



Wai Archives Photo

Mataikona School
1945 -1950

Back Row: Margare MaKenzie, Naomie Karaitiana, Mary Makenzie, Noel Karaitiana, Judy Pavitt.

Front Row: George Karaitiana, Alister Makenzie, Heather Mackenzie, Jenny Makenzie Teacher Brenda Pavitt. (Married Bill Perry)



Mataikona School

The following information comes from Alic Foreman long time resident of Mataikona Station and a paper by Alison Sutherland who had researched the material held at National Archives

The Mataikona School was held in the present kitchen of the shearers quarters. The owner of the station at the time was Peter Taylor whose son in law was Mr Makenzie.

The Wellington Education Board had a 2 acre site “around the corner” which was labelled the Ferryman’s Reserve. Not that there ever was a ferryman.

There is evidence that there was a school at Mataikona in 1845 and 1846. There are 2 log books written in Maori held by National Archives. There were 20 children all of maori descent attending.

1945

5 children attended. Makenzie and Pavitt children

1946

Same 5 children. Teacher D M Willbond

1947

5 Children One Pavitt left and another Makenzie started

1948

The teacher is Miss K B Pavitt (Brenda) and there are now 9 children.

1949

Miss Pavitt is still teacher. 9 Children still in attendance.

The school day ran from 9 am to 3. 15 with a lunch break between 12.00 and 1,25 pm.

Carotenes and Makenzies lived a quarter of a mile from the school. Noel Karaitiana aged 14 was absent from 4th October 1948 to the end of the year because he fell into a fire and burnt his hands and face.

Mary Mackenzie (aged 12) was absent for a period in 1949, the teacher stated she would not divulge the reason in writing

Teachers

1945 J R Wareing

1946 D M Willbond

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1948 K B Pavitt

1949 K B Pavitt

1950 I Feringa

Admitted	Surname	Christian	Birth	Adult		School From	Last Day	Class	To	
12/3/45	Pavitt	Adrienne Mary	7/9/35	Mr. A Pavitt		Ovington	Correspondence	19/12/46	S5	St Matthews
12/3/45	Mackenzie	Mary Henderson	4/7/37	Mt J Mackenzie	H	Mataikona	Correspondence			
12/3/45	Mackenzie	Margaret Anne	4/7/37	Mr. J Mackenzie	H	Mataikona	Correspondence			
12/3/45	Pavitt	Judy Doris	29/8/38	Mr. A Pavitt		Ovington	Correspondence			
12/3/45	Mackenzie	Lillian Jean	2/9/39	Mr. J Mackenzie	H	Mataikona	Correspondence			
3/2/47	Mackenzie	Alastair James	14/3/42	Mr. J Mackenzie	H	Mataikona				
15/9/47	Karaitiana	Noel	2/8/34	Mr. G Karaitiana	T	Oahango	Correspondence	3/12/48		?
15/9/47	Karaitiana	Naomi	19/5/36	Mr. G Karaitiana	T	Oahango	Pukehou	8/3/48		
15/9/47	Karaitiana	George	1/12/37	Mr. G Karaitiana	T	Oahango	Pukehou			
1/3/48	Jones	Mark Alan		Mr. P T Jones		40 Hutt Road LH	Hutt Central	6/8/48		Upper Hutt
24/5/48	Jones	David Philip	10/3/39	Mr. P T Jones		40 Hutt Road LH	Hutt Central	6/6/48		Upper Hutt
28/6/48	Karaitiana	Naomi	19/5/36	Mr. G Karaitiana	T	Mataikona				
6/9/48	McKenzie	Heather Janice	3/9/43	Mr. J Mackenzie	H	Whakataki				
21/3/49	McAllister	Rosemond Patsy	19/11/35	Mr. W Porhio		Hastings	Mahora	12/4/49		

