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> School closed for N Z E I conference in Wellington

26<sup>th</sup> July Doris Amundsen absent for three weeks on account of illness. Doctor's Orders

Note: Mr Hatch had to enter hospital during holidays and was granted 2 months sick leave. Miss A I M Logan was relieving teacher.

6<sup>th</sup> September Opening of send term. 7 pupils present

8<sup>th</sup> September Lois Wilson absent at dentist

20<sup>th</sup> September Mr Brockett came and looked over gardens,. Recommended lawn mower to be mended, lawn mown, general tidy up.

15<sup>th</sup> October Visitor's Day

25<sup>th</sup> October Labour Day

28<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show

1<sup>st</sup> November Mr S L Hatch recommenced duties

6<sup>th</sup> November Celebrated 5<sup>th</sup> with bonfire in Maxwell's paddock and had supper and dance in schoolroom afterwards

9<sup>th</sup> November Mr Darroch, Secretary of Navy League, Miss Sellars, Miss Cameron and Mrs Norman visited the school after school hours. Mr Darroch presented Ngaire Clarke with long service badge and also presented the school with a map of Australia because the school has had 100% membership for 9 years

11<sup>th</sup> November Armistice Day Observed 2 Minutes silence

19<sup>th</sup> November Received query from Board re excessive gardening lessons. Replied immediately

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November Teacher granted leave of Absence to sit Training College Entrance Examinations. School closed

30<sup>th</sup> November School closed in afternoon to allow teacher to attend arts and craft exhibition in town

17<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for summer vacation

## 1938

1<sup>st</sup> February Opened school 8 pupils

7<sup>th</sup> February Charles Douglas Donaldson entered school

16<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton Show

25<sup>th</sup> April School closed for Anzac Day

2<sup>nd</sup> May Biennial meeting of Householders. J Wilson Chairman and Secretary, J Maxwell, J Clarke, N Amundsen, O Charteris. There was an attendance of 9 householders

23<sup>rd</sup> May Received fork and barrow from Briscoes  
13<sup>th</sup> July Visit from Mr Brockett. Had a visit from Mr Darroch  
Secretary of the Navy League, Miss Sellar Commander Darroch's  
Secretary of the Navy League and Miss Castleburgh. Lois Wilson  
and Doris Amundsen presented with long service badges  
10<sup>th</sup> August Received visit from Mr Partridge

Inspectors Notes included

- a) Roll 8
- b) Teacher Miss A I N Logan
- c) Certain details in some of the official records require to be entered in the way indicated
- d) The work of the school is proceeding smoothly and happily and with a good measure of success, more especially in the upper classes, which display a pleasing soundness
- e) In the lower division there is some weakness, due in part to over promotion into Standard 1. This is noticeable in reading, arithmetic and spelling in which fundamentals are not well established
- f) Order discipline and tone are very good indeed, a pleasing feature being the pleasant relations existing between teacher and pupils resulting in keen and happy cooperation
- g) Environment is very good
- h) General efficiency rated as good

29<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Carterton Show

Prizes gained Roy Amundsen 1<sup>st</sup> Collection of grasses

Lois Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> Child's frock

Ngairie Clarke 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection of leaves

D Amundsen 3<sup>rd</sup> Canvas

Betty Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup> Child's feeder

4<sup>th</sup> November School closed for teacher to do elocution exams

7<sup>th</sup> November School closed for teacher to attend doctor

8<sup>th</sup> November Doctor Platts and Hills visited the school

22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> November School closed for teacher to sit examination

30<sup>th</sup> November School closed at 10.00 for teacher to interview  
teacher committee

## 1939

1<sup>st</sup> February Mr Neville Green- teacher- Uncertificated

Opened school with 6 pupils 2 boys and 4 girls

15<sup>th</sup> February School closed for people's day at Masterton Show

20<sup>th</sup> February A. Edna Joan Muggeridge entered

5<sup>th</sup> May Closed school at 1 O'clock for first term holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> May reopened school New pupil Rhoda Guy

5<sup>th</sup> June School closed for NZ observance of King's birthday

29<sup>th</sup> September Mr Johnston Inspector spent morning at school

9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> October School closed for teacher to sit University Final  
Term exams

23<sup>rd</sup> October Labour Day holiday

30<sup>th</sup> November School closed in morning to allow teacher to  
interview Wellington committee for training college

6<sup>th</sup> December Doctor and nurse visited school and examined  
pupils

## 1940

6<sup>th</sup> February Mr G K Claris reopened school after Xmas holidays  
28<sup>th</sup> March School closed for the Thursday and Friday owing to the death of the Prime Minister Hon M J Savage  
30<sup>th</sup> March School picnic in Mr Holmes' paddock  
22<sup>nd</sup> April Householder's meeting for election of School Committee. Mr F Clarke chairman. Mr W Clarke Secretary, Mr J Finlay, Mr H Amundsen, Mr J Linton  
25<sup>th</sup> November Kings Birthday holiday  
27<sup>th</sup> November Visit from Mr Irwin Senior Inspector  
Inspectors Report S J Irwin  
a) Mr G K Claris  
b) Roll 7

## 1941

3<sup>rd</sup> February School reopened after Xmas Holiday  
4<sup>th</sup> April School closed to enable teacher to interview Air Force Selection committee  
30<sup>th</sup> April Visit of Dr Mulholland  
26<sup>th</sup> June School closed in afternoon and all day Friday to enable teacher to report for medical inspection to Air Force Medical Board  
18<sup>th</sup> July G K Claris teacher resigns and Mrs A C Payne appointed as reliever  
24<sup>th</sup> July Relinquished duties at school to enter R N Z A F  
26<sup>th</sup> July Commenced relieving Duties A C Payne

22<sup>nd</sup> August Relinquished relieving duties, received notice today  
8<sup>th</sup> September School reopened 3<sup>rd</sup> term J Hector

## 1942

22<sup>nd</sup> January letter to Chairman of School Committee Mr F J Clarke asking about roll on 18<sup>th</sup> December  
3<sup>rd</sup> February reopened school after Xmas Holiday  
10<sup>th</sup> March letter from M J Clarkson to Wellington Education Board asking is it right that the children are allowed on the school grounds after school hours when there is a tennis court on the grounds  
I had told the children they were not allowed and the School Committee tell me it does not apply in this case. Is that so?  
11<sup>th</sup> March Reply to Miss M J Clarkson the regulations are that the teacher in charge must see that all children are clear of the school grounds before he (Sic) leaves for the day. They also say that children must leave before 4 pm except when being supervised by a teacher  
But on the other hand the School Committee are empowered to deal with use of buildings and grounds outside of School hours. Commonsense should apply and the teacher not be required to supervise the children but the children should not be deprived of the right to play tennis  
27<sup>th</sup> March Betty Clarke Margaret and Anne Finlay attended dental clinic

18<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for Xmas Holidays

## 1943

29<sup>th</sup> January Miss Jackish appointed to Matahiwi. Will leave Wellington Wairarapa express Monday. Please meet her and arrange board

1<sup>st</sup> February Took up duties as sole teacher N M S Jakish

5<sup>th</sup> February Closed school for half day for children to attend dental clinic

24<sup>th</sup> February Received word to attend training college

1<sup>st</sup> March Nancy Petersen commenced duties as sole teacher

10<sup>th</sup> September School closed for day to celebrate the capitulation of Italy

22<sup>nd</sup> September Roll number now 14

9<sup>th</sup> October Received notification from board intimating that Matahiwi School has now become Grade 1 and that appointment as sole teacher ceases on January 31<sup>st</sup> 1944. Roll 15

14<sup>th</sup> October Letter to Miss D Peterson that as the school has become a Grade 2 school her position will cease on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1944. If you desire another Grade 1 position the board will take steps to secure one for you

20<sup>th</sup> October Selection of Mr A D Kelly and Miss S Brown

Mr Kelly is at present on Military Duty and consequently will not take up duty at Matahiwi until his discharge. Miss Brown is a war appointment

Grade 199 C Certificate 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  years service currently war Appointment at Tukurumuri School

Miss Brown is losing her position because of a change of grade at Tukurumuri

Mr Kelly

Grade 180 C 7  $\frac{3}{4}$  years service. Currently Sole Teacher Tukurumuri School. He is losing his job because of a change of grade at Tukurumuri School

25<sup>th</sup> October School closed for Labour Day

16<sup>th</sup> December School closed for half day to hold a Xmas party at Mrs Temple's place, for school children

## 1944

1<sup>st</sup> February S Brown commenced duties

School reopens 17 pupils 2 Peter Smith and Ngaire Souisted admitted

9<sup>th</sup> February Rang Wellington Education Board re leave of absence

10<sup>th</sup> February I start on extended leave as from this date. S Brown

11<sup>th</sup> February E Casely Commenced relieving duties at this school today.

16<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton Show held at Carterton 9 children attended

23<sup>rd</sup> February received a large consignment of handwork material from Wellington Education Board



25<sup>th</sup> February Miss Horner Dental Nurse from West School visited us today, examined teeth- Neil Clarke is only pupil who has no work to be done- gave short talk with diagrams to children

29<sup>th</sup> February Betty Clark visited dental clinic

25<sup>th</sup> April closed for Anzac Day

12<sup>th</sup> May Opened school after vacation- 18 on the roll- one addition

12<sup>th</sup> August Held school concert Given £4.0.0 to spend on library books

15<sup>th</sup> August Closed school for vacation. Leaving to take up permanent position

28<sup>th</sup> August Appointment of Miss L Young as relieving sole teacher. (Vice Cassely)

4<sup>th</sup> September L Young reopened school as reliever

15<sup>th</sup> September Mr G Maloney Agricultural Instructor spent the day at school Discussed reopening of vegetable garden and flower plots around school

22<sup>nd</sup> September Miss Horner- Dental Nurse visited school today. Only 3 children do not need to attend clinic

26<sup>th</sup> September School closed as I had influenza. Most of the children are affected by it. Only 8 at school on 27<sup>th</sup>

26<sup>th</sup> October visit by Mr Stubbs Inspector this afternoon

14<sup>th</sup> December The children had a concert and Xmas party this afternoon. Parents came in numbers and programmes were sold in aid of T R C Funds 9/- being collected

15<sup>th</sup> December School closed for Xmas Holidays

## 1945

17<sup>th</sup> January Mr A D Kelly has been appointed to a position in Canterbury. Miss Young will continue in a relieving capacity

5<sup>th</sup> February School reopened Fourteen pupils. Two, Verna Amundsen Form 2 and David Smith Standard 2 having left. Donald Perry admitted

21<sup>st</sup> March Mr C Francis appointed. Grade 126 certificate B, 10 years service. Unemployed

12<sup>th</sup> April School closed as teacher had summer sickness. Visit from Mr Stubbs Inspector

25<sup>th</sup> April Closed for Anzac Day. No RSA talk or service was held as Committee was unenthusiastic about the business

4<sup>th</sup> May School closed for Term Holidays My relieving engagement terminated L Young

Inspectors report G Stubbs (Handwritten in pencil)

- a) Roll 15
- b) Miss L Young Sole Teacher Relieving

31<sup>st</sup> May Commenced duty as sole teacher 14 pupils on the school roll C Francis

4<sup>th</sup> June School closed King's birthday

15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> August V J (*Victory over Japan*) holidays

18<sup>th</sup> August School concert held

3<sup>rd</sup> September School reopened for third term Roll 13

6<sup>th</sup> September Working Bee to advance the work in laying out new garden plots

8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> September First coat applied to interior of school'

15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> September Painting of interior of school finished



12<sup>th</sup> November Visit of 3 soldier teachers. Messrs Sparkes, Dallas and Badley  
Committee meeting arrangement for Calf and Lamb judging day drawn up  
15<sup>th</sup> November Calf and Lamb judging at school  
19<sup>th</sup> November Calf and Lamb judging at Solway School  
19<sup>th</sup> December School closed for the vacation Attendance down to 3 and 4 daily (Measles).

## 1946

4<sup>th</sup> February School reopened 12 pupils present. 14 on roll  
12<sup>th</sup> February Marie has returned to school to begin work while awaiting admission to Nga Tawa. Not placed on roll as she expects daily to receive a notice to attend Nga Tawa  
18<sup>th</sup> February Marie has been placed on roll  
20<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Masterton Show  
22<sup>nd</sup> February School closed teacher attending N Z E I meeting in Masterton  
8<sup>th</sup> March School picnic held at Masterton Park  
11<sup>th</sup> March Visit of Messrs Carter and McKenzie, Wellington Education Board Members  
13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> April Working Bee at school- grass cut, trees and hedge pulled out  
30<sup>th</sup> April Election of new School Committee Messrs N Clarke, L Smith, H and L Amundsen, G Temple

27<sup>th</sup> May Second term begins The School Committee have had a further two working bees during the holidays. Wood Cut and Delivered, Shrubbery cleaned up  
1<sup>st</sup> June Mr Andrews (Rehab Course) observed for one week  
10<sup>th</sup> June Messrs Finn, Hodge, Fitzgerald (Rehab) visited school  
23<sup>rd</sup> July Visit of Mr Maloney Agricultural Instructor. Committee Chairman present  
13<sup>th</sup> August (Delayed) Arbor Day Ceremony. 5 shrubs planted in memory of those from the district killed in the 1935-45 war  
24<sup>th</sup> August School concert  
9<sup>th</sup> September Third term begins 3 new pupils all primers. Donald Perry has measles. 16 on roll  
12<sup>th</sup> September Working bee Formation of new paths. 6 men present  
16<sup>th</sup> September Mr Rose (Rehab) arrived for five week's observation  
4<sup>th</sup> October Half holiday in honour of visit of Governor General to Masterton. School did not attend welcome as no notification of arrangements was sent. The committee deemed it advisable to observe the holiday  
18<sup>th</sup> November Calf and Lamb Judging at Solway. The local judging held the 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Calves 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Amundsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Amundsen 3<sup>rd</sup> Judy Martin  
Lamb Ngaire Suisted  
Masterton Group Judging Ngaire Suisted 3<sup>rd</sup> Short Woolled lamb  
Bill Amundsen 1<sup>st</sup> Care and Handling 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Calf  
10<sup>th</sup> December Visit of Mr Brown Woodwork Supervisor  
19<sup>th</sup> December Xmas party for school and district children

## 1947

3<sup>rd</sup> February School opened with a roll of 15  
21<sup>st</sup> February Masterton Show Day  
20<sup>th</sup> March School agricultural Show- Large attendance of parents  
21<sup>st</sup> March Interschool sports at Masterton Park  
6<sup>th</sup> May Standards were taken on a tour of factories etc in Masterton by members of the Rotary Club (Afternoon)  
26<sup>th</sup> May One new pupil Brian Pattison, Primers  
July Visit of Mr Hood traffic officer who delivered a talk and showed films  
14<sup>th</sup> August 9 flowering cherries planted – many parents present  
8<sup>th</sup> September School reopened with 4 pupils in attendance . Most of the pupils away with whooping cough or suspected whooping cough  
11<sup>th</sup> November Visit of Doctor and Nurse. 15 pupils examined, two absent. All except two pupils have had whooping cough  
19<sup>th</sup> November School closed. Used for a booth for Harbour Board and Catchment Board elections  
21<sup>st</sup> November Calf and Lamb Judging at school  
New primer apparatus handwork, drawing and class books, projects and collections exhibited A large attendance  
Results Lamb June Weddell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Amundsen  
Calves: Points 1<sup>st</sup> Joan Amundsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Amundsen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judy Martin  
Care and Handling. Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Judy Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Martin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Smith  
Senior Joan and Bill equal  
28<sup>th</sup> November School closed Infantile paralysis

4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> December Attending discussion groups at Central School

8<sup>th</sup> December P E Refresher Course

## 1948

School closed owing to Polio

2<sup>nd</sup> February Posted out one weeks work to all pupils Primers – Standard 1

9<sup>th</sup> February Second weeks work posted

16<sup>th</sup> February Third weeks work posted

Parents cooperating very well

13<sup>th</sup> February Well boring commenced at the school

1<sup>st</sup> March School reopened 3 new pupils . One transferred from correspondence school. Donald Perry has transferred to Hadlow School total 19 pupils

10<sup>th</sup> March New bore commenced at school

11<sup>th</sup> March Mr Warham visited school- inspected pool and observed swimming lessons

17<sup>th</sup> March Visit of Mr Barnett Agricultural Instructor

22<sup>nd</sup> March Brian Pattison refused to salute Union Jack. Notification and request for instructions sent to the Board. Committee Chairman notified. Parents of boy interviewed me in the evening. They expressed regret at not having notified me instead of merely instructing their son in the matter, but also indicated refusal to allow boy to salute the flag

31<sup>st</sup> March Reply from Wellington Education Board Instruction to “tactfully exclude” Brian P from flag saluting ceremony

15<sup>th</sup> April The Pattison family left the district

24<sup>th</sup> May reopened with 19 pupils on roll  
 18<sup>th</sup> June Visit to Fernridge School Football and Basketball games. Rounders etc for primer classes  
 21<sup>st</sup> June Meeting to commence preparation for school jubilee  
 5<sup>th</sup> July Visit of District Nurse.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> July Visit of Fernridge School to Matahiwi  
 30<sup>th</sup> July Visit of Mr Stubbs Senior Inspector  
 Inspectors Report 30<sup>th</sup> July G Stubbs

- a) Mr C Francis, teacher
- b) Roll 25
- c) The tone and general spirit are excellent
- d) The liberal and very important aspect of education such as oral expression, projects and motivated activity are entered into with a fine enthusiasm

4<sup>th</sup> September School reopened with 24 pupils  
 8<sup>th</sup> September School sprayed with DDT  
 8<sup>th</sup> September letter from Wellington Education Board to jubilee Committee  
 D S Sinclair C/- Education Board Auckland  
 T Porritt Address Unknown  
 Miss Woodward "  
 L Robinson "  
 Miss Hunt "  
 Miss Rose "  
 Miss Malonie "  
 Miss G L Langdon- Now Mrs Treadwell c/- Public School Plimmerton

Mr S L Hatch C/- Education Board Christchurch  
 Miss A I M Logan Left profession  
 Mr N Green C/- Education Department Tonga  
 Miss M J Clarkson Left profession  
 Miss N Jackish c/- Wadestown School  
 18<sup>th</sup> September New radio arrived  
 Jennifer Ball has been attending school this term and will be staying until West School reopens after Polio Closing  
 25<sup>th</sup> October Two polio suspects from district entered hospital for tests  
 26<sup>th</sup> October School closed. Tests for Brian and Judith Martin negative. School reopened 27<sup>th</sup> October  
 29<sup>th</sup> October Prizes won at Carterton Show  
 Diana Temple Formal Sewing 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Trevor Smith collection of Insects 1<sup>st</sup>. Collection of weeds 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> October Committee digging well in horse paddock, preparatory to the installation of new water system  
 3<sup>rd</sup> November Set of filmstrips on loan from Training College arrived. New projector and black out curtains work effectively  
 14<sup>th</sup> November Working to finish digging work and stack rubbish in the horse paddock ready for the first Guy Fawkes Night for many years  
 15<sup>th</sup> November customary fortnightly Jubilee Committee meeting held in the school Arrangements well in hand  
 22<sup>nd</sup> November Committee meeting. School judging of calves and lambs arranged

26<sup>th</sup> November Calves and lambs judged at school. A good muster of parents- very high standard in the calf section

6<sup>th</sup> December Calf and lamb judging at Solway Bill Amundsen 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Calf Joan Amundsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> care and Handling

13<sup>th</sup> December Bottle Drive to raise funds for gardens £4.00 collected.

16<sup>th</sup> December School concert held. Large attendance of parents and friends £3.00 cash to children's funds

22<sup>nd</sup> December and 11<sup>th</sup> January Final Judging for vegetable gardens

Senior Diana Temple and Joan Amundsen 1<sup>st</sup> equal

Junior: Ngaire Suisted 1<sup>st</sup>, Trevor Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, Peter Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>, Judith Martin 4<sup>th</sup>

## 1949

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened with attendance of 19, Roll 22

The Martin Family have the measles. Judith and Brian susceptible children kept from school

31<sup>st</sup> January wind up meeting of Jubilee Committee. The jubilee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January a highly successful function

22<sup>nd</sup> February Parents day at swimming pool Exhibitions by learners in lower pool and races by seniors in upper pool. Large attendance of parents and friends. 15 out of 16 standards can swim

26<sup>th</sup> February Swimming tests at Dixon Street Baths. Certificates gained Jane Amundsen 220 yards, Diana Temple 100, Margaret Powell 50, Jennifer Francis, Brian Tempe, Richard Pickering 25

1<sup>st</sup> March Visit to Fernridge for Cricket and swimming

4<sup>th</sup> March Picnic held on Masterton Park

9<sup>th</sup> March School closed, used as a polling booth

Further swimming certificates Brian Temple 50 yards, Roger Powell, Judy Martin, Ngaire Suisted, Trevor and Peter Smith, 25 yards

19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> March 8 Standard girls taken camping at Lake Ferry. In spite of the weather an enjoyable and instructive time was had by all

22<sup>nd</sup> March Inspector Horsfall lectured and showed films on traffic safety

2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> April Boys taken camping at Lake Ferry

23<sup>rd</sup> May School roll 21

24<sup>th</sup> June I closed school early to visit Ngaumu Road School

1<sup>st</sup> July Visit of Miss Davie Ngaumu Road School Teacher for Observation

30<sup>th</sup> July 19<sup>th</sup> August Visit to Fernridge School, Basketball and Football contests

19<sup>th</sup> August My last day at Matahiwi School C Francis

21<sup>st</sup> August Mr Francis has obtained a position at Gladstone School and will be leaving this week

In view of the fact there is a very convenient schoolhouse, the parents of the district would like a married man, preferably with children of school age to be appointed. Mr Clarke Chairman Board replies the Board shares your wish for a married man however we must appoint the highest graded applicant

5<sup>th</sup> September Began duty as relieving teacher M E Gasson

**Irene and Donald Weddell left district today**

7<sup>th</sup> September Mr Francis has handed over the keys and school records etc. Both house and school are tidy and in good order.

21<sup>st</sup> September Appointed Mr L M Robinson. Grading 71 Service 9 years. Miramar Central

**23<sup>rd</sup> September Entered A Henderson Received School Journals, 3 copies of Towns to live in and 3 Copies of Houses to Live In from Wellington Education Board**

27<sup>th</sup> September Gave permission to 6 senior pupils to attend in school time the film Scott of The Antarctic, pupils were accompanied by parents

**9<sup>th</sup> October Visit Br Mr Stubbs and Mr McClure Inspectors**

30<sup>th</sup> October Letter to Wellington Education Board from Mr Clarke. At present we are without a teacher. The Board did not see fit to tell us that Mr Glasson reliever was leaving. Nor did they tell us that the permanent teacher would not take up his duties until February 1950

The schoolhouse has only been occupied for 5 years in the thirty years of its existence

We have had an extensive and unfortunate experience of relievers (eight of them between June 1941 and May 1945) all of whom served only to keep the school doors open and were quite incompetent as country school teachers

The parents of the district consider they have been very shabbily treated by the Board

At the parent meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October it was unanimously decided that until such time as the Board sees fit to send an experienced and efficient teacher they will not allow their children to attend school

The School Committee has not yet been officially notified as the date when Mr Robinson will begin teaching here, any information has been by word of mouth

Reply of 1<sup>st</sup> November from Wellington Education Board included

- a) Letter was hand delivered by Mr Russell Smith who informed us that Mrs M Allen currently relieving at Masterton Central would be relieving at Matahiwi
- b) This is subject to the local's being responsible for Mrs Allen's daily transport to Matahiwi
- c) The Board will pay Mrs Allen lodging allowance to Mrs Allen through which she could repay for her travel costs
- d) If you had read the Notification of Mr Robinson's appointment you would have seen his date of appointment
- e) It was assumed that Mr Glasson would have told you he was leaving
- f) Previous to this the school was in a lower grade and was not entitled to a certificated teacher

g) Since this letter was typed. The School Committee could not make suitable arrangements for Mrs Allen so the board has appointed Mrs O'Kane

2<sup>nd</sup> November E O'Kane began duty as relieving teacher

December Group Calf Club Day

December Main calf club day at Kopuaranga

16<sup>th</sup> December Concert and Xmas party- My last day. E O'Kane

## 1950

1<sup>st</sup> February Commenced duties as sole teacher. 17 present L M Robinson

2005/20933 Robinson Louisa Masel 19 March 1919

10<sup>th</sup> February Received 1 spade, 1 fork, 1 shovel, and pair hedge shears from Wellington Education Board per W F C A Limited

17<sup>th</sup> February School closed Country Teachers conference in Wellington

3<sup>rd</sup> February School excursion to see demonstration of modern farming implements (Fertiliser Blower, Tractor etc) at Te Hau Farm Matahiwi

6<sup>th</sup> march Visit of Miss Wilson Health Nurse who examined children and showed a filmstrip on Milk

10<sup>th</sup> March Annual School Picnic on Masterton Park Oval

23<sup>rd</sup> March All pupils went to see the 1950 Empire Games Film at Masterton during the afternoon

25<sup>th</sup> March School closed- teacher absent- death in the family

29<sup>th</sup> March Country School combined sports day- South Park Masterton. All pupils were present and participated in their events

31<sup>st</sup> March Visit to Fernridge School in the afternoon to play cricket. Fernridge won 44 runs to 21 A very good game

6<sup>th</sup> April Visit of Mr Stubbs Senior Inspector and Mr Hillary Phys Ed Organiser

28<sup>th</sup> March Another 5 books from Wellington Education Board (Junior Books)

9<sup>th</sup> April received carton of 40 books from Country Library Service

22<sup>nd</sup> April Visit of Mr O'Connor Phys Ed Supervisor who issued us a *Blumhardt was a leading potter in Wellington and a lecturer at Wellington Training College in 1960- 1961 when Robin Carlyon attended*

12<sup>th</sup> October Visit of Traffic Inspector Horsfall who took practical lessons on the road in cycling and walking (Cycling rules need attention)

20<sup>th</sup> October F T Woodley Visited

Inspectors Report F T Woodley

a) Teacher L M Robinson

b) Roll 18

c) The children receive sound drilling in all subjects and are developing well in cultural work

d) They read intelligently

e) The classroom is bright and friendly

19<sup>th</sup> October Visit to Wellington to see Industrial Exhibition (Standard 1- Standard 6) also visited Prestige Ltd factory and took trolley bus ride

27<sup>th</sup> October Wairarapa Show Schools section Ngaire Suisted 1<sup>st</sup> for Writing and Audrey Suisted gained first for painting

5<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes celebrations were held at school with a social gathering afterwards

10<sup>th</sup> November School calf and lamb day and display of work.

Very good attendance of parents. Mr R Lawrence judged

Senior Care and Handling Judy Martin 1, Peter Smith 2

Junior Care and handling Jean Amundsen 1, Gordon Amundsen 2

,Edward Clarke 3

Best Dairy type Jean Amundsen 1 Judy Martin 2 Edward Clark 3

Lambs

Care and Handling Audrey Suisted 1, Margaret Pickering 2,

Ngairi Suisted 3<sup>rd</sup>

Best Black Face Audrey Suisted 1, Ngairi Suisted 2

Best White face Margaret Pickering 1 Roger Powell 2 Richard

Pickering 3

14<sup>th</sup> November Group Judging day at Rangitumau School 5 calves and 5 lambs entered from Matahiwi

Ribbons gained Jean Amundsen Junior Dairy Type 1

Audrey Suisted Care and handling Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Black face Junior 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ngairi Suisted Senior Best Black faced lamb 1<sup>st</sup> Roger Powell 2<sup>nd</sup>

Margaret Pickering Best Junior White Face 3<sup>rd</sup>

Roger Powell Senior care and Attention 2<sup>nd</sup>

Richard Pickering Senior Best White face 1<sup>st</sup>

22<sup>nd</sup> November Commenced end of year tests in all subjects

4<sup>th</sup> December Received carton of 42 books from Country Library service Returned others

14<sup>th</sup> December School concert and Xmas tree- all parents attended

15<sup>th</sup> December Closed School of 1950

9<sup>th</sup> January Judging of Home Vegetable- Flower gardens

Flowers 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Pickering 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Martin 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Martin

Vegetables (Senior) Richard Pickering 1<sup>st</sup> Ngairi Suisted 2<sup>nd</sup>

Junior Carol Clarke 1 Barry Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey Suisted 3<sup>rd</sup>

## 1951

5<sup>th</sup> February Opened School Roll 14 new entrant Michael Perry

8<sup>th</sup> February Visit of school Doctor and Nurse who examined all children- most parents present

28<sup>th</sup> February Visit of Miss Noakes, Junior Red Cross, who talked to the children. It was decided to form a circle at the school

1<sup>st</sup> March Visit to Masterton baths for distance swimming certificates- 4 50 yard and 2 25 yard certificates were gained.

5<sup>th</sup> March Visit of Miss Wilson District Nurse- her last- New nurse for the area Miss Milligan Phone 156M Carterton

Pupils visited Fernridge School for cricket, rounders and swimming in the afternoon

6<sup>th</sup> march School Picnic at Payton's Bush- a large crowd of parents and districts' families present

14<sup>th</sup> March Cricket group visited Fernridge a quick practice of fielding, batting, positions

16<sup>th</sup> March Games afternoon- The combined Matahiwi Fernridge teams played Gladstone at rounders and cricket. About 100 children present and all participated in a game. The School Committee and parents provided afternoon tea- The school grounds and the paddock next door were used

22<sup>nd</sup> March Mr N Clarke visited school as Committee representative for the month and praised the children for their neat work and tidy grounds

30<sup>th</sup> March Country School sports day was held at Masterton Park- all pupils participated in some events

4<sup>th</sup> April Carton of 50 books from Country Library Service

5<sup>th</sup> April Visit of Mr Evans Agricultural instructor who discussed Nature Study Problems, school gardens and took a demonstration lesson, of great help

March New piano arrived at school

16<sup>th</sup> April Red Cross membership cards and badges arrived and were distributed by the Secretary of the circle

21<sup>st</sup> May Three new pupils Derek, Ray and Carol Cooper

1<sup>st</sup> June Two pupils left for Martinborough Ngaire and Audrey Suisted. Roll 15

14<sup>th</sup> June Visit of Mr Martin visiting committee man for the month

15<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Martin, who has done a third year course in music at Wellington Training College began a series of simple lessons with the class, on the origins of music and types of rhythms. I am very grateful to her for so willingly agreeing to undertake the musical appreciation

20<sup>th</sup> June Pupils visited Fernridge School for rugby and basketball practices- teams were picked to play Gladstone and Te Whiti schools on Friday (4 seven aside rugby and 3 basketball teams)

14<sup>th</sup> July Seven aside rugby tournament at Masterton One junior team entered. Lost to Kauhautara and won against Bideford

18<sup>th</sup> July Pupils (Standard 1 – Form 2) went to Fernridge School for a practice in Rugby and Basketball

20<sup>th</sup> July Pupils spent afternoon at Gladstone School playing rugby and basketball

Basketball Fern- Mat 8 Gladstone Te Whiti 6. 2<sup>nd</sup> team Mat-Fern 0 Glad Te Whiti 9

Rugby 2 wins 1 draw and a loss

A very good afternoon. The standard of play has greatly improved since last year. Mr Pickering is helping me coach the boys

31<sup>st</sup> July Pupils again visited Fernridge for Rugby and Basketball practice

3<sup>rd</sup> August Fernridge- Matahiwi team played Gladstone Te Whiti at Fernridge School. Standard of play again showed improvement, basketball 2 wins Rugby 1 loss, 2 draws, 1 win

14<sup>th</sup> August Arbor day ceremony and parents' afternoon.

A start was made on a native and other trees plantation at the end of the school playground, beyond the line of flowering cherries' a total of 26 trees supplied by The Masterton Beautifying Society, Robinson Nurseries, The School Committee, and Mr Russell Smith, were planted

Mr R Smith spoke to the parents and children on trees and their value.

Pupils arranged and presented a drill and tumbling display, singing and a play.

Afternoon tea was prepared (including the cooking) and served by the pupils themselves

A display of work was also presented. Letters were written thanking the donation of trees



5<sup>th</sup> September Visit from Mr Harbutt of School Savings Bank, who explained the working of the system. Pupils decided to form a group at this school

10<sup>th</sup> September Mr Harbutt from Post Office savings bank visited school and started pupils on the School Savings Bank System (14 deposits, Banking day Friday)

11<sup>th</sup> September Sports practice at Fernridge School

14<sup>th</sup> September Gladstone, Te Whiti and Fernridge Schools visited Matahiwi for the last round of Basketball and Rugby. Weather very fine.

25<sup>th</sup> September Mr Russell Smith gave the children an interesting talk on the Masterton Beautifying Society and its work. This was to tell them of the essay competition on the subject, and to give help. Children questioned on the points they wanted to know. (Mr Smith is Vice President of the Society)

1<sup>st</sup> October Visit of Mr Evans agricultural instructor who returned children's project on maize and discussed agricultural home and school activities

2<sup>nd</sup> October Visit of Inspector Horsfall (Traffic Officer) who talked to the children and showed Road Safety Films. The pupils decided to do several safety charts for him next time, based on the transfers left behind

10<sup>th</sup> October Committee commenced pulling out the large trees in the shrubbery ready for the rotary hoe. We are trying to put this area into lawn and shrubs of a small nature, as at present it is beyond reasonable control

12<sup>th</sup> October Invited preschool children to school for the last half hour and entertained them with a puppet show prepared by the pupils

13<sup>th</sup> October (Saturday) took senior pupils (Standard 4 to 6) into Lansdowne Kindergarten's party afternoon. The pupils gave a puppet show to the children there

18<sup>th</sup> October Parcel of 50 Country Library books arrived

19<sup>th</sup> October School closed as teacher absent ill

27<sup>th</sup> October Five pupils won places in Art Competition for schools at Carterton A and P show

27<sup>th</sup> October Essay competition run by Masterton Beautifying Society- results in this school Judy Martin 1<sup>st</sup>, Brian Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>

27<sup>th</sup> October (Saturday) The last of a series of winter season evenings at the school for parents and children. These have been a great success in getting the parents together, As well as the social side of the evenings; entertainment has been provided with films, Savage Club entertainers, and local district efforts; the senior pupils have been taught some of the rudiments of dancing

30<sup>th</sup> October Visit of Mrs James, President of Country Districts Red Cross, together with members of her committee. Parents were present also. Mrs James spoke to the children, who then gave a display of simple dressing and bandaging of wounds, an alphabet play on the health rules and a short puppet play on the same theme

1<sup>st</sup> November Obtained museum case from Lansdowne School on Cane Sugar

9<sup>th</sup> November Two more museum cases on Maori Life

14<sup>th</sup> November Six pupils absent with prevailing epidemic of influenza. Only ten at school for most of the week  
20<sup>th</sup> November School agricultural club Field Day Very good attendance of parents despite bad weather conditions  
Other competitions held were Miniature Scenes, flower saucers and flower pictures  
22<sup>nd</sup> November Commenced end of year tests  
27<sup>th</sup> November Group Agricultural Club Day at Te Whiti School  
Matahiwi Results 3<sup>rd</sup> best Dairy Type Gordon Amundsen  
Lambs Senior care and Handling Margaret Pickering 1<sup>st</sup>, Roger Powel 2<sup>nd</sup>, Richard Pickering 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Best Black Face Peter Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Pickering 3<sup>rd</sup>. Best white Face Richard Pickering  
Junior Best White Face Alison Pickering 3<sup>rd</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup> December School concert and Xmas Tree. Pupils presented a Maori hour of hakas, pois, songs etc in Maori Costume

## 1952

4<sup>th</sup> February Opened School only 10 present The Pickering Family have left the district and two left for Wairarapa College  
7<sup>th</sup> February School closed, death of King George VI  
11<sup>th</sup> February Proclamation day- ceremony at school Pupils listened to broadcast and had short ceremony with school flag.  
15<sup>th</sup> February Pupils visited Fernridge School in the afternoon for sports practice and games  
22<sup>nd</sup> February Pupils visited Fernridge for a cricket game (Seniors) and Minor Games (Juniors)

27<sup>th</sup> February Country Schools Sports at Masterton Park. All pupils participated in their events  
3<sup>rd</sup> March School Picnic at Solway Showgrounds  
18<sup>th</sup> March School closed Country Teachers Conference with Inspectors at Masterton  
24<sup>th</sup> March New blinds fitted at school windows  
28<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Martin has kindly agreed to continue her musical appreciation lessons and took the first one today on Rhythm  
4<sup>th</sup> April Pupils went to Fernridge School to learn Softball, a very good afternoon  
8<sup>th</sup> April Visit of Traffic Inspector Horsfall who revised road codes with children and gave a traffic game  
1<sup>st</sup> May Inspector Horsfall, Inspector Lock from Auckland and Mr Dent Supervisor visited school and took demonstration lesson on Road Safety.. Children had prepared posters and reading cards with transfers and road rules for Mr Horsfall (Traffic Inspector)  
2<sup>nd</sup> May Children packed cases of mushrooms, flowers and vegetables which they had collected to be sent into the Red Cross appeal day in Masterton  
28<sup>th</sup> May Pupils went into Masterton to see the films on the Royal Visit to Canada, Trooping the Colour, and the Funeral of King George VI  
29<sup>th</sup> May Pupils arranged and conducted a Pre School Afternoon for children 2 years plus in the district. Programme included musical games, drawing, puppets and afternoon tea  
12<sup>th</sup> June Pupils went to Fernridge School for basketball and Football

14<sup>th</sup> June First of winter social evenings organised by the Committee

21<sup>st</sup> June Seven aside rugby tournament for primary schools. Fur boys took part in combined teams with Fernridge

18<sup>th</sup> June Visit of Mr Sissons, Physical Education Specialist. Wet day, he took indoor lesson on posture and balance

1<sup>st</sup> July Combined games at Fernridge School- Fernridge and Matahiwi played Gladstone Te Whiti in 7 aside football and in basketball. All pupils participated

25<sup>th</sup> July Pupils went to Fernridge School (9 a.m. to 10 a.m.) for games

29<sup>th</sup> July Pupils visited Te Whiti school in the afternoon for combined games with Te Whiti, Fernridge and Gladstone. Bus Transport

20<sup>th</sup> August School Concert, £3 raised children painted own scenery. Joye Taylor's Plays for juniors proved successful with the infants

8<sup>th</sup> September Reopened school for third term. Eight pupils present as others are suffering from measles

9<sup>th</sup> September Received copies of "Geographical Magazine" and Children's newspaper. Committee has agreed to subscribe to these to help the senior pupils with their general knowledge and Social Studies

17<sup>th</sup> September Took Senior pupils in (5 p.m.) to see the film "Broken Barrier". *Wikipedia:Broken Barrier is a 1952 New Zealand film. It was directed and produced by John O'Shea (director) and Roger Mirams, and written by O'Shea. It starred*

*Kay Ngarimu and Terence Bayler, and also featured Myra Hapi Smith, Bill Merito and George Ormond.*

18<sup>th</sup> September Received carton of 50 books from Country Library Service and returned others

13<sup>th</sup> October M McMillan Board Inspector visited  
Inspectors report P G McMillan

- a) L M Robinson. Sewing is taken by Mrs L M Robinson. Light woodwork is taken by Mr Robinson
- b) The children are receiving a valuable training not only in formal activities but also in the cultural aspects of Education
- c) The equipment is impressive for a small school
- d) This Sole School is in a very healthy shape.

23<sup>rd</sup> October Rotary Hoe came and ploughed up the shrubbery area for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time ready for working into lawn shape

10<sup>th</sup> November Bridge on Masterton side of school has collapsed. Millar's unable to get pony across to school

12<sup>th</sup> November Art and Craft specialist expected but was unable to reach school as the bridge is still under repair

17<sup>th</sup> November Agricultural club Field Day All parents and a large crowd of friends were present. The animals showed a pleasing degree of care and handling done by their owners. After the judging pupils gave a physical education display and helped serve afternoon tea. The club Secretary and Chairman took charge of the afternoon, welcoming parents and judges etc. Mr R Lawrence judged stock. Mrs L Smith the indoor exhibits

Results: Ribbons were presented this year for stock and indoor exhibits

Calves: Ringcraft G Amundsen, J Amundsen A Martin. Junior I Martin, E Amundsen 1<sup>st</sup> equal  
 Dairy Type E Amundsen, G Amundsen, J Amundsen  
 Lambs ringcraft C Cooper, T Millar, C Clarke  
 Best Lamb T Millar, C Cooper, C Clarke  
 Preschool R Clarke, A Millar  
 Indoor Classes Miniature Scene, Flower saucers, Native collections  
 Pupils arranged also a display of their school work. Altogether a successful afternoon  
 21<sup>st</sup> November Members of Committee working cutting grass etc in preparation for the combined group day  
 24<sup>th</sup> November Annual group judging Day of Masterton Group Boy's and Girl's Agricultural Club was held at this school  
 Nine schools participated with a large number of entries and many spectators present  
 Ribbons gained by Matahiwi Pupils Toni Millar 2<sup>nd</sup> lambs ringcraft and 3<sup>rd</sup> in best late black face  
 Carol Cooper: 2<sup>nd</sup> best early black face. Beth Amundsen 1<sup>st</sup> Junior dairy Type and reserve champion calf of all breeds  
 23<sup>rd</sup> November Received type D table and chair as applied for  
 27<sup>th</sup> November Visit of Mr Drawbridge art and craft specialist, who took demonstration lessons in figure work and finger painting  
 17<sup>th</sup> December Xmas party in the evening for children and parents. Pupils presented an operetta and a Nativity Play. Games and presents from Father Xmas made up the rest of the evening

## 1953

24<sup>th</sup> February Preschool afternoon of games and activities. 10 preschool children present  
 10<sup>th</sup> March Swimming demonstration for parents at school pool. All standard pupils but one gained certificates  
 12<sup>th</sup> March Girls went to Masterton to see a display of embroidery from all parts of the world  
 17<sup>th</sup> March School picnic at Opaki Racecourse  
 26<sup>th</sup> March School closed Country teacher's meeting with inspectors  
 30<sup>th</sup> March Country Schools sports day at Park Oval  
 28<sup>th</sup> April Rev Falloon began the first of the half hour religious instruction periods which he takes every Tuesday Morning  
 1<sup>st</sup> May Visit of Mr Matheson and Mr Hillary Physical Education organisers who showed two films on the subject  
 29<sup>th</sup> May Ceremony at school to celebrate Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II Parents attended and pupils talked on the regalia procession etc  
 2<sup>nd</sup> June School closed for Coronation Day  
 15<sup>th</sup> June Visit by Traffic officer Horsfall who took a lesson with a model of a city. Children presented him with a mural depicting traffic rules  
 27<sup>th</sup> June Visit to Masterton to see the film A Queen is Crowned  
 4<sup>th</sup> August Visit of Nurse Hubbard who examined children  
 Visit to Fernridge for combined football and basketball against Gladstone and Te Whiti  
 20<sup>th</sup> August School Picnic

11<sup>th</sup> September Visit of Mr Drawbridge, art specialist who took lessons on creating pictures, masks etc from scraps of paper and materials. (*Mr Drawbridge is famous for his art creation in the new beehive building at Parliament*)

16<sup>th</sup> September Visit of Mr Matheson Phys Ed Specialist who took lessons on ball handling and agility work on the mat.

22<sup>nd</sup> October Visit of Mr Chappell from Kelburn Model Rural requesting information etc on advice to students re country work

5<sup>th</sup> November Bonfire at school and social gathering

12<sup>th</sup> November Inspector C A Hill school inspection

13<sup>th</sup> November School agricultural Club afternoon- record number of animals and indoor exhibits. Pupils presented a drill display and a display of work

16<sup>th</sup> November Group Field day at Opaki School

28<sup>th</sup> November (Saturday) Took Standards 1 and 2 pupils to Wellington for the day

Visits were made to the Hinemoa ship, the zoo, Oriental Bay, cable car and trolley bus. For some it was the first trip to the city

11<sup>th</sup> December Mr Robinson and I took the six senior pupils to Wellington for the weekend. They stayed in one house and we visited such places as James Smiths, cable car, Oriental and Evans Bays, Mount Johnston and were shown over the Dominion Monarch which was in port. The highlight was a visit to the pantomime Dick Whittington

16<sup>th</sup> December Xmas party- evening of games and items. Children presented a mouth organ item. Father Xmas as usual gave out presents from the tree arranged by the School Committee

17<sup>th</sup> December Closed school for the year after giving out Royal Tour Medallions

## 1954

15<sup>th</sup> January returned in order to take pupils to see the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Wairarapa College. School home gardens judged

1<sup>st</sup> February Opened school for the new year. The Committee had as usual cut the grass and tidied the grounds. Sheep have unfortunately entered the grounds and eaten the plants in the garden

26<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic at Payton's Bush. All parents present

15<sup>th</sup> March Children went to Regent theatre to see Royal N Z Journey

16<sup>th</sup> March Board carpenter's arrived to construct bicycle stands and repair girls' lavatory

18<sup>th</sup> March Country School Sports at Masterton

22<sup>nd</sup> march Mr Younger, student teacher, arrived for a month's observation and section

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April Teacher at Country School Teachers Course in Masterton Mr Younger took the school

4<sup>th</sup> May Visit of Mr Chappell and M Macdonald from Wellington model school to observe and discuss activity methods

5<sup>th</sup> May Visit of Mr Hill inspector

Inspectors Report C A Hill

a) Roll 18

b) Teacher L M Robinson

c) Valuable training in both formal and cultural aspects of education is being given.

d) New classroom furniture, a bicycle shed and some necessary gravelling in the playground has been done

8<sup>th</sup> June Red Cross Circle ran an afternoon of side shows, bandaging demonstrations games and afternoon tea to raise funds for ditty bags for Korean Orphans

Miss Studholme N Z Director of Junior Red Cross spoke to the pupils and the very large gathering of parents £3-13-11d was raised by the effort

3<sup>rd</sup> August Mr Burgess Organising teacher visited school for the day

18<sup>th</sup> August School concert. Juniors presented a musical play which they had made up themselves and Seniors presented a one act comedy, The Crimson Coconut. A very large crowd of parents and friends present, evening concluded with dancing

August School Committee assisted by parents renewed the fence on the boundary between school and Holme's property

2<sup>nd</sup> November Visit of Mr John, art and craft specialist who showed coloured slides of child art, and took pictures and samples of murals from the school. He also photographed samples of work

9<sup>th</sup> November Agricultural field day at school. Pupils ran the day with many entries in stock, flower arrangements, cooking and nature collections. All parents were present and pupils from the Standards gave a bicycling display on specially decorated bicycles. This showed road rules, formation, precision and trick riding

15<sup>th</sup> November Group Field day at Mauriceville West School

11<sup>th</sup> December Took party of 12 pupils to Wellington for the day. Visited museum, and performance of Alice in Wonderland in the Opera House

15<sup>th</sup> December Xmas tree party all children received presents from Father Xmas.

## 1955

8<sup>th</sup> January Judging of school gardens at pupil's homes

25<sup>th</sup> February school picnic at Payton's Bush

28<sup>th</sup> February My last day at Matahiwi School Proceeding to KAKAHI School (Mohio Rd Kakahi Taumarunui)

L Robinson

1<sup>st</sup> March H Best Commenced duties as relieving sole teacher 15 on roll 15 present

23<sup>rd</sup> March Country Schools Sports day at Park oval Junior Boys high Jump won by Edward Clarke Three legged Race (Junior) won by Beth Amundsen and Shirley Temple

1<sup>st</sup> April Letter from Mr L M Robinson Head Teacher Kakahi School enclosing required notice covering the Matahiwi Schoolhouse which I vacated. The Matahiwi Schoolhouse was left in a reasonably good order and condition. H J Amundsen

Miss H M Tankersley Appointed

Grade 116, C certificate, 24 years service Last School Masterton Special Class

26<sup>th</sup> April Letter from Mr Martin Chairman School Committee to Wellington Education Board included

- a) We are a bit disappointed
- b) We had hoped that a married man would be appointed for the sake of the school house
- c) There has been a considerable amount of money spent on the house by your Board and we would like to see it kept in good order
- d) We have no objection to Miss Tankersley as teacher qualified for the job
- e) She is known to me personally and we would quite happily accept for the school house
- f) I have sold my farm and have left the district

23<sup>rd</sup> May Commenced duties as sole teacher . H Tankersley

27<sup>th</sup> My Nine books from B M Leydon Co Completes Ed Board

1954 Library order

7<sup>th</sup> June Entertained Masterton Special Class for afternoon

16<sup>th</sup> June A talk on Kimberley Australia by Mr Sykes

21<sup>st</sup> June Mr Burgess organising teacher visited school for the day

He gave some helpful suggestions for Social Studies

8<sup>th</sup> June Received 1 rubber ball 6 ½ inch, 8 skipping ropes

19<sup>th</sup> June School went in to see the Hogarth puppets

15<sup>th</sup> July Two children Carol and Ray Cooper left to attend Cornwall Street School

19<sup>th</sup> July Roll now 14, Mothers to afternoon tea- all able to come except Mrs Gayler

25<sup>th</sup> July 4 Maori children enrolled bringing roll up to 18

1<sup>st</sup> August Received a supply of light woodwork tools from the Board

- a) 1 2oz cheyney claw hammer
- b) 3 assorted cobra bits
- c) 1 pair pliers with side cutters
- d) 2 6 – 8 G Clamps
- e) 1 10 inch Cabinet File
- f) 1 ratchet brace
- g) 3 Irwin pattern bits
- h) 1 6 inch screwdriver
- i) 1 fretsaw outfit
- j) 1 file handle

4<sup>th</sup> August celebrated Arbor day by planting three shrubs- 2 Weigelia (Red and Pink)

Mr Clarke the School Committee chairman gave a very interesting and instructive talk

9<sup>th</sup> August School visited Special Class Central School for the afternoon

18<sup>th</sup> August Fancy Dress dance in evening, well attended by parents and friends

9<sup>th</sup> September Mrs James came to talk about Junior Red Cross

Carol Clark gave her £1.10 (proceeds from Fancy dress dance) to assist Korean Funds

22<sup>nd</sup> September Mrs L E Johnston visited school to test Standard's hearing

29<sup>th</sup> September Mr K Morgan Nature Study Specialist visited the school for the day He left a rain gauge measure. Children studied a

giraffe weevil and spent some time collecting and identifying water creatures at pond

6<sup>th</sup> October Received small block set and nursery sticks 2 ½ inch and 3 ½ inch for infants

October Mr Morgan brought films to assist the children to understand the procedure for agricultural Field day

9<sup>th</sup> November Two traffic officers visited the school Mr Marden and Mr Hornable to instruct the smaller children in road rules and to show films- bicycle riding and health films

7<sup>th</sup> November The school held agricultural Field day. Children had entries in calf and lamb, a variety of exhibits in flower show and a display of work

Following the judging children entertained a good attendance of parents with drill exercises and Maypole dance

14<sup>th</sup> November Group Field day at Solway Showgrounds

17<sup>th</sup> November Tables and chairs to replace desks

8<sup>th</sup> December Mr Taylor judged 5 gardens entered in garden competition

15<sup>th</sup> December break up concert Christmas tree and Father Christmas presented all children with gifts. Good attendance of parents

16<sup>th</sup> December Closing day at 10.30 all parents gathered at school to discuss problems. Mr Millar presided over meeting

## 1956

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened with roll of 19. Present 16

Committee had cut grass and tidied grounds. New spouting around school building (Later- new door and concrete back steps replacing wooden ones)

14<sup>th</sup> Feb School picnic at Payton's Bush

1<sup>st</sup> March Miss P Ivess, student teacher arrived for a month's section

13<sup>th</sup> March Matahiwi attended Country School' Sports at Queen's Park

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March Country Teachers Refresher Course- Number-Social Studies Held in Savage Club Rooms. Student Teacher, Miss Ivess took the school

30<sup>th</sup> March Received 1 barometer. Miss Ivess concluded section

10<sup>th</sup> April School Garden party held in afternoon 2 p m to 4 p m well attended, £4-5-0 taken altogether (£3.10 handed to Committee, £1 to junior Red Cross and rest School funds)

3<sup>rd</sup> May New motor mower arrived last week

21<sup>st</sup> May School resumed 18 on roll

1<sup>st</sup> June Unexpected visit by Phys Ed specialists Mr Matheson and Miss Pemberton. Miss P spent an hour introducing new system of awarding points for various skills. Mr M left particulars for fixed playground apparatus- horizontal bars and Taranaki climbing frame

6<sup>th</sup> June Carpenters erected new tank stand (fixed lock on door so door can be locked)

19<sup>th</sup> July The specialist teacher for Physical education Miss V Pemberton spent the afternoon at school. Children practised mat work, crouch jumps etc



Mr Barnett the Agricultural Supervisor also called to discuss Club Work, check tools and suggest link with City School (Karori, Standard 5 Miss Wilton)

31<sup>st</sup> July Senior Children attended rugby match between Springboks and Wairarapa

14<sup>th</sup> August Several mothers assisted children to plant trees, some of which were donated by Mrs P Millar. Lucernes and Lacebarks- were planted in the horse paddock, one of the rhododendrons replaced in the drive

9<sup>th</sup> August Mothers played basketball against the children. Mothers won

16<sup>th</sup> August Fancy Dress dance was held. Very Good attendance of parents and friends £2 taken at the door

17<sup>th</sup> August Closed for August holidays. Sent 6 ditty bags for Junior Red Cross

6<sup>th</sup> September Basketball game against Mothers. 7 all draw

28<sup>th</sup> September Farewelled Colin Down from Form 2- leaving to go to work

16<sup>th</sup> October In morning school attended performance at Town Hall- combined choirs of many Wairarapa Schools- Schools Music festival

Matahiwi had six children singing, Carol, Jean, Edward, Rangī, Beth and Ann

November School Calf Club day. Fine with good attendance of parents. Number competing in animal section disappointing- only 3 calves and 3 lambs

The flower show was good and there was a display of work

11<sup>th</sup> November Agricultural Field day at Solway. A fine day and a great success. Those Matahiwi children who were free accompanied the Wellington class with whom they had been corresponding (Karori, Standard 5) around the various displays

November Two art specialists spent afternoon- Mr Jenkins and assistant. Seniors did work with paste, paint and wool. Juniors paper figures and greasy crayon and paint work

December Miss Cass- District Nurse arrived to give two diphtheria injections

Peter Smith admitted from Fernyhurst Road School- Primer 4

December Mrs Connell who has just returned from Fiji gave the children an interesting talk about the island, showing pictures and articles from there

Miss Pemberton Phys Ed Specialist gave a demonstration to children and parents of Holger Nelson method of artificial respiration

17<sup>th</sup> December held a concert and party (District organised by Mrs Millar) Very good attendance of residents of the district. Father Christmas (Mr Francis) presented the children with presents from the Christmas tree

18<sup>th</sup> December School closed for holidays Roll 19

## 1957

4<sup>th</sup> February Roll 17 Present 15 Four children have gone to other schools, two new entrants

Horizontal bars in use

6<sup>th</sup> February Mr Curtain- plumber put in concrete block in corner for Romesse heater

11<sup>th</sup> February Board's architect visited school re lowering North Windows etc

18<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Millar assisted in taking some children to Fernridge School to attempt distance swimming- Graham, Gloria, Linda and Anne qualified for 50 yards certificate and Rangi and Jean for 220 yards

8<sup>th</sup> March Miss Pemberton gave instruction in swimming at swimming pool

12<sup>th</sup> March Four children went to Wellington to visit the Royalist

13<sup>th</sup> March All school children attended Amateur Theatrical performance Wild Violets

March the Country schools' sports were held at Queen's Park. All school attended

March All the children were taken to see the Walt Disney picture "The Vanishing Prairie"

April Children went to see N Z Ballet

April Jean Amundsen and Rangi Rimene went to hear Mexican Singers

April All Standard children went to Kopuaranga School with six other schools to practise Basketball and Football

3<sup>rd</sup> May Garden party held at the school by the Children to raise funds for Junior Red Cross. There was a good attendance of mothers in spite of bad weather. Most games had to be inside

5<sup>th</sup> May School closed for holidays. Term magazine issued

27<sup>th</sup> May School resumed. Nineteen on roll Seventeen present. Committee had held working bee during holidays to cut hedges and apply weed killer to paths

4<sup>th</sup> June Mothers' meeting after school to discuss costumes etc for concert

11<sup>th</sup> June Mothers met at school in afternoon to sew frocks for concert

12<sup>th</sup> June Visit from Miss Pemberton and Mr Matheson who took children for relay game, ball handling, skipping and forward and backward rolls

June, Piano Tuned, wireless repaired

14<sup>th</sup> June School concert- a very good attendance of parents and friends. Mrs Martin played for singing and dancing

25<sup>th</sup> June Visited Opaki School to play Basketball and Football

3<sup>rd</sup> July School closed for children to take part in Basketball and Football

A most disappointing day as steady rain came on. Children played in the morning but afternoon play had to be abandoned

Matahiwi had one team in D Grade (Under 5 foot) while two senior girls Jean and Rangi played for Mikimiki School

15<sup>th</sup> July Mothers played basketball against children

22<sup>nd</sup> July Mrs Millar and Mrs Gayler assisted in taking children to Mikimiki. Girls played basketball and Mr Hunt took boys for football. Later girls went to the hall to practice festival songs. Mrs C Campbell played the piano for them

25<sup>th</sup> July Mr Grondin came for an hour in afternoon to take children through festival Songs

1<sup>st</sup> August All children went to Knox Hall for first festival practice. Mrs Millar and Mrs Gayler assisted with transport

14<sup>th</sup> August Mothers and children played a combined game of basketball- a most successful and even game

9<sup>th</sup> September During the holiday the builder Mr F Clark has remodelled the North wall, replacing the old windows with modern ones and double glass doors. The old chimney has been removed

Sloping blackboards and lockers are being placed on the west wall.

The plumber, Mr Curtain has had to dig up drains to septic tank as lavatories appeared blocked- found drains full of roots

Roll 20 Attendance 16, Maoris not yet back

September All children 5 years to 9 years went to Fernridge School to receive their first Polio Injection

Beth Amundsen, Denise Rimene, Graham Rimene Booster injection

October Music festival practice in morning, lunch at Central School and afternoon spent in visit to various (branches) departments of the Post Office

3<sup>rd</sup> October Music Festival matinee followed by two evening performances on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

October Visit from Dental Nurse (Mrs Finlayson) to instruct children in care of teeth and to asses those in need of treatment

October Second polio injection at Fernridge

31<sup>st</sup> October Visit from Miss Studholme, Director Junior Red Cross. She talked about her work, about countries she had visited

and showed things she had collected from those countries. She arranged to send films and posters to us

2<sup>nd</sup> November Standard 2 arithmetic books arrived

3<sup>rd</sup> November began painting of schoolhouse. Blue grey

4<sup>th</sup> November School agricultural club day. Good Attendance. Six calves 5 lambs, 4 dogs, decorated vehicles and flower show

7<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes- rubbish at the bottom of the playground burnt a good blaze. (Postponed from 5<sup>th</sup> on account of wind and rain)

13<sup>th</sup> December Visit from Miss Pemberton to demonstrate Holger Nielsen Resuscitation

19<sup>th</sup> December A very successful Christmas party for the district was held in the school This was organised by a group of women including teacher and run by two men Mr L Smith and Mr Hancock. All children in the area received a present from Father Christmas (Mr C Francis)

20<sup>th</sup> December School closed for holidays. Children's' party in the morning to farewell Jean Amundsen, Rangi Rimene, and Warren Down. Garden prizes presented

## 1958

3<sup>rd</sup> February School reopened. 19 on roll 16 present. One new entrant Wendy Galyer and Robyn Clarke returned after a year at Cornwall Street. Swim in morning, afternoon picture The African Lion Transport, Mrs Millar and Mrs Smith

7<sup>th</sup> February Visit from Miss Pemberton. Afternoon spent at the river coaching swimming

13<sup>th</sup> February Annual School Picnic held at Payton's Bush- full attendance of children and a good attendance of friends and parents, enjoyed a really hot sunny day. At the end of proceedings gift books were presented to the children

3<sup>rd</sup> March Children attended swimming sports at Opaki School. Other schools participating were Mikimiki, Kopuaranga, and Rangitumau. A number of Matahiwi children took part with some success. Transport Mrs Millar and Mrs Galyer

5<sup>th</sup> March Children gave their first Penny Concert 7/6d collected, this to go to Junior Red Cross funds. The day being hot the concert was held down by the swimming hole. Mothers sitting on rugs and cushions

7<sup>th</sup> March In the afternoon Mrs Smith, Mr Temple and Mrs Millar transported children to the park for lunch. At 1 p.m. we went to the Memorial Baths to test those children wishing to do distance swimming- Anne and Linda swam 220 yards with ease, Beth did 50 yards.

At 2 pm went to town hall to see the Wax Museum

11<sup>th</sup> March School closed to enable teacher to attend Zone Day (In service training) at Savage Club rooms

14<sup>th</sup> March Country Schools Sports

14<sup>th</sup> April Pre School Group Polio injection- 1<sup>st</sup> eight children but two absent

21<sup>st</sup> April Mr Millar had 4 saws sharpened- two rip saws and 2 Tenon saws. School Committee working bee Saturday sawed wood and put in shed, dug hole over bank for unburnable rubbish

24<sup>th</sup> April Mr J Rutherford came to speak to children on Anzac. Three Maori Children attending Te Ore Ore School for two weeks

29<sup>th</sup> May Basketball practice Mikimiki, Rangitumau, Opaki at Matahiwi

3<sup>rd</sup> July Interschool basketball. Matahiwi School entered team in C grade and played four games at Central School Games were close but we did not win any

5<sup>th</sup> June Children attended Navy League Film

10<sup>th</sup> June All children in junior group attended for Polio injection at Fernridge School

16<sup>th</sup> June All children taken in to see N Z Ballet

August Children taken in to film at the Regent The Silent World

August First Music Festival Practice at Knox Hall 1 pm – 3 pm  
Transport Mr Temple, Mr L Amundsen'

August Fancy Dress dance

August School closed for Holidays. Farlands moving to Wainuioru so children had little party to farewell Vanessa and Richard

*(Bill Farland teacher must have been living in the schoolhouse there while on sick leave. He was the first teacher of the Wainuioru School. I was always under the impression he taught at Matahiwi but evidently not. Bill later became Head Teacher at South End school in Carterton and then Rural Adviser)*

September School reopened 14 present Roll 17. 3 Maoris day late

15<sup>th</sup> September Music festival Practice at Knox Hall 1.00 – 3.00  
Transport Mrs Smith, Mrs Clarke

16<sup>th</sup> September Music festival Practice at Knox Hall 1.00 – 3.00  
Transport Miss Joan Amundsen, Mrs Galyer

September Received Physical Education equipment on points system- 1 large ball; skipping ropes- 8 short, 2 long; hoops 3

1<sup>st</sup> October Music Festival held in Town Hall all children in Standards took part.

3<sup>rd</sup> October Second performance of Music Festival

3<sup>rd</sup> October Mrs Johnston visited school to test children's hearing- two children recommended for further test- Wendy Galyer and Richard Limbrick

10<sup>th</sup> November School calf club day

7<sup>th</sup> November School cleared by district family for a 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Committee was donated £1 for use of the room

12<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Finlayson, Dental Nurse came to school to sort out children needing treatment- gave short talk on dental hygiene

8<sup>th</sup> December Miss Pemberton gave swimming instruction given in pool

18<sup>th</sup> December Usual District Christmas party held- a very good gathering, children all received gifts from Father Christmas from Christmas Tree.

19<sup>th</sup> December Roll 19, School closed

## 1959

2<sup>nd</sup> February School reopened Roll 19 Present 18

Swimming at old pool not possible, silted up. Found new pool suitable for learners. New tenants in house Mr and Mrs Stothart (Phys Ed and Science advisers)

18<sup>th</sup> February Swimming sports held at Memorial Baths 2- 3 pm Schools participating Mikimiki, Kopuaranga, Opaki, Rangitumau Matahiwi

19<sup>th</sup> February Mr Stothart spent half an hour, 9.00 – 9.30 teaching children high Jump, Western roll

20<sup>th</sup> February number of children absent in afternoon- Masterton Show

4<sup>th</sup> March Beth Amundsen and Anne Millar began to go into Central School for manual training- cooking

In afternoon children were taken into memorial baths to do distance swimming Anne and Linda 880 yards, Beth 220 yards, Gloria 100 yards

Phillipa Galyer and Susan 50 yards. Peter Water Skills, Graham, Beth, Anne, Linda, Denise, Shirley, Holger Neilsen Kathryn Paul 5 yards

19<sup>th</sup> March School closed for two days to allow teacher to attend refresher course at West School, Social Studies and Arithmetic

3<sup>rd</sup> April Painters arrived to began painting school- children were taken over to school house for the week to allow painters to do interior of room

24<sup>th</sup> April Mr and Mrs Coddington came to address the children on Anzac

7<sup>th</sup> May Garden party held at school from 1.45 to 3.30 to raise funds for Junior Red Cross. As it was wet everything had been inside, but in spite of that we had a successful afternoon. £5 was collected all together

8<sup>th</sup> May School closed for holidays. Painters still not finished

25<sup>th</sup> May School reopened. Roll 20 (Jane Millar) Present 17 (Maoris Absent)

9<sup>th</sup> June First Basketball and Football practice at Opaki School Matahiwi has a full basketball team

Four midget footballers- Three from Opaki to make up a team

11<sup>th</sup> June Miss Freeman (Nurse) came in morning to test eyes

Mr Stothart (Phys Ed) took children in afternoon for ball handling, forward roll and Basketball Practice (Seven Aside)

16<sup>th</sup> June Rangitumu School and Opaki girls came to Matahiwi to Practise football and Basketball. During previous weekend School Committee men had very kindly prepared football field (and Goals) in Mr Holmes's paddock adjacent to school grounds. Rangitumu teacher football

Newspaper Cutting on School Picnic included

- a) Picnic held at Payton's Bush
- b) The fine weather made the swimming pool the most favourite spot
- c) Ice cream was appreciated
- d) After afternoon tea the prizes were presented and Mr Millar on behalf of the School Committee thanked Mr Payton for the use of his grounds and to the Women for assisting with catering
- e) Events included, Chain stepping, Men and Women, Running, Egg and Spoon, Three legged

23<sup>rd</sup> June Mrs Stothart (Nature Study) visited school- talked to children about spiders, birds etc and work they were to do birds (Water), pond Life etc, Booklets to help with this work were left by Mrs Stoddart

23<sup>rd</sup> June Mothers visited school to play Basketball with children. Afternoon tea was served

25<sup>th</sup> June Basketball and Football practice held at Kopuaranga

30<sup>th</sup> June Basketball and Football practice again held at Kopuaranga

1<sup>st</sup> July Dr Roberts (*Mrs, wife of Featherston Dr Roberts*) visited school for health inspection

15<sup>th</sup> July Football and Basketball tournament held. Beautiful weather. Girls entered D team playing at St Patrick's grounds won some games

Boys played at Memorial Park- Disappointed

17<sup>th</sup> July Sub Lieutenant Alan Graham, Mrs Moore, Mrs McLean and Miss McLean (Navy League) visited school to present a Union Jack in recognition of 100% membership

23<sup>rd</sup> July A full afternoon was spent- First visiting Hansells then Wairarapa Times Age and finally viewing a Navy League Picture

31<sup>st</sup> July Nurse Freeman came to medically examine, Peter Smith, Kathryn Hancock, Mark Limbrick, Beth Amundsen and Anne Millar. Gloria Piwari had her eyes tested and nurse looked at Denise's face where it had been cut (Not at school)

1<sup>st</sup> August Visit from Mr Doyle (Transport Officer) He talked to the children and showed a filmstrip about safety signs

7<sup>th</sup> August First Music festival practice was held in Knox Hall. Transport Mrs Galyer and Mrs Smith and Mrs Hancock

8<sup>th</sup> August Fancy Dress dance held in evening- very good attendance. Mr Grondin from east School very kindly played for dancing

7<sup>th</sup> September School reopened Roll 20 but 17 present. Graham at Auckland for football Maori V Lions- Jane tonsils removed: Kay Measles contact

Second music festival practice at Knox. Transport very difficult- Mr L Amundsen took 8, five with me- infants and Standard 1 and 2 stayed to do lessons with Mrs Les Smith

10<sup>th</sup> September Mr Sims (Wairarapa College Music festival Conductor) visited school to take children through their songs and individual items

In afternoon mothers came to play basketball with the children

14<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Stothart took children for lesson for inspector (Mr Deacon). Trees, walked over paddock for observations (*Probably a personal inspection*)

16<sup>th</sup> September Mr Stothart visited school. Took lesson on minor games, Promotion Ball, Donkey, Moving Target, Non Stop Cricket, Cabbages, Scatter Ball. Instructions on handstands

Tennis Court was tar sealed by Oldfields

Automatic switch on pump repaired

21<sup>st</sup> September Music festival practice 30<sup>th</sup> matinee 1<sup>st</sup> Evening performance

5<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes party held at school. Good display of guys. Fine evening and most parents present

9<sup>th</sup> November School Agricultural Club Day Held. Weather not very good. Some rain, so dances held inside. Judges were Mr Lawrence for animals. Mrs R Tankersley floral Art and Mrs Stothart weed project. Good attendance

Entries for Competition included six calves, three lambs, kittens, chickens and two horses

17<sup>th</sup> November Ag Group Day at Solway. Beth Amundsen and Shirley Temple both won 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes and Robyn Clarke, Beth and Shirley came 1<sup>st</sup> in school group of three

24<sup>th</sup> November Art Specialist Miss Howard all day- newspaper creations, sand pictures, mosaic etc

27<sup>th</sup> November Reads. Matahiwi School wishes to close Tuesday for trip to Wellington. Tankersley (*Remembering that every word counted in the cost of a telegram*)

26<sup>th</sup> November Mr John McDonald Organising Teacher gave list of materials and books

1<sup>st</sup> December took children to Wellington for day. Railcar 6.45 return 3.20

Visited Wellington railway station King's Wharf, Zoo, Cable car (Saw meteorology building) Parliament Buildings

Three mothers assisted Mrs Hancock, Mrs Smith and Mrs Limbrick

4<sup>th</sup> December Mr Stothart visited school (Water Wisdom Week) Gave children instruction in Holger Nielson. Film for non swimmers

7<sup>th</sup> December Went into Wairarapa College to meet Governor General. Lord Cobham (Standard 2 up). Holiday given, observed on pm 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> December School closed at 11.30 (Governor's Holiday)

Christmas party held at night. Mr Grondin East School piano. Songs and carols. Ventriloquist Mr Vin Wilton. Father Christmas Mr Hancock (Not chairman) Good attendance parents and friends Roll on last day 23- all present plus Milton Rimene

## 1960

1<sup>st</sup> February School opened roll 18. 16 present Kathryn still on holiday, Graeme Rimene – uncertain, Roll Down- two Temples, left district, Anne and Beth Secondary School, Peter Smith St Joseph's Karena and Hine Rimene Lansdowne. Two new entrants John Adam and Milton Rimene. David Galyer nearly five

18<sup>th</sup> February Miss Freeman examined children

26<sup>th</sup> February School picnic held at Payton's Bush as usual, quite good weather- short swim- usual programme- good attendance

29<sup>th</sup> February First penny Concert to raise funds for Junior Red Cross organised by children

5<sup>th</sup> March Farewell party held in school for Smiths- Children repeated Penny Concert programme

8<sup>th</sup> March Swimming sports held at Memorial Baths. Mr Warmesley, Rangitumau Organiser- Matahiwi met with some success. The participating Schools Rangitumau, Kopuaranga, Mauriceville, Mikimiki and Matahiwi

10<sup>th</sup> March Children taken to memorial Baths to swim distances, Gloria Piwari, Phillipa Galyer 220, Susan Millar, Denise Rimene 100, Robyn Clarke 50, Water Skills Paul, Phyllipa, Kay. Beginners Mark, Wendy

12<sup>th</sup> March Country School sports at Queen Elizabeth Park

14<sup>th</sup> March School visited by Traffic Inspector Doyle, Gave talk illustrated by model of cross roads with magnetised cars. Inspected bicycles

16<sup>th</sup> March Children had ears tested. Kay Hancock and Denise Rimene to be seen by Doctor later

30<sup>th</sup> March Visit from Attendance Officer re Graham Rimene. After seeing Mr Rimene it was decided best to put him on to Correspondence rather than to send him to College. He is to come to school once or twice a week (after 3 pm) for assistance

April Mr Stothart came and tested the children not Holger Neilsen for swimming seals

Miss Freeman one time teacher at Matahiwi came to see school and house

12<sup>th</sup> April Second Penny Concert for Junior Red Cross Funds

22<sup>nd</sup> April Mr Rutherford came to address children to commemorate ANZAC

2<sup>nd</sup> May Mrs Finlayson came to inspect children's teeth and give a talk on how best to clean- using model

3<sup>rd</sup> May Held Junior Red Cross garden party- again a wet day, so most activities had to be indoors- rain held off sufficiently to allow stall in shed. Over £3 taken

5<sup>th</sup> May Man working for group lawn mowing scheme arrived to cut lawn- all day. Cut behind tennis court and between toilets and pines. Worked on school mower, got it going and used it to cut smaller areas

6<sup>th</sup> May School closed for term vacation Roll 16

23<sup>rd</sup> May School reopened a very wet day. Miss Joan Amundsen gave up school cleaning. Mrs Adam takes over

2<sup>nd</sup> June Limbricks left district with their two boys gone Roll is down to 14. The lowest since 1955

3<sup>rd</sup> June School went to see film at the Regent of Princess Margaret's wedding. Transport Mr Hancock and Mrs Adam



9<sup>th</sup> June School went to Opaki 1.45 for basketball and football practice. Mr l Amundsen transport

16<sup>th</sup> June Kopuaranga Mikimiki, Opaki, Rangitumau came to Matahiwi for basketball practice. Mrs Adam took Paul and Little Boys to Opaki

28<sup>th</sup> June All practised Football and Basketball at Kopuaranga

29<sup>th</sup> June School Committee meeting- complaint to committee of teacher's late arrival at school. (Mr N Clarke)

29<sup>th</sup> July First music festival practice at Intermediate School- Conductor Mr Faulkner of Intermediate School

3<sup>rd</sup> August Mothers came in afternoon to play basketball with children

8<sup>th</sup> August Mr Stothart visited school basketball and ball handling activities

10<sup>th</sup> August Mothers again invited to basketball but only two able to come

12<sup>th</sup> August Music festival Practice

6<sup>th</sup> September Final Music festival Practice, Matinee and Evening performance. Matahiwi children sing Vespers and performed Maypole

5<sup>th</sup> September School reopened Roll still 14, Attendance 13

2<sup>nd</sup> October Children taken to Wellington by railcar. Unfortunately could not reserve seats on 6.45 railcar so left on 9.35 which meant we arrived in Wellington about 11.30. As we had to leave again at 3.20 we had time to go only to Museum and Art Gallery. *Both in Buckle Street Wellington* Education officer conducted children as arranged

20<sup>th</sup> October Miss Srudholme Director Junior Red Cross visited school and gave an interesting talk to children on work of Junior Red Cross and showed articles made by Junior Red Cross children in other countries

28<sup>th</sup> October Mr Stothart Physical education specialist visited school and took children for a number of ball handling games, Robbing the Orchard etc and backward and forwards rolls, handstands etc

2<sup>nd</sup> November Halloween- Guy Fawkes party held at school. A strong NW wind marred Guy Fawkes part of entertainment. Children put on a suitable play, dances etc for other part of programme- good attendance from parents and friends

November Maoris moved from Matahiwi to West Bush Road to live. Present probably to end of year, children are continuing at Matahiwi School- travelling out with teacher

November School Agricultural Club Day held at the school- animals very few- 1 calf, 3 lambs, 1 horse, 1 hen, 1 chicken. Floral exhibits well done and good entries- 5 decorated vehicles

November Men arrive to begin work on new garage for house

November Glass Door caught by strong wind and smashed with force against the wall. Mr Hedley (Maintenance Officer) gave permission for this to be repaired by carpenter working on the garage

22<sup>nd</sup> November Mr Stothart visited school to give instruction in rescue breathing

28<sup>th</sup> November Mr Logan inspected school in afternoon

Inspectors Report J L Logan

a) Teacher H M Tankersley

- b) Roll 14
- c) The school is functioning happily and effectively with steady progress been made by the children
- d) The children are well behaved, friendly, and interested in the environment
- e) A regular newsletter is prepared and circulated
- f) Buildings have been remodelled and are well cared for
- g) The Tennis Court has been resurfaced
- h) Swimming is taken in the local creek during summer
- i) The library contains nearly 1000 titles

Mr Chapman cut lawns

14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas party in evening. (Inspectors report read by chairman

Mr Chapman again cut lawns

15<sup>th</sup> December Roll 15 Maoris leaving. School closed for Christmas holidays

## 1961

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 11, 1 more soon. Swimming at the river on every day possible

Mr Chapman came to mow lawns

9<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Adams helped to transport children below Hancock's – quite a good pool

20<sup>th</sup> February School closed for Teacher's Refresher Course with Dr Arvidson on use of the new NZCER spelling lists

22<sup>nd</sup> February Mrs Thornton came to test children's hearing.

Mr Chapman mowed with the small mower only

24<sup>th</sup> February School picnic and prize giving at Payton's Bush. The day was fine and there was a good attendance (John Adam sick) Edward brought Robin Clarke out for the afternoon

27<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Galyer and Mrs Carswell took us to pool below Hancock's, not clean

2<sup>nd</sup> March. School went to Wellington at invitation of Navy League to see over Canadian Naval vessel Sussex Vale. Left on 6.45 railcar. Mrs Galyer accompanied us. John Adam was not able to go as he was sick. On arrival in Wellington we went for a short walk noting positions of wharves, some bigger shops etc then up to Parliament Buildings at 1.00. After leaving there went by cable Car to Botanical Gardens for lunch.

1<sup>st</sup> April School Committee elected in evening. Six people present Committee Mr Hancock (Chair), Mr P Millar Secretary, Mr L Amundsen, Mr Adam, Mr Galyer

2<sup>nd</sup> April The art specialist Mr Nickson paid us another visit, this time he brought two screens for us and showed us how to use them to do screen painting

24<sup>th</sup> April Mr and Mrs Sykes visited the school. Mr Sykes gave the children a short address about Anzac

26<sup>th</sup> April Went to see film at Regent Theatre a.m. Colourful New Zealand

1<sup>st</sup> May Went to Opaki School for Basketball and Football practice

3<sup>rd</sup> May Held annual Garden party for raising funds for Junior Red Cross- visitors arrived at 1.30. Takings amounted to £5-7-11. At a meeting it was decided that £3.00 should be sent to headquarters

5<sup>th</sup> May Roll 12 all present planted Lupin Seed in garden

22<sup>nd</sup> May Roll 12 Present 8 Three still on holiday returned Tuesday, one sick

25<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Adam assisted with transport and we went into town to see the fish display at Queen Elizabeth Park, then at 2 pm went to the Fire Station, where Mr Clark the Chief Fire Officer very kindly told us about the engines, what to do in case of a fire and about the work of firemen generally

29<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Verstappen assisted with transport and we went to Opaki for an hour's football and basketball

30<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Adam and Mr Millar assisted in bringing children into 9.30 a.m. showing of Royal Tour of India. In the afternoon we farewelled the Galyer family who are shifting to Edgecumbe

31<sup>st</sup> May Roll reduced to six- four present plus a visitor, nephew of Mrs Adam's – James Percy, who is coming for a few days

6<sup>th</sup> June Basketball at Opaki- Team Matahiwi, Mikimiki and Kopuaranga combined to make a team

Robert Verstappen back after having chicken pox

9<sup>th</sup> June letter from School Committee. The Gaylers have left the district with their 6 children. The teacher has offered to convey three or four children from town in her own car, She has in mind children of average intelligence who were backward for various reasons and would benefit from individual attention. The closing of this school would be a major blow to the district and the School Committee and parents give their support to the proposal

Reply saying as this drop in roll appears temporary the Board will not take immediate steps to close the school

20<sup>th</sup> June Visit from Board members. As it was raining hard they did not see much of the grounds. Two men dodged out but were soon back again

30<sup>th</sup> June Took children in to see film on Olympic Games in Rome

4<sup>th</sup> July New 200 Nolan Concrete tank put on high stand by Mr Hullena by crane. It made deep ruts all round playground as the soil was very soft, but some men doing repair work on the school have asked County men working on new bridge down road to bring a load of soil with which they will fill ruts

County men also brought load of soil to school and one to the house. School one is for filling in gardens on either side of ash tree near drive. Roots make it impossible to keep gardens

5<sup>th</sup> July Basketball and Football 7 aside tournaments. Mixed team played at the College- did quite well. A mixed team played at West School where I was supervising- The Mixed team (Tui Team) had Jane Millar as Matahiwi Rep, other schools in it Opaki and Mikimiki

8<sup>th</sup> July Committee constructed fence around two sides of vegetable garden to keep dogs out. Materials supplied by Board (Nature Department )

Drinking fountain installed beside outside basin- not much good plumber says pressure insufficient to work it.

9<sup>th</sup> July Miss Archdall the Art Specialist visited school. Clay Plaques

4<sup>th</sup> July Mr Stothart visited. Folk Dancing and Four Square

28<sup>th</sup> July First Music Festival practice

10<sup>th</sup> August New venture- Fancy dress party and tea 6-8 p.m. plus. Charge 2/6d for adults. Ladies a plate- Food saveloys, sandwiches

(made by School Children) As people did not go home supper was served as well. Farewell to Hancocks who are leaving the district (Kay still coming out to school)

17<sup>th</sup> August Music Festival. Individual Items Three Little Maids from School (Mikado) and Three Crows. Mrs Campbell helped with practices

18<sup>th</sup> August School closed for holidays. Roll Still 6

4<sup>th</sup> September School reopened Three children visiting bring roll to 9. All present, we hope these children will be staying till end of year

22<sup>nd</sup> September Three visitors left

6<sup>th</sup> October Children taken to Industries Fair

12<sup>th</sup> October Garden party held at school to raise money towards repair to Knox Film Projector which is used for our benefit once a month. £7-2-6 given to Mr Jones as a result

30<sup>th</sup> October Piano tuned. Children visited White's Bush with Mr Adam to conduct us. Study of native flora (Project Work)

6<sup>th</sup> November Held Guy Fawkes party- weather too dry to light big fire so committee prepared a small heap. A good display of Guys.

13<sup>th</sup> November Agricultural day at school- Judges Mr Raymond Smith (SPCA) for animals (pets) and Mrs D Christensen for flowers.

A First Aid play written and performed by school

27<sup>th</sup> November Mr R Stothart gave demonstration and talk on Rescue Breathing on model to a very good audience of parents and children. He also showed a film. Mr Les Bailey also assisted

15<sup>th</sup> December Usual Christmas party held at school

School closed Roll 7 One new entrant Natalie Clarke

## 1962

1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened Roll 8 Robyn Clarke returned from intermediate

February Board carpenter at school doing repairs- netting around tennis court, new door knobs, and door hooks on porch doors and back door at house, window pane repaired at house

School picnic held It was to be at Payton's Bush but it rained, so we got permission from Mr R Campbell (hall chairman) to use the Mount Bruce Hall. A very successful day was enjoyed by all

Picnic was held early as Mr P Millar (Chairman and Secretary of School Committee ) was to away on holiday from the 20<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> March Group Swimming sports held at Memorial Baths

14<sup>th</sup> March Games day held at school. Rangitumau was invited but as weather was wet in morning they could not come. Mothers came and took part (Mostly indoor activities and stall) Money raised went to Junior Red Cross funds

10<sup>th</sup> April In afternoon visited Rangitumau School. Saw slides in preparation for trip to Christchurch. This also gave children an opportunity to become better acquainted

12<sup>th</sup> April Thursday evening (6 p.m.) we boarded railcar for Wellington spent night on ferry travelling to Christchurch Spent day 13<sup>th</sup> in Christchurch organised by Union Steamship Co, returning to Wellington that night to arrive in Masterton Saturday morning at 9.30

Matahiwi, Mikimiki, Rangitumau, Ngahape, 2 intermediate, 2 college, 4 Solway College

4<sup>th</sup> May School holidays Roll 10

21<sup>st</sup> May Roll 9 Kathryn Hancock left- Wanganui

7<sup>th</sup> June Basketball and football practice at Opaki  
 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> June Singing practice for music festival and basketball and football for seven aside tournament  
 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> July Miss Rayne relieving- week off owing to death of mother  
 2<sup>nd</sup> August Pot Luck Tea followed by fancy dress dance. Good attendance of parents  
 9<sup>th</sup> August Music Festival. Matahiwi combined with Mikimiki for individual items Sir Brian Botany and Wraggle Taggle Gypsies  
 September Roll 11 All present  
 October Went into town with Mr Jones after religious instruction to see the new aquarium in Masterton Park. Had lunch in grandstand and visited Industries Fair in the afternoon  
 Country School sports held at Queen Elizabeth Park. Mrs Millar helped with transport- other parents attended later  
 November Mr Chappell inspector called  
 December Miss Penistone came in afternoon to play for children to practise carols for Christmas party. Came again on following Monday. Also took Jane Millar over her music to note progress  
 8<sup>th</sup> December District Christmas party held in the school- items by children, carol singing and short play  
 A good attendance of parents and friends- Father Christmas and Christmas Tree as usual- decorated by parents and teacher in afternoon  
 9<sup>th</sup> December Mrs Adam came to assist with clearing up after party. School party held by children to farewell three Form 2 girls Ina Amundsen, Robyn Clarke and Susan Millar. School closed roll 12

## 1963

4<sup>th</sup> February Teacher Only Day preparation at school in morning. In afternoon gathered at Opaki School with other teachers in group. Discussed future activities  
 5<sup>th</sup> February School resumes Roll 10, all present. Kathryn Hancock returned, only child in Form 2, Other children Standard 3 or under, 5 primers  
 11<sup>th</sup> February Holiday to enable children to go with parents to see the Queen  
 22<sup>nd</sup> March School picnic held at Mr Noel Wyeth's place at Mt Bruce. Some rain fell in the morning but we carried on and were able to hold our sports programme in the afternoon. A good attendance of parents This year no district collection was held for the picnic as the Committee decided they had sufficient money in hand to pay for prizes, and each family was asked to bring sufficient food for their own needs- this was pooled. Seemed to work quite well  
 26<sup>th</sup> February Interschool country group swimming sports held at Memorial Baths  
 6<sup>th</sup> March Children taken to Memorial Baths to attempt swimming of distances for certificates. None qualified  
 19<sup>th</sup> March School Inspection visit- Mr Chappell  
 Inspectors Report R F Chappell
 

- a) Miss E M Tankersley
- b) Roll 10
- c) This school is well conducted by a very experienced teacher who has continued to work most conscientiously in the interests of her pupils

- d) The children are courteous, cooperative and most responsible in their attitude towards their school
- e) The school has participated in the Masterton Music Festival and has combined with other country schools in sporting activities
- f) The Red Cross Club is deserving of commendation for its efforts
- g) The committee and parents have continued to give active support to the school and are to be congratulated on the interest in its welfare

March School Garden party held in afternoon for Junior Red Cross money raised to be sent towards Freedom From Hunger Campaign, Children made sandwiches for afternoon tea. Kathryn Hancock had cooked a cake for competition, others had collected pine cones for sale. Altogether £7 was made to send in.

May After school and evening course on new readers.

May All Day Course on new readers at Lansdowne School. School not closed. Full attendance supervised by Miss R Stothart

5<sup>th</sup> May School reopened two new pupils, Roll 12

July Went to Opaki School for combined practice for Music festival. Mikimiki, Kopuaranga, Opaki, Matahiwi

5<sup>th</sup> July Afternoon Tea at school for Mrs Wood to meet other mothers

8<sup>th</sup> July Another combined Music Festival practice with Mr Henderson (Conductor)

25<sup>th</sup> July Fancy Dress Party- preceded by "Pot Luck Tea"

30<sup>th</sup> July Games practice at Opaki

23<sup>rd</sup> August Closed for holidays Roll 10

26<sup>th</sup> September Visit to N R Cunningham's Factory- Norge (*White Ware manufacturers Ngaumutawa Road Masterton*)

27<sup>th</sup> September Mikimiki invited to play tennis. Mothers invited to come too.

15<sup>th</sup> October Visit to Wellington by railcar- fare 5/3 return. Left 9.10 from Masterton. Return 3.55 from Wellington. Mr Barnett met us at the railcar and conducted us over the Hinemoa, went by tram to the zoo for lunch, returned by tram to go over parliament. Older children walked to cable Car to go up to see the Meteorological Office

17<sup>th</sup> October Visit from Mr Stothart- Phys Ed Specialist. Shot Put and Discus. Showed us how to make flax basket and head band

21<sup>st</sup> October Attended performance by Southern Comedy Players of Beauty and the Beast, charge 3/6d

22<sup>nd</sup> October Country School Sports held at Solway Showgrounds- a good day- fine and warm. Kathryn Hancock did well at discus throw

23<sup>rd</sup> October Visit to Masterton arranged by Timber Merchants Assn. 10.30 went over Daniells' Timber Yard; 12 noon lunch at N Z E I Rooms (*Old West School side school in Victoria Street*) after short swim at Memorial Baths). 1.30 went over to see over Hansells Lab. 2 p m saw over Timber Merchants Exhibition in Gough Gough and Hamers Building Followed this by afternoon tea at Mr Jones (Manse)

October Visited Central School where Mr Doyle has traffic trainer set up. Children able to practise traffic rules walking, cycling and driving model cars

November Usual Guy Fawkes party held at school- a bad night but party was well attended and everybody seemed to enjoy it. Supper  
November Agricultural Club Day held at school. 1 bull calf, 1 goat, 3 lambs, 1 hogget (lamb last year Nathalie Clarke) , two roosters, two day old chicks (week). Judge for animals Mr L A Keats. Flower exhibits judged by Miss N Allen

Weather was fair with cold southerly winds

Folk Dancing followed by talks by seniors. John Adam Standard 2, Timber. Jane Millar Standard 3, Weather. Joan Henson Standard 4 Land Transport. Ruth Henson Standard 4 Shipping, Kathryn Hancock Form 2, Parliament

December Preschool children's day- any preschooler who wished to come were invited and spent the day at school. Rosemary Verstappen, Geoffrey Carswell, Anne Hancock, John Stoddart, Shirley Mita Came.

19<sup>th</sup> December Usual Christmas party was held- well attended- dancing

School closed with roll of 9

## 1964

3<sup>rd</sup> February Teacher only day Roll 10

18<sup>th</sup> February School Picnic- Payton's Bush everybody brought own food- good day- good attendance New comers welcomed. Miss Pugh, Mrs Nieuweveen

24<sup>th</sup> February Country School swimming sports at Memorial Pool. A miserable day – cold wind

7<sup>th</sup> April Junior Red Cross Garden party. Celebration of beginning of Red Cross

8<sup>th</sup> April Pine Trees along East Fence were cut. Mr Rowe

29<sup>th</sup> May Mr Larsen sent several loads of sheep manure for school garden

Batts left for Te Whiti

2<sup>nd</sup> July Mr Pink- plumber working at schoolhouse- new tank put in and some new piping under house

13<sup>th</sup> July Mr and Mrs Henderson took up residence in school house

17<sup>th</sup> July Visit from Mr Myers- Agriculture Department-talking about noxious weeds- nodding thistle

23<sup>rd</sup> July Visit from Miss Studholme and Mrs Buchanan = Junior Red Cross pot Luck Tea and Fancy Dress dance

25<sup>th</sup> July Mr Blake cut hedges

18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> August Noah's Flood- Music Festival School with Opaki Group. It was a Lover and his Lass, and When daisies Died  
September Interschool basketball at Central, St Pats and St Brides. Football at Memorial Park

September Attended Industries Fair in afternoon. Found it very interesting

October Maori Day project- our group spent day at N Z E I rooms in Maori activities and seeing exhibits that had been prepared

October Went to film at Regent Theatre- Amazing New Zealand

October Plumber at school house cleaning out septic tank- drains blocked. Drain digger made new sump overflow in top of school vegetable garden

Inter school country sports at Solway Showgrounds- came on to rain at lunchtime so had to go home

5<sup>th</sup> November Usual Guy Fawkes party held at school- quite a success

November Pet Day- Not many pets- flower show better than last year- Judges Pets Mr Tom Wyeth Flowers Mrs D Christensen

November A day in town visiting- Masterton Dairy factory, Breadcraft Bakery, Police Station, 2XB Broadcasting Station,

7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas party Roll 13 All present

School House empty apart from Henderson's Furniture

## 1965

1<sup>st</sup> February teacher only day Put up pictures and tidied up in morning. Afternoon at N Z E I rooms. Miss Anne Scanlan talked about number in infant handbook

2<sup>nd</sup> February Children returned- only six present of thirteen. Two with tonsillitis, one recovering from Tonsil operation, three still on holiday, new entrant not starting yet (Maori)

3<sup>rd</sup> February Five children- another away with tonsillitis

Men came to measure schoolhouse for painting

23<sup>rd</sup> February Country School Swimming Sports. Memorial Baths (Heating Broken down)

6<sup>th</sup> March. Annual school picnic. Saturday so all ex children (College) to attend. Held at Mr Rata Campbell's. (Mikimiki) Fine but dull and cool

8<sup>th</sup> March Visit of Mr Farland organising teacher (Tape recording)

9<sup>th</sup> April School motor mower repaired

27<sup>th</sup> April Visit from School Dental Nurse to inspect children's teeth. Mrs Finlayson and Supervisor

Visit from Mrs Layland- Hearing Test

4<sup>th</sup> May Junior Red Cross Garden Party, as day was wet attendance of parents and friends was poor- some sent donations. £7 sent to District Organisation

1<sup>st</sup> June School closed Inservice training Infant number with Miss Lennihan

11<sup>th</sup> June Children excited at Mrs Verstappen's return from Holland

17<sup>th</sup> June Mr and Mrs L Amundsen took up residence in School House

May Party in school for Jean Amundsen and Ian Gray (Gift evening)

June School not closed but seven children taken by parents to see Amateur production of Brigadoon

June Visit from Mrs Buchannan District Organiser J R C

June Nurse Wing came to test children's sight- no trouble

June Visit by school to trout hatcheries- Pownall Street (Mrs Millar Transport)

August Annual Fancy Dress party good attendance

August Miss E Amundsen supervised children to enable teacher to attend inservice course in afternoon

August Visit to Wellington –arranged by Navy League. Visited Seamen's Mission, Warship HMNZS Otago, parliament buildings, an escalator, Wakefield House

September Roll 12 Nathalie gone to St Matthews as boarder



September Country Group Cultural Festival Held in St Johns Hall. Matahiwi took part with Action Song- Where Are You Going My Pretty Maid and Belinda the Cow

October Visit of Mr Banks Traffic Officer- walk up the road

October Athletic sports practice at Opaki School

October Country School Sports at Memorial Park- fine day

October Storm blew down wall protecting girls' toilet. Board notified and carpenter came and did repairs following week

5<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes party- usual success- weather not very good

8<sup>th</sup> November Pet Day Newsletter 18. Mixed pets, lambs, chicks, worms. Judges Mr and Mrs Farland

9<sup>th</sup> December School visit to town, Railway Station, Times Age Paper Office, Milk treatment station- lunch NZEI rooms (Caught up by two crippled children who were brought by mistake and left with us)

14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party run by Committee

16<sup>th</sup> December School holiday Roll 12

## 1966

February School opened, roll 12 but dropped to 9 at end of month when 3 Maori Boys left to go to Hastings

12<sup>th</sup> February Annual School Picnic- again at Mr Rata Campbell's A very good day except that some people objected to Saturday picnics- all children not present

February and March Swimming a very full programme thanks to the weather and Mrs Verstappen who assisted with transport to

Memorial baths Every Monday and Wednesday in February. Last trip was 17<sup>th</sup> March

16<sup>th</sup> February Children attended matinee of Sound of Music

3<sup>rd</sup> March Mr and Mrs L Amundsen left school house

16<sup>th</sup> April St Matthew's Sunday Schools held their annual picnic in our grounds and in Mr Larsen's paddock. The Matahiwi children were invited to the picnic- several came- fortunate in having fine sunny weather. We supplied hot water

May Junior Red Cross annual garden party held in the school. A wet cold day so all games and shop were held inside. A good attendance of parents and friends made the best of crowded conditions. Afternoon tea (Sandwiches prepared by children in the morning) served cafeteria style. Result £11 sent to district organiser for use where required.

May School term end Roll 9 Prospect of 2 more children to come. Mr and Mrs Nieuweveen moved into schoolhouse 1<sup>st</sup> May

School inspection visit

June Mr Pink put new tank in school. Heater lid repaired

July New electric pump installed at well

July On Wednesday had a seven aside tournament at Wairarapa College

Static Art Display Town Hall 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

August Matahiwi Fancy Dress Tea and Party

School children attended Lions Football Match Brian Lochore Wairarapa Bush and New Zealand Captain

28<sup>th</sup> September Cultural Festival North Country Schools Group at St John's Hall. Matahiwi did Snow White with advertising take off through it. Dianna Verstappen reading script. And D Ye Ken

John Peel with tape recording- piano by Diana Verstappen and Shona Nieuweveen . *Then note in Margin 1967. So obviously this diary was written up at end of a period by Miss Tankersley*

30<sup>th</sup> November Southern Comedy Players Hunter and the Henwife at Masterton Town Hall.

25<sup>th</sup> October North Wairarapa Country School Standards sports meeting at Memorial Park

26<sup>th</sup> October Went to Wellington for the day Looked over Maori Ship, Visited Art Gallery (Debra Lyster had picture in exhibition)

Went to Museum and nearly missed railcar to Masterton

5<sup>th</sup> November Held Guy Fawkes

5<sup>th</sup> December Visit from Times Age photographer because Jane and John won water safety essay competition

15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas party

16<sup>th</sup> December School Closed Roll 10

## 1967

1<sup>st</sup> February Roll 7 Increased to 8 in fifth week

February Distance Swimming Diana, Rosemary 100 yards, Shona, Dina 15, 25,50 Water Safety, Ann 15

March School picnic at Riversdale. Not really a success- will not attempt again

April Mrs Finlayson, dental nurse visited school- talked to children and examined teeth

P M Mr Banks Traffic Officer came to school and talked about traffic signs

Nurse also came to give T B tests to Susan And Catherine

2<sup>nd</sup> May Junior Red Cross Garden party- fine day- took £7 finally made up to £10-10-0 with money in hand and donation, in order to adopt a child (Greek Lambroula Lanora)

2<sup>nd</sup> May Milk scheme started, parents to pay each month. 9 bottles

24<sup>th</sup> May Book Shelf bought to hold journals

2<sup>nd</sup> June School went to amateur Theatrical production of Calamity Jane

22<sup>nd</sup> June Basketball practice at Opaki

6<sup>th</sup> June Visited Daniell's Timber Yard with WDFP (*Women's division of federated farmers*) members (actually only 2 members present because of funeral of Mrs Carswell, Birthday afternoon tea at school. Members present after funeral

10<sup>th</sup> July Change to decimal currency (Colleen Smith started)

12<sup>th</sup> July Basketball practice at Opaki

18<sup>th</sup> July Basketball and Football practice- combined at St Brides and Memorial Park

26<sup>th</sup> July Seven aside tournament Basketball and Football at Wairarapa College

28<sup>th</sup> July Gymnastic display at Stadium. School had lunch at N Z E I Rooms

17<sup>th</sup> August Fancy dress party and tea at School

15<sup>th</sup> September Practice for Cultural Festival at Wairarapa College

22<sup>nd</sup> September Cultural festival at Wairarapa College. Matahiwi did Snow White with TV adverts and John Peel

25<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Larsen spent day tidying flower gardens at school

26<sup>th</sup> September Cultural festival and Art Display in Town hall. Matahiwi again did Snow White and John Peel

25<sup>th</sup> October North Wairarapa Country Schools Sports at Memorial Park

4<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes party at school

December Children attended Southern Comedy Players Production of and Demonstration of Ballet and Peter and the Wolf Lunch at NZEI rooms

Ann, Shona, and Diana attended Traffic Department Party at the Stadium

December Christmas party held in afternoon. This enabled those with babies to attend

## 1968

February School opened Roll 8 but Colleen Smith leaving. Jacqueline Lyster to start this term

26<sup>th</sup> February Swimming Sports at Memorial Baths

10<sup>th</sup> March – 15<sup>th</sup> March Camp at Akatarawa. All children and Mrs Nieuweveen attended

14<sup>th</sup> March Mr Pink called to replace piping from tank to house and to replace toilet tanks at school. Job not finished

10<sup>th</sup> April Very severe storm- no school- road unsafe (Wahine Lost)

19<sup>th</sup> April Took children in to see performance of Snow White

29<sup>th</sup> April Spent afternoon at N Z E I rooms to display material from schools following Camp Akatarawa

1<sup>st</sup> May J R C Garden Party held in afternoon, a good attendance about \$24 taken altogether \$21.00 given to Mrs McEwen to adopt a child for 1968-69 period

3<sup>rd</sup> May Roll still 8

21<sup>st</sup> May EDUCATION DAY held at West School (Hour off for funeral)

5<sup>th</sup> June Children had eye test

14<sup>th</sup> June Basketball team from Fernridge visited us for practice game 2.pm

17<sup>th</sup> June Mr Pink installed new Zip Water Heater over hand basin on Saturday- other repairs, burst pipe on boy's toilet, packing around Romesse Heater

19<sup>th</sup> June Committee Meeting Held in evening. Mr Carruthers, Board member attended and assured us there was no danger of closing school at present so long as roll holds as now

3<sup>rd</sup> July Visited Opaki School for football and basketball practice.

Transport Over Mr Larsen back Mrs Verstappen

5<sup>th</sup> July Installed new electric stove in School House

19<sup>th</sup> July Mr Pink (plumber) renewed spouting around school

15<sup>th</sup> July Children attended amateur theatrical performance of Sound of Music

Teacher at basketball practice at St Patrick's to select teams in senior grade for Basketball and football seven aside

6<sup>th</sup> August Miss Penistone visited school to assist with music and practice for Fancy Dress

15<sup>th</sup> August Mr Lyster cut front hedge to the ground with chain saw Still to be removed for burning

Fancy Dress party held Tea and Evening

16<sup>th</sup> August Roll still 8

2<sup>nd</sup> November School opened- notified by Board that school to be made Grade 1- teacher to be on transfer

9<sup>th</sup> September Attended school music festival performance of Earth and Sky  
 16<sup>th</sup> September Painters began painting exterior of school  
 1<sup>st</sup> October Painters finished  
 17<sup>th</sup> October Gale of wind tore off barge board and half sheet of iron from West Porch- repaired by Mr Larsen and Mr Lyster  
 31<sup>st</sup> October Halloween party held in lieu of Guy Fawkes- good attendance  
 4<sup>th</sup> November Two new children bring roll to 10 Manager Holmes Estate in place of Mr Larsen who has recently taken up residence in house recently vacated by Mr and Mrs H Amundsen  
 29<sup>th</sup> October Visit in afternoon Mrs Harris to demonstrate floral arrangements to children in preparation for Club Day to be held  
 18<sup>th</sup> November  
 30<sup>th</sup> October Planted model school vegetable garden  
 16<sup>th</sup> October Practice for sports day held at Opaki School  
 31<sup>st</sup> October Halloween party held in lieu of Guy Fawkes party  
 12<sup>th</sup> November School attended NZ ballet presentation of Coppelia  
 11<sup>th</sup> November School invited to visit Mr and Mrs White's gardens and grounds Netherhale. Mr White showed children a number of very interesting art treasures of Early New Zealand  
 November Two new children Tania and Philip Sharp  
 11<sup>th</sup> November Three new children Ngaire, David, Patricia Thomas  
 4<sup>th</sup> December Junior Red Cross Christmas Party held at Knox Hall – Mrs McEwen in chair  
 18<sup>th</sup> November Pets Day Judges Mr White Snr, Mrs Harris

Good attendance fine  
 Ring from Mr Hickey (Staffing Officer Wellington Education Board) to say school to be closed. Mr D White contacted Board Member- Mr Carruthers- contacted Mr Hickey- school not to close  
 19<sup>th</sup> December School Holidays roll 13  
 An undated note from Mr Hickey (Wellington Education Board staffing) I saw Miss Tankersley She wants a ruling on her future re the school. She does not want a transfer.

## 1969

7<sup>th</sup> February Mr Gabriel a radio inspector from the Masterton Post Office has rented the house as a sub let for a rental of \$2.50 per week  
 11<sup>th</sup> February Letter to Miss Tankersley from Mr F W Alpe Secretary Wellington Education Board (*Frank, Brought up in Martinborough*) Saying that as the roll is expected to be held Miss Tankersley's name will be taken off Dominion Transfer List  
 1<sup>st</sup> February School reopened. Roll 13. Verstappen girls- Dianna and Rosemary- left to go to St Pats. Philip Sharp gone to Intermediate. Three new children Elizabeth, Jill and David Gabriel  
 28<sup>th</sup> February School House Valued at \$3,900  
 March Visited Golden Shears shearing competition at Stadium also visited Queen Elizabeth Park aquarium- most interesting and the aviary

March Shona and Dina Nieuweveen leave for Holland- expected return October. Nieuweveen's leave school house. Gabriels move in

March Rebecca White New Entrant

March Ann Larsen leaves Matahiwi to move to Te Ore Ore (Intermediate) *Hiona?*

March School visits Mt Bruce Bird Reserve most interesting but time too short

April Biennial householders meeting to elect new school Committee Record attendance, 11 present. New Committee Mr D White (Chairman), Mr Gabriel, Secretary, Mr Thomas, Mr Lyster, Mr Sharp

5<sup>th</sup> June Piping renewed from well to tank

27<sup>th</sup> June Children away with Flu Jacqueline Lyster took convulsion- taken to hospital

16<sup>th</sup> June Children went to Amateur production of Can Can (30 cents each)

15<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Hamilton testing children's hearing

1<sup>st</sup> May Junior Red Cross party held at school \$ 21-00 sent to Red Cross to adopt a child (Later notified that now \$24.00 required had enough in hand to make up this amount)

15<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Henderson relieved for the day to allow me to attend Science release course at N Z E I rooms. Mr Woodley

18<sup>th</sup> July School went to College to see Governor General Sir Arthur and Lady Porritt- rained- were to have basketball practice at college- went to West hall instead and sorted teams

22<sup>nd</sup> July School piano tuned (Steele and Bull)

25<sup>th</sup> July basketball and Football practice at Wairarapa College in afternoon

4<sup>th</sup> August Observed Governor General's holiday on Monday Radiant Energy Kitset found by Mr Barnett in Loft

6<sup>th</sup> August Country Schools Basketball and Football 7 aside tournament at Wairarapa College

Lovely day- went to town in the morning- Tonia Sharp went to Oliver film with other schools- rest visited Park and WACO factory (*Wairarapa Aerated Cordials*) to collect project material

August Held Fijian Party as culmination of Fijian Project in lieu of usual fancy dress party, Children dressed in Fijian costumes made during term and simulated Fijian Kava Ceremony

2<sup>nd</sup> September Debra Lyster and Ngaire Thomas represented Junior Red Cross with Mrs Wrigley to attend St John's parade in the Park

27<sup>th</sup> October North Wairarapa Country Schools Athletic Sports-Memorial Park

6<sup>th</sup> November Guy Fawkes party- children sizzled sausages in embers. A good night

17<sup>th</sup> November Infant Department of central School with teachers visited us for the day. When buses arrived all children and teachers went for a walk over paddock and around creek. Children had lunch in the grounds after which all children came inside while Matahiwi children acted sketch from Primer readers "The Circus"

20<sup>th</sup> November Children visited West Dental Clinic for check up Mr Farland organising teacher visited us in the afternoon

28<sup>th</sup> November Children attended performance by N Z Ballet Company- Petroucha

11<sup>th</sup> December Debra Lyster and Elizabeth Gabriel attended Rotary dinner along with senior children from other schools. Visited aerodrome

24<sup>th</sup> November Matahiwi School Pet day Judges Mr E C White and Mrs I L Neilsen

15<sup>th</sup> December School and Home gardens judged by Mr Rex Harris

17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas party tea- this year a tea was held for Christmas party so that evening would not be so late with so many young children. Barbecue was to be held outside but weather was not suitable. Miss Penistone and Mr Saville Smith assisted with production of Nativity Play by children

18<sup>th</sup> December School closed Roll 11- Very heavy thunder storm- surface water for a time almost blocked road in several places

## 1970

2<sup>nd</sup> February School resumed- Teacher Only day. Meeting of Group at NZEI rooms in afternoon- business swimming sports and Riversdale Camp 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March

3<sup>rd</sup> February Children return Roll 13. Shona and Dina Nieuweveen back after their trip to Holland Via Panama and back round Cape of Good Hope. Away from March to December

26<sup>th</sup> February The 1st section of the Country Schools Swimming Sports was held at the Memorial Baths in the afternoon. This year

it was decided not to include the primers so the learners pool was not used

March Children attended North Country School's Camp at Riversdale Beach. Most children were accommodated at the YMCA buildings but a few had to stay at the motels and Matahiwi children stayed at my bach which was quite close to the camp. Mrs Nieuweveen assisted in the kitchen and helped with the children at the bach. All meals were catered for at the YMCA

March School closed while Royal family visiting Wellington to enable children to be taken by parents or to watch visit on TV. No Matahiwi children went to Wellington

April Board members visited school at 2.45 and stayed to afternoon tea

Meeting held at Intermediate school in evening

2<sup>nd</sup> April Junior Red Cross Garden party held at the school in afternoon- A good attendance of parents and friends-altogether over \$23-00 was taken of which \$25.00 was sent to used to adopt another child through Red Cross

May School closed for May Holidays. Roll 13 but three Thomas children leaving to live n Porirua

25<sup>th</sup> May School resumed Roll 10

Minor maintenance work done at school house, repairs to garage doors, verandah boards. At school windows loosened so that they would work, to open and close

June Basketball and Football practices at Opaki School. Seven aside practice at Makora College but tournament and games had to be cancelled because of weather.

8<sup>th</sup> July Sister Murray came to take children with Bible in Schools

20<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> July Education Week. Tuesday visit of Mr Tankersley (Mayor) who talked about Borough Council. Sister Murray also spoke about Early N Z and compared it with life in parts of backward India

27<sup>th</sup> July David, Rebecca, Jill, Tonia had Rubella Injection

20<sup>th</sup> August Held Fancy Dress tea and dance- a most successful evening- very good attendance of parents and friends and a number of pre school children who all joined in

21<sup>st</sup> August A wet day for closing for holidays. Roll 10

7<sup>th</sup> September School reopens. – we learn that the Gabriels and Lysters are shifting and that the children will be leaving at the end of the year - the Gabriels to Wellington the Lysters to Ponatahi. With Shona Nieuweveen going to college that means we lose 7 children. Present prospects for 1971, 4, Dina Nieuweveen, Tonia Sharp, Rebecca White with Richard White due as new entrant

1<sup>st</sup> October Afternoon party at the school for the Len Amundsen's who are leaving the district to live in Masterton. A very good gathering with a number of small children- none old enough to start school next year it seems with the exception of Richard

6<sup>th</sup> October Children work hard to sew red capes for Junior Red Cross party at Centre- seven capes are completed and worn to party on 8<sup>th</sup>. Matahiwi write and perform a sketch to entertain other visitors from Solway College and St Patrick's

15<sup>th</sup> October School Committee meeting at Mr White's House (Chairman) to discuss the fate of the school- it seems it must close- Board being approached re bus

28<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Nieuweveen's nieces from Holland 4 of them, to attend the school until they have their house and furniture in Carterton. Girls do not speak English

29<sup>th</sup> October Wairarapa North Country school sports. Morning not bad, rained in afternoon

4<sup>th</sup> November At invitation of Navy League school went on 9.20 railcar to Wellington to visit HMNZ Frigate Blackpool Mrs Nieuweveen and Mrs Goulooze (her sister) accompanied us. A very good day children given lunch on the ship (Debra sick) Caught 4pm railcar back to Masterton

11<sup>th</sup> November Letter from Frank Alpe Secretary of Wellington Education Board The school will cease to be a grade 2 school as from 31<sup>st</sup> January 1971. Miss H M Tankersley will be given a formal notice of transfer to another position

20<sup>th</sup> November The Goulooze family leave to go to Carterton South

November Householder's meeting held at school- Present Mr White, Mr P Millar, Mr Gabriel, Mr Scott, Mr and Mrs J Sharp, Mr and Mrs Bond (whose children have never attended Matahiwi). Also present were Mr D Carruthers- Board Member and Mr R (Bob) Hopkirk, Adviser to Rural Schools

It was moved Mr Bond, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Scott that the school should be closed.

16<sup>th</sup> November Annual Pet day was held at school A very good day with a good entry for flower section

15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas party



15<sup>th</sup> December Letter from Miss H M Tankersley to Board retiring after 40 years service and to the fact the School is Closing

26<sup>th</sup> March 1971 Trade alphabet awards for competitions sent in October 1970

Shona Nieuweveen Form 2 \$4-00 for essay \$1 for project

Dina Nieuweveen Form 1 50c for essay

Tonia Sharp Standard 4 \$1 for essay

School \$2.00 These moneys have been delivered

14<sup>th</sup> December. As the school is closing the Scout Association are interested in purchasing the land

The school is consolidating on Fernridge

Recommended be transferred back to Crown

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1971 Department to Wellington Education Board the school house is occupied by employees of Feast Contractor and could the residence be vacated forthwith

16<sup>th</sup> March 1971 Matahiwi residence transferred to the Crown

The Boy Scouts are using both the school and house at Matahiwi for scouting purposes. Neither of them are therefore available to us for any purpose Memorandum to Staffing Officers

## Items from Jubilee Booklet 1898- 1948

The use of land and a building was obtained on the Matahiwi Property of Messrs J and H Holmes

3<sup>rd</sup> November 1898 The first meeting of parents of children to attend was held in the school room 4 people present. Mr E Harper chairman

At this meeting it was resolved to engage Mr Sinclair as teacher for a term of 12 months, salary to be at the rate of £50 per annum to be paid monthly (Rate of \$171 per annum)

The school to be opened on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 am

Iris Smith First Day Pupil contributed these thoughts

- a) My sister and I used to cross the creek every day on a single plank.
- b) Later on a swingbridge was built but it got swept away at least three times by floods.
- c) We walked three or four miles to school mostly carrying our boots. To keep them dry for school

During Mr Sinclair's stay Mrs Smithson and later Mrs Sinclair taught sewing

28<sup>th</sup> November 1899 First Inspectors meeting

May 1899 First school picnic held

There was another holiday two days later to celebrate the relief of Mafeking. Then in another 3 days Queens Birthday holiday.

28<sup>th</sup> July 1900 The Matahiwi School Committee applied to the Education Board yesterday for £25 towards improving the teacher's residence. The total cost would be £50, but the



committee undertook to raise £25. The Board granted the application/ PP The school residence was at Pig Hill Whare. A building 24 feet by 12 feet was erected five feet from this whare, the two buildings connected by a porch, becoming Mr Sinclair's residence

Another grant was the sum of £5.00 to provide the school with water. The job cost £6-9-0

21<sup>st</sup> March 1901 Matahiwi ST roll 22 110 pound rising 22pound  
New salary scale PP

20<sup>th</sup> May 1901 Owing to an outbreak of diphtheria in their districts the midwinter holidays have been anticipated by the Fernridge and Matahiwi schools. As these schools will be at work again when the others will be having their regular holidays, the Chairman of the Board has authorised their closing on the 17th, 18th, and 19th June, the days during which the Royal party will be in Wellington PP

Shelter shed 13 pounds 10 30 April 1903

1904 Miss Mousely of Alfredton arranged to transfer jobs with Mr Sinclair. This teacher provided a few shocks to some of the boys who prided themselves on their command of "language". Miss Mousely became sick Mr Porritt relieved

During 1906 Matahiwi Children went to Wellington with Miss Woodward

- a) Went to Masterton by horse and buggy
- b) The train journey was a novelty for most of the children
- c) Went by tram for a short visit to the zoo
- d) Lunch on the sands of Oriental Bay
- e) Then a visit to Miramar to see Wonderland

11<sup>th</sup> December 1909 Though the Matahiwi School Committee desired that the School should be closed, on account of the falling attendance, the board decided otherwise, on the recommendation of the inspector.

1911 The old school building was required by its owners and the Wellington Education Board was petitioned for a new school. A site was selected next to Mr Tankersley's residence and purchased. It was also decided to purchase a piano and Mr E C Holmes was approached for his name to be top of the subscription list.

June 1912 The school was transferred to the cottage opposite the 1948 school house. 29<sup>th</sup> June this move was made

In August a grant was made and Mr Wise proceeded with the erection of the new school.

Donations of trees were made by Mr Holmes the School Committee fell to the task of stumping, ploughing and fencing the new area

By August he subscription list for the piano was filled, the instrument procured and paid for

Miss Freeman teaching, 8 years sojourn

**1914** A request for teachers residence granted Mr Wise began building Miss freeman occupied the residence in the New Year of

**1915** Messrs. E. Harper (chairman.), W. R. Boyd, James Maxwell, S. Tankersley, G. Clifford. • 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1912

Matahiwi — .transfer trustees Matahiwi Estate to board ; for land  
30 April 1912

Notes from Edna Tankersley pupil

- a) Miss Freeman held concerts in the Matahiwi Woolshed
- b) Mr Maxwell and the School Committee toiled to prepare the woolshed, dressing rooms, a real stage, lighting etc.
- c) Freda Redman accompanied the children.
- d) We always kept our parts and details of items a secret from our parents
- e) Lots of children had good singing voices
- f) At the end of the performance there was always bouquets and even sometimes chocolate for the soloists
- g) In the early days the concert was held in the school
- h) We travelled one afternoon to East Taratahi and after rehearsal and eat in the hall, repeated our concert there.

The 1917 earthquake damaged the school and schoolhouse and necessitated the demolition of chimneys in both buildings.

1918 A snowstorm closed the school.

1921-24 saw a flourishing tennis club funded with money from the concerts. A grass court was laid down and the club flourished. For the three years.

1921 Miss Freeman resigned. Miss Maloney relieved, followed by Miss Langdon.

11<sup>th</sup> September 1922 Miss Edwards started her 14 years reign. One inspector wrote The grounds are among the most delightful in Wellington

Miss Edwards writes

- a) Roll 7
- b) In autumn of 1923 Two large cabbages were entered in Masterton Show. Two boys Max Jones and Nat Clarke

drove into a town in a gig with the cabbages. The cabbages won first prize

- c) During the lunch hour we sometimes brought soil from the bush and river for the gardens. The Ellison Boys (4) had an old cart in which the soil was carried and the boys drew the cart.
- d) In 1929 we had full membership of the Navy League gaining a Navy League Flag. Members came from Masterton and the Matahiwi parents and friends served a delicious afternoon tea which was much enjoyed.
- e) In May 1925 The elder children escorted by a committeeman, the chairman's wife and the teacher were taken to Wellington to inspect H M S Hood and H M S Repulse. We had an enjoyable day and arrived home at 9 pm.
- f) When the Duke and Duchess of York visited the children were assembled on the lawn at Masterton Park. It was a hot day and there was some delay in the arrival in the excellencies. When they did arrive the people crowded around blocking out the children's view which was very disappointing.
- g) One Guy Fawkes night the children had built a huge heap of rubbish but I had allowed them to build it too close to the school residence.  
When lit the bonfire was a glorious sight but unfortunately the wind changed and the sparks were going over the house. I spent a very anxious time until the flames died down.

h) In November 1936 I was appointed to Newman School  
 1936 The roll had dropped to 7  
 In 1928 Enough money was collected to pour concrete areas outside each school door. The School Committee provided the labour  
 1929 The gramophone arrived  
 1933 The subject of a septic tank was raised. The Manson Bros, both single, left their money to the Matahiwi School for improvements in the school  
 Drainage was laid on and later a Tennis Court was built. The tennis club opened on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1936  
 1940 Electricity was installed, two lights and heating point were installed.  
 1940-41 Mr Claris was headteacher. Went into RNZAF and eight relievers followed in the next 2 ½ years.  
 1942 Earthquake. An electric stove installed in the schoolhouse instead of the wood burner  
 1945 C Francis

1936	Mr S Hatch	Relieving
1937-38	Miss A I M Logan	
1939	Mr N Green	Relieving
1940-41	Mr K Claris	
1941	Miss A C Payne	Relieving

1941	Mr J Hector	Relieving
1942	Miss N J Clarkson	Relieving
1943	Miss N Jakish	Relieving
1943	Miss N Pederson	Relieving
1944	Miss S Brown	Relieving
1944	Miss E Casely	Relieving
1944	Miss L Young	Relieving
1945	Mr C Francis	

### 1931

The secretary' reported that last month he had paid a visit, to twenty seven schools in the Wairarapa district, and, on behalf of the Navy League, had presented statuettes of Nelson to eleven of the schools. These statuettes were gifts from W.D. and H. O. Wills (N.Z.) Ltd (*Cigarette Manufacturers*)., and had been made in England. ■The Matahiwi and Carrington Schools for the. third year in succession had gained 100 per cent, membership, and 1931

1898	15	Matahiwi	Sinclair	Donald	Master	£80
1899	17	Matahiwi	Sinclair	Donald	Master	£80
1900	22	Matahiwi	Sinclair	Donald	Master	£80

1900	22	Matahiwi	Sinclair	May		Sewing	£5
1901	23	Matahiwi	Sinclair	Donald		Master	£100
1901	23	Matahiwi	Sinclair	May		Sewing	£5
1902	28	Matahiwi	Sinclair	Donald		Master	£112
1903	27	Matahiwi	Sinclair	Donald W E		Master	£115
1904	20	Matahiwi	Mousey	Annie E		Female	£124
1905	22	Matahiwi	Woodward	Elizabeth	D3	Female	£110
1906	17	Matahiwi	Woodward	Elizabeth	D3	Female	£130
1907	21	Matahiwi	Moths	Frederick		Master	£99
1908	19	Matahiwi	Moths	Frederick W		Master	£117
1909	10	Matahiwi	Messenger	Ern R G	Licensed	Female	£114
1910	11	Matahiwi	Messenger	Ern R G	C4	Female	£120
1911	17	Matahiwi	Messenger	E R G	C3	Female	£125
				Erenstine R			
1912	18	Matahiwi	Messenger	G	C3	Female	£130
1913	27	Matahiwi	Freeman	Jessie A	D3	Female	£120
1914	30	Matahiwi	Freeman	Jessie A	D3	Female	£150
1915	26	Matahiwi	Freeman	Jessie A	D3	Female	£160
1917	17	Matahiwi	Freeman	Jessie A	Sole	D-73	£180
1919	19	Matahiwi	Freeman	Jessie A	Sole	D-67	£260
1921	15	Matahiwi	Langdon	Gladys K	Sole	D	£200
1923	8	Matahiwi	Edwards	Leila	Sole		£135